

CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF BILLINGS

AGENDA

March 15, 2021 7:30 p.m.

Electronic Meeting

1. OPEN
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST
4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES
 - a) March 2, 2021
 - b) February 16, 2021 corrected
5. DELEGATIONS
 - a) Alyssa Spooney – Health Care Worker Recruitment
6. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - a) Parks Recreation & Wellness Feb 22 report
 - b) Manitoulin Municipal Association
 - c) Climate Action Committee Feb 24th meeting report
 - d) Ontario Good Roads Conference Report
7. OLD BUSINESS
 - a) Broadband update
 - b) Capital Project update
8. NEW BUSINESS
 - a) Covid Update
 - b) 2020 Kagawong Water Treatment Plant Summary and Annual Report
 - c) Township of Perry – Prioritize children and child care
 - d) Manitoulin Planning Board Notice of Application for Consent File B02-21 and B03-21

- e) Tourism Adaption Strategy
- f) Lone Worker App.
- g) Municipal Energy Plan funding extension request
- h) Kagawong River trail bridge
- i) 4Elements request
- j) Noise By-Law 2021- 12
- k) Recommendation from Climate Action Committee

9. CORRESPONDENCE

10. INFORMATION

- a) District Services Board 4th Quarter Report
- b) Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Assoc. news release
- c) Correspondence from Honourable Steven Clark
- d) Manitoulin North Shore Federation of Agriculture
- e) Climate Action Committee draft February 24, 2021 meeting minutes

11. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

12. CLOSED SESSION

13. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

14. ADJOURNMENT

Memorandum

To: Mayor, Council
cc: Staff, Public
From: Kathy McDonald CAO/Clerk
Date: March 11, 2021
RE: **March 15, 2021 Council Meeting**

5. Delegations

- a) Alyssa Spooney

Alyssa recently made a presentation to the Manitoulin Municipal Association regarding Health Care Worker Recruitment and Mayor Anderson has asked her to make a similar presentation to Billings Township.

6. Committee Reports

7. Old Business

- a) Broadband Update

Please see memo prepared by Todd Gordon.

- b) Capital Project Update

Please see memo prepared by Todd Gordon.

8. New Business

- a) Covid 19 Response Update

Megan Bonenfant will present an update on Covid 19. Please see information contained in the Council package.

- b) 2020 Kagawong Water Treatment Plan Summary and Annual Report

Recommendation:

That Council accepts the 2020 Kagawong Water Treatment Plan and Annual Report.

- c) Township of Perry – Prioritizing Children and Child care

Recommendation:

That Council supports the resolution from the Township of Perry requesting the Government of Ontario prioritize Children and Child care.

- d) Manitoulin Planning Board Notice of Application for Consent File B02-21 and B03-21

The Planning Board has received an application for Consent File No. B02-21 and B03-21 to provide for the creation of two new lots. Staff have reviewed the application and have no issues with the severance.

Recommendation:

That Council recommends that approval of Consent File B02-21 and B03-21 with no comment or concerns.

e) Tourism Adaption Strategy

Please see memo prepared by Todd

Recommendation:

That Council support the Regional EDO's Group's Tourism Adaption Research" project and allocate \$1200 in the 2021 budget to support the initiative.

f) Lone Worker App

Please see memo from Arthur Moran, Health and Safety Coordinator.

Recommendation:

That Council instruct Staff to purchase the Lone Worker app and have it installed on all municipal owned phones and those phones of any worker that may be working alone, as outlined in the memo.

g) Municipal Energy Plan Funding extension request

In 2019 The Township of Billings and Central Manitoulin partnered on a grant for a Climate Change Coordinator to complete a Community Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP). The Climate Change Coordinator position is 80% funded by the Federal Government through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM). The remaining 20% of the salary, plus additional expenses, is provided by the Provincial Government through the Municipal Energy Plan (MEP) Program. The project funding will not be used up due to the late start we had hiring a Climate Change Coordinator. FCM will be extending their funding program to early May, 2021 so that we can complete the project as it was originally funded. We are now asking Council to request an extension to the MEP funding, which will allow for the completion of the Community Energy and Emissions Plan before the end of the contract with the Climate Change Coordinator.

Recommendation:

That Council instruct the CAO to send a letter to Josh Shook, Project Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines to request an extension to the funding provided under the Municipal Energy Plan program.

h) Kagawong River trail bridge

In December of 2020, Council provided direction to staff to research the repair/replacement of the Kagawong River Trails pedestrian bridge. In consultation with Manitoulin Streams, it was determined that we may want to hire a company with the expertise to do an evaluation to determine and recommend a replacement bridge solution. It is possible that we may want to relocate the bridge to facilitate an affordable and effective solution. Once we have hired a company to assist us in finding a location for the bridge, we can arrange to walk the trail with Seija and the Manitoulin Streams Enhancement Strategy to look for identified locations for a bridge. One location may be near the hydro plant because it is a narrow area of the river. The bridge will need to be engineered to meet legislated requirements, but I expect that to be a separate process that will need to have regard to our procurement policy. Depending on the location of the bridge we may be able to connect with Manitoulin Streams to do stream rehab in the location at the same time.

Recommendation:

That Council directs staff to find a company to assist in finding a location for the Kagawong River Trails pedestrian Bridge.

i) 4Elements request

4elements have requested to use the parking lot at the Park Centre for their elemental festival 2021 on September 25, 2021. They are not asking for a financial contribution. All COVID 19 precautions will be taken.

Recommendation:

That Council approve the request from 4elements to allow them to use the Park Centre parking lot for September 25, 2021 for the elemental festival 2021 provided that they follow all of the Covid-19 protocols that are in place at that time.

j) Noise By-Law 2021-12

Please see report provided by Arthur Moran, By-law Enforcement Officer, which is contained in the agenda package.

Recommendation:

That Council give By-law 2021-12, being a by-law to regulate noise be given all three readings and enacted.

k) Recommendation from the Climate Action Committee

At the February 24, 2021 Climate Action Committee, a motion was put forward that a recommendation be given to Council to approve the continuation of the Central Manitoulin/Billings climate change planning and implementation partnership, once the current FCM/MEP grant has concluded.

Recommendation:

that Council approves the continuation of Central Manitoulin/Billings climate change partnership resources, including, but not limited to sharing staff resource (job title, salary, hours etc. to be determined) and maintaining Council Climate Action committee(s) once the current FCM/MEP grant is concluded.

9. Correspondence

None

10. Information

There are a number of items attached for Council's information. Council may move any of these items to new business during the agenda approval for discussion at this meeting, or request that an item(s) be included on a future agenda for discussion.

- a) District Services Board 4th Quarter Report.
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- e) Climate Action Committee draft Feb 24 meeting minutes

The Corporation of the
Township of Billings
Regular Meeting

March 2, 2021

Electronic Meeting

Present: Mayor Anderson, Councillors Sharon Alkenbrack, Bryan Barker, Michael Hunt and Sharon Jackson

Staff: Floyd Becks, Public Works Superintendent; Todd Gordon, Economic Development Officer; Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk; Bruce Mercer, Treasurer; Tiana Mills, Administrative Assistant, Arthur Moran, By-Law/Health and Safety;.

Media: Tom Sasvari

Members of the General Public

1. Open

2021-73 Hunt – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council be opened with a quorum present at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Anderson presiding.

Carried

2. Approval of the Agenda

2021-74 Barker Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the March 2, 2021 regular meeting of Council be accepted as presented.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Mayor Anderson made the following declaration:

I, Councillor Ian Anderson, declare a potential direct pecuniary interest on agenda item 8 (k), item title By-law 2021-10 for the following reason: I am a licensed fur harvester and could benefit from the compensation program.

4. Adoption of Minutes

2021-75 Alkenbrack – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the February 16, 2021 regular meeting of Council be accepted as presented.

Carried

5. Delegations

None

6. Committee Reports

a) S. Jackson – Roma Report

Council received the report

b) S. Alkenbrack – EDC report

Council received the report

7. Old Business

None

8. New Business

a) COVID-19 response update

Megan Bonenfant, CEMC presented Council with a Covid-19 Update.

b) Manitoulin Streams – Donations and Donor Recognition

2021-76 Barker – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council permits Manitoulin Streams to install a donor recognition type of plaque or display and proceed with fundraising.

Carried

c) Official Plan Reserve Funds

2021-77 Barker – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council supports the recommendation from the Manitoulin Planning Board to use the Official Plan reserve funds for a new project.

Carried

d) 2020 Budget Surplus

2021- 78 Alkenbrack – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council approves the transfer of any 2020 surplus into general reserves.

Carried

e) AMO August 15-18 2021

2021-79 Alkenbrack – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council instructs the CAO to register Bryan Barker and Ian Anderson for the AMO conference scheduled August 15 to 18, 2021.

Carried

f) By-Law 2021-08 Salary Grid

2021-80 Barker – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law 2021-08 being a by-law to update the Employee Salary Ranges be given first, second, third reading and enacted.

Carried

g) By-Law 2021-09 Tax Ratio

2021-81 Hunt – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 2021-09 being a by-law to set tax ratios for 2021 taxation year be given first, second, third reading and enacted.

Carried

h) Parks Recreation and Wellness Recommendations to Council

2021-82 Barker – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council instructs staff to include \$40,000 in the draft 2021 budget for rink repairs.

Carried

2021-83 Alkenbrack – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council gives permission to the Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee to fundraise for rink repairs.

Carried

2021-84 Barker – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves the Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee expenditures of \$300 for the Easter Egg hunt.

Carried

i) Summer Students

2021-85 Alkenbrack – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves the advertising and hiring of summer students.

Carried

j) Healthy Communities Funding

2021-86 Alkenbrack – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council directs staff to complete an application to the Healthy Communities Initiative to create a new community space at the Sandy Beach and submit the application no later than March 9, 2021.

DEFEATED

2021-87 Barker – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council directs staff to apply to the Healthy Communities Fund for the outdoor rink.

Carried

Mayor Anderson declared a conflict of item 8. k).

Mayor Anderson vacated the Chair and Councillor Barker proceed as Chair.

k) By-Law 2021-10 Coyote Compensation By-law

2021-88 Jackson – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law 2021-10, being a by-law to provide for the control of nuisance coyotes be given first, second, third reading and enacted, as amended.

Carried

By-law 2021-10 was amended as follows:

Schedule A was amended to remove the word “pelt” from the first paragraph.

Schedule B was amended to remove the words “the pelt of” from No. 3 and

Schedule B was amended to remove the word “pelt of” from No. 4.

Councillor Barker vacated the Chair and Mayor Anderson returned as Chair.

I) Billings Promotional Strategy

2021-89 Alkenbrack – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council directs staff to engage with Kendra Edwards Design, as designer of the existing brochure/map, to discuss the revisions and updates for 2021, and that Council consider inclusion of expenditure of this item in the 2021 budget.

Carried

9. Correspondence

None

10. Information

a) Parks, Recreation and Wellness draft minutes from the February 22, 2021 meeting

Council received the draft minutes

b) Economic Development draft minutes from February 17, 2020 meeting

Council received the draft minutes

c) Phase II Environment Report

Council received the Phase II environmental report from EXP.

d) 2020 Water Treatment Plan Minutes (OCWA)

Council received the 2020 Water Treatment Plant Minutes

e) ORV Guidance Document

Council received the 2002 ORV Guidance Document

11. Accounts for Payment

2021-90 Barker – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorizes the following Accounts for Payment:

General Accounts \$53,595.82

and that cheque numbers 6625 to 6663 be authorized for signing as described in the attached register.

Carried

12. Closed Session

2021-91 Alkenbrack – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 239(2)(b) of the Municipal Act, this Council will proceed to a Closed Session at 9:12 p.m. to discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Carried

2021-92 Resolution passed in camera providing direction to staff.

2021-93 Hunt – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council move out of Closed Session at 9:24 p.m. and resume our regular meeting.

Carried

2021-94 Hunt – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves the hiring of Tiana Mills as Deputy Clerk with details as discussed in camera.

Carried

13. Confirming By-law

2021-95 Alkenbrack – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that By-Law 2021-11 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council be given first, second, third reading and enacted.

Carried

14. Adjournment

2021-96 Barker – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council be adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Ian Anderson, Mayor

Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk

03/03/21:km

The Corporation of the
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Electronic Meeting

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Staff: Floyd Becks, Public Works Superintendent; Todd Gordon, Economic Development Officer; Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk; Arthur Moran, By-law Officer

Media: Tom Sasvari

Members of the Public

Regrets: None

1. Open

2021-50 Barker - Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of council be opened with a quorum present at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Anderson presiding.

Carried

2. Approval of the Agenda

2021-51 Alkenbrack - Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the February 16, 2021 regular meeting of council be accepted as presented.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

The following pecuniary interest declarations were made:

I, Councillor Ian Anderson, declare a potential direct pecuniary interest on Agenda Item No. 7(b) title Coyote Compensation for the following reason: I am a licensed fur harvester and could benefit from the compensation program.

I, Councillor Bryan Barker, declare a potential pecuniary interest on agenda item 7 (c) item title Farm Animal Exemption Request for the following reason: Although I am not sure this fits the definition of pecuniary interest I would like to err on the side of caution and declare a conflict as I have a few chickens for personal egg collection.

4. Adoption of Minutes

a) February 2, 2021

2021-52 Hunt – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the minutes of the February 2, 2021, regular meeting as presented.

Carried

b) February 9, 2021

2021-53 Barker – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the minutes of the February 9, 2021, special meeting as presented.

Carried

5. Delegations

None

6. Committee Reports

None

7. Old Business

a) Power of Entry

2021-54 Barker – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that by-law 2020-47 be given third reading and enacted.

DEFEATED

Mayor Anderson vacated the Chair and Councilor Barker proceeded as Chair.

Mayor Anderson left the meeting as he had declared a conflict of interest the item 7.b).

b) Coyote Compensation

No resolution. CAO/Clerk was provided with directions to prepare a by-law to provide for the control of nuisance wolves and coyotes.

Mayor Anderson returned to the meeting.

Councillor Barker vacated the Chair and Mayor Anderson returned to Chair the meeting.

Councillor Barker declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting as he had declared a conflict of interest in item 7.c)

c) Farm animal exemption request

2021-55 Alkenbrack – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council denies the Rickards's request for an exemption to by-law 2013-27, to allow for the keeping of a goat on a Shoreline Residential property.

DEFEATED

2021-56a Alkenbrack – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council directs the CAO/Clerk to enter into an agreement with the Sean Rickard to allow for a conditional exemption to By-Law 2015-03 for the purpose of keeping a myotonic goat at 566 Maple Point Rd.

Carried

d) Bridge Remediation

Council was updated on the discussion that the Public Works Superintendent had with the engineer from K. Smart Associates regarding the 2020 Structural Inspection Appraisal Report.

8. **New Business**

a) **Covid-19 Response Update**

The CEMC provided an update on COVID-19 response measures.

b) **Main Street Project Update**

2021-56b Barker - Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the bid from Gratton Construction for execution of the Main Street Reconstruction project and authorizes the Mayor and CAO/Clerk to issue a Letter of Intent to that effect.

Carried

c) **Waterfront Project Update**

Council received the report

d) **Digital Service Squad wrap-up**

Council received the report

e) Kagawong Drinking Water Inspection Report 2020-2021

2021-57 Hunt – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council receives the Kagawong Drinking Water Inspection report 2020-2021.

Carried

f) Gore Bay Medical Centre ad hoc Committee representation

2021-58 Alkenbrack – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council appoints Sharon Jackson to the Gore Bay Medical Centre ad hoc Committee.

Carried

g) Zoning Update Steering Committee

2021-59 Barker – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council appoints Todd Gordon to the Zoning By-law Update Steering Committee.

Carried

h) Kagawong Landfill ECA Application report

2021-60 Alkenbrack – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorizes the Mayor and CAO/Clerk to proceed with the Kagawong Landfill ECA application as detailed in the Pinchin Kagawong Landfill ECA Application Supporting Documentation report issues on February 5, 2020 and execute any necessary documents for that purpose.

Carried

i) Municipal Insurance Rates

Council received the information.

j) Employee Salary grid review

The CAO was provided with direction regarding the Employee Salary by-law.

k) Custodian position

2021-61 Barker – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorizes the CAO/Clerk to hire Justin McVey to the Custodian position.

Carried

l) Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee Application

2021-62 Jackson – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council appoints Andrew Preyde to the Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee.

Carried

9. Correspondence

a) Manitoulin Family Resources re: Christmas basket campaign contribution

Council received the letter.

b) Gore Bay Provincial Offenses Board of Management re: COVID support

2021-63 Barker – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Township of Billings supports the Gore Bay Provincial Offenses Board of Management in their request to the provincial government to provide financial support (COVID) for all POA court operations in the province; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier, the Attorney General, MPP Michael Mantha and the Gore Bay Provincial Offenses Board of Management.

Carried

c) Township of Asphodel-Norwood re: Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan extension

2021-64 Alkenbrack – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Township of Billings joins the Township of Asphodel-Norwood in calling upon the Solicitor General to review the imposed deadline for municipalities to complete and adopt a Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) Plan in consultation with local governments to address the unique challenges facing individual regions; and,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Solicitor General, the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, MPP Michael Mantha and the Township of Asphodel-Norwood.

Carried

d) City of St. Catharines re: universal paid sick leave

2021-65 Jackson – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Township of Billings joins the City of St. Catharines in endorsing legislated sick leave and calls on the government of Ontario to permanently legislate universal paid sick days for all workers in Ontario during the pandemic and beyond, regardless of workplace size, type of work or immigration status; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this motion be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Labour, MPP Michael Mantha, and the City of St. Catharines.

Carried

e) Save the Ontario Fire College re: Ontario Fire College closure

2021-66 Hunt – Barker

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has been in operation in Gravenhurst since 1958; and

WHEREAS THE Ontario Fire College Campus is one of the primary sources of certified training for Ontario Fire Fighters; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has built a reputation of integrity, credibility, and reliability in providing some of the best training to our Fire Services within the Province of Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has been used to train and certify both Volunteer, Part-Time and Career firefighters throughout Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Regional Training Centers are not all created equal and similar in function to the Ontario Fire College Campus; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus gives Ontario Firefighters another option other than Regional Training Centers to obtain National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) certifications; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus is most cost-effective method for municipalities to certify Firefighters to NFPA Standards in Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Government enacted and revoked O. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification 2018, and

WHEREAS the Ontario Government revoked O. Reg 379/18: Firefighter Certification, it was made known by the Office of the Solicitor General that the act would be amended and brought back in the future; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Billings requests that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College Campus in Gravenhurst as the OFC is one of the best and most cost-effective methods for municipalities to train their firefighters which assists us in protecting our residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution is forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Honorable Sylvia Jones Ontario Solicitor General, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Fire Marshal Jon Pegg, and the Save the Ontario Fire College group.

Carried

f) Township of Terrace Bay re: tax rate for railway rights-of-way

Council received the correspondence.

10. Information

a) MPAC quarterly report – 2020 Q4.

Council received the report

b) Manitoulin Municipal Association meeting package – February 17, 2021

Council received the information.

c) Minutes – Economic Development Committee December 9, 2020

Council received the minutes.

11. Accounts for Payment

2021-67 Alkenbrack - Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorizes the following accounts for payment:

General Accounts \$173,193.47

and that cheque numbers 6622, 6627 to 6644 be authorized for signing as described in the attached register.

Carried

12. Closed Session

2021-68 Barker – Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 239(2) (d) of the Municipal Act, 2001 S.O. Chapter 25, this Council proceed to a Closed Session at 9:32 p.m. in order to discuss an item related to employee negotiations.

Carried

2021-69 Resolution passed in camera to provide direction to the CAO.

2021-70 Alkenbrack – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council move out of Closed Session at 9:35 p.m. and resume our regular, open meeting.

13. Confirming By-Law

2021-71 Alkenbrack - Barker

BE IT RESOLVED that by-law 2021-07, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council, be given first, second and third reading and enacted.

Carried

14. Adjournment

2021-72 Barker – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of council be adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Carried

Ian Anderson, Mayor

Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk

02/18/21:km

**TOWNSHIP OF BILLINGS COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT
PARKS, RECREATION & WELLNESS**

Report to	Council, Staff	Date	February 23, 2021
Completed by	Sharon Jackson Chair	Re	Parks, Recreation & Wellness

Highlights/Points of Interest

In attendance at the meeting was our newest member Andrew Preyde, Mayor Anderson and members of the public. With the addition of Andrew, the Terms of Reference structure is full, supporting the need for this Committee and its role in our community.

Santa meet n greet held in December was well attended. The kids enjoyed spending time with Santa even though they were not able to sit on his knee. Parents were happy to have something for their children to do after being cooped up for so long. Santa very generously donated his fee back to the Township. Committee volunteers replied to the children's letters to Santa. It was suggested that we relocate down Henry Drive closer to the Pavilion and cabanas where there is better lighting, and we could set up a hot chocolate station to create a livelier atmosphere.

Outdoor rink - Following a lengthy discussion lead by Andrew, two recommendations were made to Council: #1 submit repairs/renovations list for 2021 budget consideration and #2 that Council grants permission for PRW Committee members to fundraise for the rink.

Indoor walking program has been suspended until the 2021-2022 season due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Walking route signage - we will need to provide staff with the location for signage so they can be included in the 2021 budget and ordered to go up in the spring.

Family and Seniors focus groups - it was suggested we conduct a survey for families beginning at the Easter egg hunt in April and continue at the outdoor market in the summer. Same with the seniors' survey. Our goal is to engage as many people as possible from our community to learn what amenities they use and enjoy and how to fill any gaps.

Budget - We discussed activities and events for the upcoming year and how best to budget for them. Do we use available funds or include in the Township budget? How do we offset costs if using available funds i.e., thorough canteen sales or donations?

Easter egg hunt	\$ 300.00
Walking route signage	\$1500.00
Jabawong Storytelling partnership w/EDC	\$1000.00
Santa meet n greet	\$ 400.00
Hallowe'en pumpkin carving/treats	\$ 500.00

The following were deferred to 2022 re budget items for consideration:

Skate n Slide
Licenced Beach party dance
Paint night

Kite Flying - Tentatively planned for September. We need to determine a location and whether kite would be provided or if people will be asked to bring their own.

Terry Fox Fun Run is Sunday, September 19 - potential partnership with organizers Tanya Seifried and me. Volunteers are encouraged to reach out to Tanya. This is a walk/run/bike or roller blade activity. Non competitive (time is not recorded).

Dog park shelter - Alternate solution was to investigate purchasing a portable sun shelter rather than constructing one from recycled materials from the landfill site.

Giant game board pieces - some need to be replaced. Sharon & Shannon to report back at our next meeting.

Dog park survey - we will conduct a user survey during the summer, potentially at the outdoor market.

Newsletter/social media/website - I will continue to provide information regarding upcoming events to be included in the monthly newsletter, Township Facebook page and website.

Easter egg hunt is planned for Saturday, April 3 - Recommendation to Council to budget for \$300.00. Stay tuned for details.

National Volunteer Week April 18-24 - Kathy advised the Township will run an ad in the local newspapers as usual. I will ask for this item to be added as an Agenda item re municipal proclamation. The theme this year is *The Value of One, the Power of Many*.

Earth Day is Thursday April 22 - Everyone is encouraged to clean up their street/roadside. In past years people gathered at the Park Centre, were given bags provided by the Township and assigned a route to gather trash to be brought back, loaded in a volunteer's truck and taken to the landfill.

A suggestion was made that as the clean up occurs during smelt season, additional garbage cans be put out in places where people gather.

Recommendations to Council

Re Ice Rink - #1 submit repairs/renovations list for 2021 budget consideration. Moved by Andrew Preyde, Seconded by Diane Larocque. Carried

#2 that Council grants permission for PRW Committee members to fundraise for the rink. Moved by Shannon Smith, Seconded by Deb Flaxman. Carried

Easter egg hunt - that we request a budget for \$300.00.
Moved by Sharon Alkenbrack, Seconded by Deb Flaxman. Carried.

Kathy McDonald

From: Ian Anderson <mayoranderson@billingstwp.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 1:46 PM
To: Kathy McDonald; Tiana Mills
Subject: Report on the February 17 Manitoulin Municipal Meeting

Presentation from Health Care Worker Recruiter, Alyssa Spooney.

Recruiting on behalf of a number of Manitoulin municipalities including Neimi, Gore Bay, Gordon and Barrie Island, Central Manitoulin, Assiginack and Manitoulin Heath.
Contributions range from \$1200 to \$7000 annually.

Recruitment is done for the two hospitals and the Gore Bay and Manitowaning clinics for Family medicine practitioners, locums to replace doctors on vacation and facilitate site visits.

I asked that she do a presentation on this topic to the Billings council. Linda and Chuck Wilson did a presentation on Community Gardens. Goal is to build resiliency in a community, to combat food insecurity. Had a good example of the Gore Bay community garden which is in its fifth year of operation.

Over 50 members, school supported, number of perennials growing now. In 2020 had summer students one hundred percent funded to assist. Some volunteers still required. Chuck and Linda would be happy to assist any municipality to get started. 11 now exist in Manitoulin between First Nations and municipalities.

AMO conference virtual in August and FONOM is planning a free virtual conference in May.

Report on DSSAB, budget set with one half of one percent increase.

Policing, an increase in violence, drugs and mental health issues on Manitoulin, Covid leaving an impact. Two new police recruits coming in June to Manitoulin.
Next meeting is April 21, 2021

Ian Anderson

COMMITTEE REPORT
CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE

24 February 21 7:00 pm.

VIRTUAL

Meeting was called to order by the chair at 7:09 pm. with a quorum present.

PRESENT: Bryan Barker (Chair), Paul Darlaston, Kathy MacDonald (CAO/Clerk), Kim Neale (CCC/Recorder), Chris Theijsmeijer.

REGRETS: Bob Clifford, John Hoekstra

OLD BUSINESS

Survey Update and Results-

- CCC reported that the CEEP survey participation is currently at 300+ (combined Central Manitoulin and Billing)
- Suggested that the survey be extended until the 28 March 2021, at no additional cost. Survey report from Ethelo on the 10-11 March 2021. If the survey is to be extended emphasis needs to be put on getting the word out. CAC agreed to extend the survey until the 28 February 2021. No motion required.
- Post card mailouts were taken to the post office on the 22 February 2021.
- Billings striving for a 3% population participation compared to other past surveys of .25-1%

Draft CEEP Release Date

The draft CEEP is still being worked on by the CCC. On completion the draft will be reviewed by municipal staff, mainly the CAO's from now until the 15 March 2021.

Once CEEP is released on the 15 March 2021 it will:

- Have the survey results applied – with suggestions on prioritizing actions.
- Identify municipal committees, staff and other resources that will be required for each action.
- Climate Action Committee members will have about 10 days to review the survey results and draft CEEP prior to the 24 March 2021 CAC meeting.
- Following the 24 March 2021 CAC meeting it may be recommended that the CEEP draft be reviewed by other relevant committees of council.

- If the CEEP requires more editing and consultation it may need to come back to the CAC for revisions prior to going to council for final approval. This may take us into April before the final draft can be approved.
- There may be timeline and grant funding implications for consideration as we move from the CEEP draft to final approval from council.

FCM grant update:

- A reminder - FCM currently provide 80% coverage of the CCC salary until 31 March 2021.
- FCM has provided Central Manitoulin/Billings with the opportunity to sign a Conditional Agreement which details that FCM will continue to disburse remaining funds in the grant past 31 March 2021 – conditional to Infrastructure Canada approval
- This is a Conditional Agreement with FCM because Infrastructure Canada has yet to give FCM permission to continue disbursing unused grant funds past 31 March 2021.
- It is possible that Infrastructure Canada may not allow FCM to disburse these funds past 31 March 2021 – therefore FCM can only offer a Conditional Agreement, at this time, for this extension.
- Central Manitoulin/Billings were granted \$72,000 total for this grant – at this time we have \$24,836.54 remaining on the grant.
- The remaining grant funds are estimated to provide 80% salary coverage for the CCC from our last FCM payment (received 3 January 2021) until 5 May 2021.
- If we submit the Conditional Agreement paperwork to FCM and if Infrastructure Canada agrees to allow FCM to continue disbursing funds past 31 March 2021 – the municipality/township can continue to submit claims to FCM until the grant funds are exhausted.
- Central Manitoulin CAO would need to sign Conditional Agreement to proceed with this request.

The submission of the Conditional Agreement does not guarantee that we will receive the extension as Infrastructure Canada must still provide confirmation that FCM can disburse any unused grant funds post 31 March 2021.

MEP grant update:

- A reminder – the MEP currently provides 20% coverage of the CCC salary until 31 March 2021.
- On the 23 February 2021, the CCC spoke with MEP to advise them that we had received a Conditional Agreement opportunity with FCM that is conditional on Infrastructure Canada allowing them to disperse unused grant funds
- The CCC noted to MEP that as of 31 March 2021 – Central and Billings are expected to have unused funds and we may require more time to take draft CEEP to a final CEEP.

- CCC advised MEP that it is estimated that FCM grant funds are expected to continue covering 80% of CCC salary until approximately 5 May 2021 if we sign Conditional Agreement and Infrastructure Canada approves extension.
- MEP provided the CCC with an email outlining process for applying for an extension should Central/Billings determine that they will sign the FCM Conditional Agreement

Both extensions are not guaranteed – it is possible that neither will be approved.

If we do not submit the paperwork there will be unused grants funds as of 31 March 2021 and it is likely that the project will be unfinished as the draft CEEP is not expected to be approved by Council by 31 March 2021.

The extensions currently being offered will provide the municipality/township with a pathway to continue using unspent grant funds past 31 March 2021:

- if the draft CEEP has not yet been approved by Council,
- if FCM/MEP approves documentation for extension and
- if Infrastructure Canada approves FCM to disburse unused funds past 31 March 2021.

Will the CCC be available to complete the contract if the extension is granted until May 2021?

The CCC has committed to staying with the project until it is complete and a CEEP is approved at Council – regardless of whether the grant ends on 5 May 2021 or 5 May 2021. Once the grant has completed – it is expected that a new job description will be drafted, the role will be advertised, new candidates can apply. The current CCC is undecided on employment plans once the grant has concluded.

This committee recommends that council pursue the opportunity to extend the grant timeline to use all the available money used effectively – a motion is not required. CAO has the authority to submit grant extension paperwork. Will wait for Central Manitoulin to sign FCM Conditional Agreement – a motion on the matter was recommended at the Central CAC on the 24 February 2021.

NEW BUSINESS

Recommendation to Council:

A motion was put forward that a recommendation be put to Council to approve the continuation of the Central Manitoulin/Billings climate change planning and implementation partnership, once the current FCM/MEP grant has concluded.

Further that Council approve the continuation of Central Manitoulin/Billings climate change partnership resources, including but not limited to sharing staff resource (job title, salary, hours etc. to be determined) and maintaining Council Climate Action committee(s) once the current FCM/MEP grant be concluded.

NEXT MEETING

24 March 2021, 7:00 pm (virtual)

MEETING ADJOURNED

8:42 pm.

Submitted by

Councillor Bryan Barker (Chair CAC)

Ontario Good Roads Association Conference

22-25 February 2021

22 February 2021 Day#1

Remarks by Honorable Doug Ford, Premier

Political Keynote II

Honorable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation

Ontario Roadside Safety - A Strategic Roadside Approach to Vision Zero

Jamie West and Peter Nguyen – Ontario Road Safety Infrastructure Coalition (ORSIC)

This presentation highlighted the positive transformation taking place on roadsides across Ontario and will lend support to how maintaining and upgrading roadside safety infrastructure can play a pivotal role in attaining the goal of Vision Zero, NO fatalities. It is with this vision that the Ontario Road Safety Infrastructure Coalition (ORSIC) recently launched the "Safety on Your Side" Public Awareness Campaign.

Why Canadian Metropolises Will Thrive Despite the Pandemic

Joe Berridge - Urban Planner Urban Strategies Inc

Urban dwellers have been fantasizing about escaping to the suburbs and countryside since the COVID-19 pandemic hit. But while the virus is reshaping our cities, they will still be centres of growth and vibrancy in the years to come.

Design Build Delivery for Road Works Projects

Tyrone Parsons – Dept. of Transport Infrastructure Gov. New Brunswick

Alan Gregoire – Infrastructure Colliers Project Leaders

An increasing number of municipalities are choosing the Design-Build (DB) delivery method for their road works projects. The DB model provides multiple benefits, including schedule and cost certainty. It sets an infrastructure project on the right course from the start by establishing a single contract between the municipality and the DB contractor. Risks are allocated to the organization best suited to manage them, while the DB contractor is responsible for all aspects of design and construction.

This presentation outlined the benefits and challenges of the DB model. Presented by the Government of New Brunswick's Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (NBDTI) on why it chose DB for its Trout Creek structural replacement project and how the methodology contributed to the project's successful completion in just 10 weeks. This presentation also

explored how a DB model can help introduce innovation and increase funding success rates by ensuring projects are 'shovel-ready' – an important factor for governments looking to drive rapid economic recovery.

The Importance of Open Streets

Amanda O'Rourke - 880 Cities

The COVID-19 pandemic demonstrated that open streets are not something simply reserved for festivals and block parties. Citizens of many communities realized they were the only place to safely exercise and spend time outdoors. How can the lessons from this experience be applied in the post-COVID-19 world?

Ontarians on the Move

Mike Moffatt - Smart Prosperity Institute

Before COVID-19, Mike Moffatt published a series of data tables which captured serious trends in population movement. Although the City of Toronto was growing in population, it was shrinking in the number of kids as families were getting pushed out of the city in search of affordable housing. These changes have only been exacerbated by the pandemic and are changing the very nature of the province. These changes could have far-reaching consequences in transportation, infrastructure, and service delivery across the province.

The Future of Transportation In Northern Ontario

Tija Dirks – Director System Planning Branch Ont. Min. of Transportation

The Ministry of Transportation presented Connecting the North: A draft transportation plan for Northern Ontario. MTO officials outlined the plan, answered questions, and solicit feedback.

23 February 2021 Day#2

Building the Future: Rural Infrastructure & Regional Economic Development

Dr. Ryan Gibson – EDO Department School of Environmental Design and Rural Development UOG

Melissa Visser – MSc. Student Environmental Design and Rural Development University of Guelph

Ashley Weeden – PhD Candidate Environmental Design and Rural Development UOG

Over the last three years, OGRA has partnered with researchers from the University of Guelph, Simon Fraser University, and policy leaders at OMAFRA to investigate capacities of rural communities to respond to infrastructure pressures and opportunities and how that capacity affects their current and future long-term economic development. Members of the research team shared early insights, case studies, and a provincial survey of more than 250 municipal leaders.

Political Keynote II:

Andrea Horwath, Leader, Ontario New Democratic Party

Municipal Leadership on Climate Change

David Miller – Director of International Diplomacy C40 Climate Leadership Group

David Miller has become a leading voice on climate change. In his recently published book, *Solved*, he argues that all the solutions needed to solve climate change already exist at the municipal level and just need widespread adoption.

Political Keynote III

Hon. Laurie Scott, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure

Ontario Minister of Infrastructure Laurie Scott will speak to delegates about the role the provincial government is playing in the municipal infrastructure sector.

Infrastructure & Construction in 2021

Nadia Todorova – Interim Executive Director Residential and Civil Construction Association.

Mark Romoff – President and CEO Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships

Bruce Matthews – Executive Director Association of Consulting Engineering Companies - Ontario

Presentation regarding 2021 appears to be picking up where 2020 left off. What does this mean for the infrastructure & construction sector? This panel will discuss the business trends and factors that are going to influence the sector over the coming year and how this will affect municipal governments.

Adapting Municipal Infrastructure to Meet the Climate Challenges Ahead

Natalia Moudrak – Director Climate Resilience Intact Centre on Climate Adaptation

Darla Campbell – Asset Management Specialist Dillon Consulting Limited

Panel discussion regarding Climate change is effectively irreversible and extreme weather does not care about COVID-19, nor is there a vaccine that will resolve it. We must adapt our infrastructure so that it is resilient when it is being tested by flooding, wildfires, extreme heat, and other extreme weather events. Climate change may expose potential vulnerabilities in municipal infrastructure, especially as the infrastructure is aging. Current infrastructure was designed using historic climate data which may not reflect the climate of the future. As a result, municipal infrastructure may be vulnerable since it may not have enough capacity or resiliency to accommodate the conditions created by a changing climate. Knowledge is power. We need to know what each sector, including the municipal sector, can do to address the issue. There is an adaptation action gap. The panel members will discuss what should be done to address this

gap and provide information on technically feasible and cost-effective solutions to reduce extreme weather risk – and associated economical and social stresses.

24 February 2021 Day#3

Georgian Bay Biosphere Project

Tianna Burke – Conservation Biologist Georgian Bay Biosphere

Roads are known to have significant effects on the landscapes and habitats they bisect and many studies throughout Ontario have shown the negative impacts of roads on reptile populations through direct mortality, habitat loss and habitat fragmentation. A 2020 road project in the Township of The Archipelago resulted in tangible benefits for community, government and the environment. The project has provided a demonstration of sustainable practices for road management including numerous ecological, cultural, educational, and financial benefits of collaboration to provide a higher quality strategy for road work that benefits conservation at a comparable cost to conventional road work methods.

Political Keynote IV

Steven Del Duca, Leader, Ontario Liberal Party

Smart Solutions Chamber

Edona Vila – Partner Borden Ladner Gervais (BLG)

Craig Lion – General Manager and Senior Road Safety Engineer AMAG

Steve Ostrowski – CEO Municipal Transit Solutions

Asad Lesani – CEO Bluecity

Jodi MacEachern – Senior Manager Information Technology County of Grey

Jennifer Smith – Manager Corporate and Community Strategic Initiatives City of Guelph

Dan Mathieson – Mayor City of Stratford

Cyrus Tehrani – Chief Digital Officer City of Hamilton

This session featured three cutting edge products or services which will be sure to disrupt the municipal sector in the coming years. Each product will be "pitched" to a panel of municipal experts who will provide feedback. Audience members were given a chance to vote on which product or service they believe will have the biggest impact in the sector.

Political Keynote V

Hon. Steve Clark, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing

The Struggle for Road Safety and the Unmet Promise of Federalism

Sara Bronin, UConn Law School

American streets have become increasingly dangerous places for non-drivers: 2019 was the deadliest year for pedestrians and cyclists in three decades. The devastation is inequitably wrought on the elderly, people of color, and people living in urban areas — who are the same groups who suffer most from the effects of vehicular pollution. This resurgence of road violence, and the effects of polluting vehicles, no doubt have many complexities. But what makes American roads uniquely deadly are laws that lock in two interrelated design problems: unfriendly streets and unsafe vehicles. This talk covered the legal framework for design standards that lock in avoidable, unequal outcomes. Who makes the standards? Why are these standards so hard to change? And what can we all do about it?

Electric Vehicles in Your Community

Cara Clairman – President and CEO Plug and Drive

Alex Chapman – Executive Director Our Energy Guelph

Nino Di Cara – Founder and President Electric Autonomy Canada

Electric Vehicles (EVs) have moved from the fringe and into the mainstream. Although they are more common on our roads, they have not yet reached the point of replacing gas-powered vehicles. Governments of all levels have a role to play in nurturing these zero-emission vehicles.

25 February 2021 Day#4

Political Keynote VI

Hon. Kinga Surma, Associate Minister of Transportation

Political Keynote VII

Mike Schreiner, Leader, Green Party of Ontario

Current and Future Trends in Roadway Liability

Dr. Adam Campbell, 30 Forensic Engineering

What happens when the finger is pointed at the roadway authority as being the cause of the collision? Litigation that swirls around a collision event exposes massive financial risk and exacts an emotional toll on everyone involved. As a trial-experienced Forensic Human Factors expert, Dr. Campbell spoke about the courtroom process that expose the common reasons why road authorities are often found at-fault for collision events, how autonomous/connected vehicles and infrastructure will shift the current liability landscape, and to delivered practical strategies that road authorities can use to reduce their exposure, today and in the future.

Solving for Safety - Unlocking the Power of Connected Vehicle Data

Andy Palanisamy – Head of Mobility Engagement – US Midwest and Canada Ford Motor Company

Callahan Coplai – Product Owner-Safety Insights Ford Motor Company

Scott Butler – Executive Director OGRA

Robert Walton – General Manager Operations County of Brant

Sid Vander Veen – Drainage Engineer RJBurnside and Associates Ltd.

Stephen O'Brien – General Manager City Clerk's Office City of Guelph

Wendy Stephanson – Chief Financial Officer City of Ottawa

Barbara Waldron – Chief Building Official Cramahe Township

Kristen Newman – Director of Legal Services Town of Lakeshore

Matthew Johnson – Windsor Essex Economic Development Corporation

Panel discussion regarding the loss of life and personal injuries, safety challenges on our roads that inflict a tremendous economic toll on our society. Thanks to the advancement of vehicle and cellular technology, today we can pinpoint the locations of crashes and make predictions that can help avert the accidents, this bringing about a sea change in the safety and well-being of all road users. Ford, a pioneer in vehicle technology, has built Safety Insights data platform, that leverages the power of its connected vehicle data. Safety Insights helps traffic safety engineers by providing a simple process to gain a system-level view for solving traffic safety issues.

Final Word Panel

A Final Word provided the opportunity to have delegates most vexing municipal government questions answered by a panel of experts in the fields of administration, planning, law, construction, drainage, public works and more. Questions were submitted in advance.

Report Submitted

Bryan Barker

Memorandum

To: Council

cc: CAO/Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Administrative Assistant

From: Todd Gordon, EDO

Date: 03.10.2021

RE: Broadband Update

Manitoulin Broadband Committee:

I attended the first meeting of the Manitoulin Broadband Committee on March 9th – hosted by Blue Sky Net. It was not particularly well attended, which was disappointing. There was no set agenda, but rather it was an introductory conversation about:

1. The current situation with broadband on Manitoulin, at least from Blue Sky's perspective. This included discussion of the H&M COFI situation (more on that below), as well as Starlink developments.
2. Activities undertaken by other similar committees that Blue Sky is participating in.
3. Things that this committee might consider doing.

There were a couple of initial activities suggested by Susan Gardiner, Executive Director of Blue Sky Net, as follows: Blue Sky create and issue a Request for Information (ROI). An ROI will elicit a different type of response from potential Internet Service Providers (ISPs) because there is no discussion cost, funding, etc. – rather it is a set of questions that ISPs can answer about what services they currently provide in a given area, and what they *could* provide, and under what conditions. These ROIs have proven useful in other areas within the Blue Sky Net Mandate.

Set up an advanced speed test campaign, for Manitoulin, again hosted by Blue Sky. Yes, one can access hundreds, if not 1000s of Internet speed tests “out there,” many of them hosted by ISPs. However, a Blue Sky hosted test site, and campaign sponsored by Blue Sky would create data that would be logged for broader “common good.” In other words, speed results would directly contribute to accurately mapping current speeds, contribute to building the case for continued improvement, and help to document change over time.

H&M COFI

(Huron Shores and Manitoulin Community-Owned Fibre Infrastructure)

- Please see the attached letter (and letter of support template) from the H&M COFI Initiative – this is the 5th Update from this project. The letter was originally emailed, so I've taken a little liberty with the formatting to get it onto one page.
- The H&M COFI initiative is interesting. However, the Township of Billings has not formally signed-on as a participant in this program. I do not recommend doing so at this time for several reasons, including the following:
 - Fibre-based Internet is wonderful (in some ways, it is the “Cadillac” of broadband infrastructure). It is also extremely expensive to implement, especially in rural settings
 - The H&M COFI project is predicated on municipal ownership (and therefore maintenance, long and short-term) of the infrastructure.
 - Signing on, investing in, and implementing the H&M COFI will be a huge and high-risk endeavor. And it essentially puts all our “Internet eggs in one basket.”

As always, I'm happy to answer questions.

Respectfully submitted

Todd

H&M COFI

HURON SHORE AND MANITOULIN ISLAND COMMUNITY OWNED FIBRE INFRASTRUCTURE

March 9, 2021

Dear Members of the H&M COFI Region

This is the first newsletter to be delivered from the new H&M COFI board. H&M COFI incorporated and appointed a board to handle the decision-making process of the broadband project. The board will work closely with ROCK Networks as the venture moves forward.

A lot of progress has been made since the incorporation. The H&M COFI team has completed the 1st intake application for Stage 2 of the ICON (Improving Connectivity for Ontario) broadband program at the provincial level. We are now in the process of doing the same for UBF (Universal Broadband Fund) at the federal level to meet the March 15, 2021 deadline. We have spoken to numerous Federal and Provincial Ministers and staff, who are responsible for this file. They have all met Georges' presentations with strong interest and support for the H&M COFI Project and its ideals.

We have launched the H&M COFI website www.hmcofi.com and have an H&M COFI Facebook page www.facebook.com/HMCOFI.

H&M COFI is asking that you put your energies in action to help H&M COFI become a reality this year. Your efforts to date have been greatly appreciated and we look forward to the next level of your help. **We need the support of the region to strengthen our proposal and increase our chances of successful bids for funding.** This is how you can help:

1. Hopefully you have been able to meet with your board or council since H&M COFI's last outreach to your organization to explain the project and request their support in October 2020. If you haven't supplied us with a Letter of Support to date, you are free to use the template attached to show your approval of our intention to build a broadband network to supply 100% coverage to the catchment area from Prince Township to Nairn Centre and Elliot Lake to St. Joseph and Manitoulin Islands.
2. Supply us with the up-to-date name, title, email address and preferred phone number(s) of your primary and alternate points of contact within your organization.
3. For all who have and will submit Letters of Support, H&M COFI would like to acknowledge you with your permission, by listing your group's name and logo on the "*Partners and Supporter's*" page of our website. If you wish to be recognized in this way, please let us know of your intent by attaching a JPEG file of your logo.
4. Encourage your board/council members, colleagues and family members to take the Internet speed tests that can be found on the Home Page of our website. Speeds collected from these tests assist in the funding process and ultimately in the construction of the network.

Forward your emails with the above inclusions to info@hmcofi.com.

Please put your energies in action to help H&M COFI become a reality. Your efforts have been greatly appreciated and we are looking forward to the next level of your help.

We are always available for your input.

Respectfully yours,

Jo Anne Matheson: Board Member - H&M COFI Corporation

Enclosure: Template for Letter of Support

To the Huron Shore & Manitoulin Island Community Owned Fibre Infrastructure Corporation (H&M COFI):

Please be advised that the [Community Name] fully supports H&M COFI's initiative to actively seek out rural broadband solutions for the region extending from Prince Township in the west to Nairn Centre in the east and including Elliot Lake and St. Joseph and Manitoulin Islands.

The Government of Canada has planned for 90% of Canadians to have access to unlimited data, speeds of 50 Mbps for downloads and 10 Mbps for uploads by 2021. At the current rate, the province will not be anywhere near the projected speeds, let alone the access to reliable and unlimited data.

Daily aspects of our lives are increasingly touched by digital technology. Access to reliable, cost-effective, high-speed Internet has become an essential service and a key driver for improving our economic and social well-being. Now, more than ever, with events such as the COVID-19 pandemic, the demand for higher speed Internet is evident and the marginal service offered to rural areas is magnified. Students are learning online, more rural residents are working from home, health care providers are relying more on virtual appointments and many others are affected by low Internet speeds.

For communities such as ours to grow, it is essential that Internet is more reliable, cost-effective and more efficient than at its current status.

Sincerely,

(You may add additional comments of support, as deemed appropriate.)

Memorandum

To: Mayor and Council

cc: CAO/Clerk, Deputy Clerk

From: Todd Gordon, EDO

Date: 03.10.2021

RE: Main Street Reconstruction Update

Update:

- The Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) for the storm sewer system (drainage infrastructure) has been processed by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP). The approval documentation is pending.
- When the ECA approval is in hand, the municipality will be able to finalize the reconstruction contract with Dennis Gratton Construction Inc., the successful project bidder. Gratton has been doing some preliminary preparation under a Letter of Intent with the township.
- We expect the work on relocating the utility poles at Carter Crescent and part way down the hill to commence shortly. This work will be conducted by a pole line company, under contract to Bell Canada, in coordination with Hydro One, who will make sure their equipment is properly transferred to the new poles. Both these relocates are critical to ensuring safety and facilitating drainage in the completed project.
- We have made progress on the environmental issue in the lower part of the project, including meeting with MECP. We are confident, at this time, that we will be able to successfully address the issue through the construction process.

So, in general, the project is progressing well, and on schedule. However, the one major stumbling block is regarding our desired pole relocate in the vicinity of the intersection of Main Street and Old Mill Road. This pole relocation is critical to successfully implementing the project, as designed. However, we are experiencing difficulty in communicating with one of Hydro One customer (property owners) with whom we need collaboration to facilitate the pole relocation.

Respectfully submitted,
Todd Gordon, EDO

Public Health Sudbury & Districts

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Epidemiology Update

These data are based on information available from Public Health Sudbury & Districts as of **4:00 PM March 07, 2021**, unless otherwise specified.

Highlights

As of the time of reporting, among residents of the Public Health Sudbury & Districts service area, there have been:

- **784 cases** of COVID-19.
 - **3 (0.4%) of these cases** have been confirmed as a COVID-19 variant of concern.
 - Additionally, **77 cases (9.8%)** have screened positive for variants of COVID-19.
 - Time is required to genetically-sequence the virus in a positive sample and confirm it as a variant of concern.
 - As of November 24, 2020, unless otherwise specified, case counts include laboratory confirmed cases as well as probable cases as defined by the Ontario Ministry of Health ([probable case definition \[PDF\]](#)), except for individuals who have a preliminary positive result from a point-of-care test and for whom laboratory confirmation is required.
- **14 deaths**.
 - The *case fatality rate* is 1.8% (i.e., $Total\ Deaths / Total\ Cases \times 100\%$).
- **190,218 tests** for COVID-19 completed as of end of day on March 6, 2021. Note: this includes preliminary counts of tests completed in the previous 6 days.
 - The *testing rate* is 95,658 tests per 100,000 population.
 - The percent of tests that are positive is 0.4%. (i.e., $Total\ Positive\ Tests / Total\ Tests \times 100\%$). Note: an individual may have more than one test completed.

Of the cases:

- 603 cases (76.9%) are resolved, and there are 181 active cases (23.1%).
- 301 cases (38.4%) were female. Note: Sex is not specified for cases 19 aged years and under.
- 467 cases (59.6%) were less than 40 years of age. Note: Data on sex and age groups are updated when there are sufficient data to ensure individual cases cannot be identified.
- 110 cases (14.0%) had no known epidemiological link (unknown exposure).
- 118 cases (15.1%) were related to 27 outbreaks in congregate settings. There have been 13 COVID-related deaths in these facilities.
- There have been 14 outbreaks declared in local schools and licensed daycares.

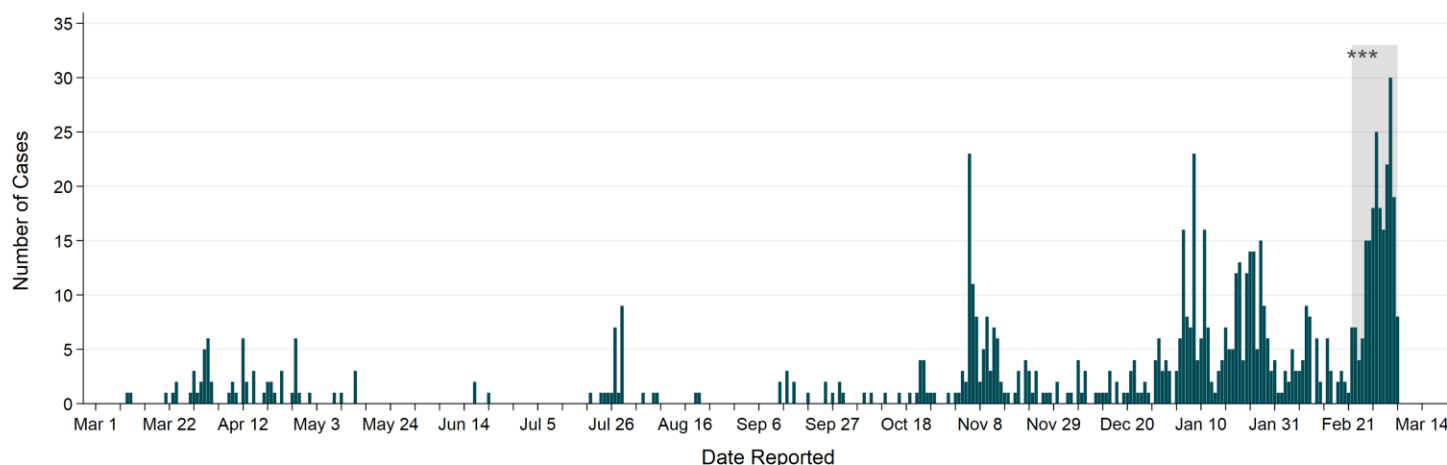
Epidemiology – Sudbury and Districts

Total cases as of March 07, 2021 at 4:00 PM: **784 Cases**

Cases over time

Note: External data sources may have slight delays in capturing locally reported cases.

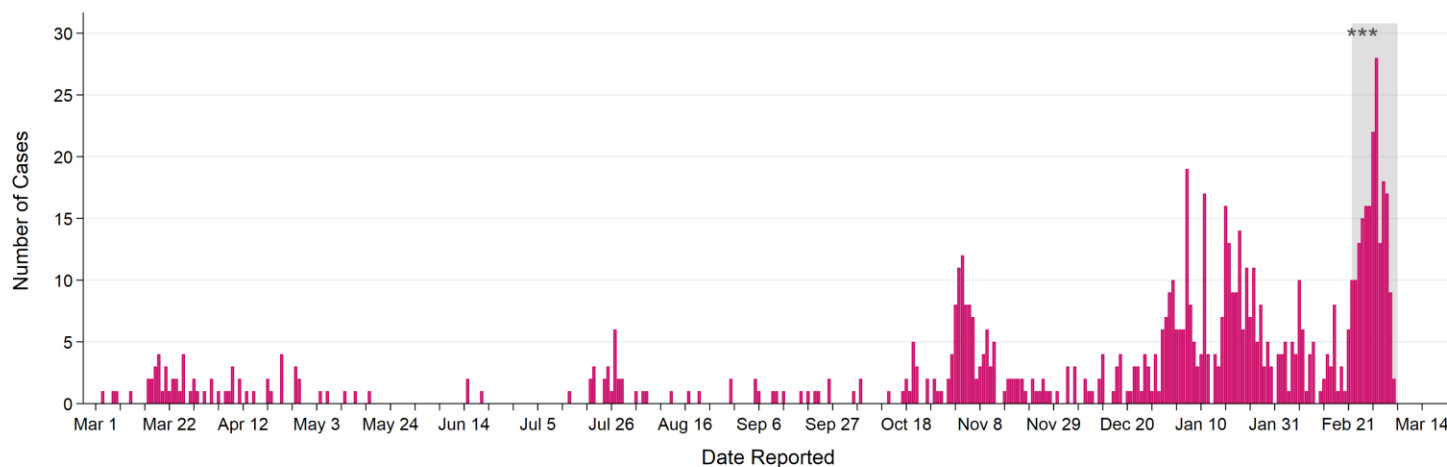
FIGURE 1. Confirmed cases, by date of reporting, Sudbury and districts



Data Source: Ontario Treasury Board Secretariat, Data Catalogue, Confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in Ontario. <https://data.ontario.ca/dataset/confirmed-positive-cases-of-covid-19-in-ontario> (Access Date: March 08, 2021)

*** Illnesses occurring during this period may not yet be reported

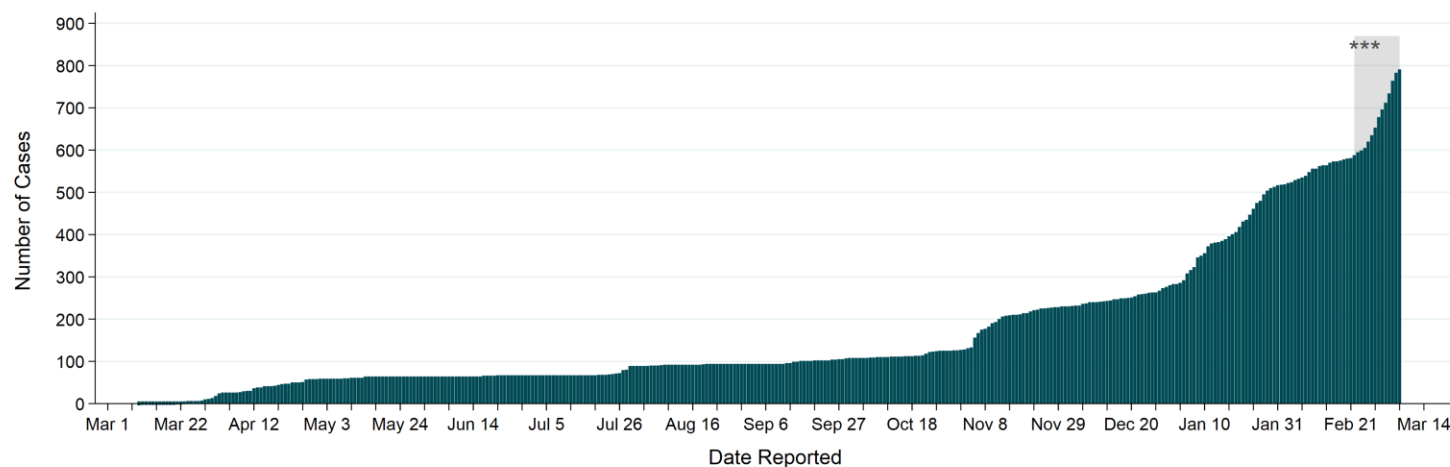
FIGURE 2. Confirmed cases, by date of symptom onset, Sudbury and districts



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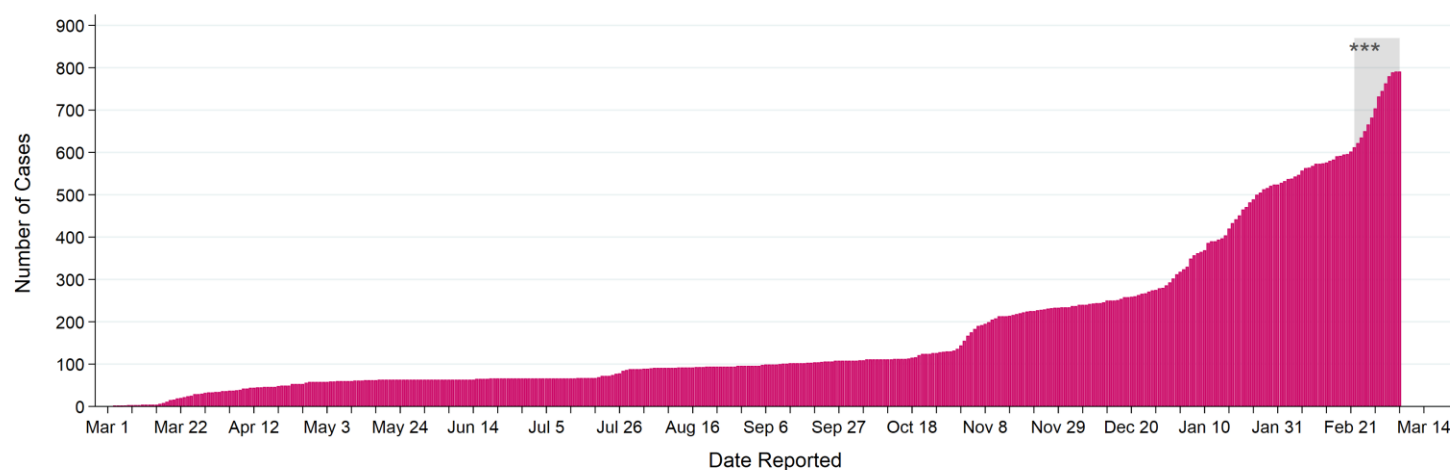
FIGURE 3. Cumulative confirmed cases, by date of reporting, Sudbury and districts



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FIGURE 4. Cumulative confirmed cases, by date of symptom onset, Sudbury and districts



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Case Characteristics

TABLE 1. Number and Percentage of Cases, by Various Characteristics

Characteristic	Cases - Total	Percentage (%)	Cases - Past week	Percentage (%)
Numbers of Cases	784	100%	149	100%
Change from previous report	86	12.3%*	51	52.0%*
Cases screened positive for variants of COVID-19	77	9.8%	62	41.6%
Cases with confirmed variant of concern: B.1.1.7†	3	0.4%	**	**
Sex: Male	288	36.7%	51	34.2%
Sex: Female	301	38.4%	56	37.6%
Sex: Not specified***	195	24.9%	42	28.2%
Ages: 19 and under	191	24.4%	39	26.2%
Ages: 20-39	276	35.2%	52	34.9%
Ages: 40-59	161	20.5%	32	21.5%
Ages: 60-79	92	11.7%	19	12.8%
Ages: 80 and over	61	7.8%	4	2.7%
Ages: Not specified***	3	0.4%	3	2.0%
Area: Greater Sudbury	734	93.6%	144	96.6%
Area: Manitoulin District	24	3.1%	0	0.0%
Area: Sudbury District	26	3.3%	5	3.4%

Data source: Public Health Sudbury & Districts

*Percent change represents the degree of change over time, calculated: (New-Original)/Original

† The COVID-19 variant lineage B.1.1.7 is also commonly referred to as the U.K. variant, since it was first detected in that country.

** The time required to genetically-sequence the virus in a positive sample and confirm it as a COVID-19 variant of concern means that this determination might not be made during the week in which the case was first reported.

***Data on sex and age groups are listed as unspecified until there are sufficient numbers to allow them to be assigned to the appropriate categories. This ensures that individual cases cannot be identified. Sex is not specified for cases aged 19 years and under.

Case Outcome

TABLE 2. Case outcomes, by geographic area

Geographic Area	Total Cases	Resolved Cases	Percent Resolved	Active Cases	Percent Active	Deaths	Case Fatality Rate (CFR)
Sudbury and districts	784	603	76.9%	181	23.1%	14	1.8%
Ontario	309,927	298,911	96.4%	11,016	3.6%	7,077	2.3%

Data Source: Public Health Sudbury & Districts and Ontario MOH COVID-19 Update

Probable Exposure

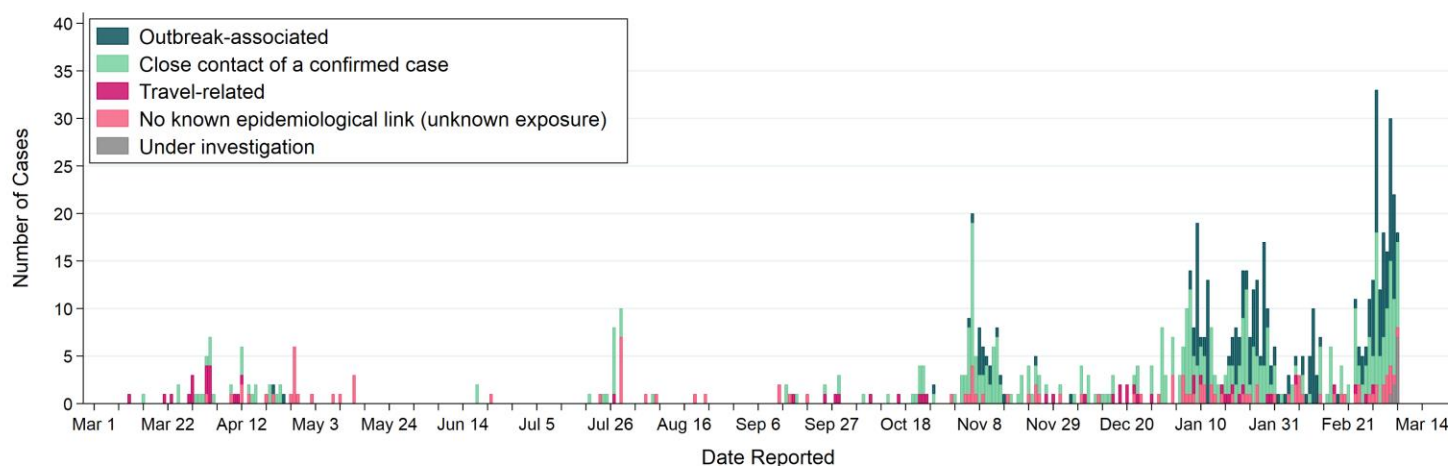
Note: Exposure categories have been revised to better align with categories reported provincially.

TABLE 3. Cases, by probable exposure, Sudbury and districts

Exposure	Cases - Total	Percentage (%)	Cases - Past week	Percentage (%)
Outbreak-associated	229	29.2%	66	44.3%
Close contact of a confirmed case	381	48.6%	61	40.9%
Travel-related	54	6.9%	0	0.0%
No known epidemiological link (unknown exposure)	110	14.0%	12	8.1%
Under investigation	10	1.3%	10	6.7%

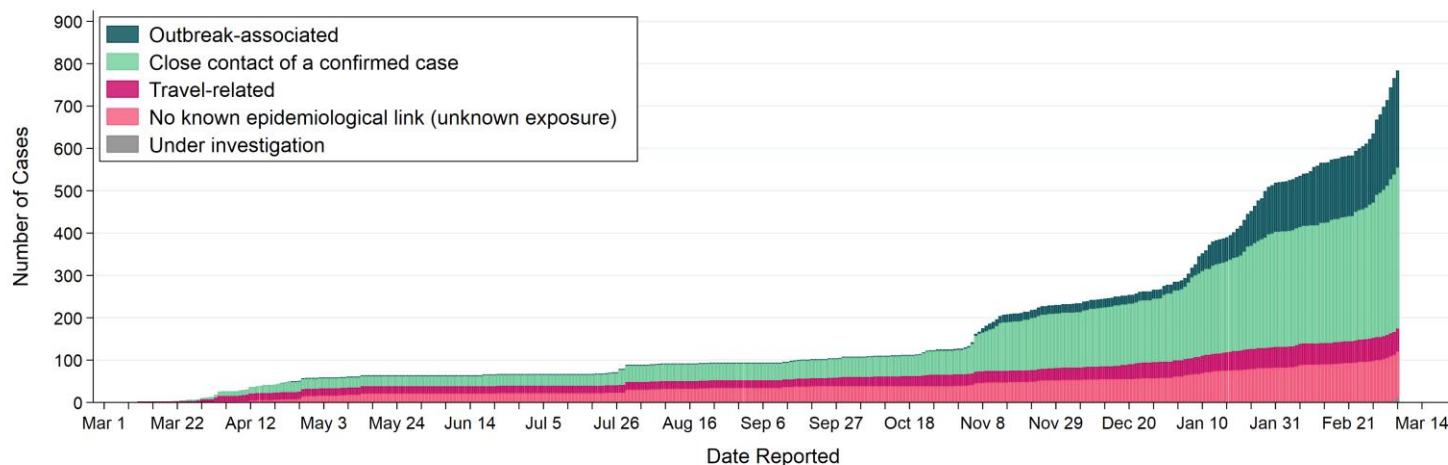
Data Source: Public Health Sudbury & Districts

FIGURE 5. Cases, by date of reporting and probable exposure, Sudbury and districts



Data source: Public Health Sudbury & Districts

FIGURE 6. Cumulative cases, by date of reporting and probable exposure, Sudbury and districts



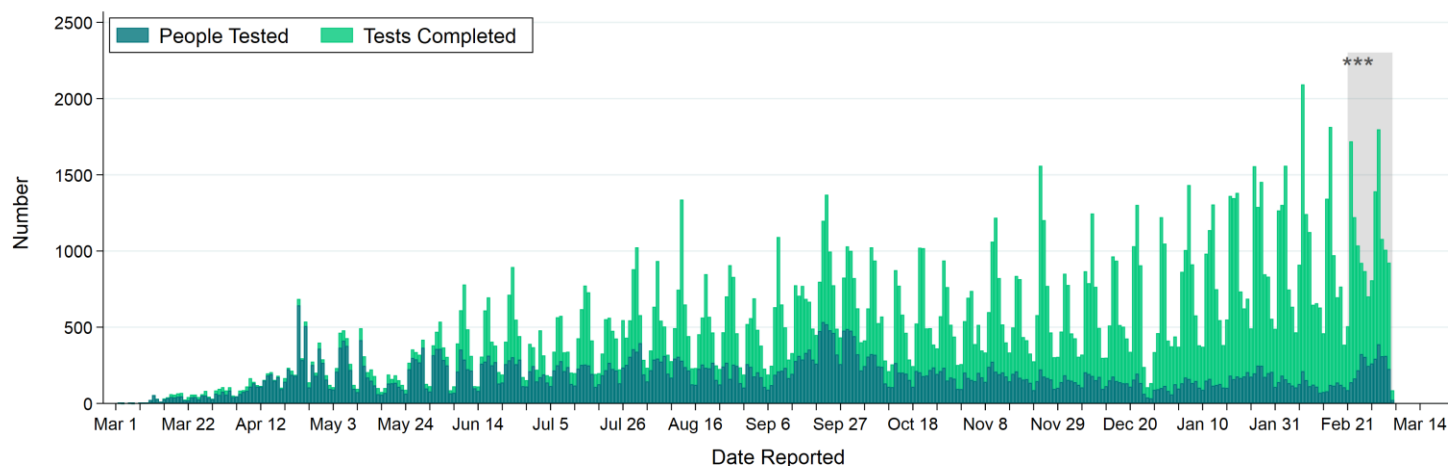
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Testing

Total number of tests for COVID-19 as of end of day on March 6, 2021: **190,218 tests** (this includes preliminary counts of tests completed in the previous 6 days.)

Data includes testing from community assessment centres and other health care settings, as well as targeted surveillance initiatives, such as in long-term care homes.

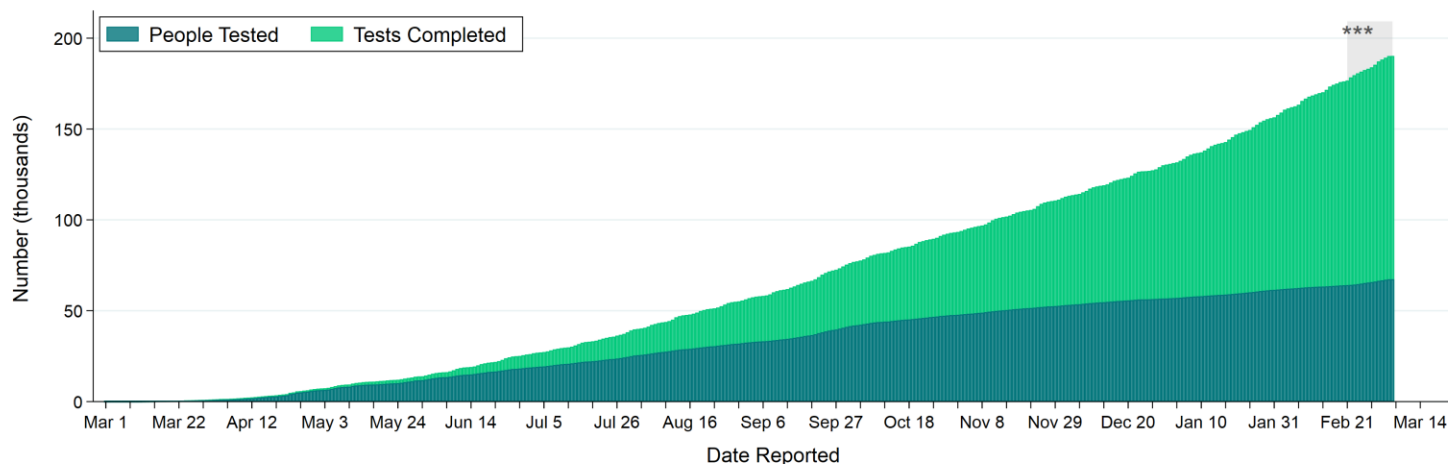
FIGURE 7. Number of tests and people tested in Sudbury and districts, March 30 to March 6, 2021



Data source: COVID-19 Testing Report (SAS Visual Analytics), Ministry of Health, March 08, 2021

*** Preliminary data

FIGURE 8. Cumulative number of tests and people tested in Sudbury and districts, March 30 to March 6, 2021



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*** Preliminary data

Outbreaks in Facilities

As per the most recent provincial directives, outbreaks of COVID-19 are not automatically declared in long-term care homes and other congregate settings with the confirmation of one case. Public Health assesses each unique situation in determining if an outbreak should be declared, including, for example, occupation, exposures in the home, symptoms of the case, specific risk factors, and local epidemiology.

- In total there have been **27** COVID-19 outbreaks in area facilities.
- A total of **118** cases (66 resident cases and 52 staff cases) are associated with these outbreaks. There has been **13** deaths.
- Of the declared outbreaks, **3** are currently active, and **24** have been declared over.
- The table, below, provides a summary of outbreaks that have been active within the past 7 days.

TABLE 4. Summary of recent outbreaks in facilities, Sudbury and districts

Name of Facility	Facility Type	Units Affected	Date Active	Date Declared Over	Total Cases
The Walford Retirement Home	Retirement Home	Facility-wide	February 25	-	2
Sudbury Developmental Services	Congregate setting	Facility-wide	March 2	-	5
L'Arche Sudbury Jerico Group Home	Congregate setting	Facility-wide	March 4	-	1

Data Source: Public Health Sudbury & Districts

Outbreaks in Schools and Licensed Daycares

An outbreak in a school or daycare will be declared if there are two or more cases of COVID-19 in a 14-day period that have some link with each other, and with evidence that infection occurred at the school.

- In total there have been **14** COVID-19 outbreaks in area schools and licensed daycares.
- Of the declared outbreaks, **7** are currently active, and **7** have been declared over.
- The table, below, provides a summary of outbreaks that have been active within the past 7 days.

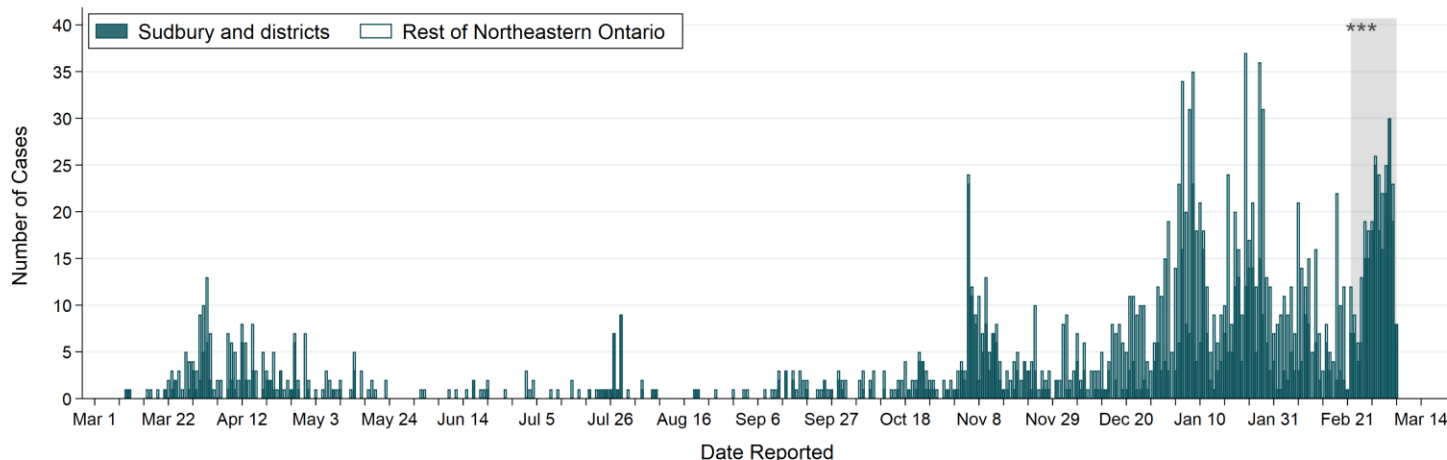
TABLE 5. Summary of recent outbreaks in schools and licensed daycares, Sudbury and districts

Name of School	School Type	Date Active	Date Declared Over
Lasalle Secondary School	Elementary and Secondary School	February 25	-
Cyril Varney Public School	Elementary School	February 25	-
Jean Hanson Public School	Special Needs	February 27	-
Algonquin Road Public School	Elementary School	February 28	-
Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School	Secondary School	March 2	-
Holy Trinity Catholic Elementary School	Elementary School	March 5	-
Ecole Alliance St. Joseph	Elementary School	March 5	-

Data Source: Public Health Sudbury & Districts

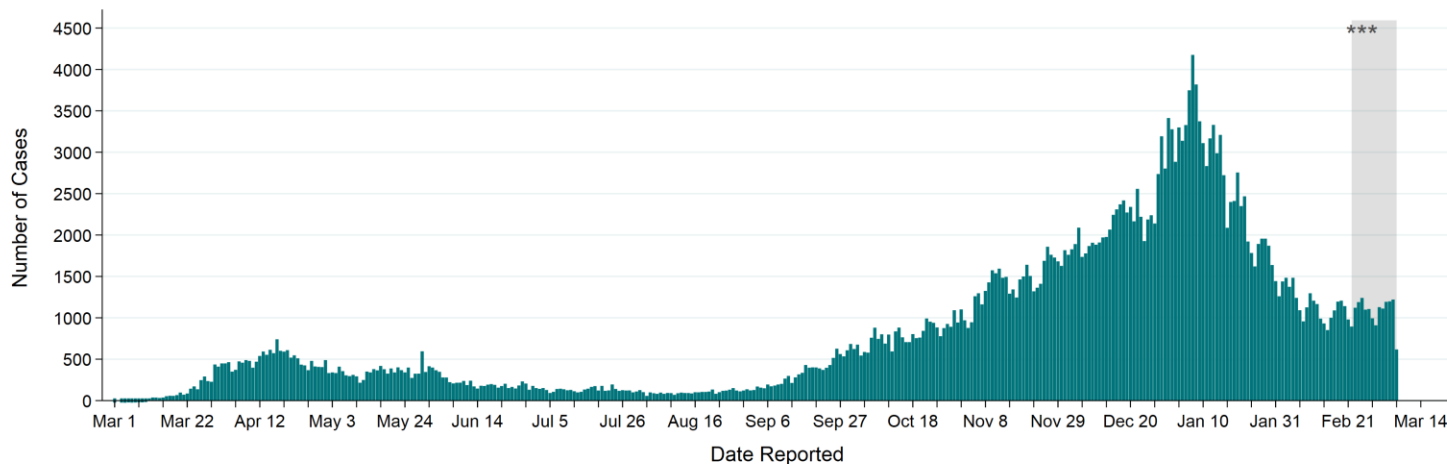
Regional Context

FIGURE 9. Confirmed cases, by date of reporting, Sudbury and districts and Northeastern Ontario



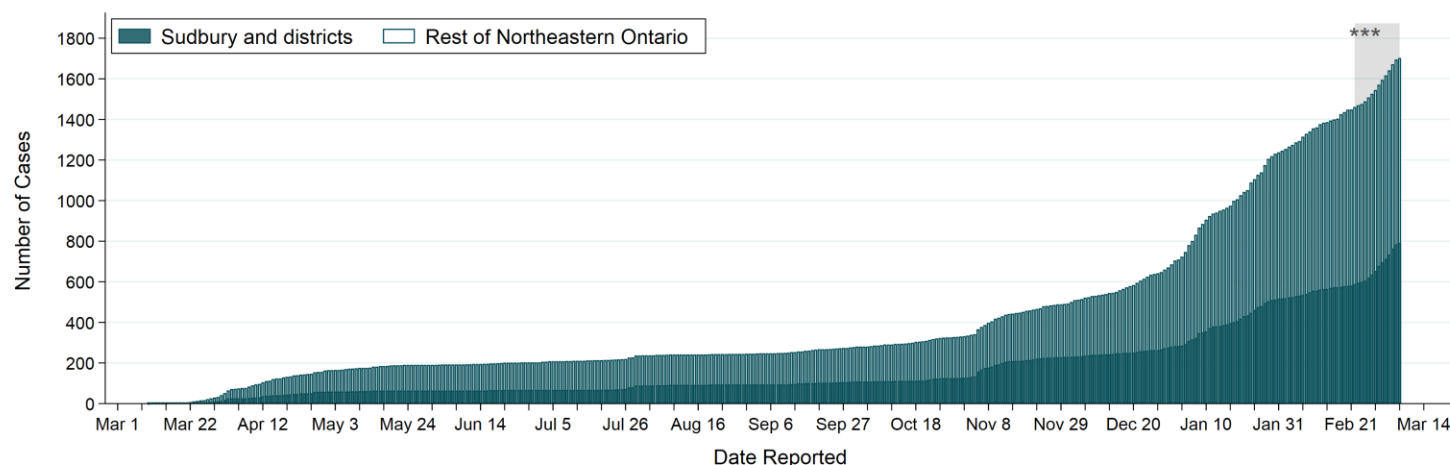
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FIGURE 10. Confirmed cases, by date of reporting, Ontario



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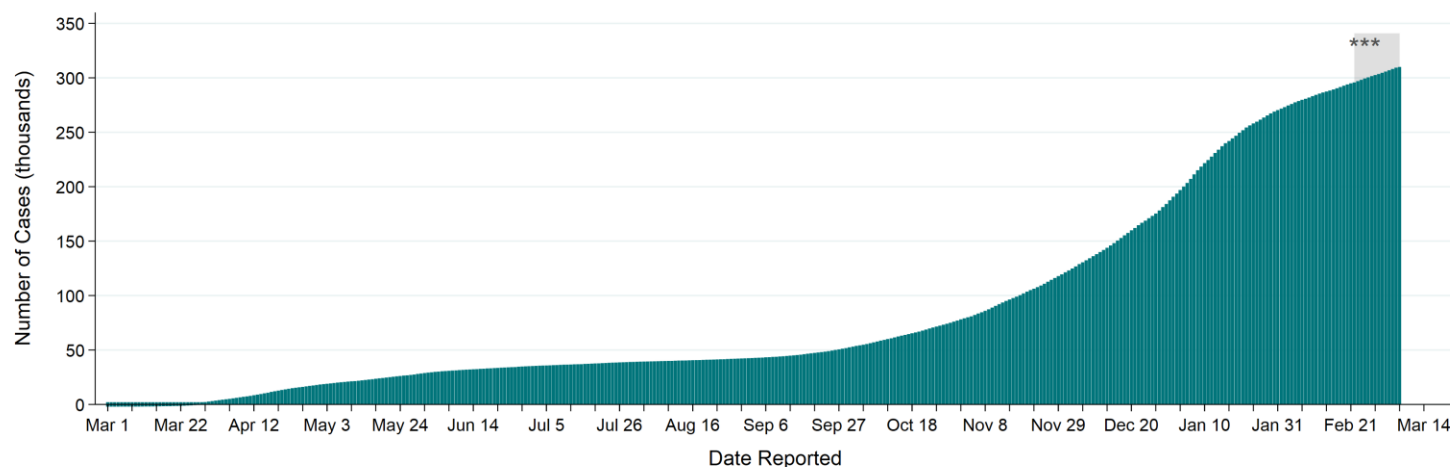
FIGURE 11. Cumulative confirmed cases, by date of reporting, Sudbury and districts and Northeastern Ontario



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FIGURE 12. Cumulative confirmed cases, by date of reporting, Ontario



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TABLE 6. Regional COVID-19 case summary

Geographic Area	Cases	Cumulative incidence per 100,000*	Active Cases	Prevalence per 100,000**	Resolved Cases	Resolved Rate	Deceased	Case Fatality Rate	Data Availability†
Canada	886,574	2,358.6	30,268	80.5	856,306	96.6%	22,239	2.5%	March 7
Ontario	309,927	2,114.1	11,016	75.1	298,911	96.4%	7,077	2.3%	March 5
Northern Ontario	3,998	501.7	618	77.5	3,380	84.5%	81	2.0%	March 5
Northeastern Ontario	1,655	295.8	185	33.1	1,470	88.8%	48	2.9%	March 5
Public Health Sudbury & Districts	784	394.3	181	91.0	603	76.9%	14	1.8%	March 7

Data source: Statistics Canada, Government of Canada COVID-19 Update, Ontario MOH COVID-19 Update, integrated Public Health Information System (iPHIS) database, Northwestern Health Unit, Thunder Bay District Health Unit, Algoma Public Health, North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Public Health Sudbury & Districts, Porcupine Health Unit, Timiskaming Health Unit.

* Cumulative incidence is the rate at which new cases have occurred since the beginning of the pandemic. ** Prevalence is the current rate of active (unresolved) cases in the population

† This report is based on the most currently available information at date and time of production.

TABLE 7. Regional COVID-19 testing summary

Geographic Area	Tests Completed	Tests per 100,000	% Tests that were Positive*	People Tested	People Tested per 100,000	% People Tested who were Positive**	Data Availability†
Canada	25,159,921	66,934	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	March 7
Ontario	10,031,093	68,424	3.1%	4,208,080	28,704	7.4%	March 7
Northern Ontario	717,479	90,033	0.6%	251,080	31,507	1.6%	March 6
Northeastern Ontario	497,072	88,857	0.4%	170,151	30,416	1.0%	March 6
Public Health Sudbury & Districts	190,218	95,658	0.4%	67,277	33,833	1.2%	March 6

Data source: Statistics Canada, Government of Canada COVID-19 Update; COVID-19 Testing Report (SAS Visual Analytics), Ontario Ministry of Health, March 08, 2021

* This is calculated using the following formula: Total Positive Tests / Total Tests x 100%. Note: an individual person may be tested on multiple different occasions. Samples collected on each such occasion may undergo multiple tests, and thus may yield multiple positive tests. The number of positive tests will therefore exceed the number of confirmed cases within an area.

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COVID-19 in Sudbury & districts: Your weekly update March 4, 2021

Issued: Thursday, March 4, 2021

Reporting period: Thursday, February 25, 2021, to Wednesday, March 3, 2021.

March 4, 2021 — The following is a summary of how the status of [COVID-19](https://www.phsd.ca/health-topics-programs/diseases-infections/coronavirus/current-status-covid-19/) (<https://www.phsd.ca/health-topics-programs/diseases-infections/coronavirus/current-status-covid-19/>) has changed in Public Health Sudbury & Districts' service area over the last seven days up to end of day March 3, 2021: 98 new cases, 14 cases were resolved, and 2 deaths occurred. Twelve (12) outbreaks were active, including 5 in local schools, 2 in long-term care homes, 2 in retirement homes, 2 in community congregate living settings, and 1 in a large multi-unit dwelling. Four (4) outbreaks were declared over in the past 7 days, 2 in long-term care homes, 1 in a retirement home and 1 in a community congregate living setting. At end of day March 3, 2021, there were 112 active cases in our service area, and 8 active outbreaks. One (1) case was hospitalized, while the rest were self-isolating.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, there have been a total of 698 local cases of which 586 are resolved, and 14 people have died in our service area. Three (3) cases in total have been confirmed as a COVID-19 variant of concern (VOC).

Trends in the past seven days

- Of the 98 new cases in our service area, 49 were associated with an outbreak, while 35 were close contacts of confirmed cases. This means that Public Health identified how these people were exposed to COVID-19 and was able to take quick action to prevent further spread. Two (2) cases were travel-related, while the source of exposure was unknown for 4 cases. Eight (8) cases remained under investigation.
- Ninety-four (94) cases reside in Greater Sudbury, while 4 reside in the Sudbury District.
- By end of day on March 3, contact tracing information was available for all 98 of the new cases. Through our investigation, we identified 1,102 people who had high-risk close contacts with these cases. That is an average of 11.0 high-risk close contacts per case, compared to 7.0 contacts per cases last week. Public Health follows up directly and regularly with every high-risk close contact to monitor them for symptoms, ensure they are self-isolating, and make recommendations for testing according to provincial guidance.
- The 7-day incidence rate was 49.3 new cases per 100 000 population (compared to 12.6 for the previous 7 days).
- The percent positivity was 1.36% for the period of February 23 to March 1 (compared to 0.35% for the previous 7 days).
- For the period of February 24 to March 2, the effective reproductive number (R_t) was 1.15 for Northern Ontario, and 1.01 for Ontario overall.
- There were no new local cases that were confirmed to be a COVID-19 variant of concern (VOC) in the past 7 days. There were, however, 22 cases for which preliminary tests indicate the *potential* to be one of these

variants. Further laboratory testing is underway to confirm if these cases are, in fact, a VOC.

Stay COVID-safe

- Employers should ask all employees to complete a COVID-19 screening every day before going to work. The Government of Ontario has updated the [worker and employee screening tool \(https://covid-19.ontario.ca/screening/worker/\)](https://covid-19.ontario.ca/screening/worker/) which will provide the employee with more information on what to do based on their answers.
- While you are out running errands remember to practise physical distancing of 6 feet even when wearing a mask. Practising physical distancing with individuals not in your household as much as possible will help reduce the spread of COVID-19 and variants of concern (VOC).
- It is common for viruses to change over time. This is what is currently happening to the COVID-19 virus. It is important to continue to practise all [public health measures \(https://www.phsd.ca/health-topics-programs/diseases-infections/coronavirus/covid-safety/\)](https://www.phsd.ca/health-topics-programs/diseases-infections/coronavirus/covid-safety/) like wearing your mask, practise physical distancing, wash your hands, and only travel for essential reasons. All of these measures are effective and they will work against the variants of concern (VOC).
- [Immunization \(https://www.phsd.ca/public-health-sudbury-districts-announces-next-steps-for-local-covid-19-vaccine-rollout/\)](https://www.phsd.ca/public-health-sudbury-districts-announces-next-steps-for-local-covid-19-vaccine-rollout/) for COVID-19 is currently underway with priority groups set by the Government of Ontario. These groups include staff, residents, and caregivers in retirement homes and other congregate care settings for seniors (for example, assisted living), indigenous adults and adult recipients of chronic home care. Adults 80 years of age and older will be offered the vaccine in the coming weeks. Timing is dependent on a number of factors, including supply. Details about clinics, including how to book an appointment, will be shared once confirmed. Remember to continue to follow [public health measures \(https://www.phsd.ca/health-topics-programs/diseases-infections/coronavirus/covid-safety/\)](https://www.phsd.ca/health-topics-programs/diseases-infections/coronavirus/covid-safety/) to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.
- The COVID-19 situation can be very stressful. It is important to take care of our mental health during challenging times like these. Sometimes this means being brave and reaching out for additional help. Check out these Government of Ontario [mental health, wellness and addictions supports \(https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-support-people#section-4\)](https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-support-people#section-4).

What's new

- Public Health is sounding the alarm to ramp up measures to protect against COVID-19 after a surge in local cases which include cases that have either screened positive or been confirmed for the more transmissible virus mutations, called variants of concern (VOC).
- A number of outbreaks are being monitored in various institutional, community, congregate care, and school settings, including a large multi-unit dwelling. Outbreak control measures are in place and Public Health continues to work closely with all affected individuals, agencies, and partners to prevent further spread of the virus.
- The COVID-19 vaccine is being offered to Indigenous adults (First Nations, Métis, Inuit) aged 55 and over from area First Nations and in urban settings, highest priority health care workers, and very high priority health care workers this week.
- Public Health now reports the number of COVID-19 cases with confirmed variants of concern (VOC) in the daily 4 p.m. web update.
- Information on upcoming vaccination clinics for specific priority groups can be found on the [COVID-19 vaccination clinics \(https://www.phsd.ca/health-topics-programs/vaccines-immunizations/coronavirus-covid-19-vaccination-clinics\)](https://www.phsd.ca/health-topics-programs/vaccines-immunizations/coronavirus-covid-19-vaccination-clinics)

[19-vaccine/upcoming-vaccination-clinics-for-specific-priority-groups/](#)) page at phsd.ca

- Health care workers can pre-register for a COVID-19 vaccination appointment by filling out a [pre-registration survey](https://www.surveymonkey.ca/r/PreRegistrationHealthCareWorker) (<https://www.surveymonkey.ca/r/PreRegistrationHealthCareWorker>). At this time, individuals who are not identified as health care workers cannot complete the pre-registration survey.

Message from Dr. Penny Sutcliffe, Medical Officer of Health

This has been a very alarming week as we've seen COVID-19 cases rapidly increase in our area. It's also very worrisome to see a number of cases that have screened positive or been confirmed for variants of concern (VOC). The public health measures we've been following are critical now. That means staying home if you're ill, masking, keeping distancing, and only going out or traveling for essential reasons. I encourage everyone to continue to think about ways you can help prevent the spread of the virus. I'm pleased that with the help of many partners we were able to offer the vaccine to even more priority groups this week. As of February 28, we have administered 6832 doses and 843 people have been fully vaccinated. Next week, we will begin offering the vaccine to adults 80 years of age and older and adult recipients of chronic home care. Let's remain hopeful and continue to support each other through this trying time.

Regular updates

Visit [phsd.ca/COVID-19/data](https://www.phsd.ca/COVID-19/data) (<https://www.phsd.ca/health-topics-programs/diseases-infections/coronavirus/current-status-covid-19/>) for regular updates about COVID-19 testing, confirmed cases, as well as outbreaks and potential exposures in Greater Sudbury, the District of Sudbury, and the District of Manitoulin. In addition, a [detailed epidemiology summary](https://www.phsd.ca/health-topics-programs/diseases-infections/coronavirus/current-status-covid-19/#epidemiology) (<https://www.phsd.ca/health-topics-programs/diseases-infections/coronavirus/current-status-covid-19/#epidemiology>) is posted Mondays and Thursdays that includes information about cases over time, case characteristics, probable exposures, case outcomes, testing, and outbreaks in facilities.

For more information or if you have questions, please visit [phsd.ca/COVID-19](https://www.phsd.ca/COVID-19) (<https://www.phsd.ca/health-topics-programs/diseases-infections/coronavirus/>) or call Public Health Sudbury & Districts at 705.522.9200 (toll-free 1.866.522.9200).

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COVID-19 vaccine pre-registration is now available for adults aged 80 years and recipients of chronic home care services

Issued: Friday, March 5, 2021

Public Health Sudbury & Districts is excited to announce that pre-registration for the COVID-19 vaccine is now available for adults 80 years of age and older and individuals who receive chronic home care services. Pre-registration is the first step for individuals who would like to receive the COVID-19 vaccination. By pre-registering, individuals will be contacted directly to book an appointment for an upcoming COVID-19 vaccination clinic when appointments become available.

Although all adults 80 years of age and older and individuals receiving chronic home care are currently eligible for vaccine, the vaccine supply is limited. Lotteries will be held to match vaccine recipients to the number of doses available. Individuals drawn from the lottery will be contacted directly, by email or phone, with information on how to book an appointment.

COVID-19 vaccine clinics will be held across Sudbury and districts and all clinics are by appointment only. Currently, vaccine clinics are being organized in Greater Sudbury beginning on March 11 and 12, 2021. Individuals in these groups who pre-register by Monday, March 8, 2021, at 8 p.m., will be entered into a lottery for the upcoming scheduled clinics in Sudbury. Additional clinics are also being planned across Public Health's service area and details will be shared once available.

Pre-registration will remain open and lotteries will be ongoing to match pre-registrants to the vaccine supply and clinic schedules across Sudbury and districts. Due to high demand and limited supply, pre-registering does not mean you will get an appointment immediately.

To pre-register, please visit: www.surveymonkey.ca/r/vaccineappointment (<http://www.surveymonkey.ca/r/vaccineappointment>). If unable to pre-register online and assistance registering is required, please call 1.800.708.2505 and call centre staff will be available to assist. The call centre will be available for assistance starting on Saturday, March 6, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., seven days a week.

While appointments may be limited at first, over time, more clinics will continue to be available and anyone eligible to receive the vaccine will be able to receive one. More vaccine clinics will continue to be scheduled across Public Health's service area. The COVID-19 vaccine is a safe and effective way to protect yourself from the virus.

For more information about the [COVID-19 vaccine](https://www.phsd.ca/health-topics-programs/vaccines-immunizations/coronavirus-covid-19-vaccine/covid-19-vaccine-faq/) (<https://www.phsd.ca/health-topics-programs/vaccines-immunizations/coronavirus-covid-19-vaccine/covid-19-vaccine-faq/>), please contact your health care provider, visit our [frequently asked questions](https://www.phsd.ca/health-topics-programs/vaccines-immunizations/coronavirus-covid-19-vaccine/covid-19-vaccine-faq/#guidelines) (<https://www.phsd.ca/health-topics-programs/vaccines-immunizations/coronavirus-covid-19-vaccine/covid-19-vaccine-faq/#guidelines>) about the vaccine, or call Public Health Sudbury & Districts at 705.522.9200 (toll-free 1.866.522.9200).

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February 25, 2021

Kathy McDonald, Clerk-Treasurer/CAO
The Corporation of the Township of Billings
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Re: O. Reg. 170 Section 11 & Schedule 22 Annual Reporting under SDWA
O. Reg 387 Section 9 Annual Reporting under OWRA
For the Kagawong Water Treatment Plant
Waterworks No.: 210003084

Dear Ms. McDonald;

Attached are the [2020](#) Annual and Summary Reports for the Kagawong Water System. The Reports are based on information provided by Operators as of [February 23, 2021](#) in accordance with Section 11 and Schedule 22 of O. Reg. 170/03, under the Safe Drinking Water Act. A confirmation of submission of the PTTW reporting, as required by O.Reg 387, is included as part of the report.

Please note that any Orders that you have received directly from the MOE or any major expense incurred by the Municipality which is not listed should be reviewed and added to the report.

As per Schedule 22 of O. Reg. 170/03, this Summary Report is to be provided to the members of the municipal council no later than March 31, [2021](#). Please ensure this distribution.

Section 12 of O. Reg. 170/03, requires both the Summary Report and the Annual Report be made available for inspection by any member of the public during normal business hours, without charge. The reports should be made available for inspection at the office of the municipality or at a location that is reasonably convenient to the users of the water system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah Beaulieu".

Sarah Beaulieu
Process & Compliance Technician
Ontario Clean Water Agency

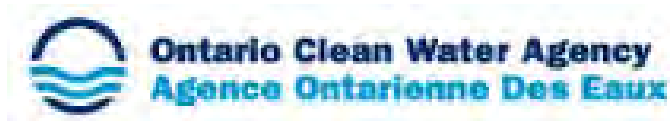
Kagawong Water Treatment

Large Municipal Residential Drinking Water System

January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020

***O.Reg 170/03 Schedule 22 Summary Report
O.Reg 170/03 Section 11 Annual Report
&
O.Reg 387/04 Annual Record of Water Taking***

Prepared by the Ontario Clean Water Agency
For The Corporation of the Township of Billings





Drinking-Water System Number: 220003084
Drinking-Water System Name: KAGAWONG DRINKING WATER SYSTEM
Drinking-Water System Owner: The Corporation of the Township of Billings
Drinking-Water System Category: Large Municipal Residential

SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION

This document is prepared in accordance with Section 11 and Schedule 22 of O.Reg.170/03 under the Safe Drinking Water Act and with Section 9 of O.Reg.387/04 under the Ontario Water Resources Act. The reports are prepared by the Ontario Clean Water Agency. Acronyms and definitions can be found at the end of the report.

A copy of the Summary Report must be provided to the members of the municipal council by March 31, [2021](#).

SECTION 2: REQUIREMENTS OF THE REPORTS

Schedule 22 Report

The report must list the requirements of the Act, the regulations, the system's approval and any order that the system **failed to meet** at any time during the period covered by the report. It must also specify the duration of the failure, and for each failure referred to, describe the measures that were taken to correct the failure.

For the purpose of enabling the owner of the system to assess the rated capability of their system to meet existing and future planned water uses, the following information is required to be included in this report:

- A summary of the quantities and flow rates of the water supplied during the period covered by the report, including monthly average and maximum daily flows.
- A comparison of the summary to the rated capacity and flow rates approved in the systems approval.

Section 11 Report

The annual report must contain the following:

- A brief description of the drinking water system and a list of chemicals used by the system.
- A description of any major expenses incurred during the period covered by the report to install, repair or replace required equipment.
- A summary of all adverse water quality incidents (AWQI) reported to the Ministry
- A summary of corrective actions taken in response all AWQIs
- A summary of all test results required under the regulation, under an approval, municipal drinking water licence or order, including an OWRA order.
- A statement of where a Schedule 22 report will be available for inspection.

The report must be prepared not later than February 28 of the following year.

Regulation 387 Report

On or before March 31 in every year, every holder of a permit to take water (PTTW) shall submit to a Director the data collected and recorded for the previous year.

A record of annual water taking can be found in [Appendix A](#).



SECTION 3: SCHEDULE 22 REPORT

Flows - Treated

In accordance with the Municipal Drinking Water License (MDWL), the Kagawong WTP shall not be operated to exceed a maximum daily volume of 1002 m³/d to the distribution system.

In The daily treated water maximum flow was 488.4 m³ in July and represents 49% of capacity. In 2020, the total volume of water sent to the distribution system was 85,247.7 m³

The quantity of treated water supplied during the reporting period **did not** exceed the rated maximum capacity.

Flows - Raw

Daily raw maximum instantaneous flow is stated in the PTTW at a maximum rate of flow of 11.67 L/s and a maximum daily volume of 1008 m³/d.

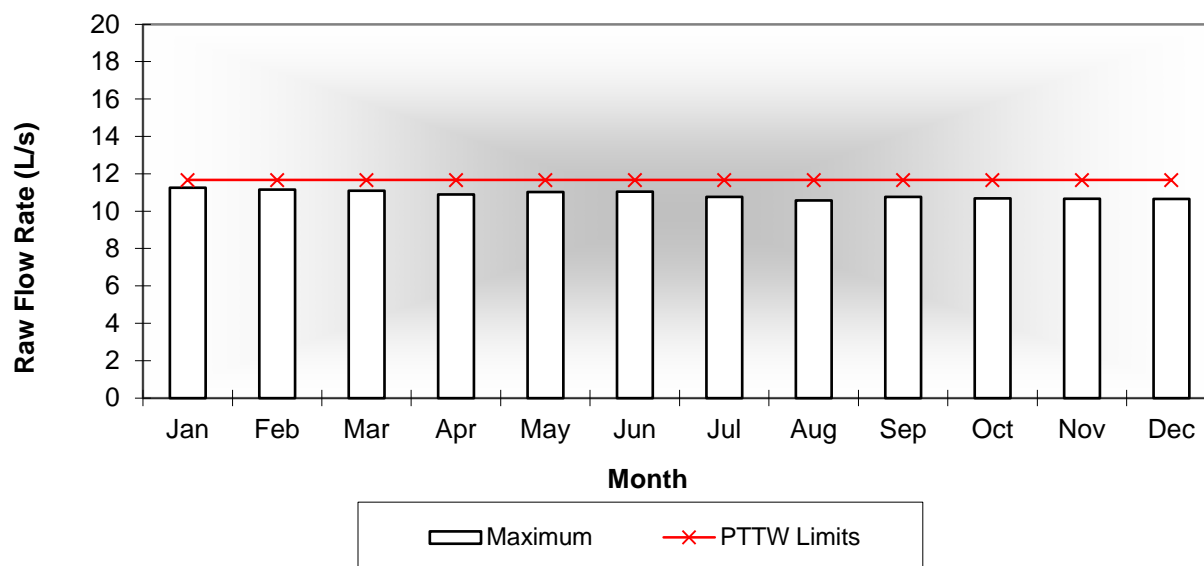
The average monthly raw water flow for this reporting period was 277.9 m³/d. The maximum daily flow was 609.8 m³/d representing 60% of water taking limits. In 2020, the total volume of water taken from the environment was 101,698 m³

The quantity of raw water taken **did not** exceed any limits stipulated within the PTTW based on the information available.

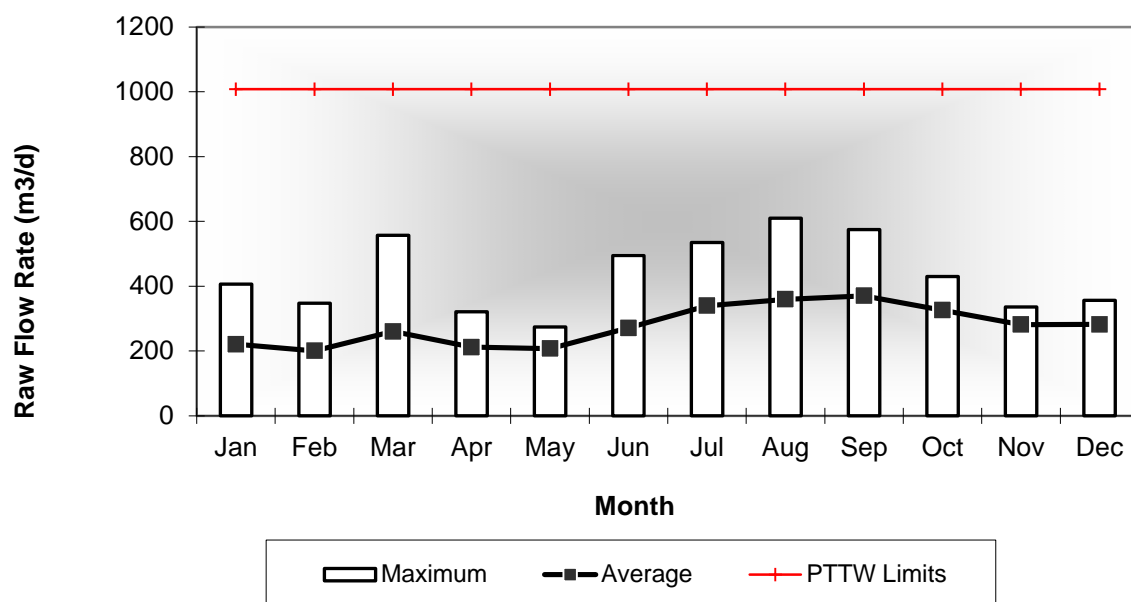
RAW WATER FLOW DATA - TOTAL ALL SOURCES						
Month	Total Monthly Flow (m ³)	Average Flow (m ³ /d)	Maximum Flow (m ³ /d)	Maximum Flow Rate (L/s)	Limits	
					L/s (PTTW)	m ³ /d (PTTW)
January	6,836.8	220.54	406.3	11.26	11.67	1,008
February	5,709.6	200.33	347.4	11.16	11.67	1,008
March	8,072.5	260.4	557	11.1	11.67	1,008
April	6,347.3	211.58	321	10.9	11.67	1,008
May	6,429.8	207.41	274.1	11.03	11.67	1,008
June	8,138	271.27	494.6	11.05	11.67	1,008
July	10,536.7	339.89	534.8	10.77	11.67	1,008
August	11,135.4	359.21	609.8	10.58	11.67	1,008
September	11,105.2	370.17	574.7	10.77	11.67	1,008
October	10,104.3	325.95	429.8	10.69	11.67	1,008
November	8,447.8	281.59	335.8	10.67	11.67	1,008
December	8,734.8	281.77	356.3	10.66	11.67	1,008
Total	101,698.2					
Average		277.86				
Maximum			609.8	11.26	11.67	1,008



Kagawong WTP Raw Flow Rates



Kagawong WTP Raw Flow Data





Annual Raw Water Review

Raw Water Taking	Total Taking m3/d	Average Day m3/d	Max Day m3/d	Max Day % of PTTW allowable 1008 m3/d
2020	101,698.2	277.86	609.8	60%
2019	103,973.1	284.86	695.7	69%
2018	118,478.1	324.6	812.1	80.6%
2017	79,572.4	218.01	584.8	58%

System Failures and Corrective Actions

The following sampling error occurred during 2020.

The quarterly nitrate/nitrate samples were not collected for the fourth quarter however, the HAA and THM sampling for the same quarter was completed on time. It was not determined why operational staff only conducted part of the quarterly sampling.

The latest inspection of the drinking water facility took place on **November 12, 2020**. The facility scored **0/506** providing a rating of **100%**.

AWQIs reported to the Ministry

Incident Date	Parameter	Result	Unit of Measure	Corrective Action	Corrective Action Date
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

SECTION 4: SECTION 11 REPORT

Information to be provided

Population Served 300	
Does your Drinking-Water System serve more than 10,000 people? No	
Is your annual report available to the public at no charge on a web site on the Internet? Yes	
Location where Summary Report required under O. Reg. 170/03 Schedule 22 will be available for inspection. Township of Billings, Township Office 15 Old Mill Road Kagawong, Ontario POB 1J0	
Number of Designated Facilities served: 0	
Did you provide a copy of your annual report to all Designated Facilities you serve? NA	
Number of Interested Authorities you report to: 0	



Did you provide a copy of your annual report to all Interested Authorities you report to for each Designated Facility?	<i>NA</i>
List all Drinking-Water Systems (if any), and their DWS Number which receive all of their drinking water from your system:	<i>N/A</i>
Did you provide a copy of your annual report to all Drinking-Water System owners that are connected to you and to whom you provide all of its drinking water?	<i>N/A</i>
Indicate how you notified system users that your annual report is available, and is free of charge.	<i>Public access/notice via newspaper</i>
Indicate if you notified system users that your annual report is available and is free of charge using an alternate method	<i>Yes</i>

The Kagawong Water treatment facility consists of a low lift pumping station with three submersible pumps. The low lift pumping station includes a zebra mussel control system utilizing sodium hypochlorite.

Prior to Aug 27, 2015, treatment consisted of membrane filtration comprised of two concrete tanks each having six ultrafiltration units. Each unit contained 12 modules with a filtering area of 23.23 m². There were three permeate pumps used to push the water to the chlorine contact chamber.

An upgrade to the membrane system was completed in 2015. The membrane system now consists of 2 ultrafiltration zeebox package units. By August 2nd, 1 unit was online and providing water to the distribution while the second unit was online by November 2nd.

The contact chamber maintains a constant volume of 162 m³. Following the chlorine contact chamber there are two clear wells, each having a storage volume of 749.8 m³. The high lift pumping consists of four centrifugal high lift pumps, with two pumps having a capacity of 57.87 L/s and two pumps having a capacity of 28.94 L/s. The process back pulse & reject water from the plant is de-chlorinated and discharged back to the North Channel.

Chemicals Used

Sodium Hypochlorite (12%)	Disinfection and clean-in-place
Sodium Hydroxide	Neutralization of wastewater
Citric Acid	Clean-in-place
Calcium Thiosulphate (Captor)	Dechlorination of reject water & wastewater

Significant Expenses

Significant expenses incurred to

- ☐ Install required equipment
- ☒ Repair required equipment
- ☒ Replace required equipment

Work Order	Completion Date	Comment
1749424	5-May-20	<i>Purchased pre chlorine/zebra mussel pump rebuild kits</i>
1791680 & 191088	13-Jul-20 & 23-Oct-20	<i>Replaced failed UPS units.</i>



Adverse Water Quality Incidents

Provide details on the notices submitted in accordance with subsection 18(1) of the Safe Drinking-Water Act or section 16-4 of Schedule 16 of O.Reg.170/03 and reported to Spills Action Centre

Incident Date	Parameter	Result	Unit of Measure	Comment / Corrective Action	Corrective Action Date
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Microbiological testing done under the Schedule 10, 11 or 12 of Regulation 170/03.

	No. of Samples Collected	Range of E.Coli		Range of Total Coliform Results		Number of HPC Samples	Range of HPC Results	
		Min #	Max #	Min #	Max #		Min #	Max #
Raw Water	53	0	20	0	83	N/A	N/A	N/A
Treated Water	53	0	0	0	0	53	0	0
Distribution	125	0	0	0	0	54	0	1200

Operational testing done under Schedule 7, 8 or 9 of Regulation 170/03

	No. of Samples Collected	Range of Results		Units of Measure
		Minimum	Maximum	
Turbidity – Filter 1	8760	0	0.56	(NTU)
Turbidity – Filter 2	8760	0	0.45	(NTU)
Free Chlorine Residual – TW	8760	0	5	(mg/L)
Free Chlorine Residual, Distribution Location 1	102	0.49	2.1	(mg/L)
Free Chlorine Residual, Distribution Location 2	102	0.40	2.19	(mg/L)
Free Chlorine Residual, Distribution Location 3	102	0.79	2.18	(mg/L)
Free Chlorine Residual, Distribution Location 4	50	0.98	2.17	(mg/L)

Summary of additional testing and sampling carried out in accordance with the requirement of an approval, order or other legal instrument.

Date of legal instrument issued	Parameter and limits	Month Sampled	Day Sampled	Result	Unit of Measure
255-101 Issue 1 May 24, 2011 Renewed on May 20, 2016	Point of discharge from the backwash reservoir Total Suspended Solids 25 mg/L (annual average)	Jan	2	4	mg/L
		Feb	3	13	mg/L
		Mar	2	2	mg/L
		Apr	6	2	mg/L
		May	4	<2	mg/L
		Jun	1	2	mg/L
		Jul	6	<2	mg/L
		Aug	4	2	mg/L
		Sep	8	2	mg/L
		Oct	5	3	mg/L
		Nov	2	2	mg/L
		Dec	7	2	mg/L
		Annual Average		3.08	mg/L



Summary of Inorganic parameters tested during this reporting period or the most recent sample results

TREATED WATER	Sample Date (yyyy/mm/dd)	Sample Result	MAC	No. of Exceedances	
				MAC	1/2 MAC
Antimony: Sb (ug/L) - TW	2020/01/06	<MDL 0.09	6.0	No	No
Arsenic: As (ug/L) - TW	2020/01/06	0.3	25.0	No	No
Barium: Ba (ug/L) - TW	2020/01/06	16.1	1000.0	No	No
Boron: B (ug/L) - TW	2020/01/06	51.0	5000.0	No	No
Cadmium: Cd (ug/L) - TW	2020/01/06	0.003	5.0	No	No
Chromium: Cr (ug/L) - TW	2020/01/06	0.45	50.0	No	No
Mercury: Hg (ug/L) - TW	2020/01/06	<MDL 0.01	1.0	No	No
Selenium: Se (ug/L) - TW	2020/01/06	0.17	10.0	No	No
Uranium: U (ug/L) - TW	2020/01/06	0.152	20.0	No	No

TREATED WATER	Sample Date (yyyy/mm/dd)	Sample Result	MAC	No. of Exceedances	
				MAC	1/2 MAC
Fluoride (mg/L) - TW	2016/01/05	0.07	1.5	No	No
Nitrite (mg/L) - TW	2020/01/06	<MDL 0.003	1.0	No	No
Nitrite (mg/L) - TW	2020/04/01	<MDL 0.003	1.0	No	No
Nitrite (mg/L) - TW	2020/07/02	<MDL 0.003	1.0	No	No
Nitrite (mg/L) - TW			1.0	No	No
Nitrate (mg/L) - TW	2020/01/06	0.211	10.0	No	No
Nitrate (mg/L) - TW	2020/04/01	0.214	10.0	No	No
Nitrate (mg/L) - TW	2020/07/02	0.18	10.0	No	No
Nitrate (mg/L) - TW			10.0	No	No
Sodium: Na (mg/L) - TW	2016/01/05	6.09	20*	No	No

*There is no "MAC" for Sodium. The aesthetic objective for sodium in drinking water is 200 mg/L. The local Medical Officer of Health should be notified when the sodium concentration exceeds 20 mg/L so that this information may be communicated to local physicians for their use with patients on sodium restricted diets.

Summary of Lead testing under Schedule 15.1 during this reporting period

Location Type	Number of Samples	Range of Results		MAC (ug/L)	Number of Exceedances
		Minimum	Maximum		
Distribution - Lead Results (ug/L)	0	N/A	N/A	10	N/A
Distribution - Alkalinity (mg/L)	3*	65	66	N/A	N/A
Distribution - pH In-House	2	6.73	7.86	N/A	N/A

*One alkalinity sample was missing field pH



Summary of Organic parameters sampled during this reporting period or the most recent results

TREATED WATER	Sample Date (yyyy/mm/dd)	Sample Result	MAC	Number of Exceedances	
				MAC	1/2 MAC
Alachlor (ug/L) - TW	2020/01/06	<MDL 0.02	5.0	No	No
Atrazine + N-dealkylated metabolites (ug/L) - TW	2020/01/06	<MDL 0.01	5.0	No	No
Azinphos-methyl (ug/L) - TW	2020/01/06	<MDL 0.05	20.0	No	No
Benzene (ug/L) - TW	2020/01/06	<MDL 0.32	1.0	No	No
Benzo(a)pyrene (ug/L) - TW	2020/01/06	<MDL 0.004	0.01	No	No
Bromoxynil (ug/L) - TW	2020/01/06	<MDL 0.33	5.0	No	No
Carbaryl (ug/L) - TW	2020/01/06	<MDL 0.05	90.0	No	No
Carbofuran (ug/L) - TW	2020/01/06	<MDL 0.01	90.0	No	No
Carbon Tetrachloride (ug/L) - TW	2020/01/06	<MDL 0.17	2.0	No	No
Chlorpyrifos (ug/L) - TW	2020/01/06	<MDL 0.02	90.0	No	No
Diazinon (ug/L) - TW	2020/01/06	<MDL 0.02	20.0	No	No
Dicamba (ug/L) - TW	2020/01/06	<MDL 0.2	120.0	No	No
1,2-Dichlorobenzene (ug/L) - TW	2020/01/06	<MDL 0.41	200.0	No	No
1,4-Dichlorobenzene (ug/L) - TW	2020/01/06	<MDL 0.36	5.0	No	No
1,2-Dichloroethane (ug/L) - TW	2020/01/06	<MDL 0.35	5.0	No	No
1,1-Dichloroethylene (ug/L) - TW	2020/01/06	<MDL 0.33	14.0	No	No
Dichloromethane (Methylene Chloride) (ug/L) - TW	2020/01/06	<MDL 0.35	50.0	No	No
2,4-Dichlorophenol (ug/L) - TW	2020/01/06	<MDL 0.15	900.0	No	No
2,4-Dichlorophenoxy acetic acid (2,4-D) (ug/L) - TW	2020/01/06	<MDL 0.19	100.0	No	No
Diclofop-methyl (ug/L) - TW	2020/01/06	<MDL 0.4	9.0	No	No
Dimethoate (ug/L) - TW	2020/01/06	<MDL 0.06	20.0	No	No
Diquat (ug/L) - TW	2020/01/06	<MDL 1.0	70.0	No	No
Diuron (ug/L) - TW	2020/01/06	<MDL 0.03	150.0	No	No
Glyphosate (ug/L) - TW	2020/01/06	<MDL 1.0	280.0	No	No
Malathion (ug/L) - TW	2020/01/06	<MDL 0.02	190.0	No	No
Metolachlor (ug/L) - TW	2020/01/06	<MDL 0.01	50.0	No	No
Metribuzin (ug/L) - TW	2020/01/06	<MDL 0.02	80.0	No	No
Monochlorobenzene (Chlorobenzene) (ug/L) - TW	2020/01/06	<MDL 0.3	80.0	No	No
Paraquat (ug/L) - TW	2020/01/06	<MDL 1.0	10.0	No	No
PCB (ug/L) - TW	2020/01/06	<MDL 0.04	3.0	No	No
Pentachlorophenol (ug/L) - TW	2020/01/06	<MDL 0.15	60.0	No	No
Phorate (ug/L) - TW	2020/01/06	<MDL 0.01	2.0	No	No
Picloram (ug/L) - TW	2020/01/06	<MDL 1.0	190.0	No	No
Prometryne (ug/L) - TW	2020/01/06	<MDL 0.03	1.0	No	No
Simazine (ug/L) - TW	2020/01/06	<MDL 0.01	10.0	No	No
Terbufos (ug/L) - TW	2020/01/06	<MDL 0.01	1.0	No	No
Tetrachloroethylene (ug/L) - TW	2020/01/06	<MDL 0.35	10.0	No	No
2,3,4,6-Tetrachlorophenol (ug/L) - TW	2020/01/06	<MDL 0.2	100.0	No	No
Triallate (ug/L) - TW	2020/01/06	<MDL 0.01	230.0	No	No
Trichloroethylene (ug/L) - TW	2020/01/06	<MDL 0.44	5.0	No	No



2,4,6-Trichlorophenol (ug/L) - TW	2020/01/06	<MDL 0.25	5.0	No	No
2-methyl-4-chlorophenoxyacetic acid (MCPA) (ug/L) - TW	2020/01/06	<MDL 0.12	100.0	No	No
Trifluralin (ug/L) - TW	2020/01/06	<MDL 0.02	45.0	No	No
Vinyl Chloride (ug/L) - TW	2020/01/06	<MDL 0.17	1.0	No	No
DISTRIBUTION WATER					
Trihalomethane: Total (ug/L) Annual Average – DW1	2020/12/31	57	100.00	No	Yes
HAA Total (ug/L) Annual Average – DW1	2020/12/31	37.225	80.0	No	No

SECTION 5: RAW WATER SUBMISSIONS

Raw water flows were submitted to the Ministry on [February 8, 2021](#).

Ontario

Location: WTRS / WT DATA / Input WT Record WTRS-WT-008

Water Taking Data submitted successfully.

Confirmation:

Thank you for submitting your water taking data online.

Permit Number: 8607-BB3LLK
Permit Holder: THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BILLINGS.
Received on: Feb 8, 2021 11:23 AM

This confirmation indicates that your data has been received by the Ministry, but should not be construed as acceptance of this data if it differs from that specified on the Permit Number, assigned to the Permit Holder stated above.

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SECTION 6: CONCLUSION

The Kagawong WTP delivers water that, in all its treated and distribution samples, indicates the water to be free of bacteriological contamination.

Based on the information available for the [2020](#) operating year, the [Kagawong WTP](#) was able to meet the demand of water use without exceeding the PTTW or the MDWL based on information available.



List of Acronyms and Definitions

Alkalinity	The capacity of water for neutralizing an acid solution
AWQI	Adverse Water Quality Incident- when a water sample test result exceeds the Ontario Drinking Water Quality Standards
Backwash	Water pumped backwards to clean filters
BWA	Boil Water Advisory; Issued when risk of contamination is possible in drinking water
CFU	Colony Forming Units
Chlorine Residual	A low level of chlorine remaining in water after disinfection occurs
DW	Distribution Water
DWA	Drinking Water Advisory; Issued when water cannot be consumed by any means
DWWP	Drinking Water Works Permit - provides a description of the overall system
E.Coli	Bacteria used as indicators to measure the degree of pollution and sanitary quality of water
GUDI 170/03	Groundwater Under Direct Influence – Considered to be surface water under O.Reg
HPC	Heterotrophic Plant Count
L/s	Litres per Second
m ³ /d	Cubic Metres per Day
MAC	Maximum Acceptable Concentration
MDL	Minimum Detection Level
MDWL requirements	Municipal Drinking Water Licence - relates to the operation and performance
mg/L	Miligrams per Litre
Ministry	Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change
MOECC	Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change
O.Reg	Ontario Regulation
PTTW water	Permit to Take Water – Permit which allows water taking from groundwater or surface water
RW	Raw Water
TC	Total Coliforms
TSS	Total Suspended Solids
Turbidity	Cloudiness or haziness of water
TW	Treated Water



Appendix A

Raw Water Flows

Ontario Clean Water Agency
Annual Water Taking and Transfer Report

From 01/01/2020 To 12/31/2020

Facility: KAGAWONG DRINKING WATER SYSTEM-1010
Tag: Raw Flow: Sum (m3/d)
Tag Group: Raw Water

Permit#: 8607-BB3LLK
Source Name: Lake Huron (North Channel, Mudge Bay)
Source: Lake
Type:
Purpose: Municipal

Coordinate Zone: 17
Easting: 401405
Northing: 5085124
Method deter: Metered

Date Measured	Value (m³/d)	Value (Litres)
01/01/2020	406.3000	406299.9878
02/01/2020	300.2000	300200.0122
03/01/2020	371.9000	371899.9939
04/01/2020	359.2000	359200.0122
05/01/2020	324.2000	324200.0122
06/01/2020	329.0000	329000.0000
07/01/2020	187.0000	187000.0000
08/01/2020	85.8000	85800.0031
09/01/2020	203.3000	203300.0031
10/01/2020	290.6000	290600.0061
11/01/2020	88.1000	88099.9985
12/01/2020	147.9000	147899.9939
13/01/2020	303.1000	303100.0061
14/01/2020	224.7000	224699.9969
15/01/2020	53.1000	53099.9985
16/01/2020	186.3000	186300.0031
17/01/2020	240.8000	240800.0031
18/01/2020	258.5000	258500.0000
19/01/2020	185.4000	185399.9939
20/01/2020	66.9000	66900.0015
21/01/2020	210.9000	210899.9939
22/01/2020	240.4000	240399.9939
23/01/2020	176.6000	176600.0061
24/01/2020	123.9000	123900.0015
25/01/2020	238.1000	238100.0061
26/01/2020	265.5000	265500.0000
27/01/2020	225.8000	225800.0031
28/01/2020	166.6000	166600.0061
29/01/2020	111.1000	111099.9985
30/01/2020	174.5000	174500.0000
31/01/2020	291.1000	291100.0061
01/02/2020	89.6000	89599.9985
02/02/2020	180.1000	180100.0061
03/02/2020	284.0000	284000.0000
04/02/2020	217.0000	217000.0000
05/02/2020	36.1000	36099.9985
06/02/2020	300.7000	300700.0122
07/02/2020	171.2000	171199.9969
08/02/2020	84.1000	84099.9985
09/02/2020	178.3000	178300.0031
10/02/2020	302.3000	302299.9878
11/02/2020	100.2000	100199.9969

12/02/2020	173.0000	173000.0000
13/02/2020	179.9000	179899.9939
14/02/2020	272.7000	272700.0122
15/02/2020	231.8000	231800.0031
16/02/2020	78.3000	78300.0031
17/02/2020	143.5000	143500.0000
18/02/2020	282.0000	282000.0000
19/02/2020	92.9000	92900.0015
20/02/2020	282.7000	282700.0122
21/02/2020	152.2000	152199.9969
22/02/2020	66.7000	66699.9969
23/02/2020	213.8000	213800.0031
24/02/2020	231.7000	231699.9969
25/02/2020	199.9000	199899.9939
26/02/2020	258.6000	258600.0061
27/02/2020	326.5000	326500.0000
28/02/2020	332.4000	332399.9939
29/02/2020	347.4000	347399.9939
01/03/2020	327.2000	327200.0122
02/03/2020	315.0000	315000.0000
03/03/2020	329.0000	329000.0000
04/03/2020	318.7000	318700.0122
05/03/2020	307.8000	307799.9878
06/03/2020	316.8000	316799.9878
07/03/2020	335.0000	335000.0000
08/03/2020	291.6000	291600.0061
09/03/2020	220.8000	220800.0031
10/03/2020	231.2000	231199.9969
11/03/2020	44.7000	44700.0008
12/03/2020	186.1000	186100.0061
13/03/2020	144.3000	144300.0031
14/03/2020	309.0000	309000.0000
15/03/2020	519.2000	519200.0122
16/03/2020	144.1000	144100.0061
17/03/2020	244.2000	244199.9969
18/03/2020	93.8000	93800.0031
19/03/2020	138.8000	138800.0031
20/03/2020	236.8000	236800.0031
21/03/2020	266.5000	266500.0000
22/03/2020	262.0000	262000.0000
23/03/2020	100.3000	100300.0031
24/03/2020	474.8000	474799.9878
25/03/2020	252.4000	252399.9939
26/03/2020	124.6000	124599.9985
27/03/2020	229.2000	229199.9969
28/03/2020	557.0000	557000.0000
29/03/2020	311.0000	311000.0000
30/03/2020	311.0000	311000.0000
31/03/2020	129.6000	129600.0061
01/04/2020	211.9000	211899.9939
02/04/2020	241.9000	241899.9939
03/04/2020	144.6000	144600.0061
04/04/2020	229.7000	229699.9969
05/04/2020	238.1000	238100.0061
06/04/2020	119.5000	119500.0000
07/04/2020	236.6000	236600.0061
08/04/2020	172.5000	172500.0000
09/04/2020	197.7000	197699.9969
10/04/2020	250.6000	250600.0061
11/04/2020	145.9000	145899.9939
12/04/2020	253.5000	253500.0000

13/04/2020	135.3000	135300.0031
14/04/2020	258.7000	258700.0122
15/04/2020	156.5000	156500.0000
16/04/2020	218.9000	218899.9939
17/04/2020	239.7000	239699.9969
18/04/2020	136.8000	136800.0031
19/04/2020	219.0000	219000.0000
20/04/2020	217.6000	217600.0061
21/04/2020	203.7000	203699.9969
22/04/2020	130.1000	130100.0061
23/04/2020	219.4000	219399.9939
24/04/2020	258.9000	258899.9939
25/04/2020	295.9000	295899.9939
26/04/2020	301.2000	301200.0122
27/04/2020	321.0000	321000.0000
28/04/2020	231.8000	231800.0031
29/04/2020	147.5000	147500.0000
30/04/2020	212.8000	212800.0031
01/05/2020	226.2000	226199.9969
02/05/2020	146.6000	146600.0061
03/05/2020	215.0000	215000.0000
04/05/2020	214.4000	214399.9939
05/05/2020	231.7000	231699.9969
06/05/2020	116.8000	116800.0031
07/05/2020	210.5000	210500.0000
08/05/2020	218.3000	218300.0031
09/05/2020	190.3000	190300.0031
10/05/2020	154.2000	154199.9969
11/05/2020	188.6000	188600.0061
12/05/2020	211.6000	211600.0061
13/05/2020	233.1000	233100.0061
14/05/2020	203.0000	203000.0000
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February 19, 2021

Via Email

The Honourable Ahmed Hussen
Minister of Families, Children and Social Development
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Honourable Minister,

**RE: Support the Town of Carleton Place resolution that the
Government of Ontario Prioritize Children and Childcare as
part of its Post Pandemic Recovery Plan**

Please be advised that at their last regularly scheduled meeting on February 17, 2021, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry supported the following resolution:

"Resolution #2021-71

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Perry supports the resolution from the Town of Carleton Place requesting the Government of Ontario to:

- a. prioritize children and childcare as part of its overall post pandemic recovery plan;*
- b. develop, adequately fund and release publicly a comprehensive plan that can support facilities through the provision of licensed childcare and early learning education; and*
- c. provide increased funding to childcare provides reflective of COVID-19 operating cost increases to ensure a safe reopening and long-term sustainability for the sector.*

Carried."

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bmorton'.

Beth Morton
Clerk-Administrator

BM/ec

cc: The Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education
MP Scott Aitchison, Parry Sound-Muskoka
MPP Norm Miller, Parry Sound-Muskoka
Stacey Blair, Clerk, Town of Carleton Place
All Ontario Municipalities



MANITOULIN PLANNING BOARD

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March 02, 2021

Kathy McDonald, Clerk-Treasurer
The Corporation of the Township of Billings
P.O. Box 34
Kagawong ON POP 1J0

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CONSENT

File Nos: B02-21 and B03-21
Owner: Linda Barfoot
Location: Lot 12, Conc. VII, excepting Part 1, Plan 31R-2959, and
Lots 13 & 14, Conc. VII, and
the North Half of Lot 15, Conc. VII
Township of Allan
Municipality of Billings and Allan East
District of Manitoulin

Purpose and Effect: To provide for the creation of two new lots; one lot being
±60 Hec. and the 2nd being 40 Hec.

In order that the application may be properly considered in accordance with requirements set out in Sections 50 and 53 of the Planning Act, would you please fill out the attached questionnaire, returning one to us and keeping the other for your records.

If your Council have any suggestions, information, or conditions to add to the questionnaire form, please send them out in an attached letter.

Last Day for Receiving Comments: March 22nd, 2021.

Additional information, if required, may be available by contacting the Planning Board Office.

Decision and Appeal

If you wish to be notified of the Decision of Planning Board in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the Planning Board at the address of the Planning Board Office as stated above.

Any person or public body may, not later than 20 days after the giving of the notice of decision, appeal the decision or any condition imposed by Planning Board or appeal both the decision and any condition to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) or appeal both the decision and any condition to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) by filing with the Secretary-Treasurer of the Planning Board a notice of appeal setting out the reasons for the appeal, accompanied by the prescribed fee prescribed under the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT).

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Manitoulin Planning Board in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submission to the Manitoulin Planning Board before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) may dismiss the appeal.

Dated at the Town of Gore Bay this 2nd Day of March, 2021.

Please Complete This Form and Return to:
The Manitoulin Planning Board
P. O. Box 240
Gore Bay, Ontario - POP 1H0

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Return of this form and any additional comments in support of or in objection to this proposal is requested by **March 22nd, 2021**. If there is insufficient space on this form to fully express councils position please attach a separate letter in addition.

<u>MUNICIPAL CONTROLS</u>		Enter Yes or No
Is this proposal in conformity with the Official Plan?		
Is this proposal in conformity with the Zoning By-law.		
Is this proposal in conformity with the Provincial Policy Statement 2020?		
<u>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</u>		
Which of these services will be available to this land?		
Hydro		
School Bus		
Municipal Water		
Sanitary Sewers		
Garbage Collection		
Municipal Drains		
Do the lots concerned have frontage on a maintained Public Road?		
Is this public road snow plowed in the winter?		
Do the lots have legal right-of-way to a maintained public road?		
Does the location of the access cause any safety concerns?		
What is the surrounding land presently used for? To the North - To the East - To the South - To the West -		
If this application results in a new building lot, does Council consider the location to be conducive to surrounding development, etc.?		
Does Council foresee any new demands for municipal services as a result of this kind of application?		
Does Council intend to provide any new municipal services as a result of this application?		
<u>RECOMMENDATIONS:</u>		
Has Council passed a By-law that land be set aside for public purpose under Section 42(1) of The Planning Act?		
Or, alternatively, does Council wish to require cash-in-lieu of conveyance under Section 42(6) of the Act?		
Having regard to the matters noted in the attached application, does Council recommend consent be given?		
If not, why? _____		
Should consent be granted, would Council wish to recommend any specific conditions? If so, please set out, with reasons, on a separate letter.		

Date: _____ Signed: _____

Title: _____

Municipality/Township of _____

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Is this proposal in conformity with the Provincial Policy Statement 2020?		Yes
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION		
Which of these services will be available to this land?		
	Hydro	Yes
	School Bus	Yes
	Municipal Water	No
	Sanitary Sewers	No
	Garbage Collection	No
	Municipal Drains	No
Do the lots concerned have frontage on a maintained Public Road?		Yes
Is this public road snow plowed in the winter?		Yes
Do the lots have legal right-of-way to a maintained public road?		N/A
Does the location of the access cause any safety concerns?		No
What is the surrounding land presently used for? To the North - Rural To the East - Rural To the South - Rural To the West - Rural		
If this application results in a new building lot, does Council consider the location to be conducive to surrounding development, etc.?		Yes
Does Council foresee any new demands for municipal services as a result of this kind of application?		No
Does Council intend to provide any new municipal services as a result of this application?		No
RECOMMENDATIONS:		
Has Council passed a By-law that land be set aside for public purpose under Section 42(1) of The Planning Act?		No
Or, alternatively, does Council wish to require cash-in-lieu of conveyance under Section 42(6) of the Act?		No
Having regard to the matters noted in the attached application, does Council recommend consent be given?		
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Should consent be granted, would Council wish to recommend any specific conditions? If so, please set out, with reasons, on a separate letter.		

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APPLICATION FOR CONSENT UNDER SECTION 53 OF THE PLANNING ACT

Note to Applicants: This application form is to be used if the Manitoulin Planning Board is the consent granting authority. In this form the term "subject" land means the land to be severed and the land to be retained.

Completeness of the Application

The information in this form that must be provided by the applicant is prescribed by the Planning Act, Schedule to Ontario Regulation 197/96, as amended. The mandatory information must be provided with the appropriate fee. If the mandatory information and fee are not provided, the Manitoulin Planning Board will return the application or refuse to further consider the application until the information and fee have been provided.

The application form also sets out other information that will assist the Manitoulin Planning Board and others in their planning evaluation of the consent application. To ensure the quickest and most complete review, this information should be submitted at the time of application. In the absence of this information, it may not be possible to do a complete review within the legislated time frame for making a decision. As a result, the application may be refused.

Submission of the Application

- A fee of \$725.00 for each parcel/consent proposed must accompany the application.
- A certification fee of \$125.00 to be submitted prior to the Certificate of the Secretary-Treasurer.
- The original and 3 copies of the completed application form and 3 copies of the sketch are required by the Manitoulin Planning Board. The copies will be used to consult with other ministries or agencies that may have an interest in the application.

Measurements are preferred in metric units.

For Help

To help you understand the consent process and information needed to make a planning decision on the application, refer to the "Application Guide Q & A" or contact the Manitoulin Planning Board Office at 705-282-2237 or e-mail mpbc@islsle@bellnet.ca

WHO MUST SIGN THE APPLICATION

- 1) All registered owners, or an owner with written authorization of all of the owner(s); or
- 2) An agent or solicitor appointed by all registered owners of the property with the submission of written authorization of all registered owners; or
- 3) If the registered owner is a corporation, an officer who has the authority to bind the corporation.

Please Print and Complete or (✓) Appropriate Box(es)

1. Applicant Information		
An owner's authorization is required in Section 11.1, if the applicant/agent is not the owner.		
1.1 Name of Owner(s)	Home Telephone No.	Business Telephone No.
LINDA BARFOOT	Cell No. 519-379-2809	519-534-2809
Address		E-mail &/or Fax
441062 Elm St., Georgian Bluffs, ONTARIO		l.barfoot@bruce
NOH 2 TO		+telecom.com
1.2 Name of Agent/Applicant	Home Telephone No.	Business Telephone No.
	Cell No.	
Address		E-mail &/or Fax
1.3 Name of Contact Person		
Linda BARFOOT		

2. Location of the Subject Land (Complete applicable boxes in 2.1)		
2.1 Township/Municipality/		Property Identification No.
Twp. of ALLAN Municipality of Billings and		47111-0098
ALLAN EAST		47111-0099
Concession Number(s)	Geographic Lot Number(s)	Name of Street/Road
Con. 7	N 1/2 LT 15: all LOTS 14	Nelson Rd.
	and 13: PT Lot 12 except	
Survey Plan No.	Survey Part/Lot Number(s)	Island No./Name
	Pt 1	
	31R2959	

2.2 Are there any easements or restrictive covenants affecting the subject land?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If Yes, describe the easement or covenant and its effect.	
Lot 12, Con. VII is Subject to Easement over Part 2, 31R-2959 in favour of Part 1, 31R-2959.	

3. Purpose of this Application	
3.1 Type and Purpose of proposed transaction (check appropriate box)	
Transfer: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Creation of 2 new lot <input type="checkbox"/> Addition to a lot <input type="checkbox"/> Easement/Right-of-way	
Other: <input type="checkbox"/> A charge <input type="checkbox"/> A lease <input type="checkbox"/> A correction of title	
3.2 Name of person(s), if known, to whom land or interest in land is to be transferred, leased or charged	
3.3 If a lot addition, describe the lands to which the parcel will be consolidated with and the current land use.	
(Also to be identified on sketch)	

4. Description of Subject Land and Servicing Information (Complete each subsection.)

Lot 14 & 15
Lot 13 Con 7
Lot 12 Except

4.1 Description	Frontage (m.)	Boa-21 Severed #1 503m 402.33 m	Severed #2 803-21 402.33 m	Retained PT. 1 31R2959 402.33 m
	Depth (m.)	1005.84 m	1005.84 m	1005.84 m
	Area (ha.)	60.703 hectares	40.4686 ha	39.959 ha.
4.2 Use of Property	Existing	farmland	farmland	farmland
	Proposed	farmland	farmland	farmland
4.3 Buildings or Structures	Existing	cover all tarp structure; barn, old house	none	old house
	Proposed	same	none	same
4.4 Access (Check appropriate space)	Provincial Highway			
	Municipal Road, Maintained All Year	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes
	Municipal Road, Seasonally Maintained			
	Other Public Road			
	Right of way			
	Water Access			

Describe in section 9, the parking and docking facilities to be used and the approximate distance of these facilities from the subject land and the nearest public road.

4.5 Water Supply (Check appropriate space)	Publicly owned/operated piped water system			
	Privately owned/operated individual well			dug well
	Privately owned/operated communal well			
	Lake or other water body			
	Other means			
4.6 Sewage Disposal (Check appropriate space)	Publicly owned & operated sanitary sewage system			
	Privately owned & operated individual septic tank ¹			✓
	Privately owned & operated communal septic system			
	Privy			
	Other means			

¹ A certificate of approval from the local Health Unit or Ministry of the Environment and Energy submitted with this application will facilitate the review.

4.7 Other Services	Electricity	✓	at road	disconnected
	School Bussing	✓	✓	✓
	Waste Collection/Disposal	✓	✓	✓

4.8 If access to the subject land is by private road, or if "other public road" or "right of way" was indicated in section 4.4, indicate who owns the land or road, who is responsible for its maintenance and whether it is publicly maintained seasonally or all year.

5. Land Use

5.1 What is the existing official plan designation(s) of the subject land?

Rural Area

5.2 What is the zoning of the subject land?

Rural

5.3 Are any of the following uses or features on the subject land or within 500 metres of the subject land?

Please check the appropriate boxes, if any apply.

Use or Feature	On the Subject Land	Within 500 Metres of Subject Land, unless otherwise specified (indicate approximate distance)
An agricultural operation, including livestock facility or stockyard.	Yes	NO
Utility Corridor	NO	NO
A landfill, closed or active	NO	NO
A sewage treatment plant or waste stablization plant (lagoon)	NO	NO
A provincially significant wetland or significant coastal wetland	NO	NO
A significant wildlife habitat and/or habitat of endangered species and threatened species	NO	NO
Fish Habitat	NO	NO
Flood plain	NO	NO
An active or rehabilitated or abandoned mine site or mine hazards	NO	NO
An active mine site or aggregates operation site within 1 km of the subject land	NO	NO
A contaminated site or a gas station or petroleum/fuel storage	NO	NO
An industrial or commercial use, and specify the use(s)	NO	NO
Known archaeological resources or areas of archaeological potential	NO	NO
A municipal or federal airport	NO	NO

6. Is the application consistent with Provincial Policy Statements issued under subsection 3(1) of The Planning Act?

Yes

7. History of the Subject Land

7.1 Has the subject land ever been the subject of any other planning applications, i.e. Official Plan or Zoning By-law

Amendment, Plan of Subdivision, Consent, Site Plan, under the Planning Act?

☒ Yes ☐ No If Yes and if known, provide the application file number and the decision made on the application.

Consent file NO. B35-98 approved the creation of the small lot within Lot 12, Conc. VII, surveyed as part 1, Plan 31R 2959

7.2 Past Land Uses -

farmland and farm related residential uses

8. Current Applications

Is the subject land currently the subject of an application for an Official Plan and/or Zoning By-law amendment minor variance, consent or a plan of subdivision that has been submitted for approval?

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown If Yes, and if Known, specify the appropriate file number and status of the application

9. Other Information

Is there any other information that you think may be useful to the Planning Board or other agencies in reviewing this application?

If so, explain below or attach on a separate page.

Taxes are paid separately on this property; has a different Roll number and a different 911 no, than the piece of property to be severed from.

This Lot is # 408 Nelson Rd and the property Beside it is # 558 Nelson Rd.

10. AFFIDAVIT OR SWORN DECLARATION

I/We, Linda Barfoot of the Township of
in the Georgian Bluffs make oath and say (or solemnly declare) that the information contained
in this application is true and that the information contained in the documents that accompany this application is true.

Sworn (or declared) before me

at the Town of Warton
in the County of Bruce
this 6 day of January 2021
Brenda Barham

Commissioner of Oaths

Brenda Susan Barham, a Commissioner, etc.,
Province of Ontario, for Middlebro' & Stevens LLP
Barristers and Solicitors.
Expires January 15, 2022.

Linda Barfoot
Owner(s) or Authorized Agent/Applicant

Owner(s) or Authorized Agent/Applicant

11. AUTHORIZED AGENT

Authorization of Owner for Agent to Make the Application

I/We, _____, am/are the registered owner(s) of the subject lands for which this application is to
apply. I/We do hereby grant authorization to _____ to act on my/our behalf in regard to this application.

Date

Signature of Owner(s)

Date

Signature of Owner(s)

12. PERMISSION TO ENTER

I/We hereby authorize the members of the staff of the Manitoulin Planning Board to enter upon the subject lands and premises for the
limited purpose of evaluating the merits of this application. This is their authority for doing so.

January 5, 2021
Date

Linda Barfoot
Signature of the Owner(s)

Date

Signature of the Owner(s)

The Planning Board will assign a File Number for complete applications and this should be used in all communications.

Applicant's Checklist:	Have you remembered to attach:	Yes
	- 3 copies of the completed application form?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	- 3 copies of the sketch?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	- The required fee, payable to the Manitoulin Planning Board?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

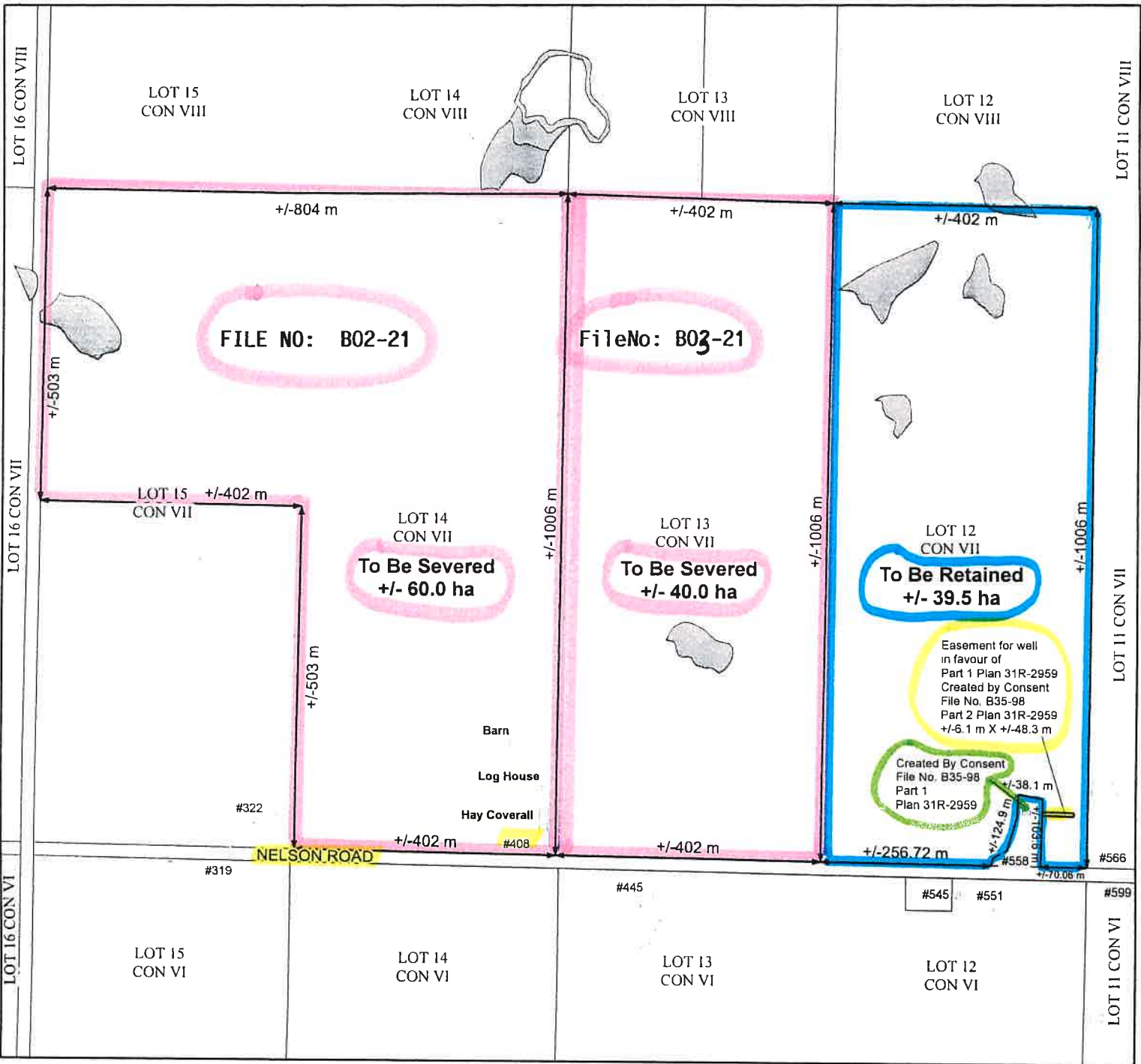
Forward to: **The Manitoulin Planning Board**
40 Water Street, Unit 1, P. O. Box 240
GORE BAY, Ontario POP 1H0

• Sketch Required

The Application shall be accompanied by a sketch showing the following, in metric units:

- (a) the boundaries and dimensions of any land abutting the subject land that is owned by the owner of the subject land;
- (b) the approximate distance between the subject land and the nearest township lot line or landmark such as a bridge or railway crossing;
- (c) the boundaries and dimensions of the subject land, the part that is intended to be severed and the part that is intended to be retained and, in the case of a lot addition, the lands the addition is to be consolidated with;
- (d) the location of all land previously severed from the parcel originally acquired by the current owner of the subject land;
- (e) the approximate location of all natural and artificial features (for example, buildings, railways, roads, watercourses, drainage ditches, banks of rivers or streams, wetlands, wooded areas, wells and septic tanks) that,
 - (i) are located on the subject land and on land that is adjacent to it, and
 - (ii) in the applicant's opinion, may affect the application;
- (f) the current uses of land that is adjacent to the subject land (for example, residential, agricultural or commercial);
- (g) the location, width and name of any roads within or abutting the subject land, indicating whether it is an unopened road allowance, a public travelled road, a private road or a right of way;
- (h) if access to the subject land will be by water only, the location of the parking and boat docking facilities to be used; and
- (i) the location and nature of any easement affecting the subject land.

The preferred size is on paper no larger than 8.5" by 14", larger plans will be accepted provided a reduction for circulation purposes is provided.



Memorandum

To: Mayor and Council

cc: CAO/Clerk, Deputy Clerk

From: Todd Gordon, EDO

Date: 03.10.2021

RE: Recommendation to Support the Regional EDO “Tourism Adaptation Research” Project

Recommendation

That Council support the Regional EDO Group’s “Tourism Adaptation Research” Project and allocate \$1200 in the 2021 budget to support this initiative.

Background

As EDO, I participate in a regional EDO group that meets regularly to discuss issues and topics of interest to Island and North Shore municipalities and First Nations. Given the pandemic during the past year, the group has developed a project to research and attempt to implement common strategies to adapt to new Tourism realities we are all facing to one extent or another. The attached letter provides some more information.

A sub-committee of our group, which I do not sit on, is steering this initiative. However, as always, I would be happy to take questions on this topic or otherwise discuss it with Council.

Respectfully submitted,
Todd Gordon, EDO



6020 Highway 542 - P.O. Box 187 Mindemoya, ON P0P 1S0 T: 705-377-5726 E: centralecdev@amtelecom.net

February 11, 2021

Via email: Manitoulin – La Cloche Economic Development Officer Network

Re: Manitoulin - La Cloche Tourism Adaptation Strategy

Goal:

The goal of the strategy is to gain expertise on how to adapt to sudden tourism growth in the region, in a COVID-safe manner, and reduce conflicts and negative impacts of this growth on communities, residents and the environment.

Background:

The Manitoulin-La Cloche area experienced a challenging tourism season in 2020 as it worked to adapt to both pandemic safety protocols as well as significant growth in tourism visitation. Communities and businesses, primarily through the members of the Manitoulin-La Cloche Economic Development Officer Network, expressed a need for more expertise in how to adapt their attractions, amenities, and signage to this growth. Amenities in this study are defined as infrastructure serving tourists travelling individually whether by vehicle, or in particular RV, including items such as bathrooms, pump outs, parking, accommodations, and directional signage.

The study aims to provide the necessary expertise to successfully adapt to these changes, identify new opportunities from tourism growth, as well as immediately implement some first steps that will have an impact in 2021. It appears that 2021 will be as busy again based on the level of bookings some businesses are reporting already and experts appear to be saying that distancing protocols will continue. Medium-term tourism growth is expected to continue post-COVID, with the awareness of the area as tourism destinations for Southern Ontario.

Scope:

Professional consultants from Ontario would be engaged to work with information and input provided by local partners to:

- a) Advise on adapting key individual or types of attractions that have growth and COVID safety challenges (“hotspots” ex. Bridal Veil Falls and/or trails in general), as identified by community partners
- b) Plan how to improve directional or wayfinding information for tourists to necessary amenities, both digitally and through signage
- c) Identify missing amenities across the region and the best ways to develop them (sometimes in partnership with private businesses)

- d) Based on the above, outline strategies to address gaps in wayfinding and amenities, particularly those involving business opportunities Implementation:
- e) To better direct tourists to available amenities, and promote COVID safety protocols at popular attractions, purchase and install common signage at key attractions and amenities in partner communities.

Measurable Economic Benefits:

Local businesses, Municipalities and First Nations will be better able to direct tourists to available amenities and promote COVID safety protocols at popular attractions without conflict or negative impacts to tourism, one of the areas main economic drivers.

The measurable economic benefits of an area partnership will be an organized effort to improve quality of place and end user experience, allowing visitors to stay longer, return more often and contribute more to the local economy. Additionally, it will allow all local amenity operators to focus their attention on improved service and ultimately reduce operating costs that come from the current operating procedures when amenities are not used properly or to their full potential or capacity. As examples, there will be less calls for information which ties up staff, less cleanup of illegal dumping, less crowding which will allow people to adhere to COVID protocols.

The project is anticipated to benefit 8 Municipalities, 2 First Nations and 1 Destination Marketing Organization with improved capacity to respond to these economic challenges. The strategy created will give these communities expert advice on how to proceed in the future regarding tourism, guiding tourists and visitors to and through attractions during COVID-19 and beyond.

Further finalized details:

The strategy will have a study produced that further identifies gaps in our tourism operation capacity with solutions usable by all Manitoulin-La Cloche. The study will be a toolbox for a signage strategy, tourism recommendations and best practices specific to this region. The second part of the strategy would be implementation of immediate 2021 signage at key tourism attractions and for communities that commit a financial contribution outlined below.

The proposed signage strategy's outcome is to be determined from the study however, based on other known undertakings by our partner Destination Northern Ontario it will most likely be the same design with an interchangeable community identity marker on it. Bi/multi-lingual or ideally with icon images that are more universal in message conveyance and inclusive of all languages living in and visiting the area without having cluttered signage. If a community has an existing signage strategy, they would be permitted to use the funding to complete signage using their pre-existing design instead of the Tourism Adaptation Strategy design.

The type of signage studied and funded would also likely be the urban directional and destination markers to find the attraction shown in Figure 1. Then down to the next level of wayfinding or information of amenities within the attraction. Examples such as washroom and parking, parking lot identification, trail markers as an example and information kiosks shown in Figure 2.

Funding:

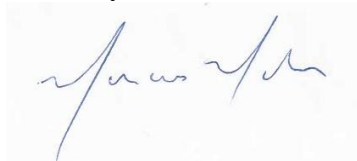
A funding application for a strategy with consulting fees for a study and report at \$80,000.00 and signage at \$40,000.00 for a total of \$120,000.00 was made to FedNor for \$54,000.00 (45%) with Destination Northern Ontario to partner and contribute \$54,000.00 (45%) once their 2021 budget is announced in April. The remaining \$12,000.00 (10%) would be contributions from committed Municipalities and First Nations. At this time based on our November 2020 survey there are 10 communities interested in leveraging this funding, which would be a commitment of \$1200.00 per community. The timeline for completion of the strategy final study report and the signage component implementation is June 2021.

FedNor has approved the project to Phase 2 of the application process. Central Manitoulin is the lead applicant through the steering committee.

A letter has been sent to 10 partner communities that indicated a high level of interest in contributing to this strategy:

<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Town of Gore Bay2. Municipality of Killarney3. Township of Billings4. Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands5. Sheshegwaning First Nation	<ol style="list-style-type: none">6. Wiikwemkoong First Nation7. Assiginack Township8. Municipality of Central Manitoulin9. Township of Tehkummah10. Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers
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Sincerely,

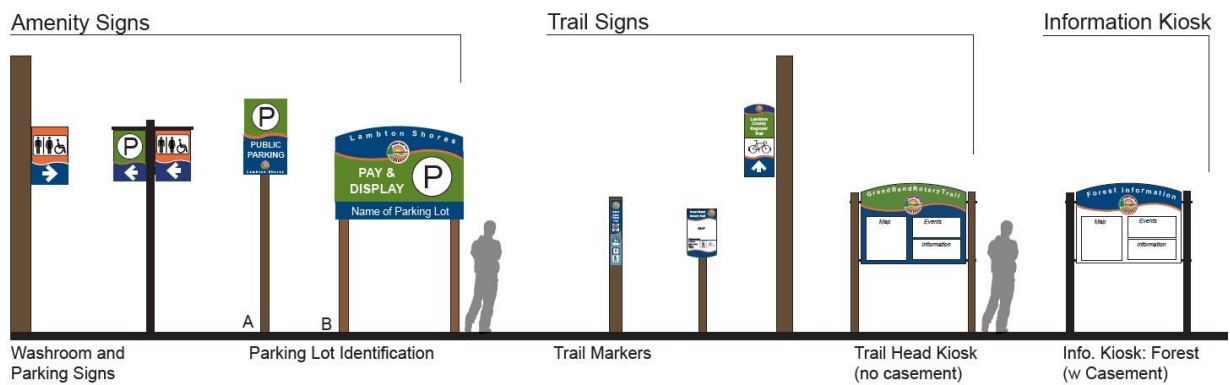


Marcus Mohr
Community Development/Outreach Coordinator
Municipality of Central Manitoulin

Figure 1



Figure 2





Report to Council

RE: Lone Worker Phone App

March 4, 2021

One of things that our workers are exposed to during the course of performing their work is that they end up in situations where they are working alone and are sometimes in vulnerable situations. Examples of lone worker activities that township worker would experience are:

Snow plow operations.
Heavy equipment operations
Landfill attendant
Librarian
Marina Workers
Museum employees
Bylaw Officer

While working alone on the surface does not present as an immediate safety concern, there are 4 provinces that have implemented lone worker provisions into their health and safety legislations.

During the latter part of January and early part of February I had our Public Works workers, the landfill attendant, the contract worker at the library and myself take part in a free 30-day trial of having an app on their phone that had employee check-ins at regular intervals and also provided an immediate emergency notification with GPS coordinates.

Listed below is information relating to lone workers and the phone app:

1)Definition of Lone Worker: Is a worker who performs work without direct supervision and works where they cannot be physically seen by others and works in isolation where assistance would not be readily available in case of an emergency or if the worker became injured or ill.

2)There are currently 4 provinces in Canada that have specific regulations in place regarding lone workers, but Ontario does not.

3)There is a provision under the duties of an employer in the Ontario OH&SA that does state that all reasonable precautions need to be taken in the circumstances for the health and safety of the worker. And I feel that all reasonable precautions would include this type of safety measure.

4) This is an item that I have been working with for a period of time with other health and safety committees that I work with in other municipalities.

5) I feel that by having this app installed in the phones for all outside township workers (full time, part time, seasonal and even for myself while I am performing bylaw duties) that it would offer another level of personal safety for any worker who may be working in vulnerable situations.

5) I have researched the issue and sourced a company, based off of price and service provided, that does provide a check-in and monitoring systems for Township workers who do work alone.

6) I have had a trial run of the app in another municipality and the response from the workers was very positive and that the app has become a permanent part of the H&S program.

7) I am recommending that Council agree to provide the funds so that the app can be utilized as a safety tool for the workers where it will be of benefit.

8) The cost of using the app based off of 1-5 workers for \$25.00 per month and 6-10 workers would be \$50.00 per month, but as stated earlier this is adjustable on a monthly basis to accommodate seasonal employees.

Regards

Arthur Moran
H&S Coordinator

March 11, 2021

[Sent via email]

Josh Shook
Project Advisor, Conservation Programs and Partnerships
Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
C: 416-230-4073 | Josh.Shook@ontario.ca

Dear Josh,

Please accept this letter as a formal request from the Township of Billings to amend the dates on our Transfer Payment Agreement with the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines for the Municipal Energy Program (MEP)

TPA Amendment request to Schedule "F":

Name of Report	Due Date (Current TPA)	Due Date (Amendments Requested)
5.MEP MSP 5 for Milestone 5: Stage 3 – Creation of Plan	October 1, 2020	March 31, 2021
6. MEP MSP 6 for Milestone 6: Stage 3 – Completion of Plan	April 1, 2021	May 30, 2021

Why we require this amendment:

Since March 2020 our project has experienced delays due to CoVid19. More specifically, the completion of grant deliverables for Milestone 5 – the publication of a draft Community Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP) has been delayed because:

- Climate Action Committee (CAC) and all committees at the municipality were suspended from March to September
- We could not complete the in-person stakeholder engagement activities we had planned originally and needed to shift these activities to an online format

Our plan for completing the project:

Our online community engagement survey ended on February 28, 2021. Results from this survey will be released March 15, 2021 and will be accompanied with our draft Community Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP). We are currently on track to meeting this deadline and this will signal our completion of Milestone 5 of the project.

From March 31, 2021 to May 30, 202 (the period of the extension being requested). We will complete required community consultation and steward the draft CEEP through the required



Council approval process. While simultaneously completing required reports for the MEP program to demonstrate our compliance with the all of the stipulated in the TPA.

The Township of Billings acknowledges that if we are unable to comply with the terms of the TPA it is possible that the municipality may not be eligible for receive the remaining MEP funding.

This letter has been respectfully submitted with the approval of Council and authorized by a signing authority designate of the Township of Billings. If you have any questions or follow up required please contact the staff person responsible for grant reporting, Kim Neale, Climate Change Coordinator – centralcc@eastlink.ca. Otherwise, we appreciate the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines understanding of the delays we have encountered and look forward to your approval of this timeframe adjustment to our TPA to ensure we deliver a CEEP that meets the need of our community and the MEP.

Regards,

Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk
Township of Billings
kmdonald@billingstwp.ca
705-282-2611 ext.223

cc:



Township of Billings
Mayor and Council

7 March 2021

Dear Mayor Anderson and members of Council,

4elements Living Arts is planning for Elemental Festival 2021, to be held September 25 and October 2, 2021.

The 2020 Festival required adjustment due to COVID-19 precautions, but was held outdoors in Billings Township, Municipality of Central Manitoulin, and Township of Assiginack on three successive weekends. We spread the Festival across days and communities to ensure that the size of gathering would stay below required limits.

Despite the changes, Elemental Festival 2020 was a success, drawing more than 150 attendees to our events across the days of the Festival, featuring artists, artisans, and musicians, along with a first look at our mobile studio. Billings Township was a valued supporter of the Festival and we thank you for making it possible to feature community arts in this way.

As we did last year with your support, 4elements has submitted a grant proposal to the "Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage--Local Festivals" fund from the Government of Canada/Canadian Heritage. We received funding from this source in 2019 and 2020, all of which went to support the local costs of the Festival.

In order to complete our application for 2021, **4elements is requesting that the Township of Billings commit to providing in-kind support for Elemental Festival 2021 by allowing the use of the Park Centre parking lot on Saturday September 25, 2021.** Another Island community will be approached to host the Festival on October 2, 2021. We will abide by all required COVID-19 precautions in place at the time of the Festival, and will cancel or postpone the Festival if it is not possible to hold the event safely.

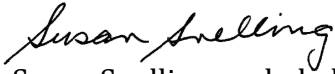
Municipal support for the Festival is required in order to complete a proposal, which was submitted January 31, 2021 and now requires submission of this supplementary documentation.

4elements Living Arts is in its 19th year and has made significant contributions to Billings Township, including partnering on the Billings Connections Trail, which was recognized with the Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award in 2018. Our

mission is to nurture and inspire community engagement in land-based arts on Manitoulin Island. We will continue to seek funding opportunities and develop the concept and programming for Elemental Festival 2021, and will keep you informed as we proceed. Your ongoing support will be a meaningful contribution to the economic and social fabric of our community.

We would be happy to answer any questions you may have. With thanks for your consideration and support,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Snelling".

Susan Snelling, on behalf of the Board of Directors, 4elements Living Arts



Confirmation of Support from Municipal Government or Equivalent Authority

APPLICANT: _____

Name of festival: _____

Funding by the Program is conditional upon confirmation of cash and/or in-kind support from the applicant's municipal government or equivalent authority (referred to below as - "the municipality").

For applications from a local band council, local tribal council, other local Aboriginal government or equivalent authority, that authority must provide written confirmation of support. Public organizations such as police, public transportation, waste management, or libraries, if directly under the municipal authority, can also provide municipal support. Financial support from the discretionary funds of elected officials is considered a donation from an individual and cannot constitute municipal support.

This form, once completed and signed, constitutes proof of support from the municipality. Support may also be confirmed in a letter that includes the cash and/or in-kind value of the municipal contribution for the event or activity. Should the municipality withdraw its support, the applicant must immediately notify the Department of Canadian Heritage.

Please complete this form, print it and have it signed by an authorized representative of your municipality or equivalent authority and submit with your application. Authorized representatives are employees of the municipal administration or equivalent authority or any elected official with signing authority.

CASH	
This amount must appear in the budget.	
Total:	

IN-KIND (monetary value)	The in-kind support for this festival will be as described in the following table. (Use additional pages if necessary) Please itemize contributions of in-kind goods and services.
Total:	

Name of authorized representative (required): Authorized representatives are employees of the municipal administration or equivalent authority or any elected official with signing authority.	
Title and municipality (required):	
Telephone number (required):	
Authorized representative's signature (required):	
Date YYYY-MM-DD (required):	



Memo to Council

Billings Township Noise Bylaw (revised)

March 9, 2021

Attached you will find a revised copy of the Billings Township Noise Bylaw.

The reason why this bylaw was revised is as follows:

- 1) The previous bylaw was produced in 2004 and needed to be reviewed.
- 2) Based off of researching bylaws from other municipalities there were specific definitions that were not included.
- 3) The previous bylaw did not include a provision for the times of day that fireworks can be used.
(Note. I did receive a call from the OPP this past summer regarding a complaint that they received regarding the late-night use of fireworks.)
- 4) The set fine schedule was requiring an update.

The content of this bylaw is consistent with Noise Bylaws in other municipalities.

If you have any questions regarding this bylaw, please contact me.

Regards

Arthur Moran
Bylaw Enforcement Officer

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BILLINGS

BY-LAW 2021-12

Being a By-Law to prohibit and regulate noise

WHEREAS Section 10 of the *Municipal Act, S.O. 2001 c. 25* as amended, provides that a municipality may regulate matters involving the health, safety and well-being of others; and

WHEREAS Section 129 of the *Municipal Act, S.O. 2001 c. 25* as amended, provides that a municipality may prohibit and regulate with respect to noise; and

WHEREAS noise is recognized as a form of pollution under the *Environmental Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.19* as amended; and

WHEREAS the residents of the Township of Billings have a right to and should be ensured an environment free from unnecessary or excessive sound or vibration which may degrade the quality and tranquillity of their life or cause a nuisance; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Billings desires to preserve the peace and quiet for the residents of Billings Township through the control, prevention and reduction of loud and excessive noise:

NOW THEREFORE THAT, the Council of the Township of Billings enacts as follows:

1.0 Definitions

“Act” means the Ontario Municipal Act, S.O. 2001 c.25 as amended.

- 1.1 “Construction” includes erection, alteration, repair, dismantling, demolition, structural maintenance, painting, moving, land clearing, earth moving, grading, excavating, the laying of pipe and conduit whether above or below ground level, street and highway building, concreting, equipment installation and alteration and the structural installation of construction components and materials in any form of for any purpose, and includes any work in connection therewith.
- 1.2 “Construction Equipment” means any equipment or device designed and intended for use in construction or material handling, including but not limited to, air compressors, pile drivers, pneumatic or hydraulic tools, bulldozers, tractors, excavators, trenches, cranes, derricks, loaders, scrapers, pavers, generators, off-highway haulers or trucks, ditchers, compactors and rollers, pumps, concrete mixers, graders or other material handling equipment.
- 1.3 “Conveyance” includes a vehicle and any other device employed to transport a person or persons or goods from place to place but does not include any such device or vehicle if operated only within the premises of a person.
- 1.4 “Council” means the Council of the Township of Billings.
- 1.5 “Essential Services” means services that are vital to the health and welfare of a population and therefore are essential to maintain even in a disaster.
- 1.6 “Highway” includes a common and public highway, street, avenue, parkway, driveway, square, place, bridge, viaduct or trestle designed and intended for, or used by, the general public for the passage of vehicles.
- 1.7 “Motor Vehicle” includes an automobile, motorcycle, and any other vehicle propelled or driven otherwise than by muscular power, but does not include the cars of electric or steam railways, or other motor vehicle running only upon rails, or a motorized snow vehicle, traction engine, farm tractor, self-propelled implement of husbandry or road-building machine within the meaning of the *Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8* as amended.
- 1.8 “Motorized Conveyance” means a conveyance propelled or driven otherwise than by muscular, gravitational, or wind power.
- 1.9 “Noise” means unwanted sound or sound that is such a volume or nature that it is likely to disturb the residents of the Township.

- 1.10 “Nuisance Noise” means any loud, unnecessary or unusual sound or any sound whatsoever which annoys, disturbs, injures, endangers or distracts from the comfort, health, peace and/or safety of any reasonable person as determined by an officer.
- 1.11 “Owner” includes:
- 1.11.1 The person who for the time being, manages or receives the rent for the land or premises in connection with which the land is used, whether on the person’s own account or as agent or trustee of any other person, or who would receive the rent if the land and premises were let; and a lessee or occupant of the property.
- 1.12 “Persistent” means repetitive and lasting longer than one hour
- 1.13 “Person” means an individual, association, firm, partnership or corporation.
- 1.14 “Point of reception” means any point on the premises of a person where sound or vibration originating from other than those premises is received.
- 1.15 “Power Device” means any powered device used in the servicing, maintenance or repair of any property.
- 1.16 “Premises” means a building or buildings including the associated land.
- 1.17 “Property” means a building or structure or part of a building or structure, the lands appurtenant to the building or structure, all mobile homes or mobile structures and includes vacant land.
- 1.18 “Officer” means an officer of the O.P.P. or a Municipal Bylaw Enforcement officer appointed by Council.
- 1.19 “Township” means the Corporation of the Township of Billings.

2.0 Prohibitions

- 2.1 No person shall emit, cause or permit the emission of sound or noise which is clearly audible at a Point of Reception anywhere or at any time within the Township resulting from an act listed herein:
- 2.1.1 The racing of any motorized conveyance other than in a racing event regulated by law.
- 2.1.2 The operation of a motor vehicle in such a way that the tires squeal.
- 2.1.3 The operation of a motor vehicle, motorized equipment, construction equipment or pneumatic device without an effective exhaust, intake-muffling device or other sound attenuation device of a type as specified by the manufacturer, which is in good working order and in constant operation.
- 2.1.4 The operation of a motor vehicle or a motor vehicle with a trailer resulting in banging, clanking, squealing, or other like sound due to improperly secured load or equipment, or inadequate maintenance.
- 2.1.5 The operation of any electronic device or group of connected electronic devices incorporating one or more loudspeakers or other electro-mechanical transducers, and intended for the production, reproduction or amplification of sound, such as the operation of a radio, television, stereo or other electronic device including any amplification device or any musical or other sound producing instrument, in such a manner as to disturb the peace and comfort of a person or persons at a Point of Reception.
- 2.1.6 Allowing the persistent barking, calling, whining or other similar persistent noise making by any domestic pet or any other animal kept or used for any purpose other than agriculture.
- 2.2 No person shall emit, cause or permit the emission of sound or noise which is clearly audible at a Point of Reception anywhere within the Township on any day at any time between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., inclusive, resulting from an act listed herein:
- 2.2.1 No person shall set off family fireworks, display fireworks, prohibited fireworks or pyrotechnics during the prohibited hours.
- 2.2.2 The operation of a combustion engine which is in or used in or is intended for use in a toy or a model or replica of any device which model or replica has no function other than amusement and which is not a conveyance.
- 2.2.3 Loading, unloading, delivering, packing, unpacking or otherwise handling any containers, product, materials or refuse unless necessary for the maintenance of essential services or moving of private household effects.
- 2.2.4 Any loud, abusive, obscene language or singing, shouting, speaking, hooting or whistling which is likely to disturb any inhabitant.
- 2.2.5 The operation of a motorized conveyance other than on a Highway or authorized snowmobile trail.

- 2.2.6 The operation of any power device or any tool for domestic purposes other than snow removal, except in the case of short-term emergency.
- 2.2.7 The operation of any construction equipment or in connection with construction.
- 2.2.8 The operation of a combustion engine generator used to provide electrical power
- 2.2.9 The operation of an engine or motor in, or on, any motor vehicle or items of attached auxiliary equipment for a continuous period exceeding five minutes, while such vehicle is stationary unless:
- 2.2.10 The original equipment manufacturer specifically recommends a longer idling period for normal and efficient operation of the motor vehicle in which case such recommended period shall not be exceeded.
- 2.2.11 Operation of such engine or motor is essential to a basic function of the vehicle or equipment, including but not limited to, lift platforms and refuse compactors.
- 2.2.12 Prevailing low temperatures make longer idling periods necessary immediately after starting the motor or engine.
- 2.2.13 The idling is for the purpose of cleaning and flushing the radiator and associated circulation systems for seasonal change of antifreeze, cleaning of the fuel systems, carburettor or the like, when such work is performed other than for profit.
- 2.2.14 The operation of a motor vehicle horn or other warning device except where required or authorized by law or in accordance with good safety practices.
- 2.2.15 The operation of any items of construction equipment without effective muffling devices in good working order and in constant operation.

3.0 Owner/Occupier Responsibilities

- 3.1 The owner, lessee, occupier or person in control of a premises is responsible for the nuisance noise created by invitees, guests or other persons on the premises in the same manner as the person actually creating the nuisance noise unless the owner, lessee, occupier or person in control of the premises establishes that due diligence has been exercised in a bona fide effort to control and abate such nuisance noise.

4.0 Exemption – Public Safety

- 4.1 Notwithstanding any other provision of this bylaw, it shall not be unlawful during an emergency to emit or cause or permit the emission of sound or vibration in connection with emergency measures undertaken.
- 4.2 Exemption – Cultural, Religious, Traditional or Other Activities
- 4.3 Notwithstanding any other provision of this bylaw, it shall not be unlawful during any event to emit, cause or permit the emission of sound or vibration in connection with the event duly authorized by Council held on municipal property.
- 4.4 For the activities of the event unless such sound or vibration is clearly of a longer duration or nature more disturbing, than is reasonably necessary.
- 4.5 For the ringing or sounding of church bells or chimes and the honking of a motor vehicle horn after a wedding.
- 4.6 For the noise, sound or vibration caused by farm equipment in the pursuit of normal farm practices.

5.0 Grant of Exemption by Council

5.1 Application to Council

- 5.1.1 Notwithstanding anything contained in this bylaw, any person may make application to Council to be granted an exemption from any of the provisions of this bylaw with respect to any source of sound or vibration for which he/she might be prosecuted. Council, by Resolution, may grant or refuse to grant an exemption. Any exemption shall specify an in-effect time period, not in excess of six months and may contain such terms and conditions as Council sees fit.
- 5.1.2 Decision
 - 5.1.2.1 In deciding whether to grant the exemption, Council shall give the applicant and any person opposed to the application an opportunity to be heard and may consider such other matters as it sees fit.
- 5.1.3 Breach
- 5.1.4 Breach by the applicant of any of the terms or conditions of any exemption granted by Council shall render the exemption null and void.
 - 5.1.4.1 No person shall breach any terms or conditions of any exemption granted by Council.

6.0 Severability

6.1 If a court of competent jurisdiction should declare any section or part of a section of this bylaw to be invalid, such section or part of a section shall not be construed as having persuaded or influenced Council to pass the remainder of the bylaw and it is hereby declared that the remainder of the bylaw shall be valid and shall remain in force.

7.0 Enforcement and Penalties

7.1 This bylaw shall be enforced by the Municipal Bylaw Enforcement Officer or a Provincial Offences Officer.

7.2 Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of this bylaw is guilty of an offence and upon conviction is liable to a fine as provided by the Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990, chapter P.33 as amended.

7.3 No person shall hinder or obstruct or attempt to hinder or obstruct an Officer who is exercising a power or performing a duty under this bylaw.

7.4 Persons who are appointed by the Township to enforce this bylaw are entitled to enter onto land as per the Ontario Municipal Act, 2001 S.O. c. 25 section 435.

8.0 Administration

8.1 This bylaw repeals the Township of Billings bylaw 2004-41.

8.2 This bylaw will come into effect the final passing thereof.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND ENACTED this ____ day of _____, 2021.

Ian Anderson, Mayor

Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BILLINGS

BY-LAW 2021-12

Being a By-Law to prohibit and regulate noise

Part 1: Provincial Offences Act

Item	Short Form Wording	Provision creating or defining offence	Set Fine
1	Cause/Permit Noise- racing a motorized conveyance	2.1.1	\$125.00
2	Cause/Permit Noise- squealing motor vehicle tires	2.1.2	\$125.00
3	Cause/Permit Noise- operate motor vehicle without effective muffler	2.1.3	\$125.00
4	Cause/Permit Noise- operate motorized equipment without effective muffler	2.1.3	\$125.00
5	Cause/Permit Noise- operate pneumatic device without effective exhaust/muffler	2.1.3	\$125.00
6	Cause/Permit Noise- operate combustion engine without effective exhaust/muffler	2.1.3	\$125.00
7	Cause/Permit Noise- operate vehicle causing noise	2.1.4	\$125.00
8	Cause/Permit Noise- operate vehicle and trailer causing noise	2.1.4	\$125.00
9	Cause/Permit Noise- operate loudspeaker or electro-mechanical transducer	2.1.5	\$125.00
10	Cause/Permit Noise- playing musical or other sound producing instrument	2.1.5	\$125.00
11	Permit Noise- noise caused by domestic animal	2.1.6	\$125.00
12	Cause/Permit Noise- detonation of fireworks or explosive devices during prohibited times	2.2.1	\$125.00
13	Cause/Permit Noise- operate combustion engine associated with model or toy during prohibited times	2.2.2	\$125.00
14	Cause/Permit Noise- handling of materials during prohibited times	2.2.3	\$125.00
15	Cause/Permit Noise- singing, shouting, hooting or whistling during prohibited times	2.2.4	\$125.00
16	Cause/Permit Noise- shouting during prohibited times	2.2.4	\$125.00
17	Cause/Permit Noise- operate motorized conveyance during prohibited times	2.2.5	\$125.00
18	Cause/Permit Noise- operate tool for domestic purposes during prohibited times	2.2.6	\$125.00
19	Cause/Permit Noise- construction work during prohibited times	2.2.7	\$125.00
20	Cause/Permit Noise- operate generator during prohibited times	2.2.8	\$125.00
21	Cause/Permit Noise- operate engine in excess of five minutes during prohibited times	2.2.9	\$125.00
22	Breach condition or exemption granted by Council	5.1.4	\$125.00
23	Hinder or obstruct Officer	7.3	\$500.00

Note: The penalty provision for the offences indicated above is section 8.2 of this By-law 2020-12 of which a certified copy has been filed.



2020 Fourth Quarter Activity Report February 25, 2021

The following is the most recent consolidated Quarterly Report that the DSB will be sending to member municipalities and posting on the public website. Expect Quarterly Reports in February, May, September, and November of each year.

The program statistics are provided separately and updated monthly. They are available on the website by clicking the following link: [Monthly Program Statistics](#)

CAO Overview

The DSB 2020 Fourth Quarter (Unaudited) Financial Report was presented to the Board and projects a year-end municipal **surplus of \$342,293**. Children's Services is forecasted to be on budget. This surplus includes Ontario Works forecasted to be on over budget by \$250,909. Community Housing is forecasted to be under budget by \$347,373. Paramedic Services is forecasted to be under budget by \$224,120. Interest revenue on non-reserve accounts is forecasted to be \$21,709 more than budgeted.

The DSB quarterly financial reports are available on the DSB website by clicking the following link: [Quarterly Financial Reports](#)

Paramedic Services

COVID-19 Pandemic Response

Paramedics continue to play an integral role in COVID-19 across our service area. The service was successful in securing one time funding to assist with High Intensity Supports at Home Program by Ontario Health. Our proposed model's overarching purpose fosters in home assessments, future influenza/COVID-19 vaccinations and on-going care for our marginalized and vulnerable populations. The goal is to avoid Emergency Department overcrowding and Hospital admissions by bringing health care to those who otherwise cannot have reasonable access or who are vulnerable to community spread infections. This goal can be achieved through dedicated resources and collaborative defined coordinated care plans with community stakeholders and Primary Health Care Providers.

Education & Training

This fall marked the return of face-to-face education sessions for all of our active Paramedics. This was a needed event as the spring sessions were cancelled due to the pandemic and the service needed to complete mandatory regulatory compliance training such as N95 fit testing and CPR re-certifications. Overall, there were 10 total face to face training sessions attended by 135 Paramedics over the span of 2 weeks.

Recruitment

Paramedics Services held a fall recruitment process and successfully onboarded 6 Primary Care Paramedics. These 6 new recruits are a welcome addition as we had experienced some unanticipated departures as well as staffing pressures for the COVID-19 Paramedic Response Team. Paramedic Services also put an internal posting out for Relief Superintendents which closed on the second week of December.

Community Naloxone Program

Paramedic Services have now received approval from the Government of Ontario to participate in the Harm Reduction – Naloxone program. Work on logistics, referrals, education and dispensing are on going and we are anticipating a full roll out of the program commencing in second quarter of 2021.

Children's Services

Licensed Child Care Data Profiles

On October 2, 2020 MEDU released the [2020 Annual Report](#) and [Licenced Child Care Data](#). The annual report is a snapshot of the childcare and early years sector and is based on reports submitted to MEDU directly from providers. The data specific to Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB may be accessed [here](#).

Most of the data presented in these reports was collected between March 2019-March 2020. The numbers reflect the period immediately prior to the emergency closure of child care due to Covid-19. Prior to the Covid-19 outbreak, Ontario's early years and child care system continued to grow. The Covid-19 pandemic resulted in temporary closures of child care across the province.

As of September 30, 2020, 93% of the child care centres reopened in Ontario. 100% of centres have reopened in Manitoulin-Sudbury district, while 50% of homes have reopened, the other 50% have elected to close their home.

In the Manitoulin-Sudbury district, the number of spaces has increased by 52% since 2010-11, the number of centres has increased by 33%, all of which are not for profit.

Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014 (CCEYA) Review

The CCEYA came into effect on August 31, 2015. The CCEYA requires a review of the legislation within five years of its coming into effect and a public report on the outcome of the review. The Ministry of Education confirmed the review of the act by [memo](#) on October 1, 2020. The proposed regulatory amendments were posted on the [Ontario Regulatory Registry](#) for public consultation until November 20, 2020.

Child Care Screening

Staff received a communication on October 2, 2020 regarding the development of a new Covid-19 [screening tool](#) for children attending school and child care. Children must be screened daily either virtually or in person.

Child Care Worker Appreciation Day

October 22nd, 2020 marked the 20th annual *Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day*. The sector is facing an unprecedented challenge as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. At the October Board meeting, the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB recognized October 22, 2020 as the 20th annual “Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day” in recognition of the education, dedication and commitment of child care workers to children, their families and quality of life of the community.

Operational Guidance Updates

Throughout the fall both [child care](#) and [EarlyON](#) Operational Guidance documents were updated by MEDU to support the safe reopening of child care and EarlyON.

MEDU Funding Approach 2021

Staff received [confirmation](#) that funding approach for Child Care and EarlyON for 2021 would align with the 2020 funding approach communicated in the fall of 2019. This is welcome news and will support continued planning in our community.

Targeted Emergency Child Care

On December 21st, the Premier of Ontario announced Safer at Home Restrictions to help curb the spread of COVID-19. Students enrolled in publicly funded schools moved to virtual learning for the week of January 4 to January 8. As a result of this announcement, staff worked quickly with providers and school board partners to open targeted emergency child care programs for eligible school age children impacted by the order. Programs were opened throughout the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB to provide service to [eligible workers](#). Operational [guidance](#) was developed by MEDU to support programs.

Ontario Works

Ontario Works Caseload

In the fourth quarter of 2020, the Ontario Works/Temporary Care caseload average is 510. Compared to last year at this time, the percentage of caseload remained the same.

Building a Strong Foundation for Success

The Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services announced the release of [Building a Strong Foundation for Success: Reducing Poverty in Ontario](#) (2020-2025). In this new five year strategy, a vision for Ontario where everyone can participate in their communities and achieve greater independence, stability and long-term job success to support themselves and their families.

The Key principles of the strategy include:

- Person-centred: help individuals overcome barriers
- Outcomes-focused: measure and report on progress and focus investments on achieving outcomes
- Partnership-driven: work collaboratively and share responsibility
- Integrated: take a whole of government and cross-sectoral approach to create a better coordinated and digitally enabled service system
- Place-based: focus on locally designed and community-led solutions

Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)

As you know, organizations across Ontario are required to comply with accessibility standards under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act and its Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation.

The DSB staff received a [memo](#) on October 5, 2020 containing important information about filing our accessibility compliance report to self-certify and verify that we are in compliance with accessibility standards.

Websites must be compliant by January 1, 2021. The DSB did add a AODA compatibility tool, however, this only made the 80% compliant and the cost to convert our website would be too expensive. In order to keep our conversion costs down, the DSB has created a new website with current year and additional year history. A quote to convert the entire website to French is also being explored.

Employment Ontario

We continue to work hard in promoting Employment Services, Youth Job Connect and Youth Job Connect Summer programs. This year was more challenging due to COVID.

The Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development has taken first steps to [Redesign the Second Career Program](#). The design will:

- Prioritize and give faster access to Second Career for laid-off workers from low-skill occupations in sectors most impacted by COVID-19 in 2020;

- Focus on short-duration training up to 52 weeks, including micro-credentials that lead to in-demand jobs in order to be more responsive to labour market conditions;
- Help clients to train in occupations that are in demand within local communities and in priority sectors;
- Begin to digitize the application process in a more user-centred and efficient way.

The ministry will continue to review the program to make sure it is providing the right supports and will plan to make further improvements to modernize the program in Spring 2021.

Food Banks Statistics across the District

On April 1, 2020, as a result of COVID-19, the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB received Social Services Relief Funding (Phase 1), totalling \$938,400. A portion of this allocation was used to support existing Food Banks across the District as well as create 2 additional ones. A total of 9,196 families were served in 2020 through the Food Banks which is an additional 19% more than the number of families served in 2019.

Community Housing

Waiting list (Applicants)

As of December 31, 2020, the number of waiting applicants decreased by 1%. The applicant breakdown is as follows: Total applications to end of quarter is 514.

1 Bedroom	410	(-11)	2 Bedroom	48	(-2)
3 Bedroom	35	(0)	4 bedroom	21	(-1)

Direct Shelter Subsidy (DSS)

Staff continue to identify and complete the application process with eligible applicants for the DSS program. All applicants receiving the benefit are deemed housed. As of the end of this quarter there were 222 active DSS recipients.

Income Mixing

Per DSB Policy, every effort is being made where the waitlist allows, to mix the Community Housing Buildings with RGI, Affordable and Market Rent Tenants. At the end of the Quarter in 2019, we had secured 10 full market rent tenants and 38 affordable rent tenants throughout the portfolio. As of the end of this quarter we have successfully secured 10 market rent tenants and 63 affordable rent tenants.

Smoke Free Housing – Unit Count-down

As of the end of the 4th quarter of 2020, 172/275 of the portfolio's units are designated as Smoke-free. This represents **63%** of the full portfolio currently. Units are designated as turn-over occurs.

Bill 204 - Helping Tenants and Small Businesses Act, 2020

On October 1, 2020, Bill 204 received Royal Assent, to freeze rent at 2020 levels. The Act amends the Residential Tenancies Act, 2006 (RTA) to freeze residential rent increases in 2021. This means that rents will not increase in 2021 for the vast majority of rented units covered under the *Residential Tenancies Act*.

- The 2021 rent increase guideline, as determined through legislation, was previously set at 1.5% for increases in rent-controlled units between January 1 and December 31, 2021. This was published in the Ontario Gazette on August 29, 2020.

Bill 204 freezes increases that would have happened in the 2021 calendar year. While the rent freeze will end on December 31, 2021, landlords can give 90 days' notice in 2021, for a rent increase that takes effect in 2022.

The actual financial impact of this RGI change is difficult to predict, as the RGI calculation is based on the tenant's income. In any year, there would normally be tenants whose income increases, resulting in an increase in rent paid by them for the year. This is somewhat offset by tenants whose income decreases, resulting in a lower rent paid by them for the coming year. The number of rents impacted by this change has been decreased because of Income-Mixing-by-Building. The compared results from 2019 to 2020 are indicative that the ongoing impacts of the decrease in rental revenue loss due to the rent freeze are offset as a result of the increase in Affordable units.

Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF) – Phase 2

The DSB received additional funds in the SSRF Phase 2 in the amount of \$897,838. SSRF Phase 2 funding will allow the Manitoulin Family Resources agency to expand their current Violence Against Women's shelter, and to build a new food bank/thrift store as their client needs have expanded a great deal. The funding would also include the purchase of a cargo van which would allow for the expanded delivery of needed household good, clothing and food into the communities throughout our service region, to access points such as already existing Food Banks throughout the district.

The Ministry has now completed its review of our business case, has confirmed that they have approved our plan with follow up direction in accordance with a total planning allocation of \$897,838 for the fiscal year 2020-21.

On December 15, 2020, the Board chair received a [letter](#) from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing advising that the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB was approved additional SSRF hold back funding in the amount of **\$176,100**. The DSB submitted an investment plan that indicated the intention to use the additional \$176,100 to fund part of the \$290,650 shortfall for the Manitoulin Family Resources new build which was approved by the Board in the September 2020 [Issue Report](#). This would leave a shortfall of \$114,550 for the new build which Manitoulin Family Resources will be responsible to cover and/or reduce the scope of work.

Canada Ontario Housing Benefit

On December 23, 2020, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs sent a letter to Service Managers. At this time, the Ministry is forecasting the COHB program funding for 2020-21 to be fully committed. Accordingly, no new application to household will be distributed. Applicants will be able to re-apply when new annual planning allocations become available in April 2021.

Infrastructure and Asset Management

COVID-19

During this period staff were busy trying to continue with catch up of outstanding work orders as a result of the first lockdown, but much progress was made in this regard. We continued with daily disinfection of common areas throughout the district and Custodian Staff also assist with Administration Office daily disinfection.

Work Orders

During the quarter (October - December 2020) a total of 251 Work Orders were generated: 183 for Community Housing; 16 for Administration Offices, and 52 for Paramedic Services. There was a total of 169 Work Orders closed during that time.

Building Condition Assessments - Full Portfolio

The Building Condition Assessments (BCAs) [Issue Report](#) was presented to the Board at the October 2020 meeting from the completed reports procured from Housing Services Corporation (HSC). The report highlights the critical items for immediate consideration and estimated costs. Additionally, the report breaks down a recommended schedule of required capital work over the next 10-years. The DSB has entered into Contract with HSC to assist with the rollout of the 2021 Capital Recommendations using capital budget and reserves as necessary to complete projects.

Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative (COCHI) and Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative (OPHI)

On November 13, staff received a [letter](#) from the Assistant Deputy Minister, Josh Paul advising that our business case request to SWAP our Year 2 OPHI monies to Year 3 was approved. With all 3 years now swapped to year 3, there is \$656,700 of OPHI funding. With the net proceeds of our property sales, the DSB will have over \$1.2M to reinvest into affordable housing in the District. Staff are actively reviewing an appropriate site location to build, that satisfies the demand indicated on the housing waiting list.

Summary

The DSB had a very busy quarter. If municipal Councils have any questions or would like DSB staff to attend a municipal Council meeting, please feel free to contact me at the address below.

Fern Dominelli

Chief Administrative Officer

Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board

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			Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB			
			4th Quarter Report (Unaudited)			
			AS AT 12/31/2020			
	Total Gross Budget			Municipal Share Budget		
	YTD	YTD	OVER(UNDER)	YTD	MUNICIPAL	Over(Under)
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET	MUNICIPAL	SHARE	Budget
					BUDGET	Forecast
Ontario Works	\$ 2,697,199	\$ 2,444,299	\$ 252,900	\$ 1,280,909	\$ 1,030,000	\$ 250,909
100% Funded	\$ 6,194,929	\$ 6,645,448	\$ (450,519)			
Child Care	\$ 7,289,129	\$ 8,379,684	\$ (1,090,555)	\$ 668,038	\$ 668,038	\$ -
Community Housing	\$ 2,807,986	\$ 3,052,181	\$ (244,195)	\$ 1,880,287	\$ 2,227,660	\$ (347,373)
100% Funded	\$ 187,381	\$ 509,870	\$ (322,489)			
Paramedic Services	\$ 15,038,081	\$ 14,853,647	\$ 184,434	\$ 6,560,592	\$ 6,784,712	\$ (224,120)
100% Funded	\$ 2,078,379	\$ 1,950,066	\$ 128,313			
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 36,293,083	\$ 37,835,195	\$ (1,542,112)	\$ 10,389,826	\$ 10,710,410	\$ (320,584)
Interest Revenue	\$ (120,872)	\$ (99,163)	\$ (21,709)	\$ (120,872)	\$ (99,163)	\$ (21,709)
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 36,172,210	\$ 37,736,032	\$ (1,563,821)	\$ 10,268,954	\$ 10,611,247	\$ (342,293)

Variance Analysis December 30, 2020		
Actual to Budget	NET Municipal Variance	Explanation of Unaudited Municipal Share
Ontario Works	\$ 250,909	Municipal share of administration expenses are over budget by \$250,909; the majority due to COVID costs.
Child Care	\$ -	Municipal share of Child Care expenses is estimated to be on budget.
Community Housing	\$ (347,373)	<p>(\$103,180) + (\$139,395) + (\$104,798) = (\$347,373) surplus</p> <p>Federal Funding is (\$103,180) more than budgeted.</p> <p>Direct operated rev & exp and program support allocation is (\$139,395) under budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rental Revenues are (\$48,306) more than budgeted. - Direct operating expenses are under budget due to: utilities (\$17,962) under budget, salaries & benefits for custodians \$3990 over budget, maintenance expenses over budget \$33,003, administration wages & benefits are (\$55,109) under budget due to a vacant position - Administration expenses are over budget \$12,139 - Program Support Allocation is (\$67,150) under budget. <p>Non-Profit, Rent Supp, and Urban Native expenses are (\$104,798) under budget due prior year reconciliations.</p>
Paramedic Services	\$ (224,120)	<p>Paramedic Services is (\$408,552) + \$184,432 = (\$224,120) under budget.</p> <p>The MOHLTC funding is more than budgeted by \$408,552 surplus.</p> <p>Total expenses are under budget by \$184,432</p> <p>Staffing is over budget due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regular Wages are over budget by \$199,611; - Other Wages and Severance are over budget by \$113,554: - Benefits are under budget due to WSIB premium rate reduction of \$1.87 per \$100 resulting in (\$149,744); NEER is under budget by (\$331,780); Other Benefits are over budget by \$123,753 <p>Non Wages are forecasted to be under budget due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Program Support is \$23,859 over budget - Trans, Vehicles, Repairs & Supplies is \$205,178 over budget
Interest Revenue	\$ (21,709)	Interest Revenue is (\$21,709) more than budgeted which results in a municipal surplus.
	\$ (342,293)	



Press Release

The Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association is pleased to announce the secondment of Fern Dominelli as its new Executive Director.

“The need for a pan-Northern strategy and plan focused on strengthening our communities’ human services systems has never been greater” stated Janet Gawne, Chair, NOSDA “We are excited to have Mr. Dominelli join our organization as the Executive Director to support our members and work closely with our northern municipal associations.”

Mr. Dominelli brings with him over 35 years of leadership experience in the human services sector and lead NOSDA into a post-pandemic work focused on strengthening Northern Ontario’s affordable housing, social assistance, employment, childcare and paramedic services systems.

“I am proud and honored to have the opportunity to lead NOSDA and its members into a new and exciting future for the human services sector,” said Fern Dominelli. “I look forward to strengthening NOSDA’s strategic partnerships and continuing to build on our members’ incredible work which is already contributing so much to Northern Ontario’s economy and municipalities.”

In Northern Ontario, a group of 10 District Social Services Administration Boards (DSSAB’s) and the one Consolidated Municipal Services Managers (CMSM) have joined together to form NOSDA to create a more effective and holistic approach to supporting families, community, and industry in Northern Ontario.

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234-2021-1005

March 4, 2021

Mayor J. Ian Anderson
Township of Billings
15 Old Mail Rd P.O. Box 34
Kagawong ON P0P 1J0

Dear Mayor Anderson:

Ontario has heard directly from the municipal sector that operating impacts due to the pandemic will continue in 2021. In order to respond to municipal need and to further strengthen our communities, we are now investing an additional \$500 million to help municipalities respond to ongoing and unprecedented 2021 COVID-19 operating pressures. While the actual extent of municipal impacts for 2021 are uncertain at this time, the province expects that this funding will help municipalities continue to deliver the high-quality local services that residents and business rely on, as well as help municipalities proceed with planned capital projects in 2021.

I am pleased to inform you that the Government of Ontario has committed financial support to the **Township of Billings** through the 2021 COVID-19 Recovery Funding for Municipalities program in order to support your COVID-19 operating costs and pressures. All municipalities in Ontario are eligible for this program and the level of funding is based on the proportion of COVID-19 cases in the Public Health Unit for your respective municipality during the period of January 1, 2021 to February 18, 2021. I have reviewed the eligibility criteria for provincial assistance under the program and have determined that accordingly, your municipality will receive **\$31,218.00**, subject to your municipality returning a copy of this letter, signed by your municipal treasurer, to the ministry by March 31, 2021. You will receive these funds in two equal instalments – one instalment on or before May 1, 2021 and the other on or before November 1, 2021.

Please note that your municipality is accountable for using this funding for the purpose of addressing your priority COVID-19 operating costs and pressures. If the amount of the funding your municipality receives exceeds your 2021 COVID-19 operating costs and pressures, the province's expectation is that your municipality will place the excess

funding into a reserve fund to be accessed to support any future COVID-19 operating costs and pressures.

The province realizes that municipalities are facing financial impacts due to the COVID-19 pandemic and that in some instances, this provincial funding will not be sufficient to cover all municipal operating impacts due to COVID-19. The province expects municipalities to do their part by continuing to find efficiencies in their operating services and using existing reserves and reserve funds that have been specifically put aside for such unforeseen circumstances.

Your municipality will be expected to provide two report backs on your COVID-19 operating impacts and the use of these funds as follows:

1. An interim report in June 2021, which will include:
 - a) Use of funds provided last year under the Safe Restart Agreement – Operating funding stream; and
 - b) 2021 estimated COVID-19 operating impacts and how your municipality plans to use the funding under the 2021 program.
2. A final report back in Spring 2022.

We had previously indicated that Safe Restart Agreement reporting would be expected in March 2021. However, we have decided to streamline this reporting and the new 2021 COVID-19 Recovery Funding for Municipalities program. The template for this report back will be provided by the ministry with more details to follow in the coming months. While the province expects your municipality to complete this report, your second instalment under the 2021 COVID-19 Recovery Funding for Municipalities program is not contingent on the province receiving your interim report.

At this time, I am requesting that your municipal treasurer sign the acknowledgement below and return the signed copy to the ministry by email to: Municipal.Programs@ontario.ca. If the province has not received your letter on or before March 31, 2021, you will not be eligible for this program and your municipality's allocation will not be paid. In order to allow for processing time, please provide your signed letter to the ministry on or before March 24, 2021.

Our government continues to stand with our municipal partners as we have throughout the pandemic, advocating for funding for communities from the federal government to support local economic recovery. Communities may need more COVID-19 related operating funding in the coming year, and we will continue to advocate on your behalf to the federal government. I encourage you to contact your local Member of Parliament to seek further federal support in order to help municipalities deal with their operating impacts due to COVID-19.

The government thanks all 444 Ontario municipal heads of council for their support throughout the pandemic and our ongoing partnership in Ontario's economic recovery.

Sincerely,



Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

c. Municipal Treasurer and Municipal CAO

By signing below, I acknowledge that the allocation of **\$31,218.00** is provided to the **Township of Billings** for the expected purpose of assisting with COVID-19 costs and pressures and that the province expects any funds not required for this purpose in 2021 will be put into a reserve fund to support potential COVID-19 costs and pressures in 2022. I further acknowledge that the **Township of Billings** is expected to report back to the province on 2021 COVID-19 costs and pressures and the use of this funding.

Name:

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March 3, 2021

Re: Agricultural Development and Land-use Planning

The Manitoulin/North-Shore Federation of Agriculture represents Ontario Federation of Agriculture members in Manitoulin/North-Shore and advocates on behalf of their needs and interests. Agriculture in Northern Ontario is an important economic pillar and in Manitoulin/North-Shore, agriculture generated \$18 million in farm cash receipts in 2017 and supports over 1,000 jobs in the area.

The OFA believes the highest and best use of Ontario's arable land is for agriculture. Land capable of supporting agricultural activities is a finite, strategic, non-renewable resource worthy of preserving for its ability to provide safe, affordable, and sustainable food/fibre/fuel. The Growth Plan for Northern Ontario identifies agriculture, aquaculture, and food processing as key drivers of economic development and growth across the North. Provincial Policy Statement agricultural policies require municipalities protect their prime agricultural areas for their long-term agricultural use. Though these lands are typically defined as Canada Land Inventory Class 1-3 soils plus specialty crop areas, the OFA believes that prime ag lands should also include Class 4 soils and that Class 5-6 soils that are part of an ongoing agricultural operation deserve protection too. Where Class 1-4 soils are not present in a county or region, the best agricultural lands in that area should be recognized and protected for their agricultural use.

Much of the land in Manitoulin/North-Shore is Class 6 and 7 with pockets of Class 2 – 4 land throughout. Cattle & calves are the predominant sector, with approximately 81,000 acres in pasture (viable on Class 5 – 6 soils). Approximately 27,000 acres are in crop production. The protection and consideration of viable agricultural lands in Manitoulin/North-Shore is important, partly to ensure the pockets of prime agricultural lands in the area remain in agriculture and partly to ensure the viability of agricultural development in the future.

We recognize the complexity and challenges related to land use planning in our municipalities. We have included a link to some additional resources that support municipalities with respect to agricultural development and would like to proactively offer our support and involvement in any capacity, whether it be the development/inclusion of an agricultural advisory board or on a case-by-case basis. This offer is also open for any other municipal issues or opportunities that might impact or involve agriculture. A strong, positive relationship between local farmers and their municipalities will only be a benefit to the future development of Manitoulin/North-Shore.

Sincerely,

Alan Emiry
Chair
Alan Emiry

Mike Johnston
Policy Advisory Member
Mike Johnston



Agriculture *Matters*

A Guide for Municipal Councillors and Staff

Introduction

Ontario's agriculture and agri-food sectors are leading economic drivers for the province; contributing over \$47 billion in GDP and employing over 837,000 Ontarians.

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) is Canada's largest voluntary general farm organization, representing more than 38,000 family farm businesses across Ontario. OFA works to represent and champion the interests of Ontario farmers through government relations, farm policy recommendations, lobby efforts, research, community representation and media relations. Ontario farmers form the backbone of our robust food system and rural communities with the potential to drive the Ontario economy forward.

The purpose of this Guide is to provide an overview of issues affecting farmers today, as well as identifying opportunities for local communities to support this untapped, and sometimes undervalued, economic sector. It is available electronically at ofa.on.ca/GrowAg.

OFA's 52 County and Regional Federations offer strong, grassroots leadership, and should be your first point of contact when addressing municipal issues affecting agricultural businesses in your community.

Producing Prosperity in Ontario

OFA's campaign, [Producing Prosperity in Ontario](http://producingprosperity.ca), calls for greater investment in Ontario's agri-food sector and rural communities as an effective strategy to deliver economic growth and prosperity for all Ontarians.

Distributing development dollars across Ontario is the solution to ongoing challenges facing rural and urban communities. New investments in Ontario's rural communities will grow existing businesses, attract new companies, and boost opportunities for regional economic development.

Distributing economic development will create new jobs, enable new affordable housing options, improve food security, and contribute to environmental stewardship.

When we invest in our small communities, we improve the physical and social infrastructure in rural Ontario; generating new opportunities to work and live in communities across the province. This is good for rural Ontario and alleviates the stresses in our urban communities. It's a win-win.

To learn more about the long-term benefits of investing in our agri-food sector and our rural communities, visit producingprosperity.ca.

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Municipal Issues Affecting Ontario Agriculture

Land Use Planning and Economic Development

Agricultural Representation in Municipal Governance

What's the issue for municipalities?

- Programs and policies developed by councillors and administered by municipal staff with limited knowledge of modern agriculture can inadvertently adversely affect farmers and their operations.

Why does it matter to farmers?

- Farmers are facing greater challenges in influencing local decision-making as an increasing number of citizens have a limited understanding of agriculture.
- Municipal councillors listen to the concerns of their constituents and since farmers are a minority, their voice may not be heard. As an integral part of our local economy, environmental sustainability, and ability to feed ourselves, we must include the views of farmers to ensure farms remain viable and financially sustainable.
- The intensifying responsibilities of councillors today make the role a full-time job. Consequently, fewer farmers can make the necessary commitment to this role, limiting their voice at the table.

How can you help?

- Engage with your farm community early and often. This can occur through public meetings, attending local County Federation meetings, or inviting representatives to speak at Council meetings.
- Consult with farmers on policies and programs that may affect their farm business operations, including new roads, bridges and traffic circles that may impede transportation of modern farm equipment.
- Some municipalities have an Agricultural Advisory Committee established to advise councillors and staff on by-laws that affect agriculture. After discussing with the local County Federation, consider the benefits of creating an Agricultural Advisory Committee to encourage regular discussion and information sharing.
- Ensure that all meetings and consultations consider the schedules of farm businesses. Planting season and harvesting season (in particular, the months of May, October and November) are exceptionally busy and farmers will rarely be able to attend meetings. Flexible hours (e.g. beyond 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.) and online (e.g. webinars) can also help alleviate timing pressures.

Resources

- [OFA's Guide and Checklist to Support Agricultural Growth in Your Municipality](#)
- [AFIO Directory: Examples of Agricultural Advisory Committee Terms of Reference](#)

Municipal Official Plans

What's the issue for municipalities?

- Ontario municipalities must have an Official Plan. The Official Plan describes your local township, county, region, district or city government's policies on how land in your community will be used, and where future development will go. It is prepared with local citizen input and helps ensure that future growth and development will meet the needs of the community, in an orderly manner.
- As outlined in the Planning Act, municipal Official Plans and Zoning By-Laws "shall be consistent with" the [Provincial Policy Statement \(PPS\)](#). The PPS provides policy direction to municipalities on matters of provincial interest related to land use planning and development.
- In addition, the Greenbelt Plan, Niagara Escarpment Plan, Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe and the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan may set specific land use policies for municipalities subject to one or more of these Plans.
- In some cases, municipalities might be in the process of developing or reviewing their Official Plan. Periodic review of the municipal Official Plan is obligatory.

Why does it matter to farmers?

- The municipal Official Plan identifies areas in the municipality set aside for agricultural, residential, industrial, commercial, recreational and institutional uses. Large contiguous tracts of land designated for agricultural uses are necessary for farming to prosper.
- Non-agricultural land uses located within lands designated for agriculture can negatively impact the ability of surrounding agricultural operations to expand or to introduce new agricultural activities, particularly through mandated separation distances imposed by the Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) formulae.

How can you help?

- Ensure you have read the resources provided below and recognize the challenges associated with development pressures on agricultural lands.
- Strike a balance between competing interests for land uses. Economic development is often seen as directly tied to urban growth and more jobs. However, agriculture and its related industries also create and retain jobs. Consider how we will feed our growing population on a municipal, provincial, national and global scale.

Resources

- [OMAFRA's Guidelines on Permitted Uses in Ontario's Prime Agricultural Areas](#)
- [OMAFRA's Minimum Distance Separation Guidebook](#)

Comprehensive Zoning By-Laws

What's the issue for municipalities?

- Municipal governments have the responsibility to develop Official Plans and Comprehensive Zoning By-Laws for their areas. These two documents set out the general allocations for land use, as well as listing the types of activities allowed within each land use category (e.g. for agricultural zoning, by-laws impacting farm diversification through on-farm processing of farm products).
- Official Plans outline which areas within the municipality will be designated agricultural, residential, industrial, commercial, recreational, or institutional uses. Official Plans also regulate the growth of these competing land uses within the municipality. Zoning by-laws focus on specifics, such as how lands within each major designation will be used, where buildings and structures can be located on each parcel of land (setbacks from roads and lot lines), the types and sizes of buildings permitted, lot sizes and dimensions, and parking requirements.

Why does it matter to farmers?

- The municipality's policies on growth and development and its zoning by-laws affect farmers. Municipal Official Plans and zoning by-laws need to reflect the unique needs of agriculture.
- Agriculture products and production practices are constantly changing and evolving. Comprehensive Zoning By-Laws may not reflect the current realities of farming today.
- On-farm diversification (e.g. food processing, retail farm markets, farm weddings, etc.) is growing in Ontario as farmers look for new revenue streams and consumers are increasingly interested in where their food comes from.

How can you help?

- When establishing and updating Comprehensive Zoning By-Laws and Official Plans, consult with your agricultural community to reduce or eliminate negative consequences.
- Ensure Municipal Official Plans and Zoning By-Laws are clear about what uses are permitted, consider neighbouring uses, and provide support for these farm ventures to contribute to their success.

Resources

- [OMAFRA's Guidelines on Permitted Uses in Ontario's Prime Agricultural Areas](#)
- [OMAFRA's Minimum Distance Separation Guidebook](#)
- [AFIO Directory: Comprehensive Zoning By-Laws](#)

Farming and Food Production Protection Act and Municipal By-Laws

What's the issue for municipalities?

- Municipalities need to carefully consider the scope of by-laws that could impact normal farm practices, ideally by consulting with an Agricultural Advisory Committee or county Federation of Agriculture.

Why does it matter to farmers?

- The [*Farming and Food Production Protection Act*](#) (Ontario's "right to farm" law) provides a mechanism for farmers, either individually or in a group, to have a local by-law reviewed if they believe that the by-law unduly restricts a normal farm practice.
- Section 6 of the *Farming and Food Production Protection Act* enables a farmer or group of farmers to apply to the Board should they believe that a municipal by-law (current or future) unduly restricts a normal farm practice. The onus is on the applicant(s) to prove that the by-law unduly restricts a normal farm practice.
- If the Board determines that the by-law does restrict a normal farm practice, then it can grant the applicant(s) an exemption from the by-law. However, if the Board determines that the by-law does not restrict a normal farm practice, the applicant(s) are bound to comply with the by-law.
- Non-farming neighbours may not understand normal farm practices, and may object to odour, noise, dust, or other realities of farming. This may result in negative interactions or neighbour disputes about normal farm practices.

How can you help?

- Ensure Municipal By-Laws are clear about their application to normal farm practices and recognize that Ontario agriculture in the 21st century is a complex and constantly evolving industry.
- Learn about normal farm practices and promote awareness among non-farming neighbours about the realities of living near farms.

Resources

- [OMAFRA's Guidelines on Permitted Uses in Ontario's Prime Agricultural Areas](#)
- [Past decisions of the Normal Farm Practices Protection Board](#)
- [OMAFRA web page on Normal Farm Practices](#)

Rural Economic Development

What's the issue for municipalities?

- Policies that support the economic well-being of rural businesses and residents support the broader regional economy. Availability and access to health care services, rural schools, affordable energy, broadband internet and transportation infrastructure are all essential for rural economic development.
- Municipalities tend to offer economic development programs and incentives in urban areas to develop their downtowns and support businesses (e.g. downtown revitalization or business improvement areas), however, rural support is often lacking.
- Rural municipalities are increasingly engaging in economic development initiatives. An economic development strategy may be commissioned to assist with identifying key sectors to target for growth and guide initiatives undertaken by the municipality.

Why does it matter to farmers?

- Economic development initiatives tend to favour industries such as manufacturing, energy or retail while overlooking the economic opportunities in the agri-food sector. Farmers need continued support to provide food, fibre and fuel to Ontario's economy.
- Rural areas may not be given the resources and support needed to retain and expand their operations. There is a growing importance to support economic prosperity of rural and agricultural businesses through financial incentives and reduced costs.

How can you help?

- Reduce the financial burden by exempting farm structures from development charges.
- Support rural infrastructure projects and apply for municipal infrastructure funding.
- Municipalities can implement Community Improvement Plans (CIP) that encourage private investment, renew infrastructure, and waive development fees. Provide incentives for on-farm diversification by developing an agricultural/rural-specific CIP.
- Business retention and expansion studies (BR+E) can focus specifically on agriculture and food to determine specific needs and opportunities within the sector. An agri-food BR+E can be particularly useful for determining whether specific infrastructure is needed (e.g. grain elevator, freezer storage facilities, distribution centres, etc.) or specific cluster development (e.g. craft beer and hops industry growth).

Resources

- [AFIO Directory: Examples of municipal/regional Economic Development Strategies](#)
- [AFIO Directory: Examples of rural/agricultural Community Improvement Plans](#)
- [AFIO Directory: Examples of BR+E studies for agriculture and food](#)

Broadband Internet

What's the issue for municipalities?

- Reliable internet access is the norm in urban Ontario but continues to be a problem in many rural areas of the province, often only a few kilometres from major cities. Access to high speed internet in rural and remote areas is an ongoing challenge.
- In December 2016, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) ruled that broadband internet service is considered a basic telecommunications service for all Canadians. The CRTC set targets for internet service providers to offer customers in all parts of the country download speeds of at least 50 megabits per second (Mbps) and upload speeds of at least 10 Mbps, and to also offer the option of unlimited data.

Why does it matter to farmers?

- Reliable, high-speed broadband internet service is as vital to modern farm businesses as electricity and telephone service. Farmers rely on the internet for information to make business decisions, operate precision agricultural technologies (e.g. auto-steer technology on tractors, GPS-enabled yield monitors), facilitate marketing of farm products, access continuing education and farm management information, and participate in the global digital economy.
- Two out of three Ontario farmers surveyed have unreliable internet connection, according to a recent survey of more than 1,000 OFA members. Results showed 94% of respondents believed access to the internet is important to their farm operations, and the majority of those indicated their business would suffer without reliable internet access. More than 50% of respondents believed better internet access would boost their bottom line by opening opportunities for domestic and international markets, and keeping pace with new innovations, technology and overall competitiveness.
- OFA believes that rather than setting speed targets, Internet Service Providers (ISPs) must adopt a Minimum Customer Service standard that will ensure that farmers and rural residents can receive the level of reliable internet service they need, at a price competitive with their urban counterparts.

How can you help?

- Initiate projects to expand broadband internet into rural areas to meet the current and future needs of rural residents.
- Conduct research into where there are underserved areas in your community.
- Support regional initiatives such as the [South Western Integrated Fibre Technology \(SWIFT\) Network](#) and [Eastern Ontario Regional Network \(EORN\)](#).

Resources

- [OFA's web page on Broadband Internet](#)
- [CRTC's web page on Closing the Digital Divide](#)

Community and Regional Food Planning

What's the issue for municipalities?

- Community and regional food planning strengthens the relationships between producers, processors, distributors, and consumers of food. While some municipalities may not see their role, there are many instances where local governments can help their communities stay healthy by supporting policies and programs that facilitate the consumption of locally-produced foods.
- Agri-food products that are produced and available locally will support healthy communities, provide job opportunities, and diversify the economy. Local produce is fresher and reconnects consumers with how food is produced.

Why does it matter to farmers?

- Supporting local food means supporting local farmers. Increasing opportunities for farmers to sell and market their products contributes to the viability of their farm business. It also helps consumers understand modern agriculture and increases public trust and engagement with the food system.
- A municipality can implement policies that either assist or hinder opportunities to market local agricultural products within the community. Even with the best intentions, local by-laws can impact the ability of farmers to access, and market directly to, consumers.

How can you help?

- In 2013, Ontario passed Bill 36, the [Local Food Act](#), to help foster successful local food economies and systems, help increase awareness and diversity of local food, and develop new markets for local food. Municipalities can develop and promote activities to celebrate during Local Food Week in June and Ontario Agriculture Week in October.
- Developing a municipal local food procurement policy can help connect urban centres and the surrounding rural communities. Supporting local food production, consumption and procurement helps the local economy and keeps local dollars in the community.
- Municipal governments have a responsibility to citizens to incorporate community and regional food planning into their policies. Planning for food can take the form of local by-laws that do not restrict the development of local food systems, zoning to allow for farmers markets and other marketing opportunities, and activities that strengthen community food security and local economic development.

Resources

- [AFIO Directory: Examples of Food Policy Council Terms of Reference](#)
- [AFIO Directory: Examples of Local Food Promotional Brochures and Maps](#)
- [AFIO Directory: How-To Guides and Toolkits for Agriculture and Food](#)

Food and Organic Waste

What's the issue for municipalities?

- Every year Ontarians divert 1.4 million tonnes of food and organic waste from landfill streams, and yet 2.2 million tonnes are sent for disposal. Residential and Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional (IC&I) sectors represent 86% of food and organic waste generated; 10% from agriculture; and 4% during distribution.
- Municipalities that process food and organic waste need to support technology and innovation to recover compostable products and packaging. Special considerations are needed for rural, northern and remote communities. Community size and geographic distribution present unique issues under existing organic waste resource recovery legislation. Municipalities need to pursue regional recovery capacity approaches including economy of scale waste processing.
- Municipalities need to plan for the management and beneficial use of biosolids, enhanced biosolids processing technologies and co-management practices that support volume minimization and nutrient recovery.

Why does it matter to farmers?

- Agriculture is a key part of the food and organic waste circuit. Aside from manure that is reinvested into soils as fertilizer, farms do not produce a significant amount of waste, but agriculture must be part of food and organic waste discussions to address unique considerations and solutions for urban and rural Ontario.
- Agriculture is integral to the final stages of the food and organic waste resource circuit and an important partner in the distribution of composts and other food waste.
- The Ontario [Community Food Program Donation Tax Credit for Farmers](#), in addition to the charitable donation tax credit, assists eligible farmers in donating agricultural products to eligible community food programs in Ontario (e.g. food banks).

How can you help?

- Develop regional solutions through partnerships among municipalities, industry and communities. Community-based solutions such as organic waste processing infrastructure, small-scale composting, small-scale biogas and biomass energy generation facilities for rural, northern and remote areas will reduce food waste.
- Food waste that cannot be diverted for food consumption and animal feed should be diverted to composting, aerobic or anaerobic digestion. Partner with the agricultural community to strategically site regional anaerobic digesters with the dual purpose of final stage organic waste consumption, and production of low or net-zero energy.

Resources

- [OFA's web page on Food Waste](#)
- [MECP's Discussion Paper on Reducing Litter and Waste in Our Communities](#)
- [OFA's submission regarding MECP's discussion paper: Reducing Litter and Waste](#)

Municipal Farm Property Tax Ratio

What's the issue for municipalities?

- The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) is responsible for the assessment and classification of property. However, municipalities set property tax rates and upper/single-tier municipalities determine local tax burden through their tax ratio policy.
- Farm residences, plus a minimum one acre of land, are taxed at the municipality's residential tax rate. However, farmland and outbuildings that are eligible for the Farm Property Class Tax Rate Program are taxed at no more than 25% of the residential property tax rate. Upper and single-tier municipalities have the authority to set the farm property tax ratio below 25%.

Why does it matter to farmers?

- In MPAC's province-wide 2016 property reassessment, farmland assessment increases have greatly outpaced the residential assessment increases in most municipalities. Consequentially, the farm class is carrying a larger share of the total municipal tax burden. Therefore, a reduction in the municipal farm property tax ratio (below 25 percent of the residential property tax rate) should be considered.
- Collecting an increasing portion of the municipal budget from the farm property class is inappropriate where the revenue is allocated to finance municipal services for developed areas (e.g. sidewalks, street lighting). Taxes collected from farmland should reflect the minimal municipal services required by farm land and buildings.
- The farm property tax rate only applies to farmland and farm buildings that have been classified by MPAC into the farm property class. The farm residence and one acre remain in the residential property class and are taxed at the residential property tax rate. Therefore, farmers pay residential property taxes like other homeowners.

How can you help?

- Support reducing the farm property tax ratio to ensure that the percentage of municipal tax revenue from the farm property class remains consistent with previous years.

Resources

- [OFA's web page on Property Assessment and Taxation](#)
- [MPAC's web page on How Assessment Works](#)

Taxation of On-Farm Value Added Activities

What's the issue for municipalities?

- The Ontario Fair Assessment System, based on the classification of properties where each class is taxed at a different rate, has resulted in some buildings located on farms being classified and taxed at full commercial or industrial rates. These rates are inappropriate in cases where the building is used for activities necessary in getting the primary agricultural product or commodity stored and distributed.
- In addition, buildings used to conduct on-farm value-added activities, such as small-scale processing, retail or agri-tourism should be encouraged and not discouraged by excessive property taxes. The OFA defines value-added activities as an extension of the farming operation by taking a marketable farm commodity produced on land owned or controlled through rental, lease and/or sharecropping arrangements by the same farmer or farmers and increasing its value by further preparing it, and/or storing it, and/or selling it directly to the consumer.
- In 2018, [changes to Ontario Regulation 282/98 under the Assessment Act](#) allow upper-tier municipalities to create optional sub classes under the industrial and commercial property classes for on-farm value-added activities. In municipalities that adopt this optional property class, the first \$50,000 in assessed value of on-farm value-added facilities will be taxed at 25% of the local commercial or industrial tax rate. Facilities with an assessed value of greater than \$1,000,000 will not be eligible for this new optional property tax classes.

Why does it matter to farmers?

- Farm buildings that are used for activities necessary to get their primary agricultural products to market should not be considered commercial or industrial uses.
- Farm buildings that are used for small-scale value-added agriculture should be encouraged to support business diversification and product enhancement on the farm.
- Commercial and industrial property tax classes are considerably higher than farmland property tax classes and can unduly restrict farm business ventures.

How can you help?

- Support the adoption of a subclass for industrial and commercial property classes in upper-tier municipalities.
- Encourage on-farm, value-added activities that enhance agricultural offerings in a community to create jobs and stimulate the rural economy.

Resources

- [OFA's web page on Property Assessment and Taxation](#)
- [Changes made to Ontario Regulation 282/98 under the Assessment Act](#)

Development Charges on New Farm Buildings

What's the issue for municipalities?

- Municipal governments can levy municipal development charges on new residential and non-residential buildings and structures to cover the capital costs associated with increased demand for municipal services that result from growth-related development. These capital costs can include acquiring and improving land and buildings, infrastructure for water and sewer services, and new equipment and buildings required to maintain emergency services.
- Although the [Development Charges Act](#) provides municipalities with the ability to apply such charges to agricultural buildings and structures, most municipalities have chosen to exempt agricultural buildings and structures from municipal development charges.
- However, subsequent by-laws may omit the existing exemptions for agricultural buildings and structures unless farmers and municipal councillors are vigilant.

Why does it matter to farmers?

- Development charges are in place to fund services related to growth, which brings more people to a municipality (e.g. higher local population, more employment). Since the construction of most new farm buildings does not increase the need for services as a commercial or industrial business would, development charges should not apply to farm buildings and structures. If they do, farmers are bearing more than their share of the municipality's additional capital expenditures.
- If one municipality applies development charges to agricultural buildings and structures while a neighbouring municipality does not, an inter-regional inequity is created. About 90 percent of municipalities with development charges by-laws do not apply the charges to farm buildings and structures.
- Standardizing the application of development charges to agriculture through a province-wide exemption would prevent farmers from facing inequitable treatment in a minority of municipalities. The OFA believes that the *Development Charges Act* should be amended to provide a statutory exemption to farm animal housing and other farm buildings/structures from all development charges to ensure equitable treatment of farms in all Ontario municipalities.

How can you help?

- Determine whether development charges apply to agricultural structures in your municipality and consider amending these charges.
- Support OFA's position that all new farm buildings in Ontario should be exempt from development charges.

Resources

- [OFA's submission on the Development Charges Act](#)

Environment and Animal Welfare

Nutrient Management and Pesticides

What's the issue for municipalities?

- The [Nutrient Management Act \(NMA\)](#) and the [Pesticides Act](#) both contain language placing regulatory control firmly in the domain of the provincial government. Specifically, in the case of the NMA section 61(1) states: A regulation supersedes a by-law of a municipality as a provision in that by-law if the by-law or provision addresses the same subject matter as the regulation.
- Similarly, section 7.1(5) of the *Pesticides Act* states: A municipal by-law is inoperative if it addresses the use, sale, offer for sale or transfer of a pesticide that may be used for a cosmetic purpose.

Why does it matter to farmers?

- The OFA lobbied for, and supports, the above provisions on the basis that it is preferable to have provincial legislation and regulations governing pesticides and land-applied nutrients rather than a patchwork of inconsistent municipal by-laws.

How can you help?

- Where necessary, repeal existing by-laws that deal with either pesticides or land-applied nutrients.

Resources

- [OMAFRA's web page on Nutrient Management Act](#)
- [OMAFRA's web page on Using Pesticides in Ontario](#)

Noxious Weed Control

What's the issue for municipalities?

- The [Weed Control Act](#) is meant to provide relief from the spread of noxious weeds. The Act requires every person in possession of land adjacent to agricultural land to “destroy all noxious weeds on it”. The province has designated a number of plants as noxious weeds, including giant hog weed. Municipalities may add additional weeds to the provincial list for local enforcement.
- There are three levels of weed inspectors: lower tier (if applicable) appointed locally, upper tier (county, region or district) appointed regionally, and a provincial inspector appointed by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA).
- A landowner concerned about weeds on neighbouring lands should contact their municipal clerk, asking for the weed inspector. The local municipal clerk should always be the first point of contact, regardless of whether the weed problem occurs at the municipal, county or provincial levels. The clerk will contact the appropriate inspector.
- Any person (landowners, municipalities, provincially owned land, MTO properties, conservation authorities, former railway rights-of-way, etc.) in possession of land where noxious weeds are present and negatively impacting agricultural lands, are responsible for controlling them, including any associated costs.
- A weed inspector who finds noxious weeds or weed seeds can order the person in possession of the land to destroy them within seven days (excluding weekends). An order to destroy weeds can be appealed to the chief inspector. In turn, the decision of the chief inspector can be appealed to Divisional Court.
- If a landowner fails to obey an order to destroy, the municipality can destroy the weeds and bill the owner for the cost. Ultimately, if the bill is not paid, it is added to the property tax bill as taxes owing.

Why does it matter to farmers?

- Weed control on and adjacent to agricultural land improves crop yields and reduces a farmer's need to undertake costly on-farm weed control when not controlled by the municipality.

How can you help?

- Ensure that municipal properties, including parks, recreational trails and road allowances adjacent to agricultural lands are kept weed-free.
- Commit to ensuring that municipal weed inspectors keep all properties adjacent to agricultural lands weed-free.

Resources

- [OMAFRA's web page on Noxious Weeds in Ontario](#)

Predation and Wildlife Management

What's the issue for municipalities?

- We all enjoy seeing wildlife, but when their numbers increase to the point where they cannot survive without turning to agricultural crops, livestock or poultry for food, then farmers look for help. Wildlife damage costs Ontario farmers approximately \$41 million per year.
- Some municipalities have passed municipal “no discharge of firearms” by-laws. These by-laws can negatively impact farmers by closing the municipality to hunting and predator control, leading to increased wildlife damage to crops, livestock or poultry. Other municipalities have passed by-laws to permit Sunday gun hunting, during the normal open season, for deer, wild turkey, etc.

Why does it matter to farmers?

- The *Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program* provides limited compensation to farmers for wildlife damage to livestock, killed or injured by predators, or dogs. Farmers who have had livestock or poultry killed or injured by a predator should contact their municipal clerk and ask for the Municipal Investigator. Municipalities are required under the *Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program* to appoint one or more Municipal Investigators.
- There is **no** government program that compensates for wildlife damages to crops, orchards, vineyards, etc.
- Section 31 of the [Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act](#) authorizes anyone to harass, capture or kill wildlife on their own land that is damaging, or is about to damage, their property. These provisions apply to all wildlife, including wild turkeys and beaver, with the exception of endangered or threatened species and moose, caribou, elk or white-tailed deer. MNR does issue authorizations to farmers facing damage by deer or elk. Farmers and other property owners can take reasonable action to protect their property - including crops, livestock or poultry - from predation.

How can you help?

- An apparent first response to agricultural damage by wildlife is to allow hunting during open seasons. In some instances, trapping may be a viable solution.
- Develop a municipal program to compensate licensed hunters or trappers who remove nuisance coyotes preying on livestock or poultry.
- Pass a by-law to permit Sunday gun hunting during the normal open season for deer, wild turkey, etc.
- Only apply “no discharge of firearms” by-laws in urban areas within your municipality.

Resources

- [OMAFRA's web page on Predation and Wildlife Damage](#)

Provincial Animal Welfare Services (PAWS) Act

What's the issue for municipalities?

- On January 1st, 2020 the *Provincial Animal Welfare Services (PAWS) Act* came into effect for the province of Ontario.
- The new legislation introduced a provincially funded animal welfare enforcement model, headed by a Chief Animal Welfare Inspector and one or more deputies. The new model has the strongest penalties in Canada for people who commit cruelty offences.
- One hundred provincial inspectors will provide province-wide coverage for animal distress and cruelty investigations. These inspectors are subject to a code of conduct and specialized training.
- The legislation empowers others, beyond inspectors, to act when an animal is in imminent risk of serious injury or death when it is left in a hot car.
- Transitional regulations have been put in place to ensure animals are protected while long-term regulations are being developed. During this time, Provincial inspectors will work with local police, veterinarians, agriculture commodities, and local humane societies to ensure animals remain protected.
- For more information, please visit the [Ministry of the Solicitor General page on Animal Welfare](#).

Why does it matter to farmers?

- Ontario farm families care about their animals. Farm animal and equine owners uphold high standards of care in alignment with accepted codes of practice and normal farming activities.
- Ontario farm animal owners and caregivers ensure the health and welfare of farm animals through compliance with the provisions outlined in the PAWS Act.

How can you help?

- Keep informed about the [Provincial Animal Welfare Services Act, 2019](#).
- Promote the toll-free number for the Ontario Animal Protection Call Centre to report concerns about animal distress or abuse: 1-833-9-ANIMAL (264625); Call centre is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Resources

- [OFA's web page on Farm Animal Care](#)

Farm Trespass and Biosecurity

What's the issue for municipalities?

- Increasingly, animal activists and unwanted trespassers are illegally entering property, barns and buildings, seizing private property and threatening the health and safety of the farm, employees, livestock and crops. This is causing significant disruptions to the entire agri-food sector, especially for livestock farmers and transporters. These incidents distress farmers, their families and their employees, and threaten the health of livestock and crops when activists breach biosecurity protocols.
- Introduced in December 2019, Bill 156, *Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act, 2019* intends to protect farms, farm families, and the safety of the entire food value chain by addressing the ongoing threat of unwanted trespassing and activists who disrupt Ontario farms and the safety of the food system.
- The new legislation provides a balanced approach to protect farms, families, livestock and food safety, while recognizing a citizen's right to protest. Bill 156 recognizes the importance of minimizing animal stress and reducing the potential of spreading disease.

Why does it matter to farmers?

- Increased incidents of on-farm trespass and barn invasions puts the health and welfare of animals and ultimately the entire food supply at risk by breaching biosecurity protocols.
- These incidents distress farmers, their families and employees, and threaten the health of livestock and crops when activists breach biosecurity protocols.
- Ontario farmers follow strict codes of conduct to ensure the health, safety and welfare of all farm animals.
- Bill 156- *Security from Trespass and Protecting Food Safety Act* will ensure farm businesses have a legal standing to protect Ontario farms, farm families and employees, livestock, crops and ultimately the entire food supply from intruders.

How can you help?

- Show your support from Bill 156 and its intent to protect farms, farm families and employees, livestock and the safety of the food system by addressing the ongoing threat of unwanted trespassing and activists who think it is their right to disrupt our farms and the safety of the food chain.

Resources

- [OFA's webpage - Farmers: Trespass and Occupiers' Liability](#)

Rabies

What's the issue for municipalities?

- As of July 1, 2018, Ontario rabies immunization requirements for animals are applied uniformly across all health units. Every owner or person having the care or custody of a horse, cow, bull, steer, calf or sheep shall ensure such animal is immunized against rabies. Therapy animals, service animals and riding school horses fall under these requirements. Two exceptions which are *not* subject to requirements:
 1. Livestock “accessible only to the person or persons who are responsible for the care and control of such animal” (e.g. individuals involved in daily or health needs and/or handling, showing, or commercially transporting an animal).
 2. Livestock “where the only time the animal is accessible by persons other than the persons described in clause (a) is when the animal is at a seasonal agricultural winter fair including those held by an agricultural society constituted under the *Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act*, unless the animal is part of an interactive display such as a petting zoo” (includes animals in 4-H events/clubs).
- When animals are kept or held in areas accessible to the general public, reasonable measures (e.g. signage, physical barriers, supervision of animals, etc.) should be used to prevent unauthorized persons from handling the animals. Animals in settings where the general public is encouraged and/or expected to have direct contact with these animals (e.g. petting zoos, “animal experience” events and other interactive animal exhibits) must be vaccinated against rabies thirty days (30) prior to the event.
- Animal rabies immunization requirements in Ontario are primarily enforced by health units conducting investigations after an animal bite to a human has been reported to public health. However, some municipalities and health units may take a more proactive approach in settings such as petting zoos or interactive animal exhibits.

Why does it matter to farmers?

- Animal owners are responsible for paying for rabies vaccinations, including any veterinary fees for administration. The failure to immunize will result in a fine. An immunization certificate or statement of exemption must be provided to a medical officer of health or a public health inspector upon request.
- Animals on private or community pastures that are not intended to come into contact with the general public are *not* subject to the rabies immunization requirement. In this case, livestock fences are considered sufficient barriers, and individuals trespassing on pastures are *not* considered members of the general public.

How can you help?

- Ensure you and your local public health unit is aware of [R.R.O. 1990, Regulation 567](#).

Resources

- [OFA's web page on Farm Animal Care](#)
- [Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's FAQ on Ontario's Rabies Immunization Requirements for Animals](#)

Drainage

What's the issue for municipalities?

- Under the [Drainage Act](#), landowners requiring drainage to remove excess water, thereby making their land more productive, can petition their council for a drain. If the petition is valid, Council appoints an engineer to prepare a report. The engineer's report describes the work to be done, including an estimate of the overall cost of the project, and a schedule showing each landowner's share of the project's costs. The municipality implements the engineer's report by enacting a by-law. A portion of the costs of construction, maintenance or repairs allocated to properties classed as "agriculture" for property tax purposes are reduced through a grant from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA).
- The municipality is also responsible for employing a Drainage Superintendent. The Drainage Superintendent initiates, supervises and assists in the construction, maintenance and repairs of municipal drains under the Act. The costs to employ the Drainage Superintendent are partially paid through an annual grant from OMAFRA.
- The [Tile Drainage Act](#) provides loans to farmers to construct tile drainage systems on their farms. Loans are limited to 75% of the cost of the work to be done, to a maximum for \$50,000 per farmer, per year. Repayment is through ten (10) annual installments, often collected concurrently with the property taxes. The funds for tile loans are provided by OMAFRA but are distributed to farmers by their local municipality. To be eligible for a tile drainage loan, the farmer must employ an OMAFRA-licensed contractor to do the requisite work.

Why does it matter to farmers?

- The ability to safely remove excess waters from one's fields enables farmers to achieve higher crop yields while also reducing rutting and soil compaction.

How can you help?

- Understand your role and responsibilities under both the *Drainage Act* and *Tile Drainage Act* related to agricultural land drainage.
- Non-farm developments adjacent to farmland (e.g. residential, industrial, commercial, recreational or institutional) often entail sizable site grading, which can change natural drainage patterns. Drainage problems can be created at the newly created site, adjacent farms, or both. Ensure that changes in land use require an engineered drainage plan to ensure that adjacent properties are not negatively impacted by drainage.

Resources

- [OMAFRA's web page on Drainage](#)
- [OFA's web page on Farm Property](#)

Water

What's the issue for municipalities?

- Municipal Council must ensure that municipal drinking water is safe, that proper testing is performed at regular intervals, and that regularly scheduled maintenance is performed on structural components. Additional roles of municipalities under the [Clean Water Act \(CWA\)](#) include the implementation of a Source Protection Plan (SPP) for every source of municipal drinking water, be it surface water or groundwater.
- The CWA aims to protect the sources of water that are drawn into a municipal water system for distribution to those who are serviced by the municipal water system.
- Once an SPP is approved, it is the role of the municipality to implement the plan in its Wellhead Protection Areas (groundwater systems) and Intake Protection Zones (surface water systems). To assist in this endeavour, municipalities will be expected to employ and direct Risk Management Officials and Risk Management Inspectors to work with farmers and other landowners on the development and implementation of Risk Management Plans that are tailored to the properties that they own and manage.

Why does it matter to farmers?

- Increased scrutiny is being placed on any activities which may impact water quality, including agricultural practices. Given that farms are often located in well-head recharge areas and along rivers and lakes which provide the source of a municipality's drinking water, agriculture will be faced with restrictions on farming practices. Farmers are rural residents who require potable water for their families and their operations, however they will also need to provide safeguards for the public's benefit.
- One major concern for the OFA is the cost of compliance for those farmers who are required to change their management practices as a result of the SPPs.
- Another concern is that Risk Management Officials and Inspectors will not be knowledgeable about agricultural practices. OFA encourages all areas of the Province to use the [Farm Source Water Protection - OFEC Framework](#) when developing Risk Management Plans on farms that have been identified with practices deemed to be significant threats.

How can you help?

- Provide funding for farmers required to incur capital costs, and/or management costs, and/or ongoing maintenance costs to protect a municipal drinking water supply.
- Encourage Risk Management Officials/Inspectors to use the Farm Source Water Protection Framework when developing Risk Management Plans on farm operations.

Resources

- [OFA's web page on Water](#)
- [OMAFRA's web page on Water](#)
- [Farm Source Water Protection - OFEC Framework](#)

Energy

Hydro

What is the issue for municipalities?

- The role of the municipal councils differs for those areas served by a Local Distribution Company, and those served by Hydro One.

1) In places with a Local Distribution Company (LDC)

The municipal council (or in some cases a private firm) owns the electricity distribution system. They are responsible for ensuring electricity service, including quality of service, such as issues with uncontrolled ground current.

2) In municipalities served by Hydro One

The role of the municipal council is limited where the municipality is served by Hydro One. Council may be called upon to work politically to ensure their constituents receive quality service and the municipality may intervene in hydro rate hearings to encourage better rates and/or service.

Why does it matter to farmers?

- Hydro is a crucial service for farm and business development.

How can you help?

- If served by a PUC/LDC, identify how you will address concerns about unacceptable level of service, maintenance or repair, and how you will ensure rural delivery charges remain aligned with lower urban delivery charges.
- If served by Hydro One, how will you ensure that hydro maintenance and repair services are adequate, and costs are better managed.

Resources

- [OFA's web page on Understanding Service Types for Hydro One Customers](#)
- [OFA's web page on Uncontrolled Electricity](#)
- [OFA's web page on Ontario Electricity Bill Reductions](#)

Natural Gas and Renewable Natural Gas

What is the issue for municipalities?

- Natural gas distribution, where it is available, is provided almost entirely by private firms (e.g. Union Gas or Enbridge). However, these private firms hold a municipal franchise provided to them by the local government to provide service in the area.
- In many rural areas, no natural gas distribution service is provided. As a result, rural residents pay more for energy than their urban counterparts. For example, to heat a three-bedroom home with gas costs \$1,500 per year. Electric heat costs \$ 4,600 and propane heat costs almost \$4,100.
- Municipalities without natural gas service are less attractive for business development and are a missed opportunity for rural prosperity.

Why does it matter to farmers?

- Energy is one of the largest inputs on farms, and a significant cost to rural residents and local business owners. If natural gas was available across the province, it could save Ontario farmers, business owners and rural residents over \$1 billion in annual energy costs.
- New rural gas pipeline infrastructure will also enable rural agricultural communities to produce clean biogas and renewable natural gas for pipeline delivery.

How can you help?

- Undertake a project to bring gas service to, or expand, natural gas service into the rural community.
- Support local improvement by-laws for natural gas service.

Resources

- [OFA's web page on Natural Gas Infrastructure](#)
- [OFA's web page on Energy Costs and Availability](#)
- [OFA's website Grow Rural Ontario](#)

Community Energy and Emissions Planning

What is the issue for municipalities?

- Through the Municipal Energy Plan Program, municipalities can get funding to develop a plan that will help your community:
 - improve energy efficiency;
 - reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions;
 - study the impact of future growth on energy needs; and
 - foster renewable energy production and economic development.
- Previous attempts to build rural power generation incentivized large, industrial-scaled facilities attached to high-voltage transmission grids. These large renewable procurements were sited based on available high-voltage capacity, with no input from local municipalities.

Why does it matter to farmers?

- OFA believes Rural Community Energy Projects will put power generation where it is needed and will consider energy policy in alignment with Climate Change, rural economic development, waste management and agricultural objectives. There are plenty of opportunities in Ontario where incentivized local and small-scale energy solutions will help rural Ontario grow.
- Rural Ontario needs access to local energy systems where communities have a say in facility location, design, construction, ownership and management. Developing community energy systems fosters rural economic development and helps communities reduce carbon emissions while creating jobs and delivering reliable local power.

How can you help?

- Take part in regional energy planning and engage your local farm community.
- Eliminate the barriers between electricity, natural gas and other sources of energy and move towards more integrated and longer-term planning.

Resources

- [OFA's web page on Rural Community Energy Plans](#)
- [Ontario's Municipal Energy Plan Program](#)
- [Independent Electricity System Operator \(IESO\) web page on Regional Planning](#)
- [Association of Municipalities of Ontario \(AMO\) web page on Advocacy](#)

Alternative Energy Opportunities on Farms

What is the issue for municipalities?

- Alternative energy use promotes conservation and local generation while decreasing transmission costs and greenhouse gas emissions and can provide new revenue sources for municipalities. Alternative energy opportunities on farms include: biogas (electricity from manure), wind power, solar heat, solar electric, and co-generation or combined heat and power.
- Affordable and sustainable energy is critical to the prosperity of our communities. Energy from farms can help power farms and Ontario while improving our environment. It is mutually beneficial for farmers, the private sector and government.
- Rural renewable power should be viewed as a critical contributor to rural economic development and a new foundation for Ontario's farms.

Why does it matter to farmers?

- Energy opportunities can add several million dollars in annual farm income in the short term, and between \$1 and \$2 billion annually in the long term, with over \$200 million added each year to the farm 'take home' income. This would do a great deal for the stability of Ontario farms.
- OFA believes solar power on roof tops and close to areas of use is an excellent innovation. Large scale solar on farm land is a questionable and likely harmful use of farm land and should be discouraged.

How can you help?

- Support local generation projects to meet local needs; reducing transmission of power over long distances, creating local jobs and contributing to a stable energy system.

Resources

- [OFA's web page on Alternative Energy Opportunities on Farms](#)
- [Association of Municipalities of Ontario \(AMO\) web page on Advocacy](#)

Waste Resource Management

What is the issue for municipalities?

- Ontario generates 11.6 million tonnes of waste per year. In March 2019, the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) released a Discussion Paper on Reducing Litter and Waste in Our Communities. The Discussion Paper builds on the actions outlined in the Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan to reduce and divert food and organic waste by developing:
 - Guidance to help municipalities, businesses and institutions meet targets;
 - A consumer culture of food waste avoidance through promotion and education;
 - Guidance for safe donation and rescue of surplus food;
 - Clear rules for compostable products and packaging; and
 - Modernized organic waste permissions.
- Municipalities are responsible for operating and maintaining recycling and waste management services used by the public, and for planning to meet future needs. [Ontario Regulation 101/94](#) enables municipalities to pass by-laws related to the operation of the waste management system. Municipalities with greater than 5,000 people must operate recycling programs that meet provincial standards and are also required to implement composting programs. Smaller communities struggle to participate in recycling and collection of leaf and yard waste, as mandated for larger municipalities under O. Reg. 101/94.

Why does it matter to farmers?

- Over the next 15 years, Ontario's existing landfill capacity will be largely exhausted. Rural Ontario needs an integrated waste management system that incorporates strong diversion, reuse and recycling components. Agricultural product packaging and organic waste needs an integrated approach using best management practices and guidelines throughout the supply chain instead of imposed prescriptive regulations.
- When available, Ontario farmers participate in recycling programs that involve the recycling of pesticide and fertilizer containers, feed, seed and pesticide bags, plastic bale wrap and many other items used on the farm.
- It is important that regulations expand recycling programs for pesticide and fertilizer containers, feed, seed and pesticide bags, plastic bale wrap and many other items used on the farm. OFA believes the *Act* should also ensure farmers do not bear any unfair responsibility in eliminating waste.

How can you help?

- Expand recycling programs to include items used on the farm. Expanding resource recovery opportunities should be a municipal priority, as waste streams cannot occur if infrastructure or opportunities for diversion do not exist. Property tax reduction incentives can also assist in organic waste diversion.

Resources

- [OFA's web page for Waste Resource Management](#)
- [MECP's Discussion Paper on Reducing Litter and Waste in Our Communities](#)

Infrastructure and Social Services

Roads, Bridges and Traffic Circles

What is the issue for municipalities?

- Over time, farm equipment has grown larger. As farms have grown in size, the need to move equipment on the roads, from farm-to-farm, has grown too.
- In some areas, road maintenance and repairs have resulted in the travelled portion of the road being raised and the shoulders reduced in width. There also may be a significant drop off at the edge of the pavement. Safety barriers on approaches to bridges have effectively reduced road width too.
- Traffic circles need to be designed to safely accommodate large farm equipment, particularly in rural areas where farm equipment traffic uses the roads.

Why does it matter to farmers?

- Improperly designed infrastructure can be a significant problem for farmers. Farm vehicles and equipment are often wider, taller and longer than any other vehicle travelling on the road. Farmers depend on well-planned, safe and accessible roadways to conduct business.

How can you help?

- Consult with farmers and the local Federation of Agriculture. Farm vehicles should be considered at every point of infrastructure planning.
- Incorporate modifications to curbs and the radius of the traffic circle to allow the movement of farm equipment through traffic circles.

Resources

- [Ministry of Transportation's Farm Guide - Farm Equipment on the Highway](#)
- [OFA's commentary OFA Addressing Four Roadway Issues with MTO](#)

Abandoned or Former Railway Rights-of-Way

What is the issue for municipalities?

- When a railway company discontinues use of one of its lines, it is first offered for sale or lease to another railway company for continued operation. If no interested parties come forward, the right-of-way is simultaneously offered to the three levels of government (federal, provincial, municipal) at its salvage value. If there is no government interest, the railway company is free to dispose of the property by offering it first to the abutting landowners, and finally to any interested buyer.

Why does it matter to farmers?

- Some abandoned or former railway rights-of-way were acquired by the provincial government or individual municipalities, either for some future use as a utility or transportation corridor, or for recreational trail purposes.
- In the event that one of the three levels of government acquire the right-of-way for some future use, it is OFA's position that the adjacent landowners should be given the first right to lease the land on an interim basis. Unfortunately, this rarely occurs. More often, it is trail groups, sometimes with the cooperation of the local municipality, who obtain the property. This can pose a major challenge for adjacent farmers as matters previously taken care of by the railway (fencing, farm crossings, weed control, drainage and policing) must now be addressed.
- The key issue for farmers whose property is either adjacent to, or bisected by, a former railway right-of-way is fencing. When the right-of-way was an active railway, 100% of the costs associated with fence construction or maintenance were borne by the railway. Under Ontario's [Line Fences Act](#), whoever acquires former railway rights-of-way takes on responsibility for 100% of the costs associated with fence construction or maintenance where the abutting land is "agricultural". Unfortunately, a number of municipalities who have acquired former railway rights-of-way fail to fulfil their statutory fencing obligations. In addition to fencing, farmers with a former railway right-of-way through or adjacent to their farm also face problems with trespass, vandalism, farm crossing conflicts, drain maintenance, farm practices, predator control, weed control or dogs running at large.

How can you help?

- Maintain farm crossings.
- Ensure that the full responsibility for the construction, maintenance and repairs of the fences along former railway rights-of-way are fulfilled by the municipality upon acquiring former railway rights-of-way.

Resources

- [OFA's web page on Abandoned Railway Rights-of-Way](#)
- [OFA's web page on Line Fences and the Law in Ontario](#)
- [OFA's Rails-to-Trails Concerns of Adjacent Property Owners](#)
- [Ontario's Line Fences Act](#)

Land Ambulance and Farm 911 Signs

What is the issue for municipalities?

- All upper-tier municipalities and designated delivery agents are responsible for the delivery and costs of land ambulance services in their area. The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care will ensure that minimum standards are maintained and will continue to license and certify the services and staff for land ambulance services.
- Centralized ambulance dispatch means that ambulances will likely travel outside of the municipality that they are from. Agreements will have to be made between municipalities to determine how to pay for this cross-over of boundaries.
- Not all rural property entrances have signage. Each municipality has their own process and fee associated with obtaining a civic address. It is the discretion of each individual municipality which entrances meet code requirements and will therefore be permitted to have a civic address attached to it. We promote that all farm field entrances be maintained so that should there be an incident, emergency vehicles are able to use the entrance. Furthermore, signs should be visible from all directions, so that first responders are able to clearly identify the number.

Why does it matter to farmers?

- All Ontario residents require, and should be provided with, access to adequate emergency services, regardless of where they live and who provides their service. This includes the agricultural community and rural residents.
- Farm accidents can occur in the most remote locations, making it difficult for first responders to easily locate the situation. Unfortunately, not all rural property entrances have signage. In the event of an emergency, no one should have to wait helplessly for first responders to find them. Time is everything, and a civic address at the entrance to a vacant farm field could make all the difference.

How can you help?

- Ensure that rural areas have adequate emergency services.
- Offer Farm 911 signs as a service to your community and encourage rural landowners to use the service. Contact Farm 911 (The Emily Project) for more information.
- Develop resources to inform property owners how to contact emergency services efficiently.

Resources

- [Farm 911 \(The Emily Project\)](#)
- [Association of Municipalities of Ontario \(AMO\) web page on the Ambulance Act](#)
- [AFIO Directory: Examples of Municipal Farm 911 Sign Request Forms](#)

Rural Child Care

What is the issue for municipalities?

- Municipal involvement in child care is mandatory. Municipalities are responsible for providing partial funding to child care programs and managing the delivery of child care programs/services. They are required to develop local child care plans, enter into service agreements with child care providers, and manage the fee subsidy program. These programs operate within a framework of provincial legislation, regulations, standards, and policies.

Why does it matter to farmers?

- There is a need for flexible, accessible, affordable, and high-quality child care in rural areas, particularly for families working in agriculture. The demand for child care is increasing among farm families, as both parents are required to devote more of their energy to full-time work on the farm or working off the farm to supplement family income.
- Typical child care services fail to address the unique character of rural areas, including:
 - o seasonal fluctuations in the demand for child care;
 - o a scattered population with relatively few users for any one type of service;
 - o limited public transportation and travelling long distances; and
 - o the need for child care at the home of the child in cases where both parents work full- or part-time on farm operations.

How can you help?

- There is no one model of service delivery that will fit the needs of every rural community. Instead, what is required are community-based programs that offer a range of services to meet the fluctuating needs of rural families, and which are coordinated with other children and family programs (e.g. recreation, school-based).
- Services could include: drop-in centres, kid camps, on-farm day-care, licensed private home day care, extended hour day-care centres, toy libraries, child care registries, mobile resource centres, and support for informal care-givers.
- Ensure municipal, provincial, and federal programs are coordinated at the local level to address farm and rural family needs.

Resources

- [OFA's web page on Child Care](#)

Rural School Closures and School Trustees

What is the issue for municipalities?

- Ontario is facing an alarming trend of rural school closures. Schools provide so much more than a place for learning - they are home to community social events, local sports, and service and community groups.
- Every four years, voters across Ontario decide who will represent their interests and lead their communities by electing school trustees to Ontario's school boards. Municipalities are responsible for conducting the election.
- The role of school trustees is to make local policy consistent with both provincial policy and local realities and administer the funding received from the province for their schools. School trustees are responsible for determining the number, size and location of schools; building, equipping and furnishing schools; and providing education programs that meet the needs of the school community.
- Many of Ontario's school board districts cover a number of municipalities, resulting in boards with low-population areas, such as rural areas, within their jurisdiction.
- While School boards may save money, the costs to rural citizens is irreversible; not to mention the potential impact on the education of our children.

Why does it matter to farmers?

- To keep farm families on the farm and maintain their substantial contributions to the economy, farmers require access to a variety of affordable services and infrastructure; including schools.
- Schools play a multi-purpose role in many rural communities. Not only are they the place where children spend a large portion of their days being educated, but they provide children's playgrounds, adult learning centres, child care centres, community centres, recreational facilities, and meeting halls. Without such facilities available, it becomes difficult to maintain a viable population and economic base in rural areas.

How can you help?

- Support a moratorium on rural school closures until the challenges can be addressed.
- Engage with community organizations that are advocating to keep rural schools open.
- Become a champion for rural schools and support limiting the bus commute for rural students.

Resources

- [OFA's web page on Education](#)
- [OFA commentary Schools, communities, and businesses as co-dependents](#)
- [Ontario's web page for Trustee Elections](#)

OFA Resources

Issues Database

OFA produces fact sheets, submissions for government consultations, commentaries and other publications for dozens of issues affecting Ontario farmers. Visit ofa.on.ca/issues for additional materials to support the agricultural sector in your community.

Growing Agriculture in Your Community

OFA has developed several resources for municipalities to support their agri-food community. Visit ofa.on.ca/GrowAg to view and download these resources.

Agri-Food Initiatives Ontario Directory

Looking for inspiration? The Agri-Food Initiatives Ontario (AFIO) Directory is an online, public resource of initiatives, tools and projects to highlight best practices and improve information sharing across the province. The AFIO Directory helps inspire communities in the early stages and showcases hundreds of successful projects already underway. Visit ofa.on.ca/GrowAg to view and download resources from the Directory.

Guide and Checklist to Support Agricultural Growth in Your Municipality

OFA has developed an easy-to-use checklist for municipal staff, politicians and community leaders aspiring to foster a more agriculture-friendly community. Visit ofa.on.ca/GrowAg to view and download resources.

Agriculture Economic Development and Planning Community of Practice

Interested in engaging with your peers across the province to discuss agri-food issues? The *Agriculture Economic Development and Planning Community of Practice* is a collaboration between the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) and OFA to encourage information sharing of timely issues facing the Ontario agri-food sector. The free, online webinars provide a forum for engagement, discussion and learning. To see content from past webinars and sign up for the email list, visit ofa.on.ca/CommunityofPractice.

Conclusion

We all have a role to play in the continued prosperity of Ontario's agriculture and food sector. For nearly 50,000 farmers across our province, agriculture is their livelihood, their home, and their community. Ensuring we can continue to feed the province with healthy, high-quality food means ensuring our farmers are supported.

For additional resources, or an electronic version of this Guide, please visit OFA's web page *Growing Agriculture in Your Community*: ofa.on.ca/GrowAg.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to our community.



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Agriculture in Manitoulin

\$17,800,000

2017 FARM CASH RECEIPTS



\$51,000,000

TO ANNUAL PROVINCIAL GDP



Jobs supported in Northern Ontario

201 farms
141,316 acres



of those jobs are in Manitoulin

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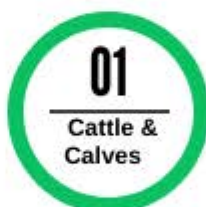
ACRES

Average size

Number of Farms



Farm Cash Receipts



Ag in the
North



- 2,399 farms in Northern Ontario
- 10% increase in farm cash receipts from 2006-2017
- 300% increase in oilseed production from 2006-2017
- \$206 million in 2017 farm cash receipts
- \$587 million contributed to provincial GDP

Economic Contributions of Farming in Northern Ontario

TOWNSHIP OF BILLINGS
Climate Action Committee
MINUTES

February 24, 2021 7:00 p.m.

Electronic

PRESENT: Councilor Bryan Barker (Chair), Paul Darlaston, Kathy McDonald (CAO/Clerk), Kim Neale (Climate Change Coordinator - recording), Chris Theijsmeijer

REGRETS: Bob Clifford and John Hoekstra
Members of the public

1. Opening of Meeting

Motion by Chris T. and Paul D.....carried

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Chair.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Paul D. and Chris T.carried

That the agenda for the February 24, 2021, meeting be accepted as amended.

Carried

3. Delegations

None.

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

5. Adoption of Minutes

Motion by Chris T. and Paul D.carried

That the minutes of the February 1, 2021 meeting be accepted as written.

Carried

6. Council Update Report

7. Old Business

a) Survey Update and Results:

- Participation currently at 300+
- If we extend survey and accept results until February 28th it will not cost any more money and we will still receive report on results March 10-12
- Mail-outs were sent on Monday
- Committee notes that if we extend the survey, we ought to ensure that it is advertised

Since there are no contractual or financial implications on this decision – CAC agrees to extend survey for public participation until Sunday February 28th, 2021. No motion is required – CAC will advertise change Thursday/Friday.

Comments from CAC and CCC on survey:

- Ethelo platform – not calculating plan numbers last night but it was submitted – CCC

check did it submit?

- Central/Billings striving for 3% population participation as compared to .25 to 1% of other surveys

b) Draft CEEP – release date scheduled Monday March 15th

Discussion and information on timeline moving forward if draft CEEP released on March 15, 2021:

Ideally, once the draft CEEP is released to committee members on March 15th it will:

- Have some survey results applied – with a suggestion on prioritization of actions
- Identify what municipal committees, staff and or other resources needed for implementation
- Timing of draft CEEP release means that committee members will have about 10 days to review survey results and the draft CEEP before our next CAC meeting on Wednesday March 24th
- Following the March 24th CAC meeting it may be recommended that the draft CEEP be reviewed by other relevant Council committees for comment
- If edits and more consultation is required, the draft CEEP may need to come back to the CAC for revisions before going to Council which may take us into April before the final draft can be submitted to Council for review

Grant funding implications for this timeline – if edits and Council approval moves into April:

FCM grant update:

- A reminder - FCM currently provide 80% coverage of the CCC salary until March 31, 2021
- FCM has provided Central Manitoulin/Billings with the opportunity to sign a Conditional Agreement which details that FCM will continue to disburse remaining funds in the grant past March 31st, 2021 – this is conditional to Infrastructure Canada approval
- This is a Conditional Agreement with FCM because Infrastructure Canada has yet to give FCM permission to continue disbursing unused grant funds past March 31, 2021
- Central Manitoulin/Billings were granted \$72,000 total for this grant – at this time we have \$24,836.54 remaining on the grant
- The remaining grant funds are estimated to provide 80% salary coverage for the CCC from our last FCM payment (received Jan 31, 2021) until at least May 5, 2021
- If we submit the Conditional Agreement paperwork to FCM and if Infrastructure Canada agrees to allow FCM to continue disbursing funds past March 31, 2021 – the municipality/township can continue to submit claims to FCM until the grant funds are exhausted
- Central Manitoulin CAO would need to sign Conditional Agreement to proceed with this request

MEP grant update:

- A reminder – the MEP currently provides 20% coverage of the CCC salary until March 31, 2021
- MEP provided the CCC with an email outlining process for applying for an extension should Central/Billings determine that they will sign the FCM Conditional Agreement

Both extensions are not guaranteed – it is possible that neither will be approved.

If we do not submit the paperwork there will be unused grants funds as of March 31, 2021 and it is likely that the project will be unfinished as the draft CEEP is not expected to be approved by Council by March 31, 2021.

The extensions currently being offered will provide the municipality/township with a pathway to continue using unspent grant funds past March 31, 2021:

- if the draft CEEP has not yet been approved by Council,
- if FCM/MEP approves documentation for extension and
- if Infrastructure Canada approves FCM to disburse unused funds past March 31, 2021

CAC committee recommends that council pursue the opportunity to extend the grant timeline to use – a motion is not required.

8. New Business

Motion by Paul D. and Chris T.carried

That Council approve the continuation of the Central Manitoulin/Billings climate change planning and implementation partnership, once the current FCM/MEP grant has concluded and

Further that Council approve the continuation of Central Manitoulin/Billings climate change partnership resources, including but not limited to sharing a staff resource (job title, salary, hours etc. to be determined) and maintaining Council Climate Action Committee(s) once the current FCM/MEP grant has concluded

9. Correspondence

None.

10. Next Meeting: Wednesday March 24, 2021 7:00 p.m.

11. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m. on a motion by Paul D., seconded by Chris. T.

Township of Billings
Accounts For Payment from Feb 26, 2021 to Mar 11, 2021

Cheque No.	Cheque Date	Payee	Amount
6664	Feb 26, 2021	Township of Billings	242.82
6665	Mar 11, 2021	Bridal Veil Variety	310.06
6666	Mar 11, 2021	Encompass IT	2,615.95
6667	Mar 11, 2021	Ethelo Decisions Inc.	1,130.00
6668	Mar 11, 2021	Jeff's Taxi & Delivery	40.00
6669	Mar 11, 2021	Manitoulin Cedar Products	2,283.73
6670	Mar 11, 2021	Manitoulin Fuels	1,379.01
6671	Mar 11, 2021	Mindemoya Home Hardware	677.77
6672	Mar 11, 2021	Minister of Finance (Policing)	17,993.00
6673	Mar 11, 2021	North Channel Marine Tourism Council	150.00
6674	Mar 11, 2021	PRO-GAS	192.10
6675	Mar 11, 2021	Receiver General for Canada	1,531.38
6676	Mar 11, 2021	The Manitoulin Expositor	124.97
6677	Mar 11, 2021	Turner, John	732.14
6678	Mar 11, 2021	UCCM Castle Building Supplies	316.60
preauthorized payments			
DS	Feb 25, 2021	LBPC Leasing	175.00
DS	Feb 26, 2021	Superior Propane	3,217.92
DS	Feb 26, 2021	BMO Payment-Fire Truck	1,356.67
DS	Mar 01, 2021	DSSAB	31,150.78
DS	Mar 01, 2021	Wells Fargo Lease-Phone Equip	108.01
DS	Mar 03, 2021	Payroll	15,615.97
DS	Mar 03, 2021	Canada Life-RSP	1,316.38
DS	Mar 10, 2021	OCWA-Contract	9,486.58
DS	Mar 10, 2021	Manulife-Benefits	2,809.62
		TOTAL	94,956.46