

TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING CORRESPONDENCE

April 26, 2022

- 1.** Minutes of the Nipissing Township Museum Board meeting held April 6, 2022.
- 2.** Minutes of the Township of Nipissing Recreation Committee meeting held April 4, 2022.
- 3.** Memorandum from Tim Beckett, Acting Ontario Fire Marshal regarding O. Reg. 343/22, Firefighter Certification.
- 4.** AMO Policy Update regarding Firefighter Certification Regulation and Ontario 911 Provincial investment.
- 5.** Ministry of Infrastructure information package on Ontario Connects, Bringing High-Speed Internet to Every Community.
- 6.** Resolution from the Town of Halton Hills regarding Building and Climate Change Emergencies.
- 7.** Resolution from the Township of Muskoka Lakes regarding Decibel Limits on Boat Motor Noise.
- 8.** Resolution from the Town of Cochrane regarding the Year of the Garden.
- 9.** Donation request from the Trout Creek Agricultural Society for the 2022 Fall Fair.
- 10.** Donation request from Almaguin Highlands Secondary School for the Graduation Awards Program.
- 11.** Minutes from the Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation meeting held March 22, 2022.
- 12.** Letter from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs regarding avian influenza in Ontario.

Nipissing Township Museum

Board Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2022

7 p.m., Nipissing Township Community Centre

Present: Liz Moore, Gladys Bateman, Mary Heaseman, Gillian Bernais, Kris Croskery-Hodgins, Brenda Lennon, Chris Johnston (by Zoom)

Regrets: Steve Kirkey

Resignation: Kerry Kloiber

- 1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Liz Moore.
- 2. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest** – There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.
- 3. **Acceptance of Agenda** – The agenda was accepted as presented by Gladys Bateman and seconded by Mary Heaseman.
- 4. **Acceptance of Previous Minutes** – The minutes of the March 2, 2022, meeting were accepted as presented by Gladys Bateman and seconded by Mary Heaseman.
- 5. **Standing Agenda Items**
 - i. **Finance:**
 - 1. Budget Update – Candy/Pop/Yogurt proposed should be \$10,000 not \$5,000. Salaries and benefits will go up due to the Manager hire being longer. Deferred for questions for next meeting due to limited time to review.
 - 2. Forecast – Heritage window replacements at \$20,000 and office/foundation repair are included as future expenses.
 - ii. **Managers Report:** None
- 6. **Business Arising:**
 - i. Candy Suppliers – Gillian will forward supplier names to Liz.
- 7. **New Business:**
 - i. Strategic Plan:
 - 1. Church Building:
 - a. Replace windows and door
 - b. Inspect timbers for rot.
 - c. Replace wheelchair ramp (**priority item)
 - d. Develop and purchase banners/exhibit panels
 - e. Develop interactive exhibits that can be handled by public
 - f. Programs – Develop a ‘Suitcase’ program for schools/LTC/retirement homes/senior’s residence

- g. Programs - Develop a calendar of 'Special Event' dates for programming i.e. Contact MP and MPP for special event days to tie into our programs.

2. Candy Store:

- a. Renovate kitchen including cupboards, sinks, flooring, etc.
- b. Expand and renovate storage space by decommissioning items to create space
- c. Replace windows
- d. Add an addition as per our 2018 recommendation to council (Recommended a 20 X 32 ft. extension with a 12 ft. covered deck all on a cement foundation built at the northeast end of the building, maintaining the retro look. Addition would include a multi-use open area, storage space and accessibility washroom.) Market the new museum space as an event centre with a fee schedule and contract that is Board approved.
- e. Heating in new facility

3. The Hardware:

- a. Obtain pallets to remove artifacts from the floor
- b. Cull irrelevant artifacts and remove sticky tabs
- c. Electrical review of building

4. Gazebo:

- a. Install electricity
- b. Purchase seating

5. Harlan's Hut:

- a. Purchase new lightweight tables
- b. Install better lighting
- c. Replace roof

- ii. Summer Students – There are 2 openings for summer students. These will be advertised in the Township newsletter and job banks. The positions are budgeted for a start date at the end of May (weekends if high school students). Gillian begins work as manager on May 2, 2022.
- iii. Staffing – Liz has put forward to council the creation of a 1 FTE township position that would combine the Museum Manager position (summer) with a Recreation Lead position (winter). This would have huge advantages and gains for the Museum and may improve retention of staff and access to pertinent grants.
- iv. Summer Activity Planning: We will finalize activities at the May meeting.
 - 1. Opening Day - Friday May 20th, Wed to Sun, 10 a.m. to 4:30.
 - 2. Grand Opening - Lemonade and cupcakes on Saturday May 21st. Licence - Liz. Advertising - Posters in stores, outside signage, facebook, North Bay/Nipissing News.
 - 3. July 1st – Late hours with a concession stand/candy floss for Canada Day fireworks.
 - 4. Pie Day – Sunday, July 17th at 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 - 5. Heritage Day - August. Need new ideas.
 - 6. Fall Festival and Farmer's Market - Saturday, Sept 4th

v. Priorities for Manager:

1. Museum is the priority. Open/clean/organize all the buildings. Call Steve to rototill.
2. Order candy and yogurt, price, and stock. Cold drinks/yogurt Liz will pick up.
3. Order packaging supplies - packaging containers, spoons, brown paper gift bags, new museum cards.
4. Begin appealing for silent auction items.
5. Spend 4 hrs with Kris at town office for admin. direction.

8. **Next Meeting** – The next meeting of the Nipissing Township Museum will be held on Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at the community centre 7 p.m.

9. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned by Liz Moore at 8:37 p.m. and seconded by Brenda Lennon.

Not Approved



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

Date: Apr 4, 2022

Start Time: 7:00

Present: James Scott, Shelly Foote, Shawn Hughes, Steph Duchesne, Kathy Shaw, Will Bateman
 Zoom: Chris Johnson, Liz Moore

Regrets: Ron Phillips, Andrew Barry

Absent: Kerry Kloiber

Meeting Called to Order James Scott

1. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: None
2. Acceptance of Agenda: Shawn Hughes, Steph Duchesne
3. Acceptance of Previous Minutes: Steph Duchesne, Kathy Shaw All in Favour
4. Business Items from Previous Meeting:
5. Business Items from previous meeting
 - I. **Paint Night**
 - Restoule is organizing a pain night in April
 - Discussion around revisiting it in the fall – evening instead of afternoon event
 - II. **Easter Event/ Scavenger Hunt**
 - Steph to take care of Cookie and Egg Decorating items
 - Should we be short of volunteers we would combine the 2 tables
 - If it rains we will move inside to the rink shack
 - Small tent available 10 x 10 if needed
 - Some of the older kids will be coming to help—we will advertise on the Facebook page for 2-3 more volunteers
 - Shelly to pick up juice boxes and skipping ropes and bubbles for each bag
 - Shelly will cut out bunny ears for each bag
 - Budget set at \$200.00 for bags
 - III. **Kids Soccer Discussion**
 - Current count 117 kids with registration ending May 18
 - One field to be cut in ½ for younger age range – 2 sets of nets to be purchased (smaller)
 - Other nets to be purchased by Township staff along with Size 4 & 5 Balls for the weekly games
 - 15 – 20 balls needed for each game to warm up with 2 kids per ball
 - Volunteer Training session booked for May 26th 6 pm at the community center
 - T-Shirt will be handed out May 24-27 from Township office – May 29th 2 hours at the rink shack
 - 3 colors of shirts a different color for each age group and pinnies will go over each T-Shirt to help differentiate teams
6. New Business
 - I. **Play Ground Update & Discussion**

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MEMORANDUM TO: Heads of Council / Chief Administrative Officers

FROM: Tim Beckett
Acting Ontario Fire Marshal

DATE: April 14, 2022

SUBJECT: O. Reg. 343/22: Firefighter Certification

Dear Heads of Council and Chief Administrative Officers,

I am writing to provide an update on the work that we have been doing on firefighter certification under the [Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997](#).

I am pleased to let you know that O. Reg. 343/22: Firefighter Certification has been filed under the Act. It is available on e-Laws [here](#).

Throughout the consultation period, we received tremendous feedback and support from municipalities, fire chiefs, and partner associations including the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs, Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association and the Fire Fighters Association of Ontario. The Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM) has been working collaboratively with all partners to understand the regulation and how the OFM can best support departments at the local level throughout the implementation period.

The final regulation reflects changes related to exceptions, transition, and certification standards in response to feedback received during the Regulatory Registry posting period and during the municipal technical briefings. This feedback assisted in finalizing the firefighter certification regulation, which provides flexibility for local municipalities, while supporting firefighter and public safety.

With this regulation, we are not asking that firefighters train to higher levels than they already are. Certification is a process of verification, ensuring that a firefighter is trained to the standard they are required to perform, as set out in the level of service determined by a municipal council or territory without municipal organization.

Mandatory certification in Ontario will validate the training that firefighters receive and, in turn, will create safer communities.

Many of the comments received with respect to implementation have also been or will be addressed in the coming months. For instance, to address capacity pressures within the OFM, we are already increasing the staff complement for both the Ontario Fire College (OFC) and our Academic Standards and Evaluation Unit. This will ensure that we can respond to the current and ongoing demand for training and certification across Ontario.

We also continue to refine and enhance both our Adjunct Instructor and Regional Training Centre models to meet provincial demand. Learning Contract accessibility has been expanded allowing fire departments that already train together to continue to do so in order to achieve certification. The OFC will also be working with fire departments to increase their own internal training capacity and will be exploring opportunities to provide additional training for senior officers through upcoming seminars, conferences and webinars.

At the same time, we heard from many departments that purchasing textbooks and other training essentials is challenging. We have therefore explored options with the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council (FMPFSC) to look at supports that they can provide on the procurement of textbooks and other materials. The FMPFSC is supportive of the certification file and will be finalizing options that will be communicated to fire departments shortly.

I am pleased that we have been able to work so collaboratively with municipalities, fire departments, and other partners to have this regulation finalized. With a long implementation window, we are confident that certification is achievable and look forward to working with firefighters across Ontario as this regulation is operationalized.

Sincerely,

Tim Beckett
Acting Fire Marshal

c: Mario Di Tommaso, O.O.M.
Deputy Solicitor General, Community Safety

Kris Croskery - Hodgins

From: AMO Communications <Communicate@amo.on.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 4:20 PM
To: admin@nipissingtownship.com
Subject: AMO Policy Update: Fire Certification Regulations, Provincial Investment in Next Generation 911 (NG-911), More Homes For Everyone receives Royal Assent, Long Term Care Regulations, and Municipal Cyber Security Resources

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April 19, 2022

AMO Policy Update – Fire Certification Regulations, Provincial Investment in Next Generation 911 (NG-911), *More Homes For Everyone* receives Royal Assent, Long Term Care Regulations, and Municipal Cyber Security Resources

Fire Certification Regulation Released

New firefighter certification regulations have now been filed under the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997*. [O.Reg 343/22](#) is in effect as of July 1, 2022. The Ministry of the Solicitor General has now added further exemptions to improve implementation. These changes include:

- extending the exemption period for newly hired firefighters from 24 months to 36 months
- an exemption for current firefighters performing pump operations, and
- a further exemption for firefighters who have been issued a letter of compliance by the Fire Marshal prior to the new regulation coming into force.

The new regulations add certification standards for fire prevention, inspection, training, and communications. It removes certification standards for vehicle rescue and heavy vehicle rescue. Municipal fire departments will have until September 30, 2023, to provide information that supports the certification standard to the Fire Marshal's satisfaction.

AMO has impressed upon the Ministry of the Solicitor General and the Ontario Fire Marshal of the need to take measures which attract and retain volunteer firefighters, provide financial assistance to support training where needed during the implementation period, and to align the certification process with the Community Risk Assessments due for completion by 2025.

NG-911 Investment

The Ontario government has announced a \$208 million investment over three years to modernize Ontario's 911 system. This is the first significant financial step the province has taken to comply with federally mandated Next Generation 911 modernization. The transition to NG-911 implementation is due by March 2025.

NG-911 allows members of the public to communicate with municipal 911 call centres using more than just their voice. It allows for the transmission of GPS location coordinates, text messages, photos, and videos. Over 100 municipally operated call centres throughout the province connect the public with police, fire, and ambulances services.

The transition from analog communications to digital communications is a big step forward. The technical complexity of these changes has significant financial implications. It includes infrastructure modernization, the sorting and storage of digital information, and training requirements for emergency operators and 911 dispatchers.

AMO welcomes this initial provincial down payment. To successfully commence and operate NG-911 for the safety of all, will require further investments in the future. AMO is a participating member of the NG-911 Interagency Advisory Panel working with the Ministry of the Solicitor General. AMO will continue to press for sustainable fiscal options to guide further NG-911 investments.

More Homes for Everyone Act Receives Royal Assent

The [*More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022*](#) received [royal assent](#) on April 14, 2022. This legislation supports the provincial government's [More Homes for Everyone Plan](#). The legislation passed with no amendments and is now in place. Among the changes enabled by the Act is the deadline of July 1, 2022, for municipalities to delegate site plan approval to staff.

[Consultations](#) related to the More Homes for Everyone Plan are still underway until April 29, 2022. AMO will be providing a submission to respond to these consultations in the coming weeks.

Long-Term Care Regulations in Force

On April 11, 2022, the [Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021](#) and Phase 1 of its [regulations](#) came into force. As identified in our [response](#) to the proposed regulations, there are concerns that there may be additional financial impact to the implementation of these regulations than was initially estimated by the Ministry of Long-Term Care.

The Ministry's initial estimate of average annual direct compliance costs for all long-term care homes in Ontario was between \$20 million to \$23.5 million, or approximately \$36,000 on average for each home, each year. This estimate only includes the additional costs linked to enforcement.

[AdvantAge Ontario](#) conducted a broader analysis based on all aspects of the new regulations, including potential hiring of additional staff, and found that for all long-term care homes the cost would be between \$369 million and \$407 million, or approximately \$590,000 to \$650,000 per home, per year.

AMO looks forward to the provincial budget for any additional funding that would address the full cost of the regulations, along with the potential reinstatement of COVID-19 prevention and containment funding.

An additional municipal concern in the regulations is that municipal elected officials elected under the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* have not been exempted from the requirement to provide a police record check to serve on long-term care governance boards. The only exemption provided for in the regulations is if the elected official's term of office ends on November 14, 2022.

Cyber Security Resources

Secure Smart Cities Paper Released - The Cybersecure Policy Exchange has released [Secure Smart Cities: Making Municipal Infrastructure Cyber Resilient](#). The report examines the unique challenges and needs of Canada's municipalities for securing their critical infrastructure from cyber threats. The paper identifies key challenges, promising developments, and five policy recommendations to ensure the security and resilience of municipal critical infrastructure systems. The paper was developed through a literature and jurisdictional review, along with interviews and a round table with experts, including representatives from AMO and LAS.

TVO's The Agenda: Ontario Municipalities Under Cyber Threat - On April 4, 2022, TV Ontario's Steve Paikin convened a [panel discussion on municipal cyber threats](#). The panel included Stratford Mayor Dan Matheson and Judy Dezell from Local Authority Services (LAS) (AMO's Business Services) among others. The segment examines what's at stake during a cyberattack and what preventative steps Ontario's municipalities can take.

The above two resources are being shared to help municipal governments address an emerging challenge to the security of municipal operations.

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Ministry of Infrastructure

Ontario Connects: Bringing High-Speed Internet to Every Community

April 2022

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Overview

Ontario has committed to ensuring that every household and business in the province has access to high-speed internet (50/10Mbps) by the end of 2025.

The ministry will be providing information and an update on progress so far on broadband initiatives since the last Virtual Information Session in January.

1

Legislative and regulatory proposals

Reducing barriers to broadband infrastructure deployment

2

Application based programs and projects

Continuation of existing programs

3

Accelerated High Speed Internet program

An innovative, competitive process, including a series of reverse auctions

4

Broadband One Window and Technical Assistance Team

Support for municipalities and other broadband stakeholders

Coordinated and accelerated action to achieve 100% connectivity



In March 2021, the government announced a historic commitment of nearly \$4 billion in funding-based programs and projects for unserved and underserved communities across the province.

To date, the Ontario government has already committed over \$900 million to over 180 broadband, cellular and satellite projects, bringing faster internet access to more than 375,000 homes and businesses across the province and significantly improving cellular connectivity throughout Eastern Ontario.

Through its competitive procurement process, the government is helping to connect up to 300,000 unserved and underserved homes and businesses to reliable high-speed internet.

Work is underway to ensure that no household or business is left behind when it comes to accessing our digital world.

1. Legislative and regulatory support for faster broadband deployment

In line with the Statement of Intent and [Building Broadband Faster in Ontario Guideline](#), legislative and regulatory measures will serve to accelerate the timely deployment of designated broadband projects and address ongoing barriers to the deployment of internet infrastructure.

Bill 93, Getting Ontario Connected Act was introduced on March 7, 2022 and was passed by the Legislature on April 11.

The legislation amends the Building Broadband Faster Act and the Ontario Underground Infrastructure Notification System Act.

Building Broadband Faster Act key amendments:

- Require municipalities to meet a service standard 10 or 15 business days to consider and respond to right-of-way permits for designated broadband projects.
- Require utility infrastructure owners (e.g., municipalities, energy transmitters) to share data within 15 business days when they receive request for data concerning utility infrastructure owned or operated within 10 metres of a designated broadband project.

1. Legislative and regulatory support for faster broadband deployment

Next steps include:

- New proposed regulation under Ontario Energy Board Act to ensure faster support for deploying internet fibre on hydro pole attachments (April 2022).
- Administrative monetary penalties regime for non-compliance with Minister's orders under Building Broadband Faster Act (not intended to be directed towards municipalities related to rights-of-way permitting).
- Updates to the Building Broadband Faster in Ontario Guideline so there are clear expectations.

2. Application-based programs and projects

Ontario has built partnerships and leveraged funding from the private sector and other levels of government, enabling broader connectivity coverage and value for money.

Project	Progress to date
 SWIFT	96 contracts to connect more than 63,000 households and businesses across the region.
 EORN ELECTRICITY OPERATIONAL NETWORK	100 telecommunication towers completed to date.
Northern + Indigenous	6 projects to reach over 7,000 homes and businesses in several municipalities and First Nations communities + Matawa Rapid Lynx project for 700 homes and businesses.
ICON	17 announced projects to enable access for over 18,000 homes and businesses.
ICON+UBF	Finalizing agreements for 58 projects co-funded with Canada to enable access for over 280,000 homes and businesses. More details to come including impacted ISPs and municipalities.
 Telesat	Dedicated capacity on Telesat Lightspeed to help connect the hardest to reach households.



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3. Accelerated High Speed Internet Program (AHSIP)

A new, innovative and transparent procurement process to accelerate access to high-speed internet for as many underserved homes and businesses as possible.

Preliminary outcomes of the reverse auction

- The Ontario government is taking another step forward in its competitive process to help connect up to 300,000 unserved and underserved homes and businesses to reliable high-speed internet as possible.
- The province has now completed the reverse auction events for this innovative process to identify preferred Internet Service Providers.
- The province will announce further details on the service areas and successful Internet Service Providers, once the process has concluded.
- Municipalities will receive letters to know what projects will be coming to their communities.

Goals of competitive process

- Support goal of 100% access to high-speed internet with at least 50/10 Mbps service by the end of 2025.
- Attract broad participation from range of internet service providers.
- Maximize wired connections
- Obtain value for money through competitive tension

4. The Broadband One Window (BOW) platform

The BOW platform has been designed to address barriers and streamline coordination to deliver on Ontario's high-speed internet commitment. It facilitates embedding processes, templates and timelines to enhance information sharing and process coordination, leading to risk reduction and more collaboration. It addresses utility coordination needs (i.e., consistency, traceability, proactive management, and knowledge institutionalization) through a robust set of key functionalities that can be leveraged for projects beyond broadband.

NOTE: IO will provide training and onboarding materials to municipalities for BOW.

Key Functionalities of BOW

DATA SHARING



A web portal accessible to all stakeholder maintains a single source of truth for project: latest analyses, data, project status and requests.

REPORTING & VISUALIZATION



Dashboards and reports provide real-time access to project performance tracking and status reporting across the portfolio.

WORKFLOW & REQUEST MANAGEMENT



Stakeholder interaction managed using automated service delivery tools that ensure requests are managed in a timely basis.

GEOSPATIAL ANALYTICS



Repository for geospatial data and mapping enabling users to access and extract relevant information in location-based analytics

DATA PROCESSING & MANAGEMENT



Embedded data ingestion and validation features enable rapid setup times and perpetual, automated delivery of solutions.

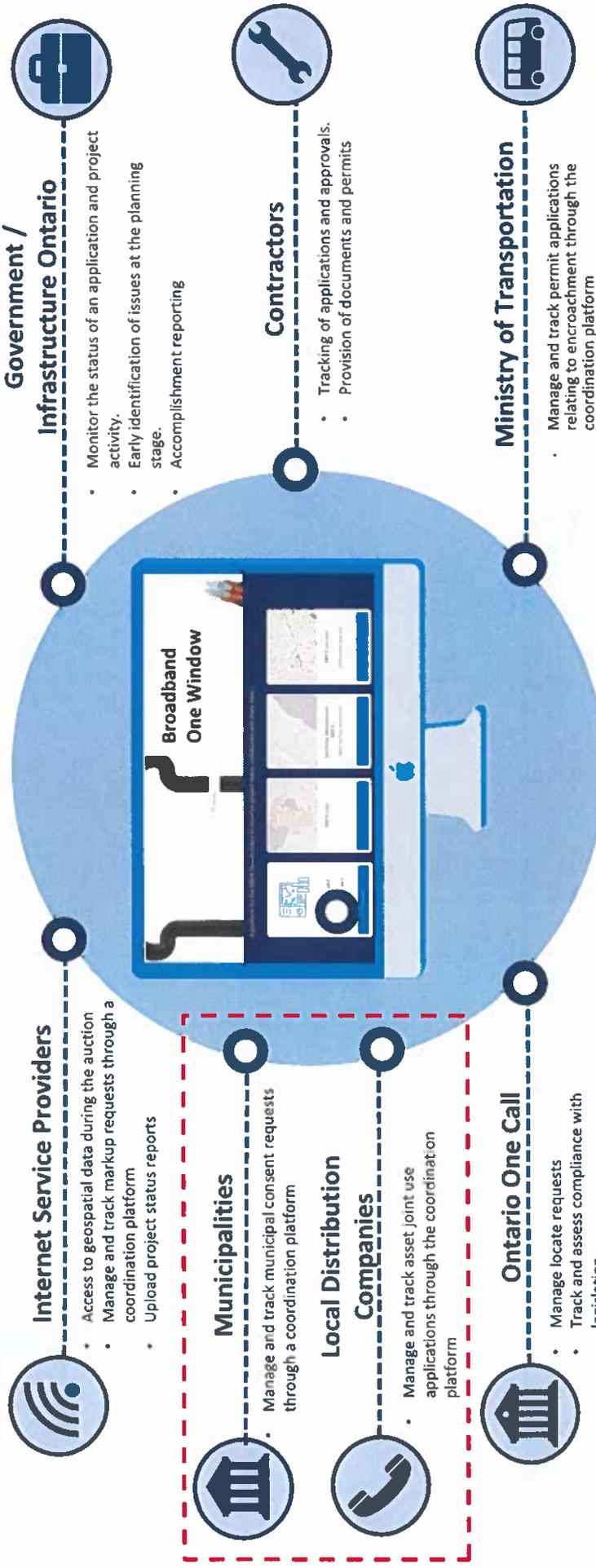
ADVANCED ANALYTICS



Big data tools and data science helps track project performance and pre-empt potential recurring issues during the execution phase.

4. Major Benefits for All Involved Stakeholders

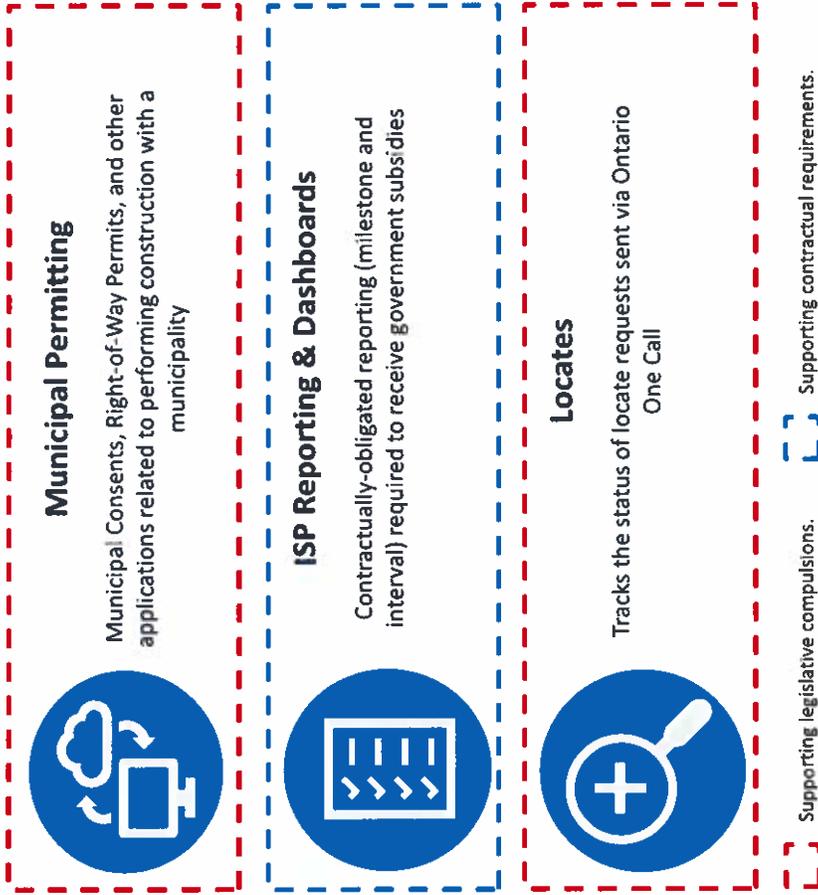
BOW meets needs of multiple stakeholder groups by providing data access, sharing information and documentation, streamlining approval processes and monitoring project progress. It will provide users with several key benefits:



Legislative compulsion to use platform

4. BOW Use Cases

By combining leading-edge monitoring and collaboration technology, BOW will realize multiple benefits towards achieving AHSIP's program goals of accelerated infrastructure delivery:



4. Technical Assistance Team (TAT)

Infrastructure Ontario is establishing a Technical Assistance Team (TAT) to assist municipalities and Local Distribution Companies (LDCs) that may not have the resources required to execute the AHSIP work. The team is expected to be onboarded, operational and ready to support stakeholders as early as late April 2022.

Focus of the TAT

-  Work with municipalities, LDCs and ISPs with resource constraints at their request
-  Provide extra technical resources for those municipalities and LDCs who may struggle to meet the demands of the AHSIP
-  Coordinate with and support all involved parties to reduce barriers for delivering designated projects

TAT Core Service Offerings

Broadband Stakeholder Support

Develop resources (e.g., FAQs, fact sheets, etc.) to assist stakeholders with understanding the Guideline and associated processes such as permitting and dispute resolution.

Provide support through the Broadband One Window (BOW), teleconference, virtual meetings, email or phone.



Permits and Approvals Coordination

Provide support related to permit applications such as reviewing applications for completeness, general coordination services, providing quality assurance and ensuring compliance with permit processes.



Dispute Facilitation and Coordination

Provide informal support on permitting issues, facilitate communication and coordination, and provide support for Guideline.

Next Steps



- The ministry will finalize contracts with and announce details on the service areas and successful Internet Service Providers.
- Ongoing development of regulatory proposals in line with the Statement of Intent to further reduce barriers and delays to support the deployment of high-speed internet infrastructure across the province.
- Municipalities continue to play a crucial role in ensuring the timely deployment of broadband infrastructure to connect Ontario's unserved and underserved communities. Please reach out to us if you have any questions or comments on Ontario's commitment to achieve 100 per cent connectivity by the end of 2025.

Email us: broadband@ontario.ca

April 20, 2022

Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Via Email

Re: Build it Right the First Time

Please be advised that Council for the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Monday, April 11, 2022, adopted the following Resolution:

Resolution No. 2022-0077

WHEREAS The Town of Halton Hills made a commitment through its Climate Change Emergency Resolution adopted in May 2019 to reach net-zero GHG emissions by the year 2030, which is consistent with the current scientific data indicating that this is required by all jurisdictions if we are to avoid catastrophic climate-related events;

AND WHEREAS Residential and commercial buildings account for 33% of the GHG emissions in Halton Hills;

AND WHEREAS The Town of Halton Hills is actively implementing its Low Carbon Transition Strategy and has committed millions of dollars in the current budget to upgrade energy efficiency in its corporate building stock;

AND WHEREAS The Town of Halton Hills has adopted its third upgraded iteration of its Green Development Standards to ensure that all new buildings are built above the current Ontario Building Code mandatory requirements;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is consulting on changes for the next edition of the Ontario Building Code (ERO #019-4974) that generally aligns with the draft National Model Building Code except it does not propose adopting energy performance tiers, it does not propose timelines for increasing minimum energy performance standards step-by-step to the highest energy performance tier, and according to Efficiency Canada and The Atmospheric Fund, it proposes adopting minimum energy performance standards that do not materially improve on the requirements in the current Ontario Building Code;

AND WHEREAS The greenhouse gas reduction targets set out in municipal climate Change strategies across the province will not be achievable without a commitment by the Provincial government to use this opportunity with respect to updates to Ontario Building Code to upgrade the energy efficiency of all new builds in line with other Provinces and the National Standards;

AND WHEREAS ensuring that all new buildings in the Province of Ontario are built to the highest energy efficiency means that they will not need expensive retrofits in the future and the cost of heating and cooling these buildings will be reduced from the moment they are first occupied;



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AND WHEREAS the lack of strong energy efficiency standards in the current and proposed OBC have resulted in the costly development of local green development standards as individual municipalities are forced to negotiate energy upgrades as they strive to meet their GHG reduction goals (Halton Hills, Toronto, Whitby, Pickering, City of Waterloo);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council request the Province of Ontario to include energy performance tiers and timelines for increasing minimum energy performance standards step-by-step to the highest energy performance tier in the next edition of the Ontario Building Code, consistent with the intent of the draft National Model Building code and the necessity of bold and immediate provincial action on climate change;

AND FURTHER THAT if the OBC is not upgraded to the National Model Building Code that municipalities be given the authority to adopt a higher level of energy efficiency consistent with the National Building Code;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be provided to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to Halton MPP's to the leaders of all Provincial political parties and to all Ontario Municipalities.

Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2022-0077.

If you have any questions, please contact Valerie Petryniak, Town Clerk for the Town of Halton Hills at valeriep@haltonhills.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M Lawr'.

Melissa Lawr
Deputy Clerk – Legislation

cc. Halton MPP's
leaders of all Provincial political parties
all Ontario municipalities



THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Resolution No.: 2022-0077

Title: Build it Right the First Time

Date: April 11, 2022

Moved by: Councillor J. Fogal

Seconded by: Mayor R. Bonnette

Item No. 15.3

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AND WHEREAS The greenhouse gas reduction targets set out in municipal climate Change strategies across the province will not be achievable without a commitment by the Provincial government to use this opportunity with respect to updates to Ontario Building Code to upgrade the energy efficiency of all new builds in line with other Provinces and the National Standards;

AND WHEREAS ensuring that all new buildings in the Province of Ontario are built to the highest energy efficiency means that they will not need expensive retrofits in the future and the cost of heating and cooling these buildings will be reduced from the moment they are first occupied;

AND WHEREAS the lack of strong energy efficiency standards in the current and proposed OBC have resulted in the costly development of local green development standards as individual municipalities are forced to negotiate energy upgrades as they strive to meet their GHG reduction goals (Halton Hills, Toronto, Whitby, Pickering, City of Waterloo);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council request the Province of Ontario to include energy performance tiers and timelines for increasing minimum energy performance standards step-by-step to the highest energy performance tier in the next edition of the Ontario Building Code, consistent with the intent of the draft National Model Building code and the necessity of bold and immediate provincial action on climate change;

AND FURTHER THAT if the OBC is not upgraded to the National Model Building Code that municipalities be given the authority to adopt a higher level of energy efficiency consistent with the National Building Code;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be provided to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to Halton MPP's to the leaders of all Provincial political parties and to all Ontario Municipalities.

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Mayor Rick Bonnette



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April 19, 2022

Subject: Township of Muskoka Lakes Support Decibel Limits on Boat Motor Noise –
Let's Talk Submission

Dear Sirs:

Excessive noise from boat motor noise on our waterways is a pervasive, persistent and growing problem in the Township of Muskoka Lakes. The current legislation requires boat motors to have a working muffler but has no performance requirements for sound emissions measured in decibels limits. Because of this police are reluctant to lay charges with regard to the muffler law.

On March 10, 2021 our council passed a resolution to join the Decibel Coalition and support their efforts to have the Small Vessel Regulations amended to include such standards.

We understand that Transport Canada is formally asking for public input on this topic through their "Let's Talk" web portal. ([Let's Talk small vessels noise emissions | Let's Talk Transportation- Canada.ca \(letstalktransportation.ca\)](http://Let's Talk small vessels noise emissions | Let's Talk Transportation- Canada.ca (letstalktransportation.ca))).

The Township of Muskoka Lakes believes that option #5 "Introduce performance standards for manufacturers and vessel operators to follow" is the most viable option to ensure that enforcement agencies and the federal government have this tool to help address this problem. We also believe that it must be accompanied by effective and easy enforcement procedures.

We fully understand that jurisdiction over Canadian waterways lies exclusively with the Federal Government and as such municipalities cannot make by- laws for our lakes and rivers. The Township of Muskoka Lakes would welcome enactment of these improved regulations in the interests of our community, and we urge the government to take immediate action.

We will communicate our support of option #5 with the township community in Ontario lake country and encourage them to do the same.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "R. Jones", written over a horizontal line.

Mayor of Muskoka Lakes

CC Norman Miller

Scott Aitchison

Minister Alghabra – Minister of Transport

Minister Mendicino – Minister of Public Safety

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SUPPLEMENTARY COUNCIL AGENDA MEETING

Agenda Item 7.a.

Date: April 13, 2022

C- 3 -13/04/22

MOVED BY: Councillor Bridgeman

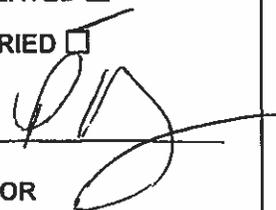
SECONDED BY: Councillor Mazan

WHEREAS Council passed a resolution on March 21, 2021 to become a member of the Decibel Coalition and support its objectives to have Transport Canada Small Vessel Regulation SOR-2010-91 enhanced by the Federal Government/Transport Canada to include decibel limits on the amount of noise from boat motors and provisions for effective and easy enforcement procedures; and

WHEREAS Transport Canada has asked for public input through their 'Let's Talk' web portal which offers 5 potential solutions; and

WHEREAS Council wishes to express its support for option #5: "Introduce performance standards for manufacturers and vessel operators to follow" to be known to the Federal Government;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that Council direct staff to submit the letter attached as Appendix 'I' to this motion via the 'submit' tab on the Transport Canada Let's Talk web portal.

RECORDED VOTE:	NAYS	YEAS	
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COUNCILLOR EDWARDS (Deputy Mayor)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
COUNCILLOR HAYES (Acting Deputy Mayor)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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Recorded Vote Requested by:	_____	_____	

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COCHRANE

REGULAR COUNCIL

DATE:

April 5, 2022

RESOLUTION NO.:

118 -2022

AGENDA ITEM NO.:

10.1

MOVED BY

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SECONDED BY

O'Connor

WHEREAS the Year of the Garden 2022 celebrates the Centennial of Canada's horticulture sector; and

WHEREAS gardens and gardening contribute to the quality of life of our municipality and create safe and healthy places where people can come together; and

WHEREAS the Year of the Garden 2022 will highlight and celebrate the important contribution of gardeners, our local gardening organizations, horticultural professionals and local horticultural businesses which contribute to garden culture and the experience garden of our municipality; and

WHEREAS gardens and gardening have helped us face the challenges of the COVID pandemic; and

WHEREAS Communities in Bloom in collaboration with the Canadian Garden Council, invites all municipalities to celebrate the Year of the Garden;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Mayor Denis Clement, on behalf of the Town of Cochrane do hereby proclaim 2022 as the Year of the Garden in celebration of the contribution of gardens and gardening to the development of our country, our municipality and the lives of our citizens in terms of health, quality of life and environmental challenges; and

THAT the Saturday before Father's Day, June 18, 2022, be recognized as Garden Day in the Town of Cochrane as a legacy of Canada's Year of the Garden 2022; and

THAT the Town of Cochrane is committed to be a Garden Friendly Town supporting the development of its garden culture; and

THAT all the municipalities across Canada be invited to proclaim 2022 to be the Year of the Garden in their respective municipalities, and that a copy of this resolution be provided to all municipalities of Ontario, and for that purpose.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COCHRANE

DECLARED THE MOTION

- CARRIED**
- DEFEATED**
- DEFERRED**
- REFERRED TO:** _____

RECORDED VOTE - Requested by: _____

[Signature]

Mayor (Acting Mayor)

RECORDED VOTE	FOR	AGAINST	CONFLICT	ABSENT
Daniel Bélisle				
Todd Calaezzi				✓
Denis Clement				
Rodney Hoogenhoud				✓
Robert Hutchinson				
Desmond O'Connor				
Frank Sisco				

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

_____ **DISCLOSED HIS/HER INTEREST(S)** _____ **VACATED HIS/HER SEAT**
ABSTAINED FROM DISCUSSION AND DID NOT VOTE ON THIS QUESTION.



Trout Creek Agricultural Society
P.O. Box 52
Trout Creek ONT.
POH 2L0

April 11, 2022

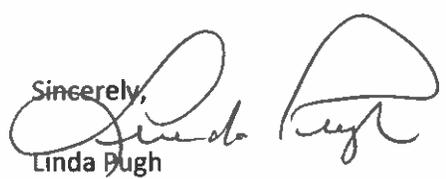
Township of Nipissing
45 Beatty Street
Nipissing, Ontario
POH 1W0

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Re; Trout Creek Agricultural Fall Fair -2022

On behalf of the Trout Creek Agricultural Society we wish to thank you for your generous donation in 2020. As Covid did not permit us to have a Fair for 2 years we are using this donation for our 2022 Fair as we will celebrate our 100th Anniversary this year.

Again thank you for your donation.

Sincerely,


Linda Pugh
Secretary
Trout Creek Agricultural Society



Almaguin Highlands Secondary School

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April 6, 2022

Township of Nipissing
45 Beatty St.
Nipissing, ON
POH 1W0

Every year, many individuals and area businesses generously support our community school and students by contributing to the Graduation Awards Program.

Almaguin Highlands Secondary School students and staff have always appreciated this very generous support. It has enabled us to recognize and to reward the outstanding achievements and successes of our students through the presentation of well-earned awards.

We are reaching out at this time to ask whether you are able to support, or continue to support our students this year by making a contribution towards our Graduation Awards Program. The names of donors will be acknowledged in our Graduation Program and an income tax receipt will be issued.

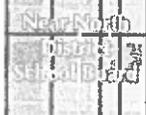
We recognize the past couple of years have been very difficult for most individuals, families and businesses, given the social and economic impact of COVID-19. The continued uncertainty moving forward also presents as a significant challenge for many. We understand that it may be more difficult to make a financial contribution this year, but donations of any size will make a significant impact on our ability to honour our incredibly hardworking and dedicated students.

This year our Graduation exercises are scheduled for the evening of Tuesday June 28, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

If you can make a contribution towards our Graduation Awards Program, we would be pleased to hear from you by June 1, 2022, please email lisa.ferrante@nearnorthschools.ca. The school is currently open if you wish to drop off the award at the main office or you can mail it to the school. Thank you for your interest and support of our program, as well as your help in recognizing the excellence of our students.

Sincerely

Susan Fawcett
Principal



The Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
2022-3

Tuesday March 22, 2022

A regular meeting of the Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation board was held on Tuesday March 22, 2022

Present: Dave Britton, Doug Walli, Bernadette Kerr, Debbie Piekarski, Zigmas Rybij, Amber Mclsaac, Property Manager

1. Call to order

Resolution No. 2022-15– Moved by Zigmas, seconded by Doug that the meeting was called to order at 10:34 a.m. Carried

2. Additions to Agenda New Business B) Property Manager Resignation

3. Approval of the Agenda

Resolution No. 2022-16– Moved by Bernadette, seconded by Doug that the agenda be adopted as presented with the following addition; Property Manager Resignation added under New Business. Carried

4. Conflict of Interest Disclosure – No conflict of interest

5. Approval of the Minutes from February 15, 2022 board meeting

Resolution No. 2022-17– Moved by Debbie seconded by Zigmas that the minutes from the Board meeting on February 15, 2022 are adopted as presented. Carried

6. Business arising

a) **Vaccine Policy**

A discussion took place in regards to the GSMNP internal Vaccine Policy and lifting of Government vaccine and masking mandates. Debbie spoke to the fact the tenants in the building are considered a vulnerable population. Ziggy suggested that we leave masking up to the individuals, while

Bernadette advised that the board has a responsibility to protect the high-risk tenants that live here and a sign should be posted for all tenants and visitor encouraging them to wear a mask. Policy will be reviewed again at the next meeting.

Resolution No. 2022-18 – Moved by Ziggy seconded by Debbie that GSMNP will keep the internal vaccine policy in place and highly recommends wearing a mask in the building to help keep everyone safe and prevent the spread of covid 19. Carried.

b) Market Tenant Board Member

Resolution No. 2022-19 – Moved by Bernadette seconded by Zigmas that the GSMNP appoints Mrs. Mieke Krause to the board filling the position of Market Rent Tennant.

c) Audit

Amber presented the following documents that were received from Kendall, Sinclair, Cowper, Daigle & Houlden LLP; Audit Planning Letter, Fraud Questionnaire, draft copy of the Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation Financial Statements year end December 31, 2021.

Board members are to review these documents in full and bring any questions they have forward to Mr. Daigle who will be in attendance for the meeting in April.

7. New Business

A) Property Manager Contract Ending

Amber advised her temporary term is almost over. Property Manager contract will be sent to the board members by email to review for the meeting in April.

B) Property Manager Resignation

Dave presented a letter from Shelley Nickerson informing the board of her resignation. She thanked the board for her time with the Pines.

Dave started a discussion in regards to a thank you or retirement gift for Shelley for her 5 years of service. Debbie suggested a policy be created to create consistency with gifts when a staff member retires based on their years of service. Suggestions were given from board members as to what the gifts could be. Board members will discuss at the next meeting.

Amber to follow up with the bank and capital funding account to be given signing authorization for these accounts.

8. Correspondents

a) Managers Report

Amber advised the board of the following: Plumber rate increase by \$10 per hour for 2022, upgrades to the parking lot lighting completed in full, motion light installed in the laundry room, balcony repairs set to start April 25th, timeline needed from Evan Hughes for retaining wall project, window cleaning booked for after repairs, painting of front of building and fences scheduled for spring, Canada post expected to start delivery to the building in June, application for funding for new gardens is being explored, fire drill booked with the municipality fire department for June 14th, carbon monoxide alarms will be installed in the hallways once make up air unit is installed, Bell bills have been set up to an online payment to avoid late payments, Amber working maximum 25 hours per week at this time.

Zigmas expressed frustration with \$150 parking fee for 2023. Advised he is doing some research to see if tenants who have never been asked to pay parking can be charged and will report at the next meeting.

A discussion took place in regards to electric cars and costs up upgrades to the electrical equipment in the future.

Board members advised that the cost of maintaining the driveway and block heaters is significant. Bernadette mentioned it was not fair to the tenants who do not use this service to have to pay with increased rents and a charge for tenants who do use the parking lot was a better way to recover the costs for maintaining the parking lot. Dave suggested that existing tenants have the option to pay the \$150 to use the block heaters or pay nothing and hydro be turned off at those spaces. \$150 yearly charge (\$ 12.50 per month) amount for existing tenants to be reviewed at the next meeting.

Resolution No. 2022-20 – Moved by Bernadette seconded by Debbie that the GSMNP will update their lease to include a \$150 parking fee for all new tenants to the Pines for any vehicle that requires parking, including scooters.

b) Financial Report –

Debbie expressed concerns that the wages still seem rather low compared to previous years. Amber advised the board that she has mostly been working 15-20 hour as opposed to the maximum 25. Has delegated some of the extra cleaning and maintenance tasks to other staff members as part of their regular duties. 25 hours will still be required at this time due to projects going on around the building this spring but Amber plans to drop back down to the 15-20 hours by

the summer again. Expressed 15 hours a week is a good number to complete all the book keeping hours needed to run the building and any extra small tasks that come up.

Resolution No. 2022-21– Moved by Zigmas, seconded by Doug that the board approves the February 2022 financials that were presented. Carried

9. Next Board Meeting - Tuesday April 12, 2022 in the Common Room @ 9:30am

10. Adjournment

Resolution No. 2022-22– Moved by Bernadette, seconded by Doug that the board meeting be adjourned at 11:45. Carried



President, Dave Britton



Property Manager, Amber McIsaac

Ministry of Agriculture,
Food and Rural Affairs

Ministère de l'Agriculture, de
l'Alimentation et des Affaires rurales



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April 8, 2022

Kris Croskery-Hodgins
(Acting) CAO/Clerk
Township of Nipissing
cao@nipissingtownship.com

Dear Ms. Croskery-Hodgins,

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has confirmed cases of highly pathogenic avian influenza (H5N1) in Ontario.

While the CFIA leads the disease response for highly pathogenic avian influenza, and has imposed permitting requirements in defined areas of the province, I am writing to inform you and your constituents that Ontario is taking action to help limit the spread of the virus in the province.

On the advice and recommendation of the Chief Veterinarian for Ontario, I have issued a Minister's Order under the *Animal Health Act, 2009*, for the purpose of limiting the commingling of birds from different locations in Ontario, in order to reduce the likelihood of disease transmission in domestic birds by limiting direct contact.

Effective April 9, 2022, this Order temporarily prohibits events where birds commingle, such as bird shows, bird sales and swaps, portions of fairs where birds are exhibited, sport and educational displays where birds are brought from multiple locations, vaccination gatherings for birds from multiple locations, and prohibits the movement of birds to those events. Temporarily reducing direct contact between birds from different locations will limit the spread of avian influenza and protect flock health. This Order will expire on May 9, 2022, but may be extended if required.

This Order builds on the government's actions to limit the spread of avian influenza, including increasing surveillance and testing capacity and providing education and resources for all those along the poultry supply chain. As well, the Ontario government has expanded mental health supports for farmers and their families.



Good things grow in Ontario
À bonne terre, bons produits

Ministry Headquarters: 1 Stone Road West, Guelph, Ontario N1G 4Y2
Bureau principal du ministère: 1, rue Stone ouest, Guelph (Ontario) N1G 4Y2

I also continue to encourage your constituents to further enhance their biosecurity measures.

If your municipality permits backyard flocks, I strongly encourage you to share these essential resources with them. Additionally, I am asking you to take a proactive approach in limiting public events that involve the commingling of birds.

Avian influenza subtype H5N1 has been identified in Ontario, and eight other provinces, including Nova Scotia, and Alberta, as well as numerous US states. Avian influenza is not a threat to food safety but impacts domesticated and wild birds. Ontario poultry and eggs are safe to eat when, as always, proper handling and cooking takes place. People working with poultry should take additional precautions and are strongly encouraged to follow all public health guidelines and maintain strict biosecurity.

I understand that temporarily stopping participation in these activities is disappointing news for many Ontario farmers, bird owners and hobbyists. By pausing these activities in the short term, I firmly believe we will help protect the poultry industry for the long term.

For more information on the Minister's Order, please visit [NEWSROOM](#) and [OMAFRA's Avian Influenza webpage](#).

The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs continues to monitor this quickly developing situation and may implement further measures as part of the response to this disease.

I appreciate your cooperation as we continue to work together to enhance biosecurity and reduce the spread of avian influenza.

Sincerely,



Lisa M. Thompson

Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

Resources:

- [OMAFRA Avian Influenza Website](#)
- [CFIA Avian Biosecurity – Protect Poultry, Prevent Disease](#)
- [Checklist to Implementing an Effective Biosecurity Plan](#)
- [Suggested Solutions for Farmers – Deterring Migratory Birds](#)
- [Biosecurity Recommendations for Small Flock Poultry Owners](#)
- [How to prevent and detect disease in backyard flocks and pet birds](#)
- [Biosecurity for Small Poultry Flocks During High Risk Periods for Avian Influenza](#)
- [Mental health resources for farmers](#)