

Corporation of the Township of Chisholm

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AGENDA COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2024 7:00 PM

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

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2. NOTIFICATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES – October 8, 2024, Public Meeting and Regular Council Meeting Minutes (Encl.)

5. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS – None

6. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

(a) Cassellholme – Angie Punnett and William Brooks Re: Cassellholme Redevelopment, Capital Levy Plan

7. OPEN FORUM

8. MAYOR STAFF COMMITTEE AND GOVERNMENT REPORTS

- (a) Mayor and Council Reports
 - Mayor – General Update
- (b) Committee Reports
 - Minutes, General Government, July 17, 2024 (Encl.)
 - Minutes, Recreation Committee, March 6, 2024 (Encl.)
 - Minutes, Health Unit, Board of Health, September 28, 2024 (Encl.)
- (c) Correspondence
 - AMO Watchfile, October 17, 2024 (Encl.)
 - Ontario's Big City Mayors, SolvethCrisis.ca Campaign (Encl.)

9. REVIEW BUDGET REPORT – None

10. PUBLIC WORKS REPORTS - None

11. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) By-law 2024-30, to repeal 2012-30 fireworks by-law (Encl.)
- (b) Recommendation from General Government Re: By-law Enforcement Policy (Encl.)

- (c) Recommendation from General Government Re: Blue Green Algae Notification Policy (Encl.)
- (d) Invitation to attend the Powassan Legion Remembrance Day Ceremony (Encl.)
- (e) Resolution support from the Township of Amaranth Re: Updates to the Municipal Act [AMCTO Modernizing the Municipal Elections Act](#) (Encl.)
- (f) Resolution support from Town of Bradford re: Ontario Deposit Return Program (Encl.)
- (g) Resolution support from FONOM Re: Ontario's Forest Industry 2025 Ontario Budget (Encl.)

12. IN CAMERA

- (a) a meeting held in regards to: labour relations or employee negotiations as per Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act.

13. ADJOURNMENT

- (a) By-law 2024-31 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the council meeting.
- (b) Resolution re: Adjournment.

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MINUTES

PUBLIC MEETING

**RE: BY-LAWS TO CLOSE, STOP UP AND DECLARE
LANDS SURPLUS AND SELL TO ABUTTING LAND OWNER
TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEETING.
SEE COUNCIL PACKAGE**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8th 2024 – 7:00 P.M.

1. Chairperson (Mayor) calls meeting to order.
The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gail Degagne, in Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m., with Councillors, Bernadette Kerr, Claire Riley, Nunzio Scarfone, and Paul Sharp. Staff member present was CAO Jenny Leblond and Admin. Jessica Laberge. There were 8 people in attendance in person and 4 online.
2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest – None.
3. Chairperson explains reason for meeting to those in attendance.
4. Lakeshore Road Allowance in front of broken lot 16 Con. 13 – Downie-Clarke
 - (a) Chairperson asks if any members of the public in support or opposed to the By-law wishes to speak. - None
 - (b) Chairperson asks Council to give their comments on the matter. -None
5. Chairperson thanks the public for attending.
6. Chairperson declares the meeting closed. 7:02 p.m.

Mayor, Gail Degagne

CAO Clerk Treasurer, Jennistine Leblond

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2. NOTIFICATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST - None

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution 2024-208 Bernadette Kerr and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Agenda for this meeting be adopted as printed as amended. **'Carried'**

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES – September 24, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

Resolution 2024-209 Paul Sharp and Claire Riley: Be it resolved that the Minutes of the September 24, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, be adopted as printed and circulated. **'Carried'**

5. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS – September 2024

Resolution 2024-210 Nunzio Scarfone and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Administration, Fire Department, Council, By-Law Enforcement Officer and Public Works payroll accounts in the amount of \$32,028.13 and general accounts totaling \$209,426.89 for the month of September 2024 be accepted as presented. **'Carried'**

6. PRESENTATION AND DELEGATIONS

(a) Near North Trail Association – Jessica Reynolds – South Shore Restoule Snowmobile Club
Resolution 2024-211 Claire Riley and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Chisholm receives the presentations from Jessica Reynolds, Near North Trail Association in regards to the South Shore Restoule Snowmobile Club. **'Carried'**

(b) JL Richards Tara Michauville and Jason Ferrigan – Official Plan Review

Resolution 2024-212 Claire Riley and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm receives the presentation from Tara Michauville and Jason Ferrigan, JL Richards, providing an overview of the Official Plan Review project. **'Carried'**

7. OPEN FORUM -None

8. MAYOR STAFF COMMITTEE AND GOVERNMENT REPORTS

- (a) Mayor and Council Reports
 - Mayor – General Update
- (b) Staff Reports
 - Tax Arrears Report (Encl.)
 - 2024 Residential Tax Rate Comparison (Encl.)
- (c) Committee Reports
 - Letter, Powassan and District Public Library (Encl.)
 - Minutes, North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority, August 14, 2024 (Encl.)
 - Minutes, North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, June 26, 2024 (Encl.)
- (d) Correspondence
 - AMO Watchfile, September 26, 2024 (Encl.)
 - AMO Watchfile, October 3, 2024 (Encl.)

Resolution 2024-213 Bernadette Kerr and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Mayor, Staff, Committee and Correspondence reports be accepted as presented. **‘Carried’**

9. REVIEW BUDGET REPORT – Printed October 3, 2024

Resolution 2024-214 Nunzio Scarfone and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Budget Report printed October 3, 2024, be accepted as presented. **‘Carried’**

10. PUBLIC WORKS REPORTS

- (a) Memo to Council from OS Shawn Hughes Re: Activity Report (Encl.)
- (b) **Resolution 2024-215** Claire Riley and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that Council accept the September 7, 2024 to October 4, 2024, Activity report from Operations Superintendent Shawn Hughes. **‘Carried’**

11. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) By-law 2024-27, to authorize the signing of an agreement with OPP for 911 Services
Resolution 2024-216 Paul Sharp and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that By-law 2024-27, a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement between the Township of Chisholm and the Minister of the Solicitor General on behalf of the Ontario Provincial Police for the provision of Primary Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Services, be read a first second and third time and passed this October 8, 2024. **‘Carried’**
- (b) By-law 2024-28, by-law to stop up and close lakeshore road allowance (in front of broken lot 16 Con. 13) (Encl.)
Resolution 2024-217 Paul Sharp and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that by-law 2024-28, a by-law to close, stop up and declare the lands to be surplus and to sell part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Broken Lot 16, Concession 13, Be read a first second and third time, and passed this October 8, 2024. **‘Carried’**
- (c) Memo from CAO Jenny Leblond Re: Snowmobile and OPP Traffic Stats (Encl.)
Resolution 2024-218 Bernadette Kerr and Claire Riley: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm requires the South Shore Restoule Snowmobile Club to put up “Trail on Road” and “Slow” signs up along the trail on Maple Road. **‘Carried’**
- (d) Memorandum of Understanding – South Shore Restoule Snowmobile Club (Encl.)

Resolution 2024-219 Nunzio Scarfone and Claire Riley: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm authorizes the Mayor and CAO to sign and execute the Memorandum of Understanding for the South Shore Restoule Snowmobile Trail 2024-2025 season. **‘Carried’**

- (e) Memo from CAO Jenny Leblond, Re: Mun. Housing Infrastructure Program (Encl.)
Resolution 2024-220 Paul Sharp and Claire Riley: Be it resolved that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm directs staff to apply for the Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program – Housing Enabling Core Servicing Stream (MHIP-HECS) to hard surface Memorial Park Drive from Alderdale Road to Kells Road. **‘Carried’**
- (f) Invitation to attend the Bonfield Remembrance Day Ceremony (Encl.)
Resolution 2024-221 Claire Riley and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Council Authorizes the attendance of Councillor Kerr to the Township of Bonfield Remembrance Day Ceremony on November 10th, 2024. Starting at 10:45 a.m. **‘Carried’**
- (g) Invitation to attend the Callander Legion Remembrance Day Ceremony (Encl.)
Resolution 2024-222 Nunzio Scarfone and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Council Authorizes the attendance of Mayor Degagne to the Callander Legion Remembrance Day Ceremony on November 11th, 2024, and further that the Township purchase a wreath for \$65.00 to be laid at the Ceremony. **‘Carried’**
- (h) Resolution to proclaim Oct 20 to 26 as Local Government Week (Encl.)
Resolution 2024-223 Bernadette Kerr and Nunzio Scarfone:
WHEREAS October 20 to 26, 2024 is Local Government Week in Ontario, an opportunity to reflect on the vital services delivered by municipal governments; and
AND WHEREAS municipal governments play a vital role in helping to define the character, priorities, physical make up, and quality of life of communities across Ontario;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm, hereby join with partners such as the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) in acknowledging and celebrating the work of local municipalities by proclaiming October 20 to 26, 2024 as ‘Local Government Week’ in the Township of Chisholm. **‘Carried’**
- (i) Discussion Community Sport and Recreation infrastructure Fund (Encl.)
Resolution 2024-224 Paul Sharp and Bernadette Kerr: Whereas the Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure funding is a 50/50 province/municipality split and a possibility to apply for a 70/30 split (no guarantee),
And Whereas estimates for the resurfacing of the tennis court and adding pickle ball lines, are coming in at approximately \$80,000;
Therefore be it resolved that the Council directs staff to proceed with the submission for the funding and the consideration form for the 70/30 funding pot, and furthermore update Council on the other quotes once they are received. **‘Carried’**
- (j) Royal Can. Legion Ontario Command – 12th Annual Military Service Recognition Book
Resolution 2024-225 Claire Riley and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm agree to place a ¼ page ad, for \$395, in the

next issue of the Military Service Recognition Book that is to be released October 2025.
‘Carried’

- (k) Resolution Support, East Ferris re: Combined ROMA & AMO Conference (Encl.)
Resolution 2024-226 Nunzio Scarfone and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm support a resolution forwarded by the Municipality of East Ferris calling upon both ROMA and AMO boards to establish a combined ROMA/AMO annual conference, and further that it should be held during the winter months, and that there be a hybrid participation option, and be it further resolved that this resolution be forwarded to ROMA, AMO, MPP Vic Fedeli, and all municipalities in Ontario. **‘Carried’**
- (l) Resolution support, the Town of Cobourg re: importation of lithium-ion batteries (Encl.)
Resolution 2024-227 Claire Riley and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm supports a resolution from the Town of Cobourg calling upon all levels of government to enact regulations for the importation, sale, storage, and use of non-OEM or ULC certified lithium-ion batteries and that this resolution be sent to the Ontario Municipal Fire Prevention Officers Association, MPP Vic Fedeli, and MP Anthony Rota. **‘Carried’**
- (m) Resolution support from the Township of Amaranth Re: update to Municipal Elections Act
Resolution 2024-228 Paul Sharp and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm supports a resolution from the AMCTO Advocacy Team calling on the Province to update the Municipal Elections Act with the priority amendments as outlined by AMCTO before Summer 2025 and commence work to review and re-write the act with longer term recommendations a head of the 2030 elections. And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Education, the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery, Minister of Finance, the Premier of Ontario, MPP Vic Fedeli, and AMCTO. **‘Deferred’**

12. ADJOURNMENT

- (a) By-law 2024-29 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting.
Resolution 2024-229 Bernadette Kerr and Claire Riley: Be it resolved that By-law 2024-29, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the October 8, 2024 Council meeting, be read a first second and third time and passed this 8th, day of October 2024. **‘Carried’**
- (b) Resolution re: Adjournment.
Resolution 2024-230 Be it resolved that the Council now adjourn this meeting to meet again on October 22, 2024. **‘Carried’**

Mayor, Gail Degagne

CAO Clerk Treasurer, Jennistine Leblond

TOWNSHIP OF CHISHOLM

GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: July 17th, 2024
TIME: 7pm
LOCATION: Council Chambers

PRESENT:

Mayor Gail Degagne
Councillor Claire Riley
Councillor Paul Sharp
Councillor Nunzio Scarfone
CAO Clerk-Treasurer Jenny Leblond

REGRETS: Councillor Bernadette Kerr

GUESTS: No Guests

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Gail Degagne called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. The land acknowledgement was read by Mayor Degagne.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST – None noted.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution 2024-15 (GGC)

Paul Sharp and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the *Agenda* for this meeting be approved as amended. **‘Carried’**

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolution 2024-16 (GGC)

Nunzio Scarfone and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Minutes of the June 19th, 2024 General Government Committee meeting be adopted as printed and circulated.

5. OPEN FORUM

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Regulate and License Festivals - no discussion
2. Review By-Law – Roadway Service Standards

Resolution 2024-17(GGC)

Nunzio Scarfone and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that General Government Committee recommend to Council to approve the draft by-law to establish a level of service for the township roads.

'Carried'

3. Trailer license by-law – Council discussed waiting to discuss a trailer license by-law until the Official Plan and Zoning By-law reviews are complete.
4. David King Recommendation – Code of Conduct Review
Resolution 2024-18(GGC)
Claire Riley and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that General Government Committee recommend to Council to approve the Council Code of Conduct as amended.

'Carried'

5. Review External Complaint Policy - Council discussed memo. CAO will bring a draft to next meeting. Service Request and Complaints on one policy referencing occurrences. Occurrences defined with process in By-law Enforcement Policy.

7. NEW BUSINESS

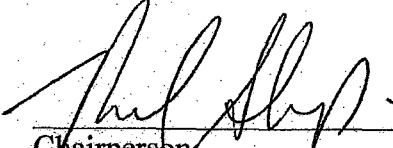
6. Fees for business Sign – Council discussed fees recommended by Recreation Committee – defer for now
7. Example of Sign By-law – Council discussed an example of a signs by-law. Council will not be pursuing a by-law at this time.
8. By-Law enforcement policy – Council discussed and CAO will bring a draft to Committee.

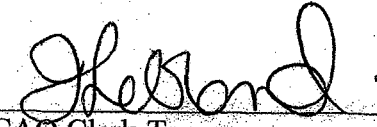
8. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 2024-19 (GGC)

Claire Riley and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that we do now adjourn to meet again at the call of the Chair.

'Carried'


Chairperson


CAO Clerk-Treasurer



MINUTES

Recreation Committee Meeting @ Council Chambers March 6, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.

Present: Chairperson, Gail Degagne, Bernadette Kerr, Kendra Dehaan, Nicole Tran, Brooklyn Tran

Regrets: Brooks Tran

Absent:

Staff: Monique McIsaac (recording secretary)

Guests: None

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chairperson, Gail Degagne @ 7:04 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution 2024 -09(REC)

Bernadette Kerr and Nicole Tran: Be it resolved that the Agenda for the Recreation meeting dated March 6, 2024 be accepted as written and distributed.

“Carried”

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolution 2024- 10(REC)

Kendra Dehaan and Brooklynn Tran: Be it resolved that the Minutes for the Recreation meeting of February 7, 2024 be accepted as written and distributed.

“Carried”

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- (a) Walking Book Tour: Gail cannot get paper copies of the book that the committee wanted to use so she is trying to get unbound copies instead, that can be laminated and posted for the tour.
- (b) Spring Bird Sale - Insurance still needs to be determined through the Township of Chisholm's insurance.
- (c) AG Day 2024/2025: It was clarified there would be a separate Committee formed, for this event and that Brooks Tran would organize this Committee and it

would be advertised (Facebook, newsletters) that he would be looking for volunteers to sit on it with the hopes to start planning the event.

Brooks contact information would be Maplecreekfarmingco@yahoo.com.

AG Day Committee would be separate from the Rec. Committee.

- (d) Community Map/Signage Update: Matt Micallef (nonmember – resident) is currently working on this (free) and Nicole and Brooklyn will reach out to Dianna re – costs of printing and confirming sizing options.

Don Butterworth, Bernie and Gail need to make an appointment at the Bank re – signatures.

- (e) Easter Egg Hunt 2024 – Riddles/Clues to be completed by Bernie. Monique will print and laminate the eggs that are to be posted, along with the Easter garland to be provided by Bernie. Rec. Committee members are responsible to post the eggs.

Add Easter coloring contest to the backside of the Passport as well.

Monique and Bernie have volunteered to get the prizes (3) for the hunt and coloring contest.

Note for 2025 Easter Egg Hunt: The passports will not be mailed out to everyone in the Township – ie. available to pick up in the office, print from the website, email to interested parties, or ie. leave copies of the Passports available in a bin/box on the day of the event.

5. Open Forum:

Kendra spoke re – soccer program

The homeschool community are asking if they could possibly use the old school grounds to run a soccer program. This would not be a Township ran program.

Kendra and some of the other parents would be fully responsible for it.

- Reach out to the community to see if there is enough interest;
- Parent volunteers;
- Age groups;
- Supplies;
- Preference Chisholm resident kids first

Insurance: Monique to check with Jenny re – insurance for this as well.

Monique will look into his further to see if this is possible, and if it is, then Kendra to email Monique information/advertising that they would want posted in the Newsletter and on Facebook to see if there is enough interest to run such program.

6. New Business:

Horseshoe Tournament - Saturday, August 10, 2024
Rain Date - Saturday, August 17, 2024

7. Adjournment:

Adjourned @ 7:57 p.m.

Resolution 2024-11(REC)

Bernadette Kerr and Nicole Tran: Be it resolved that this meeting of the Recreation Committee now be adjourned and that the next meeting be scheduled for Wednesday, April 3, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m. or at the call of the Chair.

'Carried'



Chairperson



Recording Clerk

A regular meeting of the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit was held on Wednesday, September 28, 2022, via teleconference. Live streaming of the proceedings was provided for the public.

PRESENT:

Nipissing District:

Central Appointee

Nancy Jacko (*Chairperson*)

Central Appointee

Scott Robertson

Parry Sound District:

Northeastern Appointee

Blair Flowers

Southeastern Appointee

Marianne Stickland

Western Appointee

Jamie McGarvey

Public Appointees:

Gary Guenther

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Medical Officer of Health/Executive Officer

Dr. Chirico

Associate Medical Officer of Health

Dr. Carol Zimbalatti

REGRETS:

Central Appointee

Dave Butti

Central Appointee

Tanya Vrebosch

Eastern Appointee

Dean Backer

Western Appointee

Dan Roveda

RECORDER:

Management Administrative Assistant

Sheri Beaulieu

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Health members joined the meeting via Teams video conference. Live streaming of the meeting was available to the media and public through a link provided on the Health Unit's website.

Nancy Jacko called the meeting to order at 6:28 p.m.

2.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda for the September 28, 2022, Board of Health meeting was reviewed, and the following motion was read:

Board of Health Resolution #BOH/2022/09/01 *Robertson/McGarvey

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Health Agenda, dated September 28, 2022, be approved.

The recorded vote was as follows:

Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:	Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:
Dean Backer	R			Jamie McGarvey	X		
Dave Butti	R			Scott Robertson	X		
Blair Flowers	X			Dan Roveda	R		
Gary Guenther	X			Marianne Stickland	X		
Nancy Jacko	X			Tanya Vrebosch	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 – June 22, 2022

The minutes from the Board of Health meeting held on June 22, 2022, were reviewed and the following motion was read:

Board of Health Resolution #BOH/2022/09/02 *Guenther/Stickland

Be It Resolved, that the minutes from the Board of Health meeting held on June 22, 2022, be approved as presented.

The recorded vote was as follows:

Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:	Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:
Dean Backer	R			Jamie McGarvey	X		
Dave Butti	R			Scott Robertson	X		
Blair Flowers	X			Dan Roveda	R		
Gary Guenther	X			Marianne Stickland	X		
Nancy Jacko	X			Tanya Vrebosch	R		

“Carried”

4.2 Board of Health Minutes – June 22, 2022 – In Camera

The minutes from the Board of Health meeting held on June 22, 2022, were reviewed and the following motion was read:

Board of Health Resolution #BOH/2022/09/03 *McGarvey/Guenther

Be It Resolved, that the minutes from the Board of Health in camera meeting held on June 22, 2022, be approved as presented.

The recorded vote was as follows:

Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:	Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:
Dean Backer	R			Jamie McGarvey	X		
Dave Butti	R			Scott Robertson	X		
Blair Flowers	X			Dan Roveda	R		
Gary Guenther	X			Marianne Stickland	X		
Nancy Jacko	X			Tanya Vrebosch	R		

“Carried”

5.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date: To be determined
Time: to be determined
Place: to be determined

6.0 BUSINESS ARISING

There was nothing under Business Arising.

7.0 REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

The Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the September 28, 2022, meeting was presented to the Board of Health for information purposes.

An additional verbal update from the Medical Officer of Health was also provided. The report included the following:

- An upward trend in COVID-19 indices has begun
- Percent positive, hospitalizations, ICU admissions have all increased; however, death rates have decreased
- BA5 variant is the dominant strain of COVID-19
- Locally there have been increased outbreaks in long-term care homes and other congregate settings, 22 people are in hospital with c9 in the Health Unit district, with 2 due to COVID-19, there have been no new deaths in the past two weeks
- The vaccines continue to offer protection
- The message remains to stay home if you are sick, isolate, wear a mask when out in public, and avoid any non-essential visits for 10 days following the start of symptoms
- Influenza activity is low, provincially and locally

- The flu vaccine is expected to be received shortly; influenza vaccine clinic plans are in place, with high-risk groups addressed first

Questions asked by Board members were addressed.

8.0 BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

8.1 Personnel Policy, Labour/Employee Relations Committee

A Personnel Policy, Labour/Employee Relations Committee meeting was held prior to the Board of Health meeting.

The following motions were read:

Board of Health Resolution #BOH/2022/09/04 *Stickland/Robertson

Whereas, the current Ontario Nurses' Association (ONA) collective agreement expired on March 31, 2022; and

Whereas, negotiations were held with ONA on September 7, 8, 14 and 16, 2022.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that on the recommendation of the Personnel Policy, Labour/Employee Relations Committee that the Board of Health approve the monetary changes to the collective agreement between the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit and ONA for full-time and part-time employees effective April 1, 2022, to March 31, 2025

The recorded vote was as follows:

Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:	Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:
Dean Backer	R			Jamie McGarvey	X		
Dave Butti	R			Scott Robertson	X		
Blair Flowers	X			Dan Roveda	R		
Gary Guenther	X			Marianne Stickland	X		
Nancy Jacko	X			Tanya Vrebosch	R		

"Carried"

Board of Health Resolution #BOH/2022/09/05 *Guenther/Stickland

Whereas, the current Management/Non-Union (MNU) Employment Policy expired on March 31, 2022; and

Whereas, discussions were held with MNU representatives on August 31, 2022, September 12 & 22, 2022.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that on the recommendation of the Personnel Policy, Labour/Employee Relations Committee that the Board of Health approve the monetary changes to the MNU Employment Policy between the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit for full-time and part-time MNU employees effective April 1, 2022, to March 31, 2025.

The recorded vote was as follows:

Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:	Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:
Dean Backer	R			Jamie McGarvey	X		
Dave Butti	R			Scott Robertson	X		
Blair Flowers	X			Dan Roveda	R		
Gary Guenther	X			Marianne Stickland	X		
Nancy Jacko	X			Tanya Vrebosch	R		

“Carried”

8.2 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/2022/09/06 *Robertson/McGarvey

Whereas, the lease for the Parry Sound branch office location, that has been serving clients since 2006, expires August 31, 2023; and

Whereas, the existing location is dated and no longer meets the current requirements including the expansion of dental services; and

Whereas, the search for an alternate location, conducted in consultation with real estate firms, community partners, and with input from others, resulted in successfully finding a suitable site; and

Whereas, upon approval from the Executive Team, a Parry Sound programs and services collaborative working group was tasked to work on preliminary space design and lease costs for this location to provide programs and services in the community.

Therefore Be It Resolved, that on the recommendation of the Finance and Property Committee that the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit negotiate with the landlord of the proposed facility to finalize the design, construction, and long-term lease of the space for occupancy effective June 1, 2023.

The recorded vote was as follows:

Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:	Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:
Dean Backer	R			Jamie McGarvey	X		
Dave Butti	R			Scott Robertson	X		
Blair Flowers	X			Dan Roveda	R		
Gary Guenther	X			Marianne Stickland	X		
Nancy Jacko	X			Tanya Vrebosch	R		

“Carried”

9.0 CORRESPONDENCE

Board of Health correspondence listed for the September 28, 2022, meeting is made available for review by Board members in the Board of Health online portal.

Highlight the announcement that Dr. Zimbalatti has been appointed the Associate Medical Officer of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit – congratulations.

10.0 NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Legal Advisors 2022 - Revised

Revision of the previously approved list of legal advisors was required. The following motion was read:

Board of Health Resolution #BOH/2022/09/07 * Guenther/Stickland

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit approve appointment of the following legal advisors for the year 2022:

Corporate Legal Advisors:

- The Corporation of the City of North Bay
 - Lucenti, Orlando & Ellies LLP
 - Frank Williams & Associates

Enforcement Legal Advisors:

- Joseph D. Kennedy B.A., LL.B., C.S.
- The Corporation of the City of North Bay

Health Protection and Promotion Act (HPPA) Legal Advisors:

- Joseph D. Kennedy B.A., LL.B., C.S.
 - Middlebro’ & Stevens LLP
 - Larmer Jackson
 - Larmer-Stickland

Labour Relations Legal Advisors:

- *Filion Wakely Thorup Angeletti LLP*

and,

Furthermore Be It Resolved, that the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit may use additional legal advisors as directed by the Medical Officer of Health/Executive Officer, and approved by resolution at the next regular Board of Health meeting.

The recorded vote was as follows:

Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:	Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:
Dean Backer	R			Jamie McGarvey	X		
Dave Butti	R			Scott Robertson	X		
Blair Flowers	X			Dan Roveda	R		
Gary Guenther	X			Marianne Stickland	X		
Nancy Jacko	X			Tanya Vrebosch	R		

“Carried”

11.0 IN CAMERA

There was no in camera session.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the Board of Health Chairperson adjourned the Board of Health meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Original Signed by Rick Champagne

2023/01/25

Chairperson/Vice-Chairperson

Date (yyyy/mm/dd)

Original Signed by Sheri Beaulieu

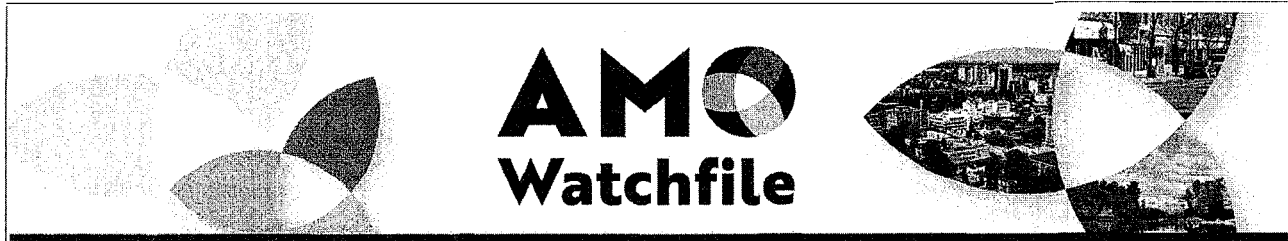
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Sheri Beaulieu, Recorder

Date (yyyy/mm/dd)

Jessica Laberge

From: AMO Communications <communicate@amo.on.ca>
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2024 10:02 AM
To: Jessica Laberge
Subject: AMO Watchfile - October 17, 2024



October 17, 2024

In This Issue

- Get access to MIDAS!
- Ontario investing in transportation for rural communities.
- Apply for the Community Emergency Preparedness Grant Funding.
- Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund - October 29 deadline.
- Funding Available: Agricultural Workforce Equity and Diversity Initiative.
- ERO posting on Electricity Energy Efficiency Framework.
- ERO posting on Additional Residential Units Regulation.
- IESO and MNR Webinar on LT2 Procurement and Project Siting.
- ROMA 2025 Annual Conference - *Rural Routes*.
- ROMA 2025 *Rural Routes*: Exhibitor and sponsorship opportunities.
- Foundations in Planning & Advanced Land Use Planning - October virtual workshops.
- Open mic session - Ask Canoe Anything!
- LAS winter webinars.
- Geothermal Drilling and Aquifer Protection Leading Practices Guide.
- Registration open for Western Ontario Municipal Conference.
- Careers.

AMO Matters

MIDAS - the Municipal Information & Data Analysis System - provides access to the Financial Information Returns (FIRs) data to all Ontario municipalities. MIDAS converts FIR data into meaningful reports. For access, municipal elected officials and municipal staff can email MIDASAdmin@amo.on.ca.

Provincial Matters

The province is investing \$5M annually to help smaller communities build safe and reliable transit services through the new Ontario Transit Investment Fund (OTIF). Municipalities can apply for OTIF funding on an ongoing basis, with programs expected to begin in 2025.

Ontario has announced an additional \$5 million through an application-based program to help increase emergency preparedness. CEPG offers funding for equipment and services to strengthen local emergency readiness. Municipalities under 100,000 are eligible to apply. Applications are due October 31, 2024.

The Ontario government's Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund will revitalize existing infrastructure and support new construction across the province. Apply by October 29, 2024 for repair and rehabilitation projects.

Application intake is open until December 3 for organizations including municipalities to support underrepresented groups in starting or growing their own agri-food business.

The Ministry of Energy is seeking comments on a proposed energy efficiency framework to improve energy affordability and expand efficiency programs offered by local distribution corporations.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is seeking comments on a proposed regulation that would override municipal by-laws to remove barriers to building additional residential units.

The IESO and Ministry of Natural Resources are hosting a webinar on October 22 to provide clarity on project siting and updates on the LT2 RFP. Registration is now open.

Education Opportunities

Register for the ROMA 2025 Annual Conference by **October 31** to access early bird rates. For full registration and hotel information, click here.

Don't be disappointed! Book your trade show booth today to ensure your participation in the 2025 ROMA Conference. Limited spaces available. Download the exhibitor package or sponsorship package today.

Foundations in Land Use Planning familiarizes participants with legislation, processes, and provides real life examples to give a deep understanding and insight into important planning matters. From a strategic perspective, Advance Land Use Planning analyzes case studies and real life examples through instructor lead instruction and group discussion.

LAS

Looking to learn more about the Canoe Procurement Group? Join the 'Ask Canoe Anything' open mic webinar on October 30 at 11am to have all your questions answered. Click here for more information and to register.

LAS has a few more webinars for the remainder of 2024. Visit our website to learn more and to register.

Municipal Wire*

On October 22 at 11am the Ontario Geothermal Association (OGA) will present leading practices to support municipal understanding of drilling processes for geo-exchange low carbon energy systems and protection of local aquifers and water supply systems. Register here.

WOWC is holding its annual Western Ontario Municipal Conference in Chatham-Kent on October 25, 2024. Explore and collaborate on a wide range of topics affecting our municipalities.

Careers

Program Analyst - Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO). Closing Date: October 21, 2024.

Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk - Township of Hornepayne. Closing Date: Nov 10, 2024.

Chief Operating Officer - Kenora District Services Board. Closing Date: November 8, 2024

Manager, Public and Government Relations - Peel Regional Police. Closing Date: October 27, 2024

Planner II - County of Simcoe. Closing Date: October 25, 2024.

Community Planning Project Manager - County of Wellington. Closing Date: October 20, 2024.

Manager, Building Inspections - City of Markham. Closing Date: October 31, 2024.

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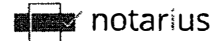
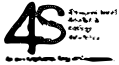
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Backgrounder - SolvethetheCrisis.ca Campaign

Key Asks of the Province

- Appoint a responsible ministry and Minister with the appropriate funding and powers as a single point of contact to address the full spectrum of housing needs as well as mental health, addictions and wrap around supports.
- Have this Minister strike a task force with broad sector representatives including municipalities, healthcare, first responders, community services, the business community and the tourism industry to develop a *Made in Ontario Action Plan*.
- Provide municipalities with the tools and resources to transition those in encampments to more appropriate supports, when deemed necessary
- Commit to funding the appropriate services these individuals need, community by community where there are gaps in the system. Including an immediate increase in detox and rehabilitation beds for those looking to get the health support they need, on their own.
- Invest in 24/7 Community Hubs / Crisis Centres across the province to relieve pressure on emergency centres and first responders

Background Information on the Crisis

OBCM Advocacy

- The 'Solve the Crisis' campaign is a culmination of years of advocacy from Ontario's Big City Mayors on the mental health, addictions and homelessness crisis across Ontario, including our white paper released in 2021, most recently developing our health and homelessness strategy in 2023 and an update to that strategy included in this campaign (see OBCM advocacy timeline below)

A Growing Crisis

- Over the years we have seen this crisis develop to include a growing number of unhoused residents and encampments in many of our communities:
 - Of 72 communities surveyed, 68 reported encampments with an estimated 14-23% of the homeless population staying in encampments - *Infrastructure Canada National Survey on Homeless Encampments*
 - In 2023 there were at least 1,400 homeless encampments in communities across the province. Many of the residents of these encampments suffer from mental health or substance abuse challenges. - *The Association of Municipalities (AMO)*



- **London** - as of March 31, 2024 1758 individuals experiencing homelessness and there were 56 active encampments - [Housing and Homelessness Snapshot, City of London](#)
 - **Kingston** - 1,924 clients received some type of service in relation to Homelessness in 2023 this includes (outreach, shelter, housing support services, such as housing loss prevention and housing application assistance) - [Housing and Homelessness Report, City of Kingston](#)
 - **Region of Waterloo** - current estimates are that 1,000 people are experiencing homelessness across the region including 450 people experiencing Chronic homelessness - [Encampments Report - City of Waterloo](#)
 - **Hamilton** - As of January 31 2024, 1,592 Homeless people, with 585 having been homeless for more than 6 months and, 1007 for less than 6 months - [City of Hamilton](#)
 - **Windsor** - 468 Individuals experienced chronic homelessness in 2023 up 19% from 2022 - [Housing and Homelessness Report - City of Windsor](#)
- Ontario residents are frustrated with the impact of this crisis on their communities and want to see the government take action. In a recent survey conducted by [CMHA Ontario](#)
 - More than 8 in 10 Ontarians would prefer solutions for the ongoing opioid and drug poisoning crisis which focus on healthcare and social services support rather than punishments
 - 73% percent of Ontarians are concerned the opioid crisis is getting worse
 - 56% report that opioid addiction is an issue of concern in their community
 - 71% believe government should prioritize addressing the crisis

There Are Solutions

- Municipalities along with community partners have developed programs and spaces that are providing effective solutions to this crisis including:
 - **London** - from October 2023 - March 2024, as part of a partnership between London Cares and LHSC, the House of Hope has been operating 25 highly supportive units at 362 Dundas Street.
 - Residents have seen significant health improvements including a 74% reduction in emergency department visit volumes in the first three months compared with the same time period and the same cohort in 2022 - [City of London](#)
 - **Toronto** - the city's Street to Homes (S2H) and its outreach partners helped transition 654 people to permanent housing throughout the pandemic - [City of Toronto](#)
 - **Kingston** - the affordable rental housing capital funding program has provided financial assistance from municipal, provincial and federal sources to create over 510 units to get people housed and off the streets



- These include - Addiction Mental Health Housing Stabilization Program-18 beds, Supportive/ Transitional Youth Housing - 48 units, Transitional housing for vulnerable women - 17 beds and more - [City of Kingston](#)
- **Oshawa** recently introduced **Mission United**, a collaborative social service and primary health care HUB for those experiencing homelessness.
 - This program seeks to assist those with high acuity and tri morbidity achieve long term stabilization by providing low barrier, wrap-around supports with a point in time model.
 - Through partnerships with various community agencies, they provide specialized person-centred services through a singular access point.
- **Windsor-Essex** - funded by the city and community organizations the Homelessness & Housing Help Hub (H4) is a “one-stop” multidisciplinary service hub. The H4 works towards the community’s goals to reduce homelessness by delivering housing focused, homelessness resolution programs that provide a variety of wrap-around supports for persons experiencing homelessness.
 - 133 people have been housed through supports provided at H4, 93 people were assisted by a family physician and 180 by a nurse practitioner through the Shelter Health Initiative
 - The Essex County Homelessness Hub has also housed 47 people through their support program - [Home Together Annual Report - Windsor Essex](#)

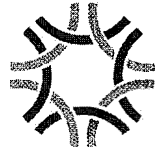
Timeline of OBCM Advocacy Work on Health and Homelessness

- **June 2021** - OBCM released a white paper entitled - *Working Together to Improve our Wellness: Recommendations from Ontario's Big City Mayors to improve mental health and addiction services in Ontario* - including recommendations for:
 - Structural recommendations to ensure more Ontarians get the help they need, when they need it, and where they need it.
 - Support that helps improve and connect municipal services with community mental health services
 - Legislative and regulatory changes that reduce the harm of substance use and support system change
 - Municipal leadership opportunities
 - Full paper found on our website here - [OBCM White Paper 2021](#).
- **June 2022** - OBCM Calls for an Emergency Meeting with Province to Address the Chronic Homelessness, Mental Health, Safety and Addictions Crisis Overwhelming Our Communities
 - This meeting to accelerate solutions to address chronic homelessness, mental health, safety, and addictions issues in our communities as our most



marginalized and vulnerable populations have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic

- Working alongside the Ontario BIA Association (OBIAA) we emphasized the impact this crisis was having on downtowns and small and medium sized businesses who were still struggling from the impact of the pandemic
- OBCM Call for Emergency Meeting
- **August 2022** - at a joint meeting with the Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario (MARCO) OBCM reiterated our call for an emergency meeting on this issue with the support of key stakeholders who signed on to attend, these groups include the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, Ontario Association of Business Improvement Areas, Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police, AMO, Canadian Mental Health Association Ontario and the Ontario Tourism Industry Association.
 - OBCM Reiterates Call for Emergency Meeting with Stakeholders
- **February 2023** - OBCM adopts our Health and Homelessness Strategy including five recommendations for the Ontario government to make an immediate impact on the mental health, addictions and homelessness crisis. These recommendations were developed using information gathered through consultation with local health partners to identify services required to ensure there is a health care continuum and appropriate response to this crisis affecting our cities.
 1. Centralized and integrated intake and dispatch process
 2. More provincial investment in low barrier hubs
 3. More stabilization and treatment beds with experienced staff to support those in their treatment journey
 4. More flexible and predictable funding for supportive housing
 5. More provincial ministry and agency collaboration to reduce red tape and duplication
- Full motion and strategy can be found here - [OBCM Health and Homelessness Strategy 2023](#)
- **April 2023** - OBCM meets with Minister Jones and staff, along with partners from the Canadian Mental Health Association Ontario, Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police, Ontario Chamber of Commerce, the Kingston Health Sciences Centre and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.
 - Discussed the new funding recently announced in the budget of \$202 million each year to the Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP) and Indigenous Supportive Housing Program, and over half a billion dollars to support mental health and addictions.
 - Presented our Health and Homelessness Strategy, including recommendations to address the growing crisis in Ontario's cities
 - OBCM Meets with Minister Jones
- **August 2023** - OBCM representatives have a special "Multi Minister Meeting" on our Health and Homelessness Strategy at the AMO Conference with Minister Parsa (Children, Community and Social Services), Associate Minister Nina Tangri (Housing), Associate Minister Tibollo (Mental Health), Associate Minister Charamine Williams (Women's Social and Economic Opportunity)



- OBCM representatives present our Health and Homelessness plan as well as various programs and facilities that are making a difference in our communities
- **June 2024** - at the OBCM June meeting in Chatham-Kent, members discuss updating the Health and Homelessness Strategy to push for various additional supports/asks from the province, especially as the issue of encampments has now grown and approves a communication campaign leading into the 2024 AMO Conference
 - OBCM Updated Health and Homelessness Strategy, 2024

Overview of Ontario's Investments in Mental Health and Addictions **(from CMHA)**

- Through the Roadmap to Wellness, Ontario is investing \$3.8 billion over 10 years to fill gaps in mental health and addictions care, create new services and expand programs.
- The government invested \$396 million over three years to improve access and expand existing mental health and addictions services and programs as part of Budget 2024.
- This investment includes:
 - \$124 million over three years to support the continuation of the Addictions Recovery Fund. The fund supports:
 - Maintaining 383 addictions treatment beds for adults who need intensive supports, helping to stabilize and provide care for approximately 7,000 clients each year;
 - Three Mobile Mental Health Clinics to provide a suite of mental health and addictions services to individuals living in remote, rural and underserved communities; and
 - Three police-partnered Mobile Crisis Response Teams to support individuals in a mental health or addictions crisis.
- Ongoing support for the Ontario Structured Psychotherapy Program
- Between 2020 and 2023, Ontario established a provincial network of 22 Youth Wellness Hubs which have connected 43,000 youth and their families to mental health, substance use, and wellness services, accounting for over 168,000 visits.
- As part of Budget 2024, Ontario committed \$152 million over the next three years to support individuals facing unstable housing conditions and dealing with mental health and addictions challenges.

Regional Data Points

- **Durham Region:** As of May 31, 2024 The Region of Durham Has at least 757 people experiencing homelessness with 326 having experienced homelessness for 6 months or more.
 - Inflow into shelter system: 35 individuals became chronically homeless, 36 made contact after no contact for 60 days or more and 6 people lost housing.
 - Outflow from Shelter system: 10 people moved from shelters into housing, 6 people lost housing.
 - Durham Municipal Breakdown of active homeless population as of May 2024:
 - Ajax: 241
 - Clarington: 19
 - North Durham: 17
 - Oshawa: 362
 - Pickering: 25
 - Whitby: 58
 - Other/Unknown: 35 - Durham Region, Built for Zero Report Card

- **Halton Region** - As of October 1st 2023, 172 individuals were receiving emergency shelter from the region
 - 270 additional individuals were residing in transitional housing awaiting offers of permanent housing
 - Between 10-25 individuals sleep outside in Halton on any given night, with most actively working with the street outreach team - Halton Region.
 - In 2023, 28% of all shelter placements required the use of hotels for overflow due to increased demand on services
 - Halton Region's Shelter Capacity 2023 (by number of individuals): 148, overflow hotel placements required to meet demand and 99 permanent placement beds.
 - As of 2022, 2,127 emergency housing situations were resolved through outreach and funding through the housing stability fund
 - 884 residents assisted with finding affordable rental housing, and 514 clients received intensive customised supports
 - 56 chronically homeless households were assisted with permanent housing, with intensive wrap around individualized support services
 - Halton Region provided rent geared income to 3,091 households from the Halton Access to Community Housing (HATCH) - Halton Region 2022 State of Housing

- **Niagara Region** - As of March 2021, at least 665 people in the Niagara Region were experiencing homelessness in 2021
 - 121 were children aged 0-15, 76 were youth aged 16-24,
 - 47 reported staying in unsheltered locations
 - Of the 439 surveys reported in 2021:



- Almost 1 in 4 (22.6%) identified as indigenous Compared to Indigenous making up 2.8% of Niagara's Population.
 - 42 percent had been experiencing homelessness for more than 6 months
 - (Data Recording Paused During Pandemic Point In Time Counts begin again Fall 2024)
 - Niagara Region - Point in Time Count
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- **Peel Region** - In 2023 4,800 households received one time financial assistance to prevent homelessness
 - 351 households were placed from peels centralized waiting list into subsidized community housing units
 - 16, 497 households currently using the Affordable Housing System - Peel Region
 - As of October 2023 Peels emergency shelter system was operating above 270% occupancy
 - Overflow expenses have grown significantly projected \$26.9 million for 2023 and \$42 million in 2024 exceeding approved budgets and funding - Peel Region Report
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- **Region of Waterloo** - According to the Youth impact survey youth experiencing homelessness has increased from 8% in 2021 to 13% in 2023 - Region of Waterloo
 - As of September 21, 2021 the Region of Waterloo had 1,085 individuals experiencing homelessness
 - 412 of those are living rough (in encampments, on the street or in vehicle)
 - 335 experiencing hidden homelessness
 - 191 in emergency shelter, 84 in transitional housing, and 63 in institutions.
 - 75% of survey respondents experiencing chronic homelessness - Region of Waterloo Point in Time Count
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- **York Region** - Housed 978 households from the 2023 subsidized housing waitlist
 - Transitioned 1,294 from emergency housing to safe housing over 5 years
 - As of 2023 15,716 households remain on the subsidized housing waitlist Net change of plus 849
 - Opened two new transitional housing sites adding 28 new units to the emergency and transitional housing system
 - Significant increases in the number of people experiencing homelessness projected, with estimates ranging from 2,100 to 2,300 individuals in the next five years.
 - Unique individuals accessing emergency housing increased 5% from 2019 - 2023



- The total number of unique people who experienced chronic homelessness during the year increased by approximately 120% from 2019 to 2023, from 124 to 473.
- 1496 unique persons experiencing homelessness in 2023 - York Region

- **District of Muskoka Lakes** - As of July, 2022 650 households are on the social housing waitlist with 357 of those waiting for a one bedroom unit and a wait time up to 8 years.
 - Median Employment income for individuals is 21% lower than the rest of the province
 - 13% of Muskoka Residents living in poverty
 - 50% of rental households spend more than 30% of their total income on shelter costs.
 - 11 unique households moved from emergency shelters into longer-term housing solutions (i.e. transitional or supportive housing)
 - 15 households were moved from unsheltered/provisionally accommodated to transitional or long-term housing
 - 6 households were supported to move from transitional to long-term housing
 - 973 requests for assistance in obtaining housing from households experiencing homelessness
 - 19,518 requests for assistance from households experiencing homelessness received supports and services (not related to accommodation)
 - 1,209 requests for assistance from households at risk of homelessness received supports and services (not related to accommodation) to support housing loss prevention, retention, or re-housing - Muskoka 10 Year Housing & Homelessness Plan Annual Report

- **South Eastern Ontario**
 - **Kingston** - As of December 2023, Approximately 127 people slept rough meaning makeshift accommodations, sleeping in street, park or vehicle an increase of 12 from august - december of 2023
 - 1,924 clients received some type of service in relation to Homelessness in 2023 this includes (outreach, shelter, housing support services, such as housing loss prevention and housing application assistance) - City of Kingston
 - **Ottawa** - As of December 31, 2023 Ottawa had 12,447 households on the centralized waitlist with 1,186 households housed from the waitlist
 - 49 New Affordable units and 57 New Supportive units were completed
 - 301 households were housed through the housing first program
 - 1,129 households housed from the shelter system
 - 988 people Chronically homeless, with 382 individuals with a history of chronic homelessness being housed
 - 13% increase in people using the shelter system



— **OBCM** —
Ontario's Big City Mayors

- 3% decrease in the average length of stay in shelter system, 25% increase in newcomer inflow into shelter system - City of Ottawa
- **South Western Ontario**
 - **Windsor** - In 2023, 715 households experiencing homelessness were housed
 - 95 individuals experiencing chronic homelessness were housed with supports
 - Youth Homelessness: 25 youth experiencing homelessness housed with supports
 - 1105 households assisted with rent assistance. - City of Windsor

MOTION : [insert name of your municipality or organization here] supports the SolvethetheCrisis.ca Campaign and requests that the Provincial and Federal Governments take Action to Address the Growing Mental Health, Addictions and Homelessness Crisis in Ontario

Whereas there is a humanitarian crisis unfolding on the streets in our cities, large and small, urban and rural, across Ontario. The time for words is over, we need immediate action at all levels of government, starting with the Province of Ontario

Whereas the homelessness, mental health and addictions crisis continues to grow with 3432 drug related deaths in Ontario in 2023¹ and over 1400 homeless encampments across Ontario communities in 2023²; and

Whereas the province has provided additional funding and supports, such as the recent investment of \$378 million for HART Hubs and approximately 375 beds with wraparound supports, it does not adequately address the growing crisis and the financial and social impact on municipalities and regions across the province; and

Whereas municipalities and regions are stepping up and working with community partners to put in place community-specific solutions to address this crisis, but municipalities and regions lack the expertise, capacity, or resources to address these increasingly complex health care and housing issues alone; and

Whereas this is primarily a health issue that falls under provincial jurisdiction and municipalities and regions should not be using the property tax base to fund these programs; and

Whereas there is no provincial lead focused on this crisis leading to unanswered questions that span over a dozen ministries, and a lack of support to manage the increasing needs of those who are unhoused.

Therefore, be it resolved that [insert name of your municipality here] supports the SolvethetheCrisis.ca Campaign;

And calls on provincial and federal governments to commit to immediate action to solve the Humanitarian Crisis that Ontario is facing as the numbers of unhoused individuals and those suffering with mental health & addictions grows exponentially;

AND that the province officially makes Homelessness a Health Priority;

AND appoints a responsible Minister and Ministry with the appropriate funding and powers as a single point of contact to address the full spectrum of housing needs as well as mental health, addictions and wrap around supports;

AND that the provincial government strike a task force with broad sector representatives including municipalities, regions, healthcare, first responders, community services, the business community and the tourism industry to develop a *Made in Ontario Action Plan*;

¹ Office of the Chief Coroner, Ontario (2024). OCC *Opioid Mortality Summary Q4 2023*. [PDF] .
<https://odprn.ca/occ-opioid-and-suspect-drug-related-death-data/>

² Homeless Encampments in Ontario. A Municipal Perspective. Association of Municipalities of Ontario. July 2024. -

AND that this provincial task force reviews current programs developed by municipalities, regions and community partners that have proven successful in our communities, to ensure that solutions can be implemented quickly and effectively to tackle this crisis.

AND that the federal government is included in these conversations.

AND that both levels of government provide adequate, sufficient and sustainable funding to ensure that municipalities have the tools and resources to support individuals suffering with mental health and addictions, including unhoused people and those from vulnerable populations that may be disproportionately impacted;

And that this **[Council or Board]** calls on the residents of **[insert name of your municipality, region or organization here]** to join us in appealing to the provincial and federal governments for support by visiting SolveTheCrisis.ca and showing your support;

AND further that a copy of this motion be sent to:

- The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
- The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada
- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health
- The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- The Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
- The Honourable Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions
- Local MPs
- Local MPPs and
- Ontario's Big City Mayors

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHISHOLM

BY-LAW NO. 2024-30

BEING A BY-LAW TO REPEAL 2012-30

WHEREAS The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm deems it desirable to repeal By-Law 2012-30 being a by-law to regulate the setting off of fireworks;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm passed By-law 2023-41, being a by-law to regulate the setting off of fireworks, with intention to repeal and replace by-law 2012-30;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm repeals By-Law 2012-30.

READ A FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS 22ND, DAY OF OCTOBER 2024.

Mayor, Gail Degagne

CAO Clerk Treasurer, Jennistine Leblond

Policy:	BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICY	Policy No. 7.28
Section:	Miscellaneous	Effective: , 2024
Approved by:	Resolution No. 2024-XX	Revised:
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Policy Statement

The objective of the By-law Enforcement Policy is to obtain compliance with municipal by-laws through effective enforcement based on consistency, education, and fairness.

This policy describes the procedures related to By-law enforcement, including the issues of confidentiality as set out in the *Municipal Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy Act*, the setting of priorities for action, and includes provisions for further enforcement.

Purpose

The purpose of the policy is to provide a formal policy and procedure governing the enforcement of municipal by-laws and response to infractions to ensure a consistent, standardized, thorough, prompt, and courteous receipt, processing, investigation, and resolution thereof.

This policy applies to all by-laws of the Township of Chisholm and any requests for enforcement received by the Municipality. The scope of the policy is limited to the geographical boundaries of the Township of Chisholm.

Definition

Administrator means the Chief Administration Officer of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm or his/her designate.

Complainant means a person, group, or company who submits a formal complaint to the Municipality regarding a contravention of a municipal by-law.

Complaint, written or verbal means a complaint received by the Municipality, wherein the Complainant submits their full name, address, phone number, and nature of complaint that can be verified by Municipal By-law Enforcement personnel.

By-law Enforcement Officer means a person appointed, by By-law, by the Municipality for the purposes of municipal by-law enforcement.

Municipality means the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm.

Spite Complaint means a complaint submitted with ill will or with intention of malice towards another person or entity and may include retaliatory complaints and civil disputes.

A Spite Complaint may also be defined as frivolous and vexatious complaint, or a complaint that is part of a pattern of conduct by the complainant that amounts to an abuse of the complaint process. Such complaints shall be brought to the attention of the Administrator and the Administrator shall, at their sole discretion, determine if the complaint shall be investigated or rejected.

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Legislative & Administrative Authorities

Section 224(d & d.1) of the Municipal Act, 2001 states that it is the role of Council:

“To ensure that administrative policies, practices and procedures and controllership policies, practices and procedures are in place to implement the decisions of Council; to ensure the accountability and transparency of the operations of the municipality, including the activities of the senior management of the municipality”.

Part XIV of the Municipal Act, 2001 provides legislation regarding enforcement and the municipality’s ability to pass by-laws to enforce and set fines.

Policy Requirements

The safety of staff and/or agents of the Municipality is of the utmost importance. If staff are verbally or physically threatened while enforcing By-laws, then no further investigative action shall be carried out until a police officer accompanies the By-law Enforcement Officer.

The Municipality is committed to the delivery of municipal law enforcement services in a timely and effective manner.

By-law enforcement is both proactive as well as reactive in nature:

- By-law Enforcement Personnel, upon observation of a possible By-law violation, may undertake an investigation on their own initiative.
- The Municipality may act upon complaints received from the public.
- Senior Level Township employees, upon observation, may bring possible by-law violations to By-law Enforcement Personnel who will then decide if further investigation is warranted.

By-law Enforcement Personnel have discretion to determine the appropriate response to a complaint. This may include decisions to act on some, all, or none of the complaint, assign priority between complaints; immediately issue an offence notice/ticket, or an emergency order to remedy a violation as determined at the staff’s sole discretion. This discretion is to be exercised based on the following criteria:

- Safety factors.
- History of attempts for compliance made by the Municipality and/or its agents.
- Available resources, including financial resources.
- Potential impact of not responding.
- Offer for formal mediation.

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- Coordinating involvement with other relevant agencies.
- Likelihood of achieving compliance.
- Municipal jurisdiction and authority.
- Other enforcement avenues including civil processes.

Notwithstanding the above, the goal of by-law enforcement is to achieve compliance with municipal by-laws through education and cooperation as opposed to enforcement. All violations should be approached with this intent, and the cooperation of the individual should be sought first in every instance.

Spite Complaints, as determined by the Administrator, shall not be investigated by a By-law Enforcement Officer.

The Municipality is not obliged to enforce any by-law or to pursue law enforcement action on any by-law infraction, which is consistent with Section 444(1) of the Municipal Act. Where a decision is made, not to enforce compliance with a by-law, the decision shall be documented.

Any decision made under this policy, including a decision not to respond to a complaint, enforce a by-law, or a decision by the Administrator, may at any time be revisited by the Administrator.

The Ontario Provincial Police is responsible for enforcement of the criminal code and emergency situations. They should be contacted to deal with issues, including but not limited to loitering, trespassing, noise related neighbour or domestic disputes, possible drug activity, vandalism, or other criminal activity.

Failure to comply with any provision of this policy shall not invalidate any proceeding or any step, document, or order in a proceeding otherwise in accordance with any municipal by-law, provincial, or federal legislation.

General Principles

1. Submission of a Complaint

Complaints regarding alleged by-law infractions shall be reported to the municipal staff who will forward details by using the Occurrence Form (Appendix A) to a By-law Enforcement Officer.

When a complaint is received by the By-law Enforcement Officer, they shall contact the complainant to confirm the nature of the complaint and get any further details.

Anonymous, incomplete complaints, and complaints communicated through third parties, including Members of Council, will not be acted upon unless the alleged infraction is a life, safety, or environment matter.

2. Confidentiality

Complainants and persons who are the subject of a complaint are protected under the

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Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and every complainant shall be kept completely confidential and not be intentionally divulged to any member of Council, non-essential municipal staff, the public, or media unless so ordered by a Court or privacy commissioner.

Pursuant to the above, once a complaint has been filed, information or documentation that would violate a complainant or defendants' rights under *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, will not be disclosed.

However, By-law Enforcement personnel dealing with a complaint will contact the complainant and provide a brief description of the action taken. If the complaint resulted in a Provincial Offense Notice (i.e., a ticket) being issued, the complainant must be informed that a ticket was issued and that they would be required to attend court if the person who was issued the ticket pleads not guilty.

It is important to note that the anonymity and confidentiality afforded complainants and alleged violators by this policy cannot be assured if the investigation results in court proceedings as the complainant may be required to act as a witness for the prosecution.

3. Issue Priority

Complaints shall first be ordered based on the date of receipt. If multiple complaints are received in a close proximity of each other, the By-law enforcement officer shall then assign a priority level of:

- Low Priority – A by-law violation unlikely to cause life, health, safety issues, and/or negatively impact the community or the environment.
- Medium Priority – Multiple low priority violations or a by-law violation with potential to cause life, health, safety issues, and/or negatively impact the community or the environment.
- High Priority – Multiple by-law violations or a by-law violation currently causing or imminently threatening to cause life, health, safety issues, and/or negatively impact the community or the environment.

The priority level shall determine the resources assigned to the resolution of an alleged infraction, and the flexibility with which the Municipality may achieve a resolution with the named person. In high priority cases, warnings and extended remedy times may be waived.

4. Processing Procedure

All complaints shall be logged, recorded, and actioned within five to ten business days of receipt. All complaints and subsequent investigations shall be kept on file in accordance with the Municipality's Records Retention Policy.

Upon receipt of a complaint, a preliminary review of the complaint shall be undertaken to set a

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priority to verify the information provided and research any supporting documentation which may be available in municipal records. If necessary, a site visit shall be completed to determine if a contravention exists.

If By-law Enforcement Personnel are unclear of a possible contravention, they shall report the issue to the Administrator to seek advice.

The By-law Enforcement Officer shall notify any municipal departments and outside agencies that may need to be aware of an issue, or be required to assist (e.g., Fire, Operations, Building and Planning, provincial ministries). A record of the conversation shall be kept by the Officer.

At the By-law Enforcement Personnel's discretion:

- the named individual(s) shall be notified by phone call, in-person, by email, or by regular or registered letter and given the opportunity to provide their perspective and any supporting evidence.
- the named individual(s) shall be given the opportunity to voluntarily comply within a set timeframe, identified on a case-by case basis, before further action is taken. Individuals may also be requested to cease the activity until compliance is achieved.

By-law Enforcement Personnel may issue an emergency order to remedy a violation in lieu of an initial warning when such violation poses an immediate threat to health or safety.

When compliance with the warning and/or order is confirmed, the By-law Enforcement Officer shall close the file by returning the completed Occurrence Form to the Administrator.

If the warning and/or order has not been complied with by the specified time, the By-law Enforcement Officer shall suggest next steps to Administrator to determine whether to attempt a second written warning or proceed with the actions in accordance with municipal by-laws.

Any enforcement action that would result in the Municipality expending additional public monies in excess of \$5,000, in support of enforcement efforts, shall be reported to Council.

Roles and Responsibilities

1. Council:

- Adopts by-laws, policies, and any amendment thereto. Regulatory by-laws shall identify the enforcement jurisdiction and the person and/or agent authorized to enforce those regulations.
- All Council inquiries related to by-law enforcement shall be directed to the Administrator. Individual members of Council shall not sanction, direct, investigate, assess, or interfere with a complaint or investigation.

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2. The Chief Administration Officer, or designate:
 - Serves as the Administrator of this policy or appoint a designate.
 - Makes recommendations to Council for policy amendments.
 - Shall keep the Council advised of any significant enforcement actions that have direct legal or significant financial implications for the Municipality (\$5,000 and above).

3. The By-law Enforcement Officer (BLEO):
 - shall coordinate all regulatory By-law enforcement actions.
 - shall investigate complaints and carry out enforcement actions.
 - Where the BLEO has reasonable and probable grounds to believe that a violation exists, he or she may enter upon private property to further an investigation or resolve any violation.
 - shall only conduct business on the property related to the issue of the complaint.
 - shall maintain a detailed reporting of enforcement activity on the second page of the Occurrence form
 - shall submit an annual report summarizing enforcement activity to the Administrator who will then share with Council. The report will be generalized and not include identifiable information.
 - shall be in compliance with the municipal Employee Code of Conduct policy.

Connections to other Policies, By-laws or Legislation

- Employee Code of Conduct

This policy will be replacing Policy 7.12 Municipal Law Enforcement Policy and Policy 7.04 Occurrence Procedures.



Rank _____

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF CHISHOLM

OCCURRENCE NO.: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Taken by: _____
Informant Name: _____ Update requested: Yes / No
Contact Telephone Number: _____

TYPE OF OCCURRENCE (Check the box)

Property Standards <input type="checkbox"/>	Fire <input type="checkbox"/>	Landfill <input type="checkbox"/>
Municipal By-laws <input type="checkbox"/>	Building Code <input type="checkbox"/>	Recycling <input type="checkbox"/>
	Animal Control <input type="checkbox"/>	Roads <input type="checkbox"/>

Other _____

DETAILS OF OCCURRENCE

Property Owner: _____
Legal Description of Property: _____

Mailing Address: _____
Phone number: _____

DETAILS OF THE OCCURRENCE Date: _____ Time: _____

Date of Notification of Occurrence: _____

Date File Closed: _____

ACTIONS COMPLETED BY MLEO:

OCCURRENCE NO.: _____

[Empty rectangular box for reporting actions completed by MLEO]

Policy:	BLUE GREEN ALGAE NOTIFICATION POLICY	Policy No. 7.25
Section:	MISCELLANEOUS	Effective: November 14, 2023
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Policy:

The following is a policy to guide staff in notifying residents when Blue Green Algae has been identified in the watershed.

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is:

- to inform the public of a Blue Green Algae outbreak
- to educate the public on Blue Green Algae using resources from the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (NBPSDHU) and Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP).

Procedure:

- 1) Once staff have been notified in writing by MECP of an outbreak (reports received are confidential) the following communication will occur:
 - a. A message will be posted on the township social media page. The message will include the date the sample was taken, notify of the signs posted, and a link to the health unit Blue-Green Algae page.
 - b. The water resource page on the website will be updated with the date the sample was taken.
 - c. Signs (provided by the Health Unit) will be posted at the Beach at 600 Beach Road and the boat Launch at Laporte's Road and will remain in place for the summer season.
 - d. An email will be sent to members Council, all office staff and Operations Superintendent informing them of the outbreak.
 - e. Notice will be put in the monthly newsletter that follows the date of the outbreak.
- 2) The water resources website page will be updated with any new information as it becomes available.
- 3) Staff is to respond to inquiries in the following manner:
 - a. Direct inquirers to visit the Health Unit website for current information.
 - b. Inform of the Township's process and where to look for the date of the most recent positive sample.
- 4) Public Works will remove the posted signs, at the end of the summer season.

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THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION

Powassan (ON #453) Branch
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Powassan, ON P0H1Z0
Phone: 705-724-2235

October 8, 2024

Mayor Gail Degagne

Municipality of Chisholm

2847 Chiswick Line, R.R. 4,

Powassan, Ontario

P0H 1Z0

Dear Mayor Degagne: Re: Remembrance Day Ceremonies

This will serve as a formal request to attend and participate in our Remembrance Day ceremonies at the Powassan cenotaph on November 11, 2024.

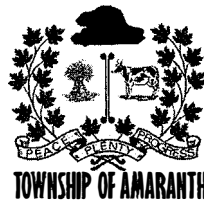
While you may not be available in person, it would be greatly appreciated if you could send a representative to the Powassan venue to lay a wreath on behalf of Municipality of Chisholm.

Kindly let us know when arrangements are finalized and if possible provide the name of the representative, if you cannot attend in person.

We greatly appreciate your ongoing support of our Legion and those in the District and welcome you or your representative to our Branch, following the official ceremonies.

Regards

Don Pearo, President



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September 18, 2024

AMCTO Advocacy Team
2680 Skymark Ave, Suite 610
Mississauga, ON L4W 5L6

Senty by Email to: advocacy@amcto.com

Re: Provincial Updates to the Municipal Elections Act

At its regular meeting of Council held on September 18, 2024, the Township of Amaranth Council passed the following resolution.

Resolution #: 3

Moved by: G. Little

Seconded by: B. Metzger

WHEREAS elections rules need to be clear, supporting candidates and voters in their electoral participation and election administrators in running elections.

WHEREAS legislation needs to strike the right balance between providing clear rules and frameworks to ensure the integrity of the electoral process,

WHEREAS the legislation must also reduce administrative and operational burden for municipal staff ensuring that local election administrators can run elections in a way that responds to the unique circumstances of their local communities.

WHEREAS the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* (MEA) will be 30 years old by the next municipal and school board elections in 2026.

WHEREAS the MEA sets out the rules for local elections, the *Assessment Act, 1990* and the *Education Act, 1990* also contain provisions impacting local elections adding more places for voters, candidates, and administrators to look for the rules that bind the local democratic process in Ontario.

WHEREAS with rules across three pieces of legislation, and the *MEA* containing a patchwork of clauses, there are interpretation challenges, inconsistencies, and gaps to fill.

WHEREAS the Act can pose difficulties for voters, candidates, contributors and third-party advertisers to read, to interpret, to comply with and for election administrators to enforce.

WHEREAS while local elections are run as efficiently and effectively as can be within the current legislative framework, modernization and continuous improvement is needed to ensure the Act is responsive to today's needs and tomorrow's challenges.

WHEREAS to keep public trust and improve safeguards the Act should be reviewed considering the ever-changing landscape which impacts elections administration including privacy, the threats of foreign interference, increased spread of mis/disinformation and the increased use of technologies like artificial intelligence and use of digital identities.

WHEREAS the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) reviewed the Act and has provided several recommendations including modernizing the legislation, harmonizing rules, and streamlining and simplifying administration.

AND WHEREAS AMCTO put forward recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2026 elections and longer-term recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2030 elections.

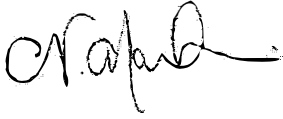
BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Township of Amaranth calls for the Province to update the MEA with priority amendments as outlined by AMCTO before Summer 2025 and commence work to review and re-write the MEA with longer-term recommendations ahead of the 2030 elections.

And Be It Further Resolved that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (minister.mah@ontario.ca), the Minister of Education (minister.edu@ontario.ca), the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery (todd.mccarthy@ontario.ca), Minister of Finance (Minister.fin@ontario.ca) the Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca), Sylvia Jones MPP (sylvia.jones@ontario.ca) and AMCTO (advocacy@amcto.com)

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Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you require any further information.

Yours truly,



Nicole Martin, Dipl. M.A.
CAO/Clerk

cc. All Ontario Municipalities

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (minister.mah@ontario.ca)

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September 20, 2024

BY E-MAIL

Hon. Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
5th Floor
777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Minister Khanjin:

Ontario Deposit Return Program

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to formally address the recent discussions surrounding the Ontario Deposit Return Program, particularly regarding our community residents asking us about the recycling of nonalcoholic beverage plastics.

Whereas the Ontario Deposit Return Program has successfully incentivized the recycling of alcoholic beverage containers, resulting in the removal of over 204,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions, we recognize the potential for similar success with nonalcoholic beverages.

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks highlighted in their June 2023 letter that they are considering the adoption of a deposit-and-return system for nonalcoholic beverages. This initiative presents a unique opportunity to further promote recycling, reduce litter, and encourage sustainable practices among consumers.

Therefore, I am proud to announce that our Council endorses the expansion of the Ontario Deposit Return Program to include nonalcoholic beverage containers. We believe that this expansion will not only enhance environmental stewardship but also foster a culture of sustainability within our community.

We encourage all stakeholders to support this initiative and work collaboratively towards its implementation. Together, we can make a significant impact on our environment and set a positive example for future generations.

Yours truly,

Mayor James Leduc
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

CC:

Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Hon. Caroline Mulroney, Member of Provincial Parliament for York-Simcoe
MPP Sandy Shaw, Opposition Environment, Conservation and Parks Critic
Ontario's Municipal Councils and Conservation Authorities

Jessica Laberge

From: FONOM Office/ Bureau de FONOM <fonom.info@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2024 10:25 AM
Subject: Ontario Forest Industries Association's 2025 Ontario Budget Recommendations
Attachments: FONOM Resolution, To Support Ontario's Forest Industry in the 2025 Ontario Budget.pdf; 24-25_OFIA_pre-budget-final-jan08_2023.pdf

Good morning

Please forward this to your Mayor, Councils, and Senior Management.

Recognizing how vital the Forestry Industry is to the economy in Northern Ontario and the whole of Ontario, FONOM asks your council to consider bringing this Resolution forward at your Municipality. I have attached a Draft Forestry Resolution for your consideration and a copy of the OFIA Budget submission.

Happy to answer any questions.

Talk soon, Mac.

Mac Bain
Executive Director
The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities
665 Oak Street East, Unit 306
North Bay, ON, P1B 9E5
Ph. 705-498-9510

To Support Ontario's Forest Industry in the 2025 Ontario Budget

WHEREAS, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) recognizes how vital the Forestry Industry is to the Economy in Ontario;

WHEREAS, the success of the forest sector is critical to the economic and social prosperity of Ontario communities, employing 137,000 people;

WHEREAS, the forest industry has invested over \$3.8 billion in Ontario since 2018;

WHEREAS, Ontario has an opportunity to market global investment in the bioeconomy, similar to critical minerals and electric vehicle manufacturing, and become a leading international jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, over the last 20 years, the North American pulp and paper sector has seen a significant rationalization in production capacity, with investment dollars going to competing international jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, in the last year, Ontario has seen three pulp, paper, and containerboard mills idle or close, negatively impacting communities and the solid wood mills that depend on these facilities as markets for mill by-products and pulpwood;

WHEREAS, U.S. tariffs on softwood lumber are expected to double in 2025, to approximately 30%;

WHEREAS, Ontario should work with federal colleagues to pursue a softwood lumber settlement that works in the best interests of Ontario lumber producers and advocate for a financial backstop;

WHEREAS, Ontario has an opportunity to procure greater amounts of energy (i.e., electricity, heat, fuels, biochar, etc.) from forestry by-products and forests to assist in heavy industry decarbonization and Ontario's forecasted electricity demands;

WHEREAS, Ontario's successful and oversubscribed *Forest Biomass Program* should continue post-2027;

WHEREAS, Ontario will actively seek investment to restart idled softwood kraft lines in Ontario and Quebec to provide immediate relief for some sawmill producers;

WHEREAS, Ontario's \$10 million *Sawmill Chip Program*, ending March 25, 2025, will likely need to continue and expand in the absence of an immediate restart of a currently idled pulp mill to avoid curtailments at solid wood facilities;

WHEREAS, 5-year bilateral power purchase agreements (PPAs) with forest biomass-fired electrical generation facilities are insufficient and should be expanded both in terms of length and volume to provide communities, industry, and workers with a certain future;

WHEREAS, the public *Forest Access Roads Funding Program*, which provides for the public use of Ontario's forests, should be increased to \$75 million/year to reflect inflationary pressures and support legacy infrastructure upgrades (i.e., roads, bridges, and water crossings).

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) support the implementation of the Ontario Forest Industries Association's 2025 Ontario Budget Recommendations in support of attracting investment and maintaining forest operations and employment in Ontario.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Minister Vic Fedeli, Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Minister Graydon Smith, Natural Resources, Associate Minister Kevin Holland, Forestry and Forest Products, Minister Andrea Khanjin, Environment, Conservation and Parks, Minister Todd McCarthy, Environment, Conservation and Parks, Minister George Pirie, Mines, Minister Steven Lecce, Energy and Electrification, Associate Minister Sam Oosterhoff, Energy Intensive Industries, Minister Peter Bethlenfalvy, Finance, _____ local MPP ____, the leaders of the Opposition Parties, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, AMO, ROMA, and OFIA.

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHISHOLM
BY-LAW NUMBER 2024-31**

*A by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Township of Chisholm
at the regular meeting held on October 22, 2024*

WHEREAS Subsection 5(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, as amended, provides that the powers of a municipal corporation are to be exercised by its Council;

AND WHEREAS Subsection 5(3) of the said Municipal Act provides that the power, including a municipality's capacity, rights, powers and privileges under section 9 of the Act, of every Council are to be exercised by by-law;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient that the proceedings of the Council of the Township of Chisholm at this meeting be confirmed and adopted by by-law;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm enacts as follows:

1. That the actions of the Council of the Township of Chisholm in respect of each motion and resolution passed and other action taken by the Council of the Township of Chisholm at this meeting, save and except any directions passed in the closed session, is hereby adopted and confirmed as if all such proceedings were expressly embodied in this by-law.
2. That the CAO Clerk-Treasurer or Alternate and the appropriate officials of the Township of Chisholm are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the action of the Council of the Township of Chisholm referred to in the preceding section.
3. The CAO Clerk-Treasurer, or in the absence of the CAO Clerk-Treasurer the Acting Clerk, are authorized and directed to execute all documents necessary in that behalf and to affix thereto the corporate seal of the Township of Chisholm.
4. That this By-law shall come into force and take effect upon the passing thereof.

READ a first, second and third time and passed this 22nd day of October, 2024.

Mayor, Gail Degagne

CAO Clerk-Treasurer, Jennistine Leblond