

***** AGENDA *****
Tuesday, October 3, 2023
****START TIME 6:30 p.m.****

1. Disclosure of pecuniary interest.
2. Committee Reports.
3. Delegation: Save the Rock, citizens' group – David Cernanec, spokesperson, regarding public access to unopened shore road allowance in front of Pt Broken Lot 11, Concession 19.
4. Review ongoing concerns regarding public access to unopened shore road allowance in front of Pt Broken Lot 11, Concession 19.
5. Resolution: Authorize the procurement of a peer review of the survey work of the shore road allowance in front of Pt Broken Lot 11, Concession 19, for the purpose of confirming the location.
6. Resolution: Adopt the minutes of the meeting held September 19, 2023.
7. Resolution: Authorize the approval and signing of an updated Memorandum of Understanding with the South Shore Restoule Snowmobile Club.
8. Resolution: Authorize a letter to the Minister of Health regarding reconsideration of jurisdictional lines for Central Ambulance Communication Center call-taking and alerting services.
9. Resolution: Support a request for provincial funding support to increase enrollment at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine.
10. Resolution: Accept resignation of Township of Nipissing committee member from the Powassan District Union Public Library Board and the Golden Sunshine Non-Profit Housing Corporation Board.
11. Discussion: Draft Strategic Plan – including public input received.
12. Correspondence.
13. Accounts to pay.
14. By-Law: Confirming Proceedings of Council at its meeting held October 3, 2023.
15. 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.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2XSMZqRNHbwVppelfKcEXw>

October 3, 2023

Items of concern provided regarding unopened shore road allowance in front of Broken Lot 11, Concession 19 – locally referred to as "The Rock":

- "The Rock" by Township understanding is the 66' unopened, municipally owned shore road allowance in front of Pt Broken Lot 11, Concession 19. The lot of record located at Pt Broken Lot 11, Concession 19 is privately owned.
- Council received an application to Stop Up, Close and Purchase the unopened Shore Road Allowance on this parcel in July 2022. It is the Township's normally followed procedure to support these applications and sell the Shore Road Allowance to the adjacent owners.
This proposal to Council included a section of land intended to "swap" and as this was not something Council would consider under the regular procedures, the SRA Support in Principle was rescinded on January 3, 2023 by Resolution R2023-002.
- At this time there are no submitted applications to Stop Up, Close and Purchase the unopened shore road allowance at this site.
- The unopened road allowance between Concessions 18 & 19, leading to water and protected from sale or closure under the Township of Nipissing's Official Plan (4.8.7), has not been altered by the Township of Nipissing. This unopened road allowance will remain in the possession of the Township of Nipissing and following past practices of the Township, will not be opened or altered in any way.
- In previous correspondence from "Save the Rock" group, it was requested that the Township investigate the heritage designation of the shore road allowance. Township Staff has reached out to the Ontario Heritage Trust in a letter dated July 12, 2023, no response has been received.
- An inquiry into Indigenous land rights to the shore road allowance was raised. The Township of Nipissing is located within the Robinson-Huron Treaty lands. Consultations with Nipissing First Nation and Dokis First Nation were initiated. Responses have been received indicating no evident Indigenous significance of the area but suggesting a Stage II archaeological assessment be completed upon future consideration of sale of the shore road allowance. This requirement will be added to any future applications to purchase the shore road allowance described.

Detailed information regarding the apparent disconnect of information provided in surveys/sketches of the shore road allowance has been received by advice provided by Veldboom, Russell Christie LLP.

From a letter dated September 13, 2023, Ed Veldboom, Russell Christie LLP:
"The Request

In connection with the conduct of a now cancelled application to purchase a shore road allowance, the applicant's surveyor produced a number of surveys and later deposited a reference plan (42R-21838, March 30, 2022). Although there is no current application to purchase the SRA, a group of residents have questioned the accuracy of the depiction of the SRA on those surveys and Plan 42R-21838 (the Goodridge Plans). It has requested Township Council to consider initiating a process to challenge the depiction of the SRA through an application under the *Boundaries Act*."

"Based on the foregoing information, the principles of surveying water boundaries on inland waterbodies and the directions given to surveyors by the MNRF, there appears to be little to no basis to assert that the Goodridge Plans erroneously depict the SRA."



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: October 3, 2023

NUMBER: R2023-

Moved by

Seconded by

THAT Council authorizes the procurement of a peer review of the survey work of the shore road allowance in front of Pt Broken Lot 11, Concession 19, for the purpose of confirming the location.

All costs for these inquiries to be included in the 2024 Budget and payment supplied by taxation.

For Against

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Carried

Mayor: Tom Piper

MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING
Tuesday, September 19, 2023

A regular meeting of the Township of Nipissing Council was held on Tuesday, September 19, 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: Operations Superintendent Dan MacInnis; Administrative Assistant-Deputy Clerk Kristin Linklater; Land Planning and Technology Administrator-Deputy Treasurer John-Paul Negrinotti; Fire Chief-MLEO-CEMC Will Bateman and Municipal Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Kris Croskery-Hodgins.

Disclosure of pecuniary interest: None.

Committee Reports:

Councillor Dave Yemm: Nipissing Township Museum Board of Management.

Councillor Stephen Kirkey: Powassan District Union Public Library Board.

Mayor Tom Piper: Golden Sunshine Non Profit Housing Corporation Board of Management.

R2023-175 D. Yemm, T. Butler:

That the minutes of the Council meeting held September 5, 2023, be adopted as published. **Carried.**

Council received the Draft Strategic Plan 2023-2026. The document is posted for public comment and will come forward with comments on October 3, 2023 for further discussion.

R2023-176 S. Kirkey, S. Foote:

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. **Carried.**

R2023-177 T. Butler, S. Foote:

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. **Carried.**

R2023-178 D. Yemm, S. Kirkey:

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

R2023-179 T. Butler, S. Foote:

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. **Carried.**

2023 Municipal Budget update was provided.

R2023-180 T. Butler, S. Kirkey:

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

R2023-181 D. Yemm, S. Foote:

That the statement of accounts dated: September 5, 13, 14 & 15, 2023; totaling \$414,300.10 be approved. **Carried.**

Dan MacInnis and Kristin Linklater left the meeting.

R2023-182 S. Kirkey, T. Butler:

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 for next steps. Time: 7:13 p.m. **Carried.**

R2023-183 T. Butler, S. Foote:

That we resume to an open public meeting. Time 7:55 p.m. **Carried.**

R2023-184 S. Kirkey, T. Butler:

That we pass By-Law No. 2023-40, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on September 19, 2023.

Read a first, second and third time and passed this 19th day of September. **Carried.**

R2023-185 D. Yemm, S. Foote:

That the meeting be adjourned. Time: 7:57 p.m. Next regular meeting to be held October 3, 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.



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: October 3, 2023

NUMBER: R2023-

Moved by

Seconded by

That we authorize the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the South Shore Restoule Snowmobile Club for use of municipal road allowances.

Appendix A – Snowmobile Trails on Township Roads and Road Allowances

Appendix B – Map detailing trails on Township Roads and Road Allowances

For Against

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Mayor: Tom Piper

Snowmobile Trails on Township Roads and Road Allowances

- 2 km Rye Road
- 2 km Granite Hill Road
- 1.6 km Road Allowance Concessions 3 & 4, Lots 15 & 16 (Gurd)
- 4.5 km Road Allowance Concessions 5, 6, 7 and 8, Lots 15 & 16 (Gurd)
- 2 km Boundary between Nipissing/Gurd Concessions 1 and 2
- 6 km Old Nipissing Road/Green Acres Road
- 3 km pt. Kings Road and Road Allowance, Concessions 6 & 7, Lots 14 to 18
- 1.7 km South River Road
- 1 km Road Allowance between Concessions 10 and 11, Lots 16 & 17
- 1.6 km from Lake Nipissing Road to Road Allowance Concession 11, Lots 10 & 11
- 1 km Stone Cutters Road
- .8 km between Concessions 14 & 15, Lots 5, 6 & 7

Total: 27.2 km of trail (approximately)

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)
PRESCRIBED SNOWMOBILE TRAIL LAND USE PERMISSION
(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

On this 3RD day of October, year 2023 I, the undersigned, owner/occupier of the premises that is lot # _____
concession # _____ or other APPENDIX "A" in the Township of NIPISSING
County/District/Region of PARRY SOUND do hereby give the South Shore Restoule S.C.

(snowmobile club), hereinafter referred to as the "local snowmobile club" (a member in good standing of the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs – OFSC), permission to legally enter, establish, groom, maintain, sign and use that portion of the premises herein designated by me for the exclusive purpose of allowing legally permitted snowmobiles and their riders to use said designated premises for snowmobiling under the following terms and conditions:

1. This MOU is valid for the period commencing October 6, 2023 and ending October 6, 2026.
2. The local snowmobile club shall at all times remain a member in good standing of the OFSC and be able to verify this to the owner/occupier with a current OFSC certificate or this agreement shall be immediately null and void.
3. The local snowmobile club will provide liability insurance in the amount of \$15,000,000 for liability arising from the grooming, maintenance and use of the snowmobile trail but only with respect to the negligence of the local snowmobile club for those operations usual to a snowmobile trail. This coverage is confirmed to the undersigned owner/occupier by signing this memorandum of understanding on the condition no fee has been charged by the owner/occupier for the use of designated premises.
4. The insurers will add the landowner as an additional insured but only with respect to liability arising from the operations of the named local snowmobile club name. Coverage will be extended to the location listed in the landowner agreement through an insurance policy held by the OFSC and its member organization snowmobile club.
5. The above referenced insurance liability policy will not provide any coverage for the willful misconduct and or negligence on the part of the landowner.
6. The designated premises shall be sketched on a separate sheet of paper or shown on an attached map and a copy of each/both shall be initialed by both parties hereto and attached to each copy of this agreement. APPENDIX "B"
7. It is understood that the local snowmobile club, with the owner/occupier's verbal consent on each occasion, shall have access to the designated premises prior to and after the winter months for the purpose of opening and closing, upgrading and maintaining the trail when there is no snow cover.
8. The local snowmobile club shall maintain that portion of the designated premises to be used as a trail in reasonably good condition for snowmobiling purposes only; and undertake to post appropriate signage; remove on an annual basis any litter and repair or replace property damaged by valid permitted and exempted snowmobiles and their riders on that portion of the designated property used for snowmobiling.
9. Each party hereto shall give the other sixty (60) days prior written notice to the address below of any changes to, or cancellation of this agreement.
10. Representative of the local snowmobile club or district are hereby authorized to be the owner/occupier's agent(s) to cooperate with local law enforcement agencies in their efforts to supervise and enforce the uses defined hereunder with respect to the designated premises in accordance with the Trespass to Property Act R.S.O. 1990, c.T21; the Motorized Snow Vehicles Act R.S.O. 1990, c.M44; and the Occupiers Liability Act R.S.O. 1990, c.O-2 as amended.
11. The landowner/occupier and the local snowmobile club mutually confirm that the landowner/occupier, by signing this MOU is not requesting nor granting permission for a registered easement over the designated premises.
12. Additional Conditions: ROAD ALLOWANCE APPROVED BY RESOLUTION

LANDOWNER/OCCUPIER

Name	TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING	Phone:	705-724-2144
Address	45 Beatty St Nipissing P0H 1W0	Email:	admin@nipissingtownship.com
Landowner Signature			

LOCAL SNOWMOBILE CLUB

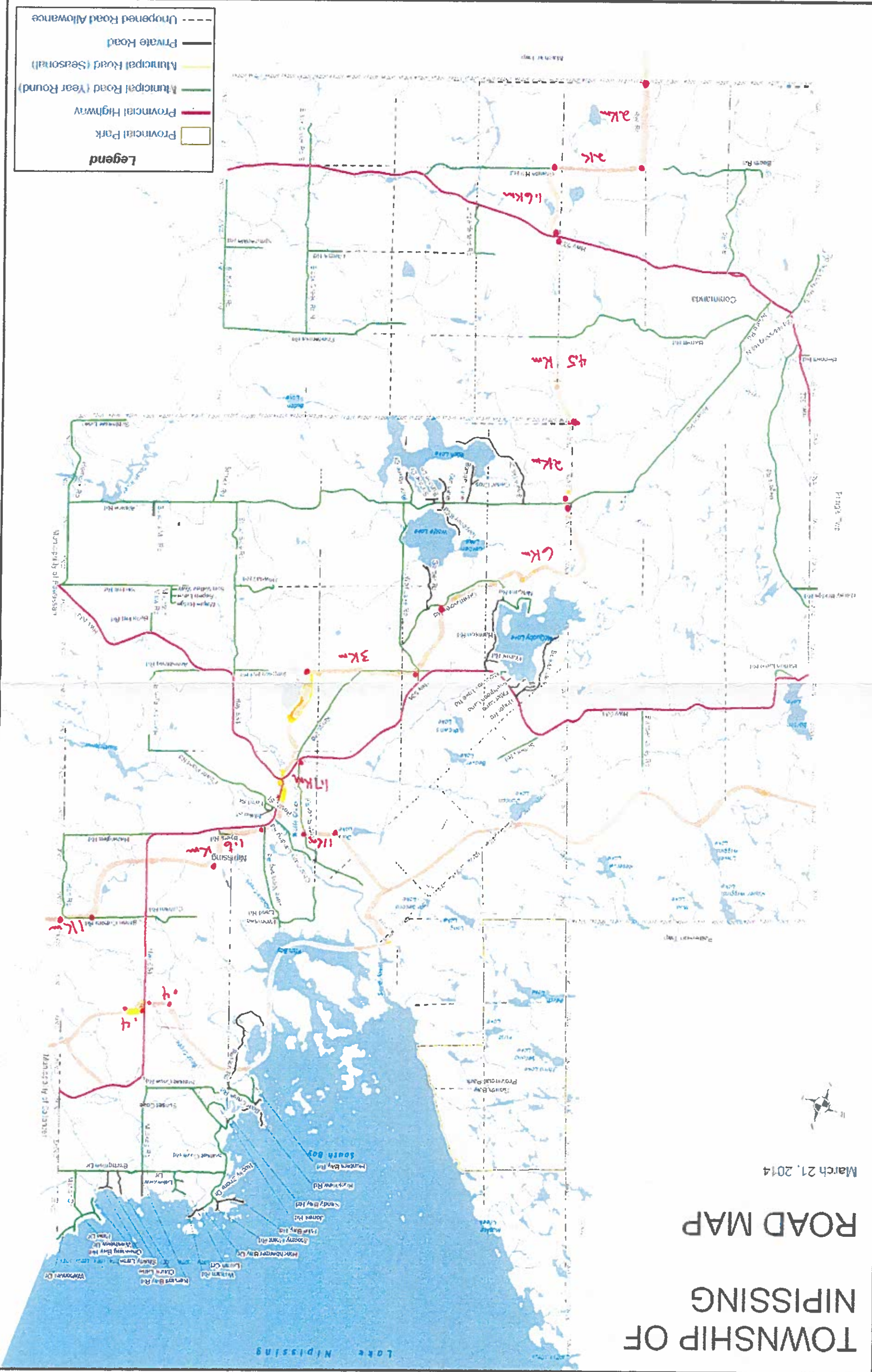
Club Name	South Shore Restoule S. C.	Phone:	705-724-5678
Address	132 Fair View Lane Powassan	Email:	srsclub@hotmail.com
Alternate Contact (District)	John Miller	Alternate Phone/Email	705-477-1983
Club Signature	Diane Tregunna <i>Diane Tregunna</i>		

Privacy Policy: Personal information provided on this form will only be used for purposes related to this agreement.

OFSC MOU Form: v2019

TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING ROAD MAP

March 21, 2014





TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: October 3, 2023

NUMBER: R2023-

Moved by

Seconded by

THAT we authorize the Mayor to sign a letter requesting reconsideration of Central Ambulance Communication Centre (CACC) boundaries between Nipissing and Parry Sound Districts as it affects call-taking and alerting services for the Township of Nipissing Fire Department.

For Against

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Carried

Mayor: Tom Piper



The Corporation of the Township of Nipissing
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Nipissing ON P0H 1W0
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www.nipissingtownship.com

October 3, 2023

Honourable Sylvia Jones
Deputy Premier
Minister of Health

VIA EMAIL: sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org

Re: Re-Alignment of CACC Borders – Transitioning Parry Sound District from Nipissing District

Dear Minister Jones:

On September 20, 2023, we were notified of a change to the 911 call taking and dispatching agreement with the North Bay Central Ambulance Communication Centre (CACC) as a result of the re-alignment of the Central Ambulance Communication Centre (CACC) borders. Effective December 31, 2023, the North Bay CACC will discontinue Fire Call Taking and Alerting services for the Township of Nipissing.

A change from the North Bay CACC will require a change in equipment, training, staffing changes within the Fire Department when moving to a new system. Bell will also require 60 days-notice to implement the required changes.

We respectfully request these changes be reconsidered to provide a longer time frame to allow for the transition and to ensure that all options have been fully investigated to the benefit of both the Parry Sound and Nipissing Districts. Impacts on employment, resources and efficiencies are important to all levels of government and to the residents in our communities.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours truly,

Tom Piper
Mayor

CC: Vic Fedeli, MPP; Office of the Ontario Fire Marshal; Municipality of Callander, Municipality of Powassan, Village of South River, Township of Machar; Restoule LSR, Argyle LSR, Village of Sundridge, Township of Strong.



**North Bay Central Ambulance
Communication Centre**

c/o North Bay Regional Health Centre
50 College Drive, North Bay ON P1B 0A4
Phone: (705) 474-7426
Fax: (705) 494-4979

North Bay Regional
Health Centre



Centre régional
de santé de North Bay

September 20, 2023

Fire Chief Will Bateman
Nipissing Township Fire Department
45 Beatty Street
Nipissing, ON POH 1W0

Dear Chief,

Re: Fire Call Taking and Alerting Contract

Further to our conversation and in accordance with section 9 of the call taking and alerting agreement, this letter will confirm that effective December 31, 2023, North Bay CACC will discontinue Fire Call Taking and Alerting services for the Township of Nipissing.

TERM AND RENEWAL

"9. This Agreement shall commence on January 1, 2018, and shall have a term of 5 years so that it will expire at 23:59 December 31, 2023 (hereinafter referred to as the "expiry date"), unless terminated before that date under sub clause 1(f) or clause 12."

The Ministry of Health has made the decision to re-align CACC Borders for the Parry Sound District.

As a result, effective within the next few months, all EMS 911 calls in Parry Sound District (Callander and south) will be directed to the Parry Sound Ambulance Communications Service (ACS), 99 Bowes Street, Parry Sound, ON. This will also result in North Bay CACC losing GIS and CAD access to addresses in Parry Sound District.

Please notify Bell 911 that effective December 31, 2023, North Bay CACC will no longer be the secondary Fire CERB for the Township of Nipissing and provide Bell 911 with rerouting instructions for your 911 fire calls.

Please let us know who the new contact is so that we may update our records for rerouting misdirected calls for your service.

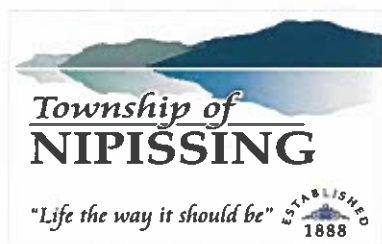
It has been a pleasure to serve the Township of Nipissing, the citizens and fire service for the past 11 years.

Regards,

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

**Marc Picard
Manager, North Bay CACC**

cc – Josee Lafleur, Senior Field Manager, Ministry of Health, Sudbury (by email)



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: October 3, 2023

NUMBER: R2023-

Moved by

Seconded by

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

AND 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;

AND 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;

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

AND 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 the Township of Nipissing 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, AMO, NOSM, FONOM and the Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association.

For Against

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Mayor: Tom Piper

September 19, 2023

Mayor Tom Piper and Members of Council
Township of Nipissing
45 Beatty Street Nipissing, ON P0H 1W0

Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of Council,

I am writing to you today in response to the request for public input on the [2023-2026 Draft Strategic Plan](#) proposed for our Township. Having now twice stepped forward to be considered for Township Council, one of my primary motivations was in fact the [2019-2024 Strategic Plan](#) and what I felt were contradictions, lack of clarity, and quite simply, a lack of vision for the Township. I felt that the planning process was viewed as a checkbox and wanted to be part of developing a comprehensive plan to help guide the Township for now and for the future. I do not believe it got the attention it deserved in 2019, nor have I seen the plan used in the decision making around the council table. Unfortunately, I feel this has yet again become the case.

I can tell you, that I have struggled mightily with writing this letter, as I feel like the Strategic Plan is still at the starting line, yet I know the process is nearing the end and that the intention is to approve and make this draft strategic plan, the finalized version with perhaps some minor edits on October 17, 2023 as noted by Mayor Piper and the Municipal Administrator in the September 19th Council meeting.

Let me be clear, I am vehemently in opposition to this, and believe that you should consider drastic changes, which understandably will cause significant delays to the project.

With that said, I have tried to organize my thoughts into 5 sections, with recommendations that at times do overlap. As you read through this letter, I hope you will note a particular theme, which is, you cannot have a serious discussion about the contents of the plan, because it is built on a false premise, filled with preconceived notions, in a format so unbefitting of our Township, that we need to rethink the entire process by which this plan was created from.

I have tried to do this with the best of intentions, but some of the planning process does prove to be quite baffling, and nonsensical, and so I apologize if my tone feels off the mark and overly critical. Ultimately, we all want life to be the way it should be, even if we all think it should be a different way. My qualms with the Township slogan aside, let's dive in.

Sec. 1: Timeframe for the Strategic Plan

1. Our existing plan covers a 5 year timeframe, from 2019-2024, and so I am confused as to the rush to start a new plan in 2023, especially given that we will already be 80% of the way through the year if approved on October 17th as planned.
 - a. At the very least, would starting the plan in 2024, not be a better option, even if that results in us having a 3 year Strategic plan?
2. Our existing plan is slated to run through 50% of the time frame of the proposed new plan which in effect would be shortening the previous plan's lifespan by 40%. Is there anything in this new plan that is ground breaking, or will help shape council's decision making?
 - a. If not, why create a plan with a simple 2 year extension? ie. 2025-2026 are the only new years covered by the Strategic Plan
3. If approved as-is on October 17, 2023, we will have already been through 18.75% of the timeframe proposed for this Strategic Plan.
 - a. Planning is, of course, supposed to be about the future, so why is nearly one fifth of the plan, located in the past?
4. Is 3 years really long enough to execute something strategic?
 - a. Does the Council plan to begin the process for the next Strategic Plan again in just over 2 years during an election year (2026), or are we forcing the new Council to scramble or operate without a plan in their first year of office to guide them? If a similar October timeframe for approving were to happen, a new Strategic Plan would be approved mere weeks before a new council were to be elected.
 - i. This feels like a poorly planned end date.
5. Why are 50% of the objectives in the section, "Local Historical and Natural Heritage Features" not set to begin within the time bounds of this plan's period?
 - a. To me, this highlights the limitations of such a short timeframe for this plan, when so much is slated to commence after this plan is no longer in use.

Recommendation #1: Reconsider the plan, and develop a 2025-2035 Strategic Plan that we can be proud of, that meaningfully engages the community and helps to guide the Township of Nipissing over the next decade. This will allow time to rethink, restart, and refocus on key objectives in 2024, while we are still under the 2019-2024 plan.

Other Communities: North Bay has a 10 year strategic plan. In Callander, they look 20 years out for the vision of the community they want to see. While I understand we are a smaller community, in everything I have tried to participate in, it feels as though the Township of Nipissing is last minute, or that this is just the way we have always done it. There is no greater opportunity than the time of Strategic planning to reset this culture, and look towards the future and how we can achieve our goal of "life the way it should be", which is something, I am not sure what is.

Sec. 2: Town Hall Meetings

1. The Town Hall Meetings process to me felt scripted, and discouraged the opportunity for new ideas. I walked away quite disappointed.
 - a. In fact, my public unfiltered comments on Facebook began on June 28, 2023, "Absolutely baffled with what I just attended." For transparency, I have provided an unedited copy of my full unfiltered thoughts following the meeting as Attachment 1. While they are certainly not something I am proud of, I believe within my frustrated remarks, there is a lot of truth to them that should be reflected on.
2. No meeting agenda, public survey, or community involvement leading into the Town Hall.
 - a. While I fully understand, trying to bring ideas in a large group in a limited time frame is impossible, the lead up to these meetings is what disappointed me the most. Other communities will bring together working groups, send out surveys, or invite comments from the community to help shape the topics that matter most to the community, and allow common themes to emerge, and perhaps some surprising ideas that may not have been thought of.
 - b. Brainstorming and ideation were left completely out of the process for the community. What we have produced is a heavily council and staff influenced document, with no core ideas brought forth from the community.

3. Leading the meeting.

- a. I felt bad for the 3rd party facilitator who was being berated with questions, and trying to not lean on the council to provide answers, but also felt like a fish out of water. The meeting went off the rails quickly, and never got back on them. The meeting felt like a presentation and not a place for collaboration.

Recommendation #2: Create a working committee with both council and community members to create a framework that encourages more brainstorming and ideation. Reach out to the community and engage with them at the core of the plan, and then have additional town halls that offer a more engaging conversation.

Sec. 3: Organization and Structure

I appreciate the new layout and believe it is much more straightforward, however, I only further think that it highlights the gaps in the plan.

1. Goals are de-emphasized, and tactical plans are visually the highest priority items.
2. The numbering system, or lack thereof, makes it hard to reference.
 - a. In the Strategic Plan produced by Huntsville, they use a shorthand for the section, and then a detailed numbering system. This allows for them to produce a report card on how the goals are progressing, but also allows for easy communication on such a topic.
 - i. Ex. Town of Huntsville [Strategic Plan 2019 to 2023 Report Card](#)

2.1 Economic Development (EcDev)

- > 2.1.1 Business development
- > 2.1.2 Smart value housing
- > 2.1.3 Connectivity
- > 2.1.4 Tourism development

2.2 Culture and Wellness

- > 2.2.1 Healthcare
- > 2.2.2 Recreation and Leisure

2.1 Economic Development (EcDev)

2.1.1 Business development

a. Goal: EcDev 1.1: Engage stakeholders and stimulate year-round economy

Status: Removed on November 29, 2019 by Resolution 309-19

Recommendation #3: Create a naming convention with an appropriate level of detail to easily reference various components of the plan.

Sec. 4: Goals

The Town of Huntsville uses 2 separate definitions of goals to great effect in my opinion:

- ★ **"Passive Goals** are goals that uphold the Mission, Vision and Values of the (Township of Nipissing). These Goals are considered to be Continuous.
- ★ **Actionable Goals** are goals that require a specific action to be done to meet an objective. These goals may be considered Not Started, Started, or Complete."

By breaking down goals into this way, we can better analyze and understand what is to be achieved in this plan, but also what is something that is important and a continuing theme to work towards but never be finished. Additionally, by looking at goals this way, we can further break down the goals that have been established. Starting with the first goal, specifically:

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

This goal feels as though there is too much going on. What does communication have to do with maintaining municipal services? I feel like there are multiple, quality goals within each, but by not stating them separately, it will be hard to determine success.

1. Ensure the Township of Nipissing residents and visitors are provided with effective and progressive communication.
2. Maintain municipal services, and meet the needs of the community.

These 2 goals could then be associated with the appropriate tactical elements of the plan, to better organize and provide clarity on what it is that is trying to be achieved. Following the Huntsville example:

1. Maintain municipal services, and meet the needs of the community.
 - 1.1. Property Standards
 - 1.1.1. Create a licensing model for short term rental properties including methods of enforcement for excessive noise and disruption.
 - 1.1.2. Develop a property standards policy.
 - 1.1.3. Develop a clean yard by-law, for acceptable restrictions that are enforceable within the Township of Nipissing.

1.2. Resident safety and well-being

1.2.1. Implement using radar speed signs

1.2.2. Develop a public education strategy related to speed safety on municipal roadways

1.2.3. Complete a Community Risk Assessment

In just part of the first goal within the draft plan, 6 actionable goals have been extracted and can now be used to measure success. While I may or may not agree with the actual goals of the plan, as residents we are now able to see what has and hasn't been accomplished at the lowest common denominator, while also understanding the high level categories and themes that can be used to justify decisions as they arise throughout the plan's timeframe. This increased level of detail, transparency, and communication is what is desperately lacking within the community.

Recommendation #4: *Adopt the framework of Actionable and Passive goals used by the Town of Huntsville, to better organize and detail what is expected to be achieved, and what is ongoing.*

Recommendation #5: *Break goals down into their lowest common denominator. Simple time bound, specific and achievable are key measures of a successfully stated goal.*

So far, I have focused almost exclusively on the structure and the framework with which this plan has been developed. It is the basis of my comments earlier, feeling like we are at the starting line, and unable to really dive into the meat of the document. In the next and final section, I highlight some themes that I think would be important for discussion and inclusion in the Strategic Plan, but I want to emphasize, this is not an exhaustive list. It is merely the most obvious gaps that I see and would refer you back to *Recommendation #2*.

Sec. 5: Missing Elements

Over the course of the last several years, there are items that I believe have become repeated themes that need to be addressed.

1. The purchasing and RFP process at the Township is flawed.

a. Ex. RFP to replace the municipal software package, arrived way over budget, leading to a massive scope reduction to meet budget

i. Resulted in keeping various software packages disintegrated

- ii. Did not provide other entities an opportunity to bid on a new scope of work that potentially could have better met our needs. Given the low RFP response rate, it is possible that other firms were put off by the original specs, and would have been more willing to bid with a revised set of requirements
- b. Ex. RFP for a consultant to help find a new CAO
 - i. The consultant listed out in their proposal a number of items that were to be achieved. Nearly none were, including the obvious, which was not hiring a CAO.
 - ii. The contract was never amended at a public meeting (council meeting) to accommodate acceptance of an alternative path, notably a Municipal Administrator, and thus is still a glaring outstanding issue - that shouldn't have been paid, without a Change Order issued.

2. Modernization

- a. One of the key elements in the new software package, which was again referenced in the town hall, was the ability to send digital property tax bills. This is just one example of the type of modernization that we should expect, especially with the announcement that all homes in the township will soon have access to Fiber Optics.
- b. Further on the topic of Fiber Optics, there is no mention of the modernization, or elements that this could play in our township, despite for years having improved internet connectivity as a key priority. How do we not note this in the discussions of home based business, and other areas, with how this will impact the Township moving forward. Surely some efficiencies and new developments will come from this?
- c. Complete Listing of the Township By-Laws online. Currently, I am unclear what the policy is, regarding which by-laws are posted and which ones are not. I think in the digital age we are in, it would be a great addition to be able to sort through and see what has been enacted. I myself, often frequent this portion of the website. It should be noted that when I visited the page earlier today, both a new 2023-09 and old 2021-38 by-law were available, with no clear way to realize that one no longer was in effect without reading the new 2023-09 by-law. This could cause confusion and further is mystifying given not all active by-laws are displayed.

3. Township Committees

- a. There is a large knowledge gap, lack of training, and 0 expectations set from Council with regards to the committees/boards. I believe that a comprehensive review should be taken with regards to:
 - i. What committees are necessary, and important?
 - ii. What the roles of each committee should be?
 - 1. Specifically the Museum Board focused a majority of their attention on fundraising and events that often conflicted, or was done in partnership with the Recreation Committee. This does align with the goals within the "Local Historical and Natural Heritage Features" section of the plan.
 - iii. What the role, and expectations are of the chair, secretary and board/committee members.
 - iv. I would suggest a welcome package, some form of cloud storage system for meeting minutes (which could equally fall under modernization), plans, and a training session similar to what a council member or mayor may attend would be the minimum.
- b. I will note that a lot of work has gone into this area, with the updated 2023-09 by-law more reflective of the expectations of 4 years and not 1, staff members now sitting in on the committee meetings etc. But a lack of purpose and direction from Council at the outset of the year/term, along with no training on the Strategic Plan of the Township, and why these committees and boards exist, hinders their effectiveness.

4. Capital Assets Plan

- a. While we are expecting an Asset Management Plan update in 2023, I feel it will fall short of what I would expect to be included in the Strategic Plan. In the 2017 version, it was prepared by a 3rd party, and assume that it will be updated by a 3rd party as well. When I am talking about a Capital Assets Plan, I am more focused on what facilities we want to have in our future.
- b. We have moved Council Meetings to a new facility since the last Strategic Plan, we have a Museum in need of foundation repairs, consistent electrical issues etc. Multiple Committees have raised concerns over storage. We need to have a community discussion around what we are wanting in our township. A Bill Barber

styled hockey rink? A new township office that meets the needs of staff and council chambers?

- i. There are a ton of half baked ideas that are happening at committee level, that are reliant on big picture strategic thinking to push them into great ideas. If that is not what we are trying to accomplish with this Strategic Plan, then why are we even pretending that it is valuable and wasting time with it?

Overall, I feel the Strategic Plan misses the mark, excludes a review of the external factors affecting the township, and provides little strategy beyond, "yep, continue to do what we're doing on a daily basis". In fact, it feels as though this entire document is just a written to-do list for the next couple of years, that with or without any public input, strategic thought, or process, would have been accomplished anyways.

I look to the council to inspire, and provide us a vision for the future of the community. To me, this document does anything but that, and to that end, is why multiple young people who have volunteered their time to various boards and committees, most notably the Recreation Committee have come and gone, noting the extremely limited impact that they could have. If we are actively interested as a community to have the next generation want to stay, grow and thrive - contributing to the economic and social well being - we must first be willing to be collaborative and accept new ideas.

Recommendation #6: Please ask yourself, how many communities did I go searching for and review their Strategic Plans? How many ideas did I contribute to this document? How many residents did I reach out to and discuss their ideas with? If you are genuinely thinking that the draft document presented, is a reflection of what you believe to be a Strategic Vision for the community, I implore you to reconsider for the sake of our community and the future of the Township of Nipissing.

I ask that you look within - and decide, is Council right for me? If you are not willing to invest the time and energy into what is a thankless position, with next to no benefits, I ask you to consider resigning from your position. At 1 year into the term, now is the perfect time to admit and accept this may not be what you had hoped for, and that is ok. I invite you to rewatch your discussion on September 19, 2023 regarding this plan, or rather the lack of discussion in the only 1 minute

and 36 seconds dedicated to this project publicly since July 4th Town Hall. The role of council is not to just check a box, and say yes. If you agree with me, and are willing to show courage, I implore you to make a motion, to reject this draft proposal, and direct staff to start the process again, once an appropriate framework is established. Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to hearing the discussion on October 3, 2023.

Sincerely,

Chris Johnston

Chris Johnston

Attachment 1

Facebook post on June 28, 2023 at 8:31pm - following the Town Hall at the Commanda Community Center, posted by Chris Johnston.

Absolutely baffled with what I just attended.

Introducing your new strategic plan Nipissing: <https://nipissingtownship.com/other/strategic-plan/>

It looks identical to the last one, because well, there was 0 room to discuss or improve it in the meeting to discuss it.

We really need to hire some qualified people to lead strategic planning and provide a framework.

Context: we sat there while some guy unrelated to the Township and without any qualifications to lead such a meeting read the old strategic plan and asked what we thought.

That's not how you brainstorm, that's not how you generate ideas.

Strategic planning begins with a framework, it involves multiple steps. It should be started without any preconceived notions. We don't even address the basic elements.

<https://spur-reply.com/.../the-6-elements-of-effective...>

We skip over objectives, time frames, anything that could hold anyone accountable.

At least we know [Joe Bell](#) is excited with their answer, "we're working on it".

Oh and somehow our dumps lifespan went from 70+ years to 17. I'd like to ask a 3rd person, maybe they'd say 500 years?

We've put away \$100s of thousands towards getting internet in the area, never spent it, but we're all getting Fiber by 2025. So where's that money going to be spent.

Also, buying software = communication is solved. That's a new one to me, and given that it's literally my job to program marketing technology for multi-national, multi-million dollar organizations in order to improve and facilitate communications through technology at scale, I hope my boss thinks I'd know something about that.

Also, they're back to complaining about a lack of volunteers. Here's a hint, people like me wouldn't quit, if anything was remotely allowed to be achieved. Ex-Rec Committee; Ex-Museum Board; Name it what it is - Slave count is down, and you'd like more.



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

CORRESPONDENCE

October 3, 2023

1. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit Board of Health meeting Agenda for the meeting being held September 27, 2023.
2. Resolution from the Town of Midland regarding "Catch and Release" Justice in Ontario.
3. AMO Policy Update – September 25, 2023.
4. Minutes of the Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation Board of Directors meeting held August 22, 2023.
5. District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board Chief Administrative Officer's Report, September 2023.

BOARD OF HEALTH
NORTH BAY PARRY SOUND DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT

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Nipissing District:
Central Appointees

Karen Cook
Sara Inch
Jamie Lowery
Maurice Switzer
Dave Wolfe
Rick Champagne (*Chairperson*)
Jamie Restoule

Eastern Appointee
Western Appointee
Parry Sound District:
Northeastern Appointee
Southeastern Appointee
Western Appointee
Public Appointees:

Blair Flowers
Marianne Stickland
Jamie McGarvey (*Vice-Chairperson*)
Tim Sheppard
Catherine Still

Acting Medical Officer of Health/Executive Officer

Dr. Carol Zimbalatti

Also Attending by Invitation

Management Administrative Assistant, Quality Assurance
Executive Director, Community Services
Community Health Promoter
Program Manager, Healthy Schools
Manager, Planning, Evaluation and Communications Services

Shelly Maki
Louise Gagné
Melanie Simms
Sande Guindon
Danielle Hunter

Recorder

Nelly Bothelo

A regular meeting of the **Board of Health** for the **North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit** will be held both in person and virtually for Board of Health members, and will be live streamed for the public from the Nipissing Room at 345 Oak Street West, North Bay, Ontario on:

Date: Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

2.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- Addition of New Agenda Items
- Notice of Motion

3.0 CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

4.0 APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 4.1 Board of Health Minutes – August 16, 2023
 - Notice of Motion

4.2 Board of Health In Camera Minutes – August 16, 2023
➤ *Notice of Motion*

5.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date: November 22, 2023

Time: to be determined

Place: Live Streamed from 345 Oak Street W., North Bay, ON

6.0 BUSINESS ARISING

6.1. Presentation on Icelandic Model ([Sway Presentation](#))

7.0 REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

8.0 BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 Finance and Property Committee

➤ *Notice of Motions*

9.0 CORRESPONDENCE

10.0 IN CAMERA

10.1 Personal Matter About an Identifiable Individual

➤ *Notice of Motion – Move In Camera*

➤ *Notice of Motion – Rise and Report*

11.0 NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Intimate Partner Violence

11.2 Proposed Board of Health Governance Framework

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

If you are not able to attend the meeting, please notify Nelly Bothelo at 705-474-1400, extension 5272.

Thank you.

Approved by,

Carol Zimbalatti, M.D., CCFP, MPH

Acting Medical Officer of Health/Executive Officer

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TOWN OF MIDLAND



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September 8, 2023

The Senate of Canada
Ottawa, ON
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Via Email: sencom@sen.parl.gc.ca

Premier Doug Ford
Legislative Building
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Toronto ON
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Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: "Catch and Release" Justice is Ontario

At its September 6, 2023, Regular Council Meeting with Closed Session the Council for the Town of Midland passed the following Resolution:

That the Town of Midland send a letter to the Federal and Provincial Governments requesting meaningful improvements to the current state of "catch and release" justice in the Ontario legal system. Police Services across Ontario are exhausting precious time and resources having to manage the repeated arrests of the same offenders, which in turn, is impacting their morale, and ultimately law-abiding citizens who are paying the often significant financial and emotional toll of this broken system; and

That this resolution be sent to other Municipalities throughout Ontario for their endorsement consideration.

Thank you.

Yours very
truly,

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MIDLAND

Sherri Edgar

Sherri Edgar, AMCT
Municipal Clerk
Ext. 2210

Kris Croskery - Hodgins

From: AMO Communications <Communicate@amo.on.ca>
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2023 4:11 PM
To: admin@nipissingtownship.com
Subject: AMO Policy Update - New Ministers and Transit Legislation

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POLICY UPDATE

September 25, 2023

Policy Update - New Ministers and Transit Legislation

AMO Welcomes New Ministers

Premier Doug Ford shuffled his cabinet on Friday in response to former Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, Monte McNaughton resigning as a MPP. The new Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development is David Piccini. Andrea Khjanjin assumes the role of Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks. Todd McCarthy becomes Minister of Public Business and Service Delivery. Additionally, Vijay Thanigasalam becomes the new Associate Minister of Transportation.

AMO welcomes the new Ministers and looks forward to working closely with them.

Legislation Introduced to Help Municipalities Build Transit Stations

Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure introduced [new legislation](#) today that, if enacted, would create a new Station Contribution Fee, which would fund new GO Transit stations in the GTA by allowing municipalities to spread costs to new developments. The Bill, the *Transportation for the Future Act, 2023* allows municipalities to build new GO stations and recover the costs from the transit-oriented communities around them. Where market conditions are not conducive to a partnership with a single developer, municipalities would be able to spread costs over multiple developments for a longer time period. The Bill also improves the Toronto

Transit Commission's ability to enter into cross-boundary agreements with neighboring transit agencies.

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**The Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
2023-09**

Tuesday August 22, 2023

A regular meeting of the Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation board was held on Tuesday August 22, 2023.

Present: Doug Walli, Bernadette Kerr, Mieke Krause, Leo Patey, Tom Piper, Dave Britton, Nancy McFadden & Amber Mclsaac, Property Manager.

1. Call to order

Resolution No. 2023-42– Moved by Tom, seconded by Leo that the meeting was called to order at 9:30 am. Carried

2. Additions to Agenda – none

3. Approval of the Agenda

Resolution No. 2023-43– Moved by Tom, seconded by Leo that the agenda be adopted as presented

4. Conflict of Interest Disclosure – Leo Patey, Employer listed on accounts payable

5. Approval of the Minutes from the June 20, 2023 board meeting

Resolution No. 2023-44– Moved by Tom seconded by Doug that the minutes from the board meeting on June 2023 were adopted as presented.

6. Business arising

a) Pet Policy

A discussion took place about the current pet policy that was presented with changes. More changes were discussed and final policy will be presented at the next meeting.

B) Rent increases for 2024

Amber presented the Ontario Governments rent increase guideline to the board members and a discussion took place.

Resolution No. 2023-45– Moved by Tom seconded by Leo that Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation agrees to a 2.5% rent increase, rounding down to the

nearest dollar amount, starting January 1, 2024 for all Market Rent tenants at the Pines Apartments.

C) HVAC Maintenance

Ainsworth Inc. provided quotes for spring and fall maintenance as well as a list of recommended repairs based on their findings and seconded by the building condition assessment that was completed in 2017. Amber advised to proceed with the spring and fall maintenance and a discussion then took place regarding the repairs needed.

Resolution No. 2023-46— Moved by Dave seconded by Nancy that Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation approves up to, but not to exceed, \$6000 for HVAC repairs as needed.

7. Correspondences

A) Managers Report

Amber reported that the security cameras will be up and running by the end of the day. Evan Hughes landscaping has been completed. Transcanada Safety installed final fire alarm and heat sensor in the elevator shaft last week. DSSAB will repost final numbers for our funding now that all projects are complete. Quotes are being collected for raised garden beds and will be on the agenda at the next meeting as well as the first draft for the 2024 budget.

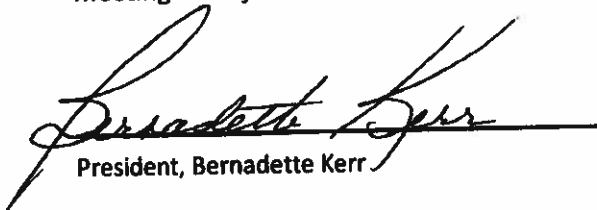
b) Financial Report


Resolution No. 2023-47 Moved by Tom, seconded by Mieke that the board approves the May 2023 financials that were presented. Carried

Dave had questions in regards to employee payroll on the income statement. Amber to report them at the next meeting.

8. Next Board Meeting – September 19, 2023 @ 9:30am.

9. Adjournment - Resolution No. 2023-48— Moved by Dave, seconded by Tom that the board meeting be adjourned at 10:07 am. Carried


President, Bernadette Kerr


Property Manager, Amber McIsaac

District of Parry Sound



Social Services
Administration Board

Chief Administrative Officer's Report

September 2023

Mission Statement

To foster healthier communities by economically providing caring human services that empower and enable the people we serve to improve their quality of life.

AMO 2023 Annual General Meeting and Conference

From August 21 – 23, more than 2,500 municipal leaders, government officials, public servants, sponsors, exhibitors, and media gathered in the City of London to take part in the 2023 AMO Conference.

This event included the Ministers' Forum and a direct dialogue with 26 provincial Cabinet Ministers on many of the critical issues municipalities, CMSMs and DSSABs are facing. Municipal officials, CMSMs and DSSABs also participated in over 600 delegation meetings, discussing local concerns.

I attended delegations with the Northern Ontario Service Delivers Association (NOSDA). We were able to have direct conversations with the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services and the Ministry of Long-Term Care.

I also attended a multi ministry delegation with the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, North-western Ontario Municipal Association and the Northern Ontario Service Delivers Association.

Facebook Pages

A friendly reminder to follow our Facebook pages!



- ◆ [District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board](#)
- ◆ [Esprit Place Family Resource Centre](#)
- ◆ [EarlyON Child and Family Centres in the District of Parry Sound](#)
- ◆ [The Meadow View](#)

Social Media

Facebook Stats

District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board	FEB 2023	MAR 2023	APR 2023	MAY 2023	JUNE 2023	AUG 2023
Total Page Followers	446	462	471	474	478	490
Post Reach this Period (# of people who saw post)	4,645	7,891	4,460	3,789	4,010	2,249
Post Engagement this Period (# of reactions, comments, shares)	565	757	505	241	692	234

Esprit Place Family Resource Centre	FEB 2023	MAR 2023	APR 2023	MAY 2023	JUNE 2023	AUG 2023
Total Page Followers	128	132	131	131	131	132
Post Reach this Period (# of people who saw post)	75	124	116	29	203	62
Post Engagement this Period (# of reactions, comments, shares)	3	7	71	1	2	1

DSSAB Twitter Stats - <https://twitter.com/psdssab>

	FEB 2023	MAR 2023	APR 2023	MAY 2023	JUNE 2023	AUG 2023
Total Tweets	7	13	8	8	10	N/A
Total Impressions	158	300	300	291	301	56
Total Profile Visits	57	217	130	137	128	N/A
Total Followers	28	28	27	27	30	31

DSSAB LinkedIn Stats - used primarily for HR recruitment & RFP/Tender postings

Link to DSSAB's LinkedIn page - <https://bit.ly/2YyFHIE>

	FEB 2023	MAR 2023	APR 2023	MAY 2023	JUNE 2023	AUG 2023
Total Followers	395	399	410	416	434	437
Search Appearances (in last 7 days)	318	308	245	228	281	185
Total Page Views	31	31	30	41	56	33
Post Impressions	828	929	697	546	786	182
Total Unique Visitors	16	17	11	19	25	19

DSSAB in the Community

Throughout the summer, we joined CMHA for several Community Outreach 'pop-up' events in some of the smaller communities in East Parry Sound.

July 12th, Mill May Market in Restoule

This event was attended by the Communications Officer, as well as a member of our Housing Stability team

July 19th, Women's Own Resource Centre in South River

This event was attended by a member of our Housing Stability team

August 2nd, Home Hardware in Magnetawan

This event was attended by the Communications Officer

August 23rd, Hope's "More than a grocery store" Clover Farm in Novar

This event was attended by the Communications Officer, as well as a member of our Housing Stability team



Canadian Mental Health Association
Restoule, Parry Sound

Addictions and Mental Health Services

Harm Reduction supplies available
Naloxone & Naloxone Training also available

COMMUNITY EDUCATION EVENTS

All summer in East Parry Sound

JULY

July 5- Foote's General Store in Nipissing

July 12-Mill Bay Meat Market in Restoule

July 19- Women's Own Resource Centre in South River

AUGUST

August 2-Home Hardware in Magnetawan

August 16-Alderdale General Store

August 23-Novar General Store

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Municipal Presentations

On August 28th, myself and our Communications Officer were pleased to provide the Tri-Council representing the Township of Ryerson, the Village of Burk's Falls & the Township of Armour with a presentation about the DSSAB. This presentation included an overview of the DSSAB's programs and services, and how we can help members of their community. The Tri-Council expressed their appreciation to DSSAB staff for the important work they do. This was part of a series of municipal presentations taking place over the next year.



Licensed Child Care Programs

Total Children Utilizing Directly Operated Child Care in the District July 2023

Age Group	Fairview ELCC	First Steps ELCC	Highlands ELCC	Waubeeek ELCC	HCCP	Total
Infant (0-18M)	0	0	1	1	11	13
Toddler (18-30M)	15	8	15	13	25	76
Preschool (30M-4Y)	18	18	18	46	43	143
# of Active Children	33	26	34	60	79	232

Enrollment numbers remained stable for the summer months. The Licensed Child Care Programs moved their primary programming outdoors and worked with families to prepare for upcoming transitions to older age groupings and junior kindergarten. Staff coverage for summer vacations was challenging but with the support of the ISS and EarlyON teams, we were able to cover ratios.

School Age Programs

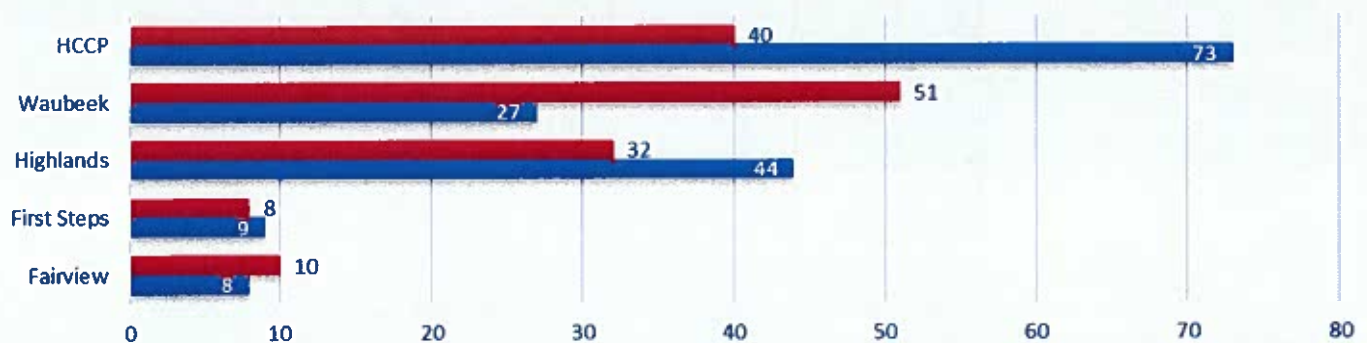
July 2023

Location	Enrollment	Primary Waitlist	Secondary Waitlist
Mapleridge After School	N/A		
Mapleridge Before School	N/A		
Mapleridge Summer Program	13	7	
St. Gregory's After School	N/A		
Sundridge Centennial After School	N/A		
Land of Lakes After School	N/A		
Home Child Care	56	11	2
# of Active Children	76		

Mapleridge Public School licensed summer school age care was fully booked with a small waitlist. We have 2 full-time staff supporting the program and have enrolled children ages 4 – 6 years. The program coordinated with the Powassan GAP for the older aged children.

Directly Operated Child Care Waitlist by Program

July 2023



As shown in the above chart, the blue bar reflects families that are currently seeking care and space is unavailable while the red bar indicates families that have requested a space after December 31, 2023. Waubeek has had the largest increase in waitlist numbers especially families seeking infant care. As of July, there were 14 infants on the Waubeek waitlist, and in January 2024 that number increases to 45.

Inclusion Support Services

July 2023

Age Group	EarlyON	Licensed ELCC's	Monthly Total	YTD Total	Waitlist	New Referrals	Discharges
Infant (0-18M)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Toddler (18-30M)	1	9	10	16	0	0	0
Preschool (30M-4Y)	6	35	41	54	1	1	1
School Age (4Y+)	4	26	30	39	1	0	1
Monthly Total	11	70	81	-	2	1	2
YTD Total	12	78	-	108	30	22	10

Resource consultants continued to support school age children that attended licensed summer child care programs across the district. Support in the EarlyON programs decreased as most community satellite locations closed for the summer months.

EarlyON Child and Family Programs

July 2023

Activity	July	YTD
Number of Children Attending	813	4,974
Number of New Children Attending	37	277
Number of Adults Attending	528	3,154
Number of Virtual Programming Events	1	28
Number of Engagements through Social Media	1,955	4,347
Number of Views through Social Media	9,396	58,262

EarlyON facilitators set up community "pop-up" programs where most communities in the district were being visited at outdoor locations. Regular programming activities are being offered.

Funding Sources for District Wide Childcare Spaces July 2023

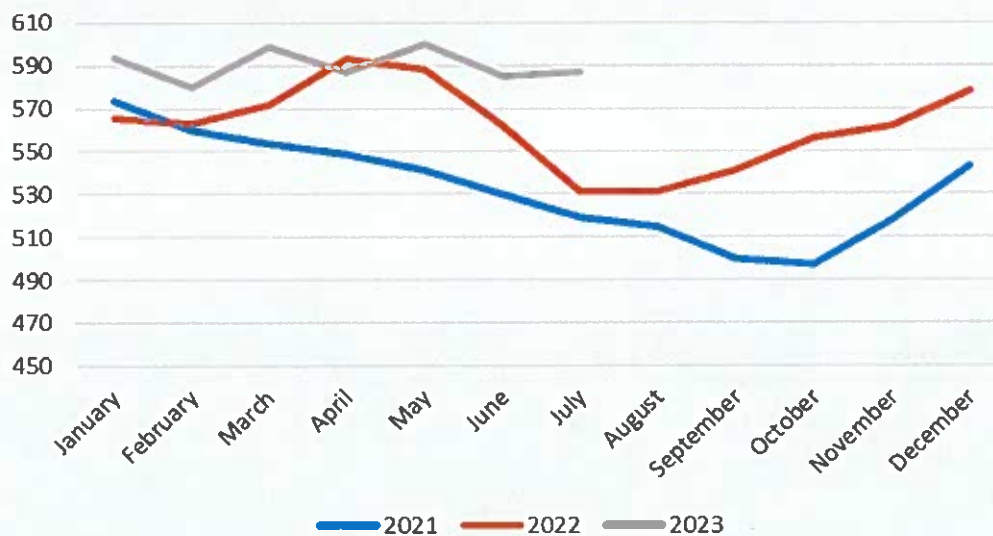
Active	# of Children	# of Families
CWELCC*	110	107
CWELCC Full Fee	186	185
Extended Day Fee Subsidy	10	10
Fee Subsidy	99	77
Full Fee	12	11
Ontario Works	12	9
Total	429	399

Funding Source - New	# of Children	# of Families
CWELCC	8	8
CWELCC Full Fee	3	3
Extended Day Fee Subsidy	7	7
Fee Subsidy	70	51
Full Fee	2	2
Ontario Works	3	3
Total	93	74

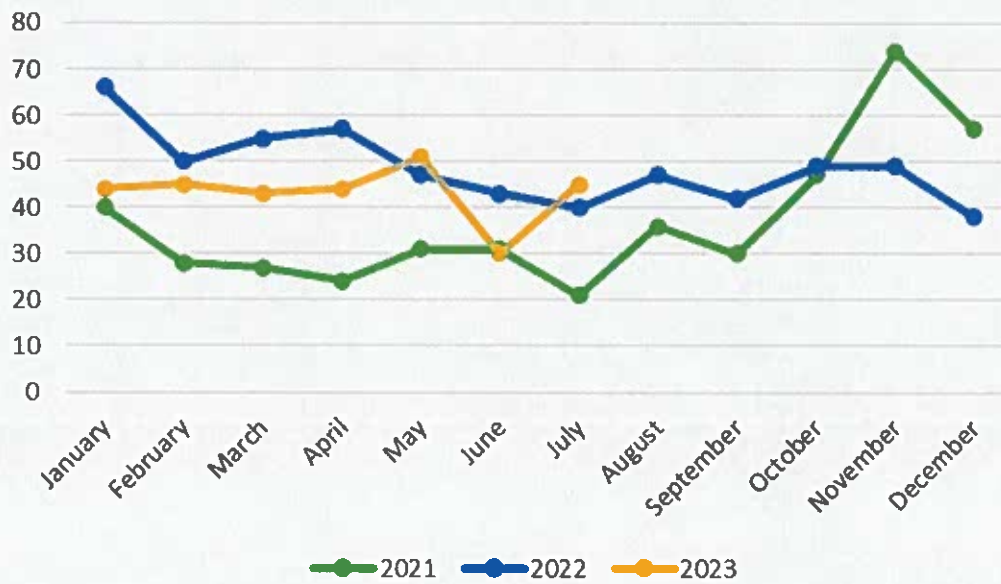
Funding Source - Exits	# of Children	# of Families
Fee Subsidy	3	3
Ontario Works	2	1
Total	5	4

* CWELCC – Canada-Wide Early Learning Child Care; eligible for children 0 - 6

Ontario Works Caseload



Ontario Works Intake - Social Assistance Digital Application (SADA) & Local Office Ontario Works Applications Received



Ontario Works applications

2 ▼

Average received per business day

45

Received Jul 2023

Emergency Assistance applications

1 ▲

Average received per business day

30

Received Jul 2023

Average number of business days from screening to grant

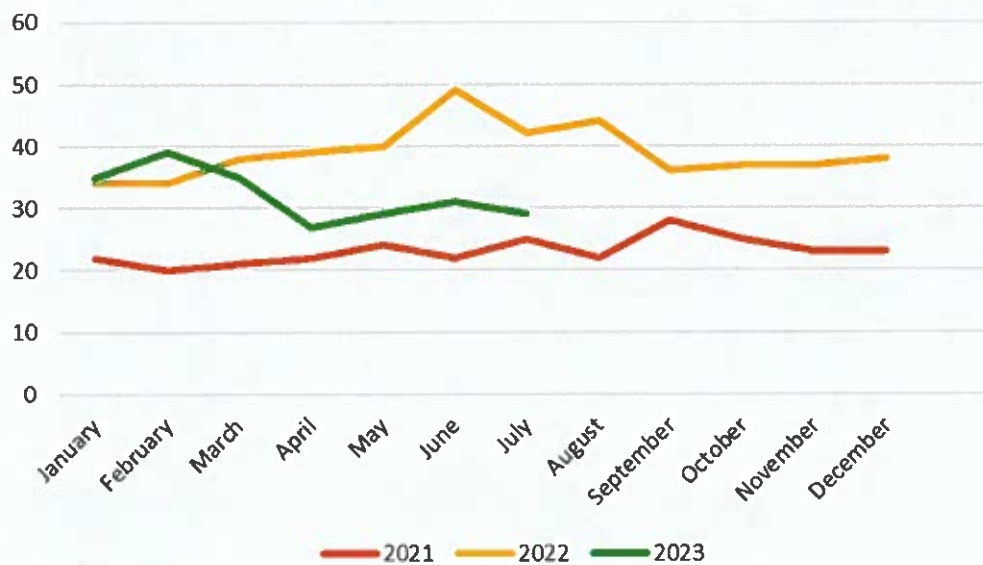
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Emergency Assistance

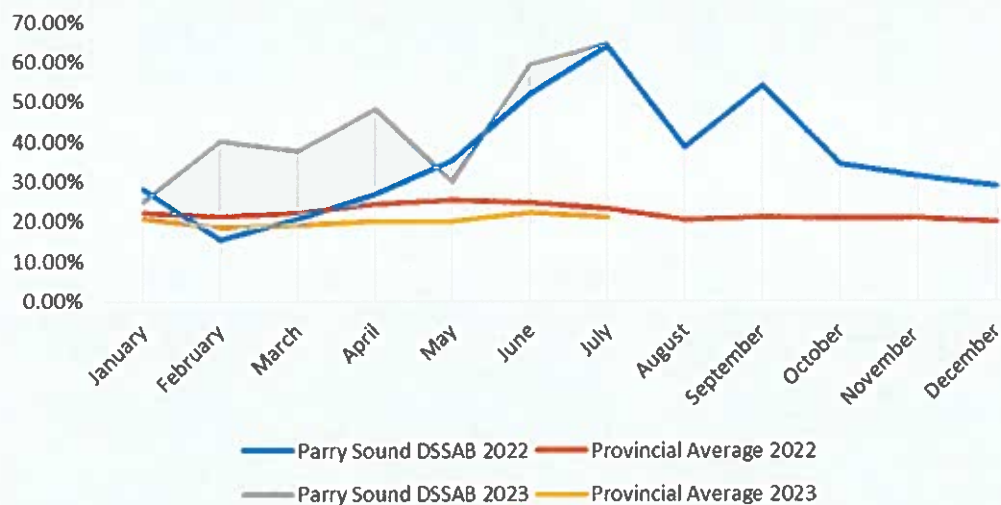
ODSP Participants in Ontario Works Employment Assistance



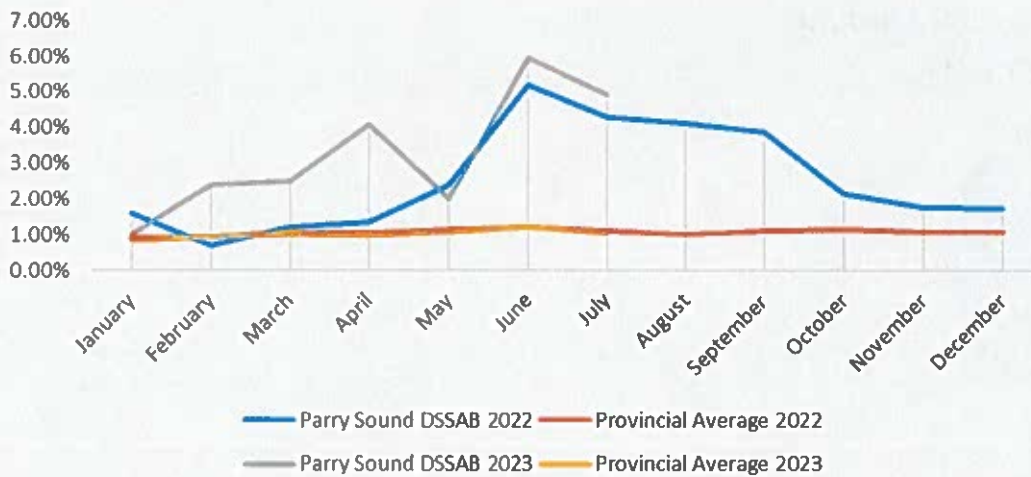
The OW caseload as of the end of July was **587** (there are 945 beneficiaries in total). We are supporting **29** ODSP participants in our Employment Assistance program. We also have **56** Temporary Care Assistance cases. Intake also remains steady. We had **45** Ontario Works Applications and **30** applications for Emergency Assistance in July which does not indicate a typical summer slowdown.

Employment Assistance & Performance Outcomes

% of Closures Exiting to Employment



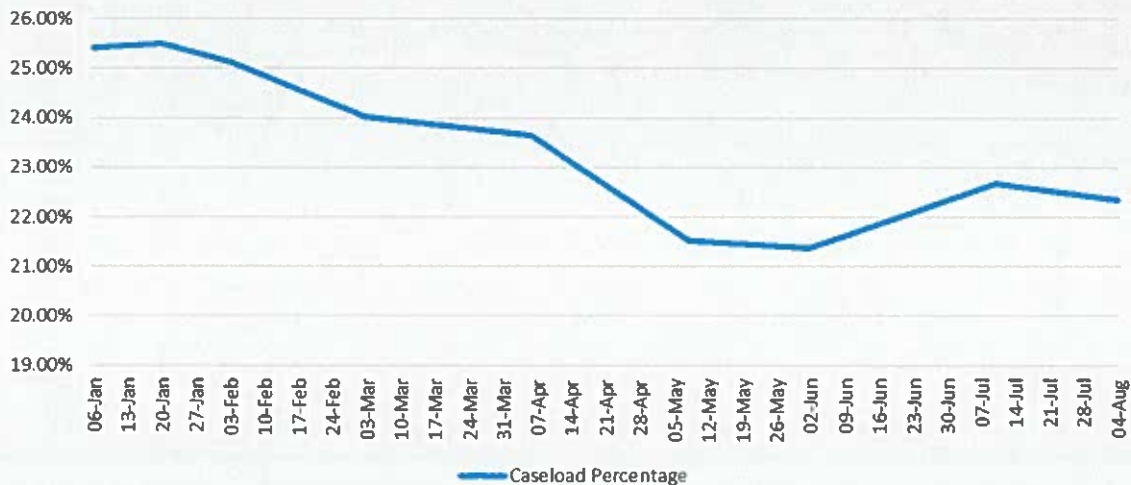
% of Caseload Exiting to Employment



Despite a small decline in our Employment Outcome Performance in May, the program bounced back with a tremendous June and July, where we exceeded our performance from last year and far exceeded the provincial average. We also finished #1 in the Northeast. Additionally, an average of 8.9% of the caseload exited the program over June and July.

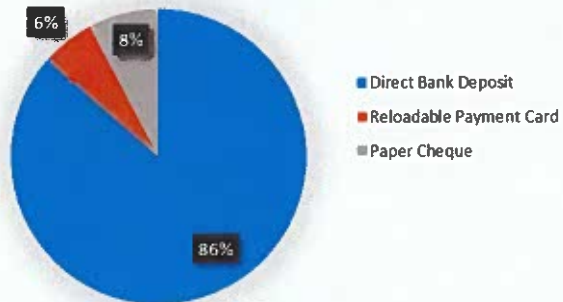
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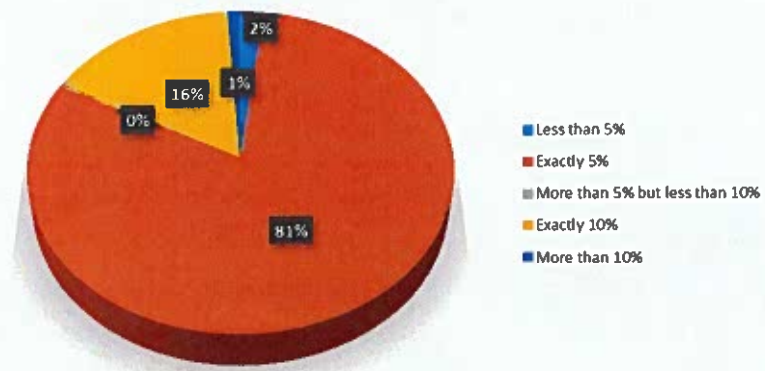
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Payment Receipt Method
July 2023



Overpayment Recovery Rate

July 2023



Housing Stability Program - Community Relations Workers

Support

All services performed, provided, or arranged by the Homelessness Stability Program staff to promote, improve, sustain, or restore appropriate housing for individuals active with the Homelessness Stability Program, periodically within the month, not requiring intense case management.

Intense Case Management

Intense Case Management involves the coordination of appropriate services and the provision of consistent and on-going weekly supports, required by the individual to obtain, and sustain housing stability.

Contact/Referrals

July 2023	East	West	YTD
Homeless	1	5	31
At Risk	7	3	52
Esprit Outreach Homeless	1	1	5
Esprit Outreach at Risk	0	3	10
Esprit in Shelter		1	9
Program Total			107

Housing Stability: Household Income Sources and Issuance from HPP:

July 2023	Total	HPP
Income Source		
Senior	3	\$490.32
ODSP	12	\$7,408.66
Ontario Works	11	\$3,474.06

July 2023	Total
Reason for Issue	
Utilities/Firewood	\$1,696.73
Transportation	\$36.00
Food/Household/Misc	\$10,450.93
Emergency Housing	\$1,558.63
Total	\$13,742.29

July 2023	East	West
Income Source		
Senior	6	16
ODSP	11	28
Ontario Works	4	13
Low Income	16	29

July 2023	East	West
Income Source		
Senior	13	20
ODSP	11	12
Ontario Works	8	15
Low Income	9	37

Short Term Housing Allowance

	Active	YTD
July 2023	10	37

Ontario Works: Household Income Sources and Issuance from HPP

July 2023 Income Source	Total	HPP
Senior	1	\$412.03
ODSP	7	\$3,775.86
Ontario Works	8	\$9,469.26
Low Income	3	\$308.83

July 2023 Reason for Issue	Total
Rental Arrears	\$7,927.40
Utilities/Firewood	\$1,000.00
Transportation	\$177.32
Food/Household/Misc.	\$4,861.26
Total	\$13,965.98

By-Name List Data September 2021– July 2023



Housing Programs

Social Housing Centralized Waitlist Report July 2023

	East Parry Sound	West Parry Sound	Total
Seniors	42	106	148
Families	123	399	522
Individuals	480	188	668
Total	645	693	1,338
Total Waitlist Unduplicated			440

Social Housing Centralized Waitlist (CWL) 2022 - 2023 Comparison

Applications and Households Housing from the CWL

Month 2022	New App.	New SPP	Cancelled	Housed	SPP Housing	Month 2023	New App.	New SPP	Cancelled	Housed	SPP Housing
Jan	5			1		Jan	5	1	13		
Feb	9	1	2			Feb	5	1	10		
Mar	12		5	2	1	Mar	6		35		
Apr	12	1	1			Apr	11		17	6	
May	11	1		3		May	13	2	9	2	
June	15		3	2		June	9	1	2	1	
July	13	2	10	1		July	5	1	5	1	
Aug	5		17	2	1	Aug					
Sept	16		10	1	1	Sept					
Oct	14		12	6		Oct					
Nov	12	1	8	3		Nov					
Dec	1			5		Dec					
Total	125	6	68	26	3	Total	54	6	91	10	0

SPP = Special Priority Applicant

- Housing Programs had 5 new eligible applications to the centralized waitlist in the month of July
- 5 applications were cancelled; 2 requested removal, 1 had assets in excess of our asset limits, 1 was removed due to no contact, and 1 was removed due to receipt of COHB funding
- 1 new special priority application was approved
- 1 applicant was housed in July

Parry Sound District Housing Corporation
July 2023

Activity for Tenant and Maintenance Services

	Current	YTD
Move outs	9	24
Move in	2	18
L1/L2 forms	0	5
N4 - notice of eviction for non payment of rent	0	4
N5 - notice of eviction disturbing the quiet enjoyment of the other occupants	2	8
N6 - notice of eviction for illegal acts or misrepresenting income for RGI housing	0	0
N7 - notice of eviction for willful damage to unit	0	1
Repayment agreements	14	49
Tenant Home Visits	33	111
Mediation/Negotiation/Referrals	19	67
Tenant Engagements/Education	23	84

Property Maintenance and Capital Projects

July 2023

Pest Control	8	8 buildings monitored monthly
Vacant Units	15	one-bedroom (11); multiple bedroom (4) (not inclusive of The Meadow View)
Vacant Units - The Meadow View	6	one-bedroom market units
After Hours Calls	14	For June & July - power flickering/fire panel beeping, no hot water, hydro out, washing machine not working, OPP welfare check, security company unable to access lock box, flooding-blockage, tenant lockout, smoke detector beeping, sink leak, main entrance window damaged
Work Orders	136	Created for maintenance work, and related materials for the months of June and July
Fire Inspections		A total of 60 units were inspected for fire safety in the months of June & July

Ongoing Challenges:

Prices of services and materials are inflated. Wait times on certain items remains a challenge.

Esprit Place Family Resource Centre
July 2023

Emergency Shelter Services	July 2023	YTD
Number of women who stayed in shelter this month	15	58
Number of children who stayed in the shelter this month	0	22
Number of hours of direct service to women (shelter and counselling)	114	685
Number of days at capacity	0	73
Number of days over capacity	0	31
Overall capacity %	62%	76%
Resident bed nights (women & children)	378	1,610
Phone interactions (crisis/support)	54	151

Transitional Support	July 2023	YTD
Number of women served this month	14	49
Number of NEW women registered in the program	4	5
Number of public ed/groups offered	0	3

Child Witness Program	July 2023	YTD
Number of children/women served this month	20	82
Number of NEW clients (mothers and children) registered in the program	3	20
Number of public ed/groups offered	3	5

Total Payable
\$ 176,568.77

Date	Account	Chq Total	Explanation
30-Sep	Payroll Accounts	\$ 25,336.51	bi-weekly payroll
28-Sep visas	Office maintenance	\$ 47.83	Paint for outside door
	Postage	\$ 2,103.38	Stamps - newsletter mailout, regular mail
	Office supplies	\$ 26.45	
	FD Station #2 Building & Ground Maintenance	\$ 47.83	
	FD Station #1 Building & Ground Maintenance	\$ 97.08	
	FD Mileage/Expenses	\$ 25.11	
	FD Professional Development	\$ 1,750.84	Room Rentals - 3 firefighters, 2 training sessions
	FD Equipment Certification & Maintenance	\$ 292.88	
	CBO Other Expenses	\$ 305.26	Battery Backup CBO Computer
	FD Fleet	\$ 55.96	Pick up #1 FD
	Garage Materials	\$ 203.49	
	Community Centre Maintenance	\$ 295.59	New Blinds
	Museum Office Supplies	\$ 100.00	Ont Museum Assoc membership
	Museum Special Events	\$ 10.52	Fall fest supplies
	Museum yard maintenance	\$ 95.22	Tarps for end of season
	HST and GST REBATE	\$ 591.75	This amount will be refunded in December
27-Sep	Accounts Receivable	\$ 93.12	To be received by the Township
	Developer Deposits	\$ 1,872.90	Deposit on file for expenses
	Fitness Centre/Community Centre Deposits	\$ 25.00	Refund key deposit Comm Centre Rental
	Asset Management Program	\$ 7,356.23	Road Needs Study work installment
	Council Expenses	\$ 510.01	Council cell phones
	Property Assessment	\$ 14,207.63	Final quarter levy installment
	Group Benefits/Deductions	\$ 9,952.68	Payroll items
	Office Phone/Fax	\$ 685.39	Office phone/ 2 cell phones
	Office Supplies/Maintenance	\$ 1,515.43	CGIS quarterly support
	Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 29.03	
	FD Station 2 telephone	\$ 69.02	
	FD Station 1 telephone	\$ 102.00	Fire Chief cell phone
	FD Office supplies	\$ 796.34	includes copier charges May 31 to Aug 31
	FD Station #1 Building & Ground Maintenance	\$ 590.21	
	Mutual Aid Dues	\$ 50.00	
	Fire Prevention - Public Education	\$ 694.55	Public Education kit
	FD Professional Development	\$ 364.30	
	FD Equipment Certification & Maintenance	\$ 2,054.28	
	CEMC Development/Supplies	\$ 102.00	CEMC Alternate cell phone
	CBO Services	\$ 11,659.26	March, April and September Invoices
	CBO Expenses	\$ 659.74	CGIS program quarterly, vehicle maintenance
	Policing	\$ 25,988.00	August Policing services
	Health Unit Levy	\$ 4,601.29	October Levy
	Landfill Hydro	\$ 40.38	
	Landfill Phone	\$ 204.01	cell phones
	Public Works Capital	\$ 10,398.85	Upgrade AVL to Trackmatics per Budget approved
	PW Health & Safety Materials	\$ 42.62	
	PW Telephone	\$ 748.51	Garage Phone/6 cell phones
	PW Professional Development	\$ 1,399.00	Grader Operator training course
	Garage Materials	\$ 1,386.44	
	Ditching materials	\$ 200.00	Nuisance beaver removal x 2
	Sign Materials	\$ 554.47	Speed signs/mounting materials
	Winter Maintenance Materials	\$ 34,356.86	Winter Sand Res R2023-094
	Public Works Fleet	\$ 422.26	Backhoe #1
		\$ 31.14	2021 Western Star #3
		\$ 1,812.17	Grader #4
	Recreation Programming	\$ 420.00	Trunk Sale, Teen Dance, Food Bank Donations
	Rec Dock/Boat Launch	\$ 1,809.72	Final installment floating dock for Chapmans
	Museum Telephone	\$ 70.00	
	HST and GST REBATE	\$ 7,308.23	This amount will be refunded in December

