

Corporation of the Township of Chisholm

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AGENDA **COUNCIL MEETING** **TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025 7:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER & ACKNOWLEDGE FIRST NATIONS PEOPLES AND LAND

“We respectfully acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe Peoples, in the Robinson-Huron and Williams Treaties areas. We wish to acknowledge the long history of First Nations and Metis Peoples in Ontario and show respect to the neighbouring Indigenous communities. We offer our gratitude for their care for, and teachings about, our earth and our relations. May we continue to honor these teachings.”

2. NOTIFICATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES – January 14, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.

5. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS – None

6. PRESENTATION AND DELEGATIONS

a) Denny Sharp to present Grant Application for Phragmite Removal Project (Encl.)

7. OPEN FORUM

8. MAYOR STAFF COMMITTEE AND GOVERNMENT REPORTS

- (a) Mayor and Council Reports
 - Mayor – General Update
- (b) Staff Reports
 - 2024 Building Permit Fee Annual Report (Encl.)
 - Council Remuneration and Expenses for 2024 (Encl.)
 - Remuneration for Persons – Other bodies (Encl.)
- (c) Committee Reports
 - Minutes, Powassan Library, December 16, 2024 (Encl.)
 - Minutes, Lake Nosbonsing OPP Detachment Board, December 16, 2024 (Encl.)
 - Minutes, Board of Health, December 4, 2024 (Encl.)
- (d) Correspondence
 - Letter, Solicitor General, Re: Public Safety (Encl.)
 - Letter, Minister of Rural Affairs, Re: Ontario Rural Economic Development Strategy (Encl.)
 - Federation of Ontario Public Library, Re: Ontario Digital Public Library (Encl.)
 - Federation of Ontario Public Library, Re: 2025-26 Budget Submission (Encl.)

9. REVIEW BUDGET REPORT – None

10. PUBLIC WORKS REPORTS - None

11. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) Resolution to appoint member to the Lake Nosbonsing OPP Detachment Board
- (b) Resolution to sign contract from Knight Piesold, for Landfill monitoring and reporting for 2025-2027 (Encl.)
- (c) Discussion on presentation Re: Grant Application for Phragmite Removal Project
- (d) Resolution Support from FONOM Re: Blue Box ineligible sources (Encl.)

12. ADJOURNMENT

- (a) By-law 2025-08 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting.
- (b) Resolution re: Adjournment.

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MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025 7:00 PM

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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gail Degagne, in Council Chambers at 7:03 p.m., with Councillors, Bernadette Kerr, Claire Riley, Nunzio Scarfone, and Paul Sharp. Staff member present was CAO Jenny Leblond and OS Shawn Hughes. There were 3 people in attendance in person and 2 online.

2. NOTIFICATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution 2025-01 Claire Riley and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Agenda for this meeting be adopted as printed. **'Carried'**

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES – December 10, 2024 Regular Council Meeting and December 20, 2024 Special Council Meeting Minutes.

Resolution 2025-02 Paul Sharp and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Minutes of the December 10, 2024 Regular Council Meeting and December 20, 2024 Special Council meeting Minutes, be adopted as printed and circulated. **'Carried'**

5. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS – December 2024

Resolution 2025-03 Bernadette Kerr and Claire Riley: Be it resolved that the Administration, Fire Department, Council, By-Law Enforcement Officer and Public Works payroll accounts in the amount of \$35,148.40 and general accounts totaling \$169,695.14 for the month of December 2024 be accepted as presented. **'Carried'**

6. PRESENTATION AND DELEGATIONS

a) Powassan and District Union Public Library 2025 Budget – Marie Roset, Debbie Piper and Laurie Forth (Encl.)

Resolution 2025-04 Nunzio Scarfone and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm receives the presentation from the Powassan and District Union Public Library regarding the 2025 Budget. **'Carried'**

7. OPEN FORUM

8. MAYOR STAFF COMMITTEE AND GOVERNMENT REPORTS

(a) Mayor and Council Reports

- Mayor – General Update
- (b) Staff Reports
 - Tax Arrears Report (Encl.)
 - 2024 Building Permit Report (Encl.)
- (c) Committee Reports
 - Minutes, Boxwell Cemetery Committee, December 11, 2024 (Encl.)
 - Minutes, Recreation Committee, November 6, 2024 (Encl.)
 - Minutes, Golden Sunshine, November 19, 2024 (Encl.)
 - Minutes, Powassan Library, November 18, 2024 (Encl.)
 - Minutes, Lake Nosbonsing OPP Detachment Board, December 16, 2024 (Encl.)
 - Minutes, Cassellholme Board of Management, October 24, 2024 (Encl.)
 - Minutes, Cassellholme Board of Management, November 28, 2024 (Encl.)
- (d) Correspondence
 - AMO Policy Update – December 12, 2024 (Encl.)
 - AMO Policy Update – December 16, 2024 (Encl.)
 - AMO Watchfile, December 12, 2024 (Encl.)
 - AMO Watchfile, December 19, 2024 (Encl.)
 - Emergency Management Ontario, Amendments to the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (Enc.)

Resolution 2025-05 Claire Riley and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Mayor, Staff, Committee and Correspondence reports be accepted as presented. **‘Carried’**

9. REVIEW BUDGET REPORT – Printed January 9, 2025

Resolution 2025-06 Paul Sharp and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Budget Report printed January 9, 2025, be accepted as presented. **‘Carried’**

10. PUBLIC WORKS REPORTS

- (a) Memo to Council from OS Shawn Hughes Re: Activity Report (Encl.)

Resolution 2025-07 Nunzio Scarfone and Claire Riley: Be it resolved that Council accept the December 5, 2024 to January 10, 2025 Activity Report from Operations Superintendent Shawn Hughes. **‘Carried’**

11. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) By-law 2025-01, Being a by-law to borrow (Encl.)

Resolution 2025-08 Claire Riley and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that By-Law 2025-01 whereas the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm deems it necessary to borrow the sum of FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS to meet, until the taxes are collected and other revenues are received, current expenditures of the Corporation for the year, be read a first, second, and third time, and passed this 14th day of January 2025. **‘Carried’**

- (b) By-law 2025-02, Being a by-law for interim tax levy 2025 (Encl.)

Resolution 2025-09 Bernadette Kerr and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that By-law 2025-02 being a By-law to provide an Interim Tax Levy and the Payment of Interim Taxes for the year 2025, be read a first, second and third time and be passed this 14th day of January, 2025. **‘Carried’**

- (c) By-law 2025-03, Being a by-law to appoint a CAO Clerk-Treasurer (Encl.)

Resolution 2025-10 Paul Sharp and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that By-law 2025-03 being a by-law to appoint a CAO Clerk-Treasurer, be read a first, second, and third time and be passed this 14th day of January 2025. **‘Carried’**

- (d) By-law 2025-04, Being a by-law to amend by-law 2022-21 Procurement Policies and Procedures (Encl.)

Resolution 2025-11 Claire Riley and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that By-law 2025-04, being a by-law to amend by-law 2022-21 Procurement Policies and Procedures, be read a first, second, and third time and passed this 14th day of January 2025. **‘Carried’**

- (e) By-law 2025-05, Being a by-law to execute an agreement for the FireSmart Program (Encl.)

Resolution 2025-12 Bernadette Kerr and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that By-law 2025-05, being a by-law authorize the Mayor and CAO Clerk-Treasurer to execute an Ontario Transfer Payments agreement for the Ontario FireSmart Communities Program, be read a first, second, and third time, and passed this 14th day of January, 2025. **‘Carried’**

- (f) By-law 2025-06, Being a by-law to execute an agreement for the Fire Protection Grant (Encl.)

Resolution 2025-13 Claire Riley and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that by-law 2025-06, being a by-law to authorize the Mayor and CAO Clerk-Treasurer to execute a Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement under the Fire Protection Grant, be read a first, second, and third time, and passed this 14th, day of January 2025. **‘Carried’**

- (g) Resolution to approve supplemental to the Asset Management Plan (Encl.)

Resolution 2025-14 Paul Sharp and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm approves the supplemental to the Asset Management Plan 2014 and directs staff to publish on the township website and send a copy to the Ministry of Infrastructure for compliance with O.Reg. 588/17. **‘Carried’**

- (h) Resolution to participate in Household Hazardous Waste Program (Encl.)

Resolution 2025-15 Claire Riley and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm agrees to participate in the City of North Bay’s Household Hazardous Waste Program for 2025. **‘Carried’**

- (i) Memo to Council Re: CGIS Chief Building Official Package (Encl.)

Resolution 2025-16 Paul Sharp and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Chisholm agrees to add the CBO Package onto CGIS and that it be included in the 2025 Budget. **‘Carried’**

- (j) Recommendation from the Recreation Committee Re: Out-door ice rink (Encl.)

Resolution 2025-17 Nunzio Scarfone and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Chisholm approves the recommendation from the Recreation Committee to prepare and operate an out-door rink, and directs staff to ensure all the recommendations from the insurance are completed. **‘Carried’**

- (k) Recommendation from the Recreation Committee Re: OTF Grant (Encl.)
Resolution 2025-18 Paul Sharp and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Chisholm approves the recommendation from the Recreation Committee to apply for the Ontario Trillium Fund Capital Grant for improvements at the tennis court, resurfacing and fixing problem areas, and painting on pickleball lines. **‘Carried’**
- (l) Discussion to pick next finance committee meeting dates.
Resolution 2025-19 Claire Riley and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Council Chooses the following dates for the next Finance meeting: February 19, 2025, March 19, 2025, and April 16, 2025. **‘Carried’**
- (m) Resolution to Proclaim January as Alzheimer’s Awareness Month (Encl.)
Resolution 2025-20 Paul Sharp and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm hereby proclaim January 2025 to be Alzheimer’s Awareness Month to help raise awareness of Alzheimer disease. **‘Carried’**
- (n) Resolution support from FONOM, Re: Financial Sustainability in Child Welfare (Encl.)
Resolution 2025-21 Paul Sharp and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm supports a resolution from the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), calling on the Provincial Government to immediately address the funding shortfall in child welfare by providing emergency stabilization funding to Children’s Aid Societies, and requests the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services undertake a province wide service review. And further that this resolution be sent to the Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, The Ontario Association of Children’s Aid Societies, Association of Native Child and Family Services Agencies of Ontario, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Rural Ontario Municipal Association, and MPP Vic Fedeli. **‘Carried’**

12. ADJOURNMENT

- (a) By-law 2025-07 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting
Resolution 2025-22 Bernadette Kerr and Claire Riley: Be it resolved that by-law 2025-07, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at the January 14, 2025, Council meeting, be read a first, second, and third time and passed this January 14, 2025. **‘Carried’**
- (b) Resolution re: Adjournment.
Resolution 2025-23 Nunzio Scarfone and Claire Riley: Be it resolved that the Council now adjourn this meeting to meet again on January 28, 2025. **‘Carried’**

Mayor, Gail Degagne

CAO Clerk Treasurer, Jennistine Leblond

Categories	Budget Item	IPCF Funding Ask	Applicant (Cash)	Applicant Contribution (In-Kind)	Source(s) of In-Kind & Cash Contributions	Project Total
Salaries and Human Resources	TWP workers in charge of disposal of phragmites removed by volunteers.			\$2,000.00	# of hours for Twp of Chisholm Workers to dispose phragmites removed by volunteers	\$2,000.00
Salaries and Human Resources	Volunteer efforts			\$6,300.00	252 hours at \$25 per volunteer hour to remove 10 stands along the roads in Chisholm & to search for other stands in wetlands	\$6,300.00
Travel and Accomodations						
Professional Services						
Drone Search for Invasive Phragmites deep in wetlands	Mapping	\$2,000.00				\$2,000.00
Invasive Phragmites Herbicide Treatment	Controlling	\$6,500.00				\$6,500.00
Equipment and Supplies (Purchase)	Paperbags, work gloves, twine, leaf rakes, bow rakes, tarps, narrow profile shovels, rasperry can cutters, rubber fish nets, fuel for power tools, food and water for volunteers at major eradication events	\$2,900.00				\$2,900.00
Equipment and Supplies (Rentals)	Power tools etc			\$500.00	Volunteered supplied tools	\$500.00
Communications	Signage	\$230.00		\$250.00	Volunteered supplied	\$480.00
Administration	Grant fund management/administration			\$1,163.00	Grant fund management	
Volunteer	Volunteers organizing events, tracking & reporting KPIs			\$1,000.00	Organizing events, tracking & reporting KPIs	
Fund raising/Donations	We will be accepting donations and doing fundraising		\$1,000.00		We will be accepting donations and doing fundraising	\$1,000.00
Insurance	Twp of Chisholm has agreed to cover the volunteers insurance			\$1,000.00	Twp of Chisholm has agreed to cover the volunteers insurance. Without Township support, volunteer liability insurance costs would be at least \$1000.	\$1,000.00
TOTALS:		\$11,630.00	\$1,000.00	\$12,213.00		\$22,680.00

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Building Permit Fee Annual Report

For the year ending December 31, 2024

This report is issued pursuant to the requirements of Section 7(4) of the Building Code Act, as amended. This report sets out the Total Fees collected, a summary of the indirect and direct costs of administration and enforcement and the statement of reserve funds for building services.

Total Fees:

*Total Fees collected for the period
January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024
Under By-Law 2023-39 of the Township of Chisholm* **\$ 41,870.60**

Cost of Delivery Services:

*Direct Costs of administration and enforcement of the Act,
Including the review of applications for permits and the
Inspection of buildings.* **\$ 19,800.23**

*Indirect Costs of administration and enforcement of the Act,
Including support and overhead costs, staff training,
Information technology, accommodation, insurance and
Legal services.* **\$ 6,544.97**

Clerical support - 2 days/month (28.80 @ 15 x 12) **\$ 5,184.00**

Total Costs of Delivering Services: **\$ 31,529.20**

Revenue over Expenditures as of December 31, 2024 **\$ 10,341.40**

Statement of Building Dept. Reserve Fund as of December 31, 2024 **\$ 41,792.24**

Dated this 19th day of January, 2025



Jenny Leblond, CAO Clerk-Treasurer
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Memorandum

To: Council
CC: CAO Clerk-Treasurer, Lesley Marshall
Date: January 23, 2025
Re: Council Remuneration and Expenses for 2024

In accordance with Section 284(1) of the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, c.25, the Treasurer of every municipality is required to submit, on or before March 31st, an itemized statement of the remuneration and expenses paid to each member of Council in respect of his/her services as member of Council in the previous year.

The itemized statement of Council remuneration and expenses for 2024 is as follows:

COUNCIL REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES FOR 2024

MEMBER OF COUNCIL	REMUNERATION	MILEAGE	OTHER	EXPLANATION
B. Kerr	9020.00	484.40	378.42	Accommodations
Gail Degagne	6930.00			
Claire Riley	4180.00	193.98	378.42	Accommodations
Annunziato Scarfone	6170.00	427.00	658.76	Accommodations and Meals
Paul Sharp	5060.00	97.60	1011.38	Accommodations and Meals
TOTAL	31,360.00	1202.98	2426.98	

Remuneration includes per diem paid for attendance at conferences. Payment of remuneration and expenses authorized by By-law 2022-19 and Statutory Authority – the *Municipal Act* – Section 283(1).

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Memorandum

To: Council
From: CAO Clerk-Treasurer, Lesley Marshall
Date: January 23, 2025
Re: Remuneration to Persons – Other bodies (Including Committees for 2024)

In accordance with Section 284(1) of the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, c.25, the Treasurer of every municipality is required to submit, on or before March 31st, an itemized statement of the remuneration and expenses paid to each member of any body in respect of his/her services as a member of the body in the previous year.

REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES FOR 2024 – OTHER BODIES

MEMBERS	MEETINGS and PER DIEM	MILEAGE	MEALS and other Expenses
Committee of Adjustment			
Don Butterworth	300.00		
Chris Frappier	150.00		
Recreation Committee			
Kendra Dehaan	80.00		
Nicole Tran	60.00		
Brooks Tran	40.00		
Brooklyn Tran	60.00		
Suad Radwan	80.00		
Ian Vanblyderveen	80.00		
TOTAL	850.00		

Powassan & District Union Public Library
Minutes for Monday, December 16, 2024 – 6:15 p.m.
Board Meeting @ Library

In-person: Randy Hall, Laurie Forth, Bernadette Kerr, Steve Kirkey, Debbie Piper, Pat Stephens, Marie Rosset

Via Zoom: Tina Martin, Brenda Lennon, Valerie Morgan

Item	Action	Responsibility
1. Call to order	6:16 pm	
2. Respect and Acknowledgement Declaration	Declaration read by CEO We respectfully acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe Peoples, in the Robinson-Huron and Williams Treaties areas. We wish to acknowledge the long history of First Nations and Métis Peoples in Ontario and show respect to the neighbouring Indigenous communities. We offer our gratitude for their care for, and teachings about, our earth and our relations. May we continue to honour these teachings and accept their value going forward.	
5. General Consent Motion: Present the general Consent Motion for December 2024, which includes: a) Approval of December 16, 2024 Agenda b) Approval of Minutes from the November 18, 2024 meeting c) Approval of the November 2024 Financial Statements d) Approval of November 2024 Library Reports	Motion: 2024-40 That the General Consent Motion for December 2024 be adopted as presented Moved by: Bernadette Kerr Seconded by: Steven Kirkey Adopted as presented. Carried	
4. Disclosure of pecuniary interest	None	
5. General Business a) New Board Member, Councillor Randy Hall - Welcome b) Grant Updates	Randy Hall attended first meeting. The two other Council members talked about process of supporting the library while supporting their councils. OTF Capital Grant	

<p>c) 2024 PDUPL Volunteer of the Year Award</p> <p>d) Upcoming Holiday Activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issues with replacement of light fixture through Save on Energy not resolved to date. Resolution planned for early next year. New Heat pump installation done. Working without any problems. Upgrades to accessibility features postpone until early next year. <p>OTF Resilience Grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contacted CAO for second payment, which was received by Municipality Sept 14, 2024 (\$9,000). Still have not received funds. End of Grant report to be completed by April 17, 2025 <p>Senior's Grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities proceeding as planned Final report due April 30, 2025 <p>New Canada Summer Job (CSJ) program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laurie Forth completed application by deadline - Dec 19 <p>Horizon Grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will apply in 2025 to cover costs of Community Conversations. <p>Enbridge Giving Back to Community Grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will schedule for early 2025 <p>Consensus to give the 2024 award to Rodi Roadknight. Well deserved, responsible for the organization of many 2024 events at the library.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dec 20: Annual Holiday Open House with prizes and draws 	<p>CEO to contact Save on Energy to complete work satisfactorily.</p> <p>CEO</p> <p>CEO</p> <p>CEO</p> <p>Jen Fryer, CEO</p>
<p>6. Correspondence</p>	<p>None</p>	
<p>7. Committee Reports</p> <p>a) Property Committee</p>	<p>See above 5 b). Grants Update - OTF Capital Grant.</p>	

<p>b) Financial Committee</p>	<p>Financial Committee met on December 9th to complete and approve 2025 budget CEO presented budget to Board. After some discussions it was approved unanimously. Still waiting from the Ontario Library Services JASI, for the accurate distribution of active patrons by Union Members. 2025 Budget presentation schedule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 7th: Municipality of Powassan Council • January 7th: Township of Nipissing Council • January 14th: Township of Chisolm Council <p>Motion: 2024-41 That the 2025 PDUPL Budget be adopted as presented. Moved by: Brenda Lennon Seconded by: Laurie Forth Carried</p> <p>CEO requested approval for reinvesting GIC reserves into cashable GIC. Given.</p>	<p>CEO, Laurie Forth Steven Kirkey, Debbie Piper CEO, Laurie Forth</p>
<p>c) Policy Committee</p>	<p>None for this month.</p>	
<p>d) Friends of the Library</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2024 the Friends contributed close to \$5,000 to cover many costs, such as programming, furniture, and technology • Christmas Basket draw continues and will close on December 20th at the end of Open House. 	
<p>e) Adjournment</p>	<p>Motion: 2024-42 That the December 16, 2024 meeting be adjourned at 7:30 pm Moved by: Debbie Piper</p>	<p>Next meeting: January 20, 2025</p>

Chairperson: *Kristine Martio*
Kristine Martio, Chair

Recorder: *Marie Rosset*
Marie Rosset, CEO

LAKE NOSBONSING OPP DETACHMENT BOARD
Township of Bonfield – Township of Chisholm – Municipality of East Ferris

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

December 16th, 2024, at 5:15 p.m.
East Ferris Council Chambers

PRESENT: Narry Paquette, Council Representative Township of Bonfield, Chair
Gail Degagne, Council Representative Township of Chisholm
Pauline Rochefort, Council Representative Municipality of East Ferris
Kari Hanselman, Secretary- Treasurer

1. **Call to Order** – Chair Paquette called the meeting to order 5:15 p.m.
2. **Adoption of Agenda**

Resolution No. 2024-01

Moved by Gail Degagne

Seconded by Pauline Rochefort

THAT the draft agenda circulated to the Committee and dated December 16th, 2024, be hereby adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. **In-Camera**

The Community Representative Advisory Committee proceeded to In-Camera session under Section 44(2)(b) of the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, S.O. 2019, c.1 in order to review application(s) received for the Community Representative vacancy to be appointed jointly by all three municipalities

Resolution No. 2024-02

Moved by Gail Degagne

Seconded by Pauline Rochefort

THAT this meeting proceeds to In-camera session at 5:19 p.m. under Section 44(2)(b) of the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, S.O. 2019, c.1 in order to review application(s) received for the Community Representative vacancy to be appointed jointly by all three municipalities.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2024-03

Moved by Pauline Rochefort

Seconded by Gail Degagne

THAT we do now adjourn this In-camera session at 5:34 p.m. and return to the regular session.

CARRIED

4. Resolution(s) from In-Camera Session (if any)

Resolution No. 2024-04

Moved by Gail Degagne

Seconded by Pauline Rochefort

THAT the Lake Nosbonsing OPP Detachment Board Community Representative Advisory Committee recommends to Council for the Township of Bonfield, Council for the Township of Chisholm and Council for the Municipality of East Ferris that Brian Linn be appointed to the Lake Nosbonsing OPP Detachment Board as the community member who is neither a member of the council of, nor an employee of, any of the above municipalities, jointly appointed by all of the above municipalities;

AND THAT this appointment shall be for the remaining 2022-2026 term of Council.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 2024-05

Moved by Pauline Rochefort

Seconded by Gail Degagne

THAT the Community Representative Advisory Committee directs the Secretary-Treasurer to follow up with the Province regarding the Provincial Appointee Vacancies.

CARRIED

5. Adjournment

Resolution No. 2024-06

Moved by Gail Degagne

Seconded by Pauline Rochefort

THAT this meeting adjourns at 5:36 p.m.

CARRIED

A meeting of the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit was held on Wednesday, December 4, 2024, via teleconference. The meeting was open to the public and live streaming of the proceedings was provided for the media and public through a link on the Health Unit's website.

PRESENT:

Nipissing District:

Central Appointee	Karen Cook
Central Appointee	Sara Inch
Central Appointee	Jamie Lowery (<i>Vice-Chairperson</i>)
Eastern Appointee	Rick Champagne (<i>Chairperson</i>)
Western Appointee – Nipissing District	Jamie Restoule

Parry Sound District:

Northeastern Appointee	Blair Flowers
Southeastern Appointee	Marianne Stickland
Western Appointee	Jamie McGarvey
Public Appointees:	Tim Sheppard
	Catherine Still

REGRETS:

Central Appointee	Maurice Switzer
Central Appointee	Dave Wolfe

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Medical Officer of Health/Executive Officer	Dr. Carol Zimbalatti
Human Resources Consultant	Josée Goulet
Executive Assistant, Executive Director's Office	Christine Neily

Recorder

Executive Assistant, Office of the Medical Officer of Health	Ashley Lecappelain
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1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Health members joined the meeting in person from the Nipissing Room at 345 Oak Street West, North Bay, Ontario, and virtually via Teams video conference.

Rick Champagne, Board of Health Chairperson called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

2.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda for the December 4, 2024, Board of Health meeting was reviewed, and the following motion was read:

Board of Health Resolution #BOH/2024/12/01 *Cook/Sheppard

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Health Agenda, dated December 4, 2024, be approved.

The recorded vote was as follows:

RECORDED VOTE FOR CIRCULATION: Yes / No (Please circle one)

Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:	Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:
Rick Champagne	x			Jamie Restoule	X		
Karen Cook	x			Tim Sheppard	X		
Blair Flowers	A			Marianne Stickland	X		
Sara Inch	X			Catherine Still	X		
Jamie Lowery	X			Maurice Switzer	R		
Jamie McGarvey	X			Dave Wolfe	R		

“Carried”

3.0 CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

4.0 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

4.1 Board of Health Minutes – November 27, 2024

The minutes from the Board of Health meeting held on November 27, 2024, were reviewed and the following motion was read:

Board of Health Resolution #BOH/2024/12/02 *Inch/ Stickland

Be It Resolved, that the minutes from the Board of Health meeting held on November 27, 2024, be approved as presented.

The recorded vote was as follows:

RECORDED VOTE FOR CIRCULATION: Yes / No (Please circle one)

Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:	Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:
Rick Champagne	x			Jamie Restoule	x		
Karen Cook	x			Tim Sheppard	x		
Blair Flowers	A			Marianne Stickland	x		
Sara Inch	x			Catherine Still	x		

Jamie Lowery	x	Maurice Switzer	R
Jamie McGarvey	x	Dave Wolfe	R

“Carried”

5.0 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Date: January 22, 2025
Time: to be determined
Place: to be determined

6.0 BUSINESS ARISING

There was no discussion under Business Arising.

7.0 REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

There was no Report of Medical Officer of Health.

8.0 BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Finance and Property Committee

A Finance and Property Committee meeting was held prior to the Board of Health meeting. The following motion was read:

Board of Health Resolution #BOH/2024/12/03 *Restoule/McGarvey

Be It Resolved, that on recommendation of the Finance and Property Committee the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit approve the 2025 Board of Health Public Health Budget, as presented, with a total shareable base of \$17,610,286.

The recorded vote was as follows:

RECORDED VOTE FOR CIRCULATION: Yes / No (Please circle one)

Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:	Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:
Rick Champagne	x			Jamie Restoule	X		
Karen Cook	x			Tim Sheppard	X		
Blair Flowers	A			Marianne Stickland	X		
Sara Inch	X			Catherine Still	X		
Jamie Lowery	X			Maurice Switzer	R		
Jamie McGarvey	X			Dave Wolfe	R		

“Carried”

9.0 CORRESPONDENCE

Board of Health correspondence listed for the December 4, 2024, meeting is made available for review by Board members in the Board of Health online portal.

10.0 NEW BUSINESS

Blair Flowers joined the Board of Health meeting at 5:41 p.m.

10.1 All Staff Holiday Celebration Luncheon Invitation

The following motion was read:

Board of Health Resolution #BOH/2024/12/04 *Stickland/Inch

Whereas, the All Staff Holiday Celebration Luncheon will take place on December 11, 2024, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at Canadore College, 100 College Drive, North Bay, Ontario;

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit authorizes Board of Health members to attend the Health Unit's All Staff Holiday Celebration Luncheon on Wednesday, December 11, 2024; and

Furthermore Be It Resolved, that the Board of Health approve Board of Health members' expenses related to attending the Holiday Season Celebration Luncheon in accordance with Board of Health Bylaws Section VI, #79, Remuneration.

The recorded vote was as follows:

RECORDED VOTE FOR CIRCULATION: Yes / No (Please circle one)

Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:	Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:
Rick Champagne	x			Jamie Restoule	x		
Karen Cook	x			Tim Sheppard	x		
Blair Flowers	X			Marianne Stickland	x		
Sara Inch	x			Catherine Still	x		
Jamie Lowery	x			Maurice Switzer	R		
Jamie McGarvey	x			Dave Wolfe	R		

"Carried"

11.0 IN CAMERA

11.1 Personal Matter About an Identifiable Individual

An In-camera session of the Board of Health meeting was held. The following motion was read:

Board of Health Resolution #BOH/2024/12/05 *Lowery/Stickland

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Health move in camera at 5:42 p.m. to discuss agenda item 11.1 a personal matter about an identifiable individual.

The recorded vote was as follows:

RECORDED VOTE FOR CIRCULATION: Yes / No (Please circle one)

Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:	Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:
Rick Champagne	x			Jamie Restoule	x		
Karen Cook	x			Tim Sheppard	x		
Blair Flowers	x			Marianne Stickland	x		
Sara Inch	x			Catherine Still	x		
Jamie Lowery	x			Maurice Switzer	R		
Jamie McGarvey	x			Dave Wolfe	R		

“Carried”

The Board of Health entered an In-Camera meeting and stopped live streaming to the public at 5:42 p.m.

Dr. Zimbalatti, Christine Neily and Ashley Lecappelain left the Board of Health meeting at 5:42 p.m.

Board of Health Resolution #BOH/2024/12/06 *Restoule/Flowers

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Health rise and report at 5:58 p.m.

The recorded vote was as follows:

RECORDED VOTE FOR CIRCULATION: Yes / No (Please circle one)

Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:	Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:
Rick Champagne	x			Jamie Restoule	x		
Karen Cook	x			Tim Sheppard	x		
Blair Flowers	x			Marianne Stickland	x		
Sara Inch	x			Catherine Still	x		
Jamie Lowery	x			Maurice Switzer	R		
Jamie McGarvey	x			Dave Wolfe	R		

“Carried”

Dr. Zimbalatti, Christine Neily and Ashley Lecappelain joined the Board of Health meeting at 6:01 p.m.

The Board of Health commenced live streaming to the public at 6:01 p.m.

Board of Health Resolution #BOH/2024/12/07 *McGarvey/Cook

The following motion was read:

Whereas, the performance appraisal of the Medical Officer of Health/Executive Officer is required as per Board of Health Bylaw Section IV, #54; and

Whereas, an Ad Hoc Performance Appraisal Committee was established in 2024 to conduct the performance appraisal; and

Whereas, a performance appraisal meeting was held with Dr. Carol Zimbalatti, Medical Officer of Health/Executive Officer, and members Rick Champagne, and Jamie Lowery of the Medical Officer of Health Performance Appraisal Committee on November 28, 2024, to finalize the draft performance appraisal; and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Board of Health approve the draft performance appraisal completed on November 28, 2024, for Dr. Carol Zimbalatti, Medical Officer of Health/ Executive Officer.

The recorded vote was as follows:

RECORDED VOTE FOR CIRCULATION: Yes / No (Please circle one)

Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:	Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:
Rick Champagne	x			Jamie Restoule	x		
Karen Cook	x			Tim Sheppard	x		
Blair Flowers	x			Marianne Stickland	x		
Sara Inch	x			Catherine Still	x		
Jamie Lowery	x			Maurice Switzer	R		
Jamie McGarvey	x			Dave Wolfe	R		

“Carried”

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Rick Champagne the Board of Health Chairperson adjourned the Board of Health meeting at 6:04 p.m.

Original Signed by Jamie Lowery

2025/01/22

Chairperson/Vice-Chairperson

Date (yyyy/mm/dd)

Original Signed by Ashley Lecappelain

2025/01/22

Ashley Lecappelain, Recorder

Date (yyyy/mm/dd)

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By mail

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October 10, 2024

Your Worship Gail Degagne
Mayor
Township of Chisholm
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Dear Mayor Degagne:

My name is Graham McGregor, and I am writing to share some exciting news with you. I have recently been appointed as the Associate Minister of Auto Theft and Bail Reform. After serving as Parliamentary Assistant to the Solicitor General earlier this year, I am honoured to take on this new role in strengthening public safety across Ontario.

The rise in auto theft and violent carjackings has become a significant concern, threatening the safety and security of our communities. Our government is committed to tackling these crimes head-on. Equally important is our focus on bail reform—ensuring that violent and repeat offenders remain behind bars and face the full consequences of their actions.

Your leadership is crucial to the safety and well-being of our communities, and I want to express my sincere thanks for your ongoing dedication to public safety. I am looking forward to working closely with you to address these challenges and strengthen the security of our province.

If we have not yet had the opportunity to meet, I hope to do so soon. Please stay in touch through Manvir Hundal at manvir.hundal@ontario.ca. I am eager to hear your insights and discuss how we can work together to enhance public safety.

Thank you once again for your dedication and service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "G. McGregor".

Graham McGregor
Associate Minister of Auto Theft and Bail Reform

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Ontario

January 19, 2025

Jenny Leblond
CAO
Township of Chisholm
j.leblond@chisholm.ca

Dear Ms Leblond:

It is my pleasure to share our government's new plan to support rural economic development, increase and nurture a rural workforce, and strengthen rural communities.

Enabling Opportunity: Ontario's Rural Economic Development Strategy is designed to help rural communities leverage new economic opportunities and prepare themselves for growth.

The Strategy focuses on three key pillars:

- **Safe and Strong Rural Communities** – Improving local economic development capacity and championing local leadership, supporting the rehabilitation of municipal and community infrastructure, optimizing rural connectivity, and supporting communities in developing plans for housing and transportation to ensure rural communities are places where people want to live, work and play.
- **Business Development and Attraction**- Supporting rural and Indigenous communities and other economic development partners in strengthening and growing rural business, encouraging entrepreneurship and innovation, attracting investment, revitalizing downtowns and diversifying regional economies.
- **Growing the Rural Workforce** – Helping grow local talent, raising awareness of job opportunities available in rural Ontario, supporting workers in obtaining the skills needed to succeed, and attracting and retaining workers so that rural communities and small towns thrive.

We brought together municipal and Indigenous leaders and rural stakeholders to provide input into the development of the new strategy. We held 13 regional roundtables to hear the thoughts, experiences, ideas, and inspiration of those living and working in rural Ontario and received many online submissions through our website.

By listening to rural residents, we created a Strategy that represents their concerns. My thanks go out to all of those who participated in the consultation process and I look forward to continuing these conversations.

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Our government has a vision for thriving rural communities and believes that a strong and dynamic rural Ontario is essential for the success of the province's economy. As a proud resident of rural Ontario, I am confident in saying the future is bright for rural Ontario, especially when we work together

By working together, we can continue to build strong economies and position rural Ontario as a destination of choice for individuals, families, and businesses.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa M. Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lisa M. Thompson
Minister of Rural Affairs

ONTARIO DIGITAL PUBLIC LIBRARY – BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

August 2024

Public libraries are critical infrastructure for successful, thriving communities across Ontario.

- Public libraries are Ontario’s farthest-reaching, most cost-effective public resource and vital community infrastructure.
- It’s much more than books: in most communities across the province, public libraries are either the most flexible – or the only – local resource with the capability to adapt and support emerging local needs and priorities.
- Millions of Ontarians rely on local public libraries in their communities: to work, to learn, to connect to community and government services, and to find or train for a job.

Public libraries are essential for bridging the digital divide.

- With access to many necessary resources, services and learning supports now primarily or entirely accessible online, Ontario’s public libraries are essential to equitable, reliable access to broadband internet and computers.
- They are especially vital for many First Nation, rural and Northern communities where at-home connectivity is limited, and for hundreds of thousands of Ontarians that cannot afford in-home internet services.
- Over the past several years, the Ontario Government has recognized the crucial importance of public libraries to bridging the digital divide.
- These infrastructure and connectivity investments have built the necessary foundation to now take the next step to empower all Ontarians with the online resources they need to succeed – no matter where they live in Ontario.

Building the Foundation for the Ontario Digital Public Library

Since 2021, the Ontario Government has made the necessary targeted structural investments to ensure that all Ontarians can benefit from an Ontario Digital Public Library and the valuable learning, job skills and training resources it will provide.

- **Broadband Infrastructure:** \$4.8 million investment to install or upgrade high-speed broadband internet connections at over 100 public libraries across rural, Northern and First Nations communities in Ontario.
- **Connectivity:** \$582,000 annually – including a \$122,000 increase in 2024 – to ensure that up to 155 eligible public libraries in small, rural and First Nation communities receive full funding to cover the ongoing costs of broadband subscriptions.
- **First Nations Public Libraries:** Through the 2024 Ontario Budget, \$1.25 million in additional ongoing funding to help stabilize staffing and operations of First Nations Public Libraries on reserve in Ontario.

Providing equitable access to modern digital resources through public libraries is a logical next step under the *Building a Digital Ontario* plan.

- Digital resources provided through public libraries provide Ontarians with digital and online resources that contribute to student success and life-long learning, entrepreneurship and job readiness. These include:
 - o in-depth job and career skills training;
 - o language learning;
 - o live tutoring and homework help;
 - o health information; and
 - o resources to support vulnerable residents, such as seniors and adults living with developmental disabilities.
- In larger urban and suburban communities, residents can expect 24/7 access to powerful, subscription-based online resources.
- However, these resources are expensive, especially when purchased on a patchwork, library-by-library basis.
- For a well-resourced urban or suburban public library, these subscriptions cost many tens – or even hundreds – of thousands of dollars each year.
- Many public libraries in Ontario, particularly in smaller and First Nation communities, struggle to pay for or are unable to afford these high-quality resources.
- People living in communities of less than 5,000 have access to less than a third of the online resources as those living in Toronto – despite accessing them twice as often per capita as people in large urban communities.

Ontarians Living in Small, Rural and Northern Communities Lack Access

Across Ontario, access to powerful digital resources through local public libraries is very uneven. While Ontarians living in cities and major suburban communities may have excellent access, the picture is very different in other part of Ontario.

- According to the 2022 Annual Survey of Public Libraries, only 147 of our 363 library systems can afford subscriptions to five (5) or more resources.
- Meanwhile, 67 public libraries reported having zero (0) database subscriptions; the majority of which are First Nations public libraries on reserve.

The Ontario Digital Public Library: Expanding Access & Cost Savings – Without More Bureaucracy.

- With the infrastructure and operating support in place, there is a logical opportunity to level the playing field.
- Ontario's public libraries are proposing the creation of an **Ontario Digital Public Library (ODPL)**.
- By following the well-established approach used in Alberta and Saskatchewan and leveraging

the province's significant purchasing power, Ontario can give all Ontarians access to a universal set of high-quality e-learning & online resources through their local public library.

- The Ontario Digital Public Library, through volume purchasing, can provide digital resources **at a cost savings of up to 40%** when compared to a direct subscription by an average Ontario public library.
- Better still, most Ontarians would be able to access these resources directly through their local public library, whether at a branch, at home or on the go.
- A provincial investment in an Ontario Digital Public Library would **save costs for all public libraries** and help improve consistency of service delivery. This is an investment directly in the quality of supports that libraries can deliver – with the overwhelming majority of the investment going directly into digital resources.
- This is a red tape reduction-friendly approach that modernizes access to digital resources by making them available to all Ontario municipalities – and millions of Ontarians – for the first time.
- The Ontario Digital Public Library will **seamlessly integrate with existing public library infrastructure and operations**, without the need to significantly expand provincial bureaucracy to deliver it.
- **Recommended Annual Investment:** \$10 – 20 million annually

How Would an Ontario Digital Public Library Work?

- Based on an annual provincial investment, Ontario's public library sector would work closely with the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming and agency partners to determine the appropriate mix of resources to deliver the greatest impact across the province.
- The designated delivery partner - such as the Ontario Library Service or another identified entity - would negotiate to secure province-wide access to a universal set of resources.
- Access to these resources will ideally be connected directly through local public library websites, providing a seamless experience for local users.
- Ontarians will be able to access the complete resource set either in-person at their local library, from home, or through their personal devices wherever they are.
- For those public libraries without an online presence, the Ontario Digital Public Library will maintain a direct online portal to provide access.

Ontario Library Association / Federation of Ontario Public Libraries

The Ontario Library Association (OLA) is the oldest continually-operating non-profit library association in Canada, with over 3,500 members comprised of library staff and supporters from public, school, academic, and special libraries.

The Federation of Ontario Public Libraries (FOPL) represents 237 public library systems in Ontario, including 39 Public Libraries on Reserves.

Together, OLA & FOPL are committed to ensuring that libraries can continue to play a critical role in the social, education, cultural and economic success of our communities and schools.

Supporting Ontario's Public & School Libraries to Empower Local Communities

Ontario Library Association & Federation of Ontario Public Libraries 2025-26 Pre-Budget Submission

Public libraries are critical to communities across Ontario and essential to thriving local economies and economic growth.

- Public libraries are Ontario's farthest-reaching, most cost-effective public resource. They are engines of innovation, entrepreneurship, and local economic development in communities of all sizes.
- Millions of Ontarians rely on local public libraries in their communities: to work, to learn, to connect to community and government services, and to find or train for a job.
- Despite this, many individuals and families across the province are unable to access the local public library resources they need.
- In urban centres, rural and Northern communities alike, public library budgets are overstretched – and the situation is getting worse.
- The combined impact of the pandemic, the pressure of inflation on public library and municipal budgets, and growing social and economic challenges in communities across the province have brought public libraries to a critical point.

Building on Ontario's Investment in Public Libraries

Over the past several years, OLA & FOPL have worked successfully with the Ontario Government to secure vital support for Ontario's public libraries.

- Through the 2024 Ontario Budget, \$1.25 million in enhanced, ongoing provincial funding to support the operations and staffing of First Nations Public Libraries on reserve.
- \$582,000 investment for up to 155 eligible public libraries in small, rural and First Nation communities to provide internet access.
- \$4.8 million investment to install or upgrade high-speed broadband internet at over 100 public libraries across Ontario

Priorities Overview

Public Libraries

- Provide critical e-learning support and fair access to modern, digital resources for all Ontario public libraries through **the creation of an Ontario Digital Public Library**, leveraging the province's significant purchasing power to give all Ontarians access to a universal set of high-quality e-learning & online resources through their local public library.
- **Increase provincial operating funding for Ontario's public libraries** to address critical shared priorities and community needs.
- Building upon the enhanced funding committed in the 2024 Ontario Budget, **develop a sustainable funding model for public libraries on reserve** to ensure that these important local hubs are fully funded and viable.

School Libraries

- **Restore and enhance protection of provincial funding for school libraries and library staff** under the new Core Education Funding Model, as well as accountability for school boards about how these funds are used, in recognition of their importance for meeting Ontario's student literacy goals and supporting student achievement.

Public Library Priorities

Provide critical e-learning support and equitable access to modern, digital resources for all Ontario public libraries through the creation of an Ontario Digital Public Library, leveraging the province's significant purchasing power to give all Ontarians access to a universal set of high-quality e-learning & online resources through their local public library.

- Ontario's public libraries are essential to equitable, reliable access to broadband internet and computers. They are especially vital for many First Nation, rural and Northern communities where at home connectivity is limited, and for hundreds of thousands of Ontarians that cannot afford in-home internet services.
- The Ontario Government has already recognized the crucial importance of public libraries to broadband connectivity and equity of access:
 - in *Building a Digital Ontario*, making a \$4.8 million investment to install or upgrade broadband connectivity at more than 100 public libraries across the province; and
 - in February 2024, the Ontario Government invested an additional \$122,000 to the *Internet Connectivity Grant* enabling up to 155 eligible public libraries that serve communities of 20,000 or less to be fully reimbursed for the costs of providing publicly accessible internet access.
- Building on that critical foundation, it is the right time to take the next step to empower Ontarians with the online resources they need to succeed – no matter where they live in Ontario.
- In particular, people rely on local public libraries for access to digital and online resources, which contribute to student success and life-long learning, as well as towards entrepreneurship and job readiness. These include:
 - in-depth job and career skills training;
 - language learning;
 - live tutoring and homework help;
 - health information; and
 - resources to support vulnerable residents, such as seniors and adults living with developmental disabilities.

A proposed Ontario Digital Public Library would provide a core suite of highly impactful digital resources accessible by every Ontarian through their local public library. While the specific resource set will depend on the outcome of competitive negotiations with vendors, potential resources could include:

- **Live Tutoring;** resources are available that provide a powerful suite of live tutoring, skills development and test preparation tools for learners of all ages, with a focus on K-12.
 - **Job Skill Development and Training;** some libraries already subscribe to databases that include an ever-expanding catalogue of virtual courses and learning modules for career, creative, digital skills development and certifications
 - **Language Learning;** these apps have become increasingly popular, providing highly personalized and comprehensive language learning capabilities for dozens of global languages.
- However, **these resources are expensive, especially when purchased on a patchwork, library-by-library basis** – and a diverse set of the highest impact resources is well beyond the means of an individual or family to afford. Many public libraries in Ontario, particularly in smaller and First Nation communities, struggle to pay for or are unable to afford these high-quality resources.
 - People living in communities of less than 5,000 have access to less than a third of the online resources as those living in Toronto – despite accessing them twice as often per capita as people in large urban communities.

Recommended Priority:

- By following the well-established approach used in Alberta and Saskatchewan and leveraging volume purchasing through an annual provincial investment, as well as existing public library infrastructure, the Ontario Digital Public Library could provide a universal set of the highest-impact digital resources to every public library – and every Ontarian – **at an overall cost savings of up to 40%** when compared to library-by-library subscription.
- Addressing this digital divide – through both broadband connectivity and the high-impact resources to match – is how public libraries are at the forefront of fulfilling Ontario's vision of an economy where every individual and community can contribute and compete.
- *Projected cost: \$10 million - \$20 million / annually.*¹

Critical Digital Resources are Out-of-Reach for Many Ontarians and Public Libraries

- According to the 2023 Annual Survey of Public Libraries, only 145 of our 363 library systems are able to afford subscriptions to five (5) or more databases.
- Meanwhile, 69 public libraries reported having zero (0) database subscriptions; majority of which are public libraries on reserve.

¹ See Appendix for provincial investment scenarios based on different funding levels.

How Would an Ontario Digital Public Library Work?

- Based on an annual provincial investment, Ontario's public library sector would work closely with the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming and agency partners to determine the appropriate mix of resources to deliver the greatest impact across the province.
- The designated delivery partner – such as the Ontario Library Service or another identified entity – would negotiate to secure province-wide access to a universal set of resources.
- Access to these resources will ideally be connected directly through local public library websites, providing a seamless experience for local users.
- Ontarians will be able to access the complete resource set either in-person at their local library, from home, or through their personal devices wherever they are.
- For those public libraries without an online presence, the Ontario Digital Public Library will maintain a direct online portal to provide access.

Increase provincial funding for Ontario's public libraries to address critical shared priorities and community needs.

- Public libraries in Ontario have received no increase in provincial funding support (Provincial Libraries Operating Grant, or PLOG) in over 25 years, during which time the value of the province's investment in public libraries has decreased by over 60%.
- Although over 90% of public library funding is provided by the local municipal government, provincial operating funding provides critical stability to public library budgets.
- Libraries have adapted and maximized the impact of every dollar despite inflation, substantial changes in technology, and the increasing importance of libraries as a vital community hub and public resource.
- Across Ontario – in communities of all sizes – these **budget pressures are reaching a tipping point.**
- Public libraries are the focal point of municipalities across Ontario; critical to social cohesion and community building. As a result, they find themselves on the front lines of many of the most critical challenges facing our communities, including homelessness, mental health and addictions, newcomer integration, re-skilling in a changing economy, and overcoming the digital divide.
- Ontario's public libraries are proposing a targeted investment in additional operating funding for public libraries **to specifically address critical areas of shared community and provincial priority**, including:
 - o Supporting economic recovery through job training and skills development;
 - o Addressing the community impacts of mental health and addictions;

- o Providing services and resources to assist with high-needs members of the community such as seniors, newcomers, working families and all vulnerable members; and
- o Supporting early literacy and K-12 success.
- This investment, which would be in addition to and separate from existing provincial operating funding under the PLOG, would be shared across hundreds of Ontario libraries to provide predictable, flexible funding for local public libraries to respond to these critical areas of focus based on the needs of the people and the local communities they serve.
- This funding could be utilized to support ongoing operations, programming, resources, or front-line staffing specifically targeted to the four identified priority areas based on community need.
- The proposed level of investment corresponds to a restoration of the present value of the Ontario Government's support for Ontario's public libraries, addressing the impact of inflation, rising costs and other pressures over more than two decades.
- In conjunction with this investment, the Ontario Government and Ontario's public libraries would work alongside municipalities to ensure that this critical investment builds upon and enhances existing municipal support for public library budgets.
- *Projected cost: \$25 million / annually.*

Building upon the enhanced funding committed in the 2024 Ontario Budget, develop a sustainable funding model for public libraries on reserve to ensure that these important local hubs are fully funded and viable.

- Public libraries on reserve serve as an accessible gathering place and information sharing resource for First Nations communities. They are deeply important to maintaining a sense of community and to minimizing social isolation, many of which are remote or face systemic social and economic challenges.
- Furthermore, public libraries on reserve perform a unique role in the preservation of their communities' memory, archiving photos and historical information, and in revitalizing First Nations languages through cultural resources, language learning programming, storytelling events, and craft groups.
- Public libraries on reserve are chronically under-funded. The municipal tax revenue used to support most public libraries does not exist for public libraries in First Nation communities.
- There is little to no funding available for collections, programming and technology resources. Librarians rely on one-time grants or donations to develop their collections, and many librarians contribute personally to purchase programming supplies and food.
- Many public libraries on reserve operate with only one staff person who is expected to perform many functions. Public libraries on reserve need additional funding to provide staff with a living wage and to increase staffing levels so that they can meet their communities' needs for library programs and services.
- Of the 133 First Nations communities in Ontario, only 37 have public libraries. The number has steadily dropped in recent years and the pandemic has only made this situation worse, with four public libraries on reserve closing their doors due to inadequate funding over the past 20 months.
- In recognition of the significant financial barriers faced by First Nations Public Libraries on reserve, **the Ontario Government made a multi-million-dollar enhancement through the 2024 Ontario Budget** to both the First Nation Salary Supplement and Public Library Operating Grant funding. This investment amounted to \$1.25 million in additional, ongoing annual funding.
- This critical investment is a vital first step to restoring stability to First Nations Public Libraries on-reserve.
- There is more important work to be done. Together with the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming and First Nations Public Library leaders, this recent investment provides an opportunity to work together on a sustainable funding and operating model to preserve the long-term viability of these important local hubs.

Recommended Priority:

- Work alongside First Nations Public Library leaders towards the design and implementation of a sustainable funding model for public libraries on reserve to ensure that these important local hubs are fully-funded and viable.
- *Projected cost: N/A; projected funding requirements would be based on the identified model and requirements.*

School Library Priorities

Restore and enhance protection of provincial funding for school libraries and library staff under the new Core Education Funding Model, as well as accountability for school boards about how these funds are used, in recognition of their importance for meeting Ontario's student literacy goals and supporting student achievement.

- Ontario's Ministry of Education has embarked upon a "back to basics" strategy with a commitment to boosting student literacy and math skills.
- This reflects ongoing trends indicating that fewer and fewer Ontario students are meeting the provincial standard in reading and writing. Last year's Grade 3 and Grade 6 EQAO scores indicated a further decrease in reading and writing scores.
- Access to school libraries is a proven part of student success, especially in literacy.
- School libraries are at the heart of student literacy achievement. Literacy and critical research skills are foundational to student success in STEM and other key subject areas. Teacher-librarians serve as literacy leaders and provide support and expertise while working alongside classroom teachers to meet literacy and curriculum objectives.
- Despite the importance of school libraries and staff to achieving Ontario's literacy objectives, student access to school libraries has significantly declined over the past 20 years.
- Due to school board-level decisions, **hundreds of thousands of students across Ontario have lost access to school libraries and the critical resources and support they provide.** This has accelerated in the past several years as several of Ontario's largest school boards have made dramatic reductions to school libraries and library staff; other school boards in both urban and rural communities have eliminated them altogether.
- According to reporting by school boards to the Ministry of Education, 1 in 3 school boards in Ontario self-reported underfunding school libraries for the 2021-22 school year – a number that has likely increased since then.
- Ontario's Core Education Funding Model, introduced last spring, is putting school libraries at further immediate risk. The new model:
 - Eliminated protected funding for school libraries and library staff.
 - Put library staff funding in the same category as materials like Chromebooks and crayons.
 - School boards are no longer required to report to the Ministry of Education on how or if they are funding school libraries – a requirement previously introduced by the Ontario Government in 2021.

Ontario's School Libraries and Student Literacy are At Risk

- Closure of school libraries and reductions/eliminations in library staff for 20+ years
- 1 out of 3 of school boards reported underfunding school libraries and library staff in 2021-22
- Loss of enveloped funding & reporting measures via Core Education Funding
- 2023-24 EQAO results show decrease in number of students meeting provincial standard for reading & writing

Recommended Priorities

- Update the Core Education Funding Model to create a defined sub-allocation for all school libraries and staffing funding, consistent with the provincial per-student formula;
- Update the Funding Model to fully protect these allocations; and
- Restore the annual reporting and accountability requirements regarding school libraries for school boards and implement recommended enhancements previously submitted by the OSLA.

Ontario Library Association / Federation of Ontario Public Libraries

The Ontario Library Association (OLA) is the oldest continually-operating non-profit library association in Canada, with over 3,500 members comprised of library staff and supporters from public, school, academic, and special libraries.

The Federation of Ontario Public Libraries (FOPL) represents 237 public library systems in Ontario, including 39 Public Libraries on Reserves.

Together, OLA & FOPL are committed to ensuring that libraries can continue to play a critical role in the social, education, cultural and economic success of our communities and schools.

Appendix

ODPL – Provincial Investment Scenarios

- Different funding levels listed below provide incremental increases for access to online databases and e-learning products, based on library sector understanding of preferred/high-use resources, current subscription costs, and required technical support and maintenance.
- Each funding level provides all 310 public library systems and First Nations public libraries in Ontario with:
 - o A suite of online resources for a full subscription year with unlimited, 24/7 and simultaneous access, and
 - o Annual operating costs for staff, support and supplies.
- At each funding level, the breadth of resources provided substantially increases, while operating costs remain stable.
- The ODPL would be delivered seamlessly through local public library websites, with centralized support to coordinate and manage resources and operations.

Funding Level*	Number of Databases	Database Examples**
\$10 million	14	General: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and Small Business reference • Language learning • Consumer Reports • Legal forms and templates • Magazines and News in 70 languages • French e-books • Auto Repair • Genealogy • Self Publishing
\$15 million (recommended)	18	General and Advanced – all content listed above and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K-12 e-content • Live Tutoring • Resume and Job coaching
\$20 million	22	General, Advanced and Specialized - all content listed above and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online learning courses, including business essentials • Wellness and personal development

* The three funding levels include funds for online databases as well as \$780,000 for operational requirements including supplies, support materials and 5 full-time staff for training, technical support, outreach and digital content management for the ODPL.

** At the levels of investment outlined in the scenarios above, OLA/FOPL is not recommending that further investment in e-books be included in the ODPL due to borrowing limits/restrictions, and high purchasing costs. The funding would be more impactful and beneficial to a greater number of Ontarians when expended on online databases and e-learning resources.

CONTRACT FORM

Project: Corporation of the Township of Chisholm Landfill Site
Assignment: 2025,2026 and 2027 Chisholm Landfill Monitoring and Reporting
Knight Piesold Reference Number: NB102-00200/18-A.00
The Following Items of Work:

SCOPE AND BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR 2025, 2026 AND 2027 (3 YEARS)

TASK 100 - PROJECT MANAGEMENT (\$9,200) - 3 site visits x 2 people + 2 report meetings x 1 person + general project management + disbursements

This Task includes general project management and administrative work.

This task also includes for one site tour/year with Township personnel. The tour would be attended by the Knight Piesold Ltd. Project Manager and lead Field Representative. The Project Manager would also attend two public works/council meetings to discuss the 2024/2025 and the 2026/2027 Landfill Monitoring Reports.

TASK 200 – 2025, 2026 and 2027 GROUNDWATER SAMPLING PROGRAM (\$26,700) - spring and fall sampling for 3 years x 1 person + disbursements

Knight Piesold Ltd. will carry out the 2025, 2026 and 2027 groundwater sampling program. This will include collecting groundwater samples and methane measurements at eight (8) active monitoring wells (MW-1, MW-5, MW-6, MW-7, MW-8, MW-9, MW-10, and MW-11), provided that the sites are accessible, and water is present. Sampling will be undertaken at the Landfill in the Spring (April/May) and in the Fall (September/October). One (1) quality assurance/quality Control (QA/QC) sample will be added to each sampling event (minimum 10% of samples).

All water samples will be analyzed for the parameters tested in 2024. SGS Canada Inc. will analyze the samples and will invoice the Township directly. Laboratory costs are estimated at \$10,000 + taxes for the three years of sampling (budget not included in this scope of work).

TASK 300 – 2024/2025 and 2026/2027 LANDFILL MONITORING REPORTS (\$23,200) - includes for 2 Reports

The 2024/2025 and the 2026/2027 Landfill Monitoring Report will be similar to the 2022/2023 Report. As per past MECP recommendations, we will include the Wasi River, Landfill site boundary and Contaminant Attenuation Zone (CAZ) on all figures in the Report, and we will include all available borehole logs in the appendices.

Three (3) color hard copies and one (1) electronic copy of the Reports will be provided to the Township.

Actual time and disbursement costs will be invoiced.

Was Requested By: Jennistine Leblond

Of: Corporation of the Township of Chisholm

By: Telephone

Billing Terms: Standard Local Rates

Time Charges: \$49,700.00 (CAD)

Disbursements: \$ 9,400.00 (CAD)

The Estimated Cost of the Work is:\$59,100.00 (CAD)


Prepared By:



Steven Aiken

Date: Jan 14, 2025

Approved by:



Craig Hall

Date: Jan 14, 2025



On behalf of Corporation of the Township of Chisholm I hereby direct Knight Piésold to proceed with the work described above and agree to the Terms and Conditions contained hereunder. No other terms and conditions subsequently issued shall be valid unless agreed upon in writing by both parties.

Signed:* _____

Date: _____

Position: _____

* Please sign and return this form to the originating Knight Piésold office.



GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

1. **EXTENT OF AGREEMENT** - These General Conditions of Contract set forth the terms and conditions pursuant to which Knight Piésold Ltd. ("Knight Piésold") will provide the consulting services described in the attached Contract Form (the "Services") to the identified client (the "Client") for the identified project (the "Project"). In the event that these General Conditions of Contract are included in a proposal ("Proposal"), then the Proposal shall further describe the Services, the Client and the Project to which these General Conditions of Contract shall apply. In the event of any inconsistency between the Proposal and these General Conditions of Contract, the terms of the Proposal shall govern. These General Conditions of Contract, the Contract Form and the Proposal (as applicable), constitute the entire agreement (the "Agreement") between Knight Piésold and the Client with respect to the Services, expressly superseding all prior agreements and communications (both oral and written) between Knight Piésold and the Client.
 2. **STANDARD OF CARE** - Knight Piésold shall perform its Services with the level of engineering care, skill and diligence ordinarily exercised by members of the profession for services of a similar nature under similar conditions in the vicinity and at the time the Services are performed. This Agreement contains all of the express representations and warranties of Knight Piésold and the Client with respect to the performance of the Services. Except as expressly set out in this Agreement, there are no further representations, warranties or conditions of any kind, whether express or implied, statutory or otherwise, including any warranty of error-free operation.
 3. **COMPENSATION** - The Client shall compensate Knight Piésold for all hours worked and other costs incurred at the rates and on the terms set out in this Agreement. Should the need for work beyond the scope of the Project or rework through no fault of Knight Piésold arise, Knight Piésold will notify the Client of the revised estimate for the Client's approval. Knight Piésold reserves the right to withhold continued performance subject to the approval of additional funding. Taxes and similar assessments, other than income taxes assessed on Knight Piésold, imposed by any federal, provincial, municipal or similar taxing authority, in connection with the Services will be charged in addition to fees and disbursements.
 4. **TERMS OF PAYMENT** - Knight Piésold shall invoice the Client for Services performed under this Agreement and the Client shall pay such invoices upon receipt. Invoices not paid within 30 calendar days of the invoice date shall be subject to an interest charge of 1.5% per month from the date of billing until paid. No deduction or set-off shall be made by the Client from the fee payable to Knight Piésold.
 5. **USE OF SUBCONTRACTORS AND SUBCONSULTANTS** - At any stage of the Services, Knight Piésold reserves the right to engage subcontractors and sub-consultants to perform services as Knight Piésold believes are in the best interests of the Client in performance of the Services.
 6. **OWNERSHIP OF WORK PRODUCT** - All drawings, maps, plans, data, graphs, diagrams, reports, samples, specifications, manuals or other forms of materials and information required to be prepared by Knight Piésold pursuant to this Agreement (collectively, the "Work Product") shall remain the property of Knight Piésold. Knight Piésold hereby grants the Client a non-exclusive, irrevocable, perpetual and royalty-free license to use the Work Product only for the purpose of the Project. For certainty, the Client's license to use the Work Product as described in this Section does not include a right to receive from Knight Piésold any raw data files or background materials created or used in the preparation of the Work Product.
 7. **IMPROPER USE OF WORK PRODUCT** - If the Client: (a) uses the Work Product or provides it to third parties for purposes other than in connection with the Project without Knight Piésold's prior written consent; or (b) alters the Work Product without Knight Piésold's prior written consent, then the Client will indemnify Knight Piésold against claims and costs (including legal costs) associated with such improper use or alteration, and Knight Piésold will not in any way be responsible for the consequences of any such improper use or alteration.
 8. **INSURANCE** - Knight Piésold shall carry and maintain the following insurance for this Project, subject to such insurance being available to Knight Piésold on commercially acceptable terms: (a) worker's compensation insurance; (b) general liability insurance with limits of not less than \$2,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate; (c) automobile bodily injury liability and property damage liability insurance covering automobiles owned or hired by Knight Piésold with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence; and (d) professional liability insurance with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$1,000,000 in the aggregate.
 9. **INDEMNITY** - Knight Piésold shall indemnify the Client, its officers, employees and agents (collectively, the "Client Parties") from and against all liabilities, damages and costs incurred by the Client Parties as a result of third party claims brought or made against the Client Parties for personal injury, including death or property damage, to the extent arising as a direct result of the negligent acts or omissions of Knight Piésold in the performance of the Services, except to the extent any such liability, damage or cost is caused or contributed to by the Client Parties, or any one of them.
 10. **EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY** - Subject to Section 9, Knight Piésold shall not be responsible for and has no liability with respect to any liabilities, damages or costs incurred by the Client Parties as a result of third party claims brought or made against the Client Parties, arising, directly or indirectly, solely as a result of the performance of the Services by Knight Piésold under this Agreement, and the Client shall indemnify and hold harmless Knight Piésold, its officers, employees and agents from and against any liabilities, damages and costs incurred by Knight Piésold as a result of such third party claims.
 11. **LIMITATION OF LIABILITY** - Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement Knight Piésold's liability for claims which the Client has or may have against Knight Piésold or Knight Piésold's employees, agents, representatives, subcontractors and sub-consultants relating to the Services, whether arising in contract, tort, statute or otherwise, will be limited:
 - a. to claims brought within one year after completion of the Services or the earlier termination of this Agreement; and
 - b. to an aggregate total of \$250,000.
- No officer, employee or agent of Knight Piésold shall have any personal liability to the Client, its directors, officers or employees in respect of any claim whether arising in contract, tort, statute or otherwise arising from or related to the Services.
12. **CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES** - Neither party is liable to the other party for special, punitive, contingent, indirect, consequential or pure economic loss or damage, including without limitation loss of use, profit, revenue, earnings, business interruption, expected savings or other commercial economic losses of any kind, whether or not such losses or damages were foreseeable and whether or not the parties were advised of the possibility of them.
 13. **FORCE MAJEURE** - If either party to this Agreement is prevented from, or delayed in, performing any of its obligations by reason of force majeure, then such party shall not be liable to the other for its failure to perform, or for its delay in the performance of, its obligations hereunder and shall be excused punctual performance of such obligation for the period of time that the event of force majeure remains in effect. As used herein, "force majeure" shall include, but not be limited to: war, hostilities, acts of foreign enemy, invasion, warlike operations, acts of terrorism, civil war, civil disobedience, blockade, regional or global epidemic or pandemic, bad weather, earthquake, flood, fire or other natural physical disaster, and strike, lock out or other industrial concerted action by workers. In no event shall lack of finances or inability to perform because of the financial condition of either party constitute force majeure on the part of such party.
 14. **TERMINATION** - This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon 14 days' written notice to the other upon which Knight Piésold shall perform no further services other than those considered necessary by Knight Piésold to close out its Services and place its files in an order satisfactory to protect its professional liability.
 15. **ASSIGNMENT** - Without the prior written agreement of the other party, neither party shall be entitled to assign its interest in this Agreement.
 16. **RESPONSIBILITY** - Knight Piésold shall not be responsible for and has no liability with respect to the design or completion of work that is dependent upon or completed by the Client or third parties not under the direct control of Knight Piésold nor is Knight Piésold responsible for or have any liability with respect to any damages resulting therefrom.
 17. **MUTUAL RESPECT** - The parties shall mutually respect the relationship between the employer and all employees of either party. In recognition of this, in the event that either party offers employment to any employee of the other party during and within six months of the completion of the Services performed under this Agreement, such party shall be liable for and shall pay to the other party an amount equal to six months' salary of the relevant employee.
 18. **CONFIDENTIALITY** - Information and materials in any form concerning the Client, the Project or the Services which are disclosed to, obtained or generated by Knight Piésold in performance of the Services shall not be disclosed to third parties by Knight Piésold or by its employees, agents, representatives or sub-consultants, without the prior written consent of the Client. Excluded from this restriction is any information and materials that: (a) Knight Piésold can demonstrate was in its possession prior to the disclosure to it for performance of the Services; (b) was, or has since become, available to the general public through no disclosure by Knight Piésold; (c) to the knowledge of Knight Piésold, was rightfully received by Knight Piésold from a third party without breach of any obligation of confidence by such third party; or (d) Knight Piésold is required by law to disclose. Should Knight Piésold fail to comply with the provisions of this Section 18, the Client may terminate this Agreement upon written notice to Knight Piésold.
 19. **DISPUTES** - All disputes relating to or arising out of this Agreement (each, a "Dispute") shall be resolved in accordance with the following procedure: (a) a party with a Dispute may, at any time, deliver written notice to the other party describing the Dispute (a "Dispute Notice"); (b) within 14 days of the delivery of a Dispute Notice, or such other time as the parties may agree in writing, senior representatives of the parties shall meet and make all reasonable efforts to resolve the Dispute (the "Settlement Meeting"); (c) if the Dispute has not been resolved within 14 days after the Settlement Meeting, or such other time as the parties may agree in writing, the Dispute shall be settled by mediation; and (d) if within seven days of completion of the mediation the Dispute is not settled by agreement, then either party may request the other party to agree to settle the Dispute by binding arbitration, or may without further notice commence litigation.
 20. **APPLICABLE LAW** - This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada applicable in Ontario.

Jessica Laberge

From: FONOM Office/ Bureau de FONOM <fonom.info@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2025 8:00 AM
Subject: Resolution for Consideration - Expanding EPR to the ICI sector

Good morning Please share this email with your Mayor, Council and Senior Management

The BlueBox and recycling are essential to many of your citizens. In Northeastern Ontario, municipalities will transition to Full Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for the household BlueBox program over the next few years. EPR will be important for the Province of Ontario, as producers/stewards will soon create a sustainable circulatory economy for the paper, packaging and products a household recycles.

Producers/Stewards are not responsible for products purchased within the Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional (ICI) sectors. Products recycled at home are disposed of by an ICI-funded program or landfilled.

All municipalities are concerned with the lifespan of landfills, and FONOM believes it is important that the Province and the Producers/Stewards start discussing the transition to a producer-funded EPR system for the recyclables generated by the ICI Sector.

We ask your council to consider supporting the draft resolution below.

I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

WHEREAS under Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box, producers are fully accountable and financially responsible for their products and packaging once they reach their end of life and are disposed of, for 'eligible' sources only;

AND WHEREAS 'ineligible' sources which producers are not responsible for including businesses, places of worship, daycares, campgrounds, public-facing and internal areas of municipal-owned buildings and not-for-profit organizations, such as shelters and food banks;

AND WHEREAS should a municipality continue to provide services to the 'ineligible' sources, the municipality will be required to oversee the collection, transportation, and processing of the recycling, assuming 100% of the costs;

AND WHEREAS these costs will further burden the municipalities' finances and potentially take resources away from vital infrastructure projects;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the _____ hereby request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Your Local MPP, AMO, ROMA and FONOM

Email addresses for thoses included in the further;

minister.mecp@ontario.ca; Your Local MPP, amo@amo.on.ca; pwolfbeiss@amo.on.ca; fonom.info@gmail.com

Talk soon, Mac.

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