

***** AGENDA *****

Tuesday, December 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 December 5, 2023.
4. Resolution: Authorize a donation to the Powassan Lions Club towards Christmas Baskets for 2023.
5. Resolution: Support for Catherine Fife, MPP Waterloo and Township of East Hawkesbury regarding Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act.
6. Resolution: Support for the declaration of Intimate Partner Violence epidemic.
7. Resolution: Authorize a donation to the Near North Crime Stoppers.
8. Resolution: Support a request to investigate issues associated with Floating Accommodations. Deferred from the December 5, 2023 Council meeting.
9. Resolution: Award RFP 2023-01-FIRE SCBA.
10. Resolution: Approve Quotation for Insulation at Fire Station #1.
11. Resolution: Appoint Firefighters to the Township of Nipissing Fire Department.
12. Discussion: 2023 Budget Update.
13. Resolution: Transfer to reserve for Road Machinery, Building Department, Landfill Equipment and Fire Department.
14. Resolution: Appoint the Mayor as the Chairperson of the Emergency Management Program Committee.
15. By-Law: Extend an Agreement for the provision of fire communication (call taking, call alerting) services for the Township of Nipissing Fire Department.
16. By-Law: Authorize the participation in a Shared Building Inspector Service Back-Up Agreement.
17. By-Law: Amend the Remuneration Schedule – Mayor and Council for 2024.
18. By-Law: Amend the Remuneration Schedule – Staff for 2024 in the Township of Nipissing Pay Equity Plan.
19. Correspondence.
20. Accounts to pay.
21. By-Law: Confirming Proceedings of Council at its meeting held December 19, 2023.
22. 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, December 5, 2023

A regular meeting of the Township of Nipissing Council was held on Tuesday, December 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, Stephen Kirkey, Shelly Foote and Dave Yemm.

Staff: Operations Superintendent Dan MacInnis; Office Assistant-Intern Kim Turnbull; 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 Shelly Foote: Township of Nipissing Recreation Committee.

Councillor Stephen Kirkey: Powassan District Union Public Library Board.

Mayor Tom Piper: Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation Board of Management (Pines); Eastholme Home for the Aged Board of Management.

R2023-217 D. Yemm, S. Foote:

That the minutes of the Council meeting held November 14, 2023, be adopted as published. **Carried.**

R2023-218 S. Kirkey, T. Butler:

The 2024 Council Meeting Schedule will be as follows:

January 2, 2024	January 16, 2024
February 6, 2024	February 20, 2024
March 5, 2024	March 19, 2024
April 2, 2024	April 16, 2024
May 14, 2024	May 28, 2024
June 4, 2024	June 18, 2024
July 16 2024	
August 13, 2024	
September 3, 2024	September 17, 2024
October 1, 2024	October 15, 2024
November 12, 2024	
December 3, 2024	December 17, 2024. Carried.

R2023-219 S. Kirkey, T. Butler:

That the 2023 Holiday hours for municipal operations be as follows:

Township Office

December 25-29, 2023 Closed

Landfill Sites: *remains closed Tuesdays, as per regular schedule.

December 24, 2023 Closed at 2:00 p.m.

December 25, 2023 Closed

December 26, 2023 Closed

December 31, 2023 Closed at 2:00 p.m.

January 1, 2024 Closed

Carried.

R2023-220 D. Yemm, S. Foote:

That we authorize the Township Office to close Thursday, December 21, 2023 to allow staff to attend training. **Carried.**

R2023-221 S. Kirkey, T. Butler:

THAT the Township of Nipissing supports the investigation into and legal change to prohibit any vehicles from passing on the left side of a lane when it is marked with two solid yellow lines.

Carried.

R2023-222 S. Foote, S. Kirkey:

That we accept the submission from Pesce & Associates in response to RFP for an HR Consultant – Compensation, Pay Equity and Policy Review to commence in 2024 and be included in the 2024 Operating Budget.

Total cost of submission \$23,800 plus applicable taxes. **Carried.**

R2023-223 S. Foote, D. Yemm:

THAT we appoint Lisa Chalapenko-Carmody to the Township of Nipissing Recreation Committee for the remainder of the Council term. **Carried.**

R2023-224 S. Kirkey, T. Butler:

THAT we appoint Calvin Young to the Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation Board of Management as a Township of Nipissing representative for the remainder of the Council term. **Carried.**

R2023-225 S. Kirkey, D. Yemm:

WHEREAS public libraries are Ontario's farthest reaching, most cost-effective public resource.

AND WHEREAS the pressures of inflation on public libraries and municipal budgets are growing as well as social and economic challenges in communities across the province;

AND WHEREAS there has been no increase in Provincial funding in 25 years from the Provincial Libraries Operating Grant (PLOG) during which time the value of the province's investment in public libraries has decreased by over 60%;

AND WHEREAS this funding would support the ongoing operations, programming, resources, front line staffing and priority areas of communities which libraries play an important role in.

THEREFORE, the Council of the Township of Nipissing supports the Ontario Library Association (OLA) and Federation of Ontario of Public Libraries (FOPL) to advocate the Provincial Libraries Operating Grant and the Province of Ontario by asking for an increase to the budget by an additional \$25 million dollars to restore the funding to present day value.

AND THAT this Resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Heritage, Sport Tourism and Culture Industries, Neil Lumsden, MPP Vic Fedeli, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Rural Ontario Municipal Association, The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Ontario Library Association and the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries. **Carried.**

R2023-226 T. Butler, S. Kirkey:

THAT we adopt an updated Strategic Asset Management Policy replacing the Policy approved by Resolution R2019-130. **Carried.**

R2023-227 T. Butler, D. Yemm:

THAT we pass By-Law Number 2023-44, being a By-Law to confirm the appointment of members to the Township of Nipissing Committee of Adjustment.

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

R2023-228 S. Kirkey, S. Foote:

THAT we pass By-Law Number 2023-45, being a By-Law to authorize temporary borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024.

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

R2023-229 D. Yemm, T. Butler:

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

R2023-230 S. Kirkey, S. Foote:

That the statement of accounts dated: November 10, 14, 16, 22, 24 and 27, 2023; totaling \$190,222.59 be approved. **Carried.**

R2023-231 D. Yemm, T. Butler:

That we pass By-Law No. 2023-46, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on December 5, 2023.

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

R2023-232 T. Butler, S. Foote:

That the meeting be adjourned. Time: 7:54 p.m. Next regular meeting to be held December 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.



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: December 19, 2023

NUMBER: R2023-

Moved by

Seconded by

THAT we donate \$100 to the Powassan Lions Club for the Christmas Basket program.

For Against

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Carried

Mayor: Tom Piper



Dear Business Owner

I am writing to you on behalf of the Powassan Lions Club. Every year the Powassan Lions Club distributes Christmas Baskets to needy families in the Powassan, Nipissing and Chisholm area.

These hampers consist of a turkey, a Grocery Gift Card to purchase additional items for Christmas dinner and a gift/toy for any children in the household.

Our Lions Club holds several fundraisers (Pancake Breakfasts, Fish Fry, 50/50 Raffle) throughout the year to assist with this and many other projects within our Community. In the past we have relied on the Lions Christmas Telethon to supply the funds for the turkeys and a toy for the children, however we no longer participate in the Telethon.

We are looking for assistance from the community for the funds to help these needy families. Any monetary donation you may be willing to give, be it \$10 or \$100, would be greatly appreciated.

You can make your donation via E-transfer to powassanlionsclub@live.ca or by cheque made out to the Powassan Lions Club and mailed to:

Powassan Lions Club
Box 597
Powassan Ontario
POH 1Z0

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 705-724-5642

Thank you for your consideration

Paul Oshell
Powassan Lions Club

\$100.00



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: December 19, 2023

NUMBER: R2023-

Moved by

Seconded by

THAT the Council of the Township of Nipissing supports Catherine Fife, MPP Waterloo, request for an amendment to the Long-Term Care, 2021 Act for the provision of adding the right of residents not to be separated from their spouse upon admission but to have accommodation made available for both spouses so they may continue to live together.

For Against

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Carried

Mayor: Tom Piper



Catherine Fife

MPP Waterloo

Robert Kirby
Mayor of Township of East Hawkesbury
5151 County Road 14, P.O. Box 340, St-Eugene, ON, K0B 1P0

RE: Requesting your support for Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part), 2022

September 25, 2023

Dear Mayor Kirby,

I am writing to you today to share an update on Bill 21, Fixing Long-Term Care Amendment Act (Till Death Do Us Part), 2022, and to request your support for this important legislation.

Bill 21 amends the Residents' Bill of Rights set out in section 3 of Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021 by adding the right of residents not to be separated from their spouse upon admission but to have accommodation made available for both spouses so they may continue to live together.

The Act was inspired by Cambridge resident Jim McLeod, who will have been separated from his wife of 65 years Joan, on September 17, 2023. Nearly 6 years later, Jim continues to champion spousal reunification. He often says that he will talk to anyone and has two giant binders full of his advocacy work on the Bill. Last week, he told me that his heart is breaking because of his separation from Joan. He has brought other seniors who are separated from their spouses into the advocacy – you cannot sit with these folks for any amount of time and not care deeply about this legislation.

I know that you value the many contributions that older adults have made to Waterloo Region, and care deeply that they can live their final years with dignity and love. **I am hoping you will consider bringing a motion forward to your Council, in support of the Till Death Do Us Part Act.** Your support will help us to keep attention on this important legislation, so that it can finally be called to the Standing Committee on Social Policy – one step closer to Royal Assent.

I would be happy to discuss the Bill with you further, via phone call or an in-person meeting at your convenience. Thanks in advance for considering my request.

Sincerely,

Catherine Fife, Waterloo MPP
Finance & Treasury Board Critic

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Waterloo, ON N2J 4A8
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Email: cfife-co@ndp.on.ca

Queen's Park Office
Room 154, Main Legislative Bldg.
Queen's Park, Toronto ON M7A 1A5
Ph: 416-325-6913 | Fax: 416-325-6942
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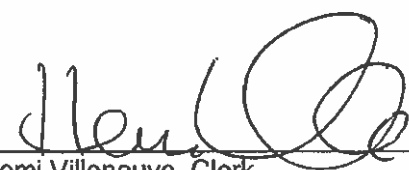
**Township of East Hawkesbury
Regular Meeting**



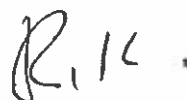
Agenda Number: 16.
Resolution # 2023-50
Title: Correspondence
Date: October 10, 2023

Moved by: Monique Desjardins
Seconded by: Stéphanie Sabourin

Be it resolved that Council support Bill 21 amends the Residents' Bill of Rights set out in section 3 of Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021 by adding the right of residents not to be separated from their spouse upon admission but to have accommodation made available for both spouses so they may continue to live together.


Hemi Villeneuve, Clerk,

Carried





TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: December 19, 2023

NUMBER: R2023-

Moved by

Seconded by

WHEREAS the jury that adjudicated the Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk and Nathalie Warmerdam Inquest (The Renfrew Inquest) issued 86 recommendations to the Province of Ontario on Intimate Partner Violence; and

WHEREAS recommendation #1 of the Inquest is for the Province of Ontario to declare Intimate Partner Violence an epidemic; and

WHEREAS every six days in Canada a woman is killed by her intimate partner; and

WHEREAS violence against women costs the national justice system, health care systems, social service agencies, and municipalities nearly \$10 billion dollars per year; and municipalities are on the front lines in addressing gender-based violence; and

WHEREAS on August 20, 2023, Ontario Big City Mayors and Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario passed a motion declaring intimate partner violence and gender-based violence an epidemic; called on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all municipalities and regions in Ontario and Canada to do the same; and called for changes to the Criminal Code; and

WHEREAS the Township of Nipissing Council recognizes that issues of gender-based violence and intimate partner violence are matters of local importance, including public health, EMS, community services and community safety;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Nipissing declare an epidemic in intimate partner violence and gender-based violence in accordance with recommendation #1 of the Renfrew County Inquest;

AND THAT a copy of the Resolution be sent to Vic Fedeli, MPP; the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

For Against

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Carried

Mayor: Tom Piper



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: December 19, 2023

NUMBER: R2023-

Moved by

Seconded by

THAT we donate \$100 to the Near North Crime Stoppers for programming.

For Against

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Carried

Mayor: Tom Piper



P.O. Box 382
North Bay, ON P1B 8H5
705.497.5555 Ext. 507
admin@nearnorthcrimestoppers.com

November 22, 2023

Dear Mayor Piper and Councillors,

Every January, **Crime Stoppers Month** is recognized around the world for the organization's impact on its communities. Our mission is to STOP, SOLVE, AND PREVENT CRIME-TOGETHER!

Near North Crime Stoppers (NNCS), which serves the Districts of Nipissing and Parry Sound is a registered charitable program that enhances community safety across the region. Despite all the modern technology available to law enforcement agencies, one of the most cost-effective and successful methods to prevent or solve crime is when someone anonymously reports a TIP to Crime Stoppers through the TIPLINE or the website. We do not subscribe to any call tracing technology, so tips remain confidential and are passed on to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

To date, NNCS has received 22,468 calls from tipsters, contributing to the arrest of 1,786 individuals, and over \$4.3 million in property and cash having been recovered. Nearly \$58 million in drugs, destined for our communities, have been seized because of Crime Stoppers anonymous, valuable information.

The success of Crime Stoppers rests heavily on community engagement through awareness and support of many partners, with municipalities being key stakeholders. Recognizing and supporting Crime Stoppers helps municipalities to support their local **Community Safety and Well Being Plans** plan.

We are asking your council to *pass a resolution recognizing January 2024 as Crime Stoppers Month*, and post/share messaging on your social media sites and electronic boards in your community. You can keep an eye on <https://www.facebook.com/NearNorthCrimeStoppers>, our website <https://nearnorthcrimestoppers.com>

If your council agrees to proclaim January as Crime Stoppers month, please contact us so that we can recognize your municipality on our social media platforms. If you would like to learn more about our program, we would be happy to present information upon request. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Brandon Fenton
Chair

Mary Houghton
Executive Secretary

\$100.00



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: December 19, 2023

NUMBER: R2023-

Moved by

Seconded by

THAT the Township of Nipissing supports requests to Transport Canada for the investigation of issues identified regarding Floating Accommodations;

AND THAT consideration be given to the following points:

- Additional legislation regarding the discharge of greywater;
- A permit system for floating accommodations be introduced by the NDMNRF;
- Placement of a floating accommodation be restricted to 7 days on a waterway;
- Restrictions on floating accommodation to not permit placement within 300m of a developed lot or within a narrow water body of 150 m.

AND THAT this Resolution be forwarded to MPP Vic Fedeli, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for consideration.

For Against

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Carried

Mayor: Tom Piper

REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: December 12, 2023

From: Kris Croskery-Hodgins, Municipal Administrator

Re: SCBA RFP Results

BACKGROUND/OVERVIEW

An RFP was issued for the supply of 12 new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) backpack and harness assembly, thirty-two new facepieces with protective bag, thirty-three 4500 pse, carbon fibre, 45-minute air cylinders, a RIT pack, and two 6000 pse ASME air cylinders. The RFP closed on December 1, 2023.

Results:

Company Name	Points Average	Cost Before Tax
AJ Stone	76	\$147,366
M&L Supply	46	\$162,197
TransCanada Safety	99	\$138,512.79
TransCanada Safety	96	\$146,971.54

SCBA replacement is scheduled in 2025 for the required 15 year replacement. With anticipated changes to the NFPA Standard regarding SCBA units in 2025, an RFP was circulated in 2023 for pricing and supply stability in 2024.

The original capital forecast cost is \$150,000 and there is currently \$50,000 in Reserve for the purchase of the units.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The amount of the project can be incorporated in the 2024 Capital Budget.
\$138,512.79 before required taxes.

\$50,000 in reserve for the replacement.

Leaving \$88,512.79 be included in the Fire Department budget in 2024.

SUMMARY

Staff evaluated all submissions on a point system as provided in the RFP document.

Based on the meeting of requirements as demonstrated in the RFP document, pricing and supply estimations, the lowest bid received is the most cost-effective in the 2024 Budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Council accept the submission from TransCanada Safety, submission #1, at a discounted cost of \$138,512.79 if approved prior to December 31, 2023.

Respectfully,

Kris Croskery-Hodgins, Municipal Administrator



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: December 19, 2023

NUMBER: R2023-

Moved by

Seconded by

THAT we accept the Quote supplied from Timberwolve Construction Inc. for blown-in insulation at Fire Department – Station 1.

Total cost before taxes \$8,000. To be included in the 2023 Capital budget, completing the roof replacement project and repairs.

For Against

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Carried

Mayor: Tom Piper



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: December 19, 2023

NUMBER: R2023-

Moved by

Seconded by

THAT we appoint Firefighters to the Township of Nipissing Fire Department as provided on Appendix A to this Resolution.

For Against

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Carried

Mayor: Tom Piper

Township of Nipissing Fire Department

Roster as of December 31, 2023

ROSTER:

Barry, Andrew
Cangiano, Brandon
Carmody-Chalapenko, Mya
Chalapenko, Liam
Chapman, Jennifer
Chapman, Richard
DeOliveira, Joe
Duchesne, Derick
Foote, Chris
Gardiner, Whitney
Gates, Dean
Gauthier, Cody
Jeschke, Stephan
Klunder, John
Lockhart, Randy
McVeety, Zach
Mitchell, Justin
Perrin, Stuart
Rice, Ryan
Rounding, Bradley
Rowe, Mike
Scott, Denise
Scott, James
Southall, Maddy
Tomlinson, John
Vince, Ariawna



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: December 19, 2023

NUMBER: R2023-

Moved by

Seconded by

That we transfer the machine credit for the Road Equipment, Landfill Equipment and Fire Apparatus to reserve at the end of 2023;

That we transfer the remaining software funding to reserve pending the finalization of the project in 2024, amount \$68,885.07;

That we transfer the NORDS Grant funds received, \$97,679.54, to a designated reserve fund, as required;

That we transfer the revenue collected from the Bottle Drive, \$6,332.45, into a designated Recreation Department reserve;

For Against

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Carried

Mayor: Tom Piper



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: December 19, 2023

NUMBER: R2023-

Moved by

Seconded by

WHEREAS By-Law Number 2021-05 provides the positions required to compose the Township of Nipissing Emergency Management Program Committee;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Township of Nipissing appoints the Mayor as the Chairperson of the Emergency Management Program Committee.

For Against

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Carried

Mayor: Tom Piper



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: December 19, 2023

NUMBER: R2023-

Moved by

Seconded by

THAT we pass By-Law Number 2023-47, being a By-Law to extend an agreement for the provision of fire communication (call taking, call alerting) Services for the Township of Nipissing Fire Department.

Read a first, second and third time and passed this 19th day of December, 2023.

For Against

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Carried

Mayor: Tom Piper



**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

October 16, 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 letter dated September 20, 2023, we had the opportunity to meet with the Ministry of Health to discuss the realignment of CACC borders in the Parry Sound District and get further clarification.

As the fire call taking and alerting contract is negotiated between the Hospital and your Municipality, we would like to schedule a meeting with you to discuss the future options:

- **Remain at North Bay CACC for fire call taking and alerting, understanding the limitations as a result of the border realignment.**
- **Move to Parry Sound ACS for fire call taking and alerting.**
- **Select another fire call taking and alerting service of your choice.**

In any event, we want to confirm in writing that at no time will your fire department be "orphaned" for 911 call taking and alerting services.

We will work with you to ensure your choice above is implemented in a timely and structured manner respecting the change management process.

We will be reaching out to schedule a meeting at your convenience.

In accordance with section 9 of the call taking and alerting agreement, this letter will confirm that we are extending the call taking and alerting contract from December 31, 2023 to March 31, 2024.

Any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "MP" with a stylized flourish.

**Marc Picard
Manager
North Bay CACC**

**Appendix "A" to By-Law Number 2023-47
December 19, 2023**

**cc - Paul Heinrich, President and CEO, NBRHC
Joanne Laplante, Vice President/Chief Nursing Executive, NBRHC
Mark Daniw, Director, Emergency, CCU and Ambulatory Services, NBRHC
Josée Lafleur, Senior Field Manager, Senior Field Manager, Ministry of Health, Sudbury**

ORIGINAL BY-LAW 2018-06, JANUARY 16, 2018



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Nipissing ON P0H 1W0
Telephone 705-724-2144 Fax 705-724-5385
www.nipissingtownship.com

REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: December 5, 2023
From: Kris Croskery-Hodgins, Municipal Administrator
Re: Shared Service Agreement for Building Related Services

BACKGROUND/OVERVIEW

No backup currently exists in the Township's building services department, meaning there are times throughout the year where the Township is unable to meet the legislative timeframes for inspections under the Building Code Act.

Working with the Municipality of Callander and the Municipality of Powassan, a shared service agreement for Building Inspections has been created and a draft agreement is attached for Council review.

Each municipality retains the ownership of their respective building files and may request the assistance of the duly named and appointed Building Official from the Municipality of Powassan to provide inspections when the Township's Chief Building Official is on vacation, away at training or during an approved leave of absence. This is not intended to fill a long-term or permanent vacancy in any Building Services Department of the respective municipality.

A cost for service and mileage to the inspection would be paid by the receiving municipality to the municipality providing the service, in the Township of Nipissing's case it would be to the Municipality of Powassan.

It is anticipated that this requirement may occur two to three times per year.

SUMMARY

The agreement would assist the Township when the CBO is away from the office and would provide better customer service to our residents. It would also permit the Township to meet the legislated timeframes for inspections, reducing liability moving forward.

The Township currently has a Shared Service Agreement in place with the Municipality of Callander for the provision of Chief Building Official services. This agreement would support those services in their absence.

Respectfully,
Kris Croskery-Hodgins, Municipal Administrator



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: December 19, 2023

NUMBER: R2023-

Moved by

Seconded by

THAT we pass By-Law Number 2023-48, being a By-Law to authorize a Shared Services Agreement with the Municipality of Callander and the Municipality of Powassan for the provision of Building Inspector Back-Up Service for the Township of Nipissing.

Read a first, second and third time and passed this 19th day of December, 2023.

For	Against
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Carried

Mayor: Tom Piper

Consumer Price Index- Canada

(October 2023)

3.1% ↑
(12-month change)

Region	Monthly	Yearly
Canada	0.1% ▼	3.1% ▼
Quebec	0.0% ▼	4.2% ▼
Ontario	0.4% ▼	3.3% ▼ —
Alberta	(-0.5)% ▼	2.1% ▼
B.C.	(-0.1)% ▼	2.7% ▼

[View other provinces & regions](#)

These Consumer Price Indexes were released by *Statistics Canada* on **November 21, 2023** for the month of **October 2023**. View the [CPI release](#)

Township of Chisholm 2%

Municipality of Powassan 2.5%

OMERS pensioners to receive full inflation protection in 2024

November 22, 2023

The 2024 inflation adjustment is **4.42%**. The 2023 inflation adjustment exceeded the 6% maximum by 0.51%. As a result, members and survivors who received an inflation adjustment on January 1, 2023 (e.g., those whose pensions commenced before December 2022) and whose pension is still in pay on January 1, 2024, will receive an excess adjustment of 0.51% that will be included in their 2024 inflation adjustment for a total of **4.93%**.

Council Remuneration Comparison 2024

		2024				
	2023	1.00%	2%	2.50%	3.00%	4%
Mayor	\$ 14,401.00	\$ 14,545.01	\$ 14,689.02	\$ 14,761.03	\$ 14,833.03	\$ 14,905.04
Councillor	\$ 9,601.00	\$ 9,697.01	\$ 9,793.02	\$ 9,841.03	\$ 9,889.03	\$ 9,937.04
x4 positions		\$ 38,788.04	\$ 39,172.08	\$ 39,364.10	\$ 39,556.12	\$ 39,748.14
Total		\$ 53,333.05	\$ 53,861.10	\$ 54,125.13	\$ 54,389.15	\$ 54,653.18
Increase		\$ 528.05	\$ 1,056.10	\$ 1,320.13	\$ 1,584.15	\$ 1,848.18
over 2023						

Staff Remuneration Comparisons 2024

at 2023 rates <i>Estimates</i>	2024		
	2.50%	3%	4%
\$ 939,161.60	\$ 23,479.04	\$ 28,174.85	\$ 32,870.66

TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING CORRESPONDENCE

December 19, 2023

1. Minutes of the Township of Nipissing Recreation Committee Board meeting held December 4, 2023.
2. Minutes of the Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation Board of Directors meeting held October 17, 2023.
3. Resolution from the Township of Clearview regarding Cemetery transfers, Abandonment Administration and Management support for cemeteries.
4. Resolution from the Municipality of Chatham-Kent regarding Ontario Works Rates.
5. News Release from the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) regarding the commitment to Bail Reform and the impacts of Property Damage in Northern Ontario.
6. Resolution from the City of Sudbury regarding a requested amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to clarify the definition of "Employer".
7. Resolution from the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit regarding Intimate Partner Violence and Public Health Action.
8. 2022-2023 Annual Report from the Ombudsman Ontario.
9. Resolution from the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit regarding Modernizing Alcohol Marketplace and Product Sales.

MINUTES

Township of Nipissing Recreation Committee
December 4, 2023

A meeting of the Township of Nipissing Recreation Committee was held on Monday, December 4, 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: Councillor Shelly Foote – Chair, Mayor Tom Piper, Andrew Barry, Margaret Hughes, Terri-lynn Paynter, Ron Phillips, Kathy Shaw, and Lauren Stillar

Staff: Will Bateman, Fire Chief, CEMC, Municipal By-law Officer and Office Assistant, Intern – Kim Turnbull, Secretary to the Committee.

Regrets: James Scott.

Guests: Lisa Chalapenko-Carmody

Disclosure of pecuniary interest: None.

MOTION NUMBER 2023-32

Moved by: Tom Piper Seconded by: Kathy Shaw

That the Minutes from November 13, 2023 Recreation Committee Meeting are approved as circulated. **Carried.**

Discussion:

a) Bottle Drive:

- Bottles were not collected this month prior to the meeting.
- Bear Creek Landfill, bottles collected before November's meeting brought in \$361.70.

b) Bottle Drive Volunteer Sign-up:

- A list was circulated for committee members to sign up. If members could choose one date in the summer, as it is a busy time.
- The committee could look to change the date or time to collect bottles if needed.

c) 2024 Recreation Committee Dates:

- Dates for 2024 provided to members.
- Discussion surrounding the dates for the coming year.

d) 2024 Event Schedule:

- Review of the 2024 Recreation Events.
- Changed the Jigsaw Puzzle Event in January and Scrabble Event in May to make them both Board Games and Card events.
- Both events to take place in the afternoon.
- Discussion surrounding Soccer and ensuring enough volunteers are in place before running the program.
- Question – regarding a rain date for soccer at the end of the program. It will be looked into however; they are trying not to stretch it into summer holidays. Moving it to another night it can be challenge for coaches and families to switch nights.

e) Teen Dances:

- Proposed 4 dates for 2024 all to take place on Friday evenings.
- February 23rd, May 10th, August 16th and November 15th.
- Many food donations coming in from the attendees for the food bank.

Commanda Community Update:

- Community Bake Sale and Meal, last weekend. It was well attended, vendors were busy. Attendance at the meal was up from last year but still not as busy as previous years.
- Childrens Party and Christmas Dinner to be held December 10, 2023.
- New Year's Eve Party with pot luck dinner along with games and a dance; admission is a donation to the food bank.

MOTION NUMBER 2023-33

Moved by: Tom Piper

Seconded by: Kathy Shaw

That the Meeting is hereby adjourned at 6:51 p.m. Next Meeting to be held January 8th, 2024.

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 Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
2023-11**

Tuesday October 17, 2023

A regular meeting of the Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation board was held on Tuesday October 17, 2023.

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

1. Call to order

Resolution No. 2023-57– Moved by Leo, seconded by Tom that the meeting was called to order at 9:30 am. Carried

2. Additions to Agenda – none

3. Approval of the Agenda

Resolution No. 2023-58– Moved by Tom, seconded by Leo that the agenda be adopted as presented

4. Conflict of Interest Disclosure - none

5. Approval of the Minutes from the September 19, 2023 board meeting

Resolution No. 2023-59– Moved by Tom seconded by Mieke that the minutes from the board meeting on September 19, 2023 were adopted as presented.

6. Business arising

a) Doug Walli Resignation

The board members expressed great appreciation for his dedication and years of service to the Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation. Dave encouraged for Amber to purchase and deliver a gift basket and plaque for Doug. Tom reported the township of Nipissing is accepting applications for his replacement.

b) Project Updates

DSSAB did not approve flooring upgrades to the office, all other projects were approved and have been completed. A discussion took place as to what projects could be completed with any left-over funding. Possibilities included replace fire extinguishers that are nearing 10-year manufacture

expiry date, spare carpet tiles, carpet cover for kitchen in common room and HVAC fall preventative maintenance. Amber to follow up, board recommended a new quote for extinguishers.

Amber reported that the MUA/Retaining wall Capital project is now complete and financials for the project were presented.

c) Draft Budget-

Amber presented the 2nd draft of the 2023 operating budget. Employee wages were discussed. Final copy to be presented for approval at the next meeting.

e) Raised Garden Beds

Tool Box Tim quote was accepted to build and install 3 raised gardens beds for the beginning of May 2024 to be paid for from the GSMNP operating budget. A discussion took place regarding soil and placement of the new vegetable gardens.

7. Correspondences

a) Managers Report

DSAAB will be attending the next meeting to discuss the Pines 2. The board members would like to meet Encasa's financial advisor in a face-to-face meeting. Amber to arrange. The Building Condition Assessment on site visit was completed. Painting quote for front entrance and hallway was presented, Amber to look for more quotes.

b) Financials

Resolution No. 2023-60 Moved by Tom, seconded by Leo that the board approves the September 2023 financials as presented. Carried

c) Complaint Investigation

Public attendees were asked to leave the meeting.

Resolution No. 2023-61 Moved by Tom, seconded by Leo that the board move into closed session at 10:34am.

Resolution No. 2023-62 Moved by Dave, seconded by Nancy that the board move into open session at 10:39am.

8. Next Board Meeting – November 21, 2023 @ 9:30am.

9. Adjournment - Resolution No. 2023-63– Moved by Tom, seconded by Leo that the board meeting be adjourned at 10:37 am. Carried



President, Bernadette Kerr

Property Manager, Amber McIsaac



**CLEARVIEW
TOWNSHIP**

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December 12, 2023

File: C00.2023

Hon. Todd McCarthy
Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor
Toronto ON M5B 2H7

Sent by Email

RE: Cemetery Transfer/Abandonment Administration & Management Support

Please be advised that Council of the Township of Clearview, at its meeting held on December 11, 2023, passed a resolution regarding Cemetery Transfer/Abandonment Administration & Management Support as follows:

Moved by Councillor Walker, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Whereas under the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA), when a cemetery is declared abandoned by a judge of the Superior Court Justice, the local municipality within whose geographic boundaries the land of the cemetery is located, becomes the owner of the cemetery with all the rights and obligations in respect of the cemetery and the assets, trust funds and trust accounts related to it that the previous owner or operator possessed;

And Whereas over the last decade, there has been an increase in the number of churches and local cemetery boards initiating processes to transfer ownership or abandon their owned and operated cemeteries to the local municipality due to such issues as high maintenance costs, inaccuracy of records, lack of financial and human resources to effectively operate and maintain the cemetery, increased regulatory processes regarding training, selling of interment rights, financial operation of the care and maintenance fund, etc.;

And Whereas municipalities experience the same issues and pressures that churches and local boards experience with the operation and maintenance of cemeteries within its jurisdiction, and additional transfers of cemetery lands only compound the burden on municipal taxpayers;

And Whereas cemeteries are important infrastructure where the reasonable costs for interment rights, burials, monument foundations, corner stones and administration charges do not sufficiently support the general operation of cemeteries;

And Whereas the interest earned from the care and maintenance fund(s) of a cemetery do not provide adequate funding to maintain the cemetery with the rising costs of lawn and turf maintenance contracts and monument restoration;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview requests that the Province through the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO) consider the following to assist municipalities in this growing concern of cemetery transfers:

- Amend the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA), to have the Province, through the BAO, identified as the default owner and operator of a cemetery when it is abandoned;
- Provide annual funding (based on the number of cemeteries a municipality owns and operates) to municipalities to assist with the maintenance of inactive and active cemeteries; Page 6 of 7
- Provide free training opportunities for municipalities regarding cemetery administration; and,
- Investigate and support the design of universal cemetery software for use by municipal cemetery operators that can be offered at an affordable cost.

And that this resolution be circulated to the Hon. Todd McCarthy, Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery, Jim Cassimatis, BAO Interim CEO/Registrar, MPP Brian Saunderson and all Ontario municipalities. Motion Carried.

For reference, please find attached the Staff Report LS-032-2023 that provides background for the above resolution. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,



Sasha Helmkay-Playter, B.A., Dipl. M.A., AOMC
Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

cc: Jim Cassimatis, BAO Interim CEO/Registrar
MPP Simcoe Grey, Brian Saunderson
Ontario Municipalities

December 7, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Via email: Premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Michael Parsa
Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
Via email: MinisterMCCSS@ontario.ca

MPP Trevor Jones
Chatham-Kent-Leamington
Via email: trevor.jones@pc.ola.org

Dear Premier Ford, Minister Parsa and MPP Jones:

RE: Ontario Works Rates

On November 6, 2023, after much discussion on increased homelessness in Chatham-Kent, Councillor Marjorie Crew made the following motion that was passed unanimously by the Mayor and Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent:

"That Council prepare a letter addressed to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, as well as local MPPs to strongly recommend that accommodation rates of social assistance payments increase to the Average Market Rent (for all types of rentals) for recipients of Ontario Works Assistance and the Ontario Disability Support Program. And that a copy of this letter be sent to AMO, ROMA, alpha and all Councils in Ontario".

In Chatham-Kent:

- 1) Total homelessness has been gradually increasing since November 2022.
 - (a) Pre-pandemic, it was decreasing through Employment and Social Services' 'Housing First' approach, coordinated access system and a 'By Name List'.
- 2) The percentage of individuals experiencing homelessness in our community have identified as staying outdoors doubled in 2023 from 2022.
- 3) The average housing move-ins has been steadily declining each month.
- 4) On average, the number of new individuals (never previously identified as experiencing homelessness) added to the By Name List each month has increased from 2022.
- 5) The average market rent is \$1,522 for a one-bedroom apartment and a single person on Ontario Works receives a maximum of \$390 toward accommodation costs.

Cont'd...

Homelessness is increasing in Chatham-Kent and the well-being of our residents is decreasing. Since 2018, the Ontario Works rates have been frozen and yet the caseload in Chatham-Kent has only increased. If the goal was to drive more people into the workforce it is not working, but instead driving more people into homelessness. Nearly 80% of people accessing emergency shelter have social assistance as their main source of income. We cannot build affordable housing fast enough and need upstream issues like social assistance rates to be resolved to stop our community members from slipping into homelessness. Homelessness has resulted in significant pressures and costs on many of our services including Police, Fire Services, Paramedics, Public Works, Parks and Social Services. Unhoused residents are suffering, and property taxpayers are seeing significant asks from the 2024-2027 budgets to mitigate the challenges of homelessness.

In recent years, housing was determined to be a human right by both the Federal and Provincial governments and thus income maintenance programs should have housing allowances that reflect actual expenses. Other income programs have increased, yet Ontario Works particularly has remained far below the poverty line with no increase since 2017. In 1995, social assistance rates were slashed by 21.6% and have only increased by 41%. At the same time \$1.00 in 1995 has the same buying power as \$1.81 today, so inflation over that period has been over 80% - however, the Ontario Works rate has increased by only about 41% (half of inflation rate) for a single person in the past 28 years (5,6). People who have had to find new housing in today's rental market, experience a higher rate of inflation as they are required to pay rents that have increased by approximately 133% in that time period.

For these reasons and the fact that Ontario social assistance rates are one of the lowest of provinces in Canada, we ask that the Province of Ontario raise social assistance rates, especially Ontario Works Assistance significantly using the Average Market Rent to determine accommodation limits. This will provide social assistance recipients the opportunity to stay housed and be well, potentially re-joining the workforce and reduce the burden on community programs and municipal services. Our downtowns and parks can return to what we all enjoyed in smaller cities like ours only a few years ago. An investment in our citizens who are vulnerable is expected to create savings in almost every other sector.

Sincerely,



Darrin Canniff, Mayor/CEO
Municipality of Chatham-Kent

C: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
alPHa
Ontario Councils



News Release

For Immediate Release

FONOM wants to recognize and thank Chief Daniel Foy and Chief Scott Tod for their commitment to Bail Reform and the impacts of Property Damage in Northern Communities

December 4, 2023, Temiskaming Shores, Ontario

Recently, Chief Daniel Foy of the Timmins Police Service and Scott Tod of the North Bay Police Service announced their retirements. They have served their respective communities with exemplary dedication. Earlier this year, FONOM partnered with the Four Police Chiefs in Northeastern Ontario and created Bail Reform and Property Crime Taskforce (previously Catch n Release). President Danny Whalen commented, "Daniel and Scott were not only strong leaders in their communities" and "they were instrumental in Northern Ontario having a voice on necessary changes to Bill 75."

In May, at the FONOM AGM in Parry Sound, the Taskforce wrote a Resolution asking for four changes to Bill C75. In May, President Whalen commented, "*The Resolution stands for itself, and we will leverage our relationship with other Municipal Caucus 'to get Province-wide support.'*" Within the month, 70 support resolutions were passed by communities in Northern Ontario.

The four main points of the Resolution were as follows.

1. Create a Designation of a chronic persistent offender.
2. Allow community impact statements at bail and at bail hearings.
3. Creating reverse onus in bail for all firearms offences.
4. All bail-related gun charges go to the superior court for bail release.

Later that month, Bill 48 was introduced by David Lametti, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, which will amend the Criminal Code.

Chief Foy and Chief Tod, as vital members of the Ontario Associations of Chiefs of Police (OACP), were strong advocates for the challenges Northern City and communities are experiencing.

The FONOM Board would like to thank these gentlemen for their work on behalf of Northeastern Ontario, and their efforts have helped lay a strong foundation for improving society. We wish them well in their retirement.

FONOM is an association of some 110 districts/municipalities/cities/towns in Northeastern Ontario mandated to work for the betterment of municipal government in Northern Ontario and strive for improved legislation respecting local government in the North. It is a membership-based association that draws its members from Northeastern Ontario and is governed by an 11-member board.

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Danny Whalen
President, Federal of Northern Ontario Municipalities
705-622-2479

December 12, 2023

Sent Via Email

Municipalities of Ontario

Re: Amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act to Clarify the Definition of "Employer"

The following resolution was passed by Council of the City of Greater Sudbury on December 5, 2023:

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CC2023-303: WHEREAS in 2015 the City of Greater Sudbury (the "City") entered into a contract with a contractor experienced in road construction projects to complete a project on Elgin Street in the City's downtown core;

AND WHEREAS the contract provided that the contractor would be the constructor for the project as that term is defined in the Occupational Health and Safety Act (the "Act");

AND WHEREAS an employee of the constructor operating a grader on the project struck and killed a pedestrian;

AND WHEREAS the City was charged with offences under the Act as the constructor and the employer;

AND WHEREAS after being acquitted at trial and on appeal, the Ontario Court of Appeal, in a decision issued on April 23, 2021, found the City to be liable for contraventions of the Construction Regulations as an employer as it employed quality control inspectors to monitor the quality of work on the project from time-to-time;

AND WHEREAS the Supreme Court of Canada, in a decision issued on November 10, 2023, was evenly divided 4-4 on the issue resulting in dismissal of the City's appeal;

AND WHEREAS the consequence of this decision is that municipalities in Ontario, as well as all other owners of property in the province, who wish to undertake construction, are subject to being charged and convicted as an employer for offences in relation to project sites for which they have no control and have, in accordance with the Act, contracted with an entity to assume plenary oversight and authority over the work on such site as the constructor; AND WHEREAS the potential of an owner being charged as an employer as that term is defined in the Act in circumstances where it has engaged a constructor disregards and renders meaningless the owner-constructor provisions contained in the Act and presents an unacceptable level of increased risk and confusion for owners and contractors throughout the province;

AND WHEREAS the City believes that the safety of workers is paramount however the safety of workers on construction projects in Ontario is not increased by placing liability on parties that do not have control of and are not responsible for the conduct of the work on such sites;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the City of Greater Sudbury requests that the province amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act to clarify the definition of "employer" to exclude owners that have contracted with a constructor for a project;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this motion be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, France Gelinas, MPP for Nickel Belt, Jamie West, MPP for Sudbury, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Ontario's Big City Mayors, Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario, Northern Ontario Large Urban Mayors, the Council of Ontario Construction Associations, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce and all Ontario municipalities.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brigitte Sobush', with a stylized, flowing script.

Brigitte Sobush
Manager of Clerk's Services/Deputy City Clerk

- c. Members of City Council
 Eric Labelle, City Solicitor and Clerk

December 13, 2023

SENT ELECTRONICALLY

The Honourable Doug Ford
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The Honourable Sylvia Jones
Minister of Health / Deputy Premier
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Michael Parsa
Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
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Dear Premier Ford, Minister Jones, and Minister Parsa:

RE: Intimate Partner Violence and Public Health Action

On behalf of the Board of Health for North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (Health Unit), please accept this correspondence highlighting the need to advance local and provincial action on monitoring, preventing, and reducing Intimate Partner Violence, and adverse events experienced by children with violence or abuse in the family unit. As a local public health unit, we are engaged in this work as per the following Ontario Public Health Standards: Healthy Growth and Development (including Health Babies Healthy Children Program); Substance Use and Injury Prevention; and Foundational (such as Population Health Assessment and Health Equity). At its meeting on November 22, 2023, the Board of Health carried the following resolution #BOH/2023/11/04:

WHEREAS, the Ontario Public Health Standards identifies violence as a topic for consideration within the Substance Use and Injury Prevention Standard and requires public health units to use a comprehensive health promotion approach that addresses risk and protective factors to reduce the burden of preventable injuries in the health population;

WHEREAS, the Ontario Public Health Standards require public health units to monitor and assess trends related to injuries;

WHEREAS, public health units and their programs, such as Healthy Babies Healthy Children and Sexual Health, respond to disclosure of Intimate Partner Violence or support disclosing of Intimate Partner Violence within individual client care using best practices;

WHEREAS, it is well documented that Intimate Partner Violence is a serious preventable problem that significantly impacts victims and their children with effects across the lifespan and has considerable societal costs associated with medical and mental health services, lost productivity, and criminal justice and child welfare costs;

WHEREAS, responding to and preventing Intimate Partner Violence requires urgent and sustained evidence-based interventions by multisectoral agencies at a local and provincial level that are effective in preventing violence, and effective in changing risk and increasing protective factors, especially in adolescents and young adults;

WHEREAS, Intimate Partner Violence is generally underreported. Locally reported police, victim, and healthcare service data likely does not represent the full extent of Intimate Partner Violence, nor the risk and nature of the abuse and how it varies across specific population groups (e.g., 2sLGBTQ+, Indigenous) and age groups. Local level survey data is not available on Intimate Partner Violence, as collected through the Statistics Canada General Social Survey on Canadian's Safety (Victimization), or Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit is committed to being a member on the Violence against Women Coordinating Committee (VAWCC) of Nipissing and VAWCC of Parry Sound, and support the efforts of staff to research and consult with local, regional, and provincial experts and community partners to enhance surveillance methodologies, knowledge of effective prevention strategies, promotion of local services, and capacity for collective action and evaluation; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Health call on the Province of Ontario to invest in surveillance and analytical methodologies at a provincial and local public health unit level to gain a better understanding of the prevalence of Intimate Partner Violence and Adverse Childhood Experiences and to permit monitoring of trends, and data-informed action; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Health call on the Province of Ontario to develop a Provincial Intimate Partner Violence strategy to support the identification, implementation, evaluation, and monitoring of effective violence prevention strategies; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Health call on the Province of Ontario and the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS) to increase the funding allocated to the Healthy Babies Healthy Children Home Visiting program that is operated out of local public health units. The program directly services individual parents who need more support. Within this work, staff respond to disclosure of Intimate Partner Violence or support disclosing of Intimate Partner Violence. The annual budget for the Healthy Babies Healthy Children program has not increased in over 10 years.

December 13, 2023

Intimate Partner Violence which can include physical, sexual, and/or emotional harm toward a current or former intimate partner, is a serious preventable problem that significantly impacts victims and their children with effects across the lifespan.

On an individual level, exposure to Intimate Partner Violence has been associated with negative impacts to social functioning, mental health, and physical health. In addition, it has been well established through research, that children exposed to violence in the family either directly, or through witnessing interparental violence are at increased risk of intimate partner violence experiences in adolescence and adulthood. Domestic abuse is recognized as an Adverse Childhood Experience. Adverse childhood experiences, otherwise known as ACEs is a term used to describe negative, stressful, traumatizing events that occur before the age of 18 years. They are associated with risk of serious physical, mental health, and neurobiological problems, and more exposure to adverse events predicts greater risk in later years. There is a need to invest in interventions that are effective in preventing violence, or effective in changing risk and increasing protective factors. Research indicates that Intimate Partner Violence starts early in the lifespan, in adolescents and young adults, highlighting the need for early prevention efforts, and interventions targeting this population.

The Board of Health respectfully urges the Provincial Government to invest in surveillance and data-informed strategies at a provincial and local level that will help to monitor trends, prevent and reduce intimate partner violence; reduce adverse childhood experiences; and, increase resilience and protective factors to decrease the likelihood of future risk, such as becoming a victim, or perpetrator of violence.

Sincerely,



Rick Champagne
Chairperson, Board of Health



Carol Zimbalatti, M.D., CCFP, MPH
Medical Officer of Health/Executive Officer

Copy to:

Vic Fedeli, MPP, Nipissing
Graydon Smith, MPP, Parry Sound-Muskoka
John Vanthof, MPP, Timiskaming-Cochrane
Ontario Boards of Health
Health Unit Member Municipalities
The Honourable Michael Kerzner (Solicitor General of Ontario)
Josée Bégin (Assistant Chief Statistician, Statistics Canada)
Chairs of the VAWCC of Nipissing and VAWCC of Parry Sound

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Greetings,

I am pleased to send you two hard copies of my latest Annual Report (one English, one French). This report covers the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

This is our Office's seventh full fiscal year of reporting on our oversight of municipalities, universities and school boards, in addition to provincial government organizations. It is also our fourth year of reporting on children and youth in care, and French language services. I hope that you and all stakeholders in these areas will find the information in this report of interest. (We will release the Annual Report of the French Language Services Commissioner in December.)

We encourage you to read the chapters of the report that relate to the topic areas relevant to your interests. In each chapter, we discuss the most common issues and the types of cases we have resolved across the province. Please feel free to share this information with any interested colleagues and stakeholders.

You can find the entire report, media materials and backgrounders, and statistics on our website here: <https://www.ombudsman.on.ca/resources/reports-and-case-summaries/annual-reports>. As well, we can provide more copies upon request.

Should you have any questions about the report or cases related to your organization, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are also available to assist you with any general questions about our work. Our staff can be reached via email at info@ombudsman.on.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Paul Dubé', written over a large, light-colored circular mark.

Paul Dubé,
Ombudsman of Ontario



December 1, 2023

SENT ELECTRONICALLY

The Honourable Doug Ford
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Minister of Health / Deputy Premier
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The Honourable Michael Parsa
Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
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Dear Premier Ford, Minister Jones, and Minister Parsa:

RE: Modernizing Alcohol Marketplace and Product Sales

On behalf of the Board of Health for North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (Health Unit), please accept this correspondence highlighting our concern about alcohol policy in Ontario and the impact of increased access. At its meeting on November 22, 2023, the Board of Health carried the following resolution #BOH/2023/11/05:

WHEREAS, Alcohol is a well-established risk factor for death, disease (including certain cancers, cardiovascular disease, liver disease), disability, unintentional injury, risky behaviour, social problems, and violence or aggressive behaviour;

WHEREAS, The Health Unit district has significantly higher rates of emergency department visits and hospitalizations due solely to alcohol consumption, compared to Ontario;

WHEREAS, The Health Unit district has significantly higher rates of heavy drinking episodes for persons aged 19 years or older compared to Ontario;

WHEREAS, Increased availability and affordability of alcohol has a particularly negative impact on school-aged Ontarians, for whom the risk of adverse outcomes from drinking is greater than adults. Alcohol is a leading risk factor for worsening academic performance, injury, violence, suicide, and death in youth;

WHEREAS, Within the Health Unit district a majority of high schools (87%) and almost two-thirds of post-secondary institutions (63%) are within a 3km distance of an alcohol retailer;

WHEREAS, When alcohol becomes more available and affordable, there is an associated increase in healthcare costs, lost productivity, criminal justice and other direct costs;

WHEREAS, The 2019 regulatory changes that have led to the relaxation of alcohol control policies have already placed Ontarians at an increased risk of harms and health related outcomes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Health endorse the Letter from the Ontario Public Health Association on Modernizing Alcohol Marketplace and Product Sales to raise awareness about, and work to reduce the impact of increased access to alcohol; and

FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Health call on the Province of Ontario to implement the following policy measures:

- *Reduce retail density*
- *Maintain or decrease hours of sale, with no exceptions*
- *Strengthen Ontario's alcohol pricing policies including taxation, minimum pricing or other means.*
- *Stop further privatization of alcohol sales*
- *Apply a whole of government, health-in-all-policies approach to alcohol modernization.*

The 2019 regulatory changes that have led to the relaxation of alcohol control policies have already placed Ontarians at an increased risk of harms and health related outcomes and may have contributed to alcohol related emergency room and hospital visits in Ontario. Increased availability and affordability of alcohol has a particularly negative impact on school-aged Ontarians, for whom the risk of adverse outcomes from drinking is greater than adults. As alcohol retail density increases, especially near schools, youth are more likely to adopt or maintain high risk drinking behaviours.

The Board of Health respectfully urges the Provincial Government to implement policy measures that reduce access to alcohol and help to prevent negative health outcomes and healthcare costs associated with alcohol use.

Sincerely,



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December 19, 2023 Accounts Payable Report

Total Payable

\$

281,078.84

Date	Account	Chq Total	Explanation
12-Dec	Payroll Accounts	\$ 26,375.24	bi-weekly payroll
4-Dec	FD Building & Ground Maintenance Stn 2	\$ 111.93	
Visas	FD Professional Development	\$ 101.51	
	Recreation Event Programming Expenses	\$ 2,873.13	Christmas Run supplies
	HST and GST REBATE	\$ 290.77	This amount will be refunded in December
7-Dec	Council Donations	\$ 75.00	In memoriam Doug Walli
	HST and GST REBATE	\$ -	This amount will be refunded in December
27-Nov	English Public School Board	\$ 142,779.99	Final installment 2023
	English Separate School Board	\$ 12,439.65	Final installment 2023
	French Public School Board	\$ 1,101.30	Final installment 2023
	French Separate School Board	\$ 1,874.16	Final installment 2023
	Web Page Maintenance	\$ 199.20	
	Council Donations	\$ 200.00	Powassan Lions, Near North Crime Stoppers
	Office Cleaning & Maintenance	\$ 46.57	
	Legal Fees	\$ 1,312.55	The Rock \$1,383.80; Other \$73.73
	FD Telephone Station 1	\$ 98.63	
	FD New Equipment	\$ 3,687.59	
	FD Building & Ground Maintenance Stn 1	\$ 286.96	
	FD Mileage & Expenses	\$ 87.99	
	FD Station Wear/Uniforms	\$ 440.11	
	FD Fire Prevention/Public Education	\$ 587.98	
	FD Health and Safety	\$ 147.45	
	FD Professional Development	\$ 1,563.67	
	FD Equipment Certification & Maintenance	\$ 44.12	
	FD Small equipment maintenance	\$ 511.79	
	CEMC Development-Emergency Management	\$ 240.94	Annual Generator Maintenance - Office
	CBO Services	\$ 3,986.42	Shared Services Agreement - December
	Fleet Services - FD	\$ 638.63	Pump 2 service
	Eastholme, Home for the Aged	\$ 34,369.25	Final installment 2023
	Landfill Hydro	\$ 133.43	
	Landfill Supplies/Maintenance	\$ 1,913.34	Light servicing, supplies, float compactor
	Recycling Operating	\$ 5,540.83	November Recycling Services
	Fuel Purchases	\$ 3,880.97	Clear Diesel
		\$ 2,119.29	Coloured Diesel
		\$ 2,057.72	Regular fuel
	Street Lights	\$ 1,913.28	Replace units
	Propane	\$ 1,406.87	Garage propane
	Garage Materials	\$ 2,280.28	
	Ditching Materials	\$ 100.00	Nuisance beaver removal
	PW Fleet	\$ 151.28	2023 Western Star
		\$ 2,605.44	Chev pick up
		\$ 959.16	2015 Ford
		\$ 2,936.44	2021 Western Star Supplies
		\$ 3,167.33	Grader Supplies
		\$ 151.29	2023 Freightliner supplies
	Community Centre Hydro/Propane	\$ 1,467.14	
	Community Centre Telephone	\$ 60.53	
	Beach/Park Maintenance	\$ 79.42	
	HST and GST REBATE	\$ 4,655.53	This amount will be refunded in December
7-Dec	Remittance/Expenses/Group Plan	\$ (7,026.74)	Reversal of cheque made in error
	Remittance/Expenses/Group Plan	\$ 14,053.48	Correction for remittance cheque
	HST and GST REBATE		This amount will be refunded in December