

***** AGENDA *****
Tuesday, September 2, 2025
****START TIME 6:30 p.m.****
Amended September 1, 2025

1. Disclosure of pecuniary interest.
2. ~~Presentation: Harold Elston, Integrity Commissioner for the Township of Nipissing: Refresher on the Role of the Integrity Commissioner and Council Code of Conduct.~~
Mr. Elston is not available to attend the meeting due to a conflict, this session will be re-scheduled when possible.
3. Staff and Committee Reports.
4. Resolution: Adopt the Minutes of the August 12, 2025 Council Meeting.
5. Resolution: Support for making the NORDS Pilot Program Permanent and Expanding Program Eligibility.
6. Resolution: Approve the amended purchase of a Municipal Software Package.
7. Resolution: Accept a quote for the provision and installation of single rail steel beam guiderails.
8. Resolution: Authorize the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board (DSSAB) use of Township of Nipissing Community Centre for program use.
9. Resolution: Authorize attendance at the 2025 Northeastern Municipal Council Workshop, October 21st and 22nd, 2025 in Sudbury.
10. Resolution: Authorize the donation of \$500.00 to the Commanda Community Centre.
11. Resolution: Authorize the Purchase and Installation of two (2) "No Fishing in Beach Area" signs to be posted at Link's Beach and Wolfe Lake Beach.
12. Resolution: Authorize the submission of a Grant Application to the Office of the Fire Marshal for a Fire Department Cancer Prevention, Minor Infrastructure Modernization, Lithium-Ion Incident Response Grant.
13. Resolution: Authorize attendance at the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association's Fall Meeting Friday September 26, 2025.
14. Resolution: Approve the Fall Newsletter for circulation.
15. Correspondence.
16. Accounts to pay.
17. By-Law: Confirming Proceedings of Council at its meeting held September 2, 2025.
18. Adjournment.

Council meetings will be held in person at 2381 Highway 654, Township of Nipissing Community Centre and virtually utilizing the Zoom platform; and will be livestreamed to the Township of Nipissing YouTube channel.

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

MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

A regular meeting of the Township of Nipissing Council was held on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, 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 Lisa Chalapenko, Shelly Foote, Stephen Kirkey, and James Scott.

Staff: Fire Chief-MLEO-CEMC Will Bateman; Land Planning and Technology Administrator John-Paul Negrinotti; Deputy Clerk-Administrative Assistant Kristin Linklater; Deputy Treasurer-Office Assistant Kim Turnbull; and Municipal Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Kris Croskery-Hodgins.

Disclosure of pecuniary interest: Councillor Shelly Foote declared a Pecuniary Interest for the Accounts Payable listing on the July 15, 2025 Council meeting. Her personal business was listed in the accounts listing.

Committee Reports:

Councillor Stephen Kirkey: Nipissing Township Museum Board.

Staff Reports:

Fire Chief-MLEO-CEMC Will Bateman: Verbal report.

R2025-138 L. Chalapenko, S. Foote:

That the minutes of the regular Council Meeting held July 15, 2025, be adopted as published.

Carried.

R2025-139 J. Scott, S. Kirkey:

THAT we authorize the submission of an application under the Ontario Government program, Enhancing Access to Spaces for Everyone (EASE) Grant, for the engineering and replacement of the entrance ramp to the Township Office entrance. **Carried.**

R2025-140 S. Foote, L. Chalapenko:

THAT we authorize the submission of an application under the Government of Canada Commemorative Funding Programs – Community Engagement Stream, for the Nipissing Township Museum Remembrance Day programming. **Carried.**

R2025-141 S. Kirkey, J. Scott:

THAT Council approves the purchase of supplies and gift cards to complete Volunteer Appreciation Gifts within the approved budget. **Carried.**

R2025-142 S. Kirkey, J. Scott:

That we receive the correspondence report as presented. **Carried.**

R2025-143 S. Foote, L. Chalapenko:

That the statement of accounts dated: July 18, 19, 31, August 2 and 6, 2025.

Totaling \$1,176,527.97 be approved. **Carried.**

R2025-144 J. Scott, S. Kirkey:

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

(i) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence.

Time: 6:55 p.m. **Carried.**

R2025-145 L. Chalapenko, S. Foote:

That we resume to an open public meeting. Time: 7:21 p.m. **Carried.**

R2025-146 S.Kirkey, J. Scott:

That we pass By-Law 2025-23, being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on August 12, 2025.

Read the first, second and third time and passed this 12th day of August, 2025. **Carried.**

R2025-147 S. Kirkey, J. Scott:

That the meeting be adjourned. Time: 7:24 p.m. Next regular meeting to be held September 2, 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.

Support for Making the NORDS Pilot Program Permanent and Expanding Program Eligibility

WHEREAS the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) pilot program was introduced to help Northern Ontario municipalities address infrastructure pressures resulting from natural resource sector activities;

AND WHEREAS the funding provided through the NORDS pilot was very well received by the municipal sector, as it delivered timely and much-needed financial support to many communities across the North;

AND WHEREAS the program has allowed municipalities, such as the City of North Bay, to strategically stack multi-year allocations in order to support large-scale infrastructure initiatives critical to community development and economic growth;

AND WHEREAS the NORDS pilot program has clearly demonstrated its value and effectiveness in helping Northern municipalities address the infrastructure challenges tied to resource development and extraction;

AND WHEREAS rural and northern municipalities are also facing infrastructure degradation resulting from the increasing size and frequency of agricultural machinery and activity, which is currently outside the scope of the pilot;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the [Insert Municipality Name] strongly urges the Government of Ontario to make the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) program a permanent fixture of its support to Northern municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province consider expanding program eligibility to recognize the significant impact that agricultural equipment and operations have on municipal infrastructure, particularly in rural communities;

AND FURTHER THAT municipalities be encouraged to continue utilizing the ability to stack NORDS allocations over multiple years to support the planning and delivery of major infrastructure projects;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Natural Resources, local MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association, Rural Ontario Municipalities Association and all Northern Ontario municipalities for their awareness and support.

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TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: September 2, 2025

NUMBER: R2025-

Moved by

Seconded by

WHEREAS the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) pilot program was introduced to help Northern Ontario municipalities address infrastructure pressures resulting from natural resource sector activities;

AND WHEREAS the funding provided through the NORDS pilot program was very well received by the municipal sector, as it delivered timely and much-needed financial support to many communities across the North;

AND WHEREAS the program allowed for the strategic stacking of multi-year allocations in order to support large-scale infrastructure initiatives critical to community development, health and safety, and economic growth;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Nipissing requests the Government of Ontario to make the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) program a permanent fixture of its support to Northern municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province consider expanding program eligibility to recognize the significant impact that agricultural equipment and operations have on municipal infrastructure in rural communities, and expand the scope of the program to include these activities.

For Against

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Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm



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REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: September 2, 2025
From: Kris Croskery-Hodgins, Municipal Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer
Re: Municipal Software Conversion Update

Background:

The Township currently uses Baker Software for the taxation, general ledger, accounts payable, payroll, cemeteries, animal control and accounts receivable functions. The owner of Baker and Associates notified the Township in April 2022 of his intention to retire and close the company, no longer providing supports and updates to the software program that he independently managed.

An RFP was issued in April 2022 for a replacement municipal software program for the Township. At that time there were 2 submissions received, with TownSuite being the successful submission. After the initial presentation to staff and discussions with municipalities provided as references, staff recommended this selection as it seemed to be the best for transition from Baker.

TownSuite did not offer support for Building Permit issuance and tracking; animal control including the sale and tracking of dog tags; cemetery maintenance including sale and issuance of contracts; and fire department support of fire permits and staffing needs. CGIS, the company providing GIS mapping and support to the Township was able to provide these services within their program, with the exception of some fire department support which was secured using a program called FirePro.

The remaining accounting requirements and general ledger tracking of municipal and education taxes were expected to be covered by the TownSuite software. The cost of the adjusted software requirements was estimated to be \$179,733 without applicable taxes. Council approved the purchase of TownSuite licences and use agreements by Resolution R2022-92. The provincial funding for Municipal Modernization was utilized for this purchase and did not impact the tax rates for the Township.

This project was estimated to take 3-6 months to complete and run Baker and TownSuite simultaneously for a quarter to ensure the transition had been accurate and complete. We are now 3 years past that date and we have not been able to achieve the transition.

TownSuite appears to be an effective software program for a larger municipality with a dedicated staff complement to achieve the inputting and report generating operations required of it. We are a small staff and we work very efficiently to achieve the same results as a larger municipality. The quality and performance of the software utilized is the most important tool that we have. The window of having Baker information for comparison to a transition is closing and this is a vital component to ensure accuracy during the change.

Our Staff have visited other municipal offices who have transitioned to TownSuite. The operations differ from what our office expects and this has led us to conclude that although TownSuite is a dynamic software program, it does not meet the needs of the Township for reporting and data recording.

During the 2025 FONOM conference in North Bay, staff were able to meet with Munisoft, the alternate company submitting an RFP in 2022. Since the initial presentation, this company has incorporated a system to scan documents allowing for complete files and desktop access to improve a complete Audit experience; a cloud-based system; an improved payroll system and a newly added Asset Management tracking tool.

We have also been able to confirm the transition from Baker to Munisoft is a more compatible process with other municipalities who have completed the transition and are working in the new software.

Working within the agreement signed with TownSuite, we may provide 30 days written notice to leave the agreement. We still have 30% (\$71,885) of the original RFP amount in reserve from the Municipal Modernization Grant to complete this process.

Recommendation:

That Council authorize the termination of the TownSuite agreement with a thirty-day window, understanding that the 2025 annual fee has been paid and will not be refunded.

That Council authorize the purchase of Munisoft software licencing and implementation for the Township of Nipissing, utilizing the reserve amount from the Municipal Modernization fund to cover the costs.

Purchase of the Software, 4 Full Users, 3 View Only Users	\$25,860.00
Conversion of Data and Set up	<u>\$10,750.00</u>

Total Commitment:	\$36,610.00
<i>Annual support for the program:</i>	<i>\$ 5,606.00</i>

**The first year of support is included in the original purchase price.*

That Council authorize this transition for the 2025 fiscal year to ensure a smooth year end transition.

Respectfully,
Kris Croskery-Hodgins, Municipal Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: September 2, 2025

NUMBER: R2025-

Moved by

Seconded by

WHEREAS the municipal taxation and finance software utilized by the Township of Nipissing will no longer be supported after December 31, 2025;

AND WHEREAS transition efforts to TownSuite software have been in process since April 2022 without a successful conversion of data for Township needs;

NOW THEREFORE Council of the Township of Nipissing authorizes the termination of service agreement with TownSuite effective December 31, 2025;

AND THAT the Quotation received from MuniSoft be accepted, software cost \$25,860, conversion cost \$10,750, to be supported from the Modernization Grant reserve.

For Against

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Carried

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REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: September 2, 2025
From: Dan MacInnis, Operations Superintendent
Kim Turnbull, Deputy Treasurer-Office Assistant
Re: Stone Cutter's Culvert Project Completion

Background:

The Tender for the replacement of Stone Cutter's Road Pipe Arch Culvert was awarded to J&P Leveque Bros Haulage Ltd. The project involved the removal of the existing culvert, building the multi-plate culvert and installation of the multi-plate culvert. Work commenced on July 28th with anticipated completion of August 22nd. Through the duration of the work, Stone Cutter's Road was closed to vehicular traffic with residents in the area notified of alternate route around the Bear Creek.

The contractor completed the project ahead of schedule on August 13th and the roadway was opened to vehicular traffic.

The submitted tender from J&P Leveque Bros Haulage Ltd. totaled \$468,870.90 including applicable taxes.

As part of the culvert installation the Township would be responsible for the costs of granular A & B materials from Evan Hughes Excavating for the gravel quantities indicated and costed in the tender. The Township became aware of gravel costs outside the scope of the tender, exceeding the anticipated Township's budget for gravel.

This information was brought forward to the contractor and the cost of the additional gravel was removed from the total of the invoice.

The total invoice received from J&P Leveque Bros Haulage Ltd. was \$434,277.76 a savings of \$34,593.14 to the Township.

To complete the Stone Cutter's Road culvert project guiderails must be installed to be compliant with regulations.

The Township has received 2 quotes to install guiderails at the Stone Cutter's Road culvert site and at the South River Road culvert side where a culvert was replaced.

M&G Fencing Inc.	\$52,929.20 including snow plow markers and applicable taxes
Centennial Contracting Ltd.	\$77,111.20 including applicable taxes

Staff Recommendations:

To accept the quote from M&G Fencing Inc. to install new single rail beam guiderail with terminal ears and snow plow makers at each site. At the South River Road culvert, the guiderail on the west side has been extended by 15m to protect the Township's asset and ensure compliance with OSIM standards.

M&G Fencing Inc will be using all new materials as opposed to re-using the old guiderails, as provided in the alternate quote.

The savings on the Stone Cutter's Road Culvert project and the scrap metal from the old culverts, estimating \$3,500, will cover the majority of the costs for the guiderail installation.

The total cost of the guiderail installation from M&G Fencing for Stone Cutter's Road and South River Road is \$51,6681.20 including applicable taxes. The cost savings from J&P Leveque Bros Haulage Ltd. and scrap steel leaves a balance of approximately \$14,836.06.

Respectfully,

Dan MacInnis, Operations Superintendent
Kim Turnbull, Deputy Treasurer-Office Assistant



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: September 2, 2025

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Seconded by

THAT we accept quote #250808D3AK and #250826K from M&G Fencing Inc. for a combined total of \$46,840.00 before applicable taxes for the provision and installation of single rail steel beam guiderail along the Stone Cutter's Road culvert and South River Road culvert.

For Against

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REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: September 2, 2025
From: Kim Turnbull, Deputy Treasurer, Office Assistant
Re: District of Parry Sound Social Services Partnership for Community Supports & Services

Background:

The District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board (DSSAB) provides supports and services to residents throughout the district and recently looked for innovative ways to reach more people within their district. DPSSAB would like to partner with the Township of Nipissing to bring supports and services directly to the community 1 day each month for residents to have local access to a community clinic.

They have requested use of the Township of Nipissing Community Centre for the third Wednesday of each month to offer community programs. The clinic would allow residents to meet one on one with 1 of 2 Integrated System Navigators who will be able to offer support on the Canadian Dental Plan, Health Care Connect, applications for Ontario Works and more. (See attached communication provided by the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board)

The Joint Community Safety and Well Being Plan was updated in August 2024 and is an action plan that supports our district in adapting to the current and emerging needs within our communities. Access to Services was identified as the second-highest issue in the report, ranking among the five safety and well-being priorities, with 34.1% of survey respondents identifying it.

Strategic Plan Linkage:

This service delivery enhancement would support Council's focus of "**Maintaining Life the way it should be**" and "**Sustainable Community Growth and Prosperity**" of the strategic plan. By expanding and supporting the physical and social opportunities for residents within the Township through community programming. This enhancement will support the quality of life for residents within the Township by connecting them with community partners.

Recommendation:

That the half day rental fee for the Township of Nipissing Community Centre be waived for DSSAB each month to allow for the Community Clinics to take place for residents in the Township. Council passed User Fee By-Law 2024-33 which states a half day rental of the Community Centre is \$100.00 with a \$25.00 key deposit and a \$100.00 damage deposit. By waiving the fees for the Community Clinic this supports Council's Strategic Plan and the Community Well Being Plan of 2024.

Respectfully,
Kim Turnbull, Deputy Treasurer, Office Assistant



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: September 2, 2025

NUMBER: R2025-

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Seconded by

WHERE AS a request has been received from the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board for the use of the Township of Nipissing Community Centre for one day per month to provide community support services locally;

WHERE AS Council passed User Fee By-Law 2024-33 to charge fees for permits and services offered by the Township including rental fees for the Township of Nipissing Community Centre;

AND WHERE AS waiving the fees for the Community Clinic supports Council's Strategic Plan and the Community Well Being Plan of 2024;

NOW THEREFORE the half day rental fee for the Township of Nipissing Community Centre be waived once a month for the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board to offer a community clinic.

For Against

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Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm



SAVE THE DATE

**MSO-North (Sudbury)
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing**

2025 Northeastern Municipal Council Workshop

Date: October 21, 2025 (9:45 am to 4:15 pm) and October 22, 2025 (9:00 am to 4:00 pm)

Location: Lionel E. Lalonde Centre, Greater Sudbury (Azilda) – In Person Only

Agenda:

The Municipal Services Office-North in Sudbury is pleased to invite you to a two-day training workshop where members of council and staff from across northeastern Ontario will come together to hear from experts and each other on relevant and timely topics. Sessions will cover a range of essential learning on municipal governance, finance, land use planning and affordable housing issues. Please mark your calendars with the date of this event as you don't want to miss out.

Who Should Attend:

This two-day session will be of interest to both experienced municipal council and staff and those who are newer to municipal governance and operations.

Why attend:

We are arranging an impressive list of guest speakers with significant municipal knowledge and leading practices to share. Participants will engage with and hear about experiences and approaches to common challenges. Attendees will leave the workshop with a greater understanding of how to tackle current municipal issues and govern effectively and democratically.

Registration:

Registration form will be distributed in coming weeks that will include the registration fee for this event.



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

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WHEREAS Council supports the initiatives of the Commanda Community Centre and the valuable supports it provides to the community;

AND WHEREAS Council has received a request for funding support from the Commanda Community Centre Board;

NOW THEREFORE Council approves a \$500 donation to the Commanda Community Centre to assist in offsetting operating costs.

For Against

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Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

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Seconded by

WHEREAS a safety concern was submitted to Council from a concerned citizen regarding fishing taking place from public beach areas;

AND WHEREAS Council identifies this activity as a potential safety risk to those utilizing the beach area;

NOW THEREFORE the purchase and placement of "No Fishing in Beach Area" signs are authorized by Council for Link's Beach and Wolfe Lake Beach;

AND THAT a By-Law restricting these activities to appropriate locations be researched and created for review of Council at a future meeting.

For Against

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Carried

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RESOLUTION

DATE: September 2, 2025

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Seconded by

THAT we Authorize the submission of a Grant Application to the Office of the Fire Marshal for a Fire Department Cancer Prevention, Minor Infrastructure Modernization, Lithium-Ion Incident Response Grant.

For Against

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Carried

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District of Parry Sound Municipal Association

c/o Township of McKellar, 701 Hwy 124 McKellar, ON P0G 1C0

President: Lynda Carleton

Secretary-Treasurer: Karlee Britton

Fall 2025 Agenda – 171st Meeting – Friday, September 26, 2025

Hosted by the Township of Seguin

Orrville Community Centre, 1207 Highway 518, Orrville, ON P2A 0B6

- 8:15-9:00** Registration / Coffee sponsored by **MPAC**
- 9:00-10:00** Introduction of the Head Table
Welcome and Opening Remarks - **Mayor Ann MacDiarmid**, Township of Seguin
Land Acknowledgement & Ceremony led by **Wasauksing First Nation**
Greetings from Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP, **Graydon Smith**
Greetings from Parry Sound-Muskoka MP, **Scott Aitchison** (*invited*)
FONOM Update *presented by Lynda Carleton*
The Almaguin Community Hatchery Program Funding Announcement, **Jerry Brandt**
- 10:00-10:15** **Parry Sound Area Municipal Airport** *presented by Neil Pirie, Airport Manager*
- 10:15-10:35** **Property Tax Sale** *presented by RealTax President, Narbe Alexandrian*
- 10:35-10:50** Coffee break sponsored by **TBA**
- 10:50-11:10** **Almaguin Housing Task Force Update** *presented by Acting Vice-Chairs Rod Ward, Armour Mayor and Dave Gray, Director of Economic Development, Almaguin Community Economic Development & Armour CAO*
- 11:10-11:40** **AI (Artificial Intelligence) in the Workplace** *presented by Forrest Pengra, Director of Strategic Initiatives, Township of Seguin*
- 11:40-12:00** **The Effect of Excessive Wakes on Our Lakes** *presented by Dr. Timothy James, Board Director, Safe Quiet Lakes*
- 12:00-1:00** Lunch – Turkey Dinner and Dessert by **Jim Macoubrey**
- 1:00-2:00** **Natural Resource Asset Management Planning: Risks of Overlooking Assets and Insights from a Moderated Panel Discussion** *featuring:*
Oscar Poloni, Partner, KPMG
and Representatives from the District's Municipalities & Partner Agencies
- 2:00** **Resolutions / Business Meeting**
- Adoption of the Minutes of the Spring 2025 Meeting
- Treasurer's Report January 1, 2025 to July 31, 2025
- Minutes of the August 12, 2025 Executive Meeting

Draw for Mystery Door Prize from the **Rosseau General Store**: Must be present to claim
Host and Date of Next Meeting: Friday, May 29, 2026, *hosted by the Town of Kearney*
Adjournment

*A sweet treat of jam provided to you compliments of Seguin's own **Crofter's Organic***

TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

CORRESPONDENCE

September 2, 2025

- 1.** Ombudsman Ontario – Hard copies of the 2024-2025 Annual Report.
- 2.** Resolution: Approve Resolution Requesting a Moratorium on Aerial Spraying of Glyphosate in the Nipissing Forest. – August 12, 2025.
- 3.** North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Invitation to upcoming Climate Change and Health Symposium, focused on land planning, water and food security. – September 24, 2025.
- 4.** Powassan Agricultural Society – Thank you – Sponsorship of the 2025 Fall Fair.



J. Paul Dubé, Ombudsman

Greetings,

It is my great pleasure to send you two hard copies (one English, one French) of my 2024-2025 Annual Report as we mark Ombudsman Ontario's 50th anniversary.

In this milestone year, we helped more people with more issues than ever before. This report reviews key trends in the 30,675 complaints and inquiries we received, including a 55% increase in cases about provincial correctional facilities, and a record 3,908 cases about municipalities. We also saw record or near-record numbers of cases about school boards, post-secondary education and children's services.

In keeping with our 50 years of protecting the rights of Ontarians, this report pays special attention to the rights of vulnerable children and youth, people with disabilities and Ontarians seeking provincial services in French. It also describes progress on our efforts to co-develop an Indigenous Services Plan (pages 8-10), as well as on our strategic plan (p. 11).

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. Please feel free to share this information with your colleagues and any other interested parties.

You can find the entire report, media materials and statistics on our website. We would be happy to 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 happy 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 black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Dubé', written over a large, stylized 'D'.

Paul Dubé,
Ombudsman of Ontario



J. Paul Dubé, Ombudsman

Madame / Monsieur,

J'ai le plaisir de vous envoyer deux exemplaires (un en anglais, un en français) de mon Rapport annuel de 2024-2025, à l'occasion du 50^e anniversaire de l'Ombudsman de l'Ontario.

Au cours de cette année charnière, nous avons aidé plus de personnes que jamais, avec plus de problèmes. Ce rapport examine les principales tendances des 30 675 plaintes et demandes de renseignements que nous avons reçues, notamment une augmentation de 55 % des cas concernant les établissements correctionnels provinciaux, et un nombre record de 3 908 cas concernant les municipalités. Nous avons également constaté un nombre record ou quasi-record de cas concernant les conseils scolaires, l'enseignement postsecondaire et les services à l'enfance.

Conformément à nos 50 années de protection des droits des Ontarien(ne)s, ce rapport accorde une attention particulière aux droits des enfants et jeunes vulnérables, des personnes handicapées, des détenu(e)s et des gens qui recherchent des services provinciaux en français. Le rapport décrit également les progrès réalisés dans notre élaboration conjointe d'un plan de services aux Autochtones (pages 8 à 10), ainsi que dans la mise en œuvre de notre plan stratégique (p. 11).

Nous vous encourageons à lire les chapitres de ce rapport qui traitent de votre secteur, où nous discutons des problèmes les plus courants et des types de cas que nous avons réglés. Nous vous encourageons également à partager le rapport avec vos collègues et toute autre partie intéressée.

Vous pouvez voir le rapport complet, les documents pour les médias et les statistiques sur notre site Web. Nous pourrions également fournir d'autres exemplaires sur demande.

Si vous avez la moindre question à propos du rapport ou de cas relatifs à votre organisme, n'hésitez pas à communiquer avec nous. Nous serons aussi heureux(es) de répondre à toute question générale à propos de notre travail. Vous pouvez contacter notre personnel à info@ombudsman.on.ca.

Cordialement,

Paul Dubé
Ombudsman de l'Ontario



Council - Committee of the Whole

Resolution # 2025-263
Title: Approve Resolution Requesting a Moratorium on Aerial Spraying of Glyphosate in the Nipissing Forest
Date: August 12, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Fern Pellerin
Seconded by: Councillor Kaitlynn Nicol

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario, through the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, is planning to begin aerial spraying of glyphosate-based herbicides in late August 2025 in the Nipissing Forest; and

WHEREAS the Nipissing Forest covers a significant portion, if not all, of the Municipality of West Nipissing, and residents and ecosystems may be impacted by this activity; and

WHEREAS new scientific evidence published since Health Canada's last assessment of glyphosate in 2017 has linked glyphosate-based end-use products to cancer, metabolic and neurological diseases, reproductive toxicity, and ecosystem harm; and

WHEREAS the Province of Quebec banned the use of glyphosate for forestry purposes in 2001 and replaced aerial herbicide spraying with manual forest thinning as a safer alternative forest management method; and

WHEREAS many residents have expressed concern regarding the potential environmental and public health risks associated with aerial spraying of glyphosate-based herbicides;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of West Nipissing formally request that the Honourable Mike Harris Jr., Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, reconsider the planned use of glyphosate-based herbicides in the Nipissing Forest and suspend the aerial spraying initiative until further independent research and updated risk assessments are completed and reviewed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to:

The Honourable Mike Harris Jr., Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry

The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health

MPP John Vanthof, Timiskaming–Cochrane

AMO (Association of Municipalities of Ontario)

FONOM (Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities)

All municipalities within Northeastern Ontario

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From: Community Health <community.health@healthunit.ca>
Sent: August 21, 2025 8:43 AM
To: Jessica Love; Teryl Faulkner
Cc: Community Health
Subject: Sept 24 Climate Change and Health Symposium Invite

Good morning,

The North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit is pleased to invite you, and/or any interested representatives from your organization to our upcoming **climate change and health symposium, focused on land use planning, water and food security**. This event is being hosted in response to community interest in ongoing collaboration and opportunities for shared learning.

- The event will take place on **Wednesday September 24**, at the North Bay Museum, from 8:30am to 12:00pm. Lunch will be provided from 12:00pm-1:00pm.
- The event will feature presentations from Anishinabek Nation, Georgian Bay Biosphere (to be confirmed), Nipissing First Nation, and Nipissing University. The speakers will share their knowledge and be part of a panel discussion and Q&A period.

To accept this invitation, please RSVP by September 12th using [this form](#). If you have any questions about the event, please direct them to Community.Health@healthunit.ca.

Warmly,

Jessica Love and Teryl Faulkner

Community Health

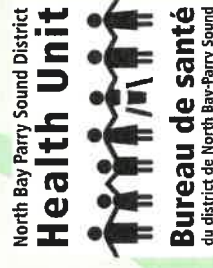
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My place of work is on the lands of the Anishinaabe; the territory of Nipissing First Nation and Dokis First Nation; and land that is covered by the Robinson Huron Treaty of 1850.

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Climate Change & Health Symposium

Land Use Planning, Water and Food Security



AGENDA

Wednesday September 24, 2025 8:30am- 12pm (lunch 12pm-1pm)		North Bay Museum 100 Ferguson St, North Bay, ON	
8:30	●	Welcome Welcome, coffee and tea	
9:00	●	Presentations Short presentation from each speaker	
10:30	●	Panel and Q&A With all presenters	
12:00	●	Lunch Participants are welcome to bring reusable containers to take lunch away with them	
To RSVP please click here			



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: September 2, 2025

NUMBER: R2025-

Moved by

Seconded by

**That the statement of accounts dated:
August 12, 16, 21 and 27, 2025.**

Totaling \$774,558.02 be approved.

For	Against
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CHALAPENKO	
FOOTE	
KIRKEY	
SCOTT	

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm