

CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF BILLINGS

AGENDA

October 18, 2021 7:30 p.m.

Electronic Meeting

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 - b) Library Board Meeting Committee Report – September 21, 2021
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 - c) Enabling Accessibility Fund
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 - c) Scugog Resolution
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 - g) ROMA 2022 Virtual Conference

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9. CORRESPONDENCE

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Thank You

10. INFORMATION

- a) Museum Committee Minutes –
October 4th, 2021
- b) 2021 Annual Museum Report
- c) Application for Consent –
Decision
- d) Crown Forest Sustainability Act
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13. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

14. ADJOURNMENT

Memorandum

To: Mayor, Council
cc: Staff, Public
From: Staff
Date: October 14th, 2021
RE: **October 18th, 2021 Council Meeting**

4. Minutes

a) October 5, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

Please review the minutes for approval.

b) October 13, 2021 Special Council Meeting

Please review the minutes for approval.

5. Delegations

None.

6. Committee Reports

a) Lake Kagawong Resource Committee Report – October 7, 2021

Councillor Sharon Jackson to provide report to Council.

b) Library Board Meeting Committee Report – September 21, 2021

Councillor Michael Hunt to provide report to Council.

7. Old Business

a) Main Street Construction Update

The project is, for all intents and purposes, complete:

- The pedestrian barriers/handrail for each of the retaining walls have been installed, with the exception of a couple of panels which had to be returned to the manufacturer for adjustment and re-galvanizing. We expect final installation before winter.
- A drainage issue at the intersection of Main St. and Old Mill Rd. will be addressed.
- We will continue to monitor for issues through the construction warranty period.

b) H&M COFI Update

Please refer to the attached memo from Todd Gordon, EDO.

c) Enabling Accessibility Fund

Recommendation:

That Council direct staff to write and issue an RFP for the Engineering and Construction of a new accessibility ramp and doors at the Old Mill Heritage Centre.

At the Regular Council Meeting on July 20, 2020 Council passed the following resolution:

2020-233 Hunt - Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that Council endorses the application, as prepared by staff, to the federal Enabling Accessibility Fund, for accessibility ramp replacement and two fully accessible (automated) doors, one exterior and one interior, at 15 Old Mill.

Carried

Following direction from Council an application was submitted to the Enabling Accessibility Fund. We were originally told that our application had not been successful. After reconsideration the Township of Billings has been awarded a total of \$100,000, funded in part by the Government of Canada's Enabling Accessibility Fund, for accessibility improvements at the main entrance of the Old Mill Building. These funds will go towards the purchase and installation of new accessible doors and ramps to the Municipal Office and Old Mill Heritage Centre.

As per the funding criteria this work will need to be completed by July 2023.

d) Manitoulin Streams – Angling Platform

Council may recall that this is a Manitoulin Streams project which will take place over the next three years. The following resolution was passed on March 3rd, 2020:

2020-75 Hunt – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that:

*Council supports Manitoulin Streams funding application to the NOHFC for various restoration projects throughout Manitoulin; and,
Should Manitoulin Streams be successful in their application, Council commits to supporting the Kagawong River projects financially in the amount of \$2,500 per year for three years;
and, Council directs staff to prepare a letter of support for Manitoulin Streams to include with their application.*

Carried

Billings has partnered on various components within this project, including hosting an angling and interpretive platform on the SCB “causeway” (access to the break wall). Staff (EDO, PWs Superintendent) met with Manitoulin Streams to finalize the general location of the angling platform. The site location is well out the causeway and the platform will be located in such a way as to not impede access to boat slip users, pedestrians, or service/emergency vehicles.

Manitoulin Streams has written a draft engineering RFP which was reviewed by Township staff, and the final RFP will be issued soon. The platform will be approximately 20 ft. by 40 ft., similar to the one built in Providence Bay (see the attached images) a few years ago, but with a layout/configuration which suits the Kagawong location.

8. New Business

a) Closed Meeting Investigator

Recommendation:

That effective January 1, 2022 that township switches from using LAS (Local Authority Services) as a provider for closed meeting investigations to the Ontario Ombudsman's Office.

The Township is required to have a Closed Meeting investigator. The township can either appoint a Closed Meeting Investigator or use the Ontario Ombudsman.

The Township currently uses LAS services (Local Authority Services) to provide closed meeting investigations, if required. There is a fee of \$200 per year plus any investigative costs as outlined in the September 27, 2021 letter included with the agenda package.

The Ombudsman's Office provides this service for free.

b) Tourism Adaptation Study

Recommendation:

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

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

c) Scugog Resolution

Recommendation:

That Council pass a similar resolution as the Township of Scugog had passed regarding the Structure Inventory and Inspections and present it to the Premier of Ontario.

d) DSAB Mental Health Resolution

Recommendation:

That Council pass a similar resolution as the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board had passed that calls to the province to address it's intensified social crisis and present it to the Premier of Ontario.

e) Recommendation from the Museum Committee

Recommendation:

That Council accepts the Museum Committee's motion to have the furnace maintenance costs for 2021 and ongoing to be paid out of the general bank account and not the museum bank account.

Recommendation from the Museum Committee passed at their October 4th, 2021 Committee Meeting:

Motion by Diane Larocque, seconded by Deb Flaxman

That the furnace maintenance costs for 2021 and ongoing be paid out of the general bank account and not the museum bank account.

Carried

f) Tulloch: Project Scoping Report Fire Hall

Recommendation:

That Council instruct staff to enter into an agreement with Tulloch Engineering to complete a scoping report to help determine options for the repair or replacement of the existing Fire Hall structure.

Earlier this week staff had reached out to Tulloch Engineering for their review of a draft Request for Proposal (RFP) for an engineered design of the Fire Hall (gut and renovate the existing structure). They had suggested we complete a cost analysis of a complete repair vs. replacement instead.

Tulloch Engineering has provided staff with a proposal for consulting services as required to complete a Project Scoping Report which will help determine options for the repair or replacement of the existing Fire Hall structure which is included in the agenda package.

The cost for the Project Scoping Report is \$8,900 + HST. Staff would like to negotiate the price for this proposal with Tulloch Engineering.

Tulloch Engineering will be on Manitoulin Island from October 25-27, 2021 and would be able to start this process at this point if Council chooses to enter into this contract.

g) ROMA 2022 Virtual Conference

Recommendation:

That Council select a member or members of Council to attend the virtual 2022 ROMA Conference from Sunday January 23, 2021 – Tuesday January 25, 2021.

Early bird pricing ends on November 1st, 2021.

h) Christmas Event in Kagawong

Recommendation:

That Council review the proposal from Kelly Thibault and, while making their decision to accept or reject the proposal to host a Christmas Event in Kagawong, they consider the broader, longer-term implications of providing support to private events.

Please see the letter received from Kelly Thibault requesting support in the amount of \$500 for insurance, advertising and decorations to host a Christmas Event in Kagawong this year.

9. Correspondence

a) Tower Road Access

Recommendation:

That Council allow M'Chigeeng First Nation and MERE General Partner Inc. to perform road maintenance on the unopened road allowance access road (Tower Road) at their cost in order to safely access the wind farm site at all times.

Please see the letter received from Jeff Corbiere, Renewable Energy Worker with M'Chigeeng First Nation.

In 2010 Council gave M'Chigeeng First Nation permission to open the unopened road allowance north of Concession 8, Billings Township, as well as extending an existing road allowance to access communication towers between Lot 6, Con 6 and Lot 6, Con 7, as well as a north/south road allowance between lots 5 and 6, Con 6 and 7. The township made no commitment of assuming any responsibility over this road. At the time it was assumed that the maintenance and responsibility of these access roads would be the responsibility of the First Nation.

b) Manitoulin Navy League – Thank You

Please see the thank you letter received from Rick and Julia McCutcheon

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) Museum Committee Minutes – October 4th 2021
- b) 2021 Annual Museum Report
- c) Application for Consent – Decision
- d) Crown Forest Sustainability Act Amendments
- e) Environmental Assessment Modernization
- f) Save Eye Care Ontario

Memorandum

To: Mayor and Council

cc: CAO/Clerk, Deputy Clerk

From: Todd Gordon, EDO

Date: 10.14.2021

RE: Broadband Update

Recommendation #1:

That Council pass a resolution explicitly stating that the Township of Billings does not support the H&M COFI broadband project.

Recommendation #2:

That Council direct the CAO to write letters to the appropriate officials at the Ontario Ministry of Infrastructure, as well as the local MP and MPP. Namely:

Jill Vienneau, Assistant Deputy Minister, Broadband Strategy Division, Ministry of Infrastructure, Ontario Government

Aryn Assopardi, Chief of Staff, Ontario Ministry of Infrastructure

Michael Mantha, Member of Provincial Parliament for the riding of Algoma – Manitoulin

Carol Hughes, Member of Parliament for the riding of Algoma – Manitoulin – Kapuskasing

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities

Ministry of Infrastructure's Chief of Staff, Aryn Assopardi

Recommendation #3:

That Council direct staff to continue to communicate and collaborate with Blue Sky Networks, within the limits of the Township's mandate and resources (financial and human) in advocating for/implementing broadband improvements that will serve the ratepayers and residents of Billings Township and the District of Manitoulin.

BACKGROUND

The need for improved broadband in Billings, on Manitoulin, and across Northern Ontario obviously continues. So does the flux and complexity on the public funding side of things:

1. There has been considerable recent change in the way both senior levels of government are approaching broadband funding. In brief, the previous public funding programs, ICON (provincial) and UBF (federal) have closed, with the federal government directing what was formerly UBF funding *directly* to the province of Ontario. In turn, the province has replaced their ICON program with a new approach called the "Accelerated High Speed Internet Program," or AHSIP. AHSIP is essentially a reserve auction for large Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to bid on public funding opportunities covering very large swaths of territory (certainly in Northern Ontario). The AHSIP approach should raise concerns for Northern municipalities, particularly small, rural ones like The Township of Billings. These concerns include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a. The "Lot" (think of a lot as a large swath of territory – like the whole of Manitoulin, for example) sizes are too big for small ISPs to participate in any meaningful way (the average wired Lot Reserved bid is something like \$41 Million).
 - b. Internet Service Providers (ISPs) need to carry the cost of this for the *duration of the project* - until the first customer is turned on. Most ISP's in Northern Ontario could not do that.
 - c. Apparently, the Province has decided already who should get fibre and who should get wireless. Determination of Wired vs. Wireline (or any specific aspects of the technological approach to a given location/situation) makes no sense and pre-determines the winners and losers of the process without giving the market the opportunity to weigh in to provide creative solutions. Municipalities have not been made aware of maps and predetermination to classify areas as wired or wireless. Infrastructure Ontario should have released the lot maps to all municipalities in Ontario.

- d. Only *qualified* ISPs will have access to the RFP. This is essentially making what should be a *public* procurement process, *private*.
 - e. The AHSIP Maps as they stand appear to show project areas that were apparently approved and announced in the Ontario News Release of July 29, 2021. Why are they still up for auction? This is especially significant for Billings (and other Manitoulin municipalities and First Nations) – because this reality conflicts with the apparent awarding of the H&M COFI project with many millions of dollars. What is the reality – is the “lot” which includes Manitoulin (and therefore Billings) still open for bidding, or has H&M COFI received *firm* funding for this area??
2. The Huron and North Shore Community-Owned Fibre (H&M COFI) continues to push the Township of Billings to support their initiative, in principle. The recommendation to not support this initiative is based on the following:
- a. The project does not seem feasible, technically, or financially. It is a massive undertaking. If the H&M COFI approach is born of real opportunity, why have private ISP’s not jumped on this opportunity and utilized a similar approach. Several existing ISPs already have substantial infrastructure in place across various parts of the geographic area concerned.
 - b. There is ongoing confusion about how much support the project actually has, among the area municipalities and First Nations. The messaging from H&M COFI is that we (Billings) are among a limited number of “hold-outs” and we are irrationally creating a barrier to what is the opportunity for broadband salvation. Meanwhile, anecdotally, I hear that few other communities actually support this, and also don’t see it as feasible, or the right approach.
 - c. As indicated above (Item #1), there is an apparent contradiction between the apparent funding of the H&M COFI under the older programs – the provincial ICON program, and the federal UBF program – and the fact that the geographic areas concerned still appear to be open for “auction” under the AHSIP program.
 - d. There are examples of municipally-lead initiatives in Ontario, and in other parts of Canada. However, there are significant differences from the H&M COFI situation, including:
 - i. Most examples are in locations where a 2nd-tier municipal system exists. That’s important, because a two-tier system provides a structure to support the initiative, and presents a different financial reality.
 - ii. Most examples exist in a “hub and spoke” type of location geographically – a central urban point that provides a natural focus in support of a generally concentric outer region. In the H&M COFI situation it’s basically a horseshoe – with several larger communities within the horseshoe where high-speed service already exists and/or a different approach to broadband improvement has already taken place or is in-process.
 - iii. Most of these situations are themselves in their infancy – it remains to be seen whether the municipal approach – with it’s significant commitment of resources – is actually fruitful/feasible.
 - e. Council *could* write a letter of support. In some ways, this would be the easiest path to take. However, does Council want to support a project, even in principle, which it does not believe is feasible or will come to fruition? If Billings does support this, what is the position, ethically, in terms of supporting different, smaller, more feasible initiatives – ones advocated for and supported by Blue Sky Net (who *have* a mandate to advocate for and support broadband improvement in our region) – that may come along as the H&M COFI attempts to implement their solution?
 - f. I have not yet received the formal report on the Request for Information (RFI) process undertaken by Blue Sky Net. I expect it soon.
 - g. The single most significant, proactive thing that Council, staff, and members of the public can do with respect to improving broadband service is to keep taking the broadband speed test at:
<https://performance.cira.ca/>
And, complete the Blue Sky Net survey at:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VWSRQ9K>
These actions provide meaningful information that will contribute to improving broadband service.

Respectfully submitted,
Todd Gordon, EDO

The Corporation of the
Township of Billings
Regular Meeting

October 5th, 2021 7:30 p.m.

Electronically

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

Absent: Mayor Ian Anderson

Staff: Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk; Tiana Mills, Deputy Clerk; Arthur Moran, By Law Enforcement Officer; Todd Gordon, Economic Development Officer

Media: Tom Sasvari

Members of the General Public

1. OPEN

2021-323 Alkenbrack-Hunt

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

Carried

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2021-324 Jackson-Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the October 5th, 2021 regular meeting of Council be accepted as presented.

Carried

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

I, Councillor Sharon Alkenbrack, declare a direct pecuniary interest on item 9 a) titled Artisans on the Bay as I am a member of the Artisans on the Bay.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a) September 20th, 2021

2021-325 Hunt - Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes for the September 20th, 2021 regular meeting of Council be accepted as presented.

Carried

b) September 22nd, 2021

2021-326 Jackson - Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes for the September 22nd, 2021 special meeting of Council be accepted as presented.

Carried

5. DELEGATIONS

None.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Museum Committee Report – September 13, 2021

Council received report.

- b) **Economic Development Committee Report – Sept 15, 2021**
Council received report.
- c) **Community Policing Advisory Board Report – September 8, 2021**
Council received report.
- d) **Lake Kagawong Resource Committee Report – Sept 16, 2021**
Council received report.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- a) **Main Street Construction Update**
Council received update.
- b) **H&M COFI Update**
Council received update.
- c) **Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates (MICA) E-Bike and Charging Stations**
Council received update.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a) **Flywheel Art Selection Panel Representative**
2021-327 Jackson-Hunt
BE IT RESOLVED that Council appoints Councillor Sharon Alkenbrack to the Flywheel Art Selection Panel.
Carried
- b) **Military Service Recognition Book**
2021-328 Alkenbrack-Jackson
BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorize a 1/10th page full colour advertisement in the Military Service Recognition Book at a cost of \$340 (including HST).
Carried
- c) **Manitoulin Navy League**
2021-329 Jackson-Hunt
BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorize a donation of \$250 to the Manitoulin Navy League for the Manitoulin Sea Cadet program.
Carried
- d) **Treasurer Recruitment**
2021-330 Alkenbrack-Hunt
BE IT RESOLVED that Council directs staff to hire a staffing recruiting agency if no qualified applications are received.
Carried
- e) **Financial/Administrative Support Worker**
2021-331 Alkenbrack-Hunt
BE IT RESOLVED that Council directs staff to hire Anita Everett for the Financial/Administrative Support Worker.
Carried
- f) **Draft Vaccination Policy**
Council reviewed policy.

g) Dark Sky and Event Permit By-Law Information

Council reviewed by-laws.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Artisans by the Bay

2021-332 Jackson-Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council allow Deb Flaxman to rent the vacant portion of the Aus Hunt Marina in 2022.

Carried

10. INFORMATION

a) Memo from the Deputy Minister

Council received report.

b) Bill 177 Resolution – Township of Huron and Kinloss

Council received report.

c) Structure Inventory and Inspections - Township of Scugog

Council received report.

d) District Services Administration Board – Second Quarter Activity Report & Financials

Council received report.

e) Healthy Communities Initiative

Council received report.

f) Lake Kagawong Resource Committee Meeting Minutes – September 16, 2021

Council received report.

g) Library Board Minutes – June 2021

Council received report.

h) Mental Health Addictions Northern Ontario

Council received report.

11. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

2021-333 Hunt-Alkenbrack

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

General Accounts \$332,506.38

and that cheques numbered 6934 to 6951 be authorized for signing as described in the attached register.

Carried

12. CLOSED SESSION

2021-334 Jackson-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 8:44 p.m. in order to discuss an item involving labour relations.

Carried

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2021-337 Hunt-Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that Council move out of Closed Session at 9:36 p.m. and resume their regular, open meeting.

Carried

13. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

2021-338 Alkenbrack-Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 2021-45, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council be given first, second, third reading and enacted.

Carried

14. ADJOURNMENT

2021-339 Hunt-Alkenbrack

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council be adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Carried

Bryan Barker, Deputy Mayor

Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk

The Corporation of the
Township of Billings
Special Council Meeting

October 13th, 2021 7:00 p.m.

Electronic Meeting

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

Staff: Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk; Tiana Mills, Deputy Clerk; Arthur Moran, By Law Officer; Todd Gordon, EDO

Media: Tom Sasvari

Members of the General Public

1. OPEN

2021- 340 Barker – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that this special meeting of Council be opened with a quorum present at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Anderson presiding.

Carried

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2021-341 Alkenbrack - Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the October 13th, 2021 special meeting of Council be accepted as presented.

Carried

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

None.

5. DELEGATIONS

None

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

7. OLD BUSINESS

None.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a) Trailer By Law Discussion

Arthur Moran, By Law Officer, presented memo and proposed bylaw. Mayor and Council had a question and comment session while going through the proposed by-law revisions.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

10. INFORMATION

None.

11. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

None.

12. CLOSED SESSION

None.

13. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

2021-342 Alkenbrack – Jackson

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 2021-46, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council be given first, second, third reading and enacted.

Carried

14. ADJOURNMENT

2021-343 Barker – Hunt

BE IT RESOLVED that this regular meeting of Council be adjourned at 9:25p.m.

Carried

Ian Anderson, Mayor

Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk

COMMITTEE REPORT
Lake Kagawong Resources Committee

October 7, 2021 – 7:00 pm

Virtual (Zoom)

Prepared by: Sharon Jackson

Meeting called to order by Councillor Jackson at 7:00 pm with quorum present

Highlights/Matters of Interest:

Report on water levels at the dam – Brian Foreshow reported a reading of 212.76

Report on status of OEC website – Stan Pierce reported that the last entry was 212.77 dated Sunday, October 3. The graph is also up to date.

Data gaps in the Water Management Plan – Bob brought the current Terms of Reference to the attention of members stressing identifying data gaps is not part of the role of this Committee and that it may be part of the contract discussion between Council and OEC.

Oakville Enterprises public meeting September 22, 2021 – Members agreed it was a good discussion. A number of housekeeping items need to be done regarding contract, WMP and TOR.

Review of the current TOR – Item was on September 16 Agenda and tabled until this meeting. There was discussion among members and consensus was that we review both the data gaps in the WMP and TOR, then come back to our November meeting with comments and questions.

Next meeting date – November 18

Township of Billings
Council Committee Report

Report To:

Date of Meeting: Sept 21 / 2021

Report By: MICHAEL HUNT

Committee: Library Board
meeting

Highlights/Matters of Interest:

Patron Count for Aug 2021 was 201

Computers and internet use 74

Overdrive (visits) 88

Book Renewals 3

inter library loans 13

Overdrive (items) 160

Total Circulation of 545

Desk Cash Photo Copies \$51.50

Book Sales \$38.00

Donations \$47.00

Bags \$4.00 / Bracelets \$6.00

How it all Began Books \$210. (7 copies)

Total \$356.50

The Summer Market and Book bag Sales made for a good summer. How it all Began Books sold and are asking Publishers for a Quote for 200 Books.

IN JANUARY will apply for a Grant for How it all Continued (1978) published.

Emily Patterson was a great Summer Librarian.

Lisa Hayden is cleaning the library.

Looking for one more Library Board member.

Re: Manitoulin Streams Project Update – Images of Angling Platform in
Providence Bay





September 27, 2021

Dear Kathy McDonald,

RE: 2022 Term - LAS Closed Meeting Investigator Program Amendments to Agreement

The purpose of this addendum is to reflect changes effective with the 2022 term related to the LAS Closed Meeting Investigator Program.

The following amendments are for your records and reflect changes to the current LAS Investigator Services Agreement (the "Agreement"). These changes take effect at the beginning of the next program term, commencing January 1, 2022. The changes listed in the Appendix are considered minor matters, but provide further context to specific sections of the Agreement.

Please note, the Program Administrative fee (\$200) remains unchanged for the 2022 Term. Investigator fee changes are reflected in the attached Appendix.

Should you have any questions related to this notice contact Eleonore Schneider, Program Manager at eschneider@amo.on.ca or 416-971-9856 ext 320.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Judy Dezell". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Judy Dezell

Director Enterprise Centre, Business Partnerships & LAS

APPENDIX: Investigator Services Agreement Between the “Municipality” and LAS:

Section: Recitals

Powers: The Municipality hereby agrees that the Investigator Services provided by LAS or its Delegate may commence prior to a formal investigation commencing and include the provision of assistance and communication to persons seeking to file requests under section 239.1 of the Act and to Municipalities, local locals and committees with respect to such requests, including advice, assistance and communication following the delivery of a final report; the research and determination of whether LAS or its Delegate has jurisdiction to undertake an investigation with respect to any council, local board or committee; the review and possible summary dismissal of requests that cannot reasonably sustain or warrant a full investigation; and all services reasonably related and responsive to any request, or any investigation undertaken under section 239.1 of the Act.

Process The Municipality agrees that a review or investigation by LAS or the Delegate cannot commence or continue until all of the above-noted documents have been provided.

Fees 5 (iii) All fees incurred by LAS or the Delegate arising out of a claim made by a third party regarding this Agreement, or any legal proceeding related to the Investigator Services, including judicial review or other challenge to and investigation, report or related matter,

SCHEDULE “B”

LAS and Aird & Berlis LLP hereby agree to the following fee schedule to be charged to Clients during the term of this agreement.

*Aird & Berlis LLP shall charge Clients an hourly rate as outlined in the table B.1 plus reasonable expenses, including but not limited to any costs associated with transportation, accommodation, meals, and out-of-pocket administrative costs, printing, photocopying and scanning charges, and applicable taxes.

B.1 – Hourly Investigation Fees

Review Officers	Hourly Investigation Fee (excluding expenses and mileage)
John Mascarin	\$795.00*
Meghan Cowan	\$525.00*
Laura Dean	\$495.00*
Meghan Barrett	\$475.00*
Matthew Helfand	\$375.00*
John Pappas	\$350.00*

Invoice



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Invoice IP001094
Date 9/14/2021

Local Authority Services

200 University Avenue
Suite 801
Toronto ON M5H 3C6
(416) 971-9856 Ext. 344

Bill To: Billings, Township of
15 Old Mill Road
P. O. Box 34
Kagawong ON P0P 1J0

Purchase Order No.		Customer ID	Payment Terms		
		10345	Net 90		
Quantity	Description	Unit Price	Discount	Ext. Price	
1	LAS Closed Meeting Investigator Retainer Fee-2022	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	

Subtotal	\$200.00
HST - Federal Portion	\$10.00
HST - Provincial Portion	\$16.00
Total HST	\$26.00
Total Invoice	\$226.00
Payment Received	\$0.00
Total Due	\$226.00

HST Number: 13394 6921 RT0001



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:

- a) 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

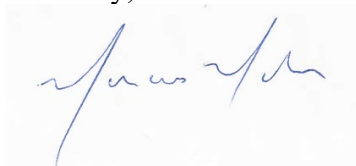
Municipalities and First Nations. At this time based on our November 2020 survey there are 10 communities interested in leveraging this funding, which would be a commitment of \$1200.00 per community. The timeline for completion of the strategy final study report and the signage component implementation 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:

1. Town of Gore Bay	6. Wiikwemkoong First Nation
2. Municipality of Killarney	7. Assiginack Township
3. Township of Billings	8. Municipality of Central Manitoulin
4. Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands	9. Township of Tehkummah
5. Sheshegwaning First Nation	10. Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers

Sincerely,



Marcus Mohr
Community Development/Outreach Coordinator
Municipality of Central Manitoulin

Figure 1

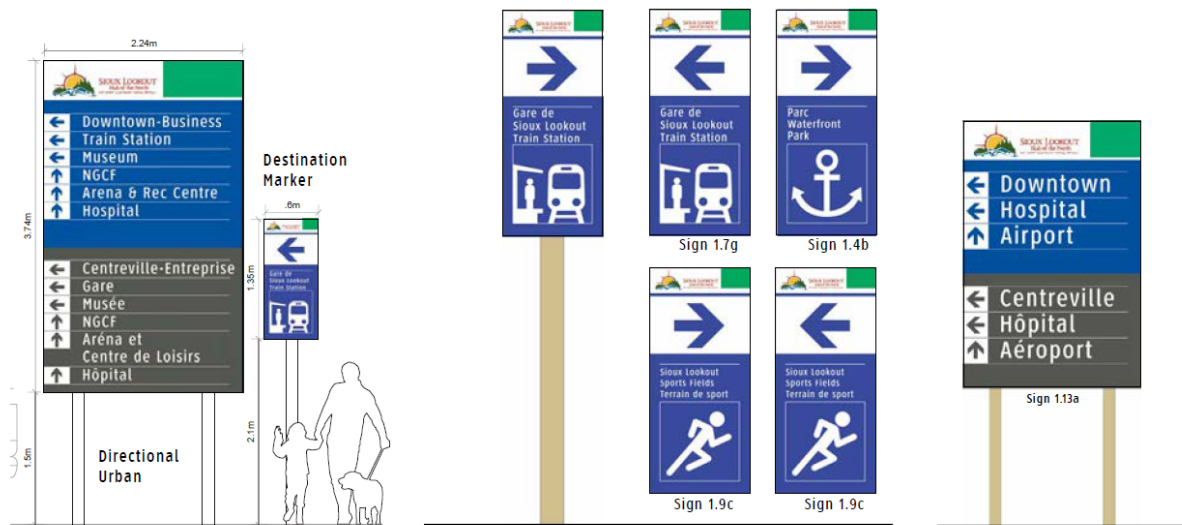
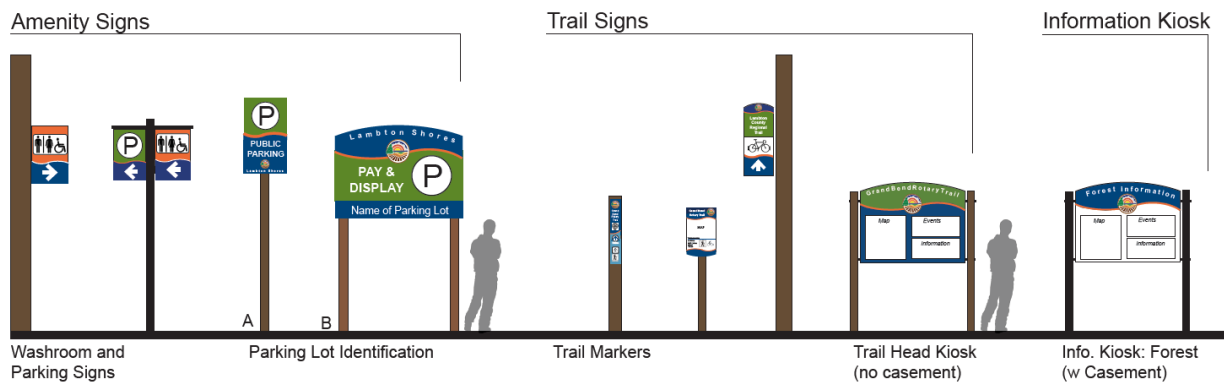


Figure 2





September 17, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

Re: Structure Inventory and Inspections

Dear Premier:

At the last regular General Purpose and Administration Committee meeting held September 13, 2021 the above captioned matter was discussed.

I wish to advise that the following resolution was passed which will be going forward for ratification at the September 27, 2021 Township of Scugog Council meeting:

THAT Report PWIS-2021-027, 2021 Structure Inventory and Inspections, be received;

THAT the Township of Scugog 2021 Ontario Structure Inspection Manual Inventory and Inspection Summary Report, prepared by Planmac Engineering Inc., be received;

THAT as part of the annual budget process, the Township continue to increase the amount of funding available for bridges and culverts through the continuation of Roads and Other Infrastructure Levy;

THAT as part of the annual budget process, the Township continue to increase the investment in bridge and culvert maintenance and repair through other means including identifying efficiencies and cost savings and applying for grants through other levels of government for major bridge and culvert replacements;

THAT the Township follow the principles of Asset Management and prioritize preventative maintenance such as waterproofing decks, repaving decks, repair concrete soffits, parapet walls, abutments and wingwalls, etc.

THAT the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada be encouraged to provide more funding to rural municipalities to support infrastructure projects related to major bridge and culvert replacements; and

THAT a copy of the staff report and resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Provincial Minister of Finance, Federal Finance Minister, MP Erin O'Toole, MPP Lindsey Park, AMO, Durham Region and all Ontario municipalities."

Should you require anything further in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact Kevin Arsenault, Capital Projects Technologist at 905-985-7346 ext. 138.

Yours truly,



Becky Jamieson
Director of Corporate Services/Municipal Clerk
Encl.

cc:

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Honourable Peter Bethenfalvy, Ontario Minister of Finance	Minister.fin@ontario.ca
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September 24, 2021

Premier Doug Ford
Legislative Building, Rm 281
Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

SENT VIA EMAIL: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier:

The purpose of this letter is to bring to your attention that, at its regular monthly meeting of September 23, 2021, the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board accepted the passed Resolution #21-83 that calls to the Province to address its intensified social crisis.

Northern Ontario has significant challenges when it comes to accessing mental health and addictions services and we are in support of FONOM's request that our Northern Ontario Health Teams, in consultation with Municipalities/DSSAB's and local stakeholders support a province-wide strategy that supports such consultation.

A duly authorized copy of the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Resolution # 21-83 is attached.

We look forward to working with the government in addressing this important issue.

Sincerely,

Bruce Killah
Chair of Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB

cc: Minister Elliott
Associate Minister Tibollo
Andrea Horwath
Steven Del Duca
AMO
FONOM
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Member Municipalities



RESOLUTION 21-83

DATE: September 23, 2021

MOVED BY: Arthur Hayden

SECONDED BY: Richard Malette

WHEREAS Communities across the province are addressing an intensified social crisis, and Northern Ontario is no different. We recognize that creating solutions will require a multi-ministry approach, but if there are lessons to be learned from this pandemic, what were once cracks in the health care foundation, there are now large gaps forming especially around mental health, addictions, and homelessness.

WHEREAS Northern Ontario has significant challenges when it comes to accessing mental health and addictions services for our people in our communities.

WHEREAS over 300 Child care staff who provide services to over 21,000 licensed child care spaces in over 340 locations across the North, and they see the effects of Mental Health and Addictions every day in the children they care for and the parents they support.

WHEREAS over 500 Social Services staff who provide financial and employment assistance to over 15,000 families in 37 delivery sites across over 800,000 square kilometers in the North. The over 300 Community Housing staff who provide safe and affordable housing to over 17,000 families in the North.

WHEREAS Police and over 900 Paramedics responded to 200,000 medical emergency 911 calls, and Paramedics have seen the direct results of the Mental Health and Addictions crisis in the North and some cases becoming ill themselves trying to cope with what they have seen.

WHEREAS FONOM appreciates the efforts of all the agencies that are working to help and support those addicted to opioids. In some districts, over 30 agencies are providing some assistance. But we would like to see the consolidation of these agencies with the input of Municipalities/DSSAB's and local stakeholders. As we believe, a streamlined agency would be able to put the combined funds to better use.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB supports FONOM request that our Northern Ontario Health Teams, in consultation with Municipalities / DSSAB's and local stakeholders support a province-wide strategy that supports such consolidation

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution to be shared with Premier Ford, Christine Elliott, the Minister of Health Elliott, Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, the Leaders of the Provincial Oppositions, AMO, FONOM, NOMA and DSB member municipalities.


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October 13, 2021

Township of Billings
15 Old Mill Rd. Box 34
Kagawong, ON
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Attention: Kathy McDonald, CAO/Clerk, Deputy Treasurer

**Re: Township of Billings
Project Scoping Report
Fire Hall**

Dear Kathy:

In response to your request, we are pleased to provide a proposal for consulting services as required to complete a Project Scoping Analysis to determine options for the repair or replacement of the existing Fire Hall structure in the Township of Billings, Kagawong, ON.

Our proposed scope of work is limited to the following:

Project Scoping Analysis

The scope of work to prepare a Project Scoping Analysis Report will include the following:

- Meet with Municipal officials in The Township of Billings to discuss objectives and features of a proposed fire hall upgrade as well as proposed features for a proposed new fire hall building
- Visit the existing fire hall to obtain details of existing construction:
 - General dimensions
 - Photographs
 - Interior and exterior details
 - Roof framing details
 - We may be required to remove existing ceiling finishes
 - We have not included to complete finished repairs to disturbed finishes
 - We have assumed that a ladder of sufficient height (or scaffolding) will be available to access the ceiling level
 - A review of the roof structural framing is intended to obtain a preliminary understanding of the structural condition. As part of this exercise, we propose to compete a limited structural review for the purposes of

understanding the extents of potential upgrades only. We have not included to complete a detailed structural analysis

- Complete quantity takeoff of interior and exterior finishes
- Complete a Class "D" (+/-25% accuracy) cost estimate for proposed renovations
 - Cost estimates will include all required permitting, regulatory and consulting fees
- Complete a Class "D" (+/-25% accuracy) cost estimate for proposed demolition and construction of a new firehall
 - Cost estimates will include all required permitting, regulatory and consulting fees
- Coordinate with Sault Ste. Marie based general contractor to ensure that cost estimates are reflective of current industry pricing and COVID related inflation
 - In utilizing a Sault Ste. Marie based contractor we are assuming that the chances they would want to bid any future work related to this report to be remote, so therefore it is a limited concern that they may gain a competitive advantage.
- Prepare a summary scoping report, issued as DRAFT for review
- Attend a virtual debrief session with Municipal Staff
- Incorporate comments from Municipal staff
- Issue a final report

We propose to perform the services outlined previously on a lump sum basis, subject to the exclusions made and limitations outlined. The estimated fee for our services will be **\$8,900.00 + HST**.

We have not included fees for a dedicated trip to Billings Township. We proposed to complete the in person meeting and data gathering while on Manitoulin Island for other work during the week of October 25-27, 2021.

Should the scope of work need altering during the course of the project, TULLOCH will endeavor to fairly negotiate with The Client a scope amendment including an adjusted budget and schedule.

We propose to initiate the project during the week of October 25th. At this time, we propose to meet with Municipal Officials in Billings as well as to visit the fire hall site to obtain details from the site.

Our proposal is valid for your acceptance for 30 days, after which time a review of the terms and conditions offered may be required.

TULLOCH will perform all services in accordance with the standard of care customarily observed by professional consulting firms performing similar services at the same time and location. The standard of care will include adherence to all applicable published standards of the profession and laws, regulations, by-laws, building codes and governmental rules. In no event, however, will TULLOCH be liable for indirect or consequential damages including without limitation loss of use or production, loss of profits or business interruption.



Thank you for considering us for this work. Please call me at if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dan Moody'.

Dan Moody, A.Sc.T.
Project Manager

DM:djm
Encl. (0)

To: Kathy McDonald
Subject: RE: ROMA Launches its 2022 Virtual Conference



UPDATE

October 8, 2021

ROMA Launches its 2022 Virtual Conference

The ROMA Board is pleased to announce the launch of the 2022 Annual Conference and General meeting: **ROMA 2022: Rural Opportunities** to be held January 24 - 25.

The conference will again be a virtual event that municipal leaders can join safely from anywhere in Ontario. Given the evolving COVID-19 pandemic, and the unpredictable public health environment months from now, the decision to go virtual provides an important level of certainty for those attending or presenting at the event.

The ROMA Conference will again offer informative and engaging content on rural priorities, with a focus on rural economic recovery and growth following the pandemic.

The annual ROMA Conference is an important platform for the municipal community to learn, connect and advocate on matters related to rural municipal government. It is also the last opportunity for municipal leaders to gather on mutual issues of interest before the provincial election in June.

Registration is now open, and early bird rates are in effect until November 1.

Please [click here](#) to access registration information.

For information on how to participate as an exhibitor or sponsor, please contact Victoria van Veen at: Vvanveen@amo.on.ca

Please engage with us on social media:



Township of Billings
15 Old Mill Road
Kagawong, ON
POP 1J0

Kelly Thibault
The Carter House
77 Main Street
Kagawong, ON
POP 1J0

To: Billings Township

I am Kelly Thibault, I along with my husband, Jason Thibault are the owners and operators of The Carter House Bed and Breakfast in Kagawong.

I am writing to request support in hosting a "Christmas in Kagawong" (will be called something different), due of the cancellation of Christmas in Kagawong this year.

It is clear from the multiple posts on social media and the comments made by patrons and vendors at The Fall Festival held here on The Carter House grounds this past weekend that the cancellation of Christmas in Kagawong is a great loss.

I understand that the people in charge of running Christmas in Kagawong need a much-needed break due to the strife they endured this past year. I can empathize with all of those involved. I would like to take on the challenge of running a Christmas Festival in Kagawong on our property with market vendors, music and food. My shop, Fiddleheads, would also be open during this event.

I am requesting support in the way of funding for insurance, advertising and decorations for this event. Perhaps, the township would be willing to lend me some of their decorations for this event so that I can minimize costs involved. The biggest deterrent for me at this time is the start-up cost involved to make it a brilliant event, something that patrons and community members of Kagawong can enjoy in the same fashion they enjoyed Christmas in Kagawong. I am requesting a \$500 grant from Billings Township to help off-set costs.

This would be an interim event, until which time Christmas in Kagawong gets up and running once again. Please note I will volunteer my time with Christmas in Kagawong next year. This interim event will support local business revenue, local vendor revenue, it will bring temporary employment for those students helping on the days of the event or provide a volunteer opportunity for hours needed to obtain an OSSD, bring people to our beautiful village and be a positive affair for our community members.

Please respond as soon as possible as it is a time sensitive matter given that it is already October 5, 2021. I can be reached at [REDACTED].

Thank you kindly for your time,

Kelly Thibault



MERE GENERAL PARTNER Inc.
53 Hwy. 551
P.O. Box 333 M'Chigeeng, Ontario POP 1G0
Phone: (705) 377-5362 • Fax: (705) 377-4980



August 26, 2021

TOWNSHIP OF BILLINGS
C/O Ms. Kathy McDonald, Clerk/CAO
15 Old Mill Road
P.O Box 34
Kagawong, Ontario
POP 1J0

RE: Tower Road – Access Road

Dear Ms. McDonald,

Tower Road, in the district of BILLINGS Township, has deteriorated badly in the last few years and is getting worse with heavy rainfall and road traffic. MERE General Partner Inc. (aka – Mother Earth Renewable Energy (MERE) Wind Farm) an entity of M'Chigeeng First Nation, would like to **formally request permission to perform road maintenance on the “Unopened Road Allowance” access road (Tower Road) in order to safely access the wind farm site at all times.**

Much consideration of the road has been contemplated, and MERE General Partner Inc. has drafted requirements for road maintenance. MERE has also consulted with contractors to address the needs of the road with a late summer or early fall (of 2021) work commencement.

Miigwech/ Thank You for your attention to this matter, and MERE looks forward to a favorable response from BILLINGS Township in order to complete the necessary work. For further information or questions, you may contact me at 705-377-5362 Ext. 230 or by email – jeffc@mchigeeng.ca.

Best regards,

Jeff Corbiere
Renewable Energy Worker
M'CHIGEENG FIRST NATION

Cc: MERE General Partner Inc. Board of Directors
M'Chigeeng First Nation

Tiana Mills

To: Rick & Julia McCutcheon
Subject: RE: Billings Township contribution to Manitoulin Sea Cadets Corps

-----Original Message-----

From: Rick & Julia McCutcheon
Sent: October 6, 2021 11:09 PM
To: Tiana Mills <tmills@billingstwp.ca>
Subject: Billings Township contribution to Manitoulin Sea Cadets Corps

Dear Tiana:

On behalf of the Manitoulin Navy League, the sponsoring group for the Manitoulin Sea Cadets Corps, please pass on our thanks to Billings Council for the very generous contribution to this important program for our young people.

It is the support of organizations, such as the Municipality of Billings, as well as generous individuals that this Manitoulin program has remained a successful one for 20 years.

Once again, our thanks.

Sincerely,

Rick McCutcheon

for the Manitoulin Navy League

Billings Museum Committee
Minutes

October 4, 2021

Electronic

Present: Barb Edwards, Deb Flaxman, Dianne Fraser, Sabine Huege, Michael Hunt (Chair), Diane Larocque, Brad MacKay, Kathy McDonald (staff), Rick Nelson (staff).

1. Opening

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 by Michael Hunt

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Barb Edwards, seconded by Deb Flaxman

That the agenda be accepted as presented.

Carried

3. Pecuniary Interest

None

4. Adoption of the Minutes -September 13, 2021

Motion by Sabine Huege, seconded by Diane Larocque.

That the minutes of the September 13, 2021 meeting be accepted as presented.

Carried

5. Financial Report

Motion by Dianne Fraser, seconded by Barb Edwards

That the financial report be accepted as presented.

Carried

6. Curator's Report

Rick Nelson presented the Curator's Report

Motion by Dianne Fraser, seconded by Barb Edwards

Carried

7. Old Business

- **Donor Wall**

Dianne Fraser met with Keith McKeen for comments regarding the lighthouse picture on the donor wall. Once the lighthouse is repainted (this fall) a new colour picture will be taken for the donor wall.

- **"How it all Began"**

An additional two hundred copies of the book "How it All Began" will be printed.

- **Signs**

Rick Nelson has talked to Wes Newburn and has received permission for the museum committee to replace the Old Mill Heritage Centre sign located on his garage. The sign

on the highway also needs to be replaced. Rick Nelson will talk to Keith McKeen and O.J. Graphics and report back next season.

- **Annual Museum Report**

Dianne presented the finished Annual Museum Report. She will add the final number of people attending the museum at the end of the season.

8. New Business

- **2022 Budget**

Kathy presented the draft 2022 budget to the committee.

Motion by Diane Larocque, seconded by Barb Edwards

That the 2022 Draft budget be accepted as presented.

Carried

- **Furnace Maintenance Costs**

This year, to date, the furnace maintenance/repair costs have been \$3,083.64.

Motion by Diane Larocque, seconded by Deb Flaxman

Recommendation to Council

That the furnace maintenance costs for 2021 and ongoing be paid out of the general bank account and not the museum bank account.

Carried

- **Artifact Donation**

The museum has acquired many artifacts from the Lloyd family.

Jill Ferguson, from the Library has given Dianne several historical documents such as newspaper articles.

Jib Turner brought in a box of artifacts from Harbour Island.

Dianne was offered an old car phone to add to the collection in the post office museum telephone display.

9. Council Updates

Michael Hunt presented an update on Council.

10. Next Meeting

November 1, 2021

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 on a motion by Brad MacKay.



Township of Billings
15 Old Mill Road,
Kagawong, ON
POP 1J0

October 12, 2021

Dear Mayor and Council,

Attached please find the 2021 Annual Report for the Billings Museum Committee.
Respectfully,

The Billings Museum Committee:

Chair	Michael Hunt
2 nd Chair	Dianne Fraser
Members	Barbara Edwards, Deborah Flaxman, Sabine Huege, Brad MacKay, Diane Larocque
Recorder	Kathy McDonald

15 Old Mill Road, Kagawong, ON P0P 1J0

Billings Museum Committee

Annual Report 2021

Mandate:

The mandate of the Billings Museum Committee for the Old Mill Heritage Centre is to collect, record, research and exhibit historical information, data and items for the preservation and enjoyment of the rich heritage by presenting a visual history of Billings Township and Manitoulin Island for present and future generations. The Billings Museum Committee is responsible for the running of the Old Mill Heritage Centre and the Post Office Museum.

Achievements:

Due to COVID-19, the Billings Museum Committee has implemented changes to the Old Mill Heritage Centre in accordance with the provincial and municipal health and safety guidelines and protocols.

Project:

- In 2020 The Billings Library in collaboration with the Billings Museum Committee launched an ambitious republication of a book about local history “How It All Began 1872 – 1910”. A “Young Canada Works at Building Careers in Heritage” grant was obtained and an intern hired. This joint project was completed in the spring of 2021 and 100 copies of “How It All Began” were printed. These all sold out quickly and there is now a second printing of 200 books soon to arrive.

Opening Preparations for Old Mill and Post Office Museum:

- Post Office Museum was closed for the 2021 season.
- The entrance to the Old Mill Heritage Centre was changed back to the main entrance of the building. The reception desk/work area has been set up with plexiglass. A contact tracing visitors log book has been kept, signs put up to have visitors follow safety protocols – wearing of masks, hand sanitizing and physical distancing. The floor was marked for 2 m distances, hand sanitizer available and masks for those who did not have one.
- The museum was cleaned and sanitized before opening; then cleaned and sanitized on a regular basis.

Gift Shop:

- Revitalized and restocked. Maps, Manitoulin Key Chains, Hawberry Jelly, “How It All Began” and Books are all very popular! Online store was cancelled part way through the season because of very low usage over the years.

Donor Wall:

- The Museum Committee decided that “Lighting Up the Future of the Old Mill Heritage Centre Donor Wall” needed updating. As a result, the Committee is continuing to work on this project and hopes to have it completed for 2022.

Exhibits:

- Primary Exhibit – The Empress of Ireland artifacts on loan from the Canadian Museum of History in Ottawa and from the Guy D’Astous collection.
- Other new exhibits – Stanley Gordon Sr.- Billings and Allan East Clerk for 38 years.

- War of 1812 Uniform and History

- Refreshed and maintained existing exhibits.

Kiosk:

- Not operational but The Billings Connections Trail maps were available.

Season Opening:

- Friday, July 16 - Delayed because of COVID – 19.
- Hours: Summer: Monday – Sunday 10 am – 5 pm
Fall: Wednesday – Sunday 10 am – 4 pm
- A summer student-Hanako Hubbard-Radulovich was hired.

Events:

- No public events were held.

Upcoming Events in November:

- Cancelled

Island Museum Meetings:

- Cancelled
- Rick Nelson attended a Zoom meeting for Northern Ontario Museums

Tours:

- One bus tour – Wiikwemkoong Tours

Fundraising:

- Cancelled

Media Coverage:

- Toronto Sun, Sudbury Star, Manitoulin Expositor, CBC Radio, Moose FM, MCTV and Social Media.

Museum Attendance:

- The Museum recorded 3635 visitors from opening on July 16 to closure on October 10 of this year.

Goals & Objectives for 2022:

1. The Empress of Ireland Exhibit will continue for next year.
2. Maintain and enhance existing exhibits, website and replenish Museum Store.
3. Planning an August History Day and other events depending on COVID-19.
4. Tours depending on COVID-19.
5. Fundraising efforts depending on COVID-19.
6. Updating outdoor signs
7. The purchase of new exhibit display cases

Meeting Attendance:

- Meetings held in April, May, June, July, August, September and October- all Zoom meetings except one held at the Park Centre. All with quorums.

Evaluation:

- The Museum Committee has been effective for the operation of the Old Mill Heritage Centre during these challenging times of COVID-19 and has successfully complied with the health and safety protocols.
- The Billing Museum Committee wishes to express their support and appreciation to Rick Nelson – Curator of the Old Mill Heritage Centre and Post Office Museum.

Respectfully submitted by the Billings Museum Committee:

Chair – Michael Hunt

2nd Chair – Dianne Fraser

Recorder– Kathy McDonald

Members – Barbara Edwards, Deborah Flaxman, Sabine Huege, Brad MacKay, Diane Larocque

Township of Billings
Departmental Income Statement Jan 01, 2021 to Aug.31, 2021
Plus Draft 2022 budget

	2021 Budget	Actual to Aug 31/201	2022 Draft Budget	
REVENUE				
FEDERAL FUNDING				
Federal Grant	15,000.00		7,000	unspent grant previously recvd
HRDC Canada Summer Jobs	3,000.00	\$ 3,723.00		Gen rev
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDING	18,000.00	\$ 3,723.00	\$ 7,000.00	
FEES, SER. CHARGES & DONATIONS				
Township of Billings	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	10,000	
Donations	10,250.00	\$ 13,728.99	16,000	
Gen. - Other Revenue	3,000.00	\$ 50.00	100	
Retail Sales	3,000.00		3,000	
TOTAL FEES, SER. CHGS. & DONATION	26,250.00	\$ 23,778.99	29,100	
TOTAL REVENUE	44,250.00	\$ 27,501.99	36,100	
EXPENSE				
WAGES & BENEFITS				
Salaries & Wages	16,100.00	\$ 3,723.00	17,000	Curator only
CPP Expense	0.00	\$ 387.43	1,600	
EI Expense	0.00	\$ 175.09	800	
WSIB expense	0.00	\$ 225.60	900	
TOTAL WAGES & BENEFITS	16,100.00	\$ 4,511.12	20,300	
MATERIALS & SERVICES				
Supplies	3,500.00	\$ 2,589.93	1,000	incl purch. For retail
Subscriptions & Memberships	0.00		200	
Project Expenses	15,000.00	\$ 1,915.12	8,000	
Auditing & Accounting	0.00			
Hydro	600.00			
Water	0.00			
Fees & Licences	0.00			
Telephone & Internet	900.00	\$ 588.99	900	
Contracts	850.00	\$ 5,582.53	1,000	Security & RC Design
Travel	400.00			
Insurance	0.00			
Health & Safety	200.00	\$ 603.96	200	
Postage	80.00			
Advertising	970.00	\$ 1,268.02	1,500	
Donations	0.00			
Maintenance & Repairs	2,000.00	\$ 2,268.23	1,800	
Propane	1,200.00	\$ 794.96	1,200	
TOTAL MATERIALS & SERVICES	25,700.00	\$ 15,611.74	15,800	
TOTAL EXPENSE	41,800.00	\$ 20,122.86	36,100	
NET INCOME	2,450.00	\$ 7,379.13	\$ -	



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September 29, 2021

Municipality of Billings and Allan East
Kathy McDonald
Clerk-Treasurer
P.O. Box 34
Kagawong ON P0P 1J0

Subject: Application for Consent

File No's: B14-21, B15-21 and B16-21
Owners: Frederick and Nancy Gilbert
Location: Part Lot 30, Conc. XIV
Surveyed as Part 1, Plan 31R-3371
Township of Billings
Municipality of Billings and Allan East
District of Manitoulin

Purpose and Effect: To provide for the creation of three (3) new lots together with right-of-way.

Dear Ms. McDonald:

Pursuant to Section 53 of the Planning Act, a provisional consent has been granted on the above application. A copy of the Decision of Planning Board with sketch has been sent to you today, under separate cover.

Please find attached a copy of the sketch prepared by Mr. McLaughlin, agent for the application, which was discussed with Mayor Anderson on September 5th, 2021.

Our Office has prepared a digital sketch (enclosed), which has been signed by Mr. McLaughlin on September 27th, 2021, that may be used when considering the Amendment Application, to fulfill condition vi) of the Consent to Sever Application.

If you have any questions or require any clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the Planning Board Office.

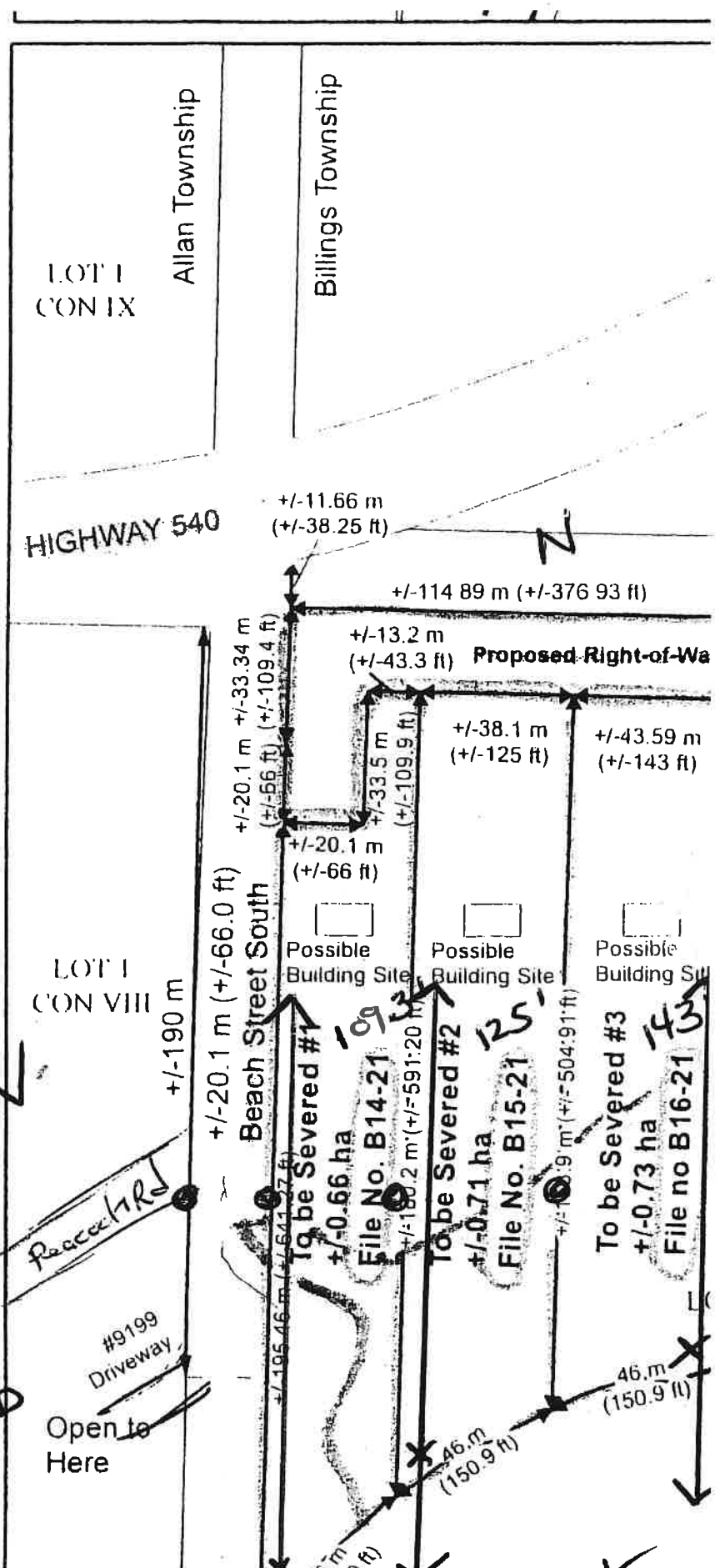
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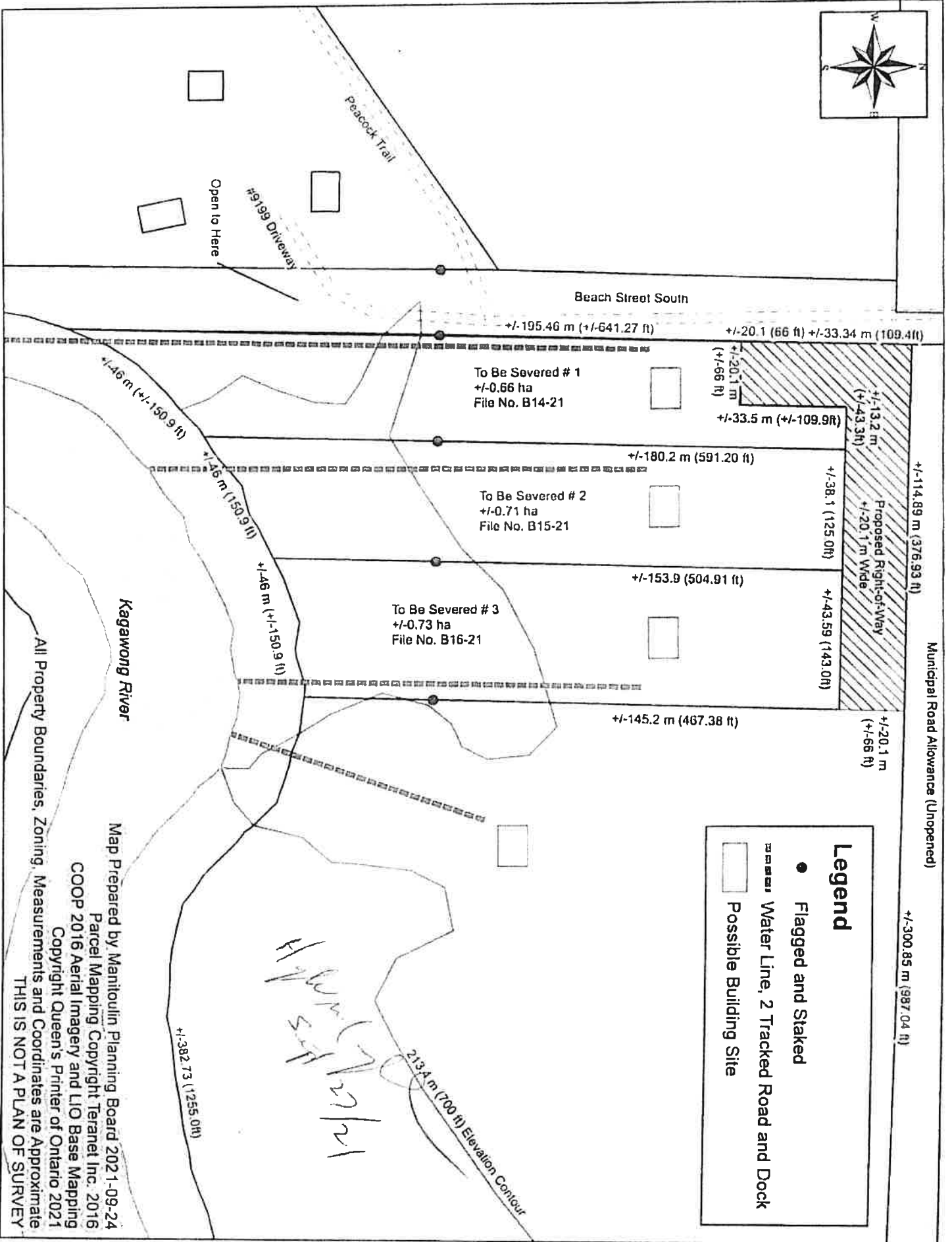
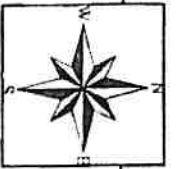
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September 29, 2021

Mr. Hugh McLaughlin
P.O. Box 181
Gore Bay ON P0P 1H0

Subject: Application for Consent

File No's. B14-21, B15-21 and B16-21
Owners: Frederick and Nancy Gilbert
Location: Part Lot 30, Conc. XIV
Surveyed as Part 1, Plan 31R-3371
Township of Billings
Municipality of Billings and Allan East
District of Manitoulin

Purpose and Effect: To provide for the creation of three (3) new lots together with right-of-way.

Dear Mr. McLaughlin:

Pursuant to Section 53 of the Planning Act, a provisional consent has been granted on the above application.

The last date for appeal is **October 19th, 2021.** If by this date no notice of appeal is received, the decision of the Manitoulin Planning Board is final and binding.

The Manitoulin Planning Board may, prior to the lapsing date, change a condition(s) of consent. You will be entitled to receive notice of any changes to the conditions of the provisional consent if you have made a written request to be notified of changes to the conditions of the provisional consent. The process of changing a condition will involve another twenty (20) day appeal period, unless the Manitoulin Planning Board considers the change to be minor.

Any person or public body may appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) against the decision of the Manitoulin Planning Board, or any conditions imposed by the Manitoulin Planning Board, by sending a letter outlining the reasons for the appeal to the Secretary-Treasurer, accompanied by a filing fee as required by the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT). The fee must be paid by certified cheque or money order, in Canadian funds, payable to the Minister of Finance.

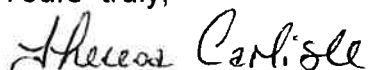
Letter to Mr. H. McLaughlin Re: Application File No's. B14-21, B15-21 and B16-21
September 29, 2021 - continued

Please find enclosed a copy of the Decision of Planning Board with sketch. The conditions of Consent, as listed on Page #8 of the Decision, must be fulfilled within one year.

Also enclosed is an application for Amendment to Zoning By-law No. 80-11 for the Municipality of Billings and Allan East.

If you have any questions or require any clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the Planning Board Office.

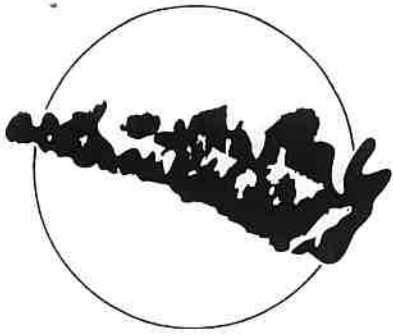
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Application File No's.: B14-21, B15-21 and B16-21 No. of Members Present: 10
Date of Decision {July 27, 202 -Deferred} {August 24, 202 - deferred} September 28, 2021
Location of Property: Part Lot 30, Conc. XIV, surveyed as Part 1, Plan 31R-3371,
Township of Billings, Municipality of Billings and Allan East. District of Manitoulin

DECISION

The purpose of this application made under Section 53(1) of the Planning Act by Hugh McLaughlin on behalf of Frederick and Nancy Gilbert is to provide for the creation of three (3) new lots together with right-of-way, for seasonal residential uses.

File No. B14-21 proposes a new lot having a minimum frontage of 46 M. on the Kagawong River and ± 195.5 M. on the maintained municipal road allowance known as Beach Street South, and an average depth of ± 204.6 M. thereby containing an area of ± 0.66 Hec.

File No. B15-21 proposes a new lot having a minimum frontage of 46 M. on the Kagawong River and an average depth of ± 183.8 M., thereby containing an area of ± 0.71 Hec.

File No. B16-21 proposes a new lot, having a minimum frontage of 46 M. on the Kagawong River and an average depth of ± 149.6 M., thereby containing an area of ± 0.73 Hec.

There are no structures on the proposed three (3) lots. The three lots will be together with right-of-way over the retained land.

The land to be retained has frontages of ± 377.1 M. on the Kagawong River, ± 415.7 M. on the non-maintained municipal road allowance (north) and ± 53.4 M. on the maintained municipal road allowance known as Beach Street South (west), an irregular depth, and containing a total area of ± 5.9 Hec. There are no structures on this land. This land will be subject to right-of-way in favour of the three proposed lots.

The application was circulated on May 12th, 2021 to the United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising (UCCMM), and to the Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory as per Official Plan Policy F.5 - Consultation and Engagement.

Saul Bomberry, UCCMM, advised via email on May 17th, 2021 that in review of the application they have no comments at this time.

John Manitowabi, Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory asked if there were any requirements by the developer/new land owners(s) to conduct an archaeological assessment prior to development due to the location adjacent to the Kagawong River and the historical use of the river by the Anishnaabek over centuries. It was explained that the proposed new seasonal residential uses will be at the northerly part of the subject land, away from the river, due to the elevations, and that if development was proposed to be along the Kagawong River, additional information would be required to determine if an archeological assessment would be necessary. Mr. Manitowabi did not advise of any concerns.

According to the application, services will consist of private individual septic systems and water from the Kagawong River. The Sudbury and District Health Unit advised they have no concerns and that it appears that the proposed severed and retained lots are capable of development for installation of a septic tank and leaching bed system.

Access will be via private right-of-way to the maintained municipal road allowance known as Beach Street South, to Highway No. 540 a provincially maintained Highway.

As part of the preliminary review the application was sent to the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) and Carla Riche, Corridor Management Planner, MTO, provided the following comments on June 18, 2021:

'Good afternoon Theresa,

Thank you for the opportunity for the Ministry to provide comments on the below and subject noted.

It is the understanding of the ministry that the intention is to sever the existing property with access being from the existing road through a new easement.

The Ministry of Transportation has no objection in principle to the proposed severance. On the condition that the new access must be a minimum of 45m (though 80m would be preferred) from the Highway 540/Beach Street Road intersection. The proposed easement must be moved or extended to accommodate the required distance. All access must be from Beach Street Road. Direct highway access will not be permitted.'

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'Any additional severances may require a Traffic Impact Brief, however one will not be required at this time.

Please be aware that the properties are located within the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO) permit control area and MTO permits will be required.

MTO building/land use permits are required prior to the construction of any proposed buildings, septic systems, wells etc. located within 45m of the MTO right-of-way (ROW) limits or within a 180m radius of intersections along the highway. MTO Sign permit(s) are required for the placement of any signs within 400 m of the limit of the highway.

For further information with respect to MTO permit and setback requirements the applicant should contact the local Corridor Management Officer, Debra Burke, at our Sudbury office by email at Debra.A.Burke@ontario.ca. MTO permits can be obtained by applying online at <https://www.hcms.mto.gov.on.ca/>. If there are any questions on these comments please contact me.'

The comments received from MTO were provided to Mr. McLaughlin, agent for the application. The applicants were in agreement to revise the application and application sketch and move the right-of-way, resulting in the right-of-way access being a minimum of 45 metres from the Highway 540/ Beach Street Road intersection.

A revised sketch was provided to Ms. Riche on June 23rd, 2021 and she advised on July 7th, 2021 that:

'From what I can see the updated sketch extends the easement (right-of-way) so the access can be 45 metres from the highway. This is fine and inline with the previously provided comments.'

There are livestock facilities located within a neighbouring property, being Lot 1, Conc. IX, Township of Allan. The farm related structures meet the requirements of the Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) Formulae as required by the Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA).

The subject land has been designated Rural Area and zoned Rural (R) and Conservation (02).

The Official Plan for the District of Manitoulin under Section D.9.1.1 - Flood Hazards states:

- '3. *Development may be permitted on an existing lot of record in a flood plain provided sufficient information accompanies the application in the form of a report prepared by a qualified engineer demonstrating that:*
- a. the proposed development and its occupants will be protected from the effects of a 1:100 year flood;*
 - b. the potential upstream and downstream impact of the development proposal will not significantly affect the hydrology or hydraulics of the flood plain;*
 - c. that adequate flood proofing measures are incorporated in the development;*
 - d. that the development is limited to uses which by their nature must locate within the floodplain, including flood and/or erosion control works or minor additions or passive non-structural uses which do not affect flood flows; and*
 - e. that during times of flooding:*
 - i. safe egress and ingress for persons and vehicles is provided;*
 - ii. no new flooding hazards are created and existing ones are not aggravated;*
 - iii. development and site alteration is undertaken in accordance with flood proofing standards, protection works standards, and access standards; and*
 - iv. no adverse environmental impacts will result.'*

The Conservation (02) Zoning boundary is a guide and generally identifies a potential low lying wet area. It could be interpreted that the 02 zone applies to the land below the 213.4 M. (700 ft.) flood contour, as identified on survey plan 31R-3371 and on the Application sketch. Zoning By-law No. 80-11 for the Municipality of Billings and Allan East permits seasonal residential uses in a Rural (R) Zone. Residential uses are not permitted in the Conservation (02) Zone.

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During a site visit by Jake Diebolt, staff member for the Manitoulin Planning Board, it was observed that there was a wet swampy area within the subject land along the Kagawong River, that generally corresponds with the 213.3 m. (700 ft.) flood contour, as identified on survey plan 31R-3371. He observed standing water and a low lying area approximately 100 m. east of South Beach Road with in the proposed severed lands which may indicate a natural drainage course to the southwest corner of the lot.

Following a telephone conversation with the Clerk for the Municipality, the Secretary-Treasurer advised Mr. McLaughlin, agent for the application, by email on May 21st, 2021:

'I have had a conversation with the Township of Billings and it was agreed that having the contours identified for the proposed three lots at the north along the road allowance, may not tell anything that we do not already know.'

Both the municipality and our Office have conducted a site visit to the property and there are some concerns with the area being low lying and wet. One thought we had was for a 'drainage plan' to be conducted that could/would determine the flow of the water and how this could be drained to provide for safe building envelopes or at the very least make the landowner and proposed new owners aware of what may need to be done in order to obtain a building permit, e.g haul in fill, put in culverts, design the driveways and right-of-way so water would drain away from the proposed building sites at the north.'

This could be done before formal circulation of the application or I suspect it will be a condition of the consent to sever approval.'

'Do you have an estimate cost of what it would be to move the Hydro pole, so that access could be along the road allowance vs the private right-of-way?'

I suspect the Planning Board may, as a condition of the Consent to Sever application, impose a condition that the area south of the 700 ft (213 metres) contour is rezoned from Rural to Conservation Zone. Also, I suspect the Planning Board will impose a condition of the application that there is proof of potable water for the three new lots and for the retained land. What are your thoughts?'

Mr. McLaughlin replied with the following email on May 25th, 2021:

'Thank you for your email of May 21. The Owners are interested in moving forward but do have a lot of questions. They do appreciate the Township and MPB offering some drainage options rather than doing a contour survey. I visited the property several times this past winter and spring to check the water situation. The lots in the area of the proposed building sites were dry. On the west side of Beach Road South, opposite the lots being proposed, it was very wet with standing water. The water was running over Peacock Road and then through a culvert on Beach Road and flooding the area below the 700 feet contour line as shown on the survey. It was also running over that part of Beach Road. I would suggest the Township has some responsibility to the people living in the original Peacock house and even some to the people who use Peacock Road to access their waterfront properties. A culvert under Peacock Road would stop the flooding on it and a bigger culvert under Beach Road would handle the flow to a new, deep, ditch straight south down the Beach Road Road allowance to the Kagawong River. All this water is flowing onto my Clients land due to lack of drainage. It may not dry up the conservation area but it would really make a difference and would protect the area of the proposed building sites from ever becoming wet. If Billings is not willing to accept this responsibility, my Clients may pay for having it done if the costs are reasonable. Billings would need to grant permission at the least.'

My Clients are not opposed to building permit stipulations about drainage that the Building Official may deem necessary given each case individually.

The right of way access is the best approach. The road allowance had been considered but was thought to be unnecessary as you had indicated the access easement as acceptable. Highways would have something to say about opening it up as well as Billings. If Billings prefers it over the road allowance, they could offer some assistance. It would still only be an emergency vehicle road as would be used over the right of way.

My Clients and I do not understand the need for the rezoning of any rural south of the 700 feet contour if the building sites are specified as north of the 700 feet contour line.

My Clients and I do not understand why the Kagawong River is not being permitted as a source of water. It can be filtered and treated if necessary. It is a navigable waterway so should be considered the same as any waterfront lot.'

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Prior to the formal circulation of the application, the Secretary-Treasurer informed Mr. McLaughlin that it would not be in good planning if the lots were created and could not be built upon due to the potential low lying wet areas and drainage concerns. It was suggested that building sites on the proposed severed and the proposed retained land be identified outside the low lying areas and that conditions of consent approval may be that a site plan and/or a drainage plan is provided to address such things as flooding, flood proofing, culverts, hauled in fill, and the design of the right-of-way and driveways in order to support building permits for the subject land.

Mr. McLaughlin contacted Gordon Keatley, Ontario Land Surveyor, and a sketch was provided to the Planning Board identifying possible building sites within the proposed severed and retained land, along a natural rise on the property, that would be in the Rural (R) Zone and above the 213.2 m. flood contour and outside any low lying areas. The proposed building sites were added to the circulation sketch.

From information provided by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) there is an unevaluated wetland and Species at Risk identified along the Kagawong River, associated with the wetland.

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) was contacted due to the potential species at risk concerns. Lindsay McColm, Northern Species at Risk Specialist advised by email on April 30th, 2021 that:

'Specific to your inquiry below about the severance on lot 24-45, at this time, there are no requirements under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) to undertake a species at risk site assessment for lot severances or rezoning /passing bylaws/land sales or purchases.

Lot severances by themselves, and in the absence of any additional development proposals, are administrative in nature and on their own do not contravene the ESA. Specifically, to contravene the ESA, an activity must have the physical effect of killing, harming or harassing individuals of a species at risk, or damaging or destroying their habitat. The administrative act of re-zoning severing a lot, passing a bylaw or other similar administrative activities do not result in any of these impacts.

If activities subsequent to a lot severance (e.g. building and development) could impact species at risk or their habitat are planned, then the person undertaking those activities would need to determine if an ESA authorization should be obtained before the activities are undertaken, not the planning board or municipality during the rezoning process. The property owner you are working with can look at "How to avoid authorization" and "Permit types" (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/how-get-endangered-species-act-permit-or-authorization>) for more information and I encourage them to reach out to SAROntario@ontario.ca to discussion bobolink and any other SAR that may be present. A person carrying out an activity may also wish to consult the Act and seek legal advice to understand its legal obligations.'

The Provincial Policy Statement 2020 states:

1.1 Managing and Directing Land Use to Achieve Efficient and Reliable Development and Land Use Policies in part:

1.1.1 Healthy, liveable and safe communities are sustained by:

c) avoiding development and land use patterns which may cause environmental or public health and safety concerns'

Due to building sites being identified above the 213.4 m. (700 ft.) flood contour and outside the identified habitat, (not along the river) the subject land does not appear to have any natural heritage features or species at risk concerns.

The application was circulated on July 12th, 2021 to Bell Canada, the Municipality of Billings and Allan East, and to all property owners within 60 metres and by the posting of a notice, clearly visible and legible from a public highway or other place to which the public has access, as required by Ontario Regulation 197/96.

Bell Canada advised on July 13th, 2021 that it has been determined that Bell Canada has no concerns with respect to the proposed application.

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The Municipality of Billings and Allan East advised on July 20th, 2021 of Resolution No. 2021-244 as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does not recommend consent be granted for Applications B14-21, B15-21 and B16-21, for the following reasons:

1. *The property is in a low-lying area which may see significant flooding - A significant portion of the property is below the 700 ft. level. We are currently in the process of approving a climate action plan, which speaks to the need to consider the climate change implications for, and of, development activity, including such things as more extreme/frequent flood events, and the impact of development on the natural assets that are so important in buffering climate change impacts.*
2. *Issuing Building Permits will result in the need for significant fill to be brought in, redirecting water to other properties, causing drainage issues, such as water being redirected to neighbouring properties.*
3. *There is no municipal water service to this location so water will need to be drawn from the river, which could be as much as 400 ft+ on Lot B14-21.... Carried'*

A copy of Resolution No. 2021-244 was provided to Mr. McLaughlin and following email was received on July 24th, 2021 which included an attached email from Gordon Keatley, OLS:

' On July 20, 2021, The Township of Billings, passed a Resolution regarding the above Consent Applications. The Owners and my Clients, Frederick and Nancy Gilbert, requested that I respond, on their behalf, being their Agent. I requested the assistance of Gord Keatley, being an Ontario Land Surveyor, to provide his professional comments. These are stated on the attached document. The Owners are asking that these comments be presented to the Manitoulin Planning Board at their July Meeting, hopefully verbally by you and in print. On behalf of the Owners, I want to state, we are all in agreement with Gord's Comments.

As stated, the building sites are above the 700 feet contour. Thus there is no water to drain or avoid. Even if water is redirected, there are regulations, in place, to avoid other properties. The Kagawong River is a navigable body of water and riparian rights permit bringing water from it. Water is pumped much farther distances than 400 feet even on Lake Kagawong. Trailer parks move water greater distances to all their camping sites. In summary, the Applications have satisfied all the criteria of the Planning Act. We trust The Board will agree. Thank you.

P.S. I draw your attention to Gord's last comment concerning the zoning of the portion of land between the 700 feet contour and the river as Conservation. We all agree that it is a good suggestion providing more assurance, in the future.'

Email from G. Keatley, OLS

' Good afternoon Hugh,

I've read that letter from Billings a few times and I'm not really sure what to say. I think we've already addressed the three concerns listed as their reasoning for not supporting the three consents.

Para. 1: We've known from the start that part of the property is low lying and may see flooding, most likely during spring runoff the portion close to the river would be rather wet. A review of the Official Plan map agrees that there are wetlands adjacent to the Kagawong River. It also agrees that not all of the property has that issue. While a significant portion of the property is below the 700 foot contour, a more significant portion of the property is above the 700 foot contour. That portion is shown on the sketches I provided previously and am attaching the most recent hereto again. I have to respectfully disagree with the logic that a lot cannot be created because a portion of it could possibly be subject to flooding. If that logic were followed, a very very large number of waterfront lots on Manitoulin Island would never have been permitted. There's 20 Inches of water on my property in the spring, my great-grandfather knew not to build down there and buyers of these properties will no doubt follow the same logic. The majority of the lots along Lake Huron Drive (total of 56 lots on Subdivision Plans 31M-196 & 31M-198) have areas prone to flooding should the conditions be right. (Or wrong one might say). The building inspector simply requires a person building obtain a survey to ensure they are situated at a sufficient elevation that the flooding won't adversely affect their new home. We have already provided a survey showing the elevations of the proposed lots.'

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Email from G. Keatley - July 24, 2021 - continued

'Para. 2: Per the preceding paragraph, there is no need to bring in significant fill in order to build on these properties. While landscaping can alter surface water flow, there are already laws in place prohibiting people from redirecting surface water to adversely affect a neighbouring property. Given the proximity of the river, shedding surface water for these properties will be significantly easier than for some properties I've worked on.

Para. 3: Water does not necessarily have to be drawn from the river, any person building has the option to install a well and there's a very good chance that they would. The river does, however, provide a guaranteed source of water. The distance to the river is not bad at all; 400 feet is relatively short when the vertical lift required by a pump is less than 20 feet.

I would respectfully submit that if a neighbour were to submit this reasoning for why to deny a severance application, the Planning Board would likely agree that this is not reason enough to deny the applications. There are multiple houses to the west that were built closer to the river using the 700 foot elevation; the same standard should apply here. At the very extreme, the only hindrance to these applications that I wouldn't be able to disagree with would be if they asked that the area lower than 700 feet be zoned conservation so that a new buyer couldn't simply dump 200 truck loads of fill next to the river causing some of the hypothetical problems they have listed.'

The Secretary-Treasurer forwarded the two (above) emails to the Clerk, K. McDonald and to the Board Member, I. Anderson, Municipality of Billings and Allan East for comments.

Mr. Anderson replied via email on July 26th, 2021 as follows:

I have spoken to Kathy this morning regarding the additional information supplied by Hugh and Gord Keatley.

One of the concerns which was supported by all of council was protection of the wetland in front of these lots. Once consent for development is given, enforcement of any conditions imposed is always the challenge.

For council to reconsider its decision this would need to go back to another regular council meeting, for the purposes of tomorrow's meeting we will be using our present decision.'

A telephone call was received from Heather Jefkins, abutting land owner of Lot 29, Conc. XIV, and the following email resulted:

'Thank you for so quickly providing me with the Notice of Application and related sketch after my phone inquiry. As per our discussion on 15 July 2021, regarding the creation of 3 lots on Part Lot 30, Conc. XIV, Billings Township, I am writing regarding my concerns as an adjacent landowner (Lot 29, Conc. XIV). The Kagawong River flows through Lot 29, and as such, I own a section of property directly East of Lot 30, which shares an approximate 59.39 m section on the lot line. As we discussed, the section of land I own North of the Kagawong River can be easily overlooked when examining the Manitoulin Planning Board land maps, which is why I was not notified of the application prior to seeing the orange application notice sign at the corner of Lot 30. I want to make sure the property owner and the MPB is aware that this section of Lot 29 North of the Kagawong River is not part of the approximately 5.9 ha retained section noted in the application.

I would like to be made aware of the decision the Manitoulin Planning Board makes regarding this application. Should the MPB approve this application, I would also like to be made aware of when the land is surveyed, and who to contact to get a copy of that survey.

Thank you for your consideration.'

The Secretary-Treasurer advised Ms. Jefkins that the land subject to Consent to Sever, was surveyed as Part 1, Plan 31R-3371 and her land was definitely not part of the proposed application and a copy of the survey plan was provided to her.

A telephone inquiry was received from Shirley Lewis, who owns property located at #27 Peacock Trail, requesting a copy of the Notice of Application and Sketch. She did not advise of any concerns.

There have been no other inquiries or concerns received as a result of circulation to property owners within 60 metres or the posting of the notice.

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Hugh McLaughlin, agent for the application, was in attendance at the electronic meeting.

During consideration of the application and the information presented and after a lengthy discussion by the Board, Mr. McLaughlin, and Mr. Anderson, Board Member and Mayor for the Municipality, a motion was moved, duly seconded and carried that this application be deferred in order to provide the Municipality of Billings and Allan East additional time to review the information to date, to discuss their concerns further, to consider mitigation and conditions of the Consent to Sever approval, and to conduct a site visit of the property, prior to further consideration of the application.

August 24, 2021

The Secretary-Treasurer informed the Board that Mayor Anderson on behalf of the Municipality of Billings and Allan East, advised by email on August 23rd, 2021 that he didn't have anything official from Council at this time as they will not make a final decision until September 7th, 2021.

She had invited Mr. McLaughlin, agent for the application, to participate in the Board Meeting. However, he was not present.

She requested that the Board defer the application until the Municipal Council has had time to discuss the application and their concerns further at the their September 7th Council Meeting.

Chair Stephens asked Mr. Anderson if he had any comments for the Board's consideration and he explained that he had been out to the property both on land and via water and had taken some pictures, identifying the shoreline and the wet areas. There had been discussion between himself and the Secretary-Treasurer regarding possible conditions of Consent to Sever approval that may address Council's concerns. He felt his Council would be in a position to provide comments for the Board's to consider after their Council Meeting on September 7th, 2021.

As a result, a motion was moved, duly seconded and carried that this application be deferred in order to provide the Municipality of Billings and Allan East additional time to discuss their concerns and possible solutions at their next Council Meeting.

September 28, 2021

The Township of Billings advised of Resolution No. 2021-292, by letter dated September 8th, 2021, received via email, as follows:

' BE IT RESOLVED that Council recommends that consent be granted for Applications B14-21, B15-21 and B16-21 provided the following conditions are applied:

1. *That drainage plan has been completed to the satisfaction of the municipality;*
2. *That there be an approved amendment to zoning by-law 80-11 to:*
 - a) *Despite section 7.2 Rural Zone under section 7.2.1.2 a single detached dwelling (year-round) residence will not be a permitted use; and*
 - b) *A boundary line survey or full survey has been completed identifying the boundary between the rural zone and the conservation zone satisfactory to the municipality;*
3. *That no site alteration be permitted on the conservation zone or the shoreline marine/road allowance except as indicated on the sketch done by Hugh McLaughlin on September 5th, 2021 and forwarded to Mayor Anderson to track access to the Kagawong River for the purposes of water lines and access of removable docks;*
4. *That the above conditions apply to the retained property as well.'*

The Resolution was forwarded to Mr. McLaughlin, agent for the application, via email on September 21st, 2021.

The sketch that was provided to Mayor Anderson from Mr. McLaughlin was attached to the Planning Board Meeting agenda.

There was a telephone inquiry from B. Dean, requesting additional information. He advised he had no concerns with the application.

Mr. McLaughlin was in attendance during consideration of the application. He stated that he had had a meeting with the Township and was pleased that they could come to an agreement with the application as proposed and that he would like to request the Board's support in approving the application.

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September 28th, 2021

Board Member and Mayor, I. Anderson, stated that it had been a good meeting and was pleased that they could come to an agreement.

During consideration of the application the Board discussed seasonal uses vs permanent uses; permanent address vs seasonal address; conditions of the consent to sever approval; conditions that would apply to the retained land; the access via private right-of-way; the notes that would be added to the Decision of the Board; the agent and the Township working together; and support of the Township.

There was no one else in attendance who wished to speak in support or opposition to

Consent is tentatively granted subject to the following conditions:

The following documents must be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Board within one year from the date of the notice of decision for certification:

- a) the Transfer of Land form(s) prepared by a solicitor/lawyer, and
- b) a Schedule to the Transfer of Land form on which is set out the entire legal description of the parcel(s), and the right-of-way for access, given conditional approval. This Schedule must also contain the names of the parties indicated on the Transfer of Land form.

Accompanying the transfer documents shall be:

- i) a reference plan of survey, which bears the Land Registry Office registration number as evidence of its deposit therein, illustrating the parcel(s), and right-of-way for access having a minimum width of 20 metres, to which the consent approval relates;
- ii) a written confirmation from the municipality that a boundary line survey or full survey has been completed identifying the boundary between the rural zone and the conservation zone, satisfactory to the municipality;
- iii) a written confirmation from the municipality that the access from the proposed severed and retained land to Beach Road South and to Highway No. 540, has been constructed to a standard for travel by emergency vehicles satisfactory to the Municipality;
- iv) a written confirmation from the Municipality that an entrance permit from the municipal 30th concession allowance, known as Beach Road South, can be issued or has been issued, satisfactory to the Municipality;
- v) a written confirmation from the municipality that should any portion of a travelled road which is maintained by the municipality encroach on the subject land, that portion shall be surveyed and conveyed to the Municipality satisfactory to the Municipality;
- vi) a copy of an approved amendment to Zoning By-law No. 80-11 that:
 - a) despite section 7.2 Rural Zone under section 7.2.1.2, a single detached dwelling (year-round) residence will not be a permitted use for the severed or the retained land; and
 - b) no site alteration be permitted on the conservation zone or the shoreline marine/road allowance, except as indicated on the sketch done by Hugh McLaughlin on September 5th, 2021 and forwarded to Mayor Anderson to track access to the Kagawong River for the purposes of water lines and access of removable docks;
- vii) a written confirmation from the municipality that a drainage plan has been completed, satisfactory to the municipality;
- viii) a fee of \$125.00 for each Transfer of Land submitted for Certification; and
- ix) a written confirmation from the municipality that all outstanding municipal taxes have been paid.

Note: Subsection 3 or 5, as the case may be, of Section 50 of the Planning Act shall not apply to any subsequent conveyances of or in relation to the parcel of land being the subject of this application.

Note: Any shoreline improvements shall be done only with the consultation of The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF), the Department of Oceans and Fisheries of Canada, (DFO) and the Municipality.

Note: There may be building permit restrictions.

Note: Further development by the consent procedure for the subject lands may not be considered.

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REASONS

The Manitoulin Planning Board has reviewed this application in accordance with Section 53 of the Planning Act and has made its Decision for the following reason:

Planning Board have taken into consideration all consent policies as contained in the Official Plan as well as been consistent with matters of Provincial Interest expressed in the Planning Act and Provincial Policy Statements.

As a result Planning Board considers their Decision appropriate.

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| 1. <u>R. Stephens</u> | 6. <u>K. Noland</u> |
| 2. <u>E. Russell</u> | 7. <u>R. Brown</u> |
| 3. <u>D. McDowall</u> | 8. <u>L. Hayden</u> |
| 4. <u>T. MacKinlay</u> | 9. <u>D. Head</u> |
| 5. <u>D. Osborne</u> | 10. <u>I. Anderson</u> |

Non-Concurring Members:

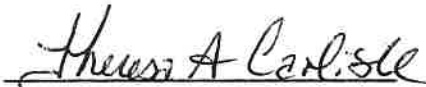
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Notice Re: Appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT)

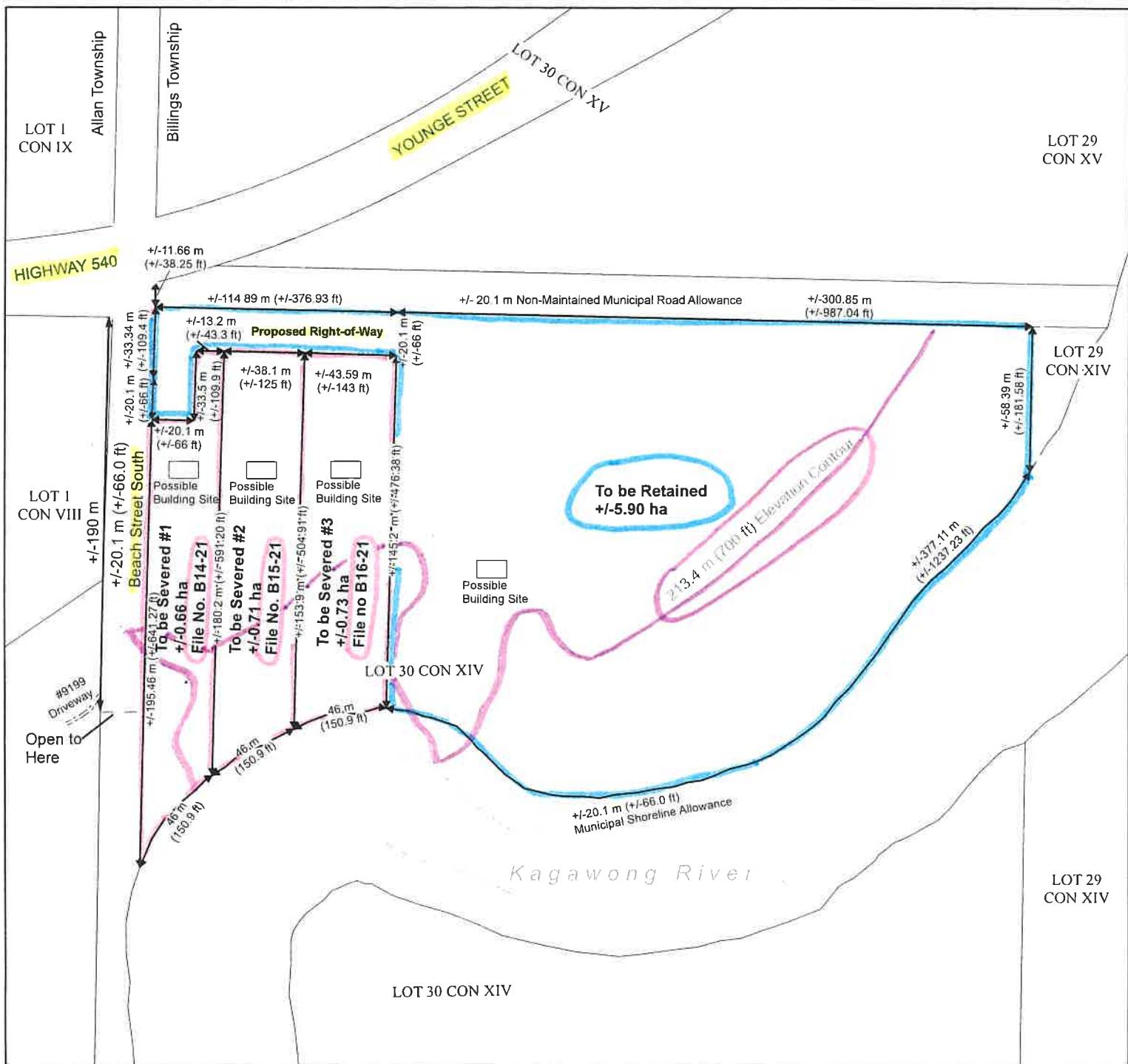
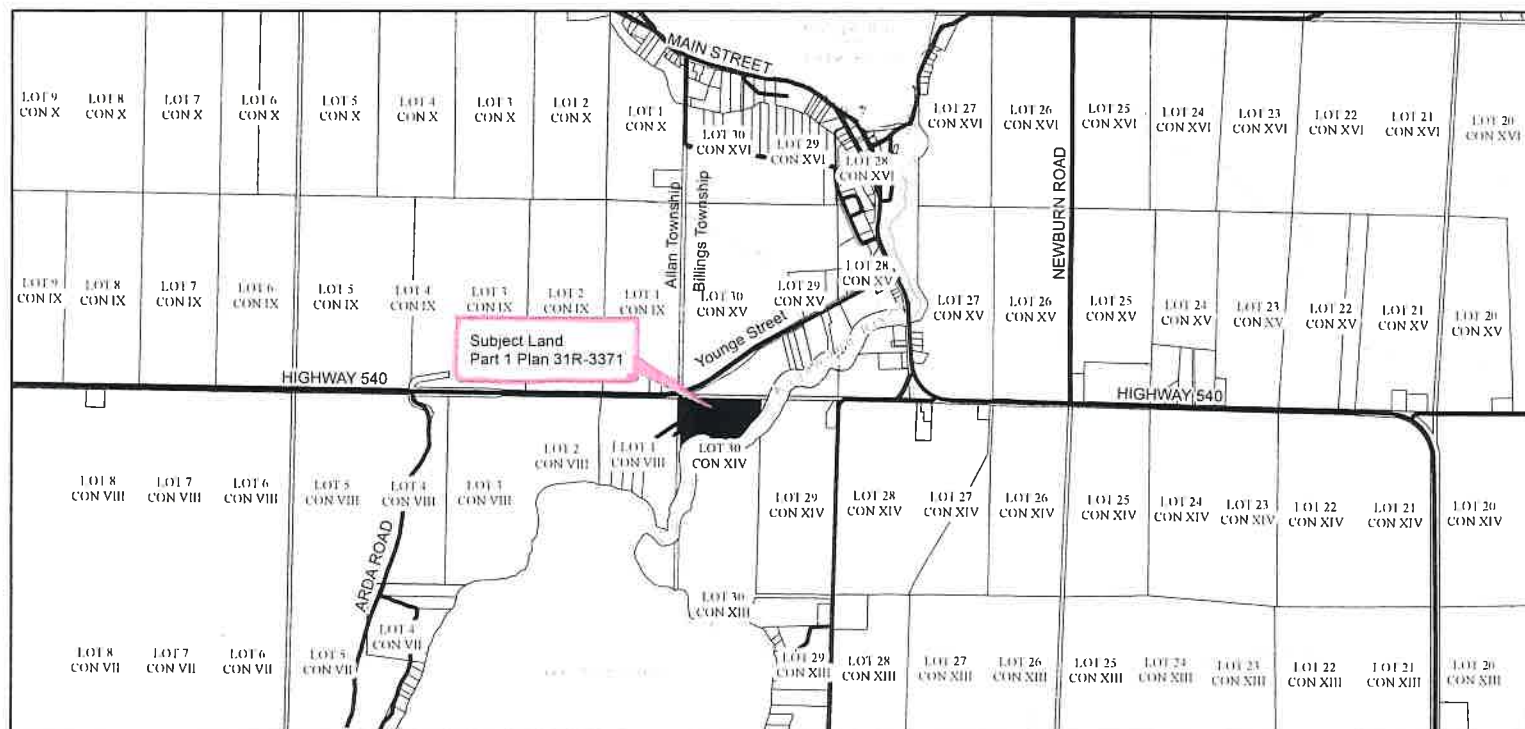
The Planning Act, by Section 53(19) provides for appeal of the Manitoulin Planning Board's Decision and any conditions imposed thereto by filing such appeal with the Secretary-Treasurer of the Manitoulin Planning Board, which must set out the reasons for the appeal and must be accompanied by the prescribed fee payable to the Minister of Finance by certified cheque or money order, as well as an Appellant Form, in accordance with the prescribed procedures, within 20 days of the giving of the Notice of Decision.

In accordance with Section 53(41) of the Planning Act, this consent lapses one (1) year from the giving of Notice of Decision as prescribed by Section 53 (17) or (24).

Dated this 28th Day
of September, 2021


Theresa Carlisle, ACST
Secretary-Treasurer
Manitoulin Planning Board

File No's. B14-21, B15-21 and B16-21



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Mines, Natural Resources and
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Mines, des Richesses naturelles et des
Forêts**

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October 7, 2021

Re: Proposed amendments to the Crown Forest Sustainability Act, 1994, Professional Foresters Act, 2000 and the Public Lands Act, Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry included in the Supporting People and Businesses Act, 2021

Greetings,

On October 7, the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade introduced the proposed Supporting People and Businesses Act, 2021 in the Ontario Legislature. As part of this Bill, the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (NDMNRF) proposed legislative changes to three statutes. These proposed changes are intended to support the government's commitment to reduce regulatory burden on business, and modernize government to be simpler, faster, and more cost-effective, without compromising public health, safety and the environment. The proposed changes include the following:

Crown Forest Sustainability Act, 1994

Proposed amendments to the Crown Forest Sustainability Act, 1994 would enable streamlined authorizations for personal use harvesting, including fuelwood, building products and Christmas trees. These authorizations would be available once regulations are in place prescribing the terms and conditions that may apply to personal use harvesting. If these proposed amendments are enacted, the ministry will consult with the public, stakeholders and municipalities about any subsequent regulations proposed to implement them.

Professional Foresters Act, 2000:

Proposed amendments are intended to modify the scope of practice to better define what professional forestry is and reduce the overlap with other occupations (e.g., arborists, biologists).

Public Lands Act:

The proposed amendments to the Public Lands Act would:

1. Provide the Minister explicit authority to set, charge, waive, change, or refund fees related to the management, use or disposition of public lands to provide for a more efficient approvals process.
2. Provide the Minister explicit authority to make public lands-related decisions that currently rest with the Lieutenant Governor in Council (LGIC) to reduce the time needed for approvals.
3. Prevent the loss of public lands without the Crown's consent and for less than fair market value due to adverse possession by third parties, including providing the Minister with any necessary related authorities.
4. Allow dispositions or transfers of lands bordering water bodies where less than 25 per cent of frontage would remain public land to support Indigenous community interests, land claim settlements, and local community and economic development. These proposed amendments are not intended to significantly increase dispositions along water bodies and the ministry will still be required to undertake any applicable environmental assessment process and fulfill the duty to consult obligations, should they arise, prior to making any individual land disposition decision.

If the proposed amendments are passed by the legislature, they would improve clarity, customer service and reduce unnecessary burdens, resulting in a more effective and less time-consuming approvals process.

Additional information on all the proposals is also provided in the Appendix.

These proposed changes appear in the Supporting People and Businesses Act, 2021 that is currently before the Legislature. The Legislature will determine the next steps associated with the Bill. The following link provides additional details on the status of the Bill ([Bill 13, Supporting People and Businesses Act, 2021 - Legislative Assembly of Ontario \(ola.org\)](#)).

In addition, details regarding the proposed amendments to the Crown Forest Sustainability Act, Professional Foresters Act and Public Lands Act are available on the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) and on the Regulatory Registry. You can review the relevant bulletins/postings and provide comments using the following links:

Crown Forest Sustainability Act

ERO: Proposed amendments to the Crown Forest Sustainability Act to Reduce Red-Tape for the harvest of Crown forest resources for personal use

Regulatory Registry: Proposed amendments to the Crown Forest Sustainability Act to Reduce Red-Tape for the harvest of Crown forest resources for personal use

Professional Foresters Act

ERO: Proposed amendments to the *Professional Foresters Act*

Regulatory Registry: Proposed amendments to the Professional Foresters Act

Public Lands Act

ERO: Amendments to the Public Lands Act to Support Red Tape Reduction

Regulatory Registry: Proposal to amend the Public Lands Act to support red tape reduction

If you have any questions or would like to arrange a meeting to discuss the proposals in further detail please contact Amanda McLachlan at Amanda.Mclachlan@ontario.ca for Crown Forest Sustainability Act and Professional Foresters Act and please contact Josh Annett at Josh.Annett@ontario.ca for Public Lands Act.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Peter Henry
Director, Crown Forests and Lands Policy Branch
Policy Division

Appendix: Additional Information on the Proposed Amendments

Crown Forest Sustainability Act, 1994

NDMNRF is proposing amendments to the Crown Forest Sustainability Act, 1994 to improve service delivery and save people time when seeking approval to harvest wood from Crown lands for personal use, such as firewood, building products and Christmas trees.

Currently, the licensing requirements to harvest Crown forest resources for personal, non-commercial use are the same as the licensing requirements for industrial or commercial use. The Ministry's proposed changes would distinguish authorization requirements for wood harvested from Crown lands for personal use from industrial/commercial use. This would make the approval process easier for clients, forest industry and government.

The proposed changes would if enacted by the Legislature, enable the ministry to:

- Streamline authorization requirements,
- Create clear and consistent program delivery across the province,
- Reduce administrative burden, staff time and effort for government,
- Improve access by making applications available online, and
- Remove burden of developing overlapping agreements for forest industry.

Before the proposed amendments could be implemented, regulations would be required prescribing the terms and conditions applicable to personal use harvesting.

If the proposed amendments are passed by the legislature, the Ministry will consult with the public, stakeholders and municipalities about any subsequent regulation proposals developed to implement them.

Professional Foresters Act, 2000

The purpose of the Professional Foresters Act is to regulate the practice of professional forestry and provide the Ontario Professional Foresters Association (OPFA) the ability to govern its members in accordance with the Act, the regulation and the by-laws in order that the public interest may be served and protected.

In response to requests from the Ontario Professional Foresters Association, we are proposing changes to the PFA that would enhance the ability of the OPFA to provide oversight of its members by adding clarity to the practice of foresters, while limiting the potential impacts to other natural resource professionals (e.g., arborists) and municipal delivery of forest management programs and services.

Public Lands Act

1. Shifting certain decision-making authority regarding public lands to the Minister of NDMNRF from the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

Most public lands related decisions rest with the Minister of NDMNRF, however, some are made by the Lieutenant Governor in Council through an Order in Council. The Order in Council process takes time and has resulted in delays for clients awaiting decisions. Providing the following authorities to the Minister would be consistent with most other Minister authorities for the planning, management, and dispositions of public lands under the *Act*:

- i. Setting apart areas of public lands for any purpose that will benefit research in and the management, use and administration of public lands and forests.
 - iii. Approving the disposal of public land to Ministry officers or employees (while meeting obligations set out in O. Reg. 381/07 regarding conflict of interest rules for public servants under the Public Service of Ontario Act).
 - iv. Releasing a habendum restriction in letters patent, (i.e., removing a restriction that the land must be used for a specific purpose, such as for school purposes).
 - v. Releasing a condition in an Order in Council which requires, where the management of public lands was transferred to the federal government, that the lands be returned to Ontario if the federal government is no longer using the land.
 - vi. Releasing other restrictions in letters patents (e.g., a requirement that Lieutenant Governor in Council provide approval for a landowner to sell their land).
2. Allowing limited exemptions from requirement for Minister to set apart public reserves on water bodies.

Section 3 of the Public Lands Act sets out that where 25 per cent or more of the frontage on a waterbody is public lands that the Minister shall set apart at least 25 per cent of the lands, to a depth determined by the Minister, for public recreation and access. On water bodies where less than 25 per cent of the frontage is public lands, all remaining public lands are to be set aside for such purposes.

The proposed amendments would provide certain exemptions to the Public Lands Act Section 3 requirements, and ensure that the following would not be prevented:

- i. Directing a disposition or ordering a transfer of control to implement an agreement with an Indigenous community. This may include transfers to the federal government to support land claims or additions to reserve or direct

sales to an incorporated Indigenous community-run organization for community or economic development initiatives.

- ii. Ordering the transfer to the federal government (or its agencies) of control of public lands. In addition to land claims or additions to reserve the federal government may require public lands for infrastructure projects or for the creation of protected areas.
- iii. Ordering the transfer to other provincial ministries (or their agencies) of control of public lands. Provincial government ministries may require public lands for infrastructure projects or for expansion of protected areas.
- iv. Directing a disposition to a municipality. Municipalities may require lands to support community or economic development initiatives such as waterfront improvement (i.e., trails, tourism attractions).

This proposal for Public Lands Act Section 3 is not intended to significantly increase dispositions along water bodies and the ministry will still be required to undertake any applicable environmental assessment process and fulfill the duty to consult prior to making any individual land disposition or transfer decisions.

3. Preventing adverse possession of public lands through unauthorized use, possession, or occupation.

Individuals may obtain possessory title to public lands after 60 years of adverse possession (i.e., unauthorized tenancy or “squatting”). This prevents the Province from preserving public lands for uses including economic development and environmental protection, receiving fair value for lands through sale or lease, and the efficient settlement of Indigenous land claims. Further details include:

- i. Proposed changes to the Act would prevent any person from acquiring an interest in public lands through use, possession or occupation of the lands without permission from the Province (i.e., unauthorized tenancy or “squatting”).
- ii. Persons who can demonstrate possessory title to public land (60+ years of adverse possession) prior to any change being made would not be impacted.
- iii. The ministry would continue to process quit claim letters patent applications for persons in these circumstances.
- iv. The proposed changes would provide the Minister with the authority to correct registrations or deposits against public lands that have been made without the Province’s permission.

- v. Eliminating adverse possession would prevent limitations on the availability of land for exercising Aboriginal and treaty rights and settling land claims.
4. Clarifying Minister's authority to manage fees for all services, permissions, or decisions.

The proposed change clarifies that the Minister has explicit authority to set, charge, waive, change, or refund fees for all services, permissions or decisions related to the management, use or disposition of public lands. No new fees or changes to existing fees are being proposed or would result if this proposal is passed.

If the proposed changes to the legislation are enacted, the Ministry would update O.Reg.326/94 (Crown land camping permit) and O.Reg.975 (Work Permits) to ensure these regulations align with the changes made to the Public Lands Act.

Tiana Mills

From: Kathy McDonald
Sent: October 12, 2021 11:56 AM
To: Tiana Mills
Subject: FW: EA Modernization: Clarifying the authority to change the classes of projects that follow a class environmental assessment process

Agenda item. – Information.
Kathy

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Sent: Friday, October 08, 2021 4:55 PM
To: EA Modernization (MECP) <EAModernization.MECP@ontario.ca>
Cc: Lashbrook, Ross (MECP) <Ross.Lashbrook@ontario.ca>; Cross, Annamaria (MECP) <Annamaria.Cross@ontario.ca>; Cross, Annamaria (MECP) <Annamaria.Cross@ontario.ca>
Subject: EA Modernization: Clarifying the authority to change the classes of projects that follow a class environmental assessment process

Hello:

I am writing to let you know about a minor amendment that is being proposed to the *Environmental Assessment Act* to support the ministry's environmental assessment modernization initiative.

The *Environmental Assessment Act* includes authority to amend a class environmental assessment (Class EA) by Minister's amendment or by regulation. As part of our ongoing work to modernize the environmental assessment program, the ministry is proposing a minor amendment to the *Environmental Assessment Act* to clarify the authority to make changes to the types of projects that can follow a Class EA.

Projects that follow the Class EA process will still require consultation with Indigenous communities, stakeholders and the public, developing mitigation measures and documenting the findings in a report to protect and safeguard the environment.

What is a class environmental assessment?

A class environmental assessment is a document that sets out a standardized planning process for classes or groups of activities that are carried out routinely and have predictable environmental effects that can be readily managed. This process generally requires proponents to identify the problem or opportunity, consider alternative solutions and designs, consult with Indigenous communities and stakeholders, develop mitigation measures, and document the findings through a report.

Why is this change being proposed?

As part of our ongoing modernization efforts we are currently developing the regulation to set out the projects that would be subject to the comprehensive environmental assessment process (see ERO notice [019-2377](#)). In July 2021 we initiated consultation on a proposal that, if approved, would allow some electricity transmission lines that currently require an individual environmental assessment to follow a Class EA process (see ERO notice [019-3937](#)). There may be other projects that do not warrant an individual/comprehensive environmental assessment, which is the largest and most significant assessment, but should instead be subject to a Class EA. The proposed legislative amendment would clarify the authority to change the classes of projects that can follow a Class EA.

The proposed legislative amendment clarifies the existing broad authority that enables amendments to Class EAs. The amendment itself will not have any effect on the existing Class EAs. In the event that the authority is used to move a project type from an individual/comprehensive EA to a Class EA process, that proposed change would be consulted upon with Indigenous communities, the public and other impacted stakeholders.

Projects that follow the Class EA process will still require consultation with the public, stakeholders and Indigenous communities, developing mitigation measures and documenting the findings in a report to protect and safeguard the environment.

How can I learn more and comment on this proposal?

We are committed to seeking input from the public, stakeholders and Indigenous communities before allowing other project types to begin following the streamlined or Class EA process.

Please review the proposal and submit your comments via the Environmental Registry of Ontario ([019-4189](#)) or directly by e-mail to EAmmodernization.mecp@ontario.ca by November 21, 2021.

Please do not hesitate to contact the ministry at EAmmodernization.mecp@ontario.ca with any questions you may have at any time.

Thank you,

Annamaria Cross
Director, Environmental Assessment Modernization Branch
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks



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October 1, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
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Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier:

RE: KINGSVILLE COUNCIL SUPPORT OF SAVE EYE CARE IN ONTARIO

At its Regular Meeting held Monday, September 27, 2021 Council of the Town of Kingsville passed a Resolution in support of Save Eye Care in Ontario as follows:

"580-2021

Moved By Councillor Laura Lucier
Seconded By Councillor Thomas Neufeld

Whereas routine eye care is critical in early detection of eye diseases like glaucoma, cataracts, and macular degeneration, and the health of eyes is critical to overall health and quality of life; and

Whereas conditions that may be detected with an annual eye exam include Diabetes mellitus, Glaucoma, Cataract, Retinal disease, Amblyopia (lazy eye), Visual field defects (loss of part of the usual field of vision), Corneal disease, Strabismus (crosses eyes), Recurrent uveitis (an inflammation of the uvea, the middle layer of the eye that consists of the iris, ciliary body and choroid), Optic pathway disease; and

Whereas payments from OHIP have only increased 9% over the last 30 years, which has not come close to matching inflation of costs (which include rent, staff, utilities, equipment, taxes and supplies); and

Whereas the lack of funding makes it difficult to invest in modern technology, and newer technology means earlier detection of eye disease; and

Whereas the Provincial government's refusal to formally negotiate with Optometrists for more than 30 years has forced the Optometrists to absorb approximately 173 Million dollars annually in the cost to deliver eye care to Ontarians; and

Whereas the 2021 Ontario Budget did not address OHIP-insured eye care, Ontario Optometrists took action and voted to withdraw OHIP services starting September 1, 2021, unless the government agrees to legally-binding negotiations to fund these services at least to the cost of delivery; and

Whereas this job action will jeopardize good eyecare for those who need the care of an optometrist the most and will have the greatest impact on the most vulnerable groups. Children, who's lifetime ability to learn and develop depends on good vision and to the elderly, who are at the greatest risk for vision-threatening ocular diseases.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville requests that the Provincial government recognize the value that access to quality eye care brings to all Ontarians and act now to protect it; and further

That the Provincial government address the OHIP-insured eye care immediately and enter into legally-binding negotiations with Ontario Optometrists to fund these services at least to the cost of delivery, prior to any job action taking place; and further

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Ford, Ontario Minister of Health Christine Elliot, MPP Taras Natyshak, to the Ontario Association of Optometrists, and to all municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED"

Yours very truly,



Sandra Kitchen, Acting Clerk
Legislative Services Department
skitchen@kingsville.ca

Enclosure

cc: Honourable Christine Elliott, Ontario Minister of Health
Taras Natyshak, MPP, Essex
Chris Lewis, MP, Essex
Ontario Association of Optometrists
All Ontario Municipalities

Township of Billings

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT FROM Oct 01, 2021 to Oct 14, 2021

Cheque No.	Cheque Date	Payee	Amount
6952	Oct 14, 2021	Bridal Veil Variety	1,801.72
6953	Oct 14, 2021	Briscoe, Lawrence	50.00
6954	Oct 14, 2021	E4m	6,496.09
6955	Oct 14, 2021	Encompass IT	274.59
6956	Oct 14, 2021	G. Stephen Watt LLB	316.40
6957	Oct 14, 2021	Grand & Toy Ltd.	182.26
6958	Oct 14, 2021	Jenna Carter	430.00
6959	Oct 14, 2021	Lisa / Darren Hayden	1,449.00
6960	Oct 14, 2021	Manitoulin Navy League	250.00
6961	Oct 14, 2021	Minister of Finance (Policing)	17,993.00
6962	Oct 14, 2021	Municipality of Central Manitoulin	5,631.92
6963	Oct 14, 2021	Royal Canadian Legion	340.00
6964	Oct 14, 2021	The Manitoulin Expositor	77.43
6965	Oct 14, 2021	Weaver Simmons LLP	197.75

PREAUTHORISED PAYMENTS

DS	Oct 01, 2021	DSSAB	29,854.76
DS	Oct 01, 2021	Wells Fargo-Phone system	108.01
DS	Oct 16, 2021	Council Pay	7,226.11
DS	Oct 12, 2021	Mastercard auto pay	3,672.31
DS	Oct 12, 2021	OCWA-contract	9,486.58
DS	Oct 12, 2021	Manulife-Benefits	2,326.60
DS	Oct 13, 2021	Payroll	13,552.74
DS	Oct 13, 2021	Canada Life-rsp	1,366.38
TOTAL			103,083.65