

***** AGENDA *****
AMENDED MARCH 23, 2022
Tuesday, March 29, 2022
****START TIME 6:30 p.m.****

1. Disclosure of pecuniary interest.
2. Staff Reports.
3. Committee Reports.
4. Resolution: Adopt the minutes of the meeting held March 15, 2022.
5. By-Law: Rules and Regulations that govern Cemeteries in the Township of Nipissing.
6. By-Law: Adopt a Municipal Position Description for a Grader and Equipment Operator position for the Township of Nipissing.
7. By-Law: Tax Ratios.
8. Presentation: Final 2022 Budget.
9. By-Law: Adopt 2022 Budget and Final Tax Rates.
10. Resolution: Accept Quotation from Owl-Lite for the supply of Traffic Control lights.
11. Resolution: Accept Quotation from Spectrum Group for the supply of a telecommunications tower and repeater equipment.
12. Resolution: Request a speed limit reduction in the Settlement Area along Highway 522.
13. Resolution: Donation to the Powassan Agricultural Society 2022 Fall Fair.
14. Resolution: Approve the updated Use of Municipal Resources During an Election Campaign Rules and Procedures.
15. Resolution: Authorize the Mayor to sign a letter with comments regarding the use of floating accommodations on waterways over Ontario's public lands.
16. Resolution: Approve the Spring 2022 Newsletter for circulation.
17. Resolution: Authorize the Township Office to close from 12 pm to 4:30 pm on Thursday, April 13, 2022 for Election Training.
18. Correspondence.
19. Accounts to pay.
20. By-Law: Confirming Proceedings of Council.
21. Adjournment.

****In response to COVID-19 safety protocols currently in place, Council meetings will be held in person at 2381 Highway 654, Township of Nipissing Community Centre and virtually utilizing the Zoom platform; and will be livestreamed to the Township of Nipissing YouTube channel.**
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MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING
Tuesday, March 15, 2022

A regular meeting of the Township of Nipissing Council was held on Tuesday, March 15, 2022. In response to COVID-19 precautions, the meeting was held virtually using the Zoom platform, in person at the Township of Nipissing Community Centre, and livestreamed to the Township of Nipissing YouTube Channel.

Present: Mayor Tom Piper and Councillors Steve Kirkey, Tom Marchant, Liz Moore and James Scott.

Zoom: Ed Veldboom, Russell Christie LLP; John Kelly; Teresa Kelly; Carolina Campos, Gowling LLP.

Staff: Fire Chief Will Bateman, Operations Superintendent Dan MacInnis, Administrative Assistant-Deputy Clerk Kristin Linklater, Land Planning & IT Administrator – Deputy Treasurer John-Paul Negrinotti, and Municipal Administrator Kris Croskery-Hodgins.

Guests: David Sephton, Rose Haufe, Mike Howse and Paul Goodridge.

Disclosure of pecuniary interest: None

Staff Reports:

Will Bateman, Fire Chief-CEMC-MLEO – written report.

Committee Reports:

Liz Moore: Nipissing Township Museum Board, Recreation Committee

Steve Kirkey: Powassan District Union Public Library

James Scott: Recreation Committee

Tom Piper: Eastholme Home for the Aged Board of Management

R2022-47 T. Marchant, L. Moore: That the minutes of the Council Meeting held February 22, 2022 be adopted as published. **Carried.**

This part of our meeting is declared a public meeting pursuant to the provisions of Section 34 (12) of the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990, to discuss an application for a change to Zoning By-Law 2020-20 by applicant Paul Goodridge on behalf of property owners Michael and Jane Howse.

R2022-48 S. Kirkey, J. Scott: That we pass By-Law Number 2022-10, being a By-Law to Amend Zoning By-Law 2020-20 for the Removal of a Holding (H) Symbol, as amended.

Read a first, second and third time and passed this 15th day of March, 2022. **Carried.**

Paul Goodridge and Mike Howse left the meeting.

Public presentations were heard regarding Item #6 on the Agenda, Closing any and all portions of the Deviation Road located in Part of Lot 20, Concession 3, Geographic Township of Gurd, lying between Provincial Highway 522 and the boundary of Concessions 2 and 3, in the Township of Nipissing, District of Parry Sound.

Carolina Campos, Gowling LLP; John Kelly; Teresa Kelly and Ed Veldboom, Russell Christie LLP spoke to this item.

R2022-49 L. Moore, J. Scott: That we pass By-Law Number 2022-11, being a By-Law to stop up and close any and all portions of the Deviation Road located in part of Lot 20, Concession 3, Geographic Township of Gurd, lying between Provincial Highway 522 and the boundary of Concessions 2 and 3, in the Township of Nipissing, District of Parry Sound.

Read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 15th day of March, 2022. **Carried.**

Recorded Vote Requested: T. Piper – For; S. Kirkey – For; T. Marchant – Against; L. Moore – For; J. Scott – For.
Carolina Campos, John Kelly, Teresa Kelly and Ed Veldboom signed off of Zoom, leaving the meeting.

R2022-50 J. Scott, L. Moore: That we pass By-Law Number 2022-12, being a By-Law to adopt a revised Organizational Chart for the Township of Nipissing.
Read a first, second and third time and passed this 15th day of March, 2022. **Carried.**

R2022-51 T. Marchant, S. Kirkey: That we pass By-Law Number 2022-13, being a By-Law to adopt Municipal Position Descriptions for the Municipal Administrator; Administrative Assistant-Deputy Clerk and Land Planning and Technology Administrator – Deputy Treasurer positions for the Township of Nipissing.
Read a first, second and third time and passed this 15th day of March, 2022. **Carried.**

R2022-52 J. Scott, L. Moore: That we pass By-Law Number 2022-14, being a By-Law to appoint a Land Planning & Technology Administrator – Deputy Treasurer.
Read a first, second and third time and passed this 15th day of March, 2022. **Carried.**

R2022-53 T. Marchant, S. Kirkey: That we pass By-Law Number 2022-15, being a By-Law to appoint an Administrative Assistant – Deputy Clerk.
Read a first, second and third time and passed this 15th day of March, 2022. **Carried.**

R2022-54 T. Marchant, L. Moore: That the Council of the Township of Nipissing supports Resolution No. 44-22 of the Municipality of Shuniah, supporting the expansion of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) to address the urgent need for physicians in Northern Ontario. **Carried.**

R2022-55 J. Scott, L. Moore: That we authorize Councillor Kirkey to attend the 2022 FONOM/MMA Northeastern Ontario Municipal Conference hosted by the City of North Bay, May 9 to 11, 2022.
Carried.

R2022-56 J. Scott, S. Kirkey: That we accept the Request for Proposal from Open Space, For the provision and installation of Playground Equipment for Heritage Park. RFP Cost: \$83,630. **Carried.**

Item #14, RFP for Municipal Software was deferred pending further investigation into options.

R2022-57 T. Marchant, L. Moore: That we award a Request for Proposal for Consultant Services, Landfill Monitoring submitted by Pinchin, effective the 2022 monitoring season.
Submitted cost of \$29,010 plus applicable taxes. **Carried.**

A 10-year Capital Budget and Asset Management Forecast including a Reserves Plan was provided to Council.

R2022-58 L. Moore, T. Marchant: That we approve the Capital Budget and Asset Management Forecast 2022-2032, as presented. **Carried.**

The Draft 2022 Operating Budget was presented to Council for discussion.

Council discussed the next steps regarding the proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment to allow travel and tent trailers on vacant land.

R2022-59 L. Moore, T. Marchant: That we accept the correspondence as presented. **Carried.**

R2022-60 S. Kirkey, J. Scott: That the statement of accounts dated March 2, 3 and 7, 2022; totaling \$150,164.86 be approved. **Carried.**

R2022-61 T. Marchant, L. Moore: That we pass By-Law No. 2022-16, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on March 15, 2022.
Read the first, second and third time and passed this 15th day of March, 2022. **Carried.**

R2022-62 S. Kirkey, L. Moore: That the meeting be adjourned. Time: 9:03 p.m. Next regular meeting to be held March 29, 2022. **Carried.**

Mayor:

Municipal Administrator:

Minutes prepared as per Section 228 (1)(a) of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c. 25.

Clerk to record, without note or comment, all resolutions, decisions and other proceedings of the council.

Minutes to be approved by Council at the next regular Council Meeting.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

BY-LAW NUMBER 2022-XX

These by-laws are the rules and regulations that govern the Nipissing Union Cemetery, the St. John's Alsace Cemetery and Commanda Union Cemetery and have been approved by the Registrar of Cemeteries; *Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002*; Cemeteries Regulations Unit and Ministry of Consumer Services.

Now therefore the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nipissing Enacts as follows:

Definitions:

Burial: The opening and closing of an in-ground lot for the disposition of human remains or cremated human remains.

By-laws: The rules and regulations under which the Cemetery operates.

Care and Maintenance Fund: It is a requirement under the *Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002*, that a percentage of the purchase price of all Interment Rights, and set amounts for marker and monument installations is contributed into the Care and Maintenance Fund. Interest earned from this fund is used to provide care and maintenance of lots, markers and monuments at the Cemetery.

Cemetery: May be the Nipissing Union Cemetery, the Commanda Union Cemetery or the St. John's Alsace Cemetery owned and operated by the Township of Nipissing.

Contract: For purposes of these by-laws, all purchasers of interment rights must sign a contract with the municipality, detailing obligations of both parties and acceptance of the cemetery by-laws.

Corner Marker Stones: Shall mean any stone or other land markers set flush with the surface of the ground and used to indicate the location of a lot.

Cremation Burial Lot: A burial lot for cremated remains, located in Block 14 of the Nipissing Union Cemetery, a size of 2' x 4'.

Grave: Means any in ground burial space intended for the interment of a child, adult or cremated human remains.

Interment Right: The right to require or direct the interment of human remains or cremated human remains in a grave and direct the associated memorialization.

Interment Rights Certificate: The document issued by the Cemetery to the purchaser once the interment rights have been paid in full, identifying ownership of the interment rights.

Interment Rights Holder: Any person designated to hold the right to inter human remains in a specified lot.

Lot: (Also known as a Regular Burial Lot or Grave) for the purposes of these By-Laws a lot is a 9' x 4 ½' grave space.

Marker: Shall mean any permanent memorial structure that is set flush or level with the ground and used to mark the location of a burial lot.

Monument: Any permanent memorial projecting above the ground installed within the designated space to mark the location of a burial or lot.

Non-Resident: A person who does not own property or reside in the Township of

Nipissing.

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Non-Resident property owner. A person who owns property in the Township of Nipissing for at least one year prior to the date of application for a Burial Lot.

Registered Owner. Is the person who will be buried in a burial lot. All lots must be designated at the time of purchase, clearly stating who is to be buried in the space.

Rights of Interment. Shall be defined as the placement of one full size formal casket, with or without interment vault; or the placement of up to two (2) cremated remains in one regular burial lot as designated by the Registered Owner. For Block 14, Cremation Lots, the placement of one (1) cremated remains.

Spring Burial: Remains placed in a Vault or mortuary during the winter season, when burial services are not available, to be interred in May or when the cemetery is able to accept interments in the Spring.

Tariff Rates. Rates charged for burial lots in the Township of Nipissing cemeteries.

Township of Nipissing Cemetery Committee: A Committee appointed by the Council of the Township of Nipissing to administer cemeteries in the Township of Nipissing.

Township Resident. A person having at least one year's residence in the Township of Nipissing at the date of application for a burial lot. A person residing at Eastholme Home for the Aged who was a resident of the Township for at least one year immediately prior to entering the home for the aged.

Regular Burial Lot: Also known as a Lot or Grave, a size of 9' x 4 1/2'.

Hours of Operation:

Visitation Hours: During daylight hours, seven (7) days per week, year-round.
**Winter maintenance is not performed within any cemetery, entry is at the visitors own risk.*

Office Hours: Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
*Municipal Office and 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
*Office is closed statutory holidays and weekends.

Burial Hours: By Appointment as required.

Spring Burial Hours: Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**There shall be no burials on a Sunday or Statutory Holidays.*

Cemetery Locations:

Commanda Union Cemetery	18 Bennett Road, Commanda
Nipissing Union Cemetery	4506 Highway 654, at Highway 534
St. John's Alsace Cemetery	3353 Alsace Road

General Conduct:

The Township of Nipissing reserves full control over the cemetery operations and management of land within the cemetery grounds.

No person may damage, destroy, remove or deface any property within the Cemetery.

All visitors should conduct themselves in a quiet manner that shall not disturb any service being held.

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By-Law Amendments:

The cemeteries shall be governed by these by-laws, and all procedures will comply with the Funeral Burial & Cremation Services Act, 2002 and Ontario Regulation 30/11, which may be amended periodically.

All by-law amendments must be:

- a) published once in a newspaper with general circulation in the locality in which the cemetery is located;
- b) conspicuously posted on a sign at the entrance of the cemetery; and
- c) delivered to each supplier of markers who has delivered a marker to the cemetery during the previous year, if the by-law or by-law amendment pertains to markers or their installation.

All by-laws and by-law amendments are subject to the approval of the Registrar, Bereavement Authority of Ontario.

Liability:

The cemetery operator will not be held liable for any loss or damage, without limitation (including damage by the elements, Acts of God, or vandals) to, any lot, monument, marker, or other article that has been placed in relation to an interment save and except for direct loss or damage caused by gross negligence of the cemetery.

Public Register:

Provincial legislation – Section 110 of Ontario Regulation 30/11 requires all cemeteries to maintain a public register that is available to the public during regular office hours.

Pets or Other Animals:

Pets or other animals, including cremated animal remains, are not allowed to be buried on cemetery grounds.

Right to Re-Survey:

The Township has the right at any time to re-survey, enlarge, diminish, re-plot, change or remove plantings, grade, close pathways or roads, alter in shape or size, or otherwise change all or any part of the cemetery, subject to approval of the appropriate authorities.

Cancellation or Resale of Interment Rights:

The Township of Nipissing prohibits the resale of interment rights to a third party.

Purchasers of interment rights holders acquire only the right to direct the burial of human remains, the installation of monuments, markers and inscriptions, subject to the conditions set out in the cemetery by-laws. In accordance with cemetery by-laws, no burial, installation of any monument, marker, inscription or memorialization is permitted until the interment rights have been paid in full. An interment rights certificate will be issued to the interment rights holder(s) when payment has been made in full. The purchase of interment rights is not a purchase of Real Estate or real property. An interment rights holder wishing to resell their interment rights shall advise the Township of Nipissing of their intention and the Township shall purchase the rights as follows.

Cancellation of Interment Rights with 30 Day Cooling-Off Period:

- ◀A purchaser has the right to cancel an interment rights contract within thirty (30) days of signing the interment rights contract, by providing written notice of the cancellation to the cemetery operator. The cemetery operator will refund all monies paid by the purchaser within thirty (30) days from the date of the request for cancellation.

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Cancellation or Resale of Interment Rights after the 30 Day Cooling-Off Period:

- ◀Upon receiving written notice from the purchaser of the interment rights, the Township will cancel the contract and issue a refund to the purchaser for the amount paid for the interment rights less the appropriate amount that is required to be deposited into the Care and Maintenance Fund. This refund will be made within thirty (30) days of receiving said notice. If the interment rights certificate has been issued to the interment rights holder(s), the certificate must be returned to the Township along with the written notice of cancellation.
- ◀If any portion of the interment rights has been exercised, the purchaser, or the interment rights holder(s) are not entitled to cancel the contract or re-sell the interment rights.

General Policies for Burials, Monuments and Maintenance

Burials

A Burial Permit issued by the Registrar General or equivalent document showing that the death has been registered with the province must be provided to the Township Office prior to a burial taking place. A Certificate of Cremation must be submitted to the Township Office prior to the burial of cremated remains taking place.

All lot sales must be paid in full at the time of purchase. Any person may purchase up to two single lots at a tariff rate applicable to the registered owner of the lot.

The opening and closing of graves may only be conducted by cemetery staff or those designated to do work on behalf of the cemetery.

A regular burial lot may have 1 interment or 2 cremated remains.

Cremated remains are not permitted to be scattered on a grave or within the cemetery grounds.

Lots purchased prior to 1955 or where Care and Maintenance was not collected, will be subject to the current rate.

A fence of any type is not permitted, unless placed by the Township of Nipissing, owner and operator of the cemetery.

Sale of pre-need lots in the St. John's Alsace Cemetery is discontinued. Sale of lots as required will continue with a site visit prior to finalization of the sale with a member of Township staff to determine the suitability of the location for a burial and a monument placement.

Prior to the finalization of burial arrangements, the Cemetery Caretaker or Township Office must be consulted.

Monuments

No memorial or other structure shall be erected or permitted on a lot until all charges have been paid in full.

No monument is to be placed, moved, altered or removed without the permission and supervision of the Cemetery Caretaker.

Cemetery monuments and marker stones must be supplied by a monument company, unless authorized by the Cemetery Committee prior to installation.

The Township reserves the right to determine the maximum size of monuments, their

number and their location on each lot or plot. They must not be of a size that would interfere with any future interments.

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All foundations for monuments and markers shall be built by the Cemetery Caretaker at the expense of the interment rights holder.

Should any monument or marker present a risk to public safety because it has become unstable, the Cemetery Caretaker shall do whatever is deemed necessary by way of repairing, resetting, or laying down the monument or marker or any other remedy so as to remove the risk.

The Township reserves the right to remove at its sole discretion any marker, monument or inscription which is not in keeping with the dignity and decorum of the cemetery as determined by the Cemetery Committee and/or Council.

Any new lot sold in the un-surveyed portion of the Nipissing Union and Commanda Union Cemeteries requires corner marker stones as supplied by a monument company, installed at the time of purchase.

Block 14 – Nipissing Union Cemetery – Cremation section allows for one (1) flat marker per lot only.

Regular burial lots are permitted a maximum of one (1) monument per lot with the exception of Veteran monuments. Upright monuments are permitted on any regular lot.

Maintenance

The Township reserves the right to regulate the articles placed on lots or plots that pose a threat to the safety of all interment rights holders, visitors to the cemetery and Cemetery Staff as well as any articles that prevent the performance of general cemetery operations or are not in keeping with the respect and dignity of the cemetery.

Prohibited articles will be removed and disposed of without notification.

- The Township reserves the right to disallow or remove quantities of memorial wreaths or flowers considered to be excessive and that diminishes the otherwise tidy appearance of the cemetery.
- Memorial wreaths may be placed in the cemetery only between the months of April and November. In order to prepare the grounds for spring, wreaths must be removed prior to November 30th. Wreaths not removed by November 30th will be removed and disposed of by the Cemetery Caretaker without notification.

Flowers, trees or shrubs may not be planted in the cemetery unless approved by the Cemetery Committee.

Flowers placed on a grave for a funeral or remembrance shall be removed by the Cemetery Caretaker after a reasonable time to protect the sod and maintain the tidy appearance of the cemetery.

No person other than Cemetery Staff shall remove any sod or in any other way change the surface of the burial lot in the cemetery.

Articles donated for installation in the cemetery must be approved by the Cemetery Committee.

Minor scraping of the monument base of an upright monument due to grass/lawn maintenance is considered to be normal wear.

The Township of Nipissing will take reasonable precautions to protect the property of interment rights holders, but it assumes no liability for the loss of, or damage to, any monument, marker or other structure or part thereof.

A portion of the price of interment rights is trusted into the Care and Maintenance Fund. The income generated from this fund is used to maintain, secure and preserve the cemetery grounds. Services that can be provided through this fund include:

- Re-levelling and sodding or seeding of Lots.
- Maintenance of cemetery roads and pathways.
- Maintenance of perimeter fencing if applicable.
- Maintenance of cemetery landscaping.
- Repairs and general upkeep of cemetery equipment.

PRICE LIST:

		Lot/Service Cost	Care & Maintenance Fees as of January 1, 2022	TOTAL COST Effective January 1, 2022
<i>Burial Lots:</i>				
Township Resident or Property Owner:				
	Single Lot	\$ 50.00	\$290.00	\$340.00
	<i>*1 interment only</i>			
	Cremation	\$ 45.00	\$175.00	\$220.00
	Lot			
	<i>*Block 14</i>			
	Lot			
	Single Lot	\$ 50.00	\$350.00	\$400.00
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	<i>*2 Cremated remains only</i>			
Non Resident:				
	Single Lot	\$240.00	\$290.00	\$530.00
	<i>*1 interment only</i>			
	Cremation	\$ 90.00	\$175.00	\$265.00
	Lot			
	<i>*Block 14</i>			
	Lot			
	Single Lot	\$240.00	\$350.00	\$590.00
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	<i>*2 Cremated remains only</i>			
<i>Interment Rates:</i>				
Regular Grave Opening	Weekdays	\$300.00	n/a	\$300.00
	Saturday	\$400.00	n/a	\$400.00
Cremation Opening	Weekdays	\$150.00	n/a	\$150.00
	Saturday	\$200.00	n/a	\$200.00
<i>Foundation Costs:</i>				
	Under 36 inches	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$400.00
	36 to 48 inches	\$300.00	\$200.00	\$500.00
	48 to 60 inches	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$800.00
	Over 60 inches	\$500.00	\$400.00	\$900.00
<i>*Pillow marker 173 square inches and up</i>	Pad Base (Flat Marker)	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$200.00

*Flat marker under 173 square inches	Install ground setting	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00
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Monument Dealers/Suppliers

All cemetery by-laws apply to all contractors and all work carried out by contractors within the cemetery grounds.

Contractors shall temporarily cease all operations if they are working within 100 metres of a funeral until the conclusion of the service. The cemetery reserves the right to temporarily cease contractor operations at their sole discretion if the noise of the work being performed by the contractor is deemed to be a disturbance to any funeral or public gathering within the cemetery.

Contractors, monument dealers and suppliers shall lay wooden planks on the burial lots and paths over which heavy materials are to be moved in order to protect the surface from damage.

Effective Date

By-Law Number 2012-40 is hereby repealed.

That this By-law shall come into force and effect immediately on the passing thereof.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS 29th DAY OF MARCH, 2022.

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

Tom Piper, Mayor

Kris Croskery-Hodgins
Municipal Administrator

POSITION DESCRIPTION

POSITION TITLE:	Grader and Equipment Operator	DATE APPROVED:	March 29, 2022
REPORTS TO:	Operations Superintendent	APPROVED BY:	Council
POSITION NUMBER:		REVISION DATE:	
GRADE LEVEL:	C Temporary Position		

POSITION SUMMARY:

Under the direction of the Operations Superintendent, the position is responsible for the operation of the Township's Grader and other heavy equipment and their attachments. Projects may include, but are not limited to, road construction and maintenance, quarrying, land clearing, forestry, etc. The incumbent is responsible for inspecting, maintaining, transporting and operating the equipment and its attachments. Additional duties include manual labour in the form of digging, raking, installing culverts, etc. as required.

MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Operates the Township's heavy equipment such as Grader, Backhoe, Loader and both single and tandem trucks in the performance of road maintenance duties.
- Installs operates and removes attachments (i.e. quick attach, buckets, bucket thumbs, quick couplers, buckets, rakes, cutters, blades, brush, etc.)
- Inspects, maintains, transports and operates equipment and attachments. Performs routine circle checks and minor equipment repairs e.g. cleans, fuels and lubricates equipment as required. Monitors equipment performance loads and unloads.
- Responsible for routine maintenance and repair of Municipal vehicles and equipment to minimize breakdowns and safety hazards, complies with operating manuals and maintenance standards.
- Adheres to all municipal safety policies and procedures and provincial standards and regulations.
- Maintains Public Works garage in a clean, orderly state to maximize safety and efficiency.
- Other Pubic Works maintenance duties as assigned.

EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE/SKILLS:

- Post-secondary education with MTCU certification or Red Seal designation or equivalent combination of education and experience.
- Minimum five years related equipment operating experience
- Should have a valid Ontario Class "A" Driver's Licence with a "Z" endorsement
- Excellent driving record
- Enough mechanical ability to be able to perform preventative maintenance procedures and effect routine repairs to vehicles and equipment.
- Ability to work well with others; troubleshoot issues; excellent communicator

RESOLUTION

DATE: March 29, 2022

NUMBER: R2022-

Moved by

Seconded by

WHEREAS Community Safety is a priority for the Township of Nipissing;

AND WHEREAS Highway 522 through the Hamlet Designation is a Provincial Highway with a speed limit of 80 km/h and sees significant traffic;

AND WHEREAS the Commanda Museum and Commanda Community Centre are located along Highway 522 through the Settlement Area, as designated on the Official Plan;

NOW THEREFORE the Township of Nipissing Council respectfully requests the Ministry of Transportation review the current speed limit of 80 km/h along Highway 522 from Alsace Road to Old Nipissing Road and consider a further reduction to 60 km/h in order to promote improved community safety.

For Against

PIPER
KIRKEY
MARCHANT
MOORE
SCOTT

Carried

Mayor: Tom Piper

Township of NIPISSING

Township of Nipissing Official Plan Schedule A - Land Use & Transportation

Base Information

- Township of Nipissing Boundary
- Waterbody

Transportation

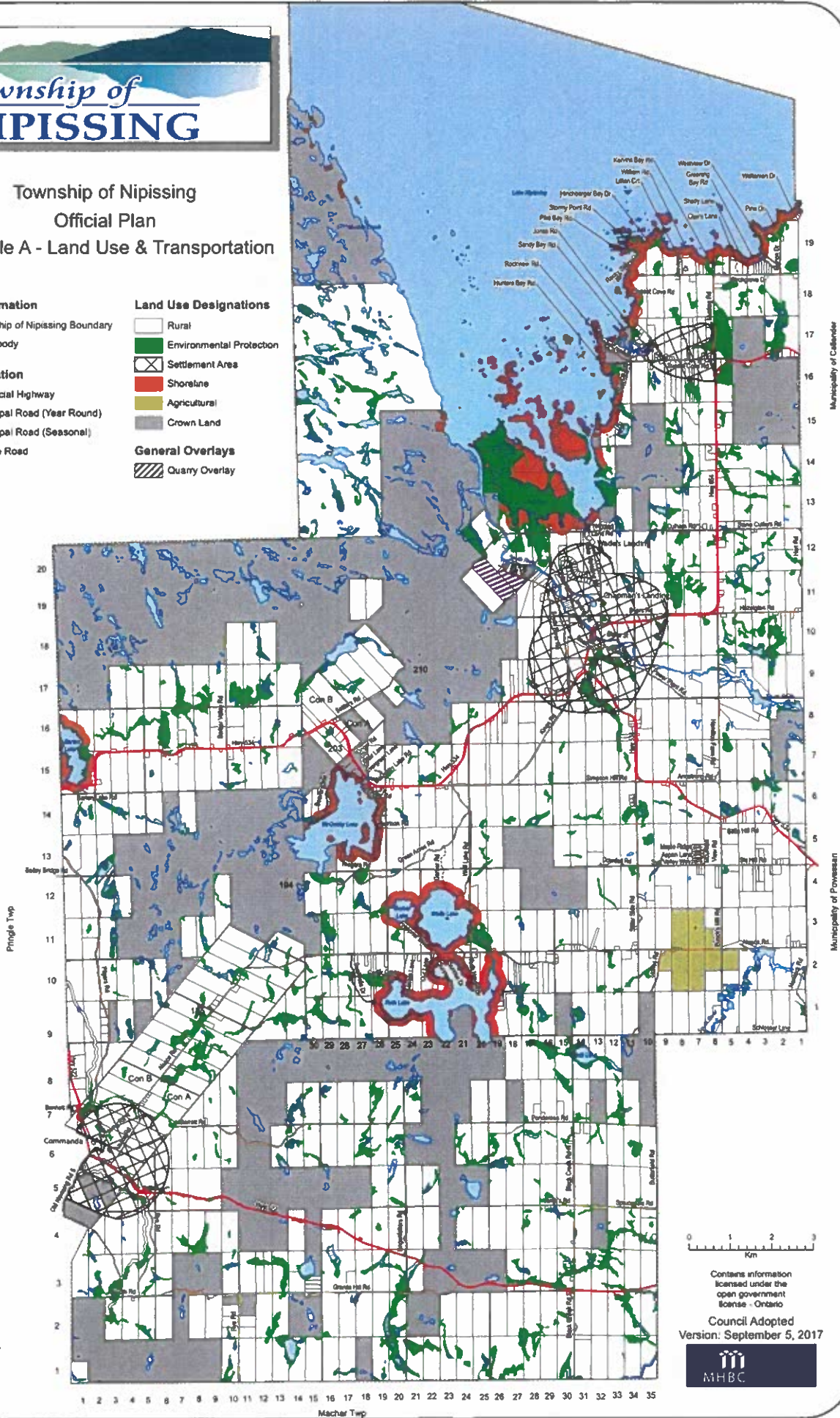
- Provincial Highway
- Municipal Road (Year Round)
- Municipal Road (Seasonal)
- Private Road

Land Use Designations

- Rural
- Environmental Protection
- Settlement Area
- Shoreline
- Agricultural
- Crown Land

General Overlays

- Quarry Overlay







TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: March 29, 2022

NUMBER: R2022-

Moved by

Seconded by

THAT we approve the updated Use of Municipal Resources During an Election Campaign Rules and Procedures document as presented.

For Against

PIPER
KIRKEY
MARCHANT
MOORE
SCOTT

Carried

Mayor: Tom Piper

Use of Municipal Resources During an Election Campaign Rules and Procedures

Approved by Council – March 29, 2022

Authorization

WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act 1996 88.8(4) Who Cannot Contribute 5. states the Crown in right of Canada or Ontario, a municipality or local board;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act 1996 88.18 states that before May 1 in the year of a regular election, municipalities and local boards shall establish rules and procedures with respect to the use of municipal and board resources, as the case may be, during the election campaign;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Township of Nipissing establishes the following rules and procedures for the use of municipal resources during an election campaign.

RULES AND PROCEDURES

Purpose:

- To establish guidelines on the appropriate use of municipal resources during an election period to protect the interests of both the Members of Council and the Township of Nipissing.
- These rules and procedures are intended to provide guidance to all Members of Council, including a Member of Council who is acclaimed or a retiring Member regarding the use of municipal resources during an election campaign.
- These rules and procedures are intended to provide a framework assisting the transparency and accountability of municipal operations during a municipal election process.

Rules:

- The use of Township of Nipissing computers, email system, website and municipally owned and issued cell phones to develop, forward or promote any election campaign related materials is not permitted.
- The Township of Nipissing logo and corporate identity must not be used on any campaign related material and Township of Nipissing staff may not assist with any communications activity related to the election campaign.

- Council members shall not use a municipal voice mail system, including the system on a municipally owned and issued cell phone, to record election-related messages.

Procedure:

- Council messages shall not be included in municipal newsletters during an election year to avoid perception of use of municipal resources during a campaign.
- A Councillor should not undertake campaign-related activities on municipal property during regular working hours.
- A Councillor shall not use the services of municipal staff during hours in which those persons receive compensation from the municipality.
- A Councillor shall not use business cards, envelopes or letterhead imprinted with municipal logos for election purposes.
- Candidates cannot develop, print or distribute campaign related materials using municipal funds. This includes any materials which reference or identify a member of Council as a candidate.
- A Councillor shall not use the facilities, equipment, supplies, services or other resources of the Township of Nipissing for any election campaign or campaign-related activities. Resources may include, but not limited to, desktop publishing and graphic services, photocopying, postage or the use of fax machines.

Any questions regarding the implementation of these rules and procedures shall be directed to the Municipal Administrator in writing and all responses shall be provided in writing and circulated to all members of Council including a Member of Council who is acclaimed or a retiring Member of Council.



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: March 29, 2022

NUMBER: R2022-

Moved by

Seconded by

That we authorize the Mayor to sign a letter to submit comments regarding the use of floating accommodations on waterways over Ontario's public lands.

For Against

PIPER
KIRKEY
MARCHANT
MOORE
SCOTT

Carried

Mayor: Tom Piper

DRAFT

March 29, 2022

Ministry of Northern Development,
Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry
Policy Division
Director's Office
Crown Forests and Lands Policy Branch
70 Foster Drive, 3rd Floor
Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6A 6V5

Re: Input about the use of floating accommodations on waterways over Ontario's public lands

Dear Mr. Henry:

We appreciate the opportunity to provide input on the use of floating accommodations on waterways over Ontario's public lands.

The Township of Nipissing is located along the south shore of Lake Nipissing, which provides our residents and visitors with recreation and employment opportunities.

Over the past several years, the Township of Nipissing has voiced concerns regarding the operation of Ice Fishing Bungalow businesses which see hundreds of units placed on the ice of Lake Nipissing and rented to anglers throughout the ice fishing season. The overnight accommodations located on the ice provide several challenges including proper septic disposal, health and safety and garbage disposal.

The use of floating accommodation presents the same concerns. There are not any septic pumping stations located along our stretch of Lake Nipissing. The following are items we would like to see addressed in consideration of potential future changes:

1. How will septic disposal be regulated for these units?
2. How will health and safety legislations be monitored, such as Fire Code and the installation of smoke and co detectors outside of sleeping areas?
3. Who will have jurisdiction and enforcement over these areas and how will that be provided?

Please contact us if you would like any further information or to discuss our concerns.

Yours truly,

Tom Piper
Mayor

DRAFT

TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

CORRESPONDENCE

March 29, 2022

- 1.** Thank you letter from Near North Crime Stoppers.
- 2.** Resolution from the Town of Wasaga Beach shared to inform of suggestions to improve fire service delivery.
- 3.** Minutes of the Township of Nipissing Recreation Committee meeting held March 7, 2022.
- 4.** Minutes of the Powassan and District Union Public Library meetings held January 24 and February 28, 2022.
- 5.** Nipissing Forest Annual Work Schedule from the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources & Forestry.
- 6.** Resolution from the Municipality of South Huron in response to AMO's February 25, 2022 correspondence regarding Firefighter Certification.
- 7.** Copy of letter to FONOM from the Northern Ontario School of Medicine regarding the expansion announcement.
- 8.** Copy of a News Release regarding a new program reimbursing municipalities for fire services provided on Crown land.
- 9.** Minutes from the Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation Board of Directors meeting held February 15, 2022.



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February 14, 2022

Township of Nipissing
Nipissing, ON

Dear Mayor Piper and council members,

On behalf of Near North Crime Stoppers, I would like to thank you for participating in Crime Stoppers month. Your proclamation and donation help to promote the program.

Our mission emphasizes the importance of working together with the public, police agencies, and media. Please take pride in knowing that your commitment to mobilizing citizens to help prevent and stop crime contributes to an improved quality of life in our communities. Thank you again for your partnership.

Yours in crime fighting,


Chad Evans
Chair

CE:mch

"Fingerprinting, DNA and Crime Stoppers are the top three innovations in modern-day policing."

Thomas B. O'Grady, Retired Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police



March 11, 2022

Mr. John Daly
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
County of Simcoe
1110 Highway 26,
Midhurst, ON
L9Z 1N6

BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Mr. Daly:

Re: County of Simcoe Regional Government Review Service Delivery Task Force - Fire
Services

Please be advised that the Town of Wasaga Beach Coordinated Committee, during its March 10, 2022 meeting, adopted the following resolution:

"That the Community Services Section of Coordinated Committee receive the Chief Administrative Officer's report on the County of Simcoe Regional Government Review Service Delivery Task Force Fire Services Review for information;

Further that the Community Services Section of Coordinated Committee authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to inform the County of Simcoe that the Town of Wasaga Beach supports recommendations nine and ten of the Fire Service Review report;

And Further, that the Community Services Section of Coordinated Committee authorizes the CAO to request that County Council, through the Regional Government Review, formally request the Province to further review the interest arbitration system, as the changes introduced in 2018 have not impacted wage increases awarded to the fire services sector, often exceeding negotiated settlements for other municipal employee groups, continuing to place a financial strain on municipalities, and creating wage compression with Fire Department leadership;

And Further, that as part of the review, the Province confirm that it is the employer's responsibility to define the hours of work that best fits their circumstance rather than an arbitrator awarding a change;

And that this motion be circulated to all municipalities in the Province."

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Parks & Rec: 429-3321

Arena: 429-0412
Public Works: 429-2540
Fire Department: 429-5281

Attached is a copy of the report dated March 10, 2022. Your favourable consideration of this matter is appreciated.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at cao@wasagabeach.com or (705) 429-3844 Ext. 2222.

Sincerely,



George Vadeboncoeur
Chief Administrative Officer

/pk

c. Wasaga Beach Town Council Members
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Municipalities in Ontario

STAFF REPORT



TO: Community Services Section of Coordinated Committee

FROM: George Vadeboncoeur, Chief Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: County of Simcoe Regional Government Review
Service Delivery Task Force - Fire Services Report

DATE: March 10, 2022

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Community Services Section of Coordinated Committee receive the Chief Administrative Officer's report on the County of Simcoe Regional Government Review Service Delivery Task Force Fire Services Review for information;

FURTHER that the Community Services Section of Coordinated Committee authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to inform the County of Simcoe that the Town of Wasaga Beach supports recommendations nine and ten of the Fire Service Review report.

BACKGROUND

The County of Simcoe established a Service Delivery Task Force Committee of County Council members to undertake reviews of the following services to determine if efficiencies could be found leading to improved services to tax payers. The services being reviewed are:

- Conservation Authority Services
- Fire Services
- Land Use Planning Services
- Library Services
- Transit Services
- Water and Waste Water Services
- Storm Water Management Services – completed, no further action required
- Legal Services – completed, no further action required

The subject of this report is the review of Fire Services.

The County engaged a third-party consultant to conduct a comprehensive review of Fire Services in the County of Simcoe, identifying possible efficiencies and preferred Service Delivery models including regional and sub-regional service models.

Through an RFP process, Pomax Consulting Inc. (Pomax) was selected by the County to complete the review. The Pomax team commenced the project and municipal engagement in May 2021.

On December 6, 2021 the County of Simcoe Regional Government Review Service Delivery Task Force received the final report and passed a resolution requesting that the report be sent to individual municipal Councils for review and comment.

The ten recommendations tabled with the Task Force are as follows:

1. "Share fire chiefs wherever possible. Examples of this include Innisfil and Bradford-West Gwillimbury, and Penetanguishene and Midland. There is an expectation that the number of responses will decline in the next few years as the province implements Medical Priority Dispatch System (MPDS). An advantage of sharing fire chiefs may be that the joint chief will find realistic ways to rationalize training, prevention, public education, and stations. Essa Township has an opportunity to share a fire chief with a neighbouring community or even amalgamating.
2. Share recruitment, intake, selection, training, and equipment in the same manner as takes place in North Simcoe. Duplication of these processes can be expensive. Sharing also supports consistency so that when the time comes that firefighters from different departments have to work together at mutual aid or other major incidents, they are familiar with common practices.
3. Share public education and prevention resources. This may not save money but may accomplish consistency in neighbouring communities and may enhance some communities that have inadequate resources.
4. Where possible consolidate fire services. This is not a minor step but it is one that has been accomplished before when municipalities amalgamate or a decision is made that shared services is best for a community <https://lincoln.ca/news/2021/06/media-releasetowns-lincoln-and-grimsby-embark-shared-fire-service-pilot-project>.
5. Several fire departments, during interviews, discussed establishing training centres – some with the perspective of providing services for a fee to other fire departments. Prior to taking those steps, partnerships should be discussed to defray costs and to determine the best location for training centres. Training centres that are established with the objective of defraying costs by renting to other fire departments do not have a history of success.

6. Prior to considering building a new fire station, undertake a needs analysis including response modelling and incident type. Fires may be an impetus for establishing a new or additional fire station but sometimes medical incidents are held out as part of the justification. Fires are on a downward trend. It is possible medical responses will also trend downwards. Schedule 1 RGR 2021-357 Page 28 Simcoe County Fire Services Review Final Report Part 1 Page | 27
7. Where possible, consider contracting services with a neighbouring municipality. Ramara Station 2's response area is a possible opportunity as are responses to areas that border other full time fire departments.
8. Employ the precept of closest or quickest vehicle responds. Although some form of cost per call may have to be worked out using the closest fire resource delivers service sooner.
9. Obtaining and understanding fire department data and information, particularly outcome information to answer the question "Why are we doing what we are doing?" should be the primary objective of all municipalities. It does not exist now notwithstanding the efforts of some departments who are attempting to secure information. This is a major undertaking that is not realistic for individual departments but could be provided by the county on a cost recovery basis. We recommend that municipalities work with the county to obtain that service, or the county should establish the service and offer it to those municipalities who see it as an advantage. During our interviews several CAOs envisioned the county as being the data and information centre.
10. We recommend that representatives of Simcoe County and the municipalities form a committee to further explore these recommendations, particularly the provision of a data service by the county as noted in recommendation 9."

On February 1, 2022 staff received a letter from the County of Simcoe Clerk's Department on behalf of the Service Delivery Task Force asking for feedback on the report.

At the February 10, 2022 Community Services Section of Coordinated Committee the Fire Chief provided a report requesting that if Council members had comments concerning the proposed efficiencies, service delivery models and recommendations outlined in the review, that they provide such comments to the Chief Administrative Officer.

DISCUSSION

Based on the feedback from individual Council members, it is felt two of the ten recommendations found within the Pomax report warrant additional exploration.

Recommendation number nine supports the County providing data collection and analysis services due to challenges for smaller municipalities undertaking the same

exercise. While conducting interviews with municipalities, Pomax received comments from several Chief Administrative Officers indicating that the County could assist as a data and information centre. This would ensure that the data required to make decisions is collected and what is collected is standardized across the County. One area identified is outcome information, similar to the data collected by other emergency services. With automation, training and building on data already collected for other purposes, this should be fairly easy to implement.

Recommendation number ten supports the creation of a committee comprised of municipalities and representatives of the County to further explore all of the recommendations, in particular the provision of a data service by the County as noted in recommendation nine. Some areas of interest include, sharing in the recruiting of volunteer Fire Fighters, Fire Prevention and Training. It was noted that a "...significant level of cooperation and sharing in Simcoe was identified..." as already occurring.

Although it was not considered as part of the review or a recommendation, some Council members feel the disproportionate escalation of firefighter wages and benefits, supported by the Arbitration system, is an issue that deserves attention and resources. It is acknowledged that this is beyond a local issue and should be addressed by the province as a priority as it impacts all fire services.

In discussing the recommendations with the Fire Chief, he is committed to reviewing all aspects of his administration and operations to identify areas to improve efficiencies and service delivery in the spirit outlined in the Promax Report.

Respectfully Submitted,

George Vadeboncoeur
Chief Administrative Officer

Township of Nipissing Recreation Committee Meeting
Minutes
 2381 Hwy 654 Nipissing Community Centre & Zoom Platform

Date: Mar 7, 2022

Start Time: 7:00

Present: Shawn Hughes, Andrew Barry, Shelly Foote Zoom: Chris Johnson, Liz Smith, Steph
 Duchesne, Ron Phillips, And Kathy Shaw

Regrets: James Scott

Absent: Kerry Kloiber

Meeting Called to Order Liz Smith

1. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: None
2. Acceptance of Agenda: Ron Phillips, Chris Johnston
3. Acceptance of Previous Minutes: Ron Phillips Kathy Shaw All in Favour
4. Business Items from Previous Meeting:
 - I. **Feb 19th Family Fun Review**
 - Hot Chocolate very popular – very little left over
 - Next year suggestion to start earlier – concerns voiced by parents in attendance
 - Lots of kids not seen before
 - Fireworks really enjoyed
 - Fire Pits with benches set in front very positive
 - II. **March 19 Paint Night**
 - 4 tickets sold to date – artist is doing all the advertising with posters in local business
 - Shawn will open and close the venue – will take care of the event
 - Cancel date if not enough tickets sold will be April 16th – 8 tickets needed to move forward
 - III. **April 16th Easter Egg Hunt**
 - Held at the park
 - Easter Bunny cookies needed for decorations still – this will be 1 of the craft tables
 - Paper Bags – Steph or Shelly to source – Mini Cadbury Egg under \$1 per pack
 - Volunteer still needed for Cookie Decorating & Egg Dying prior to the event
 - Shelly Bateman will be helping with Scavenger Hunt clues
 - Bottled Water and Juice Boxes needed for the event
 - Public Education magnet to go in each bag – Grass needed for bags
 - Final Numbers needed by April 16th
 - IV. **Kids Soccer Discussion**
 - T Shirts will be provided for every child – not jerseys
 - Over 40 children registered to date
 - Currently 3 volunteers – Is a criminal record check needed?
 - We need to look into any training required.
 - V. **Playground RFP review play equipment & recommendations**
 - All Present agreed to present option 1 & 3 at council meeting for final decision
 - Vote was very close

- All Equipment has similar warranties on equipment and all are Canadian made
- All pricing within target range

VI. Questionnaire review and discussion (the following items were discussed with Will & Shelly taking notes.

- Community Center use over the next 10 years (what would people like to see)
- Talked about possibly creating a paid position to expand use more
- Second Park – is there a possible locations
- Updates needed in Community Center inside and out
- Fitness Center -- TV's – WIFI – possible better sound system
- Questionnaire sent to members and community to see why people aren't using it
- Heritage Park/ Outdoor Rink – new boards? Hard Surface – possible roof over rink?
- Soccer field installation – do we have space – permanent markings for soccer field—benches for players or bleachers – possible volley ball court – parking lot needs updating – basketball nets and court – more lighting outside
- Beaches – Links & Wolfe Lake – designated parking needed, lower speed limits, New washroom facilities, change rooms separate – can we add sharps containers
- More picnic tables needed
- Chapmans Landing & McQuaby Boat Ramp
- Chapmans Landing Dock

5. New Business

- I. **Fitness Center Survey** -- Survey to be sent to non-members as well current members to ask for feedback

6. Bottle Drive

Checked Sunset Dump and it needs collected next week – Wolfe Lake still needs to be checked.

- 7. **Next Meeting** April 4th 7:00 pm
- 8. **Adjournment** Kathy Shaw Shawn Hughes



Library Board Minutes
January 24, 2022 @ 6 pm

Attendance via Zoom: Tina Martin, Gloria Brown, Bob Elliott, Bernadette Kerr, Steve Kirkey, Debbie Piekarski,

In-person: Debbie Piper, Doug Walli, Marie Rosset

1. Respect and Acknowledgement Declaration Read by CEO

2. Disclosure of pecuniary interest – none

3. Approval of general consent motion:

Motion # 2022-01 Kirkey-Martin: That the Consent Agenda for January 2022, which includes:

- a) The January 24, 2022 agenda,
 - b) the Minutes for the November 22, 2021 meeting,
 - c) the Financial Report for November, December 2021,
 - d) and the Library Report for November, December 2021,
- be adopted with modifications to the minutes of November 22, 2021.

4. Business Arising

a) Current Library Services Update

Due to the new Omicron restriction and following the Provincial mandate the library returned to:

- Open to the public at 50% capacity, no passport required to browse, all COVID protocol observed (2 meters, and masks)
- Computers available to the public – one hour time limit – vaccine passport required.
- Lifelab services continue on Mondays and Thursdays from 8am to 11pm under appropriate safety protocols. (Regular 8-12 hours will resume shortly)
- All current events done virtually until mid February (Book Club, French, Friends of the Library, Library Board)
- Other groups will return to normal schedules mid-February – vaccination passport required for everyone 12 and over

b) New Schedule Proposal

Due to the new Omicron restrictions the expansion of hours did not occur. The timing of this new schedule will be re-evaluated.

c) Trillium Resilience Grant

Waiting for decision – end of March

d) Audit

New Auditor – Jessica Dion CPA, CA from Baker Tilly

Library Audit is scheduled for January 28, 31 and February 1, 2022.

e) Yearly Grant Applications

- Federal Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) – applied for 2 positions, grant covers 100% of wages.
- Provincial Summer Experience Program (SEP) – application deadline is February 17, covers 100% of wages.

5. Correspondence

Letter sent from Restoule LSB along with payment of their 2021-2022 library fees.

6. Committee Reports

a) Property Committee Report

i. Roofing damage – December 15, 2021.

The west side of the library' roof was impaled by a tree branch from the neighbour's property. A passing trucker reported it and the appropriate action was taken. The roof was patched temporarily (total cost \$500) and the area will be fixed this spring. Very little water damage occurred, we were lucky. CEO will talk to neighbour, discuss ways to mitigate any future damage.

b) Financial Committee

- i. The 2022 Budget was discussed. The three Councillors and Board Members informed the Board that each of their Councils are not willing to approve any Library budget increase this year due to their general lack of funds following the pandemic.
- ii. A 1 or 2% wage increase, as well as a staff re-organization are being considered. It was suggested that any additional cost be covered with the small reserves the library was able to accumulate these past two years.
- iii. Marie has been tasked to seek comparable job descriptions and wages for some of the positions at the library.

c) Policy Committee Report

i. Strategic Plan 2023-2027

The process to renew our Strategic Plan will begin this year. Marie will start the process in a few months. Two well-qualified volunteers have been identified to join the committee.

ii. RES-18 Reopening Plan/Procedure – Phase 4 and RES-17 Face covering Policy

These two policies were presented and it was recommended they be reviewed further making them clearer and stronger leaving no room for ambiguity.

iii. Appendix A: Kitchen COVID Safety Protocols for Kitchen Facility Use

Motion # 2022-02: Martin-Piper: That the Appendix A: COVID Safety Protocols for Kitchen Facility Use be approved as presented.

iv. Appendix B: COVID Safety Protocols Check List

Motion # 2022-03: Martin-Piper: That the Appendix B: COVID Safety Protocols Check List be approved as presented.

d) Friends of the Library Report

Gloria Brown gave a summary of the contributions done by the Friends in 2021. A total of \$2,200 was donated.

- i. \$700 toward a new smaller sink and cabinet behind the front desk.
- ii. \$1,500 towards the Story Walk and the Little Free Library Projects.

The Board was very grateful to the Friends for their generosity.

7. New Business

a) Personnel Designations

- See #6. b) Financial Committee iii.

b) Upcoming Events:

- Due to the current uncertainty, the library is continuing its virtual programming and is currently featuring an online art contest.

8. Adjournment

Motion # 2021-27: Piper: That the January 24, 2022 meeting be adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 28, 2022 at 6:00pm

Chairperson: Kristine Martin
Kristine Martin, Chair

Secretary: Marie Rosset
Marie Rosset, CEO



**Library Board Minutes
February 28, 2022 @ 6 pm**

Attendance via Zoom: Tina Martin, Steve Kirkey

In-person: Gloria Brown, Bob Elliott, Bernadette Kerr, Debbie Piper (arrived at 6:50 pm),
Debbie Piekarski, Doug Walli, Marie Rosset

1. Respect and Acknowledgement Declaration Read by CEO

2. Disclosure of pecuniary interest – none

3. Approval of general consent motion:

Motion # 2022-05 Walli-Elliott: That the Consent Agenda for February 2022, which includes:

- a) The February 28, 2022 agenda,
- b) the Minutes for the January 24, 2022 meeting,
- c) the Financial Report for January 2022,
- d) and the Library Report for January 2022,
be adopted as presented.

4. Business Arising

a) Current Library Services Update

Following the Provincial mandate, the library is now:

- Open to the public at 100% capacity, no passport required for browsing or attending events, all COVID protocol still observed (2 meters, and masks)
- Computers available to the public – one hour time limit
- Lifelab services continue on Mondays and Thursdays from 8am to 11pm under appropriate safety protocols. (Regular 8-12 hours might resume later)
- All current events returned to in-person, many are now in hybrid form (in-person and on Zoom), such as the Book Club, French, Friends of the Library, and the Library Board meetings.

b) New Schedule Proposal

Due to budget restrictions, the library will continue to operate at reduced hours. The timing of the new schedule is on hold until further notice.

c) Trillium Resilience Grant

Waiting for decision – end of March

d) Audit

New Auditor – Jessica Dion CPA, CA from Baker Tilly

Jessica will present the results of the 2021 financial statements audit at our March 28 regular Board Meeting.

e) Insurance Proposal

- Insurance costs are expected to rise substantially (double digit) at renewal time, end of May 2022. For comparison purposes, the Board is looking at other providers. Marie presented a proposal from the Cooperators. Another will be obtained for our next Board meeting.

f) Comparable Library Clerk Salary and Job Descriptions

A few comparable salaries and job descriptions (Bonfield, Sundridge, North Bay) were presented. It was useful to gauge how the library compares

5. Correspondence

None to report

6. Committee Reports

a) Property Committee Report

Items to report

1. Water issues at the base of the emergency door, off the kitchen room.
2. In process of getting quotes to repair the roof this spring.

b) Financial Committee

The 2022 Budget was discussed further. Marie presented three drafts of different budget options with no library fee increase and a negative balance. Steve Kirkey reported that the Nipissing Council does not agree with using reserves to cover any budget shortages this year. It was then agreed to apply a 1% increase to municipal library fees and present a balanced budget. Marie will run a few more scenarios for the next Board meeting, at which point the Board will agree on a final budget.

c) Policy Committee Report

i. Strategic Plan 2023-2027

The new Strategic Plan Committee is meeting on March 2, at 3pm. Board members were invited and two members of the public, Maureen Burleson and Marty Schreiter, have agreed to participate. Bernadette Kerr also volunteered to participate.

ii. RES-17 Face covering Policy

The face covering policy was revised and presented.

Motion # 2022-06: Elliott-Walli: That the RES-17 Face Covering Policy be approved as revised.

d) Friends of the Library Report

Nothing to report other than the Friends were very appreciative of the extended thanks delivered by Gloria Brown.

7. New Business

a) Upcoming Events:

- Tonight: New Virtual Lego Club

b) Resignation of Frank Longo - YCW Intern.

Frank obtained permanent employment elsewhere. A replacement will need to be hired.

For the March break activities, we were fortunate, Cody Vaillancourt, a Nipissing University School of Education student is volunteering for three weeks in March, which will include the March break.

These hours will fulfill his program's required volunteer hours.

8. Adjournment

Motion # 2022- 07: That the February 28, 2022 meeting be adjourned at 7:06 pm.

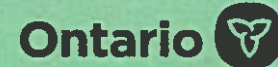
Next Meeting: Monday, March 28, 2022 at 6:00pm

Chairperson: _____
Kristine Martin, Chair

Secretary: _____
Marie Rosset, CEO

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March 15, 2022

To whom it may concern,

Please find attached a copy of both the English and French versions of the "Inspection of 2022-2023 Annual Work Schedule for the Nipissing Forest" for your review. The AWS describes forest operations such as road construction, maintenance, and decommissioning, forestry aggregate pits, harvest, site preparation, tree planting, and tending that are scheduled during the year (April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023).

All future Nipissing Forest Annual Work Schedule notices can be sent electronically to clients who request that format.

If you would like future notices sent to you by electronic mail, please send an email from your preferred email address along with your name/business name and current mailing address to MNRF.NorthBay@ontario.ca. In the subject line, please include "Annual Work Schedule Nipissing Forest".

Should you have any questions regarding your communication preferences or have any updates to your mailing or email address, please feel free to send your updates by email to MNRF.NorthBay@ontario.ca or by telephone at (705) 475-5550.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Francisco M. Murphy".

Francisco M. Murphy, R.P.F.
Management Forester – Nipissing Forest
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry
875 Gormanville Road, North Bay, Ontario P1B8G3

Enclosure

INSPECTION

Inspection of 2022-2023 Annual Work Schedule for Nipissing Forest

The April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023 Annual Work Schedule (AWS) for the Nipissing Forest is available electronically for public viewing by contacting the Nipissing Forest Resource Management Inc., during normal business hours and on the Natural Resources Information Portal at <https://nrip.mnr.gov.on.ca/s/fmp-online> beginning March 17, 2022 and for the one-year duration of the AWS.

Scheduled Forest Management Operations

The AWS describes forest operations such as road construction, maintenance and decommissioning, forestry aggregate pits, harvest, site preparation, tree planting and tending that are scheduled to occur during the year.

Tree Planting and Fuelwood

Nipissing Forest Resource Management Inc. is responsible for tree planting on the Nipissing Forest. Please contact the Forest Company listed below for information regarding tree planting job opportunities.

For information on the locations and license requirements for obtaining fuelwood for personal use, please contact the NDMNRF staff listed below. For commercial fuelwood opportunities, please contact the Forest Company listed below.

More Information

For more information on the AWS, to arrange a remote meeting with NDMNRF staff to discuss the AWS or to request AWS summary information, please contact the NDMNRF contact below:

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Ministry of Northern Development,
Mines, Natural Resources & Forestry
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North Bay, ON P1B 8G3
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Office hours: Monday to Friday,
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

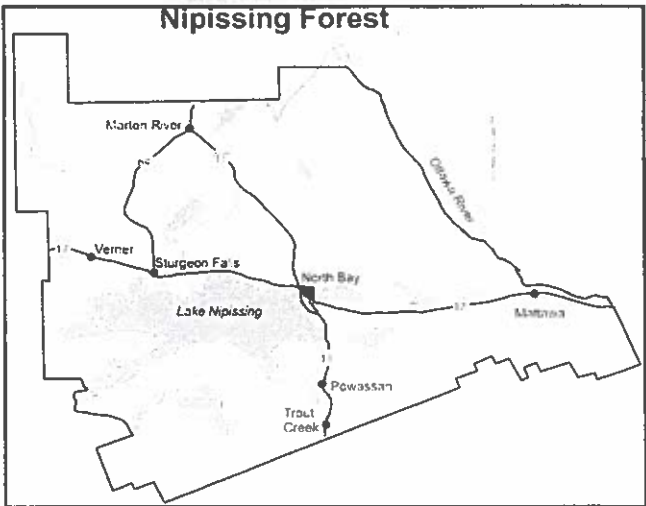
Ric Hansel, R.P.F.
Operations Planning Forester or
Scott McPherson, R.P.F.
Planning Forester
Nipissing Forest Resource Management Inc.
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tel: 705-752-5430 fax: 705-752-5736
e-mail: smcpherson@nipissingforest.com
Office hours: Monday to Friday,
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Stay Involved

Further information on how to get involved in forest management planning and to better understand the stages of public consultation please visit:

<https://www.ontario.ca/document/participate-forest-management-ontario/how-get-involved-forest-management>

Renseignements en français : MNRF.NorthBay@ontario.ca



INSPECTION

Inspection du plan annuel des travaux forestiers approuvé pour la forêt Nipissing pour la période 2022-2023

Le plan annuel des travaux forestiers approuvé pour la forêt Nipissing pour la période allant du 1^{er} avril 2022 au 31 mars 2023 est disponible électroniquement, pour examen public, en communiquant avec le Nipissing Forest Resource Management Inc. pendant les heures normales d'ouverture ainsi que sur le Portail d'information sur les richesses naturelles, à l'adresse <https://nrip.mnr.gov.on.ca/s/fmp-online?language=fr>, à partir du 17 mars 2022 et pendant toute la durée du plan annuel des travaux forestiers, c'est-à-dire douze mois.

Travaux forestiers prévus

Le plan annuel des travaux forestiers décrit les travaux d'aménagement forestier tels que la construction, l'entretien et la mise hors service de routes, les carrières d'agrégats pour routes forestières, le prélèvement d'arbres, la préparation de terrains, la plantation d'arbres et les soins sylvicoles, qui sont prévus dans la forêt durant la période de 12 mois.

Plantation d'arbres et bois de chauffage

Nipissing Forest Resource Management Inc. est responsable de la plantation d'arbres dans la forêt de Nipissing. Veuillez communiquer avec l'entreprise forestière (inscrite plus bas) pour connaître les possibilités d'emploi comme planteur d'arbres.

Pour connaître les endroits où l'on peut ramasser du bois de chauffage (pour un usage personnel) et voir ce qu'il faut faire pour obtenir un permis à cette fin, veuillez communiquer avec le personnel du DNMRNF inscrit plus bas. Les personnes qui désirent ramasser du bois pour ensuite le vendre peuvent communiquer avec l'entreprise forestière ci-dessous.

Renseignements supplémentaires

Pour de plus amples renseignements sur le plan annuel des travaux forestiers, pour prendre un rendez-vous pour discuter du plan avec le personnel du DNMRNF ou pour obtenir de l'information sommaire sur le plan annuel des travaux forestiers, veuillez communiquer avec la personne-ressource pour le DNMRNF suivante :

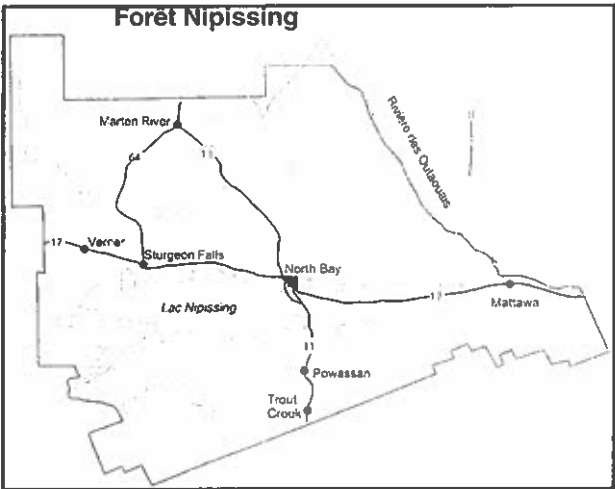
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Rester impliqué

Pour obtenir plus de renseignements sur la façon de participer à la planification de la gestion forestière et pour mieux comprendre les étapes de la consultation publique, veuillez consulter le lien suivant :

<https://www.ontario.ca/fr/document/manuel-de-participation-la-gestion-forestiere-des-terres-de-la-couronne-en-ontario/comment-participer-la-gestion-forestiere>

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Re: Firefighter Certification

Council of the Municipality of South Huron received your correspondence dated February 25, 2022, concerning the draft regulations regarding firefighter certification at their March 7, 2022 Council Meeting. The following resolution was passed:

Motion: 086-2022**Moved: B. Willard****Seconded: A. Neeb**

That South Huron Council support AMO's February 25, 2022 correspondence, and the support letter be distributed to AMO, the Province of Ontario, Premier, Ontario Municipalities, Solicitor General, and the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs.

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

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cc Premier Doug Ford
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Solicitor General
Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs

February 25, 2022

Sent via e-mail: sylvia.jones@ontario.ca

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RE: Firefighter Certification

Dear Solicitor General Jones,

I write to you concerning the draft regulations regarding firefighter certification in response to the posting made on January 28, 2022.

To start, the brevity of the consultation process means that the AMO Board of Directors (and we suspect, the vast majority of municipal councils), have not had a chance to consider or review the proposed regulations in question. The Fire Marshal of Ontario office's distribution of a written presentation to municipal officials, with only three business days to the close of the consultation period, did not facilitate thoughtful municipal review. We would also observe the two technical briefings for municipal officials seemed to be hastily convened. The consultation notice asked for invitations not to be shared. We are concerned that a lack of sharing, and not knowing who was invited, likely contributed to the low municipal participation rates of these sessions.

It is our view that this consultation process is not an example of the type of broad-based municipal engagement necessary for regulations of this scale and scope. As municipal governments are the employers and funders of fire services, we had expected a more comprehensive and transparent consultation with our members.

We believe a more thorough engagement with the municipal sector is necessary for the Ministry to fully appreciate the effects such regulations will have on municipal governments and their fire services. We, therefore, would ask for a two-month extension to afford an appropriate amount of time for the Ministry officials to brief municipal leaders and for councils to be able to thoughtfully reply back on the draft regulations to your Ministry. We understand that the smallest municipalities will be affected the most by these proposed regulations. Ministry outreach must be targeted especially to these communities.

Despite these consultation shortcomings, and without the benefit of broad-based member input, we can offer some preliminary commentary for your consideration. In principle, certification is a step in the right direction. Municipal governments are supportive of efforts to modernize and enhance the professionalism of the fire services that serve Ontario communities. That said, we would ask that the above statement should not be construed or represented as an AMO endorsement of the draft regulations.

AMO understands that the Ontario Seal would provide flexibility based on basic National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) professional qualification standards without requiring NFPA certification. To that end, the Ontario Seal proposed in the current draft is an improved certification approach compared to earlier regulations revoked in 2019.

Legacy provisions are very important to ensure that municipalities are not burdened with unnecessary costs for retraining firefighters who have been adequately trained to the level of service set by Council. We are pleased to see they are included. But such provisions must also include measures which attract and retain volunteer firefighters to serve within their communities. Additional training measures and certification must not serve as an added impediment for those who wish to volunteer as firefighters. Full-time fire fighters simply are not an option for most small, rural, and northern municipalities. The Ministry must propose measures which assist and support volunteer recruitment and composite fire services.

To date, AMO members and fire chiefs have advised that the Ontario certification process will create additional training and new cost pressures on fire services. To that end, it is our request that the Ministry provide some form of financial support during the 4 – 6-year implementation period. The level of support necessary should be based on evidence from fire chiefs and should include the submission of detailed training needs and expected impacts. We urge that fire chiefs be provided with a sufficient period of time to submit detailed fiscal and training impacts to the Ministry and their municipal councils. These training proposals can be used by the Ministry to design a means of providing financial support for small, rural, northern, volunteer, and composite fire services (or any service disproportionately burdened by certification) over the 4 – 6-year implementation period.

We should also point out that there is a distinction between providing local fire services with the support necessary to complete training and the Ministry's support of the Fire Marshal's office to carry out and complete certifications across Ontario. Both need adequate resources to successfully complete certification.

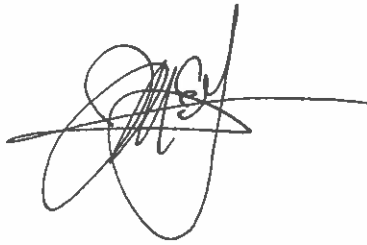
Similarly, the regulatory in-force date (currently July 1, 2022), must be moved well into 2023 or 2024 to fully prevent any in-year municipal budget hits and allow for good municipal financial planning. Of course, the level of multi-year provincial financial support offered to support certification will have a bearing on the in-force date and the adequacy of the lead up period.

As well, the certification process needs to be better aligned with the existing Community Risk Assessments that fire services have been asked to complete by 2025. It seems that the cart is being put in front of the horse. We would ask that these two initiatives be better aligned.

We would also note that the provision of fire services to the unincorporated areas of the province be addressed in an equitable manner to what is expected by municipal governments. Provincial reliance on municipalities to deliver this service, without paying for it, is not right or fair for municipal property taxpayers. This must also be addressed.

I trust these comments will assist the Ministry with its next steps.

Sincerely,



Jamie McGarvey
AMO President and Mayor of Parry Sound

cc: The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Debbie Conrad, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy, Research and
Innovation Division, Ministry of the Solicitor General
Jon Pegg, Fire Marshal of Ontario, Ministry of the Solicitor General
Rob Grimwood, President of the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs (O AFC), and
Deputy Chief, Mississauga Fire and Emergency Services

NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Training More Doctors as it Builds a More Resilient Health Care System

Province Launching Largest Expansion of Medical School Education in Over 10 Years

March 15, 2022
[Office of the Premier](#)

BRAMPTON — The Ontario government is expanding medical school education as it continues to build a stronger, more resilient health care system, especially in growing and underserved communities. Ontario is adding 160 undergraduate seats and 295 postgraduate positions over the next five years, the largest expansion of undergraduate and postgraduate education in over 10 years.

“As our province grows, our government has a plan to build a stronger, more resilient health care system,” said Premier Doug Ford. “We’ve already shored up domestic production of critical supplies like PPE and have added thousands more hospital beds. Now, building on our work to recruit and retain nurses and personal support workers, we’re launching the largest expansion of medical education in ten years.”

This expansion will support all six medical schools across Ontario, including the University of Toronto’s new Scarborough Academy of Medicine and Integrated Health, the Queen’s-Lakeridge Health Campus, the Northern Ontario School of Medicine, Western University, McMaster University and the University of Ottawa. Medical seats will also be allotted to the new Ryerson School of Medicine in Brampton when it becomes operational.

“Ontario’s health care professionals are some of the finest practitioners in the world and that is a testament to the education they receive through Ontario’s universities and colleges,” said Jill Dunlop, Minister of Colleges and Universities. “This expansion will increase access to family and specialty physicians and other health care professionals in every corner of the province to ensure that Ontarians can access the health care they need, when they need it, wherever they may live.”

Expanded undergraduate and postgraduate medical school positions will be allocated as follows:

- Ryerson University will receive 80 undergraduate seats and 95 postgraduate positions
- University of Toronto will receive 30 undergraduate seats and 45 postgraduate positions
- Northern Ontario School of Medicine will receive 30 undergraduate seats, and 41 postgraduate positions
- Queen’s University will receive 20 undergraduate seats and 30 postgraduate positions
- Western University, McMaster University and University of Ottawa will each receive 28 postgraduate positions.

“Ontario’s doctors are key partners of a strong and sustainable health care system,” said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. “Supporting more students to become physicians is a key part of our plan to build up our health care workforce and ensure patients can access the care they need no matter where they live.”

Quick Facts

- The University of Toronto’s new Scarborough Academy of Medicine and Integrated Health will also receive funding for enrolment in life sciences and physical therapy programs.
- To strengthen the health and long-term care workforce, [Ontario is investing \\$342 million](#), beginning in 2021-22, to add over 5,000 new and upskilled registered nurses and registered practical nurses as well as 8,000 personal support workers. In addition, Ontario is investing \$57.6 million, beginning in 2022-23, to hire 225 nurse practitioners in the long-term care sector.

Quotes

"As a growing city with pressing healthcare needs, I'm proud of the fact that the first new medical school in Ontario in over 30 years is being built right here in Brampton. After years of chronic staffing shortages, budget cuts, and neglect from previous governments, our community is finally getting our fair share. Brampton's new medical school will give the eager students of today the opportunity to become the skilled doctors serving our community tomorrow — improving access and quality of care for all Bramptonians."

- Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria
MPP for Brampton South

"Ryerson University will offer a new approach to medical education in Ontario — one that draws on the university's commitment to community, diversity and inclusion, and innovation to address the changing needs for healthcare delivery and practice. We are encouraged and grateful for this announcement of long-term investment by the government of Ontario and we look forward to shaping the future of healthcare with our partners in Brampton and Peel region."

- Mohamed Lachemi
President & Vice-Chancellor, Ryerson University

Additional Resources

- [Ontario Training More Health Care Workers at Indigenous Institutes](#)
- [Ontario is investing \\$35 million to increase enrolment in nursing education programs in publicly-assisted colleges and universities across the province](#)
- [Ontario is investing over \\$115 million to train up to 8,200 new PSWs at publicly assisted colleges](#)
- [Ontario is providing \\$86 million to help train up to 8,000 PSWs through private career colleges and district school boards](#)
- [Ontario Enhancing Personal Support Worker Training](#)
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NOSM University expansion to aid with Northern Ontario physician shortage

Posted on March 15, 2022



Additional spots for MD and residency will contribute to long-term sustainability of physician workforce

On March 15, 2022 the Government of Ontario announced medical school expansion across the province. With this announcement, NOSM University will see an added 30 medical degree and 41 residency spots over the next five years.

"Thank you to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Health Christine Elliott and Minister of Colleges and Universities Jill Dunlop for making changes that will impact the health of our Northern communities," says Dr. Sarita Verma, Dean, President and CEO of NOSM. "They have supported the creation of Canada's first independent medical university effective April 1 and now, with this expansion, are providing new physician spots for the North. It is an exciting time for NOSM University."

According to NOSM's estimates, more than 300 physicians are needed in the North and that number does not factor retirements that may take place over the next five years.

"As part of our promise to deliver high quality health care to all parts of Ontario, we are ensuring that the doctors of tomorrow have access to the world-class training that Ontario's medical schools provide," says Premier Doug Ford. "This is the largest expansion of medical education in 10 years and is a key element to building a stronger and more resilient province for generations to come."

NOSM's latest strategic plan, *The NOSM Challenge 2025*, will move forward with addressing the urgent physician workforce shortage, innovate health professions education and strengthen research capacity while embedding social accountability throughout.

"This is another important step in transforming the health-care system in Northern Ontario to eliminate the gaps in health human resources and create equitable access to care," says Dr. Verma. "We cannot underestimate the impact that Northern Ontarians make when they pull together and advocate for change. I want to particularly acknowledge the Ontario Medical Association, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities and the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association and their members. Municipalities, big, small and all, have had loud voices heard at Queen's Park."

NOSM currently enrolls 64 MD students and 60 first-year residents per year.

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NOSM University is Canada's first independent medical university and one of the greatest education and physician workforce strategy success stories of Northern Ontario. More than just a medical university, it was purpose built to address the health needs of the region. While advocating for equitable access to care, the University contributes to the economic development of Northern Ontario. NOSM University relies on the commitment and expertise of the peoples of Northern Ontario to educate health-care professionals to practise in Indigenous, Francophone, rural, remote and underserved communities. With a focus on diversity, inclusion and advocacy, NOSM University is an award-winning, socially accountable organization renowned for its innovative model of distributed, community-engaged education and research.

Through evidence-based strategies and health-care service models, NOSM University advocates for sustainable solutions for health human resources in Northern Ontario. By preparing, attracting and retaining health-care professionals, the University will improve access to equitable, high-quality health care in the North with an aim to eliminate the gaps.

For further information about NOSM, please contact:

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**The Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
2022-2**

Tuesday February 15, 2022

A regular meeting of the Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation board was held on Tuesday February 15, 2022.

Present: Dave Britton, Doug Walli, Bernadette Kerr, Debbie Piekarski, Zigmas Rybij, Amber McIsaac

Regrets: Shelley Nickerson

1. Call to order

Resolution No. 2022-09– Moved by Zigmas, seconded by Doug that the meeting was called to order at 9:25 a.m. Carried

2. Additions to Agenda – New Business A) Parking Fees, added by Zigmas

3. Approval of the Agenda

Resolution No. 2022-10– Moved by Debbie, seconded by Bernadette that the agenda be adopted as presented with the following addition; Parking Fees added under New Business. Carried

4. Conflict of Interest Disclosure – No conflict of interest

5. Approval of the Minutes from January 25, 2022 board meeting

Resolution No. 2022-11– Moved by Doug seconded by Zigmas that the minutes from the Board meeting on January 25, 2022 are adopted as presented. Carried

6. Business arising

a) Budget

Resolution No. 2022-12– Moved by Bernadette, seconded by Debbie, the GSMNP board approves the budget for 2022 as presented.

Annual funding from the DSSAB was received and updated account balances were given to the board members. Automatic doors were installed at the entrance of the building. Powassan Drug Mart provided all the tenants with covid 19 rapid antigen tests. Amber ordered the mail box from Jim's locksmithing but it will take 3-4 months before it arrives. Cleaners vacation pay was increased from 4% to 6% as she has been with the GSMNP for 6 years and this is change is required according to the Employment Standards Act.

Dave would like the administrative handbook completed by June. Amber and Debbie advised that should not be a problem and will schedule to meet in March.

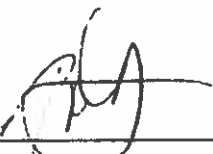
b) Financial Report –

Resolution No. 2022-14– Moved by Zigmas, seconded by Doug that the board approves the January 2022 financials that were presented. Carried

9. Next Board Meeting - Tuesday March 22, 2022 in the Common Room @ 9:30am

10. Adjournment

Resolution No. 2022-15– Moved by Doug, seconded by Bernadette that the board meeting be adjourned at 10:45. Carried



President, Dave Britton

Property Manager, Amber McIsaac

Kris Croskery - Hodgins

From: FONOM Office/ Bureau de FONOM <fonom.info@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 19, 2022 6:01 PM
To: undisclosed-recipients:
Subject: Fwd: Ontario Supporting Local Fire Services in the North

Good day

The FONOM Board wanted to ensure our Membership was aware of this announcement from the Province.

Mac

Talk soon, Mac

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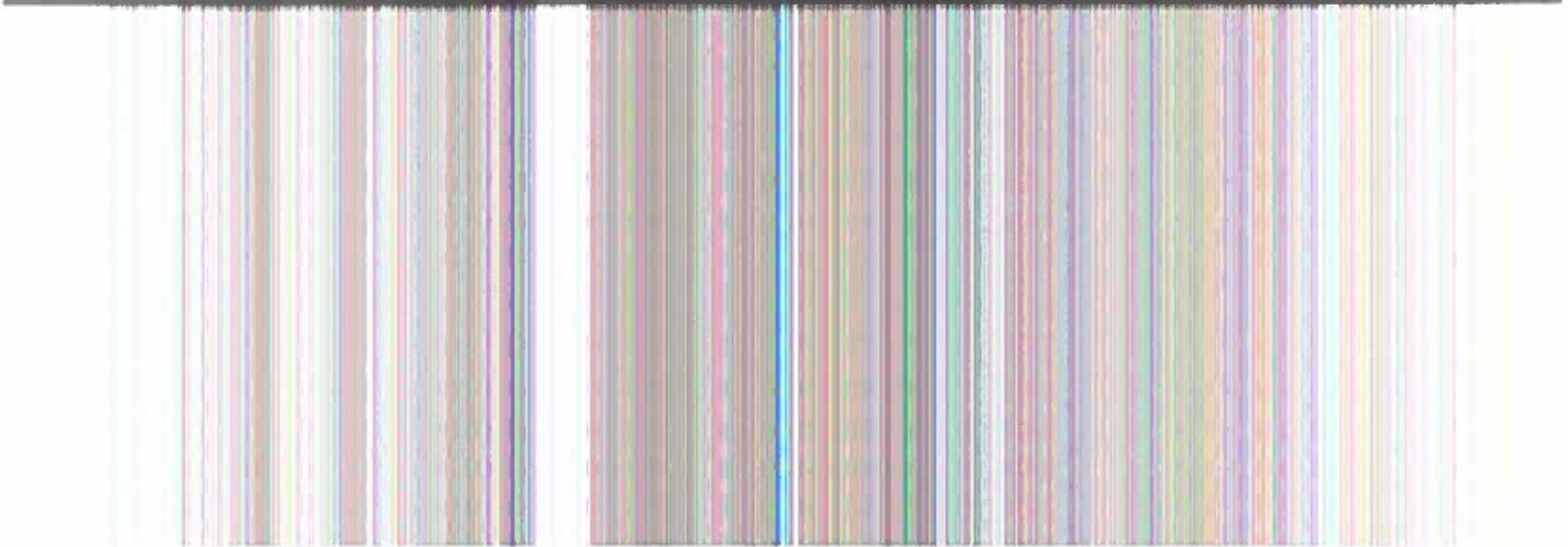


NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Supporting Local Fire Services in the North

**New Program Reimbursing Municipalities for Fire Services
Provided on Crown Land**

March 19, 2022
[Ministry of the Solicitor General](#)



CONMEE — The Ontario government is launching a new program through the Northern Fire Protection Program to reimburse municipalities that provide protection services in parts of the province that don't fall under any municipal boundaries, known as unincorporated areas. Through this reimbursement program, the province is allocating funds to help northern municipalities recover costs associated with responses into areas without fire protection services such as search and rescue, medical, motor vehicle collision and property fires that are not covered by any other funding agreements.

"Northern municipal fire departments, many made up of volunteer fire fighters, step up in a big way when they are called to help Ontarians in unincorporated areas," said Solicitor General Sylvia Jones. "This new program will make it easier for municipalities to recoup costs associated with responding to emergency calls for assistance and ensure they are not paying out of pocket for their important efforts."

The types of calls that are eligible for reimbursement include:

- Structure fires and carbon monoxide-related incidents
- Search and rescue operations and emergency medical care
- Motor vehicle collisions occurring on roads that are not provincial highways
- Hazardous material requests

"We've heard from northern and rural municipalities, including at the ROMA conference earlier this year, that they need the province's support to deliver these services in a financially sustainable way, and our government has listened," said Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "This new funding will help municipal fire departments continue to help us keep Ontario safe, while also recovering their costs."

The program will be administered by Ontario's Office of the Fire Marshal.

Quick Facts

- Ontario's Office of the Fire Marshal oversees the Northern Fire Protection Program, which provides assistance and support for fire protection services to 48 communities without municipal organization however not all of unincorporated Ontario has defined fire protection services. Neighbouring municipal fire departments may assist with responses into these areas when emergencies occur.
- The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities represents and advocates on behalf of 110 cities, towns and municipalities in Northeastern Ontario.
- The Rural Ontario Municipal Association represents rural municipalities across the province.

Quotes

"Our volunteer fire services are the backbone of northern municipalities. They provide valuable on-call services to their home communities and also never want to deny their skill and knowledge to anyone in need. Today's important announcement recognizes

the valuable services these volunteers provide and offers a level of security to those who answer the call. I want to thank our provincial government and Minister Jones for again listening to and acting on our northern concerns."

- Danny Whalen

President, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities

"We are pleased to continue working with fire services in the north that enhance fire protection services and public safety in unincorporated areas. These departments demonstrate dedication to serving and protecting citizens across Ontario."

- Jon Pegg

Fire Marshal, Province of Ontario

"The Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association is grateful to the Ontario government for this new funding program. This investment will have a significant positive impact on all communities in Northern Ontario. This is an important step to ensure municipalities are not burdened with the costs of providing fire service to those outside of their municipal boundaries. We greatly appreciate every effort made to reduce the burden on municipal budgets and ensuring all people receive the services they need."

- Wendy Landry

President, NOMA, Mayor, Municipality of Shuniah

"As the long-serving mayor of a Township that borders an unincorporated municipality, I am pleased that the Ford government has responded to our concerns. This funding announcement will allow us to continue to offer emergency services support to the surrounding unincorporated areas, without placing an undue financial burden on our municipal taxpayers. We thank Premier Ford and Solicitor General Jones for their commitment to building partnerships at all levels of government."

- Kevin Holland

Mayor, Township of Conmee

"The Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs is very pleased to see this expansion of the Northern Fire Protection Program to include reimbursement for expenditures provided during emergency responses in unincorporated lands. By reimbursing departments for these emergency response services, the province is investing in the health and safety of Ontario's firefighters and those we protect."

- Rob Grimwood

President, Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs

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