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*** AGENDA *** Tuesday, January 7, 2025 **START TIME 6:30 p.m.**

- 1. Disclosure of pecuniary interest.
- 2. Presentation: Powassan District Union Public Library 2025 Budget Presentation.
- 3. Committee Reports.
- 4. Resolution: Adopt the Minutes of the December 17 and 19, 2024 Council Meetings.
- 5. Resolution: Amend Members of the Nipissing Township Museum Board.
- 6. Resolution: Amend Members of the Township of Nipissing Recreation Committee.
- 7. Resolution: Authorize the Mayor and Municipal Administrator to sign a funding agreement with the Office of the Fire Marshal for a Fire Department Cancer Prevention Grant.
- 8. By-Law: Appoint Committee of Adjustment.
- 9. By-Law: Temporary Borrowing.
- 10. By-Law: Interim Tax Billing.
- 11. By-Law: Appoint Auditor Services for 2025, 2026 and 2027.
- 12. Correspondence.
- 13. Accounts to pay.
- 14. By-Law: Confirming Proceedings of Council at its meeting held January 7, 2025.
- 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.

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MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING Tuesday, December 17, 2024

A regular meeting of the Township of Nipissing Council was held on Tuesday, December 17, 2024 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 Dave Yemm and Councillors Shelly Foote, Stephen Kirkey, and James Scott. **Staff:** Fire Chief-MLEO-CEMC Will Bateman, Operations Superintendent Dan MacInnis, Land Planning & Technology Administrator John-Paul Negrinotti, Deputy Treasurer, Interim Deputy Clerk Kim Turnbull and Municipal Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Kris Croskery-Hodgins.

Disclosure of pecuniary interest: Councillor Shelly Foote.

Committee Reports:

Councillor Steve Kirkey: Powassan and District Union Public Library Board of Management Mayor Dave Yemm: Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation Board of Management

R2024-244 J. Scott, S. Foote:

That the minutes of the regular Council Meeting held December 3, 2024, be adopted as published. **Carried.**

R2024-245 S. Kirkey, J. Scott:

That we transfer the machine credit for the Road Equipment, Landfill Equipment and Fire Apparatus to reserve at the end of 2024;

That we transfer the remaining software funding to reserve pending the finalization of the project in 2025, 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, into a designated Recreation Department reserve. **Carried.**

R2024-246 S. Foote, S. Kirkey:

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

R2024-247 S. Foote, S. Kirkey:

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 Mayor Dave Yemm as the Chairperson of the Emergency Management Program Committee. **Carried.**

R2024-248 J. Scott, S. Foote:

THAT we accept the resignation of Terrilynn Paynter from the Township of Nipissing Recreation Committee. **Carried.**

R2024-249 J. Scott, S. Kirkey:

THAT we donate \$100 to the Powassan Lion's Christmas Basket campaign. Carried.

R2024-250 S. Foote, J. Scott:

That we pass By-Law Number 2024-54, being a By-law to establish the remuneration and payment of expenses to members of Council;

Read a first, second and third time and passed this 17th day of December, 2024. Carried.

R2024-251 J. Scott, S. Kirkey:

That we accept the correspondence as presented. Carried.

Councillor Foote declared pecuniary interest in the Accounts Payable as her personal business is listed as a vendor for supplies. She left the room for consideration of accounts.

R2024-252 J. Scott, S. Kirkey:

That the statement of accounts dated: November 27, December 3, 5, 7, and 10, 2024 totaling \$86,739.11 be approved. **Carried**.

Councillor Foote returned to the Council table.

R2024-253 S. Foote, S. Kirkey;

That we pass By-Law 2024-58, being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on December 17, 2024.

Read the first, second and third time and passed this 17th day of December, 2024. Carried.

R2024-254 J. Scott, S. Kirkey:

That the meeting be adjourned. Time: 6:54 p.m. Next regular meeting to be held January 7, 2025. **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.

MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING Thursday, December 19, 2024

A special meeting of the Township of Nipissing Council was held on Thursday, December 19, 2024 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 Dave Yemm and Councillors Shelly Foote, Stephen Kirkey, and James Scott. **Staff:** Fire Chief-MLEO-CEMC Will Bateman, Operations Superintendent Dan MacInnis, Land Planning & Technology Administrator John-Paul Negrinotti, Deputy Treasurer, Interim Deputy Clerk Kim Turnbull and Municipal Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Kris Croskery-Hodgins.

Disclosure of pecuniary interest: None.

The purpose of this special meeting is to fill a Council vacancy.

Mayor Yemm welcomed the candidates.

Names were drawn to determine speaking order.

- 1. Lisa Chalapenko
- 2. Kyle MacKenzie
- 3. Mélanie Brown
- 4. Shawn Hughes
- 5. Chris Johnston
- 6. Rob Serson

Council voted by ballot.

Results of round #1:

2 Rob Serson

1 Lisa Chalapenko1 Shawn Hughes

The vote was repeated removing candidates not receiving any votes, per the Appointment Procedure for Filling Vacancy on Council, #1.

Results of round #2:

2 Rob Serson

1 Lisa Chalapenko1 Shawn Hughes

Following Procedure #3, a question was provided to the 3 candidates with a 3 minute time limit to respond.

Results of round #3:

2 Lisa Chalapenko

1 Shawn Hughes

1 Rob Serson

Procedure #5 states a duplicate result of previous which was not ach ieved. The vote was performed again.

Results of round #4: 2 Lisa Chalapenko

1 Shawn Hughes 1 Rob Serson

Following #5 of Procedure, the 2 candidates with the lowest votes were placed in a draw. The first name drawn is eliminated from the next vote.

Name drawn: Shawn Hughes

Results of round #5: 3 Lisa Chalapenko

1 Rob Serson

Lisa Chalapenko was determined the successful candidate.

The Declaration of Office was administered.

R2024-255 S. Foote, J. Scott:

THAT we pass By-Law Number 2024-59, being a By-Law to appoint a member of Council. Lisa Chalapenko is appointed to the Council of the Township of Nipissing. Read a first, second and third time, and passed this 19th day of December, 2024. **Carried.**

R2024-256 S. Foote, J. Scott;

That we pass By-Law 2024-60, being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on December 19, 2024.

Read the first, second and third time and passed this 19th day of December, 2024. Carried.

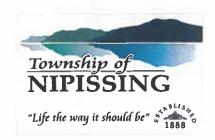
R2024-257 S. Kirkey, J. Scott:

That the meeting be adjourned. Time: 7:26 p.m. Next regular meeting to be held January 7, 2025. **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:

January 7, 2025

NUMBER:

R2025-

Moved by

Seconded by

That we authorize the Mayor and the Municipal Administrator to sign an Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement with the Office of the Fire Marshal for a grant to increase cancer prevention in the Fire Department.

For Against

YEMM CHALAPENKO FOOTE KIRKEY SCOTT

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

BY-LAW NUMBER 2025-01

Being a By-Law to confirm the appointment of members to the Township of Nipissing Committee of Adjustment.

WHEREAS the Township of Nipissing has passed a by-law under section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Nipissing may by by-law constitute and appoint a committee of adjustment for the municipality composed of such persons, not fewer than three, as the council considers advisable under section c. P. 13, s. 44(1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Township of Nipissing enacts as follows:

That the following persons shall constitute and are hereby appointed as members of the Committee of Adjustment:

- 1. Dave Yemm to hold office until December 31, 2025.
- 2. Lisa Chalapenko to hold office until December 31, 2025.
- 3. Shelly Foote to hold office until December 31, 2025.
- 4. Stephen Kirkey to hold office until December 31, 2025.
- 5. James Scott to hold office until December 31, 2025.
- 6. Penelope Wallace to hold office until December 31, 2025.
- 7. Paul Lafrance to hold office until December 31, 2025.

By-Law Number 2024-46 is hereby rescinded.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS 7TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2025.

OF NIPISSING	J
Dave Yemm, Mayor	
Kris Croskery-Hodgins, Municipal Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer	

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

BY-LAW NUMBER 2025-02

Being a By-Law to authorize temporary borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2025.

WHEREAS Section 407 of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, provides authority for a council, by by-law, to authorize the head of council or the treasurer or both to borrow from time to time, such sums as the council considers necessary to meet, until taxes are collected and other revenues are received, the current expenditures of the Municipality for the year; and

WHEREAS the total amount which may be borrowed from all sources at any one time to meet the current expenditures of the Municipality, except with the approval of the Ontario Municipal Board, is limited by Section 407 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Nipissing enacts as follows:

- 1. The head of council or the treasurer or both are hereby authorized to borrow from time to time during the fiscal year (hereinafter referred to as the current year) such sums as may be necessary to meet, until taxes are collected and other revenues are received, the current expenditures of the Municipality for the current year.
- 2. The lender(s) from whom amounts may be borrowed under authority of this by-law shall be Royal Bank of Canada and such other lender(s) as may be determined from time to time by by-law of council.
- 3. The total amount which may be borrowed at any one time under this by-law plus any outstanding amounts of principal borrowed and accrued interest under Section 407 together with the total of any similar borrowings that have not been repaid, shall not exceed from January 1st to September 30th of the current year, 50 percent of the total estimated revenues of the Municipality as set out in the budget adopted for the current year, and from October 1st to December 31st of the current year, 25 percent of the total of the estimated revenues of the Municipality as set out in the budget adopted for the current year.
- 4. The treasurer shall, at the time when any amount is borrowed under this by-law ensure that the lender is or has been furnished with a certified copy of this by-law, (a certified copy of the resolution mentioned in section 2 determining the lender,) if applicable, and a statement showing the nature and amount of the estimated revenues for the current year and also showing the total of any other amounts borrowed from any and all sources under authority of section 407 of the *Municipal Act* that have not been repaid.
- 5. a) If the budget for the current year has not been adopted at the time an amount is borrowed under this by-law, the statement furnished under section 4 shall show the nature and amount of the estimated revenues of the Municipality as set forth in the budget adopted for the previous year and the nature and amount of the revenues received for and on account of the current year.
 - b) If the budget for the current year has not been adopted at the time an

amount is borrowed under this by-law, the statement furnished under section 4 shall show the nature and amount of the estimated revenues of the Municipality as set forth in the budget adopted for the previous year and the nature and amount of the revenues received for and on account of the current year.

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- 6. For purposes of this by-law the estimated revenues referred to in section 3,4, and 5 do not include revenues derivable or derived from, a) any borrowing, including through any issue of debentures; b) a surplus, including arrears of taxes, fees or charges; or c) a transfer from the capital fund, reserve funds or reserves.
- 7. The treasurer be and is hereby authorized and directed to apply in payment of all or, any sums borrowed under this by-law, together with interest thereon, all or any of the moneys hereafter collected or received, either on account of or realized in respect of the taxes levied for the current year and previous years or from any other source, that may be lawfully applied for such purpose.
- 8. Evidences of indebtedness in respect of borrowings made under section 1 shall be signed by the head of the council or conform to the treasurer or both of them.
- 9. The Bank shall not be responsible for establishing the necessity of temporary borrowing under this by-law or the manner in which the borrowing is used.
- 10. This by-law shall take effect on the final day of passing.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS 7^{TH} DAY OF JANUARY, 2025.

OF NIPISSING	F THE TOWNSHIP
Dave Yemm, Mayor	
Kris Croskery-Hodgins, Municipal Administrato	

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

BY-LAW NUMBER 2025-03

Being a By-Law to provide for an Interim Tax Levy

WHEREAS Section 317 (1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, Chapter 25, Statutes of Ontario, 2001, provides that the Council of a local municipality may, in 2025 before the adoption of the estimates for the year, pass a by-law to levy on the whole of the assessment for real property according to the last revised assessment roll, a sum not to exceed the prescribed percentage, or 50 per cent if no percentage is prescribed, of the total amount of taxes for municipal and school purposes levied on the property for the previous year.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nipissing enacts as follows:

- 1. An interim tax payment, in the amount of 50 percent of the total amount of taxes for municipal and school purposes levied on the property for 2024, shall be levied on all property classes.
- 2. The said interim tax levy shall become due and payable on the 31st day of March, 2025.
- 3. On all taxes of the interim levy, which are in default on the 1st day of April, 2025 a penalty of 1.25 percent shall be added and thereafter a penalty of 1.25 percent per month will be added on the 1st day of each and every month the default continues, until December 31, 2025.
- 4. (a) On all taxes of the interim levy in default on January 1, 2026, interest will be added at the rate of 1.25 percent per month for each month or fraction thereof of default;
 - (b) On all other taxes in default on January 1, 2026, interest shall be added at the rate of 1.25 percent per month or fraction thereof, and all by-laws and parts of by-laws inconsistent with the policy are hereby rescinded.
- 5. Penalties and interest added on all taxes of the interim levy in default shall become due and payable and shall be collected forthwith as if the same had originally been imposed and formed part of such unpaid interim tax levy.
- 6. The Collector may mail or cause the same to be mailed to the residence or place of business of such person indicated on the last revised assessment roll, a written or printed notice specifying the amount of taxes payable.
- 7. That taxes are payable at the Township of Nipissing Municipal Office, 45 Beatty Street, General Delivery, Nipissing, Ontario.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS 7^{TH} DAY OF JANUARY, 2025.

 THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING
Dave Yemm, Mayor
Kris Croskery-Hodgins, Municipal Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

BY-LAW NUMBER 2025-04

Being a By-law to appoint an auditor licensed under the Public Accountancy Act for the Township of Nipissing.

WHEREAS the Council of every Municipality is required under the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c. 25, Section 296(1), to appoint an auditor licensed under the Public Accountancy Act.

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nipissing deems it expedient to appoint the firm of KPMG LLP as municipal auditors.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nipissing ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. The firm of KPMG LLP be and is hereby appointed as Municipal Auditors for the Corporation of the Township of Nipissing for the fiscal years of 2025, 2026 and 2027.
- 2. This by-law shall come into force and effect upon the date of its final passing.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS 7^{TH} DAY OF JANUARY, 2025.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP

OF NIPISSING

Dave Yemm, Mayor

Kris Croskery-Hodgins, Municipal Administrator



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING CORRESPONDENCE

January 7, 2025

- Proposed Municipal Accountability Act, 2024 to strengthen the municipal code of conduct and integrity commissioner framework. (Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, AMO Policy Update and AMCTO)
- 2. Thank you letter from the Minister of Infrastructure, the Honourable Kinga Surma.
- **3.** AMO Policy Update Pre-Budget Key Messages for use at ROMA delegations, Conservation Authority Fees, Energy Supply and Distribution Plans, Environmental Bill.
- **4.** Resolution from the Municipality of Kincardine regarding Property Taxation Implications related to non-market valuation of electricity industry properties.
- **5.** Resolution from the City of Toronto, declaring Toronto a paid-plasma-free zone.
- **6.** Minutes from the Powassan and District Union Public Library held on November 18th and December 16th, 2024.
- **7.** Minutes from the Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation held on November 19th, 2024.

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234-2024-5801

December 12, 2024

Dear Head of Council,

I am pleased to inform you of the introduction of the proposed Municipal Accountability Act, 2024 on December 12, 2024, which, if passed, would make changes to the *Municipal Act, 2001* and *City of Toronto Act, 2006* to strengthen the municipal code of conduct and integrity commissioner framework.

I appreciate the valuable feedback we have received from municipalities and share your commitment to safe and respectful workplaces. The proposed changes, if passed, would:

- enable the creation of a standard municipal code of conduct and standard municipal integrity commissioner investigation processes to help ensure consistency across all Ontario municipalities;
- create a role for the Integrity Commissioner of Ontario in municipal code of conduct and integrity commissioner matters, including providing training to municipal integrity commissioners; and
- establish a mechanism to remove and disqualify members of council and certain local boards for a period of four years for the most serious code of conduct violations following a recommendation from the local integrity commissioner, a concurring report from the Integrity Commissioner of Ontario, and a unanimous vote of council.

In the coming months, I will want to hear your feedback on the Bill as well as other matters regarding local accountability regimes. I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming Rural Ontario Municipal Association conference, where we will have the opportunity to discuss these changes and other matters of importance to your communities.

If passed, important work to develop the regulations to support this new framework would lie ahead, and I remain committed to engaging with you throughout that process. Our intention is to have these changes in effect for the new term of councils beginning in Fall 2026 to ensure there is adequate opportunity for local implementation.

For more information on these amendments, please see the <u>news release</u>. To share your comments on the proposed legislation, please see a posting on the <u>Regulatory</u> Registry that will be open for comments for 60 days.

If you have any questions regarding these new provisions, please contact your local <u>Municipal Services Office</u> with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Sincerely,

Hon. Paul Calandra

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

c: Jessica Lippert, Chief of Staff

Owen Macri, Deputy Chief of Staff

Martha Greenberg, Deputy Minister

Caspar Hall, Assistant Deputy Minister, Local Government Division

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Kris Croskery - Hodgins

From: AMO Policy <policy@amo.on.ca>
Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2024 4:38 PM
admin@nipissingtownship.com

Subject: AMO Policy Update – Municipal Codes of Conduct Legislation



AMO Policy Update – Municipal Codes of Conduct Legislation

As the most trusted and transparent level of government, accountability is a core value of the municipal sector. For years, municipalities have called on the province for better tools to codify and enforce higher standards of accountability for elected officials. These tools are needed to reinforce the accountability of the municipal sector and to support a safe and respectful work environment for members of council and for municipal staff.

Legislation was promised three years ago following an extensive public consultation process that concluded in fall 2021. If passed and once regulations are finalized, this legislation will largely deliver on that promise by:

- enabling standardization of municipal codes of conduct and integrity commissioner investigation processes;
- creating a role for the Integrity Commissioner of Ontario in municipal codes of conduct and integrity commissioner matters; and
- establishing a mechanism to remove and disqualify from office members of council and certain local boards for the most serious violations.

AMO welcomes this legislation that responds to what municipalities' have consistently requested. AMO will review the details in the bill and engage fully in the legislative process during the next legislative session. Members should be aware that the bill will not become law if the Premier calls an election before the bill passes.

"Municipal councils in Ontario have asked for legislation that holds elected officials to a higher standard of accountability. If passed, this bill would deliver

on ensuring that, as members of council, we are living up to the trust that residents put in us. We commend Minister Calandra for getting to this point."—Robin Jones, AMO President and Mayor of Westport

"Municipal government is the most trusted, open and transparent order of government. This bill, if passed, will help municipal councils fulfil their commitment a higher standard of accountability, and to address situations of serious misconduct when they arise." – Brian Rosborough, AMO Executive Director

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Kris Croskery - Hodgins

From: AMCTO | The Municipal Experts <amcto@amcto.com>

Sent: Friday, December 13, 2024 10:08 AM **To:** admin@nipissingtownship.com

Subject: Advocacy Update: Province Proposes Changes to Municipal Code of Conduct Regime

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December 13, 2024

Advocacy Update: Province Proposes Changes to Municipal Code of Conduct Regime

Yesterday, Minister Paul Calandra introduced *Bill 241, Municipal Accountability Act, 2024* to strengthen municipal governance and accountability. The bill would amend the *Municipal Act* and *City of Toronto Act* establishing a new, standardized municipal code of conduct and integrity commissioner framework.

Members will recall in 2021, the Province undertook consultations to strengthen municipal codes of conduct following several high-profile workplace violence investigations against sitting councillors, such as at the City of Ottawa with then-Councillor, Rick Chiarelli. However, the

Province delayed action despite increasing pressures from municipal associations, municipal councils and advocacy group, Women of Ontario Say No.

Within our submission to the consultation, we provided 11 recommendations to improve the current political accountability framework, including a broader range of penalties to manage egregious council member conduct and additional code standards developed in consultation with the sector.

On the final day of the legislative session before recessing until March 3, 2025, the Province put forward this legislation. If passed, the bill and forthcoming regulations would, among other things:

- Standardize both the municipal code of conduct with mandatory training for members, as well as integrity commissioner investigation processes including reporting requirements.
- Establish a role for the Integrity Commissioner (IC) of Ontario in municipal code of conduct and integrity commissioner matters, such as advising on IC appointments, training local commissioners and conducting inquiries.
- Introduce a mechanism for members of council and certain local boards to be removed and disqualified for four years for serious code violations.

The bill also points to the Integrity Commissioner of Ontario (and anyone under their instruction) maintaining confidentiality in all matters with exceptions for disclosure of information. A new framework, which would include accompanying regulations, would be in place for the next term of council in 2026.

At first glance, the bill addresses some of our concerns and allows for our recommendations related to code standards and training, among others. We appreciate the Province's response to these recommendations. However, there may be duplication in the need for inquiries, with Integrity Commissioners continuing to serve largely in an advisory capacity, leaving the ultimate decision-making with local councils. Other than recommending removal in the most serious of cases, which must meet four specified criteria, penalties and/or sanctions remain limited. Moreover, the process maintains a lack of independent oversight and may in fact, lead to inconsistency in accountability across municipalities.

The bill has been referred to Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy, with the legislature on winter break. In the meantime, we will further review the proposed changes and impacts to our members whose workplace environment could be affected. It is our belief that our members and municipal staff should also be consulted on these matters and involved in terms of implementation. Stay tuned for further analysis to come.

Should you wish to provide feedback on the bill, a corresponding registry posting is available for comment until **February 10, 2025**: Proposed amendments to the Municipal Act, 2001, and the City of Toronto Act, 2006 to standardize and strengthen the municipal code of conduct and integrity commissioner framework.

Members are also welcome to submit their comments and/or a copy of their organization's formal response to the registry posting to our policy and government relations team.



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December 16, 2024

His Worship Tom Piper
Mayor
The Corporation of the Township of Nipissing
piper@nipissingtownship.com

His Worship Peter McIsaac Mayor The Municipality of Powassan pmcisaac@powassan.net

Dear Mayors:

On behalf of the Ministry of Infrastructure, I would like to thank you for attending the 2024 Association of Municipalities of Ontario Conference. It was a pleasure to meet with you and your delegation.

I understand the pressure the township is facing. That is why the 2024 Ontario Budget introduced the Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program (MHIP), a \$1 billion initiative aimed at supporting core municipal infrastructure projects to help unlock more homes and promote growth in communities. This program focuses on the construction, repair, rehabilitation, and expansion of essential infrastructure such as roads, bridges, and water systems to sustain housing needs. Increases to HEWSF was the first step in delivering on this investment. Under this program, Ontario is investing \$400 million to launch the Housing-Enabling Core Servicing (HECS) Stream that aims to build, maintain, and repair core assets such as municipal roads, bridges and culverts that will enable new housing opportunities and ensure communities have reliable roads and bridge assets. For any additional questions or concerns, you may contact the ministry by emailing MHIP@ontario.ca.

The remaining funding under MHIP will help municipalities target other key infrastructure priorities, including maintaining the health and safety of local water and wastewater systems. More information about this funding, including eligibility and application intake details, will be announced next year.

Together the MHIP and the HEWSF will provide municipalities with over \$1.9 billion in provincial funding for housing and community-enabling infrastructure. We understand the importance of investing in critical core infrastructure to support growth, as well as the importance of supporting all municipalities, especially small, rural and northern municipalities.

Thank you again for meeting with the Ministry of Infrastructure.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Kinga Surma Minister of Infrastructure

info@nipissingtownship.com

From: AMO Policy <policy@amo.on.ca>
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2024 3:28 PM

To: info@nipissingtownship.com

Subject: AMO Policy Update - Pre-Budget Key Messages for Use at ROMA Delegations,

Conservation Authority Fees, Energy Supply and Distribution Plans, Environmental Bill



AMO Policy Update – Pre-Budget Key Messages for Use at ROMA Delegations, Conservation Authority Fees, Energy Supply and Distribution Plans, Environmental Bill

Pre-Budget Key Messages for Use at ROMA Delegations

Ontario's municipalities are strongest when they speak with one voice, highlighting issues that are important to communities across the province and consistently asking for the same fix from the province.

The 2025 ROMA Conference provides an important opportunity to link local examples to what municipalities are saying province-wide on key priorities. AMO asks that you consider incorporating AMO's <u>pre-budget key messages</u> into your conversations with Ministers at ROMA. Messages focus on the need for:

- new ways to fund housing-enabling infrastructure
- the province to reduce its reliance on municipal tax dollars, to help municipalities to focus on rising costs of core municipal responsibilities like policing

 the province to make significant and comprehensive investments in income support, mental health and addictions services as well as community and supportive housing to address homelessness

In addition to these key priorities, we know that many ROMA members plan to raise concerns with *Provincial Offences Act* administration. Recently, AMO wrote to Minister Downey calling for a third-party review of the system to address ongoing challenges. You may wish to consider key messages from the <u>letter</u> as part of a consistent, sector-wide ask.

Conservation Authority Fee Freeze

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry recently provided direction to Conservation Authorities that it will be freezing conservation authority fees for another year, until the end of 2025. The freeze was originally put in place on January 1, 2023 to help the province build 1.5 million homes by 2031. This will mark the third year that the freeze is being extended.

Conservation Authorities provide key services that benefit municipalities by protecting residents, safeguarding infrastructure, and enhancing the overall quality of life within the community. AMO will continue to advocate for:

- The ability of conservation authorities to set fees that accurately reflect the value of their services. These fees should be transparent, defensible, and publicly available.
- A fee structure that establishes a reliable, long-term funding model for conservation authorities. This would mitigate potential financial risks for municipalities while addressing concerns about strained staffing capacity within these crucial environmental organizations.

Province Expanding Energy Procurements

The Minister of Energy and Electrification <u>has announced</u> direction to the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) to increase energy procurements by:

 Expanding the amount of new electricity generation infrastructure being procured under the Second Long-Term Procurement (LT2) by 50%.
 IESO will award contracts annually between 2026 and 2029

- Developing options for additional procurements to:
 - Get "long-lead resources" such as hydroelectric and long-duration energy storage, and
 - Re-contract existing and get new small-scale electricity generation such as small solar installations

AMO anticipates that this expanded approach to energy procurement will lead to an increase in requests for municipal approvals on proposed energy projects within their communities. AMO continues to collaborate with the IESO and the province to ensure municipalities have the necessary support to make informed decisions on energy projects. This includes AMO's development of a municipal toolkit, which will be launched in the New Year.

OEB New Connections for Housing Development

AMO <u>provided comments</u> to the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) on proposed changes to the Distribution System Code. These changes aim to lower the upfront costs for homebuyers in new developments by directing electricity companies to recover the costs of building new 'last mile' power lines over a longer period. This could spread costs across a larger pool of residents, making housing more affordable. AMO continues to advocate for a solution that ensures the cost and risk shift away from homebuyers without burdening municipalities or local distribution corporations.

Response to Environmental Bill

AMO <u>provided comments</u> on Environmental Registry postings related to Bill 228, Resource Management and Safety Act, 2024. Comments addressed a range of environmental proposals, including:

- Advocacy for the province to absorb any new costs associated with a new wildland fire modernization framework
- Support for the province's plan to reduce oil and gas well hazards, and
- Support for the province's efforts to mitigate climate change through the development of a commercial carbon storage framework.

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Council Meeting

Motion #

12/11/24 - 02

Title:

Property Taxation Implications Related to Non-Market Valuation of Electricity

Industry Properties, CAO General-2024-33

Date:

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Moved by:

Rory Cavanagh

Seconded by:

Beth Blackwell

Whereas the Municipality of Kincardine is a proud host community of the Bruce Nuclear Generating Site where Bruce Power generates 30% of Ontario's electricity needs; and

Whereas two decades ago the Province of Ontario adopted a property tax assessment model that continues to apply to Ontario's nuclear generation facilities; and

Whereas the Province assessment model includes non-market property valuation for electricity generating properties; and

Whereas the Municipality of Kincardine undertook a study in 2024 which has shown that the Provincial assessment model is compromising fairness and shifting the tax burden away from the electricity industry properties and onto the broader property tax base within the host community; and

Whereas the study demonstrated that this is primarily attributable to the assessed value of the subject properties being held almost static over several reassessment cycles, resulting from the Provincially prescribed rules for electricity generating, transmission and distribution properties; and

Whereas the Provincial model results in a disparity between the continuously updated market values assigned to the majority of properties and the static, non-market-based formula applied to electricity industry properties means that the tax burden shifts onto non-industry taxpayers; and

Now Therefore be it Resolved That municipal staff be directed to send communication to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Energy and Electrification, the Minister of Finance, and the local MPP, to request that the Province undertake an immediate review and update the property tax assessment model for Ontario's nuclear generation facilities and other properties within the electricity industry, and copy the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried.

Jennifer Lawrie

Clerk



John D. Elvidge City Clerk

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Ref.: 24-MM23.1

(Sent by Email)

December 20, 2024

ALL ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES:

Subject:

Member Motion Item 23.1

Declaring Toronto a Paid-Plasma-Free Zone - by Councillor Chris Moise,

seconded by Councillor Alejandra Bravo (Ward All)

City Council on November 13 and 14, 2024, adopted Item MM23.1 and in doing so, has forward this item to Canadian Blood Services, federal, provincial and territorial Ministers of Health, Grifols Pharmaceuticals, and all Ontario Municipalities and requested that they support only voluntary blood and plasma collection, where donors do not receive payment for their blood or plasma.

Yours sincerely,

Niko Markakis for

for City Clerk

S. Przezdziecki/mp

Attachment

Sent to: All Ontario Municipalities

Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Blood Services

Chief Executive Officer, Grifols Canada

c. City Manager



City Council

Member Motions - Meeting 23

MM23.1	ACTION	Adopted		Ward: All
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Declaring Toronto a Paid-Plasma-Free Zone - by Councillor Chris Moise, seconded by Councillor Alejandra Bravo

City Council Decision

City Council on November 13 and 14, 2024, adopted the following:

- 1. City Council express its opposition to the operation of private for-profit blood collection companies in the City.
- 2. City Council forward this item to Canadian Blood Services, federal, provincial and territorial Ministers of Health, Grifols Pharmaceuticals, and all Ontario Municipalities and request that they support only voluntary blood and plasma collection, where donors do not receive payment for their blood or plasma.

Summary

In the City of Toronto, we uphold the principle of voluntary blood and plasma donation, acknowledging its vital importance as a public good. Our commitment derives from the lessons of Canada's tainted blood crisis, which tragically claimed approximately 8,000 lives. The subsequent Royal Krever Commission urged a fully voluntary, non-payment oriented blood and plasma donation system.

Within our Ontario healthcare system, we perceive blood donations as a priceless public resource, underscoring the need to safeguard the integrity of the public, voluntary donor system.

The Voluntary Blood Donations Act of Ontario strengthens this stance, legislating against the payment of donors and prohibiting donors from receiving financial compensation for their blood or plasma.

Canada Blood Services plans to open five paid plasma clinics, including one in Toronto, by 2025. This issue needs immediate attention and action. The public health community has raised concerns about Grifols Pharmaceuticals' plans to open a Toronto clinic. It's vital we protect vulnerable residents from exploitation by for-profit plasma collection companies offering cash for blood-plasma, a predatory practice.

In bringing this motion forward, we strive to reinforce the principles of voluntary, non-remunerated blood and plasma donation, protecting both the integrity of Canada's public blood system and the dignity of blood donors.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM23.1

(https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-249600.pdf) Attachment 1 - Resolution to Declare the City of Hamilton a "No Paid Plasma Zone" (https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-250144.pdf)

Powassan & District Union Public Library

Minutes for Monday, November 18, 2024 – 6:00 p.m. Board Meeting @ Library

In-person: Tina Martin, Bernadette Kerr, Steve Kirkey, Brenda Lennon, Debbie Piper, Marie Rosset

Via Zoom: Pat Stephens, Valerie Morgan

Absent with regrets: Laurie Forth

Absent: Randy Hall

Item	Action	Responsibility
1. Call to order	6:16 pm	
2. Respect and Acknowledgement Declaration	Declaration read by CEO We respectfully acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe Peoples, in the Robinson-Huron and Williams Treaties areas. We wish to acknowledge the long history of First Nations and Métis Peoples in Ontario and show respect to the neighbouring Indigenous communities. We offer our gratitude for their care for, and teachings about, our earth and our relations. May we continue to honour these teachings and accept their value in our quest to heal our planet.	
 5. General Consent Motion: Present the general Consent Motion for November 2024, which includes: a) Approval of November 18, 2024 Agenda- amended b) Approval of Minutes from the October 21, 2024 meeting c) Approval of the October 2024 Financial Statements d) Approval of October 2024 Library Reports 	Motion: 2024-35 That the General Consent Motion for November 2024 be adopted as presented Moved by: Steven Kirkey Seconded by: Bernadette Kerr Adopted as presented. Carried	
4. Disclosure of pecuniary interest	None	
5. General Business a) New Board Member, Councillor Randy Hall - Welcome	Deferred until next Board Meeting in December	

b) Grant Updates	OTF Capital Grant	
b) Grant Opdates	Replacement of light fixture through Save on Energy has been problematic, resolution ongoing. New Heat pump installation starting November 21 st . Upgrades to accessibility features should be done by end of year	
	 OTF Resilience Grant Second payment received by Municipality Sept 14, 2024 (\$9,000) to be transferred to library. Still have not received funds. End of Grant report to be completed by April 17, 2025 End-of-Grant event needs to be organized prior mid-March 2025 	CEO meet with Municipality of Powassan CAO
	Senior's Grant	CEO
	New Canada Summer Job (CSJ) program Application deadline Dec 19. Laurie Forth volunteered to complete the application again this year.	Laurie Forth
	 Enbridge Giving Back to Community Grant Approached by Christine Jardine-Wagner with offer of above grant Early 2025 Donation of volunteering and funding Project to be identified – carpet cleaning possibility 	
c) Library Report Update	CEO presented updated Library Report, which will now report monthly on: - total active users - usage of new quiet room - data from newly installed people counter rentals - monthly numbers and revenues	

e) Janitorial Services	CEO distributed leaflets with all the planned activities for both children and adults. - Dec 7: Festival of Lights with gathering at library afterward for all participants, Board members and family - Dec 12: Raising readers with visit with Santa, Mayors and Voodoos. - Dec 13: start of Kid' Free Shopping Initiative, open until Dec 20th or until run out of items - Dec 13: Free Holiday Skate, subsidized by Peter Goulet – Thank You! - Dec 20: Open House with prizes and draws - In 2025 the janitorial services will no longer be provided under the staffing umbrella. - Jen Fryer has accepted to continue the janitorial work independently from her library Head Clerk hours. Motion: 2024-36 That janitorial services be provided in house by Jen Fryer. Moved by: Steven Kirkey Seconded by: Brenda Lennon Carried	
6. Correspondence	None	
7. Committee Reports a) Property Committee	See above 2. Grants Update - OTF Capital Grant. Other than the light fixture, which has a questionable completion end date, the heat pump and accessibility upgrade should be done by end of December	Contractors
b) Budget Committee	- Committee will present a draft of the 2025 Budget to the Financial Committee (consisting of Budget Committee and three Council Members) on December 16 at 5:30pm The Board will then meet at 6pm and approve the submitted 2025 budget.	

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c) Policy Committee	- GOV-10 Policy Development Policy	
	Motion: 2024-37 That GOV-10 Policy Development Policy be renewed as is. Moved by: Brenda Lennon Seconded by: Bernadette Kerr Carried	
	GOV-11 Record Retention Policy Policy	
	Motion: 2024-33 That GOV-11 Record Retention Policy be renewed as is. Moved by: Steven Kirkey Seconded by: Debbie Piper Carried	CEO
d) Friends of the Library	Friends raised at least \$1,300 from their end of September Crafting Items Sale. They have agreed to cover 1. cost of a new shelving unit to store the Reference Collection, and 2. renewal of the subscription to the North Bay Nugget. Will request they cover the cost of new vacuum cleaner. Christmas Basket tickets for draw will be available on November 25 th .	
f) Adjournment	Motion: 2024-39 That the November 18, 2024 meeting be adjourned at 7:15 pm	Next meeting: December 16, 2024
	Moved by: Pat Stevens	

Chairperson:

Kristine Martin, Chair

Recorder:

Chair Chair

Powassan & District Union Public Library Minutes for Monday, December 16, 2024 – 6:15 p.m. Board Meeting @ Library

In-person: Randy Hall, Laurie Forth, Bernadette Kerr, Steve Kirkey, Debbie Piper, Pat Stephens,

Marie Rosset

Via Zoom: Tina Martin, Brenda Lennon, Valerie Morgan

Item	Action	Responsibility
1. Call to order	6:16 pm	
2. Respect and Acknowledgement Declaration	Declaration read by CEO We respectfully acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe Peoples, in the Robinson-Huron and Williams Treaties areas. We wish to acknowledge the long history of First Nations and Métis Peoples in Ontario and show respect to the neighbouring Indigenous communities. We offer our gratitude for their care for, and teachings about, our earth and our relations. May we continue to honour these teachings and accept their value going forward.	
 5. General Consent Motion: Present the general Consent Motion for December 2024, which includes: a) Approval of December 16, 2024 Agenda b) Approval of Minutes from the November 18, 2024 meeting c) Approval of the November 2024 Financial Statements d) Approval of November 2024 Library Reports 	Motion: 2024-40 That the General Consent Motion for December 2024 be adopted as presented Moved by: Bernadette Kerr Seconded by: Steven Kirkey Adopted as presented. Carried	
4. Disclosure of pecuniary interest	None	
5. General Business a) New Board Member, Councillor Randy Hall - Welcome	Randy Hall attended first meeting. The two other Council members talked about process of supporting the library while supporting their councils.	
b) Grant Updates	OTF Capital Grant	

7. Committee Reports a) Property Committee	See above 5 b). Grants Update - OTF Capital Grant.	
6. Correspondence	None	
d) Upcoming Holiday Activities	Dec 20: Annual Holiday Open House with prizes and draws	
c) 2024 PDUPL Volunteer of the Year Award	Consensus to give the 2024 award to Rodi Roadknight. Well deserved, responsible for the organization of many 2024 events at the library.	
	New Canada Summer Job (CSJ) program. Laurie Forth completed application by deadline - Dec 19 Horizon Grants Will apply in 2025 to cover costs of Community Conversations. Enbridge Giving Back to Community Grant Will schedule for early 2025	CEO Jen Fryer, CEO
	 Issues with replacement of light fixture through Save on Energy not resolved to date. Resolution planned for early next year. New Heat pump installation done. Working without any problems. Upgrades to accessibility features postpone until early next year. OTF Resilience Grant Contacted CAO for second payment, which was received by Municipality Sept 14, 2024 (\$9,000). Still have not received funds. End of Grant report to be completed by April 17, 2025 Senior's Grant Activities proceeding as planned Final report due April 30, 2025 	CEO to contact Save on Energy to complete work satisfactorily. CEO

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b) Financial Committee	Financial Committee met on December 9th to complete and approve 2025 budget CEO presented budget to Board. After some discussions it was approved unanimously. Still waiting from the Ontario Library Services JASI, for the accurate distribution of active patrons by Union Members. 2025 Budget presentation schedule: January 7th: Municipality of Powassan Council January 7th: Township of Nipissing Council January 14th: Township of Chisolm Council Motion: 2024-41 That the 2025 PDUPL Budget be adopted as presented. Moved by: Brenda Lennon Seconded by: Laurie Forth Carried CEO requested approval for reinvesting GIC reserves into cashable GIC. Given.	
c) Policy Committee	None for this month.	
d) Friends of the Library	 In 2024 the Friends contributed close to \$5,000 to cover many costs, such as programming, furniture, and technology Christmas Basket draw continues and will close on December 20th at the end of Open House. 	
e) Adjournment	Motion: 2024-42 That the December 16, 2024 meeting be adjourned at 7:30 pm Moved by: Debbie Piper	Next meeting: January 20, 2025

Chairperson:		
-	Kristine Martin, Chair	
Recorder:		
	Marie Rosset CEO	

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The Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting 2024- 11

November 19, 2024

A regular meeting of the Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation board was held on Tuesday November 19, 2024.

Present: Bernadette Kerr, Mieke Krause, Nancy McFadden, Tom Piper, Dave Britton, Kalvin Young

Regrets: Amber McIsaac. Leo Patey

1. Call to order

Resolution No. 2024-74— Moved by Kalvin, seconded by Mieke that the meeting was called to order at 9:30 am. Carried

- 2. Additions to Agenda none
- 3. Approval of the Agenda

Resolution No. 2024-75— Moved by Kalvin, seconded by Mieke that the agenda be adopted as presented.

- 4. Conflict of Interest Disclosure None
- 5. Approval of the Minutes from the October 15, 2024, board meeting

Resolution No. 2024-76— Moved by Kalvin, seconded by Nancy that the minutes from the board meeting on October 15, 2024, were adopted as presented.

6. Business arising

a) OPHI

The \$64,000 in funding has been received and the following projects were completed; purchase drawing for accessible patio upgrades, paint building interior, replace ceiling tiles, replace rotting wood siding and install automatic door openers on garbage room doors.

\$160, 000 OPHI 2024-2025 agreement will need to be signed before December 31st, 2024. The GSMNP received the report from the DSSAB with the recommendation to upgrade patio entrances and elevator modernization. 2025 will see one project completed with this funding. Amber will be advised to follow up with this request.

b) DSSAB Service Agreement

Pam Nelson and Meaghan Mullen presented the proposed service agreement. Verified we had insurance, went over schedule A, B, C &D. Clarified section D is part of the Capital Repair funding, amount per unit is \$5000, same as before but is not guaranteed for the 10-year contract term. Financials are re-visited after 5 years. In 2023 we received \$30,000 in funding to cover RGI subsidy and created a surplus of \$16,000. The funding has made it possible for very health reserves. In the event the DSSAB did not give the GSMNP any funding the reserves would still remain healthy.

c) Pines 2, Request to hold mortgage

Differed to December's meeting.

7. Correspondences

a) Christmas Gift Cards

Resolution No. 2024-77 Moved by Tom, seconded by Dave that the Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing association will present Christmas Gift cards or payment by cheque as per employees/volunteers wishes. Non-council appointed board members, Kalvin Young, Nancy McFadden, Mieke Krause, \$150.00. Property Manager, Amber McIsaac \$500.00. Maintenance, Tim Young, \$300. Cleaner, Rhondalee Czaikowsky \$200.00

b) Financials

World source financials, Capital Account, statement for the period of July 1 to September 30th, reviewed by the board and accepted.

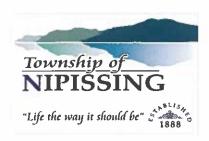
Resolution No. 2024-78 Moved by Nancy, seconded by Kal that the board approves the October 2024 Transaction Report as presented. Carried

Resolution No. 2024-79 Moved by Tom, seconded by Dave that the board approves the October 2024 Income Statement as presented. Carried

- 8. Next Board Meeting December 17, 2024 at 9:30am with Christmas Brunch for all board members and staff.
- 9. Adjournment Resolution No. 2024-97— Moved by Kal, seconded by Tom that the board meeting be adjourned. Carried

President, Bernadette Kerr

Recorded by Tom Piper scribed by Amber McIsaac



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING RESOLUTION

DATE:

January 7, 2025

NUMBER: R2025-

Moved by

Seconded by

That the statement of accounts dated: December 11, 16, 19, 20, 21 and 30, 2024

Totaling \$407,517.24 be approved.

For Against

YEMM CHALAPENKO FOOTE KIRKEY SCOTT

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm