

***** AGENDA *****
Tuesday, September 19, 2023
****START TIME 6:30 p.m.****

1. Disclosure of pecuniary interest.
2. Committee Reports.
3. Resolution: Adopt the minutes of the meeting held September 5, 2023.
4. Discussion: Draft Strategic Plan.
5. Resolution: Authorize the Mayor and Municipal Administrator to sign a Conditional Contribution Agreement with the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) for the hiring of an Intern position.
6. Resolution: That we approve the purchase of a sander unit for Public Works.
7. Resolution: Approve the Fall Newsletter for circulation.
8. Resolution: Adopt an updated Appendix B to the Fire Department Establishing and Regulating By-Law Number 2023-15; Township of Nipissing Fire Department Organizational Chart.
9. Discussion: 2023 Budget update.
10. Correspondence.
11. Accounts to pay.
12. Closed Session: 239.(2)(a) the security of the property of the municipality; and (k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality.

Purpose of Closed Session: to receive a legal opinion on an ongoing municipal property matter and establish direction of next steps.
13. By-Law: Confirming Proceedings of Council at its meeting held September 19, 2023.
14. Adjournment.

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, September 5, 2023

A regular meeting of the Township of Nipissing Council was held on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 starting at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was held in person at the Township of Nipissing Community Centre, and livestreamed to the Township of Nipissing YouTube Channel.

Present: Mayor Tom Piper and Councillors Tom Butler, Shelly Foote, Stephen Kirkey and Dave Yemm.

Staff: Fire Chief-MLEO-CEMC Will Bateman and Municipal Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Kris Croskery-Hodgins.

Disclosure of pecuniary interest: Councillor Shelly Foote.

Committee Reports:

Councillor Dave Yemm: Livestock Valuer.

Councillor Stephen Kirkey: North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority Source Water Protection Committee.

Mayor Tom Piper: Golden Sunshine Non Profit Housing Corporation Board of Management; Eastholme Home for the Aged – Building Committee and Board of Management.

R2023-169 D. Yemm, T. Butler:

That the minutes of the Council meeting held August 15, 2023, be adopted as published. **Carried.**

Council received the decision of the Ontario Land Tribunal on Zoning By-Law Appeal, Case OLT-22-003922, to permit travel trailers on Rural, SR and LSR properties of a reduced lot area and setback.

Council received a Staff Report on the request for additional signage within the Township of Nipissing.

R2023-170 S. Kirkey, D. Yemm:

That we pass By-Law Number 2023-38, being a by-law to adopt a Municipal Position Description for the Office Assistant position for the Township of Nipissing.

Read a first, second and third time and passed this 5th day of September, 2023. **Carried.**

R2023-171 S. Foote, T. Butler:

That we accept the correspondence as presented. **Carried.**

Councillor Shelly Foote declared a pecuniary interest as her personal business is listed in the Accounts Payable listing.

R2023-172 D. Yemm, T. Butler:

That the statement of accounts dated: August 19 and 31, September 2, 2023; totaling \$432,876.51 be approved. **Carried.**

Councillor Foote returned to the Council table.

Item #9 on the Agenda, Closed Session for Education Purposes with Harold Elston, Integrity Commissioner, was deferred to a future meeting as Mr. Elston was unable to attend the meeting due to a personal matter.

R2023-173 S. Kirkey, T. Butler:

That we pass By-Law No. 2023-39, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on September 5, 2023.

Read a first, second and third time and passed this 5th day of September. **Carried.**

R2023-174 D. Yemm, S. Kirkey:

That the meeting be adjourned. Time: 7:16 p.m. Next regular meeting to be held September 19, 2023. **Carried.**

Mayor:

Municipal Administrator:

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

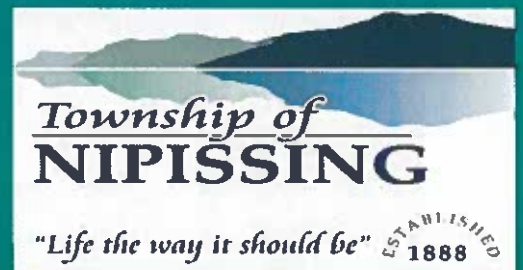
Clerk to record, without note or comment, all resolutions, decisions and other proceedings of the council.

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

STRATEGIC PLAN 2023-2026

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TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

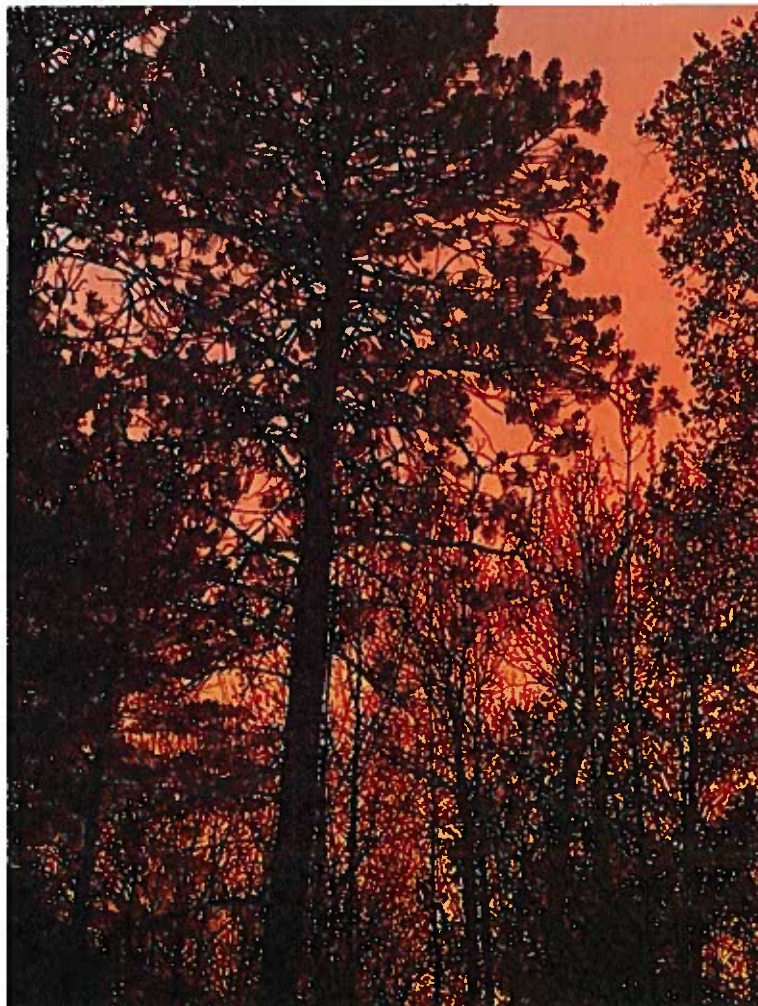


Strategic Planning for the Township of Nipissing

The Corporation of the Township of Nipissing was incorporated on February 10, 1888. On January 1, 1970, the Township of Nipissing annexed the unincorporated Township of Gurd. The Township is a rural community with three designated Hamlet areas.

The Strategic Plan for the Township of Nipissing encompasses community values, natural heritage features, quality of life and a shared vision of the future as gathered from the residents during Town Hall meetings and gathered input from a variety of sources.

Tourism is an important economic driver of the Township with Lake Nipissing a draw for many. Maintaining a safe, stable municipality allows residents to grow and thrive, providing Life the Way it Should Be.



Council 2023-2026

Left to right:

Dave Yemm, Councillor; Shelly Foote, Councillor; Tom Piper, Mayor; Stephen Kirkey, Councillor; and Tom Butler, Councillor.



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Councillor Stephen Kirkey

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Councillor Dave Yemm

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COUNCIL MEETINGS:

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Message from the Mayor

On behalf of Council and Staff, I would like to thank everyone who participated in the Town Hall Meetings. Your input was appreciated and helped us determine elements in our plan.

We are attempting to present the plan in a new format which we hope will be easier to comprehend. With the new term of Council this year, many new initiatives have begun to meet numerous issues left over from the previous Councils and the pandemic.

The Township of Nipissing continues to work on your behalf through this plan to keep “Life the Way it Should Be”.

Tom Piper, Mayor



Purpose of a Strategic Plan

Strategic planning is a process used to define the direction of the municipality, anticipate future needs and establish realistic and attainable goals and objectives. The plan allows the municipality to effectively allocate resources and provide growth that is fiscally responsible and maintainable.

Town Hall meetings were held to gather input from the residents for the strategic vision of the Township.



Governance Framework

Role of Council

Municipal Act, s. 224

- To represent the public and to consider the well-being and interests of the municipality.
- To develop and evaluate the policies and programs of the municipality.
- To determine which services the municipality provides.
- To ensure that administrative and controllership policies, practices and procedures are in place to implement the decisions of council.
- To ensure the accountability and transparency of operations of the municipality, including the activities of the senior management of the municipality.
- To maintain the financial integrity of the municipality.
- To carry out the duties of council under the Municipal Act.

Role of Staff

Municipal Act, s. 227

- To implement council's decisions and establish administrative practices and procedures to carry out council's decisions.
- To undertake research and provide advice to council on the policies and programs of the municipality.
- To carry out other duties required under the Municipal Act and other duties assigned by the municipality.

Mission Statement

The Township of Nipissing is dedicated to maintaining its rural township atmosphere and its safe, healthy environment through the provision of effective and efficient government and planning, for the benefit of residents and visitors.

Vision Statement

The Township of Nipissing is a proactive community that respects and protects its history while enhancing and embracing the needs of residents and guests, and the opportunities provided by its natural resources.

Core Value Statements

- Culture and excellent customer service.
- History and heritage.
- Quality services for citizens and visitors.
- Open and transparent governance.
- Honesty and integrity.
- Inclusion and diversity.
- Fairness and equality.
- Commitment to a team of creative problem solvers.
- Accountability to residents.
- Respect for the natural environment.

Township Key Priorities

Strategic Areas of Focus:

- Effective and Efficient Municipal Services
- Local Historical and Natural Heritage Features
- Sustainable Community Growth and Prosperity
- Maintaining “Life the way it should be”



Effective and Efficient Municipal Services

Goal: To ensure the provision of effective and progressive communication with residents and visitors while maintaining municipal services and meeting the needs of the community.

Objective	Method	Timeline
Asset Management Planning	a) Road Needs Study – 2023 b) Asset Management Plan update c) 10 Year Capital Forecast Budgeting	a) by year end 2023 b) by year end 2023 c) started in 2023
Levels of Service	Service Delivery Review	2024-2025
Operational Review	a) Operational Review b) Human Resources Policy Review – Market compensation study, pay equity review	a) RFP for 2024 b) RFP for 2024
Waste Diversion – Landfill Management	a) Expansion request Bear Creek Landfill to MOE b) Expansion request Wolfe Lake Landfill to MOE c) Recycling Services transfer to Provincial authority	a) In progress 2023 b) 2025-2026 c) October 2025
Communication with Residents	a) Communication Strategy Document b) Website information updates and improvements	a) 2024 b) 2023 and ongoing



Local Historical and Natural Heritage Features

Goal: To celebrate and promote the natural heritage features and local history of the Township of Nipissing while providing education and preserving the past.

Objective	Method	Timeline
Strategic Planning for the Nipissing Township Museum	a) Strategic Planning document b) Cataloguing Software for Museum collection c) Consistent Leadership and Management of the Museum	a) 2024 b) 2024 Budget c) 2024
Protect Natural Heritage Features	a) Form a working relationship with Indigenous groups to ensure any significant areas are protected during development/sale b) Consult with Ontario Heritage Trust to identify areas of significance during development/sale	a) immediately b) immediately
Official Plan updates	Following the Provincial Policy Statement and the Ontario Planning Act for all necessary updates to the Official Plan of the Township of Nipissing	Update to begin 2027
Zoning By-Law updates	Following the Official Plan of the Township of Nipissing.	Update to begin following approval of the Official Plan (2027 update) by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

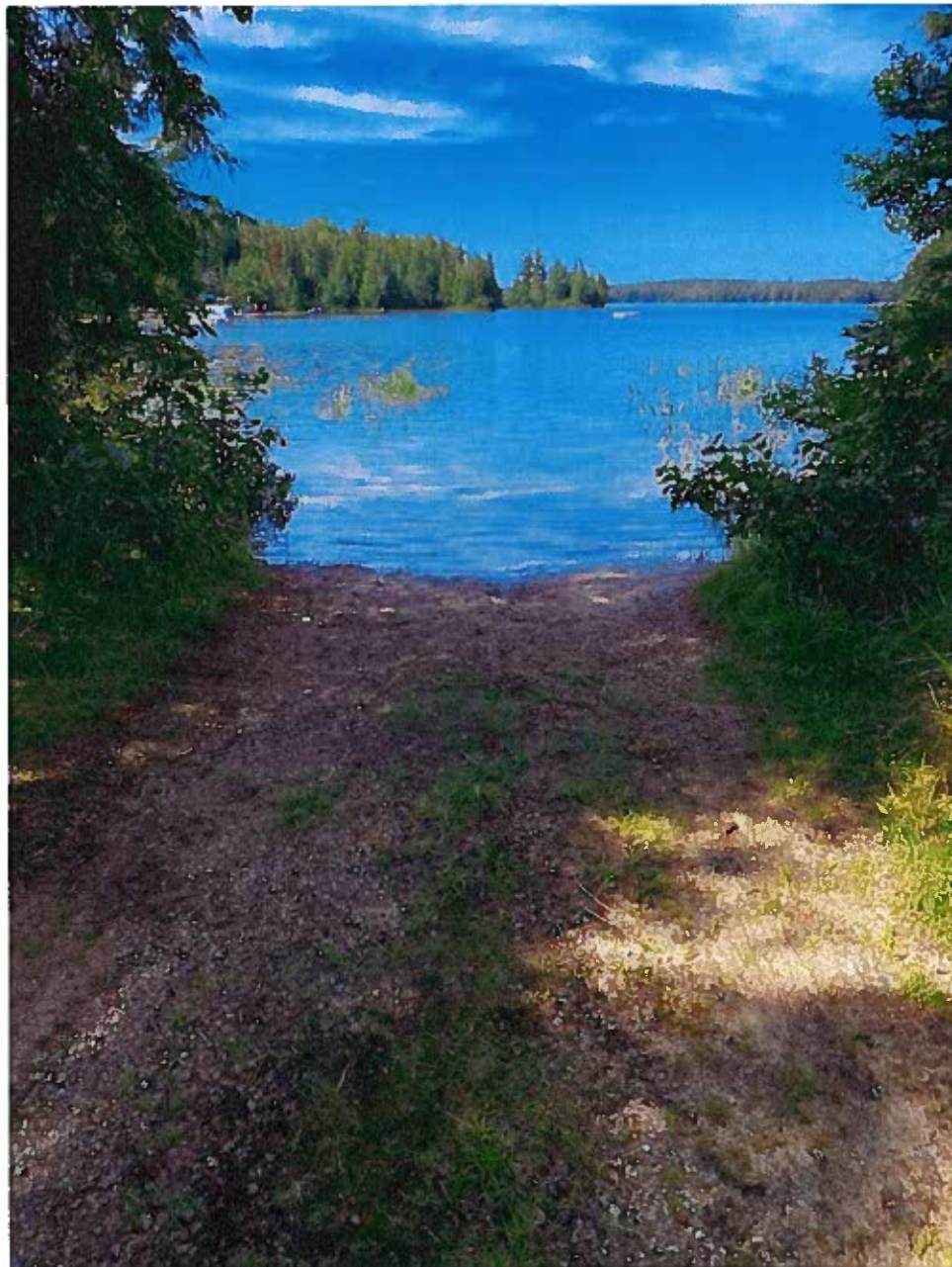


Sustainable Community Growth and Prosperity

Goal: To sustain and support the current “quality of life”, natural environment, and community partners in local and home-based businesses to provide sustainable growth and development opportunities in the Township of Nipissing.

Objective	Method	Timeline
Property Standards – with a common-sense approach and rural flavour.	a) work towards a licensing model for short term rental properties including methods of enforcement for excessive noise and disruption. Working with area municipalities for provide a common framework to provide consistency in the sector. b) investigate a property standards policy, clean yard by-law, for acceptable restrictions that are enforceable within the Township of Nipissing.	a) 2023 and ongoing b) 2024-2025
Housing opportunities.	a) Working within the Official Plan, Zoning By-Law and provincial land planning policies, support growth and development of municipal lands working with local property owners.	a) immediate and ongoing
Support local business/industry for sustainable growth.	a) Improve local business directory listing on the Township of Nipissing website. b) Provide education materials to explain the home-based industry requirements in the Township of Nipissing Zoning By-Law. c) Continue to defer development charges for new buildings to encourage growth and development in the Township of Nipissing.	a) 2023-2024 b) 2024 c) immediate and ongoing

Sustainable Community Growth and Prosperity (Continued)		
Objective	Method	Timeline
Support improvements to resident safety and well-being.	a) Work with the Ontario Provincial Police to regulate the speed concerns along municipal roadways. Including using radar speed signs and public education. b) Monitor and update the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan annually with local partners. c) Community Risk Assessment	a) 2023 and ongoing b) annually c) 2024



Maintaining “Life the way it should be”

Goal: To expand and support the physical, social and environmental opportunities that exist within the Township of Nipissing through community programming and growth.

Objective	Method	Timeline
Support and improve community facilities for recreation.	a) Strategic Planning document for Recreation facilities. b) Inclusive and open Recreation Committee communication with the residents. A survey to be distributed to residents for input on recreation programming. c) Improvements to the outdoor rink facility and Heritage Park.	a) 2024 b) immediate and ongoing c) 2024-2025
Invest in repairs and maintenance to Water Access areas.	a) Repairs to Chapman’s Landing Dock. b) Upgrades at McQuaby Lake boat launch area – including moving parking to an improved area. c) Maintenance and improvements to the municipal beach areas on Lake Nipissing and Wolfe Lake Beach.	a) 2023-2024 b) 2024-2025 c) immediate and ongoing
Promote, support and invest in volunteerism	a) Work with local partners to promote volunteering and programming across the area. b) Create a volunteer network for all programming, celebrating community involvement and recognizing contributions.	a) immediate and ongoing b) 2023-2024



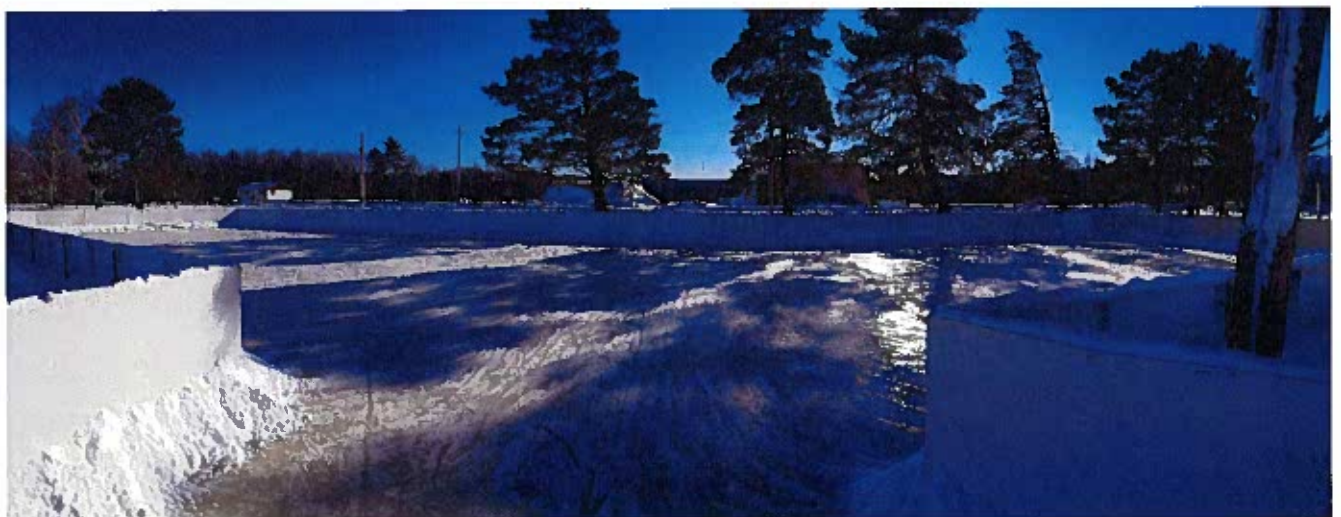
2023-2026 Township of Nipissing Strategic Plan

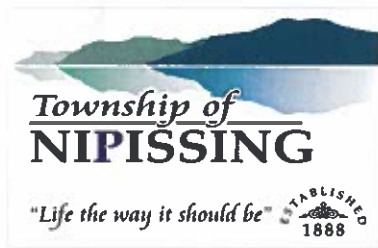
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Township of Nipissing

45 Beatty Street, Nipissing ON P0H 1W0

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TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: September 19, 2023

NUMBER: R2023-

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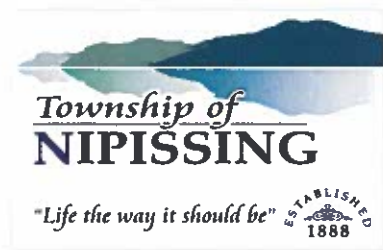
THAT we authorize the Mayor and Municipal Administrator to sign a Conditional Contribution Agreement with the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) for financial assistance to hire an intern for a one-year term.

For Against

PIPER
BUTLER
FOOTE
KIRKEY
YEMM

Carried

Mayor: Tom Piper



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: September 19, 2023

NUMBER: R2023-

Moved by

Seconded by

THAT we approve the purchase of a hopper sander insert from Bumper to Bumper – H.E. Brown as provided in Estimate 791959/D.

Quoted cost including applicable taxes: \$11,237.85.

Item approved in the 2023 Municipal Budget.

For Against

PIPER
BUTLER
FOOTE
KIRKEY
YEMM

Carried

Mayor: Tom Piper

BUMPER TO BUMPER - H.E.BROWN
P.O. BOX 538
600 GORMANVILLE ROAD UNIT 201
NORTH BAY, ON P1B 8J3
PHONE: (705) 472-0400

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS

SOLD TO: TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING
 BEATTY STREET

NIPISSING ON P0H1W0
 705-724-2144

CUST NO: 127370
 TERMS: NET 30th

DATE: 8/2/23 TIME: 2:22
 CLERK: DLS TERMINAL: 578
 SALESPERSON: 04 MELISSA MOULDER
 TAX: HST Harmonized Sales Tax

REFERENCE:
 JOB NO: 000

QUOTATION: 791959

SHIP TO:

EXPIRATION DATE: 10/1/23

ESTIMATE: 791959/D

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		SALTDogg 2.0 CUBIC YARD ELECTR								
2	LAB	NBLP4	1				350.00		350.00	C
		PV INSERT HOPPER SANDER INSTALL								

REPRINT

TAXABLE 9945.00
 NON-TAXABLE 0.00

SUB-TOTAL 9945.00

SUBTOTAL 9945.00

TOT WT: 995.00

TAX AMOUNT 1292.85

TOTAL 11237.85

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 Received By



Corbeil, ON POH 1K0
1627439 Ontario Limited

Estimate

Date	Estimate #
2022-09-20	1332

Name / Address
Township of Nipissing 45 Beatty St Nipissing ON P0H 1W0

Project

Description	Qty	Rate	Total
2023 Boss Forge 2.0 Long Bed Spreader (Pintle) Includes work lights and cover,	1	11,995.00	11,995.00
Shop Labour	6	110.00	660.00
HST (ON) on sales		13.00%	1,645.15
		Total	\$14,300.15



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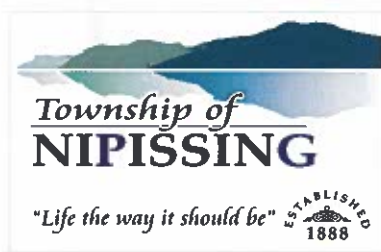
THAT we approve the Fall 2023 Newsletter for circulation, as presented.

For Against

PIPER
BUTLER
FOOTE
KIRKEY
YEMM

Carried

Mayor: Tom Piper



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: September 19, 2023

NUMBER: R2023-

Moved by

Seconded by

THAT we adopt an updated Appendix B to the Fire Department Establishing and Regulating By-Law Number 2023-15; Township of Nipissing Fire Department Organizational Chart providing for an additional Captain position within the department.

For Against

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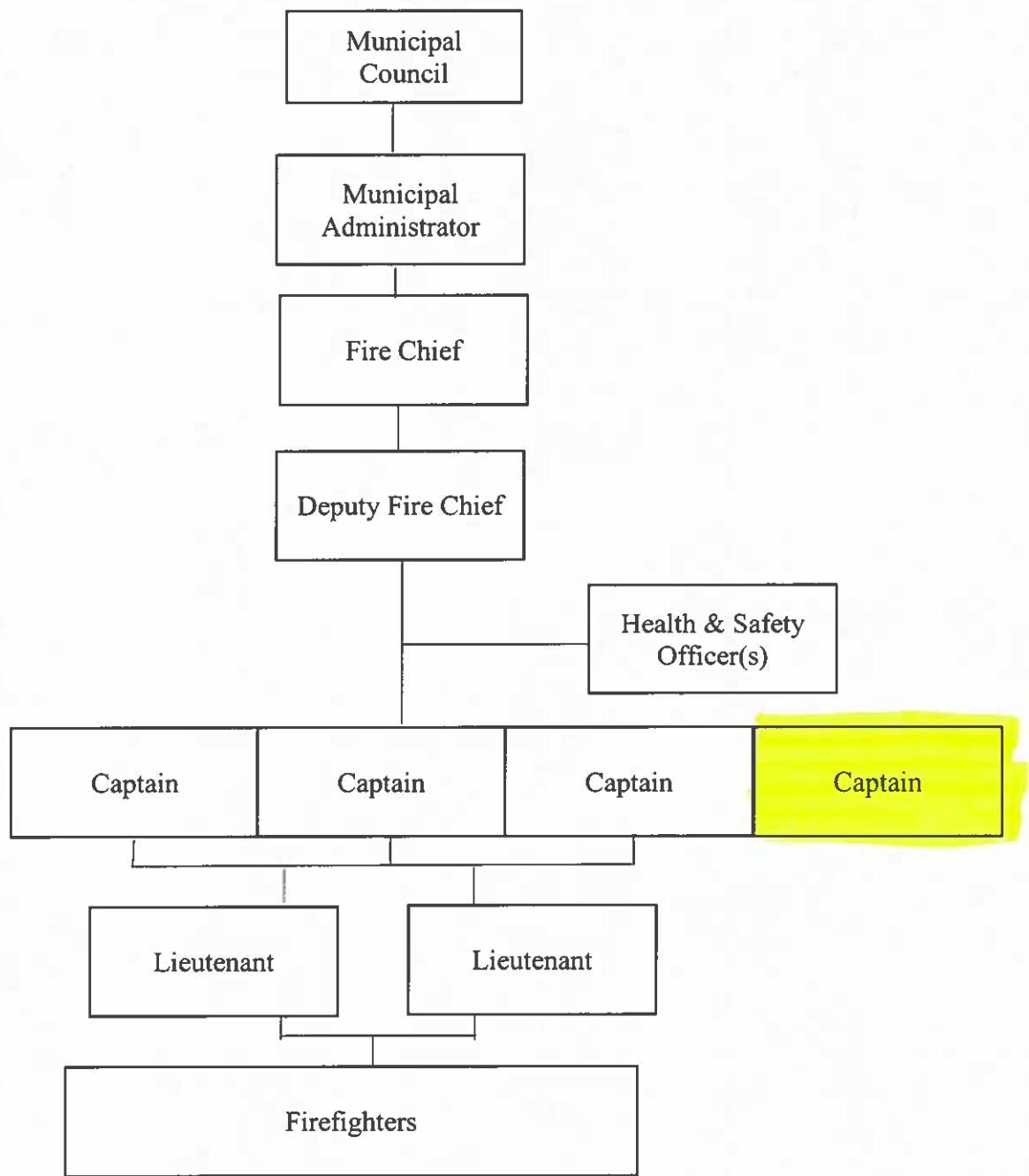
Carried

Mayor: Tom Piper

**TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING FIRE DEPARTMENT
ESTABLISHING AND REGULATING BY-LAW NO. 2023-15**

APPENDIX “B”

TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING FIRE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Appendix “B”, By-Law Number 2023-15 updated September 19, 2023.
Authorized by Resolution R2023-_____

REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: September 14, 2023

From: Kris Croskery-Hodgins, Municipal Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer

Re: 2023 Budget Update

BACKGROUND/OVERVIEW

The Township of Nipissing municipal Budget was approved on March 21, 2023.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Non-departmental Revenues:

- The final payment of the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund has not yet been received, \$165,675.
- Supplementary and Omitted Assessment reports have been entered as received from MPAC.
- Provincial Payment In Lieu amounts have not all been received.

General Government Revenues:

- Anticipated Interest Earned from bank accounts is \$17,928.53 above the anticipated amount as of September 1, 2023. This is due to the Bank of Canada rate increases.
- Consent application fees are lower than anticipated, one consent application has been received in 2023, 2 have been finalized from 2022.

General Government Expenses:

- Final payment for TownSuite installation has not been processed. The draft information has been installed and is ready for testing. Anticipated completion date early 2024. Staff training sessions are scheduled for September.
- Insurance premiums were higher than anticipated.
- Final costs for Ontario Land Tribunal legal and planning services \$24,967.66.

Protection to Persons Revenue:

- Fire Department revenues higher than anticipated due to sale of surplus equipment.
- Building Permit revenue is lower than anticipated; however, may increase before the end of 2023. Currently at \$43,325 of budgeted \$64,872.

Protection to Persons Expenses:

- Expenses all within budget.

Social Services Expenses:

- Expenses within budget.

Health Services Revenue:

- Revenue is within budget.

Health Services Expenses:

- Expenses within budget.

Environmental Services Revenue:

- Revenue for landfills within budget.

Environmental Services Expenses:

- Expenses within budget.

Public Works Revenue:

- One Gas Tax Grant installment to be received.
- Roads Revenues higher than anticipated due to sale of 2005 and 2010 Western Star tandem trucks.

Public Works Expenses:

- Street light expenses higher than anticipated due to street light repair requirements.
- Calcium expenses higher than anticipated due to extra loads required for Alsace Boundary gravel application.
- All large road gravel and construction projects have been completed.
- All expenses within budget.

Parks & Recreation Revenue:

- Grant for Museum foundation was not received.
- Grants for summer student positions at the Museum (2) were not received.

Parks & Recreation Expenses:

- Museum foundation repair not completed due to lack of grant funding.
- Roofing repair invoice not received at time of budget. *report.*
- Rink budget not required at this time of year.
- Museum staffing budget is lower than anticipated due to change in season dates.
- Final library levy to be paid in September.

2023 Budget

The Corporation of the Township of Nipissing

Department Summary

	2022		2023		
	Budget	Actual	Actual	Budget	%
GENERAL Revenues					
12 : NON-DEPARTMENTAL	(3,571,597.00)	(3,600,097.64)	(3,659,279.29)	(3,826,949.00)	7
15 : SURPLUS/DEFICIT	(148,031.00)	(196,830.00)	(254,344.00)	(254,344.00)	72
20 : GENERAL GOVERNMENT	(363,157.41)	(422,073.67)	(338,758.50)	(334,638.79)	(8)
30 : PROTECTION TO PERSONS	(79,470.00)	(182,939.63)	(125,179.69)	(149,192.00)	88
50 : HEALTH SERVICES	(8,250.00)	(13,374.70)	(11,720.00)	(11,500.00)	39
55 : ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	(50,000.00)	(71,373.72)	(194,741.70)	(220,000.00)	340
60 : PUBLIC WORKS	(1,287,643.14)	(673,076.49)	(1,473,273.24)	(1,531,388.58)	19
70 : PARKS & RECREATION	(114,430.00)	(123,023.33)	(86,740.94)	(181,600.00)	59
	(5,622,578.55)	(5,282,789.18)	(6,144,037.36)	(6,509,612.37)	16
GENERAL Expenses					
15 : SURPLUS/DEFICIT	148,031.00	148,031.00	101,312.00	101,312.00	(32)
20 : GENERAL GOVERNMENT	839,425.39	706,518.95	468,559.50	710,424.58	(15)
30 : PROTECTION TO PERSONS	935,060.00	1,019,840.81	524,027.11	923,794.56	(1)
40 : SOCIAL SERVICES	302,182.00	302,182.56	234,474.39	312,632.53	3
50 : HEALTH SERVICES	210,866.45	209,566.79	199,670.69	219,380.41	4
55 : ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	342,108.00	912,462.93	472,179.85	780,609.00	128
60 : PUBLIC WORKS	2,539,871.71	1,986,462.22	1,967,486.15	3,113,115.58	23
70 : PARKS & RECREATION	305,034.00	226,647.68	175,077.20	348,343.71	14
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Net	0.00	228,923.76	(2,001,250.47)	0.00	



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING CORRESPONDENCE

September 19, 2023

1. Request from FONOM for support for Northern School of Medicine.
2. Resolution from the Town of Grimsby regarding Establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income.
3. Letter Commanda Community Centre regarding Fund-Raising Fall Dance on September 23, 2023.
4. Minutes of the Nipissing Township Museum Board of Management meeting held September 6, 2023.
5. Resolution from the Municipality of Wawa regarding Chronic Pain Treatments. Support for Resolution from the Municipality of Shuniah.
6. FONOM Policy Documents:
 - a. Recommendation to address Ontario's Mental Health and Addictions Crisis.
 - b. Provincial Grant Provided to Northern Ontario Health Units.
 - c. School Board Trustee Elections in 2026.
 - d. Multi Ministry Notes.

September _____, 2023

Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Room 28, Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario
M7A 1A1
Sent Via Email: Premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford,

In 2002 the Conservative Government created the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) to address the health needs of the region, improve access to quality care, and contribute to the economic development of Northern Ontario. On April 1, 2022, we celebrated as your Government proclaimed NOSM a standalone university, becoming Canada's only independent Medical University.

NOSM University is one of the greatest successes in Canada as it relates to addressing health workforce supply, with over 50% of graduates choosing family medicine as a career and over 90% of combined MD and postgraduate learners staying in Northern Ontario. Today, over 400,000 northerners receive primary and acute care from a NOSM University-trained doctor. Furthermore, many specialists have been created by NOSM University, providing care closer to home and reducing the need for patients to travel south to decrease the cost of the Northern Health Travel Grant.

We attribute much of this success to a "distributed community engaged learning" model that places its learners in 90 communities (135 organizations) across Northern Ontario throughout the academic year. NOSM University's economic impact in our region is immeasurable, but the institution is in jeopardy.

Northern Ontario remains in a healthcare crisis. More than 350 physicians are currently needed to fill shortages, which does not account for anticipated retirements. Areas of the North that are still in dire need of healthcare services are rural, remote, and Indigenous communities. NOSM University is the only Northern solution to meeting our physician workforce needs.

We are grateful for your Government's decision to increase medical school spaces at NOSM University. Still, the momentum gained in addressing the health inequities in the North will be considerably impacted by the lack of financial sustainability for this newly created University.

While the creation of NOSM University gives it the autonomy to yield tremendous success in Northern physician recruitment and retention, the costs associated with

becoming a university, undertaking an unprecedented expansion, and continuing to offer world-class community-based education are significant. The University's current base funding rates have not been increased sufficiently, and cost reductions are no longer attainable or feasible.

As such, we respectfully support NOSM University's request to the Province of Ontario for a permanent increase in annual base funding of \$4.0 million before the end of this fiscal year so it can continue to deliver on the mandate that the Conservative Government established initially in response to the needs of Northern municipalities.

We thank you in advance for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Mayor

WHEREAS the _____name of Municipality_____ recognized the urgent need for physicians in Northern Ontario as it is experiencing a shortage of trained physicians and specialist physicians

WHEREAS life expectancy of Northern residents is more than two years lower than the Ontario average, and mental health and addictions are at a four-times higher rate

WHEREAS one in eight Northern residents does not have access to a family doctor, and many must travel long distances to access healthcare services representing the failure of healthcare in Northern Ontario

WHEREAS communities in Northern Ontario require access to equitable health care, especially underserved rural, Indigenous, and Francophone communities

WHEREAS in April of 2022, the Government announced an unprecedented medical expansion for NOSM University's medical programs

AND WHEREAS the current base funding rates for the Northern School of Medicine University (NOSM) have not been increased sufficiently to accommodate growth and expansion

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____name of Municipality_____ strongly requests the Provincial Government grant NOSM University's request for a permanent increase in annual base funding by \$4.0 million before the end of this fiscal year so it can continue to deliver on the mandate that the Conservative Government initially established in response to the needs of Northern municipalities.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this motion be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Health and Deputy Premier Sylvia Jones, Minister of Colleges and Universities Jill Dunlop, MPPs Greg Rickford, Vic Fedeli, George Pirie, Ross Romano, Kevin Holland, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Northern Ontario School of Medicine University, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association and the leaders of the opposition parties of Ontario.

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Kris Croskery - Hodgins

From: FONOM Office/ Bureau de FONOM <fonom.info@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 10, 2023 4:43 PM
To: undisclosed-recipients:
Subject: Support for Northern School of Medicine - Resolution & Mayor letter for consideration
Attachments: NOSM Resolution for Municipality.pdf; NOSM - Draft Letter for Mayor's.pdf; NOSM Resolution - Email list.pdf

Good morning

Please share with your Council and Mayor

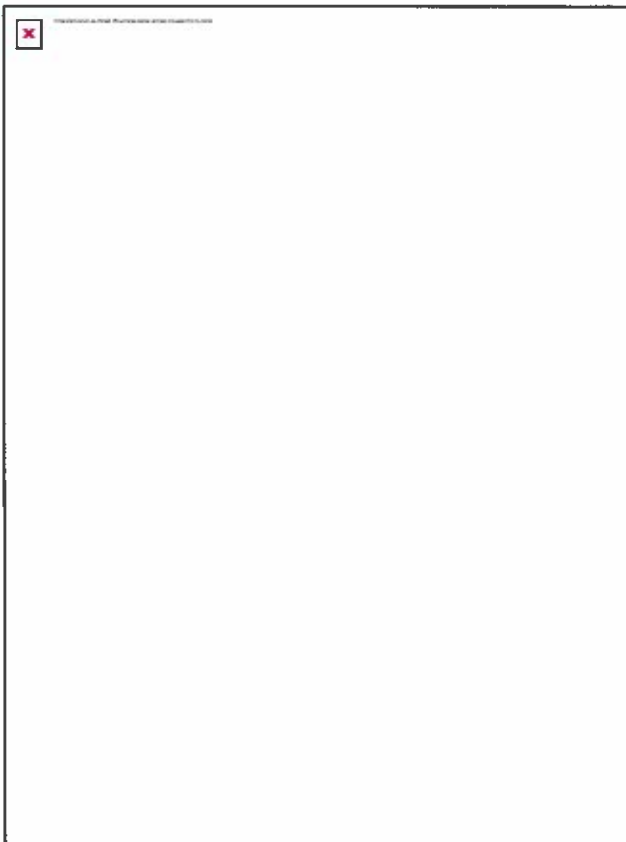
I have attached PDF versions of the Resolution and Mayor letter; FONOM would ask for your Council to support and Mayor to add their signature to.

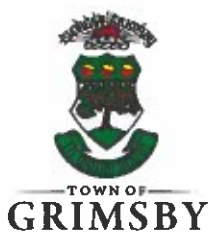
Please get in touch with me if you require a Word version of the Resolution or Letter.

Also attached separately are the email addresses of those included in the Resolution

Talk soon, Mac.

Mac Bain
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**The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby
Administration**

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September 8, 2023

SENT VIA E-MAIL

Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington St.
Ottawa, ON, K1A

Attention: The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau

RE: Establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby at its meeting held on September 5, 2023 passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Korstanje

Seconded by: Councillor Freake

Whereas the Canadian livable wage for Niagara Region, two years ago was determined to be \$19.80. This was \$6000 below the annual income of a minimum wage employee; and

Whereas our residents on programs such as Ontario Works, receive targeted fixed monthly incomes of \$733, and ODSP recipients receive \$1376; and

Whereas at the current Ontario minimum wage rate, a person working 37.5 hours per week will earn approximately \$2,500 monthly (before tax); and

Whereas the median rent for one bedroom in Grimsby as of August 2023 is now \$2000 a month; and

Whereas rent is considered affordable, when it is less than 30% of income. In Niagara west, rent is approximately 272% of Ontario Works, 145% of Ontario Disability Support Services, 75% of minimum wage full-time, and 150% of minimum wage part time; and

Whereas an annual 2.5% allowable rent increase can be combined with an additional 3-6.5% capital investment increase, raising the cost of rental housing another minimum of \$110 monthly; and

Whereas there are no housing units under Niagara Regional Housing for single adults or families with dependents, including 2,3,4 or five bedrooms in our community; and

Whereas the Grimsby Benevolent Fund reported that in 2022:

- 70+ households received monthly rental supplement totaling \$237,744
- \$79,500 was invested into one time emergency housing support as of June 7, 2023
- 78 households are receiving monthly financial benefits to make rental housing more affordable; and

Whereas food inflation was 8.3% and groceries rose by 9.1%; and

Whereas the Grimsby Food Bank numbers from June 2023 reported:

- 19 new households
- 447 served households
- 1055 served individuals
- 7 emergency visits; and

Whereas the Grimsby Economic Strategic Plan identified the general high cost of living and housing affordability as primary obstacles in our workforce attraction.

Therefore be it resolved that The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby circulate correspondence to Ontario municipalities encouraging them not only to collect data of their housing and poverty statistics, but also to examine their pending economic vulnerability as a result.

Be it further resolved that The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby encourage these same municipalities to join us in advocating on behalf of our communities with this data, and by writing a letter to the Prime Minister, Premier, and local politicians calling for a united effort in establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income program.

Be it further resolved the Town of Grimsby Clerks Department circulates this resolution to Niagara West MP Dean Allison and Niagara West MPP Sam Oosterhoff, requesting a response on this matter within 30 days of receipt.

Be it further resolved that The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby, through its Finance and Human Resources departments, undertake a comprehensive assessment to explore the feasibility and implementation of a living wage policy for all Town of Grimsby employees, with the aim of ensuring that all municipal workers receive fair compensation that aligns with the principles of a living wage and that staff be directed to explore becoming a living wage employer.

If you require any additional information, please let me know.

Regards,



Bonnie Nistico-Dunk
Town Clerk

cc. Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Ontario Municipalities
Dean Allison, MP Niagara West
Sam Oosterhoff, MPP Niagara West

Commanda Community Centre

4009 Highway 522
General Delivery
Commanda, ON P0H 1J0

August 8, 2023

Mayor and Council
Township of Nipissing
Nipissing ON P0H 1W0

Re: Fund-Raising Fall Dance – September 23, 2023

The Commanda Community Centre wishes to hold a fund-raising dance under the authority of a Special Occasion permit. As this will be partly held outdoors, we are required by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario to notify you of our plans, as well as to provide an identification of the physical boundaries of the proposed outdoor area.

We trust this information is satisfactory. If you have questions, please feel free to call me at (705) 729-1816.

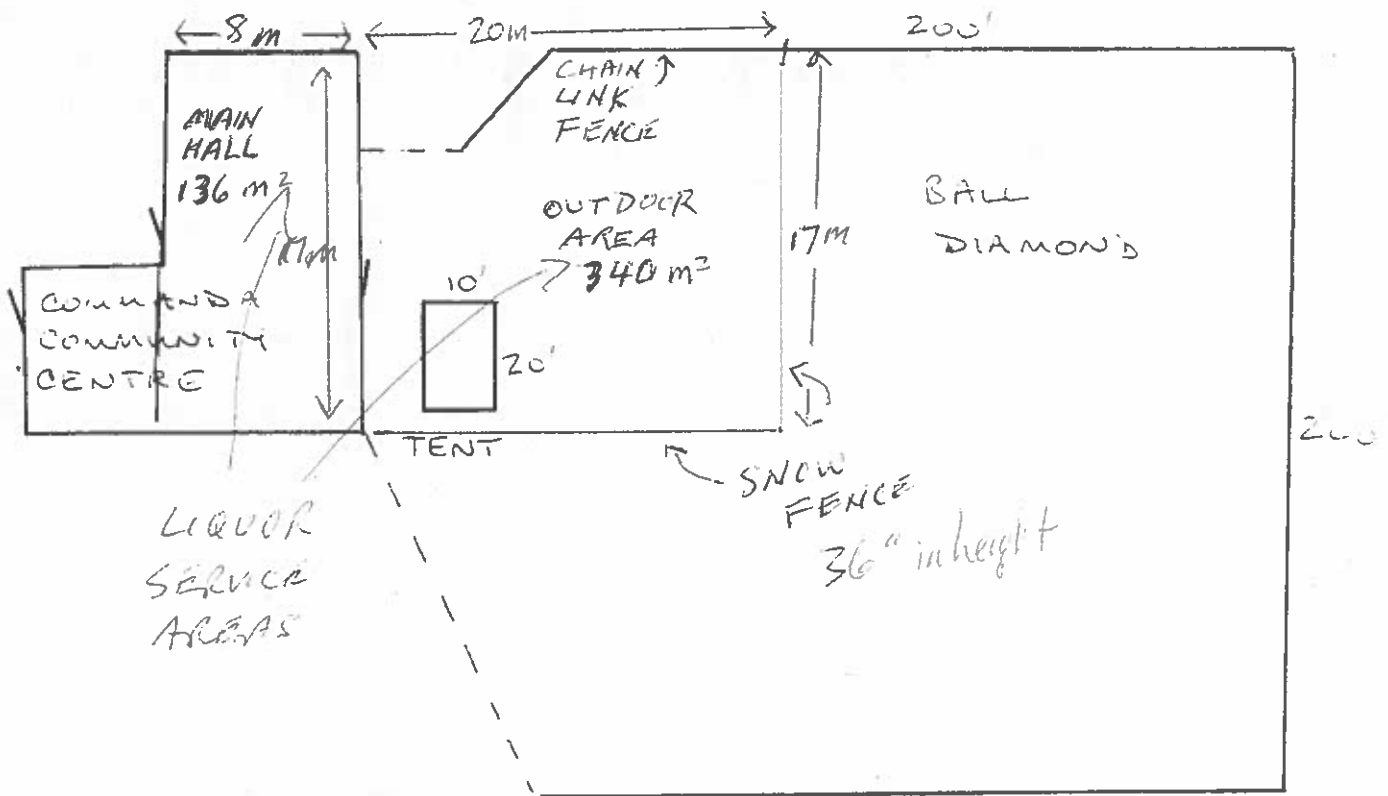
Sincerely,



Tom Marchant
President
Commanda Community Centre



HWY 522



4009 HWY 522

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MINUTES

Nipissing Township Museum Board of Management
September 6, 2023

A regular meeting of the Nipissing Township Museum Board of Management was held on Wednesday, September 6, 2023 starting at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was held in person at the Township of Nipissing Community Centre, 2381 Hwy 654.

Present: Councillor Steve Kirkey, Councillor Dave Yemm, Norah Jackson; Mary Heasman, Debbie Renette and Gladys Bateman

Staff: Gillian Bernas, Interim Museum Manager and Kris Croskery-Hodgins, Secretary to the Museum Board.

MOTION NUMBER 2023-28

Moved by: Dave Yemm Seconded by: Gladys Bateman

That we approve the Minutes of the Nipissing Township Board Meeting held August 2, 2023, as presented. **Carried.**

Heritage Day – discussion of financial results and guest count. Successful displays and general operation of the day was also discussed.

Fall Fest – planning was finalized and volunteer positions determined.

Updates were provided on catalogue additions and museum operations at the close of season. The Board was provided a budget update and calendar for 2024. Planning for the 2024 season will be followed up at the next Board meeting.

Draft Nipissing Township Museum Operating Standards document including most recent updates was circulated to all Board members for review and discussion at the October meeting.

MOTION NUMBER 2023-29

Moved by: Norah Jackson Seconded by: Dave Yemm

That the Board meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:20 p.m. Next meeting will be held October 4, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. **Carried.**

Chairperson:

Secretary:

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 the Board at the next scheduled Board Meeting.


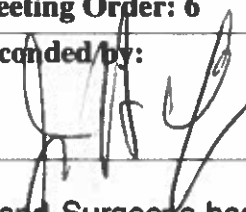


The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

Resolution # RC23163	Meeting Order: 6
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

WHEREAS the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons has made a decision that will lead more people who suffer from chronic pain to turn to opioids to alleviate their pain and;

WHEREAS the College is targeting community pain clinics by requiring the use of ultrasound technology in the administration of nerve block injections by licensed physicians. This requirement will increase the time it takes to administer the nerve block and, therefore, reduce the number of patients a physician can see in a day and;

WHEREAS the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) is proposing to reduce coverage for several vital healthcare services, including a drastic reduction in the number and frequency of nerve block injections a patient can receive and;

WHEREAS these changes have been proposed without any consultation with pain management medical professionals or with their patients and;

WHEREAS this cut will force chronic pain clinics to shut down, putting a greater strain on family physicians and emergency rooms and;

WHEREAS with the reduction in the number of nerve blocks being administered, many patients, looking for pain relief, will turn to overcrowded emergency rooms, opioid prescriptions from doctors or opioid street drugs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOVLED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa is requesting that the Government of Ontario maintain OHIP coverage for chronic pain treatments and continue to provide much-needed care for the people of Ontario;

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

AND FURTHERMORE THAT a copy of the resolution be forwarded to all Municipalities of Ontario, local MPs and MPPs, Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Health, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
<input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
<input type="checkbox"/>	WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato		

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

- ☐ Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: _____

MAYOR - MELANIE PILON	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL



MUNICIPALITY OF
SHUNIAH

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 324-23

Date: Sep 12, 2023

Moved By: _____

Seconded By: _____

THAT Council hereby receives receives and supports the resolution from the Municipality of Wawa regarding Chronic Pain Treatments;

AND THAT Council directs the Clerk to forward a copy of this email to all Municipalities of Ontario, local MP's and MPP's, Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Health, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).



Carried



Defeated



Amended



Deferred

Wendy Landry
Signature

Municipality of Shuniah, 420 Leslie Avenue, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7A 1X8

Kris Croskery - Hodgins

From: FONOM Office/ Bureau de FONOM <fonom.info@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 8:50 PM
To: undisclosed-recipients:
Subject: FONOM Policy Documents
Attachments: FONOM Policy Paper - Mental Health Act and The Controlled Drugs and Substances Act.pdf; FONOM Policy Paper - School Board Trustee Elections - Survey & Comments.pdf; FONOM Policy Paper - Provincial Grant Provided to Northern Ontario Health Units (1).pdf; 2023 08 21 - NOMA FONOM NOSDA - Mental Health Addictions Housing AMO Delegation Package.pdf

Good morning

The FONOM Board would like to share the Policy Documents they presented in Delegations during the recent AMO Conference with the communities of Northeastern Ontario.

The Board wishes to thank those communities that replied to requests for information. Your assistance was very helpful in our presentation to the Ministers and their staff.

We would be happy to answer any questions.

Talk soon, Mac.

Mac Bain
Executive Director
The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities
615 Hardy Street North Bay, ON, P1B 8S2
Ph. 705-498-9510



To: Delegation during AMO Conference August 2023

From: FONOM Board

Date: August 21, 2023

Subject: Recommendation to address Ontario's Mental Health & Addictions Crisis

ISSUE:

There has been a system-wide overload of Health and Social programs to handle our communities' current Mental Health and Addiction crisis. The existing systems were not designed to address the increasing numbers of the now concurrent and converging mental health and addiction issues that are partly driving homelessness.

Further complicating the situation is the lack of authority to safely and humanely support those actively suffering on our streets. Currently, no legislation provides authority to temporarily detain individuals that are highly intoxicated from a drug or substance when their own, or others, safety is at risk.

Often, drug-intoxicated individuals walk carelessly into traffic; many lay unconscious in alleys/vestibules, suffer head trauma from falling, are victimized for theft/assault, and at times accost members of the general public.

Secondly, if such authority existed, there is no place currently to hold and medically support those who are grossly intoxicated for their safety while they stabilize.

As a result, the public feels unsafe in their communities, witnessing gross intoxication, drug-induced psychosis, and at times, being confronted by those suffering from severe mental health and addiction issues. Conversely, those suffering from Mental Health and Addictions are left to their own devices, lacking support and initiated care. Municipalities are facing the brunt of the impacts due to these issues.

ANALYSIS:

FONOM/NOMA/NODSA's work on Mental Health, Addiction, and Homelessness and the Bail Reform Taskforce have converged to address a problematic convergence of Social Issues. Agencies, Hospitals, and many of our communities are spending considerable resources to tackle Mental Health, Addiction & Homelessness issues. Despite best efforts, Mental Health incidents and drug overdose numbers are steadily increasing, and our municipal infrastructure cannot handle the growing need.

The Mental Health Act, circa 1990, now 33 years old, and in the opinion of our municipal citizens and human service providers, needs review and modernization to address the current crisis. Although significant changes were made in 2000, much has evolved since that time, including the closure of the North Bay Psychiatric Hospital, the availability and high potency of illicit street drugs, the overdose crisis, and a global pandemic that inadvertently removed in-person social supports and services while government and human service agencies struggled to find a solution.

The Liquor Licence and Control Act, 2019, Sec 31(2) provides the authority for a police officer or conservation officer to arrest without warrant any person who is intoxicated by alcohol if, in the opinion of the officer, it is necessary to do so for the safety of any person. Over time, the incidents of gross intoxication and harm have increased due to drug consumption, not alcohol, rendering this particular authority inapplicable and creating a void in support.

Historically, Police Services would house individuals arrested for public intoxication; however, due to increasing awareness of medical concerns and public safety, Police cells are no longer a viable option for intoxicated individuals, thus creating the additional need for secure detoxification and support beds.

Secure detoxification beds offer individuals a safe and medically supported opportunity to stabilize without charge. Before release, and now with a clearer mind, social supports can be provided to address root causes and navigate the mental health/addictions ecosystem if services are accepted. This type of

interaction offers the best-case scenario for a safe and sober connection to services.

The funding of Secure Beds can not be done by the Province alone. The Federal Government must provide Ontario with new funding for this approach. FONOM would like to help the Ministers as they work with their Federal partners to secure the financing. Municipalities also have a role as more communities are contributing to supportive housing. FONOM will continue encouraging these often-supported measures through our membership and other municipal associations.

RECOMMENDATION:

FONOM recommends that the Attorney General, the Solicitor General, and the Minister of Health work together to address the current Mental Health and Addiction Crisis by reviewing the Mental Health Act and the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, providing an opportunity to update definitions and authorities to the current need. Particularly, legislation that could address the ability to arrest without warrant, those found intoxicated by drugs or other substances, without charge, for the safety of the individual and/or the safety of others, and language recognizing and affirming the comorbidity and concurrence of Mental Health and Addictions.

FONOM also recommends that the Attorney General, the Solicitor General, and the Minister of Health work together to establish medically (and socially) supported secure beds for individuals to stabilize safely for 24hrs-48hrs. These stabilization and detox beds would hold those in a safe and medically supportive environment, providing 24-hour supervision, assessment, and offers of treatment support. FONOM would work with the Province to secure additional funding from the Federal Government, as they have a significant role in addressing this issue across the country.

FONOM believes that short of the Province establishing Psychiatric Facilities, **Ontario Homes** to secure the most dangerous in our community. FONOM believes the review and changes to the Mental Health Act and the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, along with funding support for Secure Detox Beds, is the necessary next step and approach to addressing the mental health epidemic and addictions in our communities.

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Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities

To: Delegation during AMO Conference August 2023
From: FONOM Board
Date: August 22, 2023
Subject: Provincial Grant Provided to Northern Ontario Health Units

ISSUE:

Northern Ontario Municipalities are concerned with any reduction of the Provincial Grant provided for Northern Ontario Health Unit funding. Also, if the mitigation funding is decreased, many of our members would face great hardship. Responses from our membership show that Health Unit levies range from 0.79% – 3.23% of a Municipalities' Budget (the average Health Unit levy in Northeastern Ontario is 1.44%).

RECOMMENDATION:

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requests that the Government of Ontario increase the grant they provide today by moving back to funding levels for Northern Ontario Health Units to the 2018 percentage of 75. Further, the Province again assumes 100% funding for those programs identified as such in the public health budget 2018-19.

ANALYSIS:

The Services provided by the Health Units to our member communities are vital, and with considerable financial support from the Province during COVID, they provided exceptional Health Care to residents. This Government and its Ministries appreciate how vast Northern Ontario is, but the area overseen by the Porcupine Health Unit is 270,000 sq km (note Southern Ontario area is 114,217 sq km).

Many of our communities are geographically isolated, and providing universal Public Health Care is challenging and costly. The Health Units also oversee Public Health in unorganized areas with Provincial funding.

Northern Medical Officers of Health and their Boards have repeatedly asked for increased and sustainable base funding that considers the unique challenges faced in Northern Ontario. It is vital to Public Health to work effectively on the many public health disparities northern residents face. Public Health takes the lead or takes part in many of the foundations for action to improve health equity in the North. Leveling up public health funding and other funding in the North will make Health Units more resilient to the next emergency and allow Northerners to achieve better health overall.

"Under the Health Promotion and Protection Act, since 1997, municipal governments are legally responsible for 100% of public health costs."

The Funding for most of the Health Units programs in the Province was 75% funded by the Provincial Government and 25% by the Unit's Municipal Partners. There were also uniquely funded programs that the Province fully funded. The Units are responsive to the Ontario Public Health Standards: Requirements for Programs, Services, and Accountability (Standards) set by the Ministries of the Government. The Municipal Partners had representation on the Unit Boards and the Provincial Appointees but had no input on the Standards.

The Provincial Budget 2019 announced that the Government was changing the Grant amount they contribute to the Units. The Budget document stated: *"the current structure of Ontario's public health units does not allow for consistent service delivery, could be better coordinated with the broader system and better aligned with the current Government priorities."* Following the Budget announcement, the Health Units in the North increased their levy by 10% and planned for the same next year, which would have meant a 42% increase by 2021.

The Province also spoke to Public Health Modernization and consolidation. FONOM has previously shared, in August 2020, our opposition and concerns with any amalgamation with the Province.

Then the Government and the Medical Officer of Health worked together, with so many others, to bring the Province through the Pandemic.

Now that the Pandemic is behind us, FONOM wants to share with you that our membership in the Northeastern part of the Province cannot afford any increases more significant than 1.44% (*note that for many, that amount will be a hardship*). There is great concern that any further shift onto small, northern, and rural Ontario municipalities will be a financial burden.

FONOM still believes that public health in Northern Ontario is funded through regular provincial taxation, not property taxation (*especially with an amalgamation*). Until the Government fully assumes Public Health, we ask the Province to move back to funding level Northern Ontario Health Units to the 2018 percentage of 75. Further, the Province again assumes 100% funding for those programs identified as such in the public health budget 2018-19.

Documents

[Northern Ontario Health Equity Strategy](#)

[Being Ready - Ensuring Public Health Preparedness for Infectious Outbreaks and Pandemics –](#)

[Ontario Atlas of Adult Mortality](#)

[Funding Letter from NBPSHU](#)

	2023 increase	% of Annual Budget
NBPSHU		
Parry Sound	0.90%	1.50%
Perry	3%	1.55%
Seguin	6%	0.71%
Mattawan	0.04%	1.00%
Burks Falls	0.98%	0.88%
Callander	0.01%	
McKellar	0.97%	0.79%
Nipissing	-1.02%	1.00%
South River	0.97%	2.49%
Machar	0.96%	
Tem HU		
Cobalt	0.01%	1.50%
Kirkland Lake	2.68%	3.24%
Latchford	1.13%	
Armstrong	1%	
Coleman	0.05%	
Englehart	0.94%	0.98%
Coleman	0.97%	
Evanturel	0.91%	3.30%
McGarry	0.96%	
SUD District HU		
St. Charles	1.20%	1.60%
Killarney	1.12%	
Spanish	0.90%	1.80%
Assiginack	0.91%	0.80%
Algoma HU		
MMA&A		2.55%
Huron Shores	0.89%	0.01%
Wawa		2.09%
Plummer	0.91%	1.79%
St.Josephs	1.16	1.20%
Porcupine		
Hearst	0.97%	1.20%
Kapuskasing		1.50%
Mattice Val Cote	1.05%	
Greenstone	0.00%	0.00%
Smooth Rock Falls	0.96%	0.90%
Hornepayne	0.94%	
Val Rita-Harty		
Renfrew		
South Algonquin	0.10%	

To: Delegation during AMO Conference August 2023

From: FONOM Board

Date: August 21, 2023

Subject: School Board Trustee Elections in 2026

ISSUE:

Municipal Staff oversees the Municipal and multiple School Board elections. The ratepayers of the Municipality are currently responsible for covering all costs associated with the Elections, even when there is no Municipal Election.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requests that the Government of Ontario make school boards responsible for conducting their own trustee election or that the school boards fully compensate municipalities for overseeing such trustee elections.

ANALYSIS:

The Boards often will not allow their facilities (school) to be used on Election Day. The biggest challenges Municipality have with the School Board Elections are;

Citizens do not understand the rules that go along with being able to vote for a particular board (i.e., their children go to catholic school, but the parents are not catholic, so they cannot vote for the Trustee for the Catholic Board). The 2026 Election will be even more confusing for School Board Elections with the Province taking over the voters' list. Currently, MPAC cannot share an individual's school board designation with the province. FONOM knows they are still working on this issue, but if MPAC cannot share this information, this will add an extraordinary amount of work for the Clerk's Department. Going so far as saying the municipality will hire additional election assistants to have one person dedicated to ensuring everyone's school board information is correct.

School Board Elections and “non-resident” Electors are always confusing for Election workers. If you do not live in the Municipality (non-resident), you cannot vote for a school board trustee – you must vote for the trustee in the Municipality you reside in.

80-90 % of the calls the Clerks Department receives before and on Election Day are related to School Board issues.

Also, 31 Municipalities in 2022 had Councils that were acclaimed. Those Municipalities still had to prepare and operate School Board Elections at ratepayers’ expense. We polled those Municipalities, and their costs were between \$3000-30,000. The total cost of 2022 Municipal and two of the four School Board Elections in North Bay was \$324,735.00, with the Clerk attributing 50% of the cost to the School Board Elections (noting that the Ballot cost only \$0.29; it is the education of the election worker and citizens is the challenge)

Due to Provincial Legislation, there currently is no financial support for a Municipality to help offset the cost of the Trustee Election. When there is no Municipal Election, the Municipality still has the responsibility and cost.

Due to the challenges, costs, and responsibility to conduct the trustee elections. FONOM believes the School Boards operate their own elections or financially compensate the municipality for the costs incurred.

Municipal Councils that were Acclaimed		Amount for Trustee Elections
1	Township of Armour	-
2	Township of Armstrong	-
3	Town of Blind River (6 acclaimed of 7 member council, 1 vacancy)	\$ 26,044.06
4	Township of Brethour	-
5	Township of Chamberlain (also 2018)	-
6	Township of Chapleau	-
7	Municipality of Charlton and Dack (also 2018)	-
8	Township of Dawn-Euphemie	13,310.69
9	Township of Dorion (also 2018)	-
10	Township of Drummond/North Elmsley	\$ 29,126.00
11	Township of East Garafraxa (also 2018)	\$ 3,302.75
12	Town of Enniskillen (also 2018)	\$ 4,026.30
13	Township of Evanturel (also 2018)	-
14	Front of Yonge Township	-
15	Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island (also 2018)	-
16	Township of Hilliard (4 acclaimed, 5 member council, 1 vacancy)	-
17	Township of Hilton (also 2018)	-
18	Village of Hilton Beach	-
19	Township of Hornepayne	-
20	Township of Howick	\$ 14,702.00
21	Township of Kerns (also 2018)	-
22	Township of Lake of the Woods	-
23	Town of Laurentian Hills	-
24	Town of Minto	\$ 62,000.00
25	Village of Oil Springs (also 2018)	\$ 5,932.14
26	Township of Perry	\$ 3,012.00
27	Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls	-
28	Village of South River	-
29	Township of Tay	\$ 29,526.00
30	Township of The Archipelago	-
31	Town of Thessalon	\$ 4,425.29
32	Village of Thornloe (also 2018)	-

Comments

- We are not experts on the questions that candidates have with regard to each board, this again would be further justification to have the boards run and manage their own elections.
- It was difficult at times trying to get timely information from the school boards. We were left trying our best to answer questions about districts, lead municipality, compensation etc., for the candidates running in the school board election.

- What isn't included is all the soft costs, as time is not tracked and all the administrative and coordination required from our Clerk and Deputy to administer the school board election. Being a small rural township, our School Board election candidate-ward boundaries are combined with three other municipalities, and as you can imagine it's a bit of a challenge.
- I should note that I do not book admin time for election purposes. The expenses are direct payouts by the Township for materials, wages, and advertising. Advertising was shared by most of the County municipalities to reduce costs. I should also note that we made use of the existing inventory of election forms and ballot boxes.
- No school board Election - However, there was an expense of almost \$18,000.00 for the election due to having to pay for the electronic voting and training, regardless of whether it was used or not.
- Including advertisements, mailing costs for Voter Information cards to electors, payments to Simply Voting and Datafix for online



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NOMA/FONOM/NOSDA - Multi-Ministry Notes
Monday August 21, 2023, 8:15-9:00am (EST)
Windsor Club Room, 2nd floor of the DoubleTree by Hilton - London

Attendees:

Mayor Wendy Landry of Shuniah, President of NOMA
Councillor Danny Whalen of Temiskaming Shores, President of FONOM
Councillor Michelle Boileau of Timmins, Chair of NOSDA
Mayor Fred Mota of Red Lake, Executive Vice President of NOMA
Mayor Ken Boshcoff of Thunder Bay, NOMA Executive Board Member
Mayor Rick Dumas of Marathon, NOMA Executive Board Member
Mark Figliomeni, CAO/Clerk of Red Rock, NOMA Board Member
Councillor Mark King of the City of North Bay, FONOM Board Member
Tammy MacKenzie CAO at District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board
Donna Stewart, CAO of the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board
Debbie Ewald, Board Member Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board
Andrea Strawson, Executive Director of NOMA
Mac Bain, Executive Director of FONOM
Fern Dominelli, Executive Director of NOSDA

Employment Services System

We are here to discuss an essential initiative that is underway in the Province of Ontario - the transformation of our employment services system in Northern Ontario. This transformation is driven by the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, with the aim of creating a more efficient, streamlined, and outcome-focused system that better serves the needs of job seekers, businesses, and local communities.

The foundation of this transformation lies in the integration of employment services from social assistance into Employment Ontario. By doing so, we hope to reduce fragmentation, eliminate duplication, and, most importantly, improve the quality of service provided to our clients. The Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development has designated 2 geographical regions in the North, being Northeastern Ontario and Northwestern Ontario.

The 789,519 people (2021 census) who live in Northern Ontario are spread across a land mass of 806,708 square kilometers, we have 0.98 people per square kilometer. By comparison, the City of Toronto has a land mass of 630.2 square kilometers with a population of 2,794,356 (2021 census) or 4,434 people per square kilometer.

NOSDA members are concerned that the two Northern regions are too large and vast a geographic area for only two Service System Managers. I am proud to share that the

Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association (NOSDA) wholeheartedly supports this integration. NOSDA has been actively collaborating with colleges in Northern Ontario to develop a comprehensive employment service system. This collaborative approach leverages the expertise and resources of educational institutions, ensuring that we address the unique needs of job seekers and employers in our region. One key area in establishing Service System Managers in Northern Ontario will be the creation of employment performance zones. Basically, in order for a Service System Manager to receive their funding, they must achieve specific employment related targets negotiated with the Ministry.

Now it may be easier for a Service System Manager to achieve their targets in large urban centres in Northern Ontario, but the real challenge will be establishing performance zones where targets must be achieved within a sprawling geographic area. We are talking areas with unsophisticated transportation systems, minimal broadband connectivity, limited employment opportunities, lower education rates, etc. As you can imagine, achieving targets in rural and remote parts of Northern Ontario will require comprehensive planning and many meaningful partnerships.

This is where we believe CMSM's and DSSAB's can play a vital role in the success of the employment transformation. We are already well-established across the North and understand the uniqueness of our northern communities.

To ensure the success of this transformation, we present two key recommendations:

Engaging CMSMs and DSSABs: We believe it is crucial to involve Consolidated Municipal Service Managers (CMSMs) and District Social Services Administration Boards (DSSABs) as full partners in determining and finalizing the employment performance zones. By doing so, we can ensure that the services and employment planning in Northern Ontario are precisely aligned with our region's unique requirements. This collaborative effort will foster better coordination and understanding, leading to more effective and tailored service delivery.

Expanding Services in Rural and Remote Areas: It is of utmost importance that we cater to the needs of job seekers and employers in our rural and remote areas. To achieve this, we recommend incentivizing our Service System Managers to expand their services to every corner of Northern Ontario. We must ensure that individuals in these regions have access to essential in-person resources to support their entry or re-entry into the local labour markets. While online services can complement these provisions, we must not do away with the invaluable 'human touch' in these regions.

In conclusion, it is critical that the transformation of our employment services system in Northern Ontario is achieved in partnership with us Northerners. By integrating services, collaborating with colleges, engaging CMSMs and DSSABs, and incentivizing Service System Managers, we can significantly enhance client service, improve accountability, and achieve better outcomes for both job seekers and employers. We urge the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training, and Skills Development to take the necessary steps to implement these recommendations. Let us work together to ensure a brighter future for our communities and workforce, and to support sustainable development in the region.

Centre of Excellence & Northern Ontario School of Medicine

We would like to know the Ministry of Health's response to our recommendation in January regarding creating an advisory table for our 11 districts that would have direct dialogue with the Regional and Clinical Leads of the Ontario Centre of Excellence.

Also, our Organizations would like to speak to the urgent financial need of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine. They require a permanent increase in annual base funding of \$4.0 million before the end of this fiscal year. We want a commitment from the Minister of Health and Deputy Premier Sylvia Jones, Minister of Colleges, and Universities Jill Dunlop, MPPs Greg Rickford, Vic Fedeli, George Pirie, Ross Romano, and Kevin Holland that they act now to is the annual base increased by 4 million, not wait until March.

Analysis

In January, we recommended the creation of an advisory table for each of the eleven districts in the North instead of a separate Northern Centre of Excellence. That would ensure a local strategic vision for a district's priority areas. These tables would have direct and continuous dialogue with the Regional and Clinical Leads of the Ontario Centre of Excellence.

This Government believes Ontario has different Health and Housing challenges than other Provinces in the Federation. Our three organizations believe we have different needs than the heavily populated Southern Ontario. We also acknowledge and know it to be true that Dryden and Temiskaming Shores have different needs and challenges. Therefore, Northern Ontario should be viewed as a One-Window Approach.

Our members lobbied for the creation of the Northern School of Medicine. Our members were thrilled when in 2022, this Government proclaimed NOSM a standalone university, becoming Canada's only independent medical university. Also, increasing the number of medical Doctors and Postgraduates spots was very well received.

The Northern School of Medicine has achieved its Vision by providing Innovative education and research for a healthier North. They have graduates that are our family physicians and specialists. But Northern Ontario still requires over 350 more physicians to serve those who don't have a family Doctor this morning.

The Northern School of Medicine Board has a zero-deficit policy, considering recent history is prudent. Therefore, an increase in annual base funding is required to allow for continuity and growing enrollment. This base funding increase is needed today to make the Northern School of Medicine what you and Northerners need to address our healthcare challenges.

Homelessness, Mental Health, & Addictions Series Upcoming Publication

In 2021, Northern Policy Institute partnered with the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, and the Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association to analyze the state of homelessness, mental health, and addictions in Northern Ontario. The first report, titled "*More than Just a Number: Addressing the Homelessness, Addiction, and Mental Health Crisis in the North*," established a baseline around homelessness, mental health, and substance use disorders in Northern Ontario and recommended eight strategies for government and community practitioners to address these issues.

The second report, "*Homelessness, Mental Health, and Substance Use in Northern Ontario, Revisited*," provided concrete steps decision-makers and community practitioners can take to implement three of those recommendations in Northern Ontario: amend the *Health Protection and Promotion Act* to support service hub communities; support new and existing culturally sensitive community housing facilities for Indigenous peoples; and establish a Northern Mental Health and Addictions Centre in Northern Ontario.

The third report aims to expand on another three of the eight strategies recommended by the first piece: provide long-term funding for capital repairs on community housing units, support new and existing Housing First programs, and establish mandated mobile crisis intervention teams (MCIT) in municipalities throughout Northern Ontario. This report will be provided to government at ROMA 2024.

The steps identified in this report will be informed not only by the analysis of the initial paper's findings highlighting that current efforts are not enough to address the worsening homelessness, addiction, and mental health crisis in Northern Ontario, but also by real-world case studies and best practices that will be gathered from literature and community members in Northern Ontario. From this information, this third report will be a guide tool that can inform decision-makers and community practitioners.

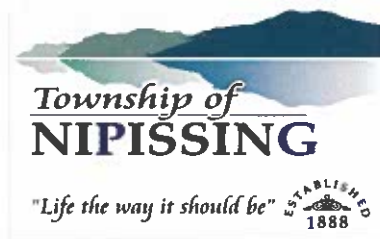
The health care crisis experienced across Northern Ontario is alarming. Municipalities are struggling to effectively fund public health care and retain adequate physicians and nurses to provide care to our residents. According to NOSM we need 364 physicians (211 family doctors and 153 medical specialists) in the North. Despite this need, as of April 1, 2023, your government reduced the number of Ministry of Health allocated physician spots on the Rural Northern Physician Group Agreement for multiple medical centres including Red Lake & Atikokan Hospitals among others. We need to retain funding for these health care professionals to avoid further exasperating the health care deficit.

Mental health, addiction, and homelessness cases are on the rise and municipalities are in desperate need of solutions. Municipalities across the North are experiencing serious financial pressures, most notably from inflation and funding inequities. Municipalities in Northern Ontario need financial relief and our organizations ask the province to restore the previous public health funding ratio of 75%/25% for all cost-shared programs and to assume 100% funding once again for those programs identified as such in the public health budget for 2018-2019. Additionally, we ask that you continue the current mitigation funding until such time as the cost-shared arrangement is restored to 75%/25% to account for the additional costs we experience to provide health care in the North.

September 19, 2023 Accounts Payable Report

Total Payable
\$ 414,300.10

Date	Account	Chq Total	Explanation
15-Sep	Payroll Accounts	\$ 23,763.84	bi-weekly payroll
14-Sep	School Board Remittance	\$ 142,791.00	English Public support
		\$ 12,441.00	English Separate support
		\$ 1,101.00	French Public support
		\$ 1,874.00	French Separate support
5-Sep	Office Cleaning/Maintenance	\$ 80.61	
	Office Hydro	\$ 235.34	
	FD Station 2 Hydro	\$ 158.14	
	Building/Ground Maintenance Stn 2	\$ 7.98	
	Building/Ground Maintenance Stn 1	\$ 48.19	
	Policing	\$ 25,397.48	
	Street Lights	\$ 159.74	
	Garage Hydro	\$ 177.98	
	Garage materials	\$ 73.63	
	Public Works Fleet	\$ 1,119.16	Excavator repairs/supplies
		\$ 1,157.74	2021 Western Star repairs/supplies
	Community Centre Hydro/Propane	\$ 466.20	
	Rink Hydro	\$ 45.87	
	Museum Hydro	\$ 173.26	
	Museum Special Events	\$ 300.00	Entertainment for Fall Fest
	Accounts Receivable	\$ (282.50)	Amount received as credit
	HST and GST REBATE	\$ 449.07	This amount will be refunded in December
Sept 13	Council Professional Development	\$ 250.00	District of Parry Sound Municipal Assoc Meeting
	Web Page Maintenance	\$ 58.51	
	Office Cleaning/Maintenance	\$ 325.63	
	Office supplies	\$ 305.77	
	Administration Professional Development	\$ 50.00	District of Parry Sound Municipal Assoc Meeting
	FD Staiton 1 Telephone	\$ 98.63	
	Eastholme Levy	\$ 34,369.25	3rd quarter levy installment
	Ambulance Levy	\$ 65,957.84	Final levy installment
	Cemetery Expenses	\$ 155.74	cement for foundations
	Landfill Hydro	\$ 52.13	
	Recycling Operating	\$ 12,190.84	August Recycling costs
	Fuel Purchases	\$ 2,813.12	Clear Diesel
		\$ 788.87	Dyed Diesel
		\$ 960.36	Ethanol Fuel
	Garage Materials	\$ 519.64	
	LTM Patching Supplies	\$ 661.44	Packer rental fees
	Ditching Materials	\$ 661.44	Packer rental fees
	Public Works Fleet	\$ 54.72	2015 Ford supplies/repairs
		\$ 2,115.01	2021 Western Star repairs/supplies
		\$ 17.44	Grader supplies/repairs
	Community Centre telephone	\$ 60.53	
	Museum Office Supplies	\$ 106.85	Computers/programming
	Library Board	\$ 11,117.07	Final levy installment
	HST and GST REBATE	\$ 2,424.82	This amount will be refunded in December
14-Sep	Administration Professional Development	\$ 125.00	AMCTO Zone 7 Fall Meeting Registration
	Building & Ground Maintenance Stn 2	\$ 249.31	Door repairs FD
	Building & Ground Maintenance Stn 1	\$ 249.31	Door repairs FD
	Fire Department Capital	\$ 29,510.40	1/2 Roof Fire Stn #1 Res2023-162
	FD Uniforms/Station Wear	\$ 204.44	
	Capital Expenses - Community Centre	\$ 29,510.40	1/2 Roof Comm Centre Res2023-162
	HST and GST REBATE	\$ 6,596.86	This amount will be refunded in December



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: September 19, 2023

NUMBER: R2023-

Moved by:

Seconded by:

That this part of our meeting will be closed to the public as authorized by Section 239(2)(a) and (k) of the Municipal Act, 2001, c. 25, for consideration of the following subject matter:

- (a) The security of the property of the municipality; and**
- (k) A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.**

Council to receive a legal opinion on an ongoing municipal property matter and establish direction of next steps.

Time: p.m.

For Against

**PIPER
BUTLER
FOOTE
KIRKEY
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Carried

Mayor: TOM PIPER