



The Corporation of the
Municipality of St.-Charles
AGENDA
Regular Meeting of Council

November 20, 2024, 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers (Municipal Office)
2 King Street East
St.-Charles, Ontario P0M 2W0

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1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

1.1 Resolution to Open the Meeting

Recommended Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.- Charles hereby opens the Regular Meeting of Council at 6:00 p.m. on November 20, 2024.

1.2 Indigenous Land Acknowledgement

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2.1 Resolution to Adopt the Agenda

Recommended Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council held November 20, 2024 be adopted as presented.

3. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

4. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

4.1 KPMG - 2023 Audit and Draft Financial Statements
Presenter: TiffanyCecchetto, CPA, CA

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5. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INQUIRIES BY MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND BY COUNCIL

6. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

6.1 Motion - To Discuss and Establish a Security Camera Policy
Moved by Councillor Laframboise

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7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

7.1 Resolution to Adopt the Minutes of Meetings

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Recommended Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the following meetings of Council be adopted as presented:

- **Special Meeting of Council of October 16, 2024;**
- **Regular Meeting of Council of October 16, 2024; and,**
- **Special Meeting of Council of October 23, 2024.**

8. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

8.1 Resolution to Receive Correspondence for Information

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Recommended Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles receives the following correspondence for information:

1. **Copy of letter from Nairn and Hyman and Baldwin dated October 11, 2024, regarding Opposition to the Transportation and Deposition of Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (NORM) and Mine Tailings from the Former Beaucage Mine and Waste Site;**
2. **Email from McGarry dated October 15, 2024, regarding Township of McGarry Resolution to Support AMCTO Provincial Updates to the Municipal Elections Act;**
3. **Email from FONOM dated October 16, 2024, regarding Ontario Forest Industries Association's 2025 Budget Recommendations;**
4. **Copy of letter from Public Health Sudbury & Districts dated October 16, 2024, regarding Perspectives from Northern Ontario for the Public Health Funding Review;**
5. **Copy of letter from Public Health Sudbury & Districts dated October 16, 2024, regarding Support for Ontario to Continue to Protect the Safety of Private Drinking Water;**
6. **Email from Wawa dated October 18, 2024, regarding Resolution of Support for Nicotine Pouches;**
7. **Copy of letter from Northumberland dated October 21, 2024, regarding Correspondence, Township of Stirling-Rawdon "Public Sector Salary Disclosure";**
8. **Copy of letter from Clearview dated October 22, 2024, regarding Request for Support - Increase Tile Drain Loan Limit;**
9. **Email from Blue Mountains dated October 23, 2024, regarding Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program - Council of the Town of Blue Mountains Resolution;**
10. **Copy of letter from Wainfleet dated October 23, 2024, regarding AMO / OMA Joint Resolution Campaign on Physician Shortage;**
11. **Copy of letter from Wainfleet dated October 23, 2024, regarding Request to Increase Tile Drain Loan Limit;**
12. **Email from Larder Lake dated October 24, 2024, regarding**

Township of Larder Lake Council Resolution - Government Regulations of Nicotine Pouches;

13. **Email from Larder Lake dated October 24, 2025, regarding Township of Larder Lake Council Resolution - Support Resolution No. 24-366 passed by the City of Quinte West;**
14. **Copy of letter from Petawawa dated October 25, 2024, regarding Ontario Provincial Police Costs 2025;**
15. **Email from Whitewater dated October 25, 2024, regarding Town of Whitewater Region Council Resolution - Ontario Provincial Police Costs 2025;**
16. **Letter from Addington Highlands dated October 28, 2024, regarding Letter of Support - Recommendations for Government Regulation of Nicotine Pouches;**
17. **Email from Aurora dated October 29, 2024, regarding Motion - Fair Share;**
18. **Email from Good Roads dated October 29, 2024, regarding Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program;**
19. **Email from Kasper Bus Lines dated October 30, 2024, regarding Invitation to Partner with Kasper Bus Lines on Sustainable Transit Solutions Through OTIF;**
20. **Copy of letter from O'Connor dated November 1, 2024;**
21. **Copy of letter from Howick dated November 6, 2024, regarding Resolution - Ontario Provincial Police Costs for 2025;**
22. **Letter from Marmora & Lake dated November 6, 2024, regarding Council Resolution - Asset Retirement Obligations Resolution Support;**
23. **Email from Wawa dated November 6, 2024, regarding Green Roads Pilot Project;**
24. **Email from Georgian Bay dated November 7, 2024, regarding Township of Georgian Bay - Support AMCTO Updates to Municipal Elections Act;**
25. **Email from Georgian Bay dated November 7, 2024, regarding Township of Georgian Bay - Support - Urging the Government to Promptly Resume Assessment Cycle;**
26. **Copy of letter from Midland dated November 7, 2024, regarding Sustainable Funding for Small Urban Municipalities;**
27. **Email from North Glengarry dated November 7, 2024 regarding Township of North Glengarry Resolution - AMCTO Recommendations for Updates to the Municipal Elections Act;**
28. **Email from Parry Sound dated November 7, 2024, regarding Request Province Implement a Rural Road Safety Program;**
29. **Copy of letter from Cambridge dated November 8, 2024,**

regarding Lithium-Ion Importation and Safe Use;

30. Copy of letter from Cambridge dated November 8, 2024, regarding Homelessness, Mental Health, Safety and Addiction Crisis;
31. Email from Larder Lake dated November 13, 2024, regarding Township of Larder Lake Support Resolution - Redistribution of the LTT and GST;
32. Email from Larder Lake dated November 13, 2024, regarding Township of Larder Lake Support Resolution - Resume Assessment Cycle;
33. Email from Peterborough dated November 13, 2024, regarding Peterborough County Council Resolution Re: Ontario Rural Road Safety Program;
34. Email from Horton dated November 14, 2024, regarding Township of Horton Council Resolution - Ontario Provincial Police Costs 2025;
35. Copy of letter from Leamington dated November 14, 2024, regarding OPP Detachment Billing Increases;

and directs staff to:

- draft a report on items:
- draft a Resolution in support on items:
- respond with a letter on items:
- include on the next Committee of the Whole items:

- 8.2 Resolution Stemming from October 16, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 8.1 - Correspondence #4

Recommended Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the letter dated September 20, 2024 by the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, regarding the Ontario Deposit Return Program;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Andrea Khanjin; the Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

- 8.3 Resolution Stemming from October 16, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 8.1 - Correspondence #7

Recommended Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports Resolution #C-2024-09-16 passed by Tay Valley Township, regarding Public Sector Salary Disclosure;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be

sent to the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

8.4 Resolution Stemming from October 16, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 8.1 - Correspondence #16

Recommended Resolution

WHEREAS there is a humanitarian crisis unfolding on the streets in our cities, large and small, urban and rural, across Ontario. The time for words is over, we need immediate action at all levels of government, starting with the Province of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the homelessness, mental health and addictions crisis continues to grow with 3432 drug related deaths in Ontario in 2023¹ and over 1400 homeless encampments across Ontario communities in 2023²;

AND WHEREAS the province has provided additional funding and supports, such as the recent investment of \$378 million for HART Hubs and approximately 375 beds with wraparound supports, it does not adequately address the growing crisis and the financial and social impact on municipalities and regions across the province;

AND WHEREAS municipalities and regions are stepping up and working with community partners to put in place community-specific solutions to address this crisis, but municipalities and regions lack the expertise, capacity, or resources to address these increasingly complex health care and housing issues alone;

AND WHEREAS this is primarily a health issue that falls under provincial jurisdiction and municipalities and regions should not be using the property tax base to fund these programs;

AND WHEREAS there is no provincial lead focused on this crisis leading to unanswered questions that span over a dozen ministries, and a lack of support to manage the increasing needs of those who are unhoused;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles supports the SolvethCrisis.ca Campaign;

AND calls on provincial and federal governments to commit to immediate action to solve the Humanitarian Crisis that Ontario is facing as the numbers of unhoused individuals and those suffering with mental health & addictions grows exponentially;

AND that the province officially makes Homelessness a Health Priority;

AND appoints a responsible Minister and Ministry with the appropriate funding and powers as a single point of contact to address the full spectrum of housing needs as well as mental health, addictions and wrap around supports;

AND that the provincial government strike a task force with broad sector

representatives including municipalities, regions, healthcare, first responders, community services, the business community and the tourism industry to develop a Made in Ontario Action Plan;

AND that this provincial task force reviews current programs developed by municipalities, regions and community partners that have proven successful in our communities, to ensure that solutions can be implemented quickly and effectively to tackle this crisis;

AND that the federal government is included in these conversations;

AND that both levels of government provide adequate, sufficient and sustainable funding to ensure that municipalities have the tools and resources to support individuals suffering with mental health and addictions, including unhoused people and those from vulnerable populations that may be disproportionately impacted;

AND that this Council calls on the residents of the Municipality of St.-Charles to join us in appealing to the provincial and federal governments for support by visiting SolveTheCrisis.ca and showing your support;

AND further that a copy of this Resolution be sent to:

- The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada;
- The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada;
- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario;
- The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health;
- The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
- The Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services;
- The Honourable Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions;
- Local MPs;
- Local MPPs; and,
- Ontario's Big City Mayors.

¹ Office of the Chief Coroner, Ontario (2024). OCC Opioid Mortality Summary Q4 2023. [PDF].

<https://odprn.ca/occ-opioid-and-suspect-drug-related-death-data/>

² Homeless Encampments in Ontario, A Municipal Perspective, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, July 2024 -

Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding
(Fair Share)

Recommended Resolution

WHEREAS municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development;

AND WHEREAS the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs;

AND WHEREAS redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers;

AND WHEREAS a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

- 1. NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and,**
- 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and,**
- 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and,**
- 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and**

Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and,

5. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

9. **STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS / REPORTS - MOTIONS**

9.1 **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Chair Councillor Julie Laframboise / Council

9.1.1 **Resolution to Approve 2023 Financial Statements**

Recommended Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby approves the Audited Financial Statements prepared by KPMG LLP, for the year ending December 31, 2023;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council hereby received and accepts the letter prepared by KPMG LLP, dated November 20, 2024.

9.2 **GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE**

Chair Mayor Paul Branconnier / Council

9.2.1 **Resolution Stemming from November 6, 2024 Committee of the Whole - Item 7.1.1 - 2024 Christmas Parade**

Recommended Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles approves the reimbursement of up to \$1,500.00, as provided in the 2024 Budget, to the organizers of the 2024 Christmas Party and Parade for the purchase of gifts for the children of St.-Charles residents or other expenses related to the event.

9.3 **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Chair Councillor Joshua Lachance / Co-Chair Mayor Paul Branconnier

9.3.1 **Report to Council - Proposal to Amend Building Code Reg. Re: Sewage Systems**

Prepared by: Denis Turcot, CAO

Recommended Resolution

WHEREAS the Provincial Government passed O. Reg. 332/12: BUILDING CODE under the Building Code Act, 1992, S.O. 1992, c. 23 that assigns the responsibility for enforcement of sewage system inspections and permitting for our Municipality to the Public Health Sudbury Districts;

AND WHEREAS the Municipalities of Killarney, French River, St.-Charles, and Markstay-Warren have entered in a shared service agreement for Building and By-Law service;

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AND WHEREAS the sewage system permitting and inspections can be easily integrated within this shared service model to promote better service to our residents and provide increased revenue stability;

AND WHEREAS the duplication of administration and traveling by staff comes at a financial burden to the taxpayers and increased carbon footprint;

AND WHEREAS the local elected officials have limited decision-making powers regarding sewage system inspection and re-inspection to better deal with local concerns such as blue green algae, housing and to improve department efficiencies;

AND WHEREAS the increasing cost of operation of our Building and By-Law Department could be considerably improved with a complimentary service such as sewage system inspection specifically during building construction with an end goal of approaching revenue neutral for this service;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of St.-Charles requests the following amendment to O. Reg. 332/12: BUILDING CODE under Building Code Act, 1992, S.O. 1992, c. 23 General 1.7.1.1 Table 1.7.1.1 item 5, column 2 be amended to read:

“All municipalities and territory without municipal organization located in the Sudbury and District Health Unit

- a. except for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles, the Corporation of the Municipality of Markstay-Warren, the Corporation of the Municipality of French River, and the Corporation of the Municipality Killarney.”**

9.4 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES COMMITTEE

Chair Councillor Julie Laframboise / Co-Chair Councillor Monica Loftus

- 9.4.1 Resolution Stemming from November 6, 2024 Committee of the Whole - Item 7.3.2 - Proposed Winter Maintenance Policy**

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Recommended Resolution

WHEREAS Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles has read the proposed Winter Maintenance Policy;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby adopts Policy SER-005 Winter Maintenance Policy, as attached.

- 9.4.2 Report to Council - Municipal Road Maintenance Private Turn Basin (Shank Road)**

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Prepared by: Michelle Clark, Director of Operations

Recommended Resolution

That Council direct staff to construct an appropriate turn basin on Shank Road, as per Option A, B, C or D of this report and enter into an agreement with the private property owner for the utilization of the current turn around location for the 2024 - 2025 winter operations season.

10. **ADDENDUM (If required and by Resolution)**

11. **CLOSED SESSION**

11.1 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

12. **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

13.1 Confirmation By-Law - First and second reading

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Recommended Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby gives first and second reading to the following By-Law:

- **By-Law 2024-47 - Being a By-Law to Confirm the Proceedings of Council at its Special Meeting of Council Held October 23rd, 2024; at its Committee of the Whole Meeting Held November 6th, 2024; and, at its Regular Meeting of Council Held November 20th, 2024**

13.2 Confirmation By-Law - Third and Final Reading

Recommended Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby gives third reading to and finally passes By-Law 2024-47.

13.3 Resolution to Adjourn the Meeting

Recommended Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby adjourns the Regular Meeting of Council at **: ** p.m. on November 20, 2024.



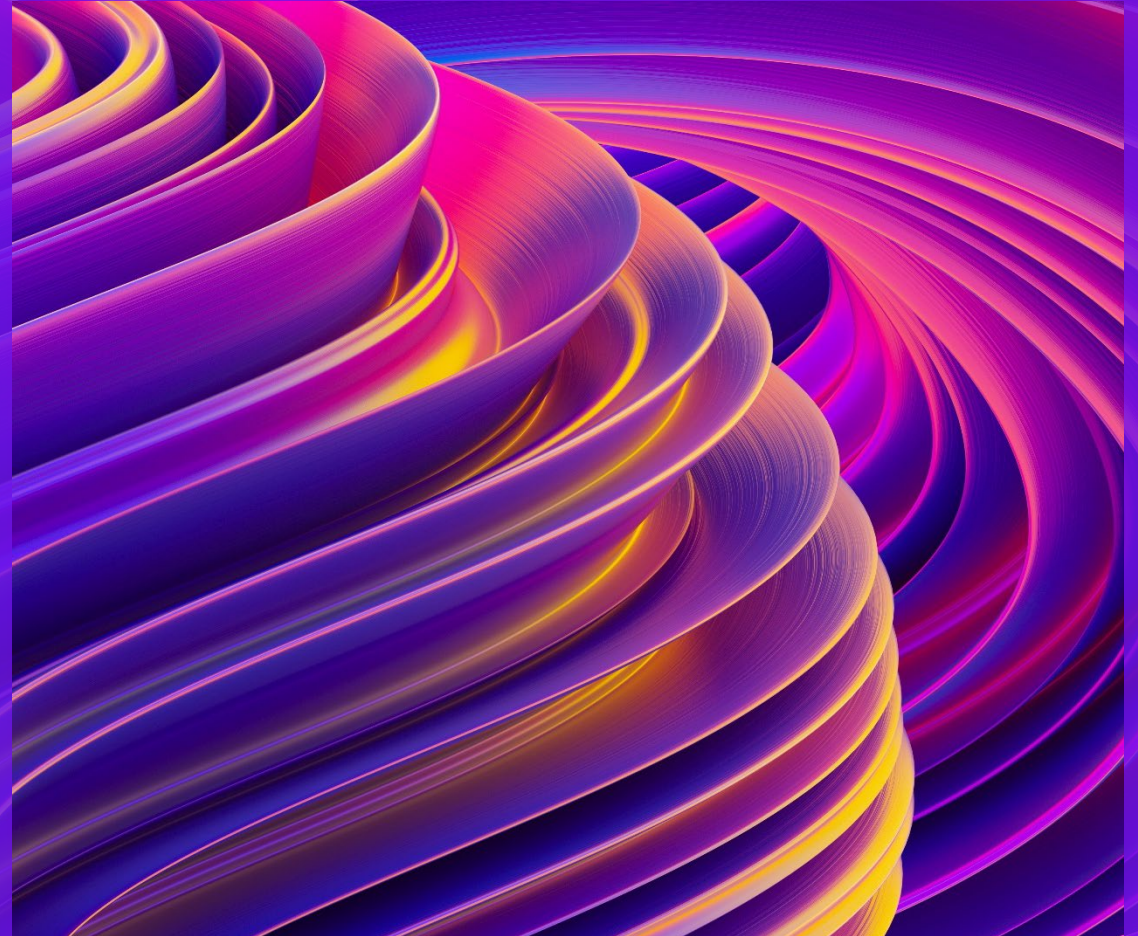
The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles

Combined Audit Planning and Findings
Report for the year ended
December 31, 2023



Prepared as of November 12, 2024 for presentation to Council on
November 20, 2024

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The purpose of this report is to assist you, as a member of Council, in your review of the results of our audit of the financial statements. This report is intended solely for the information and use of Management and Council and should not be used for any other purpose or any other party. KPMG shall have no responsibility or liability for loss or damages or claims, if any, to or by any third party as this report has not been prepared for, and is not intended for, and should not be used by, any third party or for any other purpose.



Audit planning highlights



No matters to report



Matters to report – see link for details

Scope

Our audit of the financial statements (“financial statements”) of the Municipality of St. Charles (“the Municipality”) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023 was performed in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards.

Audit strategy

Materiality \$116,000

Involvement of others

Updates to our prior year audit plan

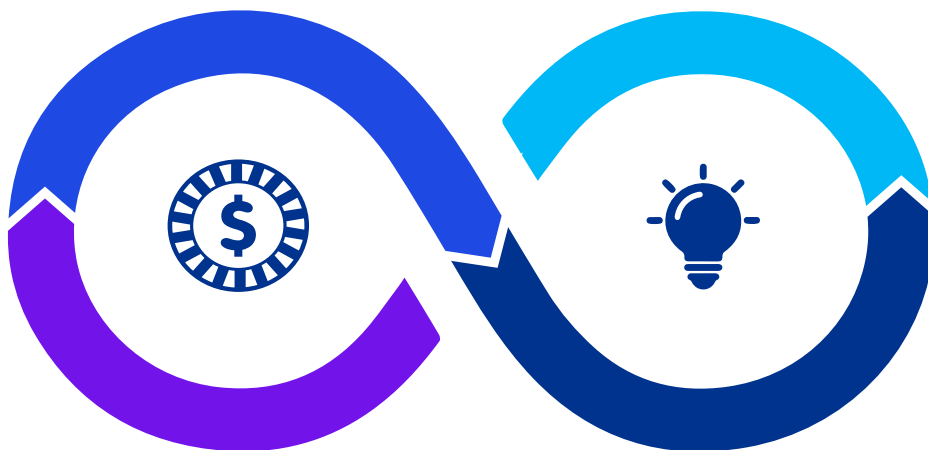
Risk assessment

Risk of management override of controls

Presumed risk of fraudulent revenue recognition



Materiality



We **initially determine materiality** at a level at which we consider that misstatements could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users. Determining materiality is a matter of **professional judgement**, considering both quantitative and qualitative factors, and is affected by our perception of the common financial information needs of users of the financial statements as a group. We do not consider the possible effect of misstatements on specific individual users, whose needs may vary widely.

We **reassess materiality** throughout the audit and revise materiality if we become aware of information that would have caused us to determine a different materiality level initially.

Plan and perform the audit

We **initially determine materiality** to provide a basis for:

- Determining the nature, timing and extent of risk assessment procedures;
- Identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement; and
- Determining the nature, timing, and extent of further audit procedures.

We design our procedures to detect misstatements at a level less than materiality in individual accounts and disclosures, to reduce to an appropriately low level the probability that the aggregate of uncorrected and undetected misstatements exceeds materiality for the financial statements as a whole.

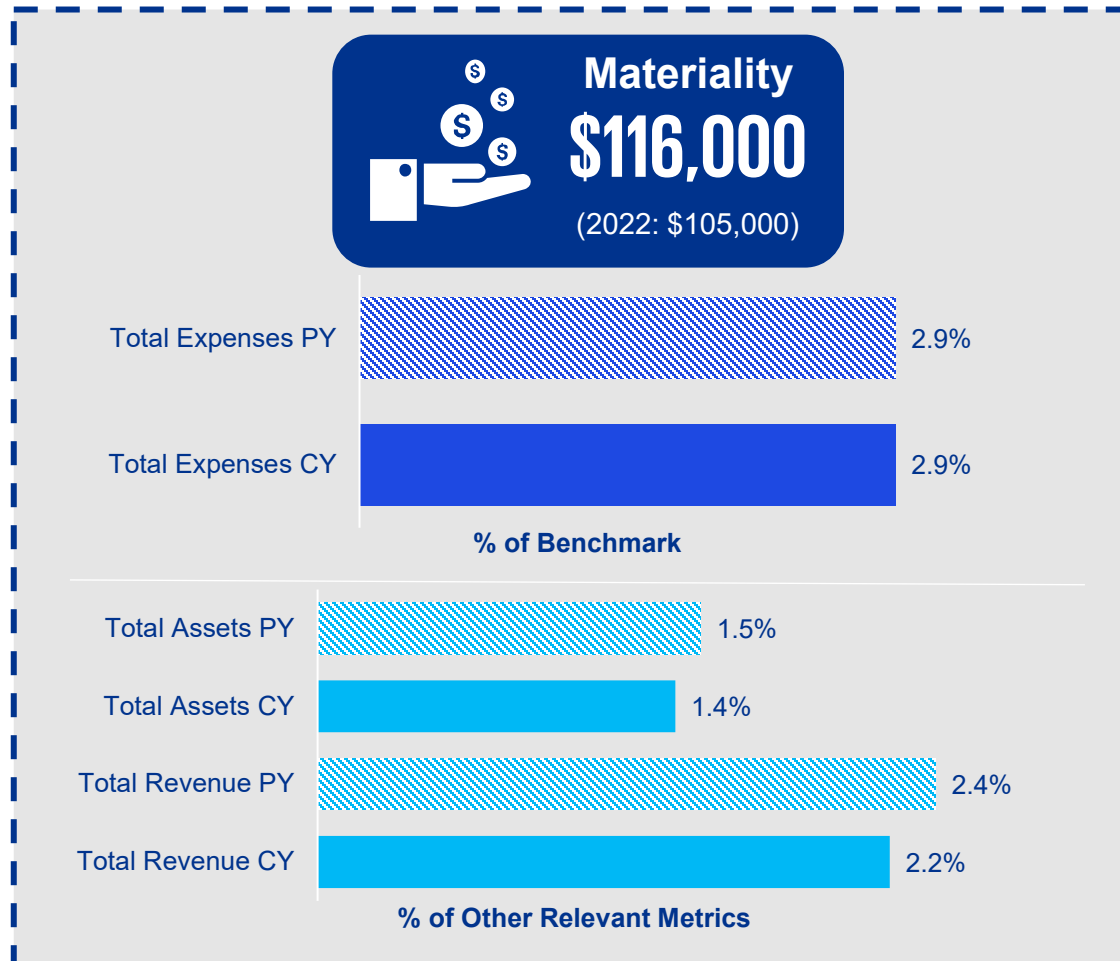
Evaluate the effect of misstatements

We also **use materiality** to evaluate the effect of:

- Identified misstatements on our audit; and
- Uncorrected misstatements, if any, on the financial statements and in forming our opinion.



Materiality



Total Expenses
\$3.89 million
 (2022: \$3.59 million)

Total Revenue
\$5.183 million
 (2022: \$4.34 million)

Total Assets
\$8.19 million
 (2022: \$6.99 million)



Involvement of others

The following parties are involved in the audit of the financial statements:

Involved party	Nature and extent of planned involvement
Management's specialists – Canadian Shield Consultants	The experts were engaged to perform a valuation assessment of the post closure liabilities relating to landfill obligation under the new asset retirement obligation standards.



Risk assessment summary

Our planning begins with an assessment of risks of material misstatement in your financial statements.

We draw upon our understanding of the Company and its environment (e.g. the industry, the wider economic environment in which the business operates, etc.), our understanding of the Company's components of its system of internal control, including our business process understanding.

		Risk of fraud	Risk of error	PY risk rating
●	Management Override of Controls	✓		Significant

● SIGNIFICANT RISK ● PRESUMED RISK OF MATERIAL MISSTATEMENT ● OTHER RISK OF MATERIAL MISSTATEMENT

Advanced technologies

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Significant risks



Management Override of Controls (non-rebuttable significant risk of material misstatement)

RISK OF



FRAUD

Why is it significant?

Presumption of the risk of fraud resulting from management override of controls

Management is in a unique position to perpetrate fraud because of its ability to manipulate accounting records and prepare fraudulent financial statements by overriding controls that otherwise appear to be operating effectively. Although the level of risk of management override of controls will vary from entity to entity, the risk nevertheless is present in all entities.

Our planned response

As this presumed risk of material misstatement due to fraud is not rebuttable, our audit methodology incorporates the required procedures in professional standards to address this risk. These procedures include:

- testing of journal entries and other adjustments,
- performing a retrospective review of estimates
- evaluating the business rationale of significant unusual transactions.

Advanced technologies

Our KPMG Clara Journal Entry Analysis Tool assists in the performance of detailed journal entry testing based on engagement-specific risk identification and circumstances. Our tool provides auto-generated journal entry population statistics and focusses our audit effort on journal entries that are riskier in nature.



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Significant risks – other considerations



Presumed risk of fraudulent revenue recognition

RISK OF



FRAUD

Consideration of risk

Presumption of the risk of fraud resulting revenue recognition

The engagement team reviewed the Municipality's revenue streams in order to support our determination as to whether the fraud risk related to revenue recognition should be rebutted.

The engagement team has determined that rebutting the presumed fraud risk related to revenue recognition is appropriate based on the analysis outlined herein.

Our analysis

Fraudulent revenue recognition risk factors have not been identified. The entity is not a high public profile entity and there are no significant third party expectations in relation to revenue creating perceived pressures or incentives. Revenues are relatively simple to recognize as they do not involve elements of significant judgment. The nature of the industry or the entity's operations do not provide perceived opportunities to engage in fraudulent revenue recognition. There are few, if any, indicators that management possesses the attitude, character or ethical values that would cause it to knowingly and intentionally commit a dishonest act. As a result there is not a risk of material misstatement of revenue due to fraudulent financial reporting by management.



Audit findings highlights

No matters to report Matters to report – see link for details

Status

We have completed the audit of the financial statements for the Municipality of St. Charles (“financial statements”), with the exception of certain remaining outstanding procedures, which are highlighted on the ‘Status’ slide of this report.

Risks and results

- Significant risks
- Other risks of material misstatement
- Going concern matters

Policies and practices & Specific topics

- Significant unusual transactions
- Accounting policies and practices
- Other financial reporting matters
- Specific topics

Uncorrected misstatements

Uncorrected misstatements	
Annual surplus	(in \$'000s)
As currently presented	\$655
Uncorrected misstatements	-
As a % of the balance	0.00%
Total assets	(in \$'000s)
As currently presented	9,320
Uncorrected misstatements	(\$60)
As a % of the balance	0.64%

Corrected misstatements

Corrected misstatements

Control deficiencies

Significant deficiencies



Uncorrected misstatements

Uncorrected misstatements include financial presentation and disclosure omissions.



Impact of uncorrected misstatements – Not material to the financial statements

- The management representation letter includes the Summary of Uncorrected Misstatements, which discloses the impact of all uncorrected misstatements considered to be other than clearly trivial
- Based on both qualitative and quantitative considerations, management have decided not to correct certain misstatements and represented to us that the misstatements—individually and in the aggregate—are, in their judgment, not material to the financial statements. This management representation is included in the management representation letter.
- We concur with management's representation that the uncorrected misstatements are not material to the financial statements. Accordingly, the uncorrected misstatements have no effect on our auditor's report.

Below is a summary of the impact of the uncorrected misstatement:

Annual surplus	(in \$'000s)	Total assets	(in \$'000s)
As currently presented	\$655	As currently presented	9,320
Uncorrected misstatements	-	Uncorrected misstatements	(\$60)
As a % of the balance	0.00%	As a % of the balance	0.64%



Corrected misstatements

Corrected misstatements include financial presentation and disclosure misstatements.



Impact of corrected misstatements

- Certain corrected adjustments were identified based on the audit procedures completed. These adjustments have been noted as an attachment to the management representation letter.



Control deficiencies

Consideration of internal control over financial reporting (ICFR)

In planning and performing our audit, we considered ICFR relevant to the Entity's preparation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on ICFR.

Our understanding of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described above and was not designed to identify all control deficiencies that might be significant deficiencies. The matters being reported are limited to those deficiencies that we have identified during the audit that we have concluded are of sufficient importance to merit being reported to those charged with governance.

Our awareness of control deficiencies varies with each audit and is influenced by the nature, timing, and extent of audit procedures performed, as well as other factors. Had we performed more extensive procedures on internal control over financial reporting, we might have identified more significant deficiencies to be reported or concluded that some of the reported significant deficiencies need not, in fact, have been reported.

A deficiency in internal control over financial reporting

A deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A deficiency in design exists when (a) a control necessary to meet the control objective is missing or (b) an existing control is not properly designed so that, even if the control operates as designed, the control objective would not be met. A deficiency in operation exists when a properly designed control does not operate as designed, or when the person performing the control does not possess the necessary authority or competence to perform the control effectively.

Significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting

A deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting that, in our judgment, is important enough to merit the attention of those charged with governance.



Significant accounting policies and practices



Initial selections of significant accounting policies and practices

PSAS 3280 Asset Retirement Obligation Standards was effective for fiscal years beginning on or after April 1, 2022. The adoption of this standard was reflected in the December 31, 2023 on a modified retroactive basis.

Note disclosure has been included in the financial statements for the transition to the new accounting standard. Please see note 2 for additional information relating to the transitional adjustments.



Description of new or revised significant accounting policies and practices

The new accounting standard, PS 3280, addresses the reporting of legal obligations associated with the retirement of certain tangible capital assets, such as asbestos removal in buildings owned by the Municipality along with the retirement obligation associated with the landfill. The standard was adopted on the modified retrospective basis at the date of adoption such that the assumptions used to estimate the Municipality's asset retirement obligations were applied as of the date of adoption of the standard.

In determining the amount of the obligation, the Municipality utilized a present value measurement technique only for the landfill obligation as it as determined that the timing of the future cash flows related to the costs associated with the asset retirement obligation was determinable.



Significant qualitative aspects of the accounting policies and practices

The adoption of the Asset Retirement Obligations Standard required management to calculate the value of the obligation as of the date of transition. For application of the Standard, the Municipality used internal knowledge of the public works staff which was supplemented with professional third party reports provided by an external consultants.



Future implementation

Accounting pronouncements issued but not yet effective have not been disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. However, the most significant pronouncements in the near term relate to Revenue and Public Private Partnerships ("P3s") and that will be applicable for fiscal 2024. The implications of these new standards are not expected to be significant.



Other financial reporting matters

We also highlight the following:



Financial statement presentation - form, arrangement, and content



No matters to report



Concerns regarding application of new accounting pronouncements



No matters to report



Significant qualitative aspects of financial statement presentation and disclosure



No matters to report

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of Council, residents and ratepayers of the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of The Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles (the Entity), which comprise:

- the consolidated statement of financial position as at December 31, 2023
- the consolidated statement of operations and accumulated surplus for the year then ended
- the consolidated statements of changes in net financial assets for the year then ended
- the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended
- and the notes and schedule to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies

(Hereinafter referred to as the "financial statements")

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Entity as at December 31, 2023, and its consolidated results of operations, its consolidated changes in net financial assets and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibility under those standards are further described in the "Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements" section of our auditor's report.

We are independent of the Entity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Comparative Information

We draw attention to Note 2 to the financial statements ("Note 2"), which explains that certain comparative information presented for the year ended December 31, 2022 has been restated as a result of the modified retroactive adoption of the asset retirement obligation standard. Note 2 explains the reason for the restatement and also explains the adjustments that were applied to restate certain comparative information.

Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Other Matter – Comparative Information

As part of our audit of the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023, we also audited the adjustments that were applied to restate certain comparative information presented for the year ended December 31, 2022 as a result of a change in accounting policy. In our opinion, such adjustments are appropriate and have been properly applied.

Responsibility of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Entity's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.



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We also:

- Identify and assess the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, internal omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purposes of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to the events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Entity's to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group Entity to express an opinion on the financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

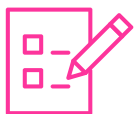
Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

Sudbury, Canada

November 20, 2024



Appendix A: Other required communications



Engagement terms

A copy of the engagement letter and any subsequent amendments has been provided to the Audit Committee.



CPAB communication protocol

The reports available through the following links were published by the Canadian Public Accountability Board to inform Audit Committees and other stakeholders about the results of quality inspections conducted over the past year:

- [CPAB Audit Quality Insights Report: 2021 Annual Inspections Results](#)
- [CPAB Audit Quality Insights Report: 2022 Interim Inspections Results](#)
- [CPAB Audit Quality Insights Report: 2022 Annual Inspections Results](#)
- [CPAB Audit Quality Insights Report: 2023 Interim Inspections Results](#)



Appendix A: Management representation letter

KPMG LLP
Times Square
1760 Regent Street, Unit 4
Sudbury, ON P3E 3Z8
Canada

November 20, 2024

We are writing at your request to confirm our understanding that your audit was for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements (hereinafter referred to as "financial statements") of **The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles** ("the Entity") as at and for the period ended December 31, 2023.

GENERAL:

We confirm that the representations we make in this letter are in accordance with the definitions as set out in **Attachment I** to this letter.

We also confirm that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, having made such inquiries as we considered necessary for the purpose of appropriately informing ourselves:

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 1) We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the engagement letter dated January 29, 2024, including for:
 - a) the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements and believe that these financial statements have been prepared and present fairly in accordance with the relevant financial reporting framework.
 - b) providing you with all information of which we are aware that is relevant to the preparation of the financial statements ("relevant information"), such as financial records, documentation and other matters, including:
 - the names of all related parties and information regarding all relationships and transactions with related parties;
 - the complete minutes of meetings, or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared, of shareholders, board of directors and committees of the board of directors that may affect the financial statements. All significant actions are included in such summaries.
 - c) providing you with unrestricted access to such relevant information.
 - d) providing you with complete responses to all enquiries made by you during the engagement.

- e) providing you with additional information that you may request from us for the purpose of the engagement.
- f) providing you with unrestricted access to persons within the Entity from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
- g) such internal control as we determined is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. We also acknowledge and understand that we are responsible for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
- h) ensuring that all transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
- i) ensuring that internal auditors providing direct assistance to you, if any, were instructed to follow your instructions and that we, and others within the entity, did not intervene in the work the internal auditors performed for you.

INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING:

- 2) We have communicated to you all deficiencies in the design and implementation or maintenance of internal control over financial reporting of which we are aware.

FRAUD & NON-COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS:

- 3) We have disclosed to you:
 - a) the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
 - b) all information in relation to fraud or suspected fraud that we are aware of that involves:
 - management;
 - employees who have significant roles in internal control over financial reporting; or
 - others
 where such fraud or suspected fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
 - c) all information in relation to allegations of fraud, or suspected fraud, affecting the financial statements, communicated by employees, former employees, analysts, regulators, or others.
 - d) all known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations, including all aspects of contractual agreements or illegal acts, whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.
 - e) all known actual or possible litigation and claims whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements.



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SUBSEQUENT EVENTS:

- 4) All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements and for which the relevant financial reporting framework requires adjustment or disclosure in the financial statements have been adjusted or disclosed.

RELATED PARTIES:

- 5) We have disclosed to you the identity of the Entity's related parties.
- 6) We have disclosed to you all the related party relationships and transactions/balances of which we are aware.
- 7) All related party relationships and transactions/balances have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the relevant financial reporting framework.

ESTIMATES:

- 8) The methods, the data and the significant assumptions used in making accounting estimates, and their related disclosures are appropriate to achieve recognition, measurement or disclosure that is reasonable in the context of the applicable financial reporting framework.

GOING CONCERN:

- 9) We have provided you with all information relevant to the use of the going concern assumption in the financial statements.
- 10) We confirm that we are not aware of material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt upon the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern.

MISSTATEMENTS:

- 11) The effects of the uncorrected misstatements described in Attachment II are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements as a whole.
- 12) We approve the corrected misstatements identified by you during the audit described in Attachment II.

NON-SEC REGISTRANTS OR NON-REPORTING ISSUERS:

- 13) We confirm that the Entity is not a Canadian reporting issuer (as defined under any applicable Canadian securities act) and is not a United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") Issuer (as defined by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002).
- 14) We also confirm that the financial statements of the Entity will not be included in the group financial statements of a Canadian reporting issuer audited by KPMG or an SEC Issuer audited by any member of the KPMG organization.

Yours very truly,

By: Mr. Denis Turcot, Chief Administrative Officer

By: Ms. Pamela McCracken, Treasurer



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Attachment I – Definitions

MATERIALITY

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material.

Information is material if omitting, misstating or obscuring it could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

Judgments about materiality are made in light of surrounding circumstances, and are affected by perception of the needs of, or the characteristics of, the users of the financial statements and, the size or nature of a misstatement, or a combination of both while also considering the entity's own circumstances.

FRAUD & ERROR

Fraudulent financial reporting involves intentional misstatements including omissions of amounts or disclosures in financial statements to deceive financial statement users.

Misappropriation of assets involves the theft of an entity's assets. It is often accompanied by false or misleading records or documents in order to conceal the fact that the assets are missing or have been pledged without proper authorization.

An error is an unintentional misstatement in financial statements, including the omission of an amount or a disclosure.



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Summary of uncorrected misstatements

Method used to evaluate misstatements: Dual method

#	Account #	Account Name	Description/ Identified During	Error Type	Amount	Impact on financial statement captions - DR(CR)															Statement of Comprehensive Income - Debit (Credit) (Rollover)	Statement of Comprehensive Income - Debit (Credit) (Iron Curtain)		
						Income Statement DR (CR)			Balance Sheet Effect					Cash Flow Effect (Rollover)			Cash Flow Effect (Iron Curtain)							
						Income effect of correcting the balance sheet in prior period	Income effect of current period balance sheet	Income effect (Rollover method)	Equity at period end	Current Assets	Non-Current Assets	Current Liabilities	Non-Current Liabilities	Operating Activities	Investing Activities	Financing Activities	Operating Activities	Investing Activities	Financing Activities					
DR (CR)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$									
1	2000	Accounts Payable	To reverse payables at year end that were not received until after year end	Factual	23,730				-	-	-	-	23,730	(23,730)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	01.01.4553	Admin - Other (Admin): Misc Conditional Grant Expense			(21,370)	-	(21,370)	(21,370)	(21,370)						(21,370)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2550	GST/HST Payable			(2,360)				-	(2,360)	-	-	-	(2,360)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2000	Accounts Payable			66,208				-	-	-	66,208	-	66,208	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1225	Equipment Transportation			(59,622)				-	-	(59,622)	-	-	(59,622)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2550	GST/HST Payable			(6,586)				-	(6,586)	-	-	-	(6,586)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2602	Def Rev-Paris & Rec			(21,370)				-	-	-	(21,370)	-	(21,370)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-



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						Impact on financial statement captions - DR(CR)																
#	Account #	Account Name	Description/ Identified During	Error Type	Amount	Income Statement DR (CR)			Balance Sheet Effect					Cash Flow Effect (Rollover)			Cash Flow Effect (Iron Curtain)			Statement of Comprehensive Income - Debit (Credit) (Rollover)	Statement of Comprehensive Income - Debit (Credit) (Iron Curtain)	
						Income effect of correcting the balance sheet in prior period	Income effect of current period balance sheet	Income effect (Rollover method)	Equity at period end	Current Assets	Non-Current Assets	Current Liabilities	Non-Current Liabilities	Operating Activities	Investing Activities	Financing Activities	Operating Activities	Investing Activities	Financing Activities			
					DR (CR)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$			
	01.07.3102	Grants:Grant - OCIF			21,370	-	21,370	21,370	21,370						21,370	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total uncorrected misstatements (before tax)						-	-	-	-	(8,946)	(59,622)	44,838	23,730	12,162	(59,622)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Final financial statement amounts							-	(654,500)	(7,473,852)	4,081,188	9,320,128	(888,630)	(959,644)	1,351,125	754,780	(18,401)	1,351,125	754,780	(18,401)	-	-	-
Percentage of uncorrected misstatements after tax financial statement amounts.							0.00%	0.00%	-%	0.22%	0.64%	5.06%	2.47%	0.90%	7.90%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%



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#	Account #	Account Name	Description/ Identified During	Error Type	Amount	Income Effect DR (CR)	Balance Sheet Effect					Cash Flow Effect			Statement of Comprehen sive Income - Debit (Credit)		
							DR (CR)	Income effect	Equity at period end	Current Assets	Non- Current Assets	Current Liabilities	Non- Current Liabilities	Operating Activities		Investing Activities	Financing Activities
10	LIB-1004 LIB-3100 LIB-1001	Short Term Investments Bank Dividend Library Savings	Entry to adjust library investments and bank accounts to actual	N/A	16 (16) -		- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -		
11	LIB-2999 LIB-2550 LIB-2000	Library Surplus GST/HST Payable Accounts Payable	Entry to adjust Library retained earnings	N/A	149 3 (26)		- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -		
	LIB-1001 LIB-6999	Library Savings Uncategorized			172 (298)	(298)	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -		
12	LIB-2999 LIB-3100 32000 KPMG12	Library Surplus Bank Dividend Retained Earnings Other income	To adjust current year library and municipality retained earnings	N/A	(298) 298 298 (298)	(298)	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -		
13	2003 2004 2005 2006 32000	Due to English Public SB Due to French Public SB Due to English Seperate SB Due to French Seperate SB Retained Earnings	To adjust opening retained earnings	N/A	(224,509) (17,072) (31,646) (64,567) 337,794		- - - - 337,794	- - - -	- - -	(224,509) (17,072) (31,646) (64,567) -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -		
14	07.03.455 3 1206 03.32.555 5 1239 03.16.455 4 1235 1224	Community Centre (Municipal Facilities): Misc Condi Buildings Recreation Street Signs & Barricades (Public Works): AMP Proje Roads Low class Bridges/Culverts (Public Works): NORDS Expense Culverts Equipment Health Acc. Amort.	Entry to record capital assets that were expensed by the client	N/A	(135,301) 121,911 (20,805) 20,805 (34,154) 34,154 (4,293)	(135,301) (20,805) (34,154) (34,154) (4,293)	(33,280) (20,805) (34,154) (34,154) (4,293)	- - - - -	33,280 20,805 34,154 -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -			



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#	Account #	Account Name	Description/ Identified During	Error Type	Amount DR (CR)	Income Effect DR (CR)	Balance Sheet Effect				Cash Flow Effect			Statement of Comprehen sive Income - Debit (Credit)		
							Equity at period end	Current Assets	Non- Current Assets	Current Liabilities	Non- Current Liabilities	Operating Activities	Investing Activities		Financing Activities	
					\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		
	1244 1222	Parks Capital Equipment recreation			4,293 13,390		-	-	4,293	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	2400	Payroll Liabilities	Entry to vacation payable at beginning of year	N/A	(54,756)		-	-	(54,756)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	02.02.400 0	CBO:Wages			8,167	8,167	8,167									
	01.01.400 0	Admin - Other (Admin):Wages			22,565	22,565	22,565									
	01.11.400 0	Service Ontario:Wages			3,134	3,134	3,134									
	07.06.400 0	Parks & Recreation - Other (Parks & Recreation):Wa			110	110	110									
	03.37.400 0	Public Works - Other (Public Works):Wages			19,778	19,778	19,778									
	02.07.400 0	Fire Department - Other (Fire Department):Wages			1,001	1,001	1,001									
16	1202	Building - GG Acc. Amort.	To record Amortization	N/A	(10,284)		-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	01.01.999 9	GG Amortization			10,284	10,284	(16)									
	1208	Buildings Health Acc. Amort.			(38,513)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	01.10.999 9	Wellness Centre - Amortization			38,513	38,513	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1207	Buildings Recreation Acc. A			(44,234)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	07.02.999 9	Arena - Amortization			44,234	44,234	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1210	Buildings - Transportation Ac			(8,147)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	03.37.999 9	Transportation - amortization			8,147	8,147	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1223	Equipment Recreation Acc			(21,692)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	07.02.999 9	Arena - Amortization			21,692	21,692	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1226	Equipment Transportation A			(32,452)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-



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#	Account #	Account Name	Description/ Identified During	Error Type	Amount	Income Effect DR (CR)	Balance Sheet Effect					Cash Flow Effect			Statement of Comprehensive Income - Debit (Credit)		
							DR (CR)	Income effect	Equity at period end	Current Assets	Non-Current Assets	Current Liabilities	Non-Current Liabilities	Operating Activities		Investing Activities	Financing Activities
	03.37.999 9 1218	Transportation - amortization Equipment - GG Acc Amort.			32,452	32,452	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	01.01.999 9 1224	GG Amortization Equipment Health Acc. Amort.			(6,369)	6,369	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	01.10.999 9 1228	Wellness Centre - Amortization Vehicles Protection Acc.			6,369	(3,133)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	02.07.999 9 1230	Protection - amortization Vehicles			3,133	3,133	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	04.02.999 9 1232	Environmental Acc Environment - amortization Vehicles Recreation Acc. A			(16,218)	16,218	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	04.02.999 9 1232	Environmental Acc Environment - amortization Vehicles Recreation Acc. A			16,218	16,218	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	04.02.999 9 1232	Environmental Acc Environment - amortization Vehicles Recreation Acc. A			(34,980)	34,980	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	04.02.999 9 1232	Environmental Acc Environment - amortization Vehicles Recreation Acc. A			34,980	34,980	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	04.02.999 9 1232	Environmental Acc Environment - amortization Vehicles Recreation Acc. A			(2,734)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
17	32000	Retained Earnings	Entry to adjust Municipality's retained earnings	N/A	924		924	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	01.01.320 0	Admin - Other (Admin): Treasury Department - Other			(924)	(924)	(924)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
18	1505 KPMG10	Allowance for Doubtful Account Bad debts on property tax	To adjust the uncollectible accounts for the arena	N/A	(67,874)		-	(67,874)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
					67,874	67,874	67,874	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
19	1500	Current Taxes Receivable	Entry to correct Property Taxes Receivable	N/A	18,308		-	18,308	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	1501	Taxes Receivable - Year 1			277		-	277	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	1502	Taxes Receivable - Year 2			(17,990)		-	(17,990)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	1503	Taxes Receivable - Year 3+			17,990		-	17,990	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	1504	Interest & Penalties Receivable			18		-	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	1200	Undeposited Funds			(4,993)		-	(4,993)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	



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#	Account #	Account Name	Description/ Identified During	Error Type	Amount	Income Effect DR (CR)	Balance Sheet Effect					Cash Flow Effect			Statement of Comprehen sive Income - Debit (Credit)			
							Equity at period end	Current Assets	Non- Current Assets	Current Liabilities	Non- Current Liabilities	Operating Activities	Investing Activities	Financing Activities				
																\$	\$	\$
	1200	Undeposited Funds			(3,333)		-	(3,333)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	1200	Undeposited Funds			(10,278)		-	(10,278)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
20	07.01.410 7 2002	Library:Library Contribution Due to/from Library	To correct due/to from account and municipal contributions to the library	N/A	44,980	44,980	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
					(44,980)		10,284	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
21	2650 01.07.310 3 2625	Def Rev - CCBF Grants:Grant - Gas Tax Def Rev - NORDS	To record deferrals	N/A	41,721 (41,721)	(41,721)	83,993	-	-	(83,993)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	01.07.311 4 2602 01.07.310 2 2606 2607 KPMG12	Grants:Grant - NORDS Def Rev- Paris & Rec Grants:Grant - OCIF Def Rev - Nurse Practioner Def Rev - Mental Health Rent Other income			31,066 (45,015) 45,015 (1,838) (1) 1,839	31,066 45,015 1,839	- - - - - -	- - - - - -	- - - - - -	- - - - - -	- - - - - -	- - - - - -	- - - - - -	- - - - - -	- - - - - -	- - - - - -	- - - - - -	
22	2250 32000 KPMG.13	Landfill Closure & Post Closure Retained Earnings ARO Liability - Buildings	Entry to restate PY ARO correction	N/A	286,000 (286,000) (96,617)		- - -	- - 278 6,448	- - -	(9,958)	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -
	KPMG.14 .1 KPMG.14 .2 KPMG.14 .3 KPMG.14 .4 KPMG.14 .5 KPMG.15 .1 KPMG.15 .2 KPMG.15 .3	ARO-Municipal Office ARO-Arena Hall ARO-Community Centre ARO-Fire Dept Garage ARO-Public Works Garage Acc Amort-Municipal Office-ARO Acc Amort-Arena Hall- ARO Acc Amort-Community Centre-ARO			1,718 39,955 34,922 8,940 11,083 (1,661) (38,623) (34,922)		- - - - - - - 1,132	- - - - - - -	- - 57 1,332 (57) (1,332)	- - - - - -	- - - - - -	- - - - - -	- - - - - -	- - - - - -	- - - - - -	- - - - - -	- - - - - -	- - - - - -



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Attachment II

Summary of corrected misstatements (continued)

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							DR (CR)	Income effect	Equity at period end	Current Assets	Non- Current Assets	Current Liabilities	Non- Current Liabilities		Operating Activities	Investing Activities	Financing Activities
	KPMG.15.4	Acc Amort-Fire Dept Garage-ARO			(8,940)						(1,332)						
	KPMG.15.5	Acc Amort-Public Works Garage-ARO			(11,083)					(254)							
	32000	Retained Earnings			95,228		11,363										
	KPMG.17	ARO Asset - Landfill			28,915							(10,283)					
	KPMG.21	ARO Asset - Acc Amort - Landfill			(2,283)							10,283					
	KPMG.18.32000	ARO Liability - Landfill Retained Earnings			(37,727)				(11,363)								
	KPMG.17	ARO Asset - Landfill			11,095												
	KPMG.21	ARO Asset - Acc Amort - Landfill			454,501												
	KPMG.18	ARO Liability - Landfill			(181,801)												
	KPMG.18	ARO Liability - Landfill			(352,946)												
23	KPMG.13	ARO Liability - Buildings	Entry for current year ARO and inflationary adjustment	N/A	(9,958)												
	KPMG.22	Dep'n Exp-ARO Inflationary Adjustment			9,958	9,958											
	KPMG.16.2	Dep'n Exp-Arena Hall-ARO			-	-											
	KPMG.16.4	Dep'n-ARO-Fire Dept			-	-											
	KPMG.16.5	Dep'n-ARO-Public Works Garage			-	-											
	KPMG.16.1	Dep'n Exp-Municipal Office-ARO			57	57											
	KPMG.16.2	Dep'n Exp-Arena Hall-ARO			1,332	1,332											
	KPMG.15.1	Acc Amort-Municipal Office-ARO			(57)												
	KPMG.15.2	Acc Amort-Arena Hall-ARO			(1,332)												
	KPMG.19	ARO - Dep'n Exp - Landfill			254	254											
	KPMG.20	ARO - Accretion Exp			1,132	1,132											
	KPMG.18	ARO Liability - Landfill			(1,132)												
	KPMG.21	ARO Asset - Acc Amort - Landfill			(254)												
	KPMG.19	ARO - Dep'n Exp - Landfill			18,180	18,180											



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							Equity at period end	Current Assets	Non- Current Assets	Current Liabilities	Non- Current Liabilities	Operating Activities	Investing Activities		Financing Activities
					DR (CR)	Income effect	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		
	KPMG.15.4	Acc Amort-Fire Dept Garage-ARO			(8,940)		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	(1,332)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
	KPMG.15.5	Acc Amort-Public Works Garage-ARO			(11,083)		-	-	(254)	-	-	-	-	-	-
	32000	Retained Earnings			95,228		11,363	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	KPMG.17	ARO Asset - Landfill			28,915		-	-	-	-	(10,283)	-	-	-	-
	KPMG.21	ARO Asset - Acc Amort - Landfill			(2,283)		-	-	-	-	10,283	-	-	-	-
	KPMG.18.32000	ARO Liability - Landfill Retained Earnings			(37,727)		-	-	(11,363)	-	-	-	-	-	-
	KPMG.17	ARO Asset - Landfill			11,095		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	KPMG.21	ARO Asset - Acc Amort - Landfill			454,501		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	KPMG.18	ARO Liability - Landfill			(181,801)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	KPMG.18	ARO Liability - Landfill			(352,946)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23	KPMG.13	ARO Liability - Buildings	Entry for current year ARO and inflationary adjustment	N/A	(9,958)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	KPMG.22	Dep'n Exp-ARO Inflationary Adjustment			9,958	9,958	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	KPMG.16.2	Dep'n Exp-Arena Hall-ARO			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	KPMG.16.4	Dep'n-ARO-Fire Dept			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	KPMG.16.5	Dep'n-ARO-Public Works Garage			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	KPMG.16.1	Dep'n Exp-Municipal Office-ARO			57	57	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	KPMG.16.2	Dep'n Exp-Arena Hall-ARO			1,332	1,332	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	KPMG.15.1	Acc Amort-Municipal Office-ARO			(57)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	KPMG.15.2	Acc Amort-Arena Hall-ARO			(1,332)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	KPMG.19	ARO - Dep'n Exp - Landfill			254	254	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	KPMG.20	ARO - Accretion Exp			1,132	1,132	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	KPMG.18	ARO Liability - Landfill			(1,132)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	KPMG.21	ARO Asset - Acc Amort - Landfill			(254)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	KPMG.19	ARO - Dep'n Exp - Landfill			18,180	18,180	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-



Appendix B: Audit quality - How do we deliver audit quality?

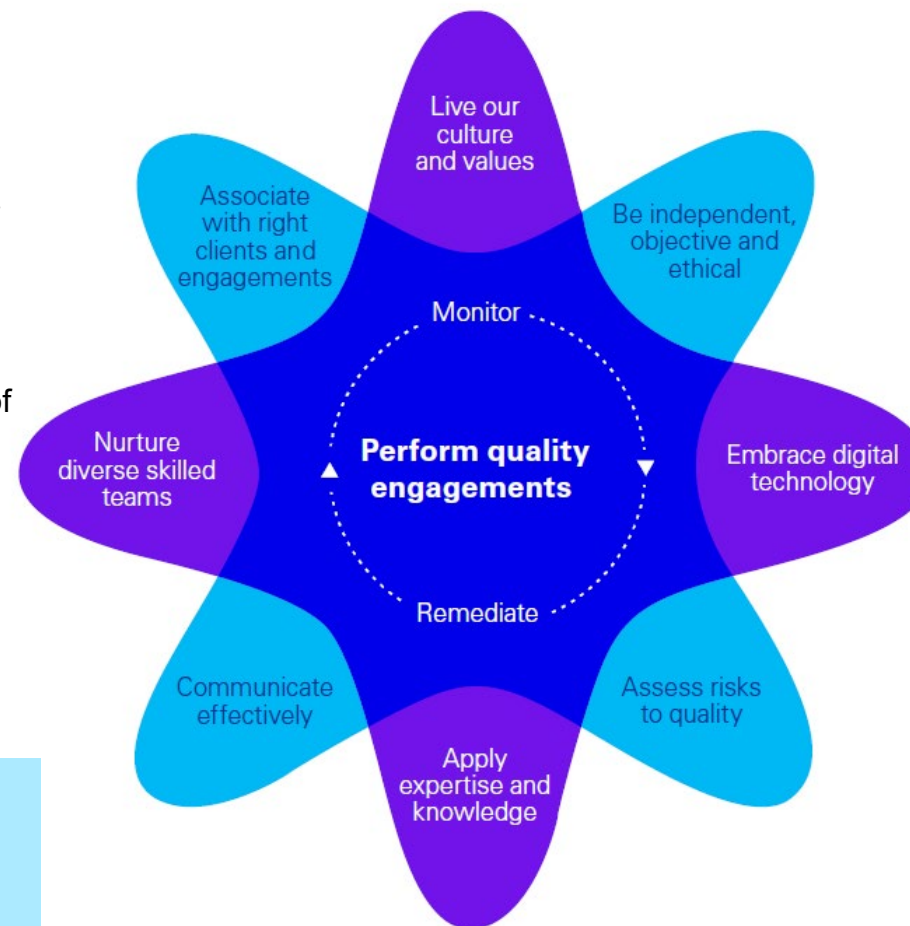
Quality essentially means doing the right thing and remains our highest priority. Our Global Quality Framework outlines how we deliver quality and how every partner and staff member contributes to its delivery.

The drivers outlined in the framework are the ten components of the KPMG System of Quality Management (SoQM). Aligned with ISQM 1/CSQM 1, our SoQM components also meet the requirements of the International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA) and the relevant rules of professional conduct / code of ethics applicable to the practice of public accounting in Canada, which apply to professional services firms that perform audits of financial statements. Our Transparency Report includes our firm's Statement on the Effectiveness of our SoQM.

 [KPMG 2023 Audit Quality and Transparency Report](#)

We define 'audit quality' as being the outcome when:

- audits are **executed consistently**, in line with the requirements and intent of **applicable professional standards** within a strong **system of quality management**; and
- all of our related activities are undertaken in an environment of the utmost level of **objectivity, independence, ethics and integrity**.



Doing the right thing. Always.



Appendix C: Newly effective and upcoming changes to auditing standards

For more information on newly effective and upcoming changes to auditing standards – see Current Developments



Effective for periods beginning on or after December 15, 2022

ISA/CAS 220

.....
(Revised) Quality management for an audit of financial statements

ISQM1/CSQM1

.....
Quality management for firms that perform audits or reviews of financial statements or other assurance or related services engagements

ISQM2/CSQM2

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Engagement quality reviews

Effective for periods beginning on or after December 15, 2023

ISA 600/CAS 600

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Revised special considerations – Audits of group financial statements



Appendix D: Audit and assurance insights

Our latest thinking on the issues that matter most to Audit Committees, board of directors and management.

[KPMG Audit & Assurance Insights](#)

Curated research and insights for audit committees and boards.

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Leading insights to help board members maximize boardroom opportunities

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A practical guide providing insight into current challenges and leading practices shaping audit committee effectiveness in Canada.

[Accelerate 2023](#)

The key issues driving the audit committee agenda in 2023.

[Momentum](#)

A quarterly newsletter with the latest thought-leadership from KPMG's subject matter leaders across Canada and valuable audit resources for clients.

[KPMG Climate Change Financial Reporting Resource Centre](#)

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THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ST.-CHARLES

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2023, with comparative information for 2022

	2023	2022 (Restated - note 2)
Financial Assets		
Cash	\$ 3,647,441	\$ 3,069,497
Taxes receivable (note 4)	194,757	146,454
Accounts receivable (note 5)	525,186	831,301
	<u>4,367,384</u>	<u>4,047,252</u>
Financial Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	381,066	330,511
Deferred revenue (note 6)	108,097	30,178
Deferred revenue - obligatory reserve funds (note 7)	397,467	439,188
Municipal debt (note 8)	450,980	469,381
Asset retirement obligation (note 9)	508,664	487,290
	<u>1,846,274</u>	<u>1,756,548</u>
Net financial assets	2,521,110	2,290,704
Non-financial Assets		
Tangible capital assets (note 10)	4,944,408	4,514,714
Prepaid expenses	8,334	13,934
	<u>4,952,742</u>	<u>4,528,648</u>
Commitments and contractual obligations (note 12)		
Contingencies (note 13)		
Accumulated surplus (note 11)	<u>\$ 7,473,852</u>	<u>\$ 6,819,352</u>

Highlights

- The increase in the cash balance is as a result of the current year surplus along with changes in working capital balances noted in the year. The cash flow from operating activities of \$1.2 million was used to fund capital purchases of \$605K throughout 2023
- Taxes receivable have increased in the year to \$194K which is further detailed on the subsequent page. Current year, one and three year arrears have both increased in the year with an noted in the older aging categories. The receivables as a percentage of the tax levy has increased in the year.
- Accounts receivable has decreased to \$525K as the prior year included additional funding streams in the prior year for various projects. As of the prior year end there is \$590K of additional receivable for the splashpad, arena and community centre projects given that the Municipality had incurred the purchases relating to these projects allowing a receivable to be recorded. As a result of the capital projects in the prior year there was additional HST related rebates in the prior year end.



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	2023	2022
Current year	\$185,871	\$155,466
1 year arrears	\$74,574	\$57,788
2 years arrears	\$41,401	\$42,293
3+ years arrears	\$57,542	\$17,990
Interest and penalties	\$75,246	\$44,920
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(\$239,877)	(\$172,003)
Total	\$194,757	\$146,454
As a percentage of levy	7.15%	5.77%

- Taxes receivable as a percentage of the tax levy has increased as of December 31, 2023
- The increase has mainly been noted in the current taxes receivable and 1 year arrears – these balances are most recently due and as a result are most likely to be collected
- The focus throughout 2024 and 2025 should be to continue on the collection of older balances, which can include the agreement to a payment plan to collect the balance.



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Highlights

- Accounts payable has increased in 2023 as a result of increased amounts owing to suppliers as of the year end date along with an increase in the payroll related accruals as of the year end date
- Deferred revenue has increased in 2023 (manly OCIF and NORDS funding). Amounts eligible for carry over and to be used on 2024 expenditures
- Deferred revenue obligatory reserves has decreased given the use of federal gas tax funds in 2023. The remaining balance is eligible for carryover to 2024.
- One new external municipal debt noted in 2023 for the Tile Drainage loan – the overall balance has decreased as a result of the principal repayments noted on the balance throughout the 2023 year end.
- The Municipality adopted the asset retirement obligation standard in the 2023 year end on a modified retroactive basis. The obligation reflects both the landfill and building related obligations. Additional information is included in note 2 to the financial statements.



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Highlights

- The overall increase in tangible capital assets relates to capital asset additions in the amount of \$774K compared to amortization expense of \$319K in the year.
- The prepaid expenses have remained consistent on a year over year basis



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THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ST.-CHARLES

Consolidated Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus

Year ended December 31, 2023, with comparative information for 2022

	2023 Budget (note 17)	2023 Actual	2022 Actual (Restated - note 2)
Revenue:			
Taxation	\$ 2,673,774	\$ 2,722,435	\$ 2,533,889
Government grants and transfers	1,940,184	1,492,033	1,940,908
User charges and donations	272,132	190,013	146,230
Other	503,129	483,318	627,664
Loss on sale of tangible capital assets	-	(5,426)	-
Total revenue	5,389,219	4,882,373	5,248,691
Expenses:			
General government	2,225,932	1,374,688	1,217,425
Protection to persons and property	486,685	500,142	506,525
Transportation services	1,100,676	916,222	986,518
Environmental services	333,896	341,678	398,299
Health services	211,436	353,345	337,857
Social and family services	150,190	147,204	147,607
Recreation and cultural services	1,503,868	562,308	395,260
Planning and development	33,500	32,286	34,320
Total expenses	6,046,183	4,227,873	4,023,811
Annual surplus (deficit)	(656,964)	654,500	1,224,880
Accumulated surplus, beginning of year	6,819,352	6,819,352	5,428,507
Adjustment on adoption of the asset retirement obligation standard (note 2)	-	-	165,965
Accumulated surplus, end of year	\$ 6,162,388	7,473,852	\$ 6,819,352

Highlights

- Total revenue has decreased by \$366K or 6.98% on a year over year basis as a result of the following changes:
 - Total government grants have decreased in 2023 as a result of the following:
 - The prior year included increased capital funding from Fednor and NOHFC for various projects (Splashpad and Arena (total funding was \$589K in 2022 for these projects))
 - Decreased funding recognized in 2023 through NORDS (\$82K decrease)
 - Additional one time funding in 2022 for the Service Delivery Review (\$44K)
 - Decreases offset by increases in additional funding for the community centre upgrades through Fednor (\$150K)
- Increased taxation revenue noted as a result of an increase in taxation rates noted within the 2023 budget
- User charges and donations have increased in 2023 mainly as a result of the increase in sewer user charges noted in the year (\$40K overall) along with increased arena rental revenue noted
- Other income has decreased as the prior year included increased property sales noted in 2022 (sale of the land held for resale), additional donation revenue received for the Splashpad project. These decreases are offset by increased interest income noted as a result of the increase in interest rates along with the increased bank balance noted.



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Consolidated Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus

Year ended December 31, 2023, with comparative information for 2022

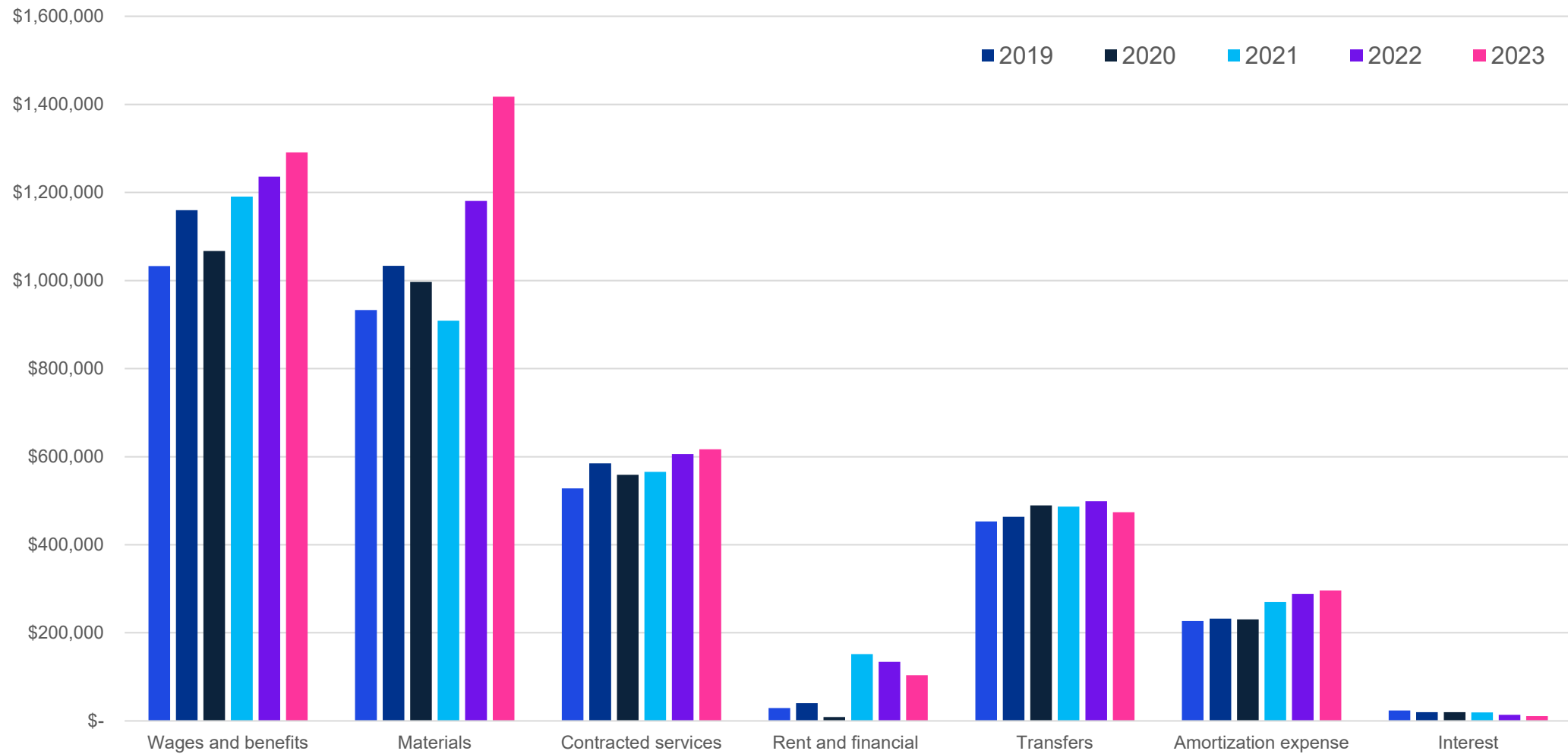
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Transportation services	1,100,676	916,222	986,518
Environmental services	333,896	341,678	398,299
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Social and family services	150,190	147,204	147,607
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Planning and development	33,500	32,286	34,320
Total expenses	6,046,183	4,227,873	4,023,811
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Accumulated surplus, beginning of year	6,819,352	6,819,352	5,428,507
Adjustment on adoption of the asset retirement obligation standard (note 2)	-	-	165,965
Accumulated surplus, end of year	\$ 6,162,388	7,473,852	\$ 6,819,352

Highlights

- Total expenses have increased year over year to \$4.2 million (or 5.1%) noted in 2023.
- General government expenses have increased in 2023 as a result of increased wages and related benefits noted in 2023 and increased insurance costs and additional grant related expenses for the seniors transportation program
- Protection to persons and property have remained consistent on a year over year basis.
- Transportation services expenses have decreased in 2023 as a result of lower wages and benefits and lower amortization expense noted in the year
- Environmental services expenses have decreased as a result of decreased repairs and maintenance and decreased maintenance contracts noted in the year
- Health, social and family services is consistent on a year over year basis.
- Recreation and culture expenses have increased as a result of the operation of the splashpad in the year, increased hydro, insurance, increased amortization expenses and wages expenses noted in 2023



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	2023
Surplus per financial statements	\$654,500
Add: Amortization of TCA	\$319,660
Less: TCA additions (net of proceeds from sale of assets)	(\$749,354)
Less: Net change in municipal debt	(\$18,401)
Add: Accretion on asset retirement obligation	\$21,374
Less: Net transfer to reserves	(\$35,076)
Total Surplus (after capital transactions and reserve transfers)	\$192,703



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THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ST.-CHARLES

Consolidated Statement of Change in Net Financial Assets

Year ended December 31, 2023, with comparative information for 2022

	2023 Budget (note 17)	2023 Actual	2022 Actual (Restated - note 2)
Annual surplus (deficit)	\$ (656,964)	\$ 654,500	\$ 1,224,880
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(774,099)	(774,099)	(935,302)
Amortization of tangible capital assets	319,660	319,660	308,359
Loss on sale of tangible capital assets	5,426	5,426	-
Proceeds from sale of tangible capital assets	19,319	19,319	-
Change in prepaid expenses	5,600	5,600	130,451
Change in net financial assets	(1,081,058)	230,406	728,388
Net financial assets, beginning of year	2,290,704	2,290,704	1,716,896
Adjustment on adoption of the asset retirement obligation standard (note 2)	-	-	(154,580)
Net financial assets, end of year	\$ 1,209,646	\$ 2,521,110	\$ 2,290,704

Highlights

- The Township's net financial assets increased by \$230K
- Investment in capital was funded with capital grants in the current year
- Amortization was less than the capital additions indicating an investment in capital by the Municipality



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11. Accumulated surplus:

Accumulated surplus consists of individual fund surplus and reserves and reserve funds as follows:

	2023	2022
		(Restated - note 2)
Surpluses:		
Invested in tangible capital assets	\$ 4,493,428	\$ 4,045,333
General surplus	1,351,146	1,158,443
Unfunded:		
Asset retirement obligation	(508,664)	(487,290)
	5,335,910	4,716,486
Reserves set aside for specific purposes:		
Working capital	54,644	54,644
Reserves set aside for specific purposes by Council:		
Infrastructure renewal	1,456,389	1,057,720
Modernization	-	305,243
Contingences	195,055	224,014
Safe restart	92,987	101,630
Protection services	156,619	111,619
Environmental services	27,621	27,621
Parks and recreation	26,117	116,476
Landfill site closure	41,514	34,514
Election	5,323	323
Cenptaph	15,218	15,218
Chief building officer	35,495	24,908
Hot and cold meals	6,839	4,815
Library	24,121	24,121
	2,083,298	2,048,222
Total	\$ 7,473,852	\$ 6,819,352

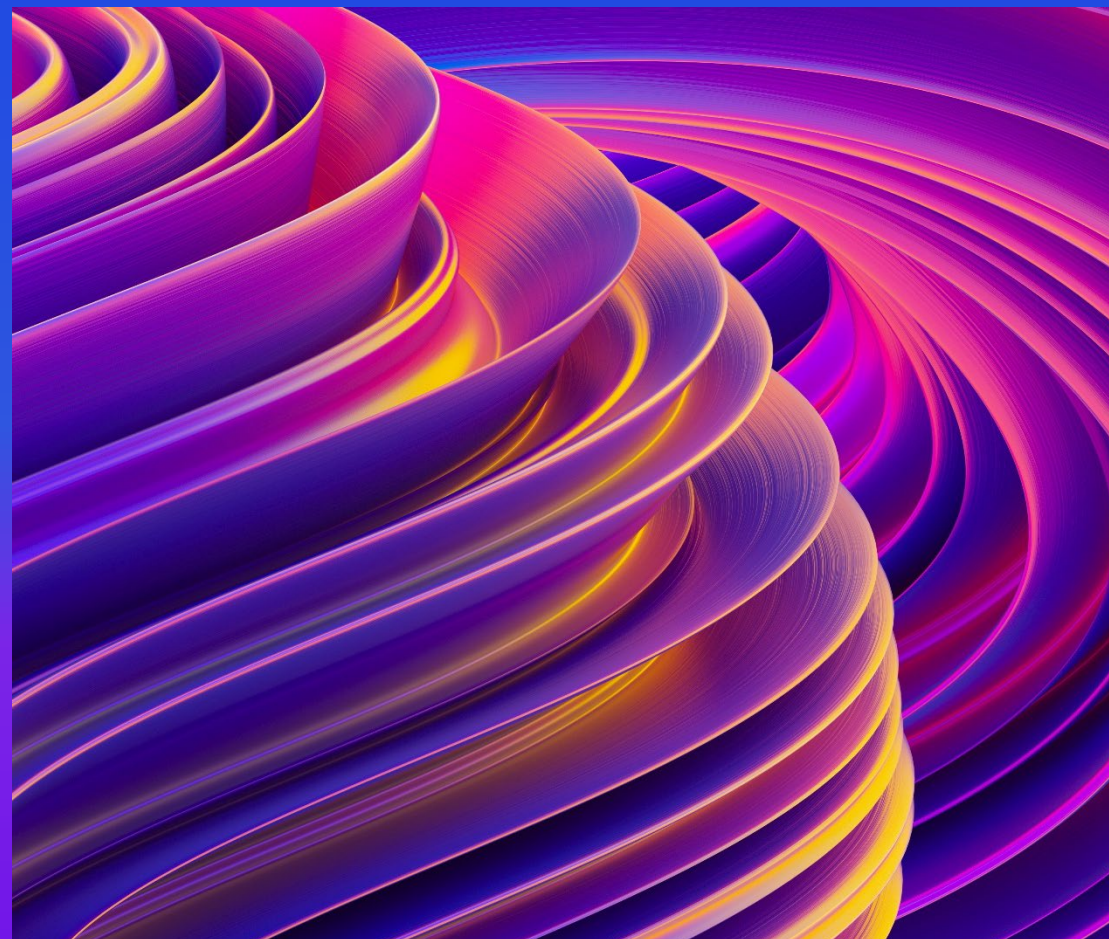
Highlights

- The Municipality's total accumulated surplus amounted to \$7.4 million, consisting of:
 - \$4.5 million which has been spent and invested in the tangible capital assets
 - The operating accumulated surplus has increased to \$1.351 million given the current year surplus noted
 - \$2.08 million in reserves (net increase of \$35K)
 - \$508K in unfunded liabilities relating to the asset retirement obligation



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Consolidated Financial Statements

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
MUNICIPALITY OF ST.-CHARLES**

And Independent Auditor's Report thereon

Year ended December 31, 2023

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Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The accompanying consolidated financial statements of the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles ("the Municipality") are the responsibility of the Municipality's management and have been prepared in compliance with legislation, and in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards for local governments established by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada. A summary of the significant accounting policies are described in Note 1 to these consolidated financial statements. The preparation of the consolidated financial statements necessarily involves the use of estimates based on management's judgement, particularly when transactions affecting the current accounting period cannot be finalized with certainty until future periods.

The Municipality's management maintains a system of internal controls designed to provide reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded, transactions are properly authorized and recorded in compliance with legislative and regulatory requirements and reliable financial information is available on a timely basis for preparation of the consolidated financial statements. These systems are monitored and evaluated by management.

Council meets with management and the external auditors to review the consolidated financial statements and discuss any significant financial reporting or internal control matters prior to their approval of the consolidated financial statements.

The consolidated financial statements have been audited by KPMG LLP, independent external auditors appointed by the Municipality. The accompanying Independent Auditor's Report outlines their responsibilities, the scope of their examination and their opinion on the Municipality's consolidated financial statements.

Chief Administrator Officer

Director of Finance

November 20, 2024

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of Council, residents and ratepayers of the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of The Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles (the Entity), which comprise:

- the consolidated statement of financial position as at December 31, 2023
- the consolidated statement of operations and accumulated surplus for the year then ended
- the consolidated statements of changes in net financial assets for the year then ended
- the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended
- and the notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies

(Hereinafter referred to as the "financial statements")

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Entity as at December 31, 2023, and its consolidated results of operations, its consolidated changes in net financial assets and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibility under those standards are further described in the "**Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**" section of our auditor's report.

We are independent of the Entity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Comparative Information

We draw attention to Note 2 to the financial statements (“Note 2”), which explains that certain comparative information presented for the year ended December 31, 2022 has been restated as a result of the modified retroactive adoption of the asset retirement obligation standard. Note 2 explains the reason for the restatement and also explains the adjustments that were applied to restate certain comparative information.

Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Other Matter – Comparative Information

As part of our audit of the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023, we also audited the adjustments that were applied to restate certain comparative information presented for the year ended December 31, 2022 as a result of a change in accounting policy. In our opinion, such adjustments are appropriate and have been properly applied.

Responsibility of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Entity’s ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Entity’s financial reporting process.

Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor’s report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

We also:

- Identify and assess the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, internal omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purposes of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to the events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Entity's to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group Entity to express an opinion on the financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

Sudbury, Canada

November 20, 2024

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ST.-CHARLES

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2023, with comparative information for 2022

	2023	2022
		(Restated - note 2)
Financial Assets		
Cash	\$ 3,647,441	\$ 3,069,497
Taxes receivable (note 4)	194,757	146,454
Accounts receivable (note 5)	525,186	831,301
	4,367,384	4,047,252
Financial Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	381,066	330,511
Deferred revenue (note 6)	108,097	30,178
Deferred revenue - obligatory reserve funds (note 7)	397,467	439,188
Municipal debt (note 8)	450,980	469,381
Asset retirement obligation (note 9)	508,664	487,290
	1,846,274	1,756,548
Net financial assets	2,521,110	2,290,704
Non-financial Assets		
Tangible capital assets (note 10)	4,944,408	4,514,714
Prepaid expenses	8,334	13,934
	4,952,742	4,528,648
Commitments and contractual obligations (note 12)		
Contingencies (note 13)		
Accumulated surplus (note 11)	\$ 7,473,852	\$ 6,819,352

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

Approved by:

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ST.-CHARLES

Consolidated Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus

Year ended December 31, 2023, with comparative information for 2022

	2023 Budget (note 17)	2023 Actual	2022 Actual (Restated - note 2)
Revenue:			
Taxation	\$ 2,673,774	\$ 2,722,435	\$ 2,533,889
Government grants and transfers	1,940,184	1,492,033	1,940,908
User charges and donations	272,132	190,013	146,230
Other	503,129	483,318	627,664
Loss on sale of tangible capital assets	-	(5,426)	-
Total revenue	5,389,219	4,882,373	5,248,691
Expenses:			
General government	2,225,932	1,374,688	1,217,425
Protection to persons and property	486,685	500,142	506,525
Transportation services	1,100,676	916,222	986,518
Environmental services	333,896	341,678	398,299
Health services	211,436	353,345	337,857
Social and family services	150,190	147,204	147,607
Recreation and cultural services	1,503,868	562,308	395,260
Planning and development	33,500	32,286	34,320
Total expenses	6,046,183	4,227,873	4,023,811
Annual surplus (deficit)	(656,964)	654,500	1,224,880
Accumulated surplus, beginning of year	6,819,352	6,819,352	5,428,507
Adjustment on adoption of the asset retirement obligation standard (note 2)	-	-	165,965
Accumulated surplus, end of year	\$ 6,162,388	7,473,852	\$ 6,819,352

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ST.-CHARLES

Consolidated Statement of Change in Net Financial Assets

Year ended December 31, 2023, with comparative information for 2022

	2023 Budget (note 17)	2023 Actual	2022 Actual (Restated - note 2)
Annual surplus (deficit)	\$ (656,964)	\$ 654,500	\$ 1,224,880
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(774,099)	(774,099)	(935,302)
Amortization of tangible capital assets	319,660	319,660	308,359
Loss on sale of tangible capital assets	5,426	5,426	-
Proceeds from sale of tangible capital assets	19,319	19,319	-
Change in prepaid expenses	5,600	5,600	130,451
Change in net financial assets	(1,081,058)	230,406	728,388
Net financial assets, beginning of year	2,290,704	2,290,704	1,716,896
Adjustment on adoption of the asset retirement obligation standard (note 2)	-	-	(154,580)
Net financial assets, end of year	\$ 1,209,646	\$ 2,521,110	\$ 2,290,704

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ST.-CHARLES

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended December 31, 2023, with comparative information for 2022

	2023	2022
		(Restated - note 2)
Cash provided by (used in):		
Operating activities:		
Annual surplus	\$ 654,500	\$ 1,224,880
Items not involving cash:		
Amortization of tangible capital assets	319,660	308,359
Loss on sale of tangible capital assets	5,426	-
Accretion of asset retirement obligation	21,374	11,711
	1,000,960	1,544,950
Change in non-cash assets and liabilities:		
Decrease (increase) in taxes receivable	(48,303)	92,490
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable	306,115	(721,367)
Decrease in land held for sale	-	59,982
Decrease in prepaid expenses	5,600	130,451
Increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	50,555	75,551
Increase in deferred revenue	77,919	12,686
Increase (decrease) in deferred revenue - obligatory reserve funds	(41,721)	80,654
Net change in cash from operating activities	1,351,125	1,275,397
Capital activities:		
Cash used to acquire tangible capital assets	(774,099)	(935,302)
Proceeds from sale of tangible capital assets	19,319	-
	(754,780)	(935,302)
Financing transactions:		
Principal repayments on municipal debt	(18,401)	(142,545)
Increase in cash	577,944	197,550
Cash, beginning of year	3,069,497	2,871,947
Cash, end of year	\$ 3,647,441	\$ 3,069,497

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ST.-CHARLES

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Year ended December 31, 2023

The Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles ("Municipality") is a Town in the Province of Ontario, Canada. It conducts its operations guided by the provision of provincial statutes such as the Municipal Act, 2001, and other related legislation.

1. Significant accounting policies:

The consolidated financial statements of the Municipality are the representation of management. The consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards for local governments as recommended by the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada. Significant aspects of the accounting policies adopted by the Municipality are as follows:

(a) Basis of consolidation:

(i) Reporting entity:

These consolidated financial statements reflect the financial assets, liabilities, non-financial assets, accumulated surplus, revenues and expenses of the Municipality and includes the activities of all committees of Council and of The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles Public Library Board.

All interfund assets and liabilities and revenues and expenses have been eliminated.

(ii) Non-consolidated entities:

These consolidated financial statements reflect contributions to the following joint local boards, which are not under the direct control of council, as expenditures in the consolidated statement of operations:

Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board

Sudbury and District Health Unit

Sudbury East Planning Board

(iii) Accounting for school board transactions:

The Municipality is required to collect and remit education support levies in respect of residential and other properties on behalf of the area school boards. The Municipality has no jurisdiction or control over the school boards operations. Therefore, the taxation, other revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities with respect to the operations of the school boards are not reflected in the accumulated surplus of these consolidated financial statements.

(iv) Cemetery Care and Maintenance Fund:

The Cemetery Care and Maintenance Fund and its related operations administered by the Municipality are not consolidated, but are reported separately.

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ST.-CHARLES

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2023

1. Significant accounting policies (continued):

(b) Basis of accounting:

(i) Accrual basis:

The accrual basis of accounting recognizes revenues as they become available and measurable; expenses are recognized as they are incurred and measurable as a result of receipt of goods or services and the creation of a legal obligation to pay.

(ii) Cash and cash equivalents:

The Municipality's policy is to disclose bank balances under cash and cash equivalents, including bank overdrafts with balances that fluctuate frequently from being positive to overdrawn and term deposits with maturities of three months from the date of acquisition or less or those that can be readily convertible to cash.

(iii) Reserves and reserve funds:

Certain amounts, as approved by municipal council, are set aside in reserves and reserve funds for future operating and capital purposes. Transfers to and/or from reserves and reserve funds are an adjustment to the respective fund when approved.

(iv) Asset retirement obligation:

An asset retirement obligation is recognized when, as at the financial reporting date, all of the following criteria are met:

- i. There is a legal obligation to incur retirement costs in relation to a tangible capital asset;
- ii. The past transaction or event giving rise to the liability has occurred;
- iii. It is expected that the future economic benefits will be given up; and
- iv. A reasonable estimate of the amount can be made.

The liability for closure of operational sites and post-closure care relating to landfill sites has been recognized based on estimated future expenses. An additional liability for the removal of asbestos in one building owned by the Municipality has also been recognized based on estimated future expenses on closure of the site and post-closure care.

(v) Deferred revenues:

Deferred revenues represent government transfers, contributions and other amounts that are received from third parties pursuant to legislation, regulation or agreement and may only be used in the conduct of certain programs, in the completion of specific work, or for the purchase of tangible capital assets. In addition, certain user charges and fees are collected for which the related services have yet to be performed. Revenue is recognized in the period when the related expenses are incurred, services performed, or the tangible capital assets are acquired.

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ST.-CHARLES

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2023

1. Significant accounting policies (continued):

(b) Basis of accounting (continued):

(vi) Financial instruments:

The Municipality initially measures its financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value adjusted by, in the case of a financial instrument that will not be measured subsequently at fair value, the amount of transaction costs directly attributable to the instrument. Amounts due to and from related parties are measured at the exchange amount, being the amount agreed upon by the related parties. The Municipality subsequently measures its financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost, except for investments in equity securities that are quoted in an active market or financial assets or liabilities designated to the fair value category, which are subsequently measured at fair value. Unrealized changes in fair value are recognized in the consolidated statement of operations.

Financial assets measured at amortized cost include cash, taxes receivable, and account receivables.

Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost include accounts payable and accrued liabilities and long-term debt.

Financial assets measured at amortized cost are tested for impairment when there are indicators of possible impairment. When a significant adverse change has occurred during the period in the expected timing or amount of future cash flows from the financial assets, a valuation allowance is used to reflect the financial asset at the lower cost and estimated net recoverable value, and, as adjustments become necessary, they are reported in earnings in the year in which they become known.

(vii) Tangible capital assets:

Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost, which includes all amounts directly attributable to acquisition, construction, development or betterment of the asset.

The costs, less residual value, of the tangible capital assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives as follows:

Asset	Useful Life - Years
Buildings	30
Roads	5, 20, 30 and 40
Equipment	10 and 20
Vehicles	10 and 20
Sewer and wastewater systems	40
Land improvements	30 and 50

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ST.-CHARLES

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2023

1. Significant accounting policies (continued):

(b) Basis of accounting (continued):

(vii) Tangible capital assets (continued):

Assets under construction are not amortized until the asset is available for productive use.

Tangible capital assets received as contributions are recorded at their fair value at the date of receipt and also recorded as revenue.

Assets under construction are not amortized until the asset is available for productive use.

Tangible capital assets received as contributions are recorded at their fair value at the date of receipt and also recorded as revenue.

(viii) Taxation and other revenues:

Property tax billings are prepared by the Municipality based on assessment rolls issued by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation ("MPAC") and in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Act, 2001. Tax rates are established annually by Council, incorporating amounts to be raised for local services and amounts the Municipality is required to collect on behalf of the Province of Ontario in respect of education taxes.

A normal part of the assessment process is the issue of supplementary assessment rolls which provide updated information with respect to changes in property assessment. Once a supplementary assessment roll is received, the Municipality determines the taxes applicable and renders supplementary tax billings. Taxation revenues are recorded at the time tax billings are issued.

Assessment and the related property taxes are subject to appeal. Tax adjustments as a result of appeals are recorded when the result of the appeal process is known or based on management's best estimates.

The Municipality is entitled to collect interest and penalties on overdue taxes. These revenues are recorded in the period the interest and penalties are levied.

User charges and other revenue are recognized as revenue when earned.

(ix) Government grants and transfers:

Government grants and transfers are recognized in the consolidated financial statements in the period in which events giving rise to the transfer occurs, providing the transfers are authorized, any eligibility criteria have been met, and reasonable estimates of the amounts can be made, except when and to the extent that stipulations associated with the transfer give rise to a liability. If a liability is created, the satisfaction of the transfer stipulations by the recipient government determines the timing of the recognition of the transfer as revenue.

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ST.-CHARLES

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2023

1. Significant accounting policies (continued):

(b) Basis of accounting (continued):

(x) Deferred revenues – obligatory reserve funds:

The Municipality receives certain sub-divider contributions and other revenues under the authority of legislation. These funds, by their nature, are restricted in their use and, until applied to specific expenses, are recorded as deferred revenue. Amounts applied to qualifying expenses are recorded as revenue in the fiscal period they are expended.

(xi) Post-employment benefits:

The Municipality is an employer member of the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS), which is a multi-employer, defined benefit pension plan. The Board of Trustees representing plan members and employers, is responsible for overseeing the management of the pension plan, including investment of the assets and administration of the benefits. The Municipality has adopted defined contribution plan accounting principles for this plan because insufficient information is available to apply defined benefit plan accounting principles. The Municipality records the current service cost within salaries and benefits expense at the time incurred.

(xii) Use of estimates:

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with Canadian public sector accounting standards requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the periods specified. Significant items subject to such estimates and assumptions include the valuation allowances for taxes and accounts receivable, the carrying value of tangible capital assets and provisions for accrued liabilities and landfill liabilities.

Actual results could differ from those estimates. These estimates are based on management's best knowledge of current events and actions that the Municipality may undertake in the future. These estimates are reviewed periodically and, as adjustments become necessary, they are reporting in earnings in the year in which they become known.

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ST.-CHARLES

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2023

2. Change in accounting policies:

The Municipality adopted the following standards concurrently beginning January 1, 2022 prospectively: PS 1201 *Financial Statement Presentation*, PS 2601 *Foreign Currency Translation*, PS 3041 *Portfolio Investments* and PS 3450 *Financial Instruments*.

PS 1201 *Financial Statement Presentation* replaces PS 1200 *Financial Statement Presentation*. This standard establishes general reporting principles and standards for the disclosure of information in government financial statements. The standard introduces the Statement of Remeasurement Gains and Losses separate from the Statement of Operations. Requirements in PS 2601 *Foreign Currency Translation*, PS 3450 *Financial Instruments*, and PS 3041 *Portfolio Investments*, which are required to be adopted at the same time, can give rise to the presentation of gains and losses as remeasurement gains and losses.

PS 2601 *Foreign Currency Translation* replaces PS 2600 *Foreign Currency Translation*. The standard requires monetary assets and liabilities denominated in a foreign currency and non-monetary items denominated in a foreign currency that are reported as fair value, to be adjusted to reflect the exchange rates in effect at the financial statement date. Unrealized gains and losses arising from foreign currency changes are presented in the new Statement of Remeasurement Gains and Losses. PS 3041 *Portfolio Investments* replaces PS 3040 *Portfolio Investments*. The standard provides revised guidance on accounting for, and presentation and disclosure of, portfolio investments to conform to PS 3450 *Financial Instruments*. The distinction between temporary and portfolio investments has been removed in the new standard, and upon adoption, PS 3030 *Temporary Investments* no longer applies.

PS 3450 *Financial Instruments* establishes accounting and reporting requirements for all types of financial instruments including derivatives. The standard requires fair value measurement of derivatives and portfolio investments in equity instruments that are quoted in an active market. All other financial instruments will generally be measured at cost or amortized cost. Unrealized gains and losses arising from changes in fair value are presented in the Statement of Remeasurement Gains and Losses. A statement of remeasurement gains and losses has not been included as there are no matters to report therein.

Establishing fair value:

The fair value of guarantees and letters of credit are based on fees currently charged for similar agreements or on the estimated cost to terminate them or otherwise settle the obligations with the counterparties at the reported borrowing date.

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ST.-CHARLES

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2023

2. Change in accounting policies (continued):

Fair value hierarchy:

The following provides an analysis of financial instruments that are measured subsequent to initial recognition at fair value, grouped into Levels 1 to 3 based on the degree to which fair value is observable:

Level 1 - fair value measurements are those derived from quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 - fair value measurements are those derived from inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e., as prices) or indirectly (i.e., derived from prices); and

Level 3 - fair value measurements are those derived from valuation techniques that include inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

The fair value hierarchy requires the use of observable market inputs whenever such inputs exist. A financial instrument is classified to the lowest level of the hierarchy for which a significant input has been considered in measuring fair value. There was no impact from the adoption of this standard.

PS 3280 Asset Retirement Obligations:

On January 1, 2022, the Municipality adopted Public Accounting Standard PS 3280 *Asset Retirement Obligations*. The new accounting standard addresses the reporting of legal obligations associated with the retirement of certain tangible capital assets, such as asbestos removal in retired buildings by public sector entities. The new accounting standard has resulted in a withdrawal of the existing Section PS 3270 *Solid Waste Landfill Closure and Post-Closure Liability*. The standard was adopted on the modified retrospective basis at the date of adoption. Under the modified retrospective method, the discount rate and assumptions used on initial recognition are those as of the date of adoption of the standard.

The Municipality removed the landfill liability that had been recognized to date and recognized an asset retirement obligation upon adoption of PS 3280 on January 1, 2022, using the modified retrospective method. The liability represents the required closure and post-closure care for the landfill site owned by the Municipality. The liability is measured as of the date of purchase of the site, when the liability was assumed. As of the date of adoption of the standard, the relevant discount rate is 3% per annum.

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ST.-CHARLES

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2023

2. Change in accounting policies (continued):

PS 3280 Asset Retirement Obligations (continued):

On January 1, 2022, the Municipality recognized an additional asset retirement obligation relating to buildings owned by the Municipality that may contain asbestos. The buildings were originally purchased between 1971 and 1991, and the liability was measured as of the date of purchase of the buildings when the liability was assumed. The buildings have an expected useful life of 40 years, and the estimate has not been changed since purchase.

In accordance with the provisions of this new standard, the Municipality reflected the following adjustments at January 1, 2022:

(a) Landfill obligation:

- (i) A decrease of \$286,000 to landfill closure liabilities to remove the liability recognized to date under the old standard, and an accompanying increase of \$286,000 to opening Accumulated Surplus.
- (ii) An increase of \$483,416 to the landfill capital asset account, representing the original estimate of the obligation as of the commencement of the use of the landfill, and an accompanying increase of \$165,650 to accumulated amortization, representing increased amortization for the landfill had the liability originally been recognized.
- (iii) An asset retirement obligation in the amount of \$378,962, representing the original obligation discounted to the present value amount using a rate of 3%.
- (iv) A decrease to opening accumulated surplus of \$61,195, as a result of the recognition of the liability and accompanying increase in amortization expense and accretion expense for the years since purchase of the landfill sites.

Furthermore, the Municipality reflected the following adjustment at December 31, 2022:

- (i) A decrease of \$312,000 to landfill closure liabilities to remove the adjustment to the liability recognized at December 31, 2022 under the old standard, and an accompanying decrease of \$312,000 to environmental expenses.
- (ii) An increase to the asset retirement obligation of \$11,711, and an accompanying increase to environmental expenses representing the annual accretion of the asset retirement obligation.
- (iii) An increase to amortization expense of \$14,434, and an accompanying increase to accumulated amortization, representing the amortization of the increased landfill capital asset.

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ST.-CHARLES

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2023

2. Change in accounting policies (continued):

PS 3280 *Asset Retirement Obligations* (continued):

(b) Asbestos obligation:

- (i) An increase of \$96,617 to the building capital asset account, representing the original estimate of the obligation as of the date of purchase, and an accompanying increase of \$93,839 to accumulated amortization, representing 40 years of increased amortization had the liability originally been recognized.
- (ii) An asset retirement obligation in the amount of \$96,617, representing an estimate of the current obligation.
- (iii) A decrease to accumulated surplus of \$93,839, as a result of the recognition of the liability and accompanying increase in amortization expense.

Furthermore, the Municipality reflected the following adjustment at December 31, 2022:

- (i) An increase to amortization expense of \$1,389, and an accompanying increase to accumulated amortization, representing the amortization of the increased building capital asset.

3. Line of credit:

The Municipality has an operating line of credit available to a maximum of \$400,000 to address operating requirements. This line of credit bears interest at the bank's prime lending rate, is unsecured and is due on demand. The unused amount at December 31, 2023 is \$400,000 (2022 - \$400,000).

4. Taxes receivable:

	2023	2022
Current	\$ 185,848	\$ 155,466
Past year	74,574	57,788
Previous years	98,943	60,283
Penalties and interest	75,229	44,920
Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	(239,837)	(172,003)
	\$ 194,757	\$ 146,454

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Year ended December 31, 2023

5. Accounts receivable:

	2023	2022
Federal	\$ —	\$ 328,699
Provincial	360,773	384,255
Municipal	78,984	77,941
Other	85,429	40,406
	<u>\$ 525,186</u>	<u>\$ 831,301</u>

6. Deferred revenue:

	2023	2022
OCIF – rural and northern communities	\$ 54,750	\$ 9,735
Other	53,347	20,443
	<u>\$ 108,097</u>	<u>\$ 30,178</u>

7. Deferred revenue – obligatory reserve funds:

	December 31, 2022	Contributions received	Revenue recognized	December 31, 2023
Federal gas tax	\$ 439,188	\$ 85,569	\$ (127,290)	\$ 397,467

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Year ended December 31, 2023

8. Municipal debt:

	2023	2022
Ontario Infrastructure Projects Corporation (OIPC) debenture (Victoria Culvert), payable in semi-annual instalments of \$8,936 including interest at a rate of 4.11%, final instalment due June 2026, unsecured	\$ 42,053	\$ 57,713
Ontario Infrastructure Projects Corporation (OIPC) debenture (Casimir Culvert), payable in semi-annual instalments of \$7,297 including interest at a rate of 3.11%, final instalment due March 2027, unsecured	48,041	60,841
Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation (OILC) debenture (2020 Grader), payable in semi-annual instalments of \$15,881 including interest at a rate of 1.95%, final instalment due June 2035, unsecured	325,785	350,827
Ontario Ministry of Agriculture Food and Agribusiness (OMAFRA) Debenture (Tile Drainage Loan), payable in semi-annual installments of \$4,769 including interest at a rate of 6.00% final installment due March 2025, unsecured	35,101	–
	\$ 450,980	\$ 469,381

Principal instalments required to be paid over the next five years are as follows:

2024	\$ 59,812
2025	61,404
2026	54,110
2027	39,017
2028	32,362
Thereafter	204,275
	\$ 450,980

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Year ended December 31, 2023

9. Asset retirement obligation:

(a) Asbestos obligation:

The Municipality has accrued for asset retirement obligations related to the legal requirement for the removal or remediation of asbestos-containing materials in certain facilities. Following the adoption of PS3280 – Asset retirement obligations, the Municipality recognized an obligation relating to the removal and post-removal care of the asbestos for these assets as estimated at January 1, 2022. The obligation is determined based on the estimated undiscounted cash flows that will be required in the future to remove or remediate the asbestos containing material in accordance with current legislation.

The transition and recognition of asset retirement obligations involved an accompanying increase to the building capital assets and the restatement of prior year numbers (see note 2).

(b) Landfill obligations:

The Municipality owns and operates an active and a closed landfill site. The liability for the closure of operational sites and post-closure care has been recognized under PS 3280 Asset Retirement Obligations. The costs were based upon the presently known obligations that will exist at the estimated year of closure of the sites and for 25 years post this date. Post-closure care is estimated to be required for 25 years from the date of site closure. These costs were discounted to December 31, 2023 using a discount rate of 3% per annum for the active site and -3.1% for the closed site.

The change in the estimated obligations during the year consists of the following:

Asset retirement obligation	Landfill closure	Asbestos removal	Balance, December 31, 2023
Opening balance	\$ 378,962	\$ 108,328	\$ 487,290
Accretion expense	11,415	–	11,415
Inflationary adjustment	–	9,959	9,959
Closing balance	\$ 390,377	\$ 118,287	\$ 508,664

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Year ended December 31, 2023

9. Asset retirement obligation (continued):

Asset retirement obligation	Landfill closure	Asbestos removal	Balance, December 31, 2022
Opening balance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Adjustment on adoption of the asset retirement obligation standard (note 2)	378,962	96,617	475,579
Opening balance, as restated	378,962	96,617	475,579
Accretion expense	-	11,711	11,711
Closing balance	\$ 378,962	\$ 108,328	\$ 487,290

The Municipality does not have any estimated remediation efforts budgeted for the next twelve months.

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Year ended December 31, 2023

10. Tangible capital assets:

Cost	Balance at December 31, 2022 (Restated - note 2)	Additions	Disposals	Balance at December 31, 2023
Land	\$ 314,924	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 314,924
Buildings	3,516,703	483,850	-	4,000,553
Roads	2,230,465	54,959	-	2,285,424
Equipment	1,936,079	171,723	(23,000)	2,084,802
Vehicles	1,493,533	63,567	(44,437)	1,512,663
Sewer and wastewater systems	1,624,347	-	-	1,624,347
Land Improvements	483,416	-	-	483,416
Total	\$ 11,599,467	\$ 774,099	\$ (67,437)	\$ 12,306,129

Accumulated Amortization	Balance at December 31, 2022 (Restated - note 2)	Amortization	Disposals and transfers	Balance at December 31, 2023
Land	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Buildings	2,365,789	102,566	-	2,468,355
Roads	1,151,903	93,427	-	1,245,330
Equipment	969,811	66,535	(16,771)	1,019,575
Vehicles	891,450	32,960	(25,921)	898,489
Sewer and wastewater systems	1,521,717	5,738	-	1,527,455
Land Improvements	184,083	18,434	-	202,517
Total	\$ 7,084,753	\$ 319,660	\$ (42,692)	\$ 7,361,721

	Net book value, December 31, 2022 (Restated - note 2)	Net book value, December 31, 2023
Land	\$ 314,924	\$ 314,924
Buildings	1,150,914	1,532,198
Roads	1,078,562	1,040,094
Equipment	966,268	1,065,227
Vehicles	602,083	614,174
Sewer and wastewater systems	102,630	96,892
Land Improvements	299,333	280,899
Total	\$ 4,514,714	\$ 4,944,408

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2023

10. Tangible capital assets (continued):

Cost	Balance at December 31, 2021 (Restated - note 2)	Additions	Disposals	Balance at December 31, 2022 (Restated - note 2)
Land	\$ 314,924	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 314,924
Buildings	3,180,295	336,408	-	3,516,703
Roads	2,120,706	109,759	-	2,230,465
Equipment	1,547,478	388,601	-	1,936,079
Vehicles	1,392,999	100,534	-	1,493,533
Sewer and wastewater systems	1,624,347	-	-	1,624,347
Land improvements	483,416	-	-	483,416
Total	\$ 10,664,165	\$ 935,302	\$ -	\$ 11,599,467

Accumulated Amortization	Balance at December 31, 2021 (Restated - note 2)	Amortization	Disposals and transfers	Balance at December 31, 2022 (Restated - note 2)
Land	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Buildings	2,295,420	70,369	-	2,365,789
Roads	1,063,711	88,192	-	1,151,903
Equipment	901,866	67,945	-	969,811
Vehicles	833,769	57,681	-	891,450
Sewer and wastewater systems	1,515,978	5,739	-	1,521,717
Land improvements	165,650	18,433	-	184,083
Total	\$ 6,776,394	\$ 308,359	\$ -	\$ 7,084,753

	Net book value, December 31, 2021 (Restated - note 2)	Net book value, December 31, 2022 (Restated - note 2)
Land	\$ 314,924	\$ 314,924
Buildings	884,875	1,150,914
Roads	1,056,995	1,078,562
Equipment	645,612	966,268
Vehicles	559,230	602,083
Sewer and wastewater systems	108,369	102,630
Land Improvements	317,766	299,333
Total	\$ 3,887,771	\$ 4,514,714

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Year ended December 31, 2023

11. Accumulated surplus:

Accumulated surplus consists of individual fund surplus and reserves and reserve funds as follows:

	2023	2022
		(Restated - note 2)
Surpluses:		
Invested in tangible capital assets	\$ 4,493,428	\$ 4,045,333
General surplus	1,351,146	1,158,443
Unfunded:		
Asset retirement obligation	(508,664)	(487,290)
	5,335,910	4,716,486
Reserves set aside for specific purposes:		
Working capital	54,644	54,644
Reserves set aside for specific purposes by Council:		
Infrastructure renewal	1,456,389	1,057,720
Modernization	-	305,243
Contingences	195,055	224,014
Safe restart	92,987	101,630
Protection services	156,619	111,619
Environmental services	27,621	27,621
Parks and recreation	26,117	116,476
Landfill site closure	41,514	34,514
Election	5,323	323
Cenptaph	15,218	15,218
Chief building officer	35,495	24,908
Hot and cold meals	6,839	4,815
Library	24,121	24,121
	2,083,298	2,048,222
Total	\$ 7,473,852	\$ 6,819,352

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12. Commitments and contractual obligations:

Garbage collection services:

Under the terms of an operating service agreement for the operation of the St. Charles Garbage & Recycling Collection expiring December 2025, with annually payment of \$114,125.

Printer leases:

Under the terms of leases service agreement for St. Charles office supplies expiring March 2027, with annually payment of \$3,405.

St-Charles Borromée School rent:

Under the terms of leases agreement for the operation of the St-Charles Borromée School expiring December 2024, with annually payment of \$34,751.

Landfill Monitoring Services:

Under the terms of leases service agreement for St. Charles Landfill Monitoring expiring December 2028, with annually payment of \$20,515. including HST until 2026 and \$21,730 thereafter.

Wastewater Treatment:

Under the terms of leases service agreement for St. Charles Wastewater Treatment Services from April 2024 until December 2028, with annually payment of \$60,939 plus increase of 2% each year per Consumer Price Index. The prior contract with the Canadian Shield Consultants agency expired this year, on December 31, 2023. There were no contracts from January 2024 to March 2024. The Municipality is committed to make the following minimum payments:

2024	\$	218,500
2025		200,202
2026		87,321
2027		87,250
2028 and thereafter		87,692
	\$	680,965

13. Contingencies:

The Municipality is involved in certain legal matters and litigations, the outcomes of which are not presently determinable. The gain or loss, if any, from these legal matters and litigations will be accounted for in the periods in which they are resolved.

Council is of the opinion that it is unlikely that any liability, to the extent not provided by insurance or otherwise, would be material in relation to the Municipality's consolidated financial position.

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Year ended December 31, 2023

14. Contributions to Unconsolidated Joint Boards:

Further to note 1(a)(ii), the following contributions were made by the Municipality to these boards:

	2023	2022
Manitoulin – Sudbury District Services Board	\$ 415,099	\$ 400,508
Sudbury and District Health Unit	71,565	63,912
Sudbury East Planning Board	21,934	24,254
	\$ 508,598	\$ 488,674

15. Pension agreements:

OMERS provides pension services to more than 500,000 active and retired members and approximately 1,000 employers. Each year an independent actuary determines the funding status of OMERS Primary Pension Plan (the "Plan") by comparing the actuarial value of invested assets to the estimated present value of all pension.

benefits that members have earned to date. The most recent actuarial valuation of the Plan was conducted on December 31, 2023. The results of this valuation disclosed total going concern actuarial liabilities of \$136,185 million (2022 - \$130,306 million) in respect of benefits accrued for service with total going concern actuarial assets at that date of \$131,983 million (2022 - \$123,628 million) indicating a going concern actuarial deficit of \$4,202 million (2022 - \$6,678 million). Because OMERS is a multi-employer plan, any pension plan surpluses or deficits are a joint responsibility of Ontario municipal organizations, and their employees and the Authority's share is not determinable. As a result, the Municipality does not recognize any share of the OMERS pension surplus or deficit.

The amount contributed to OMERS for 2023 was \$73,039 (2022 - \$65,539) and is included as an expense in the consolidated statement of operations and accumulated surplus.

16. Cemetery care and maintenance fund:

The Cemetery Care and Maintenance Fund administered by the Municipality amounting to \$58,750 (2022 - \$58,719) have not been included in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position nor have their operations been included in the Consolidated Statement of Operations.

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17. Budget figures:

The budget was not prepared on a basis consistent with that used to report actual results (Public Sector Accounting Standards). As a result, the budget figures presented in the Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus required the following adjustments:

Budget surplus per financial plan	\$	–
Add:		
Budgeted loan principal payments		64,227
Landfill adjustment		11,415
Less:		
Amortization		319,660
Transfer from reserve		412,946
Budget surplus per financial statements	\$	(656,964)

18. Financial instruments:

Transactions in financial instruments may result in an entity assuming or transferring, to another party, financial risks. The Municipality is exposed to the following risks associated with financial instruments and transactions it is a party to:

(a) Credit risk:

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a transaction will fail to discharge an obligation and cause the other party to incur a financial loss. The Municipality is exposed to the risk relating to its cash, accounts receivable, taxes receivable, user charges receivable and other long-term receivables.

The Municipality holds cash accounts with large reputable financial institutions, from which management believes the risk of loss due to credit risk to be remote.

The Municipality is exposed to credit risk in accounts receivable which includes ratepayers, government and other receivables. The Municipality measures its exposure to credit risk with respect to accounts receivable based on how long the amounts have been outstanding and management's analysis of accounts.

There have been no significant changes from the previous year in the exposure to risk or policies, procedures and methods used to measure the risk.

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Year ended December 31, 2023

18. Financial instruments (continued):

(b) Liquidity risk:

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Municipality cannot repay its obligations when they become due to its creditor. The Municipality is exposed to this risk relating to its accounts payable and accrued liabilities and long-term debt.

The Municipality reduces its exposure to liquidity risk by monitoring cash activities and expected outflow through extensive budgeting and maintaining enough cash to repay creditors as they become due.

There have been no significant changes from the previous year in the exposure to risk or policies, procedures and methods used to measure the risk.

(c) Interest rate risk:

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Municipality is exposed to this risk mainly in respect of its bank facilities and long-term debt.

The Municipality has minimal interest rate exposure on its bank facilities and long-term debt, which are at fixed rates.

There has been no significant changes from the previous year in the exposure to risk or policies, procedures and methods used to measure the risk.

19. Segmented information:

The Municipality is a diversified municipal government that provides a wide range of services to its citizens. For management reporting purposes, the Municipality's operations and activities are organized and reported by fund. Funds were created for the purpose of recording specific activities to attain certain objectives in accordance with special regulations, restrictions or limitations.

The Municipality's services are provided by departments and their activities are recorded in these funds. Certain departments that have been disclosed in the segmented information, along with the services they provide, are as follows:

General Government

General government is comprised of Council, administration, and Ontario Property Assessment.

Protection to persons and property

Protection is comprised of police, fire and other protective services.

Transportation Services

Transportation services are responsible for road maintenance, culverts, bridges, winter control, street signs and streetlights.

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Year ended December 31, 2023

19. Segmented information (continued):

Environmental Services

Environmental services include wastewater treatment and waste and recycling services.

Health Services

Health services include public health services and cemetery services.

Social and Family Services

Social and family services include social assistance, long-term care, paramedic services, social housing and child care services.

Recreation and Cultural Services

Recreation and cultural services include parks and recreation, recreation facilities, culture and library.

Planning and Development

Planning and development manages development for residential and business interests as well as services related to the Municipality's economic development programs.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended December 31, 2023

19. Segmented information (continued):

	General government	Protection to persons and property	Transportation services	Environmental services	Health services	Social and family services	Recreation and cultural services	Planning and development	2023 Total
Revenues:									
Government Grants - Federal	\$ 126,914	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 126,914
- Provincial	1,348,471	600	-	6,913	-	-	9,135	-	1,365,119
Taxation	2,722,435	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,722,435
User charges	4,402	-	2,979	157,186	6,885	-	18,561	-	190,013
Other	383,507	46,728	12,448	2,714	525	2,850	34,546	-	483,318
Loss on sale of tangible capital assets	3,484	-	(10,422)	-	-	-	1,512	-	(5,426)
	4,589,213	47,328	5,005	166,813	7,410	2,850	63,754	-	4,882,373
Expenses:									
Salaries, wages and benefits	629,209	204,399	284,130	32,535	6,330	56	157,509	-	1,314,168
Interest on municipal debt	-	-	10,726	-	-	-	-	-	10,726
Materials	477,399	112,585	370,717	37,947	7,054	445	331,467	-	1,337,614
Contracted services	118,868	166,940	130,164	211,826	-	-	351	-	628,149
Rent and financial	84,379	-	14,127	-	-	-	100	-	98,606
Transfer to other governments and the public	-	-	-	-	339,961	146,703	-	32,286	518,950
Amortization of tangible capital assets	64,833	16,218	106,358	59,370	-	-	72,881	-	319,660
	1,374,688	500,142	916,222	341,678	353,345	147,204	562,308	32,286	4,227,873
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	\$ 3,214,525	(452,814)	(911,217)	(174,865)	(345,935)	(144,354)	(498,554)	(32,286)	\$ 654,500

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ST.-CHARLES

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Year ended December 31, 2023

19. Segmented information (continued):

	General government	Protection to persons and property	Transportation services	Environmental services	Health services	Social and family services	Recreation and cultural services	Planning and development	2022 Total (Restated - note 2)
Revenues:									
Government Grants - Federal	\$ 1,160	-	-	-	-	-	204,488	-	\$ 205,648
- Provincial	1,309,233	10,000	-	27,525	-	-	388,502	-	1,735,260
Taxation	2,533,889	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,533,889
User charges	3,208	-	1,118	122,664	6,180	-	13,060	-	146,230
Other	510,681	51,096	19,399	372	5,280	1,698	39,138	-	627,664
Gain on sale of tangible capital assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	4,358,171	61,096	20,517	150,561	11,460	1,698	645,188	-	5,248,691
Expenses:									
Salaries, wages and benefits	562,861	216,153	300,711	41,190	3,544	412	110,897	-	1,235,768
Interest on municipal debt	1,424	-	12,220	-	-	-	-	-	13,644
Materials	369,996	107,975	436,452	71,502	14,007	3,081	219,685	-	1,222,698
Contracted services	167,680	166,179	44,655	226,455	-	-	12,559	-	617,528
Rent and financial	68,254	-	58,677	-	-	-	143	-	127,074
Transfer to other governments and the public	-	-	-	-	320,306	144,114	-	34,320	498,740
Amortization of tangible capital assets	47,210	16,218	133,803	59,152	-	-	51,976	-	308,359
	1,217,425	506,525	986,518	398,299	337,857	147,607	395,260	34,320	4,023,811
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	\$ 3,140,746	(445,429)	(966,001)	(247,738)	(326,397)	(145,909)	249,928	(34,320)	\$ 1,224,880



**THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ST.-CHARLES
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NOTICE OF MOTION FORM

Member of Council: Julie Laframboise
(print name)

Hereby files a **NOTICE OF MOTION** to be included on the Agenda for the meeting of
Council, which is scheduled to be held on: November 20th 2024
(enter date)

SUBJECT: To Discuss and Establish a Security Camera Policy
(enter subject)

and which **NOTICE OF MOTION** to read as follows (*attach additional pages as needed*):

THAT it is essential to establish clear guidelines for the use and management of security cameras

Whereas there is currently no defined policy in the municipality of St-Charles. A defined policy will help balance security needs with privacy considerations and ensure compliance with legal requirements.

Be resolved that the council of the municipality of St-Charles directs staff to draft a policy to establish clear guidelines for the use and management of security cameras. To have first review by council at the regular meeting scheduled on Dec 11 2024

Total pages (*including this page*): _____

Member of Council: Julie Laframboise November 12 2024
(signature) *(enter date form signed)*

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The Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles

MINUTES

Special Meeting of Council

**October 16, 2024, 5:30 p.m.
Council Chambers (Municipal Office)
2 King Street East
St.-Charles, Ontario P0M 2W0**

Members Present: Chair: Paul Branconnier
Member: Julie Laframboise
Member: Mathieu Pothier

Members Absent: Member: Monica Loftus
Member: Joshua Lachance

Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer: Denis Turcot
Clerk: Tammy Godden
Director of Planning (SEPB): Matthew Dumont

Guests: Nil.

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

1.1 Resolution to open the meeting

Mayor Branconnier advised that both Councillor Lachance and Councillor Loftus send their regrets. Mayor Branconnier further advised that the Director of Planning is running late due to traffic issues.

Resolution: 2024-354

Moved by: Member Laframboise

Seconded by: Member Pothier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.- Charles hereby opens the Special Meeting of Council at 5:34 p.m. on October 16, 2024.

CARRIED

1.2 Indigenous Land Acknowledgement

Mayor Branconnier delivered the prepared Indigenous Land Acknowledgement.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2.1 Resolution to adopt the agenda

Resolution: 2024-355

Moved by: Member Pothier

Seconded by: Member Laframboise

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the Special Meeting of Council held October 16, 2024 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None declared.

4. PUBLIC HEARING FOR ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

4.1 SEPB File No. ZBA 24-17SC - (Owen, Deborah and Kenneth)

The Director of Planning, Matthew Dumont, arrived at 5:38 pm.

Mayor Branconnier provided a summary of the procedures of a Public Hearing for the consideration of a proposed amendment to the Zoning By-Law 2014-26.

The Director of Planning informed Council that Notice of the Public Hearing was posted in the Municipal Office and was sent by mail on September 19, 2024 (being over twenty (20) days prior to this evening's meeting) to the assessed owners within the Municipality subject to the proposed Zoning By-Law Amendments, and to those persons and agencies likely to have an interest in the application. Included with each Notice was an explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment application and a key map showing the location of the property.

Mayor Branconnier declared this portion of the meeting to be a Public Hearing.

The Director of Planning informed Council that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to consider a proposed amendment to Zoning By-Law 2014-26 received to rezone Lot 1 and Lot 2 from Rural to Special Rural to recognize the environmental impact study recommendations.

The Director of Planning advised that the severance application portion of this matter was heard by the Sudbury East Planning Board on October 10, 2024. At that time the severance application was supported conditionally.

Through agency circulation the following comments were received:

- Chief Administrative Officer / Clerk / Treasurer - Property subject to municipal drains and may require apportionment. Please advise the Applicants to contact the Clerk to request re-apportionment as fees are applicable;
- Chief Administrative Office / Clerk / Treasurer - Zoning By-Law Amendment for Special Rural - Municipality must still be able to maintain municipal drains;
- Public Works Superintendent - Road allowance on Pothier Road and Montee Brazeau to be transferred to the Municipality of St.-Charles;
- Sudbury District Health Unit - It appears that the proposed severed and retained lots are capable of development for installation of a septic system and leaching bed system.

No comments were received from the Applicants as they were not present.

No one spoke in objection to or in support of the application.

No questions were made by any member of Council.

Mayor Branconnier declared the Public Hearing to be concluded and advised that there is a twenty (20) day appeal period to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal and that during this appeal period no building permit may be issued, or other work commenced.

5. BY-LAWS

5.1 First and second reading

Resolution: 2024-356

Moved by: Member Pothier

Seconded by: Member Laframboise

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.- Charles hereby gives first and second reading to the following By-Law:

- By-Law 2024-40 - Being a By-Law to Amend Zoning By-Law 2014-26, as Amended (Deborah and Kenneth Owen)

CARRIED

5.2 Third and final reading

Resolution: 2024-357

Moved by: Member Laframboise

Seconded by: Member Pothier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby gives third reading to and finally passes By-Law 2024-40.

CARRIED

6. **ADDENDUM (If required and by Resolution)**

Nil.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

7.1 Resolution to adjourn the meeting

Resolution: 2024-358

Moved by: Member Pothier

Seconded by: Member Laframboise

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby adjourns the Special Meeting of Council at 5:52 p.m. on October 16, 2024.

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk



The Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Council

**October 16, 2024, 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers (Municipal Office)
2 King Street East
St.-Charles, Ontario P0M 2W0**

Members Present: Mayor: Paul Branconnier
Councillor: Julie Laframboise
Councillor: Mathieu Pothier

Members Absent: Councillor: Monica Loftus
Councillor: Joshua Lachance

Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer: Denis Turcot
Clerk: Tammy Godden
Director of Finance / Treasurer: Pamela McCracken
Chief Building Official: Andrea Tarini
Director of Operations: Michelle Clark

Guests: Angie Whitty

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

1.1 Resolution to open the meeting

Mayor Branconnier advised that both Councillor Loftus and Councillor Lachance send their regrets.

Resolution: 2024-359

Moved by: Councillor Pothier

Seconded by: Councillor Laframboise

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby opens the Regular Meeting of Council at 6:00 p.m. on October 16, 2024.

CARRIED

1.2 Indigenous Land Acknowledgement

Mayor Branconnier delivered the prepared Indigenous Land Acknowledgement.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2.1 Resolution to adopt the agenda

Resolution: 2024-360

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise

Seconded by: Councillor Pothier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council held October 16, 2024 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None declared.

4. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

4.1 St.-Charles Lions Club - Establishment and Inauguration

Ms. Whitty presented to Council as provided in the agenda package. Ms. Whitty further advised that the Lions Club will be active effective November 9, 2024, but the inauguration will be at a later date. Ms. Whitty extended an invitation to Council to attend the Open House on November 9, 2024 and advised that anyone looking to join and become a Lion is welcome to attend.

4.2 Segal Construction - Municipal Housing Development

Mr. Segal did not attend the meeting.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INQUIRIES BY MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND BY COUNCIL

5.1 Councillor Pothier - Re: Public Skating

Councillor Pothier advised that there have been some inquiries about public skating. He suggested that once we are aware of times available they should be posted as soon as possible.

The Clerk advised Council that staff had posted both public skating and shinny information on the municipal website calendar today. The Clerk further advised that it is not certain whether all of the dates have been posted, but definitely some have been and the rest will follow.

6. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Nil.

7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

7.1 Resolution to adopt the minutes of meetings

Resolution: 2024-361

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise

Seconded by: Councillor Pothier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the following meetings of Council be adopted as presented:

- Regular Meeting of Council of February 15, 2023;
- Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 1, 2023;
- Regular Meeting of Council of March 15, 2023; and,
- Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 2, 2024.

CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

8.1 Resolution to receive correspondence for information

Resolution: 2024-362

Moved by: Councillor Pothier

Seconded by: Councillor Laframboise

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles receives the following correspondence for information:

1. Email from McGarry dated September 11, 2024, regarding Resolution of Support from the Township of Larder Lake;
2. Copy of letter from Amaranth dated September 18, 2024, regarding Provincial Updates to the Municipal Elections Act;
3. Email from Hilliard dated September 19, 2024, regarding Resolution of Support for the Municipality of Tweed;
4. Copy of letter from Bradford West Gwillimbury dated September 20, 2024, regarding Ontario Deposit Return Program;
5. Letter from Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness dated September 24, 2024;

6. Email from East Ferris dated September 25, 2024, regarding Resolution - Combined ROMA / AMO Annual Conference;
7. Copy of letter from Tay Valley dated September 25, 2024, regarding Public Sector Salary Disclosure;
8. Letter from Ministry of Natural Resources dated September 26, 2024, regarding New Government Funding for Ontario Imagery;
9. Copy of letter from Cobourg dated September 27, 2024;
10. Letter from Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness dated September 27, 2024;
11. Copy of letter from Parry Sound dated October 2, 2024;
12. Copy of letter from Cobourg dated October 4, 2024, regarding Motion from Mayor Lucas Cleveland regarding Support of Involuntary Care for Individuals with Severe Mental Health and Addictions Issues;
13. Copy of letter from Springwater dated October 4, 2024;
14. Copy of letter from Clearview dated October 8, 2024, regarding Support Resolution - Updates to the Municipal Elections Act;
15. Letter from St. Joseph dated October 8, 2024, regarding Recommendations for Government Regulation of Nicotine Pouches; and,
16. Email from Ontario Big City Mayors Caucus dated October 10, 2024, regarding Support for Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM) Solve the Crisis Campaign;

and directs staff to:

- draft a Resolution in support on items: 4, 7, and 16.

CARRIED

- 8.2 Resolution Stemming from July 17, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 7.0 - Correspondence #5

Resolution: 2024-363

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise

Seconded by: Councillor Pothier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports Resolution No. 2024-125 passed by the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt, regarding a PS3280 accounting standard covering asset retirement obligations;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Federation of Ontario Municipalities (FONOM); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

- 8.3 Resolution Stemming from July 17, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 7.1 - Correspondence #6

Resolution: 2024-364

Moved by: Councillor Pothier

Seconded by: Councillor Laframboise

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution dated June 27, 2024 passed by the Town of Petrolia supporting the Resolution dated May 13, 2024 passed by the City of Belleville, regarding family doctors;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Health, Sylvia Jones; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

- 8.4 Resolution Stemming from July 17, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 7.1 - Correspondence #7

Resolution: 2024-365

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise

Seconded by: Councillor Pothier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution dated June 24, 2024 passed by the City of St. Catharines, regarding the Green Roads Pilot Project;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

- 8.5 Resolution Stemming from July 17, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 7.1 - Correspondence #22

Resolution: 2024-366

Moved by: Councillor Pothier

Seconded by: Councillor Laframboise

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports Resolution 207-2024 passed by the Township of Terrace Bay, regarding sustainable funding for OPP in small rural municipalities;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Premier Doug Ford; the Solicitor General of Ontario, Michael Kerzner; the Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

- 8.6 Resolution Stemming from August 14, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 7.1 - Correspondence #10

Resolution: 2024-367

Moved by: Councillor Pothier

Seconded by: Councillor Laframboise

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports Resolution #RC24168 passed by the Municipality of Wawa, regarding Immediate Action Needed to Support Ontario's Forest Sector;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Premier Doug Ford; the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Graydon Smith; the Minister of Northern Development, Greg Rickford; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

- 8.7 Resolution Stemming from August 14, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 7.1 - Correspondence #19

Resolution: 2024-368

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise

Seconded by: Councillor Pothier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports Resolution #2024-08-07-10 passed by the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch & Raglan, urging the Government to promptly resume the assessment cycle;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Premier Doug Ford; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

- 8.8 Resolution Stemming from September 18, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 7.1 - Correspondence #11

Resolution: 2024-369

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise

Seconded by: Councillor Pothier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports Motion No. 24-366 passed by the City of Quinte West, regarding the Canada Community-Building Fund;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau; the Minister of Finance, Chrystia Freeland; the Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities, Sean Fraser; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Parliament (MP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

- 8.9 Resolution Stemming from September 18, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 7.1 - Correspondence #17

Resolution: 2024-370

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise

Seconded by: Councillor Pothier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports Resolution 2024-EM1-2 passed by the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Township of Baldwin, regarding concerns with the transport and deposition of Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (NORM) at the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford; the Minister of Mines, George Pirie; the Minister of Transportation, Prabmeet Sarkaria; the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Andrea Khanjin; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

9. STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS / REPORTS - MOTIONS

9.1 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

- 9.1.1 Resolution Stemming from October 2, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting - Item 6.1.1 - Landfill Design and Operations Consulting Proposal

Resolution: 2024-371

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise

Seconded by: Councillor Pothier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles authorizes Pinchin Ltd. to provide Waste Management Strategies and Design for the St.-Charles Landfill Site at a cost of \$8,510.00 plus H.S.T.

CARRIED

- 9.1.2 Report to Council - Q3 2024 - Environmental Services Department

The Director of Operations presented the report as provided in the agenda package.

9.2 FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 9.2.1 Resolution to receive the Cash Disbursement Register for the month of September, 2024

Resolution: 2024-372

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise

Seconded by: Councillor Pothier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cash Disbursement Register of the month of September, 2024 be received in the amount of:

- \$235,593.19.

CARRIED

- 9.2.2 Report to Council - 2025 OPP Fees

The Treasurer presented the report as provided in the agenda package.

- 9.2.3 Report to Council - Pumper Truck Financing

The Treasurer presented the report as provided in the agenda package. The Treasurer advised of an error on page 4 of the report, the last column should read \$500,000.00 and not \$50,000.00 in the Loan Amount line. Following discussion, Council agreed that they would delay making a final decision until all member of Council are available to comment. Council also requested that some additional bank rate information be obtained and presented.

9.3 GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

- 9.3.1 Report to Council - Enbridge - Request for Support

The Chief Administrative Officer presented the report as provided in the agenda package. Following discussion Council supported the recommendation to provide a formal expression of support for the natural gas expansion project by way of a letter from the Mayor.

Resolution: 2024-373

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise

Seconded by: Councillor Pothier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of Municipality of St.-Charles wishes to formally express its support for the natural gas expansion project to the community of St.-Charles, Ontario;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Mayor is authorized to send a letter on behalf of the Municipality in support of the natural gas expansion project.

CARRIED

9.3.2 Report to Council - Save On Energy Grant - Lighting Retrofit

The Chief Administrative Officer presented the report as provided in the agenda package. Following discussion Council supported the recommendation to contribute \$3,203.55 to upgrade the lights at the Fitness Centre and the Community Centre.

Resolution: 2024-374

Moved by: Councillor Pothier

Seconded by: Councillor Laframboise

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles approves the amount of \$3,203.55 to upgrade the lights at the Fitness Center and Community Center;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT if there is insufficient funds remaining in the operating budget for the lighting upgrades, that the funds be taken from the Contingency Reserve.

CARRIED

9.3.3 Report to Council - Request from Connect 55+ Connect re: Community Centre

The Chief Administrative Officer presented the report as provided in the agenda package. Following discussion, Council agreed with the recommendation as presented as Option 1 in the report to Council, being to waive the rental fee and that no additional insurance was required as it is a municipal program.

9.3.4 Report to Council - Integrity Commissioner Services - Extension Agreement

The Clerk presented the report as provided in the agenda package. Following discussion, Council agreed with the recommendation to enter into the Amending Agreement with Cunningham Swan Carty Little & Bonham LLP for Integrity Commissioner Services to December 31, 2026.

9.4 PARKS & RECREATION SERVICES COMMITTEE

9.4.1 Report to Council - Ontario Sport Recreation Grant

The Chief Administrative Officer presented the report as provided in the agenda package. Following discussion, Council provided direction to the Chief Administrative Officer to proceed with the applying for the arena roof under the Ontario Sport Recreation Grant.

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9.5 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

9.5.1 Report to Council - Q3 2024 - SEBBS Building Department

The Chief Building Official presented the report as provided in the agenda package.

9.6 PROTECTION TO PERSONS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

9.6.1 Report to Council - Hiring a New Municipal Law Enforcement Officer (MLEO)

The Chief Building Official presented the report as provided in the agenda package.

9.6.2 Report to Council - Q3 2024 - SEBBS By-Law Services Department

The Chief Building Official advised that the Manager of By-Law Service sends his regrets as he was not feeling well this evening. The Chief Building Official presented the report as provided in the agenda package. The Chief Building Official further added that a survey regarding backyard hens should be going out late this week or early next week and reporting on that will follow by end of the year.

9.6.3 Report to Council - Agreement with OPP for 911 Services

The Chief Administrative Officer presented the report as provided in the agenda package. The Chief Administrative Officer confirmed that the rate has not changed. Following discussion, Council agreed to enter into the Agreement with OPP for 911 Services.

9.7 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES COMMITTEE

9.7.1 Resolution Stemming from October 2, 2024 Committee of the Whole - Item 6.5.1 - Work Order / Fleet Operations Software

Resolution: 2024-375

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise

Seconded by: Councillor Pothier

WHEREAS the 2024 Municipal Budget was adopted by Council on June 19, 2024 by Resolution No. 2024-274;

AND WHEREAS as part of the 2024 Municipal Budget, funds were allocated for the purchase of Maintenance Manager Software;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles approves that the \$20,000.00 for the purchase of Maintenance Manager Software be reallocated for the purchase of Fleet Operations Software.

CARRIED

9.7.2 Resolution Stemming from October 2, 2024 Committee of the Whole - Item 6.5.2 - Streetlight Policy

Resolution: 2024-376

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise

Seconded by: Councillor Pothier

WHEREAS Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles has read the proposed Streetlight Policy;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby adopts Policy SER-004 Streetlight Policy, as attached.

CARRIED

9.7.3 Report to Council - Q3 2024 - Public Works / Transportation Services Department

The Director of Operations presented the report as provided in the agenda package.

10. BY-LAWS

10.1 First and second reading

Resolution: 2024-377

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise

Seconded by: Councillor Pothier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.- Charles hereby gives first and second reading to the following By-Laws:

- By-Law 2024-41 - Being a By-Law to Appoint a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer as Authorized under the *Police Services Act* and a Property Standards Officer for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles;
- By-Law 2024-42 - Being a By-Law to Enter into a Lease Agreement with Health Sciences North;
- By-Law 2024-43 - Being a By-Law to Enter into an Agreement for the Provision of Primary Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Services with His Majesty the King in Right of Ontario as Represented by the Minister of the Solicitor General on Behalf of the Ontario Provincial Police;

- By-Law 2024-44 - Being a By-Law to Enter into an Amending Agreement - Integrity Commissioner Services with Cunningham Swan Carty Little & Bonham LLP; and,
- By-Law 2024-45 - Being a By-Law to Enter into an Agreement with Karen Jones Consulting Inc.

CARRIED

10.2 Third and final reading

Resolution: 2024-378

Moved by: Councillor Pothier

Seconded by: Councillor Laframboise

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby gives third reading to and finally passes By-Law 2024-41.

CARRIED

10.3 Third and final reading

Resolution: 2024-379

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise

Seconded by: Councillor Pothier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby gives third reading to and finally passes By-Law 2024-42.

CARRIED

10.4 Third and final reading

Resolution: 2024-380

Moved by: Councillor Pothier

Seconded by: Councillor Laframboise

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby gives third reading to and finally passes By-Law 2024-43.

CARRIED

10.5 Third and final reading

Resolution: 2024-381

Moved by: Councillor Pothier

Seconded by: Councillor Laframboise

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby gives third reading to and finally passes By-Law 2024-44.

CARRIED

10.6 Third and final reading

Resolution: 2024-382

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise

Seconded by: Councillor Pothier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby gives third reading to and finally passes By-Law 2024-45.

CARRIED

11. ADDENDUM (If required and by Resolution)

Nil.

12. CLOSED SESSION

Nil.

13. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

14. ADJOURNMENT

14.1 Confirmation By-Law - First and second reading

Resolution: 2024-383

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise

Seconded by: Councillor Pothier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.- Charles hereby gives first and second reading to the following By-Law:

- By-Law 2024-46 - Being a By-Law to Confirm the Proceedings of Council at its Special Meeting of Council held September 26th, 2024; at its Committee of the Whole Meeting held October 2nd,

2024; at its Special Meeting of Council held October 16th, 2024;
and, at its Regular Meeting of Council held October 16th, 2024.

CARRIED

14.2 Confirmation By-Law - Third and final reading

Resolution: 2024-384

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise

Seconded by: Councillor Pothier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby gives third reading to and finally passes By-Law 2024-46.

CARRIED

14.3 Resolution to adjourn the meeting

Resolution: 2024-385

Moved by: Councillor Pothier

Seconded by: Councillor Laframboise

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby adjourns the Regular Meeting of Council at 7:44 p.m. on October 16th, 2024.

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk



The Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles

MINUTES

Special Meeting of Council

**October 23, 2024, 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers (Municipal Office)
2 King Street East
St.-Charles, Ontario P0M 2W0**

Members Present: Mayor: Paul Branconnier
Councillor: Julie Laframboise
Councillor: Monica Loftus
Councillor: Mathieu Pothier
Councillor: Joshua Lachance

Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer: Denis Turcot
Clerk: Tammy Godden
Director of Finance / Treasurer: Pamela McCracken
Director of Operations: Michelle Clark

Guests: Karen Jones, Karen Jones Consulting Inc.
Public - Nil.

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

1.1 Resolution to Open the Meeting

Resolution: 2024-386

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise

Seconded by: Councillor Pothier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby opens the Special Meeting of Council at 6:00 p.m. on October 23, 2024.

CARRIED

1.2 Indigenous Land Acknowledgement

Mayor Branconnier delivered the prepared Indigenous Land Acknowledgement.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2.1 Resolution to Adopt the Agenda

Resolution: 2024-387

Moved by: Councillor Loftus

Seconded by: Councillor Lachance

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the Special Meeting of Council held October 23, 2024 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None declared.

4. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

4.1 Karen Jones Consulting Inc. - Strategic Plan (Process and Planning)

Ms. Karen Jones introduced herself to Council. Ms. Jones advised that she will walk through the presentation and the presentation will be provided following the meeting. Ms. Jones advised that the Strategic Plan is a widespread look at economic development, where we choose three (3) to five (5) priority areas, then two (2) or more goals within the priority areas, then develop an action plan for each goal.

Ms. Jones advised Council of the following timelines:

- Phase 1 - complete by November 30, 2024 - includes document review, best practice review, identify stakeholders (who we should talk to), summary report;
- Phase 2 - complete by January 31, 2025 - includes steering committee workshop, one (1) on one (1) interviews, develop survey, Town Hall meeting, summary report; and,
- Phase 3 - complete by March 28, 2025 - includes communications strategy, strategic plan, final report.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INQUIRIES BY MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND BY COUNCIL

Nil.

6. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Nil.

7. STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS / REPORTS - MOTIONS

7.1 PARKS & RECREATION SERVICES COMMITTEE

7.1.1 Report to Council - CSRIF Grant - Resolution Required

The Chief Administrative Officer presented the report as provided in the agenda package. Following discussion, Council supported the recommendation for the submission of an application for rehabilitation of the arena roof to the Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund and commit to the Municipality's contribution of \$120,000.00.

Resolution: 2024-388

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise

Seconded by: Councillor Loftus

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has a current intake for the Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund (**CSRIF**), being a \$200 million capital funding program delivered by the Ministry of Sport (**the Ministry**) to revitalize existing community sport and recreation infrastructure and support the construction of new facilities across the province;

AND WHEREAS the CSRIF will be delivered over three (3) years (2024-25 to 2026-27) through two (2) streams:

- **Stream 1:** Repair and Rehabilitation;
- **Stream 2:** New Builds / Signature New Builds;

AND WHEREAS the St.-Charles arena roof has been identified for rehabilitation to extend the useful life of the arena;

AND WHEREAS Council deems the rehabilitation of the arena roof as a priority project to ensure that the residents of St.-Charles have ongoing access to a recreational facility;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles approves its share of the grant contribution of \$120,000.00 for the application to the CSRIF Grant for the rehabilitation of the arena roof.

CARRIED

8. ADDENDUM (If required and by Resolution)

8.1 Adoption of Addendum

Resolution: 2024-389

Moved by: Councillor Loftus

Seconded by: Councillor Lachance

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby approves the Addendum to the October 23, 2024 Special Meeting of Council.

CARRIED

8.2 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

8.3 Addendum - Report to Council - Arena Compressor Breakdown

The Chief Administrative Officer presented the report as provided in this Addendum. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that any technical questions can be directed to the Director of Operations and financial questions can be director to the Treasurer. Following discussion, Council supported the recommendation to purchase a new compressor unit with an upset limit of \$35,000.00.

Resolution: 2024-390

Moved by: Councillor Lachance

Seconded by: Councillor Pothier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles authorizes the purchase of a new compressor unit at an estimated cost of \$32,000.00 with an upset limit of \$35,000.00.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the cost of the new compressor unit be taken from the Asset Management Plan Reserve (currently the Public Works Reserve).

CARRIED

8.4 Adjournment of Addendum

Resolution: 2024-391

Moved by: Councillor Loftus

Seconded by: Councillor Laframboise

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby adjourns the Addendum and returns to the October 23, 2024 Special Meeting of Council.

CARRIED

9. CLOSED SESSION

Resolution: 2024-392

Moved by: Councillor Loftus

Seconded by: Councillor Lachance

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby opens a closed session at 7:32 p.m. to discuss:

- personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, as authorized under Section 239 (2) (b) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended;

Topic: CAO Performance Review for 2024

CARRIED

9.1 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

9.2 Resolution to Adopt the Minutes of Closed Session Meetings

9.3 CAO Performance Review for 2024

10. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

10.1 Resolution to Reconvene to Open Session

Resolution: 2024-393

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise

Seconded by: Councillor Loftus

BE IT RESOLVED THAT having dealt with all matters pertaining to the closed session, we hereby reconvene to the Special Meeting of Council at 8:39 p.m.

CARRIED

10.2 Verbal Report from the Mayor Following Closed Session

Upon reconvening to the open session, the Mayor reported that the performance review of the Chief Administrative Officer was reviewed and evaluated.

11. ADJOURNMENT

11.1 Resolution to Adjourn the Meeting

Resolution: 2024-394

Moved by: Councillor Lachance

Seconded by: Councillor Loftus

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby adjourns the Special Meeting of Council at 8:40 p.m. on October 23, 2024.

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk



October 11, 2024

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office, Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

RE: Opposition to the Transportation and Deposition of Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (NORM) and Mine Tailings from the Former Beaucage Mine and Waste Site

On behalf of the Councils of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin, we are formally submitting the attached joint resolution regarding our serious concerns over the proposed transportation and deposition of radioactive naturally occurring materials (NORM) to the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area (ALTMA).

Our Councils recently convened a Joint Emergency Meeting on October 2, 2024, to discuss this matter in response to information presented at a Town Hall Meeting on September 11, 2024, by the Ministry of Mines, the Ministry of Transportation, and the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission. During our deliberations, it became evident that the materials slated for transport are not correctly categorized as NORM, but rather as mine tailings containing not only radioactive substances like niobium and uranium but also other hazardous heavy metals.

We are gravely concerned about the potential environmental and health impacts this project may have, particularly on Agnew Lake—a critical drinking water source for our communities. Our position is that ALTMA should be remediated using clean materials to mitigate existing contamination rather than accepting additional hazardous materials that could exacerbate environmental harm.

This joint resolution calls upon your government and relevant ministries to halt any further actions related to the transportation of this hazardous product to the ALTMA site. The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION # 2024-EM2-12

DATED: October 2, 2024

MOVED BY: Vern Gorham

SECONDED BY: Jason Cote

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin convened a Joint Emergency Meeting on Wednesday, October 2, 2024 to discuss the proposed plan to transport and deposit radioactive naturally occurring materials (NORM) at the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area (ALTMA); and

WHEREAS the Councils reviewed information received from the Ministry of Mines, the Ministry of Transportation and the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission regarding this proposed plan at the Town Hall Meeting dated September 11, 2024; and

WHEREAS the Councils strongly agree that the materials that are planned to be deposited are not correctly defined as naturally occurring radioactive materials but rather mine tailings that contain not only the radioactive substance Niobium and uranium but also contain heavy metals that pose significant environmental and health risks; and

WHEREAS there are significant concerns regarding the potential contamination of drinking water sources, particularly Agnew Lake, which many residents rely on for safe drinking water; and

WHEREAS the Councils agree that the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area (ALTMA) needs to be remediated using clean materials to mitigate the existing environmental impacts, rather than being used for the deposition of additional hazardous materials; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin formally oppose the transportation and deposition of these materials from the former Beaucage Mine and Waste Site, Nipissing First Nations lands and adjacent lands operated by the Ministry of Transportation to the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin respectfully demand that the Province of Ontario, the Ministry of Mines, the Ministry of Transportation, the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission provide answers to our questions and that the municipalities receive notification of all forward movements of this project; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable George Pirie, the Minister of Mines; the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, the Minister of Transportation; the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; Chief Toulouse and Sagamok Anishnawbek Council Members; Chief Nootchtaï and Atikameksheng Anishnawbek Council Members; Chief Rodney Nahwegahbow and the Whitefish River First Nation Council Members; Chief Patsy Corbiere and the Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation Council Members; the United Chiefs and Council of Mnidoo Mnising; Ontario Ombudsman; the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; the Canadian Environmental Law Association; MP Carol Hughes; MPP Michael Mantha; the Association of Ontario Municipalities and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

We respectfully request your immediate attention to this matter and urge the Province of Ontario to prioritize the protection of our community's health, safety, and environmental integrity.

For more information regarding this matter, please contact our municipal office by email at belindaketchabaw@nairncentre.ca or by phone at (705) 869-4232.

Yours truly,



Belinda Ketchabaw
CAO Clerk Treasurer
Township of Nairn and Hyman

Cc:

Honourable George Pirie, the Minister of Mines
Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, the Minister of Transportation
Honourable Andrea Khanjin, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Chief Toulouse and the Sagamok Anishnawbek Council Members
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Township of McGarry Resolution to Support AMCTO Provincial Updates to the Municipal Elections Act

From Karine Pelletier <kpelletier@mcgarry.ca>

Date Tue 2024-10-15 03:59 PM

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Elections rules.pdf;

Good afternoon,

Please find attached a resolution from Council of the Township of McGarry supporting AMCTO's advocacy for updates to the Municipal Elections Act.

Regards,

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October 8, 2024

Resolution No. 310/2024

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCGARRY
P.O. BOX 99,
VIRGINIATOWN, ON. P0K 1X0**

MOVED BY *Alcino Fiu*

SECONDED BY *Francine Plante*

WHEREAS elections rules need to be clear, supporting candidates and voters in their electoral participation and election administrators in running elections.

WHEREAS legislation needs to strike the right balance between providing clear rules and frameworks to ensure the integrity of the electoral process,

WHEREAS the legislation must also reduce administrative and operational burden for municipal staff ensuring that local election administrators can run elections in a way that responds to the unique circumstances of their local communities.

WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (MEA) will be 30 years old by the next municipal and school board elections in 2026.

WHEREAS the MEA sets out the rules for local elections, the Assessment Act, 1990 and the Education Act, 1990 also contain provisions impacting local elections adding more places for voters, candidates, and administrators to look for the rules that bind the local democratic process in Ontario.

WHEREAS with rules across three pieces of legislation, and the MEA containing a patchwork of clauses, there are interpretation challenges, inconsistencies, and gaps to fill.

WHEREAS the Act can pose difficulties for voters, candidates, contributors and third-party advertisers to read, to interpret, to comply with and for election administrators to enforce.

WHEREAS while local elections are run as efficiently and effectively as can be within the current legislative framework, modernization and continuous improvement is needed to ensure the Act is responsive to today's needs and tomorrow's challenges.

WHEREAS to keep public trust and improve safeguards the Act should be reviewed considering the ever-changing landscape which impacts elections administration including privacy, the threats of foreign interference, increased spread of mis/disinformation and the increased use of technologies like artificial intelligence and use of digital identities.

WHEREAS the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) reviewed the Act and has provided several recommendations including modernizing the legislation, harmonizing rules and streamlining and simplifying administration.

AND WHERAS AMCTO put forward recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2026 elections and longer-term recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2030 elections.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Township of McGarry calls for the Province to update the MEA with priority amendments as outlined by AMCTO before Summer 2025 and commence work to review and re-write the MEA with longer- term recommendations ahead of the 2030 elections.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (minister.mah@ontario.ca), the Minister of Education (minister.edu@ontario.ca) the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery (todd.mccarthy@ontario.ca), Minister of Finance (Minister.fin@ontario.ca) the Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca) , Sylvia Jones MPP (sylvia.jones@ontario.ca) and AMCTO (advocacy@amcto.com)

Defeated _____ / Carried Bonita Culhane
 Mayor Mayor

Recorded Vote Requested by _____

	YES	NO
Mayor Bonita Culhane	_____	_____
Councillor Louanne Caza	_____	_____
Councillor Elaine Fic	_____	_____
Councillor Annie Keft	_____	_____
Councillor Francine Plante	_____	_____

Ontario Forest Industries Association's 2025 Ontario Budget Recommendations

From FONOM Office/ Bureau de FONOM <fonom.info@gmail.com>

Date Wed 2024-10-16 10:26 AM

 2 attachments (905 KB)

FONOM Resolution, To Support Ontario's Forest Industry in the 2025 Ontario Budget.pdf; 24-25_OFIA_pre-budget-final-jan08_2023.pdf;

Good morning


Please forward this to your Mayor, Councils, and Senior Management.

Recognizing how vital the Forestry Industry is to the economy in Northern Ontario and the whole of Ontario, FONOM asks your council to consider bringing this Resolution forward at your Municipality. I have attached a Draft Forestry Resolution for your consideration and a copy of the OFIA Budget submission.

Happy to answer any questions.

Talk soon, Mac.

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2024-25

Provincial Budget Submission

Ontario Forest Industries Association
January 8th, 2024

Ontario's Forest Industry By the Numbers

\$21B

total revenues

72.6M

trees planted

\$4.4B

contribution to the provincial GDP

300M+

seeds in aerial seeding

142,000

direct, indirect, and induced jobs

\$60M

renewal expenditures

7.2B Tonnes

Carbon Stored in Ontario's Public Forests

25.5M Tonnes

Carbon stored in wood products from Ontario's
Managed Forest

Introduction

Since 2018, the forest industry has invested 3.6 billion dollars in Ontario. Autonomous vehicles, drones, robotics, advanced chemicals, machine learning, optimization, and artificial intelligence are commonplace across our industry's operations. The pace of change and innovation will only increase as our industry meets a rising global demand for green energy and sustainable, low-carbon forest products.

An ambitious growth plan, as outlined in *Ontario's Forest Sector Strategy* (the "Strategy"), a well-managed forest resource, and an "open for business" attitude have formed the groundwork for an incredible green economic growth opportunity in northern, rural, and Indigenous communities across the province. Released in 2020, the Strategy is committed to utilizing the full annual allowable cut (AAC) of 30 million m³ by 2030, sustainably doubling the sector's current footprint.

Ontario, however, is not immune from global economic and market pressures. High inflation, rising interest rates, workforce shortages, protectionist trade policy, and declining or stagnant market segments represent significant and challenging headwinds. These are complex issues that require a whole-of-government approach. Attracting new investment, developing new products, and growing the sector are important, yet maintaining its existing footprint is essential.

Ensuring a thriving forest sector requires a fully integrated network of forest management planning, road infrastructure, competitive woodland and mill operations, a skilled workforce, and open market access. Above all else, Ontario must keep our public forests working for the people and meet the increasing global demand for sustainably sourced forest products.

To assist Ontario in navigating these complex issues, the Ontario Forest Industries Association (OFIA) has developed its 2024-25 Pre-Budget Submission to serve as a roadmap to success in Strategy implementation. Acting on the following recommendations will unlock the vast economic and environmental potential of Ontario's forest resources and contribute to a better Ontario.

Summary of OFIA's 2024-25 Recommendations

Implement *Sustainable Growth: Ontario's Forest Sector Strategy (the Strategy)*, focusing on key competitiveness measures:

- 1. Prioritize biomass and pulpwood market development to improve forest sector competitiveness and resiliency;**
- 2. Improve forest road infrastructure, leveraging private investments;**
- 3. Improve market access and maintain the effectiveness of Ontario's adaptive and sustainable forest management framework;**
- 4. Address the cumulative costs of carbon pricing;**
- 5. Position Ontario as a globally competitive jurisdiction through red tape and cost reduction;**
- 6. Develop the workforce of the future and enhance forest community livability.**

1. Prioritize biomass and pulpwood market development to improve forest sector competitiveness and resiliency.

OFIA recommends:

- a. Ensure a multi-year commitment and expansion to the \$19.6 million *Forest Biomass Fund*;
- b. Modify provincial energy policy to procure greater amounts of forest biomass-fired electricity, supporting community energy and district heating projects;
- c. Prioritize the global competitiveness of Ontario's pulp and paper sector and potential commercialization of innovative products and advanced chemicals;
- d. Incentivize greater use of low-carbon forest biomass within industrial (e.g., steel, mining, chemical, and forestry facilities) processes through Ontario's Emission Performance Standard (EPS) program and innovation funding.

Every year, a sustainable yield of approximately 14 million m³ of timber is harvested from Ontario's managed public forest. This material works through a highly integrated network of mills and facilities, producing a wide range of products, materials, and secondary products.

Market development within biomass and pulpwood markets is perhaps the greatest opportunity to enhance the supply chain and bolster competitiveness across Ontario's forest industry. Alternatively, a contraction within this market segment poses a significant threat to the future viability of the entire forest sector.

Canada used to be the largest market pulp-producing country in the world but continues to lose share to lower-cost mills in other regions. While Ontario's Northern Bleached Softwood Kraft (NBSK) remains highly sought after for its desirable technical properties, some facilities require significant capital investments to stay competitive. North America competes with low-cost international jurisdictions like Southeast Asia and South America, which have seen significant capital investment in new mills and intensively managed tree plantations over recent years.

The OFIA strongly supports initiatives such as Ontario's \$19.6 million *Forest Biomass Program* and *Forest Sector Investment and Innovation Program* that aim to maximize the use of wood residuals, reduce the need for carbon-intensive fuels, and avoid unnecessary pressures on landfills. Ensuring the success of these programs will help sustain the circular bioeconomy and the integration of Ontario's forest sector. Government support for existing pulp, paper, and biomass facilities is essential to the sector's long-term success.

Bioenergy production, the most deployable and scalable forest biomass technology currently available, presents an enormous opportunity to assist in this goal. Increasing volumes within existing power purchase agreement (PPA) generation facilities, developing community projects, supporting district heating projects, and incentivizing the use of forest biomass in other industrial processes are not only opportunities but are essential to the success of the industry.

2. Improve forest road infrastructure, leveraging private investments.

The OFIA recommends the following to improve Ontario's *Forest Access Roads Funding Program*:

- a. Make an inflationary adjustment of \$15 million/year;
- b. Make a \$5.6 million/year increase to address end-of-life road, bridge, and water crossing infrastructure.

The forest industry builds and maintains public forest infrastructure on behalf of the people of Ontario. This public infrastructure provides essential social, cultural, wellness, and economic opportunities for First Nations and all citizens of Ontario by providing access to the Province's abundance of parks, natural spaces, working forests, critical minerals, and communities. Thousands of Ontario citizens, businesses, anglers, hunters, cottagers, and emergency services depend on a safe and well-maintained public forest road network.

The current funding envelope of \$54 million for the roads program is no longer adequate to meet the infrastructure needs of public and private users of Ontario's forest road infrastructure. Since 2018, the road building and maintenance sector has seen exceptionally high inflation – increased fuel, equipment, and wage costs have significantly weakened the program's purchasing power over the last six years.

Through a comprehensive survey of all forest managers in the province, we estimate a \$20.6 million/year funding deficit. This data reflects annual road maintenance, inflation, and replacing end-of-life bridges, water crossings, and roads.

Improving this program will provide an incredible economic development opportunity for all northern and rural communities, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, right across the province.

3. Improve market access and maintain the effectiveness of Ontario's adaptive and sustainable forest management framework.

OFIA recommends:

- a. Continue to defend Ontario softwood lumber producer's interests in the ongoing trade dispute with the United States;
- b. Work with industry to address non-tariff trade barriers, e.g., "deforestation-free" procurement bills and "forest degradation" initiatives;
- c. Continued implementation of the *Ontario-Canada Boreal Caribou Conservation Agreement*, focusing on caribou range-boundary review and other scientific methods to assess self-sustaining caribou populations;
- d. Work with the OFIA and forest managers to explore potential contributions to Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures (OECMs);
- e. Work with the OFIA and forest managers to ensure forest management guidance supports the objectives of Ontario's *Forest Sector Strategy*.

Governments play an essential role in maintaining a positive reputation with customers and honouring commitments to reduce trade barriers within critical export markets. Over \$800 million of Ontario softwood lumber producer's money is on deposit in the U.S. Treasury due to the current iteration of the dispute. This is money that could be re-invested into Ontario facilities and communities. We ask Ontario to continue the rigorous legal defence of its programs and stumpage system, which is currently being investigated by the U.S. Department of Commerce. This issue needs to be raised at every opportunity with Canadian and American officials and viewed as a top diplomatic priority.

Members of the OFIA remain committed to upholding the highest standards of sustainable forest management to maintain ecological processes and conserve biological diversity. We strongly encourage the Ontario government to continue communicating our adaptive forest management framework's effectiveness to the federal government, stakeholders, and defending our industry in the face of misinformation and activist campaigns.

Ensuring our forests remain resilient under a changing climate requires human intervention through sustainable forest management. In pursuing a Federal protected area target, we are concerned that Ontario could erode the working forest landscape. Ontario must carefully consider how protected areas, OECMs, and ecological offsetting will impact the forest industry. We ask MECP and the MNRF to work with us to ensure the forest sector is fully recognized for its contributions to conservation and avoid unintended economic and environmental consequences.

Non-tariff trade barriers, such as "deforestation-free" procurement bills in New York and California, concern our industry. We ask that you continue working with your federal counterparts and state legislators to defend Ontario's world-class forest management system.

4. Address the cumulative costs of carbon pricing

OFIA recommends:

- a. Finalize the proposed approach to the redistribution of EPS proceeds to eligible facilities;
- b. Ensure projects beyond the property limits of facilities are eligible to receive EPS proceeds;
- c. Consider options to mitigate the impacts of the federal carbon fuel charge to the forest sector, evaluating the potential for a made-in-Ontario program.

The OFIA supports an Ontario-based carbon pricing program, and this long-term planning will provide stability for businesses looking to invest in Ontario. We believe that Ontario is better positioned to understand the needs and context of Ontario's emitters.

The world's leading carbon reduction jurisdictions have only achieved such significant progress due to massive increases in the use of forest biomass within industrial processes, combined heat and power, district heating, and electrical generation. Forest biomass is also a much more price-stable source of energy, something that has been highly beneficial to European countries. We view the EPS program as an incredible opportunity to position Ontario as one of these leaders and incentivize increased use of this valuable and sustainable material.

We strongly support using proceeds to create a fund to support research and development into decarbonization and implementing capital-intensive, low-carbon technologies. As an industry, we have made significant progress and investments in decarbonizing operations. Since 1990, Ontario's pulp and paper industry has reduced its greenhouse gas emissions by 56%. Addressing the remaining high-emitting processes will require new research, significant technological advancement, and large capital expenditures.

Re-injecting EPS proceeds into the industry will fast-track the adoption of new technologies and assist companies in making further investments in Ontario. Developing an Ontario fuel surcharge to replace the federal program would provide access to a larger pool of funds to help in this transition.

In parallel, we are concerned that the proposed federal *Clean Fuels Standard* will compound the impacts of the federal fuel surcharge on forestry operations and transportation. There presently are no viable alternatives to decarbonize the sector. We strongly encourage the government to consider ways to collaborate and support the industry through this transition.

5. Position Ontario as a globally competitive jurisdiction through red tape and cost reduction

OFIA recommends:

- a. Ensure government initiatives align with the goals and objectives of the *Forest Sector Strategy* to reduce cost and administrative burden to the sector;
- b. Establish service standards, improve service delivery, and remove the need for low-risk approvals;
- c. Adjust and make permanent the 'fixed' portion of Crown dues for poplar and white birch stumpage to ensure that the rate is consistent with other provincial jurisdictions;
- d. Reduce current electricity costs while maintaining and enhancing existing energy programs (e.g., the Northern Energy Advantage Program, the Industrial Conservation Initiative, the Interruptible Rate Pilot, and the Industrial Electricity Incentive Program).
- e. Lower costs and reduce carbon emissions by increasing payloads on tractor-trailer configuration.
- f. Make the current reduction in provincial fuel tax permanent.

The OFIA fully supports this government's focus on red tape reduction and working together to reduce barriers.

The OFIA has repeatedly flagged cost competitiveness, the speed with which we conduct business, and streamlined approval processes as themes that continue to inhibit global competitiveness and negatively impact wood supply access. Initiatives (the Strategy, provincial policy working groups (TAT, SID, FMPAG), and policy changes) have supported a provincial mandate to reduce red tape and administrative burden. More work on these projects is required for the Strategy to succeed.

Burdensome and lengthy approval processes are a problem for the industry across all business areas. The lack of enforceable service standards has been raised within the industry's mill environment, forest management planning and operations, transportation, and human resource departments. Approvals are either unnecessary (e.g., low-risk), duplicative, or take excessive time.

We look forward to working with various ministries to address these issues in upcoming red-tape reduction bills.

The OFIA is thankful for the continued extension of gas and fuel tax cuts, ending June 30th, 2024. We hope to see this excellent initiative continue past the current expiration date.

6. Develop the workforce of the future and enhance forestry community livability

OFIA recommends:

- a. Establishing a new "*Forestry Truck Driver Experience Grant*" to offset high insurance costs preventing new drivers from entering the industry;
- b. Recognize and streamline foreign credentials and commercial truck driving licenses;
- c. Remove the *Non-Resident Speculation Tax* from northern, rural, and remote communities.
- d. Continued investments into northern, rural, remote, and Indigenous communities.

Ontario's forest industry is hiring. Developing a sustainable workforce of the future will be essential for our industry's continued success and achieving the Strategy's goals. We ask the Ontario government to continue supporting the work being done with colleagues at the MNRF, the Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, and the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training, and Skills Development to fast-track new workers and new Canadians with relevant skillsets into the forestry workforce.

Transportation costs have increased significantly over the last six years, and trucking capacity has decreased. Increased capital entry costs, insurance, tire and fuel costs, and an escalating carbon tax are contributing to the trucking crisis within the industry. Furthermore, increased driver training costs, underwriting barriers, and premiums restrict new entrants while we manage an ageing and retiring workforce. We ask the Ontario government to work with the industry, licensing, insurance, and training agencies to develop a comprehensive strategy to alleviate the current trucking shortage.

The OFIA has partnered with Forests Ontario on *Bridging the Gap Between Ontario's Youth & the Provincial Forest Sector*, an Employment Ontario research project. This project investigated job vacancies and training requirements within the sector and provided critical insights into youth perceptions of employment within the forest industry.

The livability of forestry-dependant communities is central to attracting a new workforce. Continued healthcare, education, affordable daycare, and housing investments are necessary to ensure that all Ontarians enjoy the same quality of life. For example, the Non-Resident Speculation Tax (NRST) was intended to deter non-resident investors from speculating on the province's housing market. However, the NRST acts as a barrier to foreign workers filling critical roles in Ontario's small, northern, rural, and remote communities. This was clearly never the program's intent, and we ask that it be corrected.

This government has already invested substantially in infrastructure across the north, including roads and improved internet and cellular coverage, and we look forward to seeing that investment continue. In an increasingly digital age, communities across the north must have

strong technological and built infrastructure. Forestry-dependent communities must become more competitive in drawing residents, particularly new Canadians, through programs such as the *Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot*. The Province needs to consider incentivizing living in the north and enhancing the quality of life for those already there.

Conclusion

The forest sector is integral to Ontario's history and critical to its economic, social and environmental prosperity. OFIA strongly believes we can create a better Ontario through working forests, leveraging visionary policies such as *Sustainable Growth: Ontario's Forest Sector Strategy*. We look forward to continuing productive dialogue and supporting sustainable economic recovery initiatives with the Ontario government.

To Support Ontario's Forest Industry in the 2025 Ontario Budget

WHEREAS, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) recognizes how vital the Forestry Industry is to the Economy in Ontario;

WHEREAS, the success of the forest sector is critical to the economic and social prosperity of Ontario communities, employing 137,000 people;

WHEREAS, the forest industry has invested over \$3.8 billion in Ontario since 2018;

WHEREAS, Ontario has an opportunity to market global investment in the bioeconomy, similar to critical minerals and electric vehicle manufacturing, and become a leading international jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, over the last 20 years, the North American pulp and paper sector has seen a significant rationalization in production capacity, with investment dollars going to competing international jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, in the last year, Ontario has seen three pulp, paper, and containerboard mills idle or close, negatively impacting communities and the solid wood mills that depend on these facilities as markets for mill by-products and pulpwood;

WHEREAS, U.S. tariffs on softwood lumber are expected to double in 2025, to approximately 30%;

WHEREAS, Ontario should work with federal colleagues to pursue a softwood lumber settlement that works in the best interests of Ontario lumber producers and advocate for a financial backstop;

WHEREAS, Ontario has an opportunity to procure greater amounts of energy (i.e., electricity, heat, fuels, biochar, etc.) from forestry by-products and forests to assist in heavy industry decarbonization and Ontario's forecasted electricity demands;

WHEREAS, Ontario's successful and oversubscribed *Forest Biomass Program* should continue post-2027;

WHEREAS, Ontario will actively seek investment to restart idled softwood kraft lines in Ontario and Quebec to provide immediate relief for some sawmill producers;

WHEREAS, Ontario's \$10 million *Sawmill Chip Program*, ending March 25, 2025, will likely need to continue and expand in the absence of an immediate restart of a currently idled pulp mill to avoid curtailments at solid wood facilities;

WHEREAS, 5-year bilateral power purchase agreements (PPAs) with forest biomass-fired electrical generation facilities are insufficient and should be expanded both in terms of length and volume to provide communities, industry, and workers with a certain future;

WHEREAS, the public *Forest Access Roads Funding Program*, which provides for the public use of Ontario's forests, should be increased to \$75 million/year to reflect inflationary pressures and support legacy infrastructure upgrades (i.e., roads, bridges, and water crossings).

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) support the implementation of the Ontario Forest Industries Association's 2025 Ontario Budget Recommendations in support of attracting investment and maintaining forest operations and employment in Ontario.

FURTHER BE IIT RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Minister Vic Fedeli, Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Minister Graydon Smith, Natural Resources, Associate Minister Kevin Holland, Forestry and Forest Products, Minister Andrea Khanjin, Environment, Conservation and Parks, Minister Todd McCarthy, Environment, Conservation and Parks, Minister George Pirie, Mines, Minister Steven Lecce, Energy and Electrification, Associate Minister Sam Oosterhoff, Energy Intensive Industries, Minister Peter Bethlenfalvy, Finance, _____ local MPP ____, the leaders of the Opposition Parties, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, AMO, ROMA, and OFIA.



October 16, 2024

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Honourable Minister Sylvia Jones
Minister of Health
Ministry of Health
5th Floor, 777 Bay Street
Toronto, ON M5G 2C8

Dear Minister Jones:

Re: Perspectives from Northern Ontario for the Public Health Funding Review

At its meeting on September 19, 2024, the Board of Health carried the following resolution #[49-24](#):

THAT the Board of Health endorse the August 16, 2024 letter by the northern Ontario Medical Officers of Health entitled “Perspectives from Northern Ontario for the Public Health Funding Review”

Our Board of Health supports your government’s undertaking of a funding review for local public health. We hope this review can result in stable, predictable funding for public health at levels that truly strengthens the public health sector’s ability to keep Ontarians healthier.

Recently, the seven medical officers of health in Northern Ontario wrote to the Chief Medical Officer of Health outlining some thoughts on the funding review from the viewpoint of Northern Ontario. In short, some key perspectives shared included:

- Northern Ontario has a vast geography, a complex diversity of population and community organizations, a health care system that struggles with gaps in care, and municipalities with limited capacity. These have a significant impact on the cost and ability of public health agencies in Northern Ontario to deliver services.

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Letter

Re: Perspectives from Northern Ontario for the Public Health Funding Review

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- Northern Ontario experiences worse health outcomes as a consequence of some of the challenges of delivering services, and we would not wish to see service diminished further for a population that needs support.
- Metrics such as the Census and the Ontario Marginalization Index have limitations for understanding the population of Northern Ontario due to undercounting of Indigenous persons and unreliability of these metrics in areas of low population.

Overall, the Northern Ontario medical officers of health recommend that the funding review not focus on achieving equal per capita funding, but rather equitable funding in light of the unique circumstances on the ground in Northern Ontario.

The letter by the medical officers of health is enclosed for your review. Our Board of Health would be pleased to meet with you or your staff to discuss these topics in further detail or support the funding review in other ways.

Thank you for your and your government's leadership in reviewing funding as we seek a Stronger Public Health Sector.

Sincerely,



René Lapierre
Chair, Board of Health

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August 16, 2024

To: Kieran Moore
Chief Medical Officer of Health & Assistant Deputy Minister

From: Medical Officers of Health
for the 7 Northern Ontario Local Public Health Agencies

Subject: **Perspectives from Northern Ontario for the Public Health Funding Review**

We are writing to you as the seven local public health agencies in Northern Ontario to share some perspectives unique to the North regarding the current Public Health Funding review.

Before we outline our perspectives, we do wish to note our support of the government undertaking a funding review. It has been our perspective, and that of the local public health field, that a funding approach that enables stable and predictable funding is needed so that we can adequately plan and deliver our services.

We understand that the provincial government is quite concerned by the difference in per capita funding between local public health agencies. We agree, this is something needing to be addressed, but that the goal should not be *equal* (per capita) funding across local public health agencies, but rather *equitable* funding which accounts for the circumstances of each health unit.

The following are some equity considerations that can strengthen and improve the validity of the funding approach for public health in Northern Ontario.

For clarity, our comments are intended to relate only to the base funding grants; we do not intend to make comment on the Unorganized Territories Fund, which we believe requires its own review (we welcome the opportunity for further discussion of this at a future date).

Considerations for Funding Public Health in Ontario

1. Geography

Northern Ontario has much larger service areas than in the rest of the province. Northern Ontario spans 90% of Ontario's land mass, but has only a minority of the province's population. [1] That has major implications in terms of service delivery:

- Our staff must travel long distances to deliver service. That has implications in both transportation costs as well as opportunity costs of staff time. Inflationary pressures have exacerbated these costs.
- Given some of our communities are very remote and inaccessible by roads, travel in many cases is not just by car, but by charter flight or boat. This further increases our travel costs.¹
- Since the populations we serve in Northern Ontario are distributed over a large area, we do not benefit from the population density that facilitates economies of scale. That means we must plan and organize a service many times over. In Northern Ontario, we have 142 municipalities plus many other communities in unorganized territories, as well as First Nations communities. If delivering a vaccination program, for example, a northern local public health agency must plan, organize, travel, set-up, and deliver clinics in many locations, taking into account the lack of public transportation in and between most northern communities. These clinics will ultimately serve fewer people and cannot take advantage of the economies of scale possible in a southern Ontario city where only 2 or 3 fixed locations might be need.
- Our rural geography impacts the nature of services we must deliver as well. For example, since much more of our populations are living in rural and remote areas as compared to the rest of the province, we are much more involved with inspecting small drinking water systems and private drinking water testing. Unlike a municipality in southern Ontario that may have a few large municipal water treatment plants that aren't inspected by local public health, northern communities have a plethora of small drinking water systems that do need regular inspections. This adds significant costs to our budgets to travel to and conduct inspections as well as to transport well water samples to the lab. As well, even where a community may be on municipally treated water, these are smaller plants befitting the size of the municipalities without large public works departments operating them. Larger municipalities enjoy economies of scale

¹ While it may be argued that the Unorganized Territories Grant accounts for serving this population, and this does not impact the broader funding approach, we highlight (1) that some fly-in/boat-in communities are organized municipalities (e.g. Moosonee), and (2) in 2008, when local public health associations were asked to account for their true costs of delivering services to unorganized territories, it was concluded that costs were 99% higher than what the Unorganized Territory Grant provided [15], and so the cost-shared budget heavily supported delivery of services to these communities. Since 2008, the Unorganized Territory Fund has increased 41.3% [15] while cumulative CPI in Ontario has increased 47.1% [16], implying that the role of cost-shared funding has increased since then, especially after accounting for population growth.

from running large plants that foster expertise and sophistication, and comparably lower maintenance costs. Most northern Ontario municipalities don't enjoy these economies of scale, resulting in more common problems and interruptions to operations, and so more involvement by public health to assess risk, monitor water quality, and issue boil water advisories, and drinking water advisories.

- Technology, which may sometimes allow bridging distance through virtual delivery of services, is often not possible in Ontario's North or is very expensive to support. In 2023, the Canadian Government-sponsored Northern Ontario Broadband Report [2] found that only 26% of Northern Ontario communities met the standard of 50% of the population of the community having 10/50 Mbps internet speed. In many communities, and particularly spaces between them, mobile phone service is also spotty. The residents we serve in Northern Ontario therefore frequently do not have the ability to be served virtually.

2. Breadth, Diversity, and Complexity of Populations and Partners

The vast land area of the North also brings with it greater diversity in a few different dimensions:

- The North has 32% (142/444) of Ontario municipalities, but only 20.5% (7/34) of Ontario's health units.
- The North has 107 of the 134 First Nations Communities in Ontario (80%), and 78% of the on reserve population in Ontario (recognizing that the Census is an undercount of Indigenous population, so these numbers may underrepresent the true number). [3] Alongside these populations are Band Councils and Indigenous organizations with whom we engage to ensure we can provide services in a way that is welcome and meaningful, while navigating complex jurisdictional ambiguity.
- People in the North have much lower socio-economic standing. Between 2009 and 2018 Northern Ontario had an annual average of GDP growth [1] of 0.1% compared to 1.7% for Ontario as a whole [4]. Other social determinants of health track similarly in Northern Ontario, and so health outcomes are worse. For example, in 2021 if looking at Mortality from Avoidable Causes [5], the Northern health units had an average avoidable mortality of 323 deaths per 100,000 versus 204 for the rest of Ontario. In fact, the seven Northern health units rank in the top 8 health units for avoidable mortality, and occupy all of the top six positions. Worse social determinants of health put a greater burden on Northern local

public health agencies in terms of the number of clients needing our intervention, and the efforts we need to invest per person to mitigate inequities.

- For Indigenous populations in particular, in Ontario the median income for First Nations people living on reserve is \$32,400, \$44,000 for those living off reserve, and \$50,400 for non-Indigenous people. [6] Similarly, “Low income” status is more prevalent among Indigenous people who live on reserve (33.7%) and off reserve (16.9%) compared to non-Indigenous people (9.9%). [7] With 78% of the on reserve Indigenous population of Ontario, this is a significant pressure on Northern local public health budgets.
- Northern Ontario has disproportionately more Francophones and French Designated Areas (Figure 1), legally obligating more resources be devoted to translation and to ensuring provision of French-language services. Public Health must also engage with Francophone communities and organizations who are numerous across the large Northern geography.

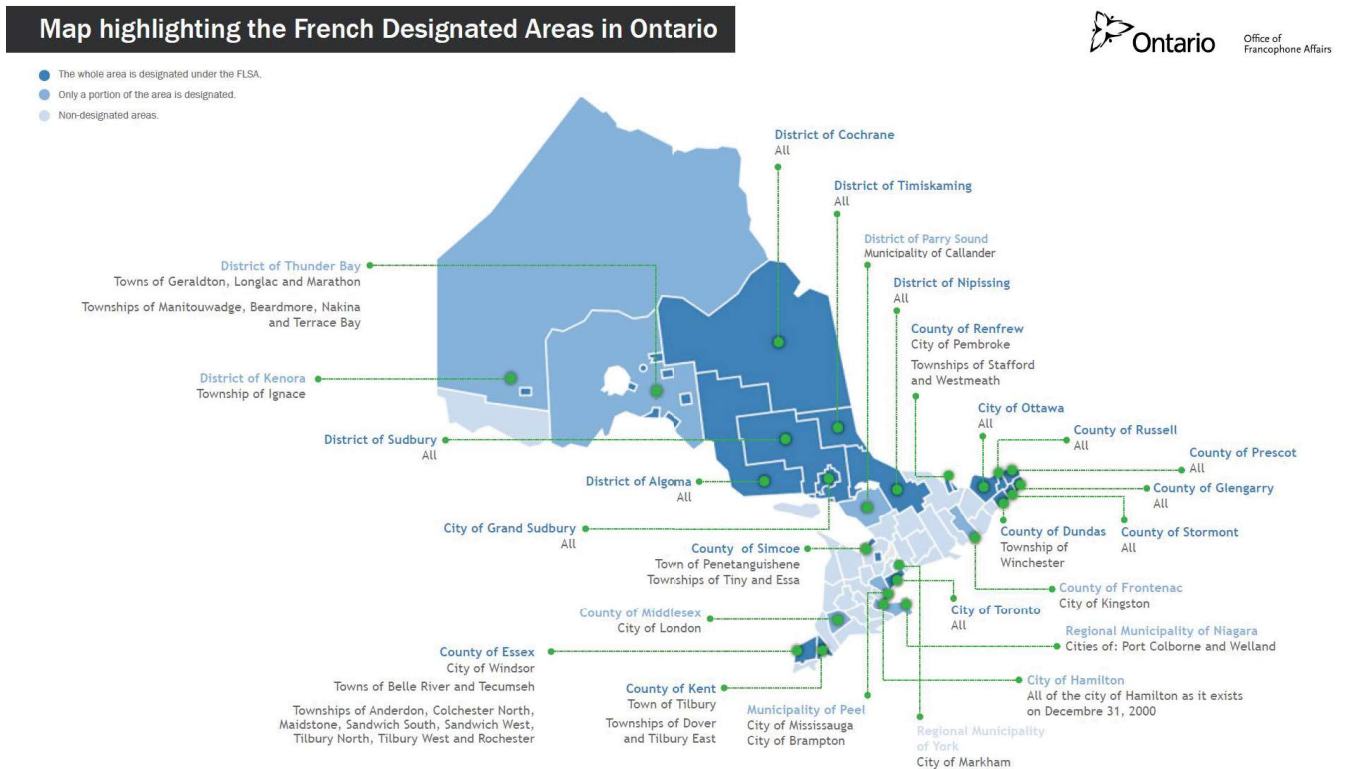


Figure 1. Designated French Language Areas in Ontario. [8]

The implication of this breadth and diversity of our populations and our partners is that it multiplies our workload: we have more municipal, Indigenous, and other partners with whom to engage; and we must meet people where they are with respect to language, Indigenous status, and social determinants of health, and invest in mitigating these. These are challenges not experienced as acutely in other parts of the province.

In addition, when attempting to work upstream, the complex patchwork of partners, many of whom are not well-funded, pose challenges to building coherent coalitions to advance advocacy or policy change for improvement of upstream health determinants.

3. Health Care Gaps

Northern Ontario is unfortunately lacking in health and dental care capacity. According to Ontario's Health Care Experience Survey for December 2019 (most recent results available) [9], 6.7% of Ontarians lacked a primary care provider, but that increased to 11.7% of residents of the North West LHIN and 11.8% of the North East LHIN. The Northern Sub-region reached as high as 29.0% of residents lacking a primary care provider.

In part, this is a function of primary care providers delivering acute care in much of Northern Ontario. In the North, family physicians routinely cover emergency departments, handle most obstetrics, are the primary surgical assists, and support long-term care, often working at multiple sites in a week.

It often falls to local public health to fill the gaps in primary care. For example, looking at the Fall 2023/24 COVID-19 vaccination program, pharmacies did not have the capacity to provide vaccinations in the North to the extent they did in the rest of the province (44.7% of vaccinations delivered by pharmacies in the North compared to 73.9% of vaccinations province-wide). Northern Public health units filled that gap, delivering 43.2% of COVID-19 vaccinations as compared to 15.7% Ontario-wide. Indeed, the six public health units with the lowest pharmacy delivery were all in Northern Ontario, and all 7 Northern Ontario PHUs were in the bottom 10 PHUs for pharmacy share of COVID-19 vaccinations. Despite the lack of pharmacy participation, Northern local public health agencies achieved above average vaccination coverage (17.9% to provincial average of 15.8%) through our efforts.

Table 1 Fall 2023/24 COVID-19 Vaccination Delivery [10][11]

Public Health Unit	Proportion of Vaccines Delivered by Pharmacy	Proportion of Vaccines Delivered by Primary Care	Proportion of Vaccines Delivered by Public Health	Coverage Achieved
Ontario	73.9%	4.4%	15.7%	15.8%
Northern PHUs	44.7%	5.4%	43.2%	17.9%
Porcupine	21.2%	2.2%	66.0%	13.3%
Northwestern	16.2%	3.4%	71.8%	17.0%
Timiskaming	24.0%	12.3%	57.9%	17.2%
Algoma	65.4%	10.0%	18.6%	19.6%
Thunder Bay District	39.7%	8.5%	44.2%	19.9%
North Bay Parry Sound	48.8%	2.0%	43.8%	19.2%
Sudbury & Districts	54.8%	2.6%	36.9%	17.1%

Similar gaps in primary health care capacity impact other program areas such as child health programming, sexual health programming, infectious disease programming, and rabies post-exposure prophylaxis.

Gaps in primary care can also increase rapidly with the closure of a single clinic or provider group. For example, in 2024, Sault Ste Marie experienced a dramatic announcement that 10,000 patients (8% of the entire health unit’s population) would be de-rostered from their primary healthcare provider due to one provider group having difficulty recruiting primary care providers to replace retirements. [12]

There is also a lack of specialists in the North. Ontario’s Health Care Experience Survey [9] shows that 65.2% of Ontarians must wait longer than 30 days for specialist care. However, that increases to 72.3% of residents in the North West LHIN and 73.8% of those in the North East LHIN. These specialist care gaps create particular challenges for public health follow-up. For example, in the follow-up and care of tuberculosis clients or syphilis infections, both of which have increased in incidence since the pandemic, most Northern communities do not have infectious disease specialists to oversee care, and primary care providers lack experience with these diseases. It falls on public health, who has some expertise from following all cases of these infections, to guide the health care system in care of such clients. This is not the norm in the rest of Ontario where greater clinical expertise exists.

4. Municipal Capacity

Just as local public health agencies struggle with the lack of economies of scale when delivering services to rural and remote populations, it should be observed that municipalities experience these same challenges with their services. Adding in the relatively lower economic opportunities in the North, Northern municipalities therefore have property tax bases that are very stretched. This makes it comparatively difficult for them to contribute to cost-shared funding of local public health. This should be considered in the obligation placed on municipalities in a new funding approach.

We believe all of the above make it more costly to deliver local public health in Northern Ontario, and that needs to be taken into account in the new funding approach.

We also wish to make a couple of comments on measures and metrics which may seem sensible to apply in the funding approach, but which have weaknesses when used for Northern geographies.

Caution on Applying Measures in Northern Ontario

1. Census Undercounting of Indigenous Populations

It is known that many Indigenous people do not complete the Canadian Census, and so the Census's counts for Indigenous population are significant undercounts throughout Northern Ontario. [12]

For example, the Health Counts Kenora project (Our Health Counts - WNHAC) used a respondent driven sampling approach and demonstrated that 76.9% of Indigenous people in the City of Kenora did not complete the 2016 census [7]. Using a conservative approach, "the Canadian Census undercounts Indigenous adults and children living in Kenora by at least 2.6 to 4.0 times." The 2016 Canadian Census reports that 3,155 Indigenous people lived in the City of Kenora; the 2021 Census reported 3,595. Both Thunder Bay and Timmins have also conducted similar counts and found significant undercounts.

As a population known to experience disproportionate health inequities, it is important that any new funding approach factor in the undercount of Indigenous peoples in the Census, and that this undercount is of a population that deserves disproportionate public health resources invested to address their health inequities.

In particular, as a new funding approach attempts to account better for population growth over time, it needs to be addressed that Northern Ontario is seeing significant growth in populations not well captured by the Census, such as Indigenous, anabaptist, and newcomer populations.

2. Inapplicability of ON-Marg in low population areas

The Ontario Marginalization Index is based on analysis at the Census dissemination area. Unfortunately, for much of Northern Ontario, there isn't sufficient population to have data for dissemination areas. For example, in Northwestern health unit, of 229 constituent dissemination areas, 101 (44%) have no data. Therefore, these areas are ignored in ON-Marg calculations. These areas that are excluded from ON-Marg calculations have many First Nation communities with low socioeconomic status and high deprivation, and so their exclusion has the impact of skewing ON-Marg metrics for Northern Ontario to appear less marginalized than is the reality.

Where dissemination areas do have data, that data is not always reliable. For example, on First Nations communities, the Low Income Measure input to ON-Marg has a flag of caution on interpretation, which means that the material deprivation dimension of ON-Marg should similarly be used in caution when looking at First Nations communities. The Northern public health units share land with 107 of the 134 First Nation communities in Ontario.

We appreciate that designing a funding approach for a diverse and complex group of local public health agencies is no easy task.

At its core, our fundamental message is that if a funding approach is to truly advance health outcomes and health equity across the province, health equity must be foundational in its design, and not be simply a variable included amongst many others. Metrics like per capita funding are attractive for their simplicity and ease of understanding. But that clarity in fact masks the complexities of serving Ontarians who are not uniform statistical units, but who live within diverse social contexts defined by countless inequities. We seek a funding approach that delivers not *equal* per capital funding, but *equitable* per capital funding.

We thank you for the consideration of the issues raised in this letter as you undertake the challenge of developing an *equitable* funding approach.

We would be very pleased to meet in the near future to discuss our perspectives further, and how we can support your team as the funding review proceeds.

And we look forward to there being an opportunity to review a funding proposal in the coming months before a final version is submitted for government approval.

Sincerely,



[Lianne Catton \(Aug 21, 2024 09:39 EDT\)](#)

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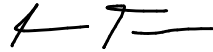


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October 16, 2024

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Honourable Minister Sylvia Jones
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Dear Minister Jones and Mr. Sherar:

Re: Support for Ontario to continue to protect the safety of private drinking water

At its meeting on September 19, 2024, the Board of Health carried the following resolution [#48-24](#):

WHEREAS twenty-two percent of households within the Public Health Sudbury & Districts service area rely on private drinking water systems; and

WHEREAS it is recommended that drinking water be tested frequently to ensure that it is safe for human consumption; and

WHEREAS exposure to contaminated drinking water can lead to severe gastrointestinal illness and in rare cases may result in death; and

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WHEREAS anyone can become ill from drinking contaminated water; however, children, older adults, and people with weakened immune systems are at a higher risk of the harmful effects; and

WHEREAS Public Health Ontario's Well Water Testing program is a publicly-funded service that tests water samples from private drinking water sources for indicators of bacterial contamination; and

WHEREAS testing drinking water quality at private laboratories can be cost prohibitive; and

WHEREAS Public Health Ontario in conjunction with the Ministry of Health has proposed joint modernization plans in 2017 and again in January 2023 that proposed discontinuing well water testing as part of a plan to streamline operations; and

WHEREAS the Auditor General of Ontario in its December 6, 2023 [Value-for-Money Audit: Public Health Ontario](#), called for Public Health Ontario and the Ministry of Health to move forward with streamlining laboratory operations in consideration of the proposed modernization plans; and

WHEREAS Public Health Ontario and the Ministry of Health have not yet announced a final plan for streamlining laboratory operations at this time;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts strongly recommends to the Minister of Health and to Public Health Ontario that Ontario's Well Water Testing program be continued in the plan to implement streamlined laboratory operations, and That the Board of Health endorse the resolutions adopted by the Council of the Town of Gore Bay (May 14, 2024), the Council of the Corporation of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands (May 23, 2024), and the Council of Central Manitoulin (July 8, 2024) concerning provincial well water testing.

Exposure to contaminated drinking water can cause debilitating gastrointestinal illness, particularly in children, older adults and people with weakened immune systems. Close to one quarter of households within Public Health Sudbury & Districts service area rely on private drinking water systems. For these residents, drinking water testing is the only way to know if their drinking water is safe.

For the well-being of residents, our Board of Health support the continuation of Ontario's publicly funded Well Water Testing program and affirm resolutions adopted by the Council of the Town of Gore Bay (May 14, 2024), the Council of the

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Corporation of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands (May 23, 2024), and the Council of Central Manitoulin (July 8, 2024) concerning provincial well water testing.

Maintaining publicly-funded drinking water testing is a needed service that protects many Ontarians utilizing private drinking water systems. Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,



René Lapierre

Chair, Board of Health

cc: Dr. M. M. Hirji, Acting Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer
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May 14, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
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Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

Re:Public Health Ontario proposes phasing out free water testing for private wells

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Gore Bay adopted the following resolution at their meeting of May 13, 2024, regarding the above noted matter;

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Moved by Kelly Chaytor

Seconded by Rob Dearing

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Gore Bay Council supports the Township of Archipelago's request to the Province of Ontario to reconsider and ultimately decide against the proposed phasing out of free private drinking water testing services;

FURTHER, this resolution is circulated to all Ontario municipalities, the Minister of Health, and Sudbury District Health Unit.

Carried

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stasia Carr".

Stasia Carr
Clerk

Cc:
Minister of Health sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org
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May 23, 2024

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Thank you for bringing your resolution to our attention. Well water testing is an important need of many of our residents as well.

Council reviewed your resolution and passed the following motion in support with a slight change for our region.

Resolution No. 114-05-2024

Moved by: L. Cook

Seconded by: M. Erskine

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands supports the well water testing resolution put forth by Brandford west Gwillimbury and further that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Manitoulin Sudbury Health Unit.

Carried

Thank you

Pam Myers

Clerk



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July 8, 2024

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Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford,

RE: PUBLIC HEALTH ONTARIO PROPOSES PHASING OUT FREE WATER TESTING FOR PRIVATE WELLS

Please be advised that the Council of the Municipality of Central Manitoulin adopted the following resolution at their meeting of June 27, 2024, regarding the above noted matter;

Resolution # 200-2024

Moved by: Councillor D. Stephens

Seconded by: Councillor Mitchell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Central Manitoulin Council supports the Township of Archipelago's request to the Province of Ontario to reconsider and ultimately decide against the proposed phasing out of free private drinking water testing services;

FURTHER, this resolution is circulated to all Ontario municipalities, the Minister of Health, and Sudbury District Health Unit...Carried

Please contact our office should you require further information.

Sincerely,

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Ms. Denise Deforge
CAO/Clerk

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~ AT THE HEART OF IT ALL ~

Resolution of Support for Nicotine Pouches

From Suzanne Lord <slord@wawa.cc>

Date Fri 2024-10-18 02:43 PM

To Premier Doug Ford <premier@ontario.ca>; Sylvia.Jones@pc.ola.org <Sylvia.Jones@pc.ola.org>; JVanthof-qp@ndp.on.ca <JVanthof-qp@ndp.on.ca>; Resolutions - AMO <resolutions@amo.on.ca>; Tammy Godden <clerk@stcharlesontario.ca>; quesnelr@phsd.ca <quesnelr@phsd.ca>

Cc Maury O'Neill <moneill@wawa.cc>

 1 attachments (66 KB)

RC24241 - Resolution of Support for Nicotine Pouches.pdf;

Good afternoon,

Please find attached copy of resolution of support from the Municipality of Wawa supporting the Municipality of St-Charles regarding nicotine pouches.

Regards,

Sue Lord

Administrative Assistant

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

Resolution # RC2441	Meeting Order: 9
Moved by: <i>Cathy Cannon</i>	Seconded by: <i>Jim Hoffmann</i>

RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa does hereby receive and support correspondence from the Municipality of St-Charles dated August 14, 2024 that supports Resolution #26-24 passed by Public Health Sudbury and Districts regarding recommendations for Government Regulations of nicotine pouches;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford; the Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, Sylvia Jones; our local member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Public Health Sudbury & Districts and the Municipality of St-Charles.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
<input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
<input type="checkbox"/>	WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato		

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: _____

MAYOR - MELANIE PILON	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL
<i>M. Pilon</i>	<i>Maury O'Neill</i>



Northumberland County Council Resolution

SENT VIA EMAIL

October 21, 2024

Hon. Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario)
Hon. Paul Calandra (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing)
Hon. David Piccini (Minister of Labour Immigration, Training and Skills Development and
MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities

Re: Correspondence, Township of Stirling-Rawdon 'Public Sector Salary Disclosure

At a meeting held on October 16, 2024 Northumberland County Council approved Council Resolution # 2024-10-16-717, adopting the below recommendation from the October 1, 2024 Corporate Support Committee meeting:

Moved by: Councillor John Logel
Seconded by: Council Alternate Michael Metcalf

"**That** the Corporate Support Committee, having considered the correspondence from the Township of Stirling-Rawdon regarding 'Public Sector Salary Disclosure', recommend that County Council support the correspondence and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), the Honourable Paul Calandra (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing), the Honourable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development and MPP for Northumberland- Peterborough South), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario Municipalities."

Council Resolution # 2024-10-16-717

Carried

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at matherm@northumberland.ca or by telephone at 905-372-3329 ext. 2238.

Sincerely,
Maddison Mather

Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk
Northumberland County

Council Resolution

Moved By J. Logel Agenda Item 10 Resolution Number 2024-10-16- 717
 Seconded By M. Metcalf


Council Date: October 16, 2024

"That Council adopt all recommendations from the four Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held September 30, 2024 and October 1 and 2, 2024), with the exception of the following items (referenced from the Standing Committee Minutes), that will be held for discussion:

Committee Name	Item #	Description	Held By
		- Economic Development, Tourism and Land Use Planning Committee, Item 9.b, Correspondence, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing 'Request to Repeal Official Plan Amendments Adopting By-law' – Held by Councillor Logel	
		- Public Works Committee, Item 9.a, Report 2024-122, 'Transfer of Thompson Bridge from Northumberland County to the Municipality of Trent Hills' – Held by Council Alternate Michael Metcalf.	
		- Social Services Committee, Item 5.a, Delegation, James Bisson 'Homelessness and Encampment Response Report' – Held by Deputy Warden Hankivsky	
		- Social Services Committee, Item 8.a(1), Delegation, Vivian Vandenhazel 'Encampment Response and Progress on 310 Division Street, Cobourg Update – Presentation' – Held by Councillor Cleveland	
		- Social Services Committee, Item 8.a(2), Encampment Response and Progress on 310 Division Street, Cobourg Update - Presentation – Held by Councillor Cleveland	

And Further That the items listed above and held for separate discussion each require a separate resolution."

Recorded Vote Requested by _____
 Councillor's Name

Carried 
 Warden's Signature

Deferred _____
 Warden's Signature

Defeated _____
 Warden's Signature

Corporate Support Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date: October 1, 2024

Agenda Item: 7.a

Resolution Number: 2024-10-01- 615

Moved by: S. Dibb

Seconded by: B. Ostrander

Council Meeting Date: October 16, 2024

"**That** the Corporate Support Committee, having considered the correspondence from the Township of Stirling-Rawdon regarding 'Public Sector Salary Disclosure', recommend that County Council support the correspondence and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), the Honourable Paul Calandra (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing), the Honourable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development and MPP for Northumberland- Peterborough South), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario Municipalities."

Carried _____



Committee Chair's Signature

Defeated _____

Committee Chair's Signature

Deferred _____

Committee Chair's Signature



2529 Stirling-Marmora Road
Box 40
Stirling, ON K0K 3E0
Phone: 613-395-3380 Fax: 613-395-0864

August 21, 2024

Premier's Office
Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Hon. Ford,

Re: Public Sector Salary Disclosure

At the August 6, 2024 Standing Committees meeting, Committee made the following recommendation:

Moved by Councillor Dean Graff
Seconded by Councillor Don Stewart

That the report from the CAO-Treasurer entitled, "Public Sector Salary Disclosure" be received; and

That Committee recommends to Council the following resolution be adopted and forwarded to the Province of Ontario Premier's Office, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario Municipalities;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act be updated to reflect the inflation rates since 1996; and further

That the Act be further updated so that the inflation rate is applied each year to the requirement to report public salaries.

Carried.

This resolution was subsequently ratified and confirmed by Council at their meeting of August 19, 2024.

Sincerely,

Sydney Dodson
Deputy Clerk

/sd

Cc: Roxanne Hearn – CAO/Treasurer, Premier Doug Ford, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, AMO, all Ontario Municipalities



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Phone: 705-428-6230

October 22, 2024

Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
Hon. Rob Flack

Sent by Email: Rob.Flack@pc.ola.org

RE: Request for Support – Increase Tile Drain Loan Limit

Please be advised at its meeting held on October 21, 2024, Council of the Township of Clearview passed the following resolution supporting the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe's request that the Province consider increasing the maximum annual Tile Drain Loan Limit:

Moved by Councillor Beelen, Seconded by Councillor McArthur, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby support the motion from the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe requesting that the Province, through the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, consider increasing the maximum annual Tile Drain Loan Limit to a minimum of \$100,000; and,

That Council direct staff to send this support motion to the Honourable Rob Flack - Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and all Ontario municipalities. Motion Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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

cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
All Ontario Municipalities



March 22nd, 2024

The Honourable Lisa Thompson
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
11th Floor
77 Grenville St.
Toronto, ON M5S 1B3

RE: Township of Adelaide Metcalfe – Request to Increase Tile Drain Loan Limit

Dear Minister Thompson,

On March 18, 2024, the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe Council approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS farm drainage is of paramount importance in Ontario due to its significant impact on agricultural productivity and sustainability. Effective drainage systems help mitigate waterlogging, control soil moisture levels, and enhance soil structure, thereby optimizing growing conditions for crops;

WHEREAS improved drainage also facilitates timely field operations, reduces erosion, and minimizes nutrient runoff, contributing to environmental conservation efforts;

WHEREAS Ontario's diverse agricultural landscape, where weather variability is common, well-maintained drainage systems play a crucial role in ensuring stable yields, economic viability, and long-term resilience for farmers across the Province;

WHEREAS the Tile Loan Drainage Act, R.S.O 1990, c. T.8 allows for the borrowing of money for the purpose of constructing drainage works;

WHEREAS the maximum annual limit for these loans, unchanged since 2004, is currently set at \$50,000.

WHEREAS costs for Tile Drainage has increased markedly since 2004;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe requests that the Province through the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) consider increasing the maximum annual Tile Loan limit to a minimum of \$100,000.

AND THAT this resolution be circulated the Honourable Lisa Thompson – Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and all Ontario municipalities.

Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program - Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains Resolution

From Kyra Dunlop <kdunlop@thebluemountains.ca>

Date Wed 2024-10-23 09:05 PM

 2 attachments (178 KB)

Resolution Re Ontario Good Roads Recommendation dated October 21 2024.pdf; E-1-4-OGRA-Re-Request-for-Council-Consideration-of-Road-Safety-Resolution.pdf;

Good afternoon,

Attached please find the Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains resolution dated October 21, 2024. This resolution was considered and passed in response to the attached correspondence received from Ontario Good Roads Association. Thank you,



Kyra Dunlop

Deputy Clerk, BA (Hons)

Town of The Blue Mountains, 32 Mill Street, P.O. Box 310, Thornbury, ON
N0H 2P0

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**The Town of The Blue Mountains
Council Meeting**

Title: Scott R. Butler, Executive Director, Ontario Good Roads Association and Antoine Boucher, President, Ontario Good Roads Board of Directors

Date: Monday, October 21, 2024

Moved by: Councillor McKinlay

Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the correspondence of Scott R. Butler, Executive Director, Ontario Good Roads Association and Antoine Boucher, President, Ontario Good Roads Board of Directors Re: Request for Council Consideration of Support for Resolution regarding the Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program;
WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;
AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;
AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;
AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system;
AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of The Blue Mountains requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and
FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and
FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

YES: 6

NO: 0

CONFLICT: 0

ABSENT: 1

The motion is Carried

YES: 6

Mayor Matrosovs

Councillor Ardiel

Councillor Hope

Councillor Maxwell

Councillor McKinlay

Councillor Porter

NO: 0

CONFLICT: 0

ABSENT: 1

Deputy Mayor Bordignon

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From: Scott Butler <scott@goodroads.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 12:07 PM
To: Town Clerk <townclerk@thebluemountains.ca>
Subject: Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

Good Roads

Wednesday, October 09, 2024

To: Town of The Blue Mountains Head of Council and Council Members

Sent via email to: townclerk@thebluemountains.ca

Subject: Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

Too many Ontarians are being seriously injured or killed on our roads.

In 2023, there were 616 people killed and 36,090 people injured. The number of fatalities is up nearly 20% in the last ten years.

In 2021, the most recent year of complete data from MTO's *Ontario Road Safety Annual Report* (ORSAR), there were 561 fatalities – 426 of which occurred on municipal roads. While rural Ontario only represents 17% of the province's population, 55% of these deaths occurred on rural roads. By any measure, Ontario's rural roads are disproportionately more dangerous.

At the same time, municipal insurance premiums continue to increase. With no plausible reform being considered for joint and several liability, municipalities need to find innovative means for managing risk, particularly on their roadways,

To deal with this crisis, Good Roads has designed a multifaceted rural road safety program and have been in discussions with the Ministry of Transportation to fund it. The program would target a municipality's most dangerous roads, perform road safety audits, and install modern safety infrastructure that prevents serious injuries and save lives. This program is designed to be cost effective while also providing rural municipalities with a direct means for addressing risk associated with their roadways.

Good Roads has proposed leading a five-year \$183 million program that leverages our 131 years of municipal road expertise and our industry partnerships to quickly put in place the solutions that will address some of Ontario's most dangerous roads.

Good Roads is seeking support to address these preventable tragedies.

If the Town of The Blue Mountains would be interested in pursuing this, a Council resolution similar to the example below should be adopted and sent to the Premier and the Minister of Transportation:

WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system;

AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

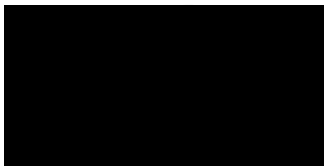
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of The Blue Mountains requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and

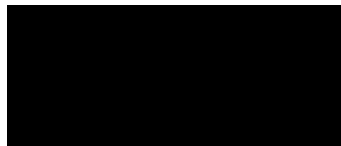
FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

If you have any questions regarding this initiative please contact Thomas Barakat, Good Roads' Manager of Public Policy & Government Relations, at thomas@goodroads.ca at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Scott R. Butler
Executive Director



Antoine Boucher
President
Good Roads Board of Directors

October 23, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

Association of Municipalities of Ontario
(AMO)

SENT ELECTRONICALLY
premier@ontario.ca

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resolutions@amo.on.ca

Re: AMO / OMA Joint Resolution Campaign on Physician Shortage

Please be advised that at its meeting of October 22, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wainfleet passed the following motion:

"THAT Correspondence item C-434 from the Municipality of St. Charles respecting the Joint Resolution Campaign on Physician Shortage be supported."

Should you have any questions, please contact me at achrastina@wainfleet.ca or 905-899-3463 ext. 224.

Regards,



Amber Chrastina
Deputy Clerk

CC: Sam Oosterhoff, MPP Niagara West
Tammy J. Godden, Clerk, Municipality of St.-Charles

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 7.2.
Resolution Number 2024-301
Title: Resolution - AMO / OMA Joint Resolution Campaign on Physician Shortage
Date: July 17, 2024

Received September 30, 2024
C-2024-434

Moved by: Councillor Loftus
Seconded by: Councillor Lachance

WHEREAS the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being de-rostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five (5) years;

AND WHEREAS it has become increasingly challenging to attract and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University says communities in Northern Ontario are short more than 350 physicians, including more than 200 family doctors; and half of the physicians working in Northern Ontario are expected to retire in the next five (5) years;

AND WHEREAS Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, paramedicine, and other investments;

AND WHEREAS the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77 in 2008 to 65 percent in 2022;

AND WHEREAS per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada;

AND WHEREAS a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the province;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles urges the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in the Municipality of St.-Charles and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford; Deputy Premier and Minister of Health Sylvia Jones; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and, all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR

October 23, 2024

The Honourable Lisa M. Thompson
Minister of Rural Affairs

Association of Municipalities of Ontario
(AMO)

SENT ELECTRONICALLY
Lisa.Thompson@pc.ola.org

SENT ELECTRONICALLY
resolutions@amo.on.ca

Re: Request to Increase Tile Drain Loan Limit

Please be advised that at its meeting of October 22, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wainfleet passed the following motion:

“THAT Correspondence item C-435 from the Municipality of St. Charles respecting a Request to Increase Tile Drain Loan Limit be supported.”

Should you have any questions, please contact me at achrastina@wainfleet.ca or 905-899-3463 ext. 224.

Regards,



Amber Chrastina
Deputy Clerk

CC: Sam Oosterhoff, MPP Niagara West
Rural Ontario Municipal Association
Tammy J. Godden, Clerk, Municipality of St.-Charles

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 7.2.

Resolution Number 2024-323

Title: Resolution stemming from May 15, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #5

Date: August 14, 2024

Received September 30, 2024
C-2024-435

Moved by: Councillor Loftus

Seconded by: Councillor Lachance

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports Motion #14 passed by the Town of Plympton-Wyoming supporting the Resolution dated March 18, 2024 passed by the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe, regarding a request to increase the tile drain loan limit;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), Lisa Thompson; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR



The Honourable Lisa Thompson
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
11th Floor
77 Grenville St
Toronto, ON
M5S 1B3

(sent via e-mail)

April 12th, 2024

Re: Request to Increase Tile Drain Loan Limit

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, at its meeting on April 10th, 2024, passed the following motion supporting the resolution from the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe regarding a Request to Increase Tile Drain Loan Limit.

Motion #14

Moved by Councillor Kristen Rodrigues

Seconded by Councillor John van Klaveren

That Council support correspondence item 'I' from the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe regarding a Request to Increase Tile Drain Loan Limit.

Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at eflynn@plympton-wyoming.ca.

Sincerely,

Ella Flynn
Executive Assistant – Deputy Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

Cc: Association of Municipalities Ontario resolutions@amo.on.ca
Rural Ontario Municipal Association roma@roma.on.ca
All regional Municipalities



March 22nd, 2024

The Honourable Lisa Thompson
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
11th Floor
77 Grenville St.
Toronto, ON M5S 1B3

RE: Township of Adelaide Metcalfe – Request to Increase Tile Drain Loan Limit

Dear Minister Thompson,

On March 18, 2024, the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe Council approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS farm drainage is of paramount importance in Ontario due to its significant impact on agricultural productivity and sustainability. Effective drainage systems help mitigate waterlogging, control soil moisture levels, and enhance soil structure, thereby optimizing growing conditions for crops;

WHEREAS improved drainage also facilitates timely field operations, reduces erosion, and minimizes nutrient runoff, contributing to environmental conservation efforts;

WHEREAS Ontario's diverse agricultural landscape, where weather variability is common, well-maintained drainage systems play a crucial role in ensuring stable yields, economic viability, and long-term resilience for farmers across the Province;

WHEREAS the Tile Loan Drainage Act, R.S.O 1990, c. T.8 allows for the borrowing of money for the purpose of constructing drainage works;

WHEREAS the maximum annual limit for these loans, unchanged since 2004, is currently set at \$50,000.

WHEREAS costs for Tile Drainage has increased markedly since 2004;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe requests that the Province through the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) consider increasing the maximum annual Tile Loan limit to a minimum of \$100,000.

AND THAT this resolution be circulated the Honourable Lisa Thompson – Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and all Ontario municipalities.

Your consideration of Council's request is appreciated.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'MB', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Michael Barnier
Clerk & Manager of Legislative Services
Township of Adelaide Metcalfe
mbarnier@adelaidemetcalfe.on.ca

Cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
All Ontario Municipalities

Township of Larder Lake Council Resolution - Government Regulations of Nicotine Pouches

From Marianne Hull <MarianneHull@larderlake.ca>

Date Thu 2024-10-24 01:43 PM

To doug.fordco@pc.ola.org <doug.fordco@pc.ola.org>; Sylvia.Jones@pc.ola.org <Sylvia.Jones@pc.ola.org>; jvanthof-co@ndp.on.ca <jvanthof-co@ndp.on.ca>; amo@amo.on.ca <amo@amo.on.ca>

Cc acarter@pertheast.ca <acarter@pertheast.ca>; admin@baldwin.ca <admin@baldwin.ca>; admin@casey.ca <admin@casey.ca>; admin@harley.ca <admin@harley.ca>; admin@hiltontownship.ca <admin@hiltontownship.ca>; admin@hudson.ca <admin@hudson.ca>; admin@jocelyn.ca <admin@jocelyn.ca>; admin@kerns.ca <admin@kerns.ca>; admin@mattawan.ca <admin@mattawan.ca>; admin@mindenhills.ca <admin@mindenhills.ca>; admin@nipissingtownship.com <admin@nipissingtownship.com>; admin@puslinch.ca <admin@puslinch.ca>; admin@sundridge.ca <admin@sundridge.ca>; administration@clarence-rockland.com <administration@clarence-rockland.com>; adminmachar@vianet.ca <adminmachar@vianet.ca>; aeuler@dryden.ca <aeuler@dryden.ca>; afisher@goderich.ca <afisher@goderich.ca>; agray@severn.ca <agray@severn.ca>; agubbels@warwicktownship.ca <agubbels@warwicktownship.ca>; ahobbs@assignack.ca <ahobbs@assignack.ca>

 1 attachments (36 KB)

Support Resolution - St. Charles.pdf;

Please be advised that at the Township of Larder Lake, Regular Council Meeting held Tuesday, October 22nd, 2024, the following resolution of support was adopted:

Motion to support the Municipality of St. Charles resolution no. 2024-325 regarding recommendations for government regulations of nicotine pouches

Resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Armstrong

Seconded by: Councillor Hull

Carried

Regards,



Marianne Hull, Finance and Administration Clerk
Township of Larder Lake
69 Fourth Avenue, PO Box 40
Larder Lake, ON P0K 1L0
Ph: 705-643-2158 ext. 204 Fax: 705-643-2311
Email.: mariannehull@larderlake.ca

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE
69 Fourth Avenue, Larder Lake, ON
 Phone: 705-643-2158 Fax: 705-643-2311



MOVED BY:
 Thomas Armstrong
 Patricia Hull
 Paul Kelly
 Lynne Paquette

SECONDED BY:
 Thomas Armstrong
 Patricia Hull
 Paul Kelly
 Lynne Paquette

Motion #: 7
 Resolution #: 7
 Date: October 22, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of Larder Lake hereby supports resolution no. 2024-325 passed by the Municipality of St. Charles, regarding recommendations for government regulations of nicotine pouches; And

FURTHER THAT, this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario Doug Ford, the Deputy Minister of Health, Sylvia Jones; our local member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); THE Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Public Health Sudbury & Districts and ALL Ontario Municipalities.

Recorded vote requested:

	For	Against
Tom Armstrong	✓	
Patricia Hull	✓	
Paul Kelly	✓	
Lynne Paquette	✓	
Patty Quinn	✓	

I declare this motion

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carried
<input type="checkbox"/> Lost / Defeated
<input type="checkbox"/> Deferred to: _____ (enter date)
Because:
<input type="checkbox"/> Referred to: _____ (enter body)
Expected response: _____ (enter date)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*

Chair: 

*Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.

Township of Larder Lake Council Resolution - Support resolution no. 24-366 passed by the City of Quinte West

From Marianne Hull <MarianneHull@larderlake.ca>

Date Thu 2024-10-24 01:52 PM

To amo@amo.on.ca <amo@amo.on.ca>; general@mfoa.on.ca <general@mfoa.on.ca>; charlie.angus.c3@parl.gc.ca <charlie.angus.c3@parl.gc.ca>; Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca <Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca>

Cc acarter@pertheast.ca <acarter@pertheast.ca>; admin@baldwin.ca <admin@baldwin.ca>; admin@casey.ca <admin@casey.ca>; admin@harley.ca <admin@harley.ca>; admin@hiltontownship.ca <admin@hiltontownship.ca>; admin@HUDSON.ca <admin@HUDSON.ca>; admin@jocelyn.ca <admin@jocelyn.ca>; admin@kerns.ca <admin@kerns.ca>; admin@mattawan.ca <admin@mattawan.ca>; admin@mindenhills.ca <admin@mindenhills.ca>; admin@nipissingtownship.com <admin@nipissingtownship.com>; admin@puslinch.ca <admin@puslinch.ca>; admin@sundridge.ca <admin@sundridge.ca>; administration@clarence-rockland.com <administration@clarence-rockland.com>; adminmachar@vianet.ca <adminmachar@vianet.ca>; aeuler@dryden.ca <aeuler@dryden.ca>; afisher@goderich.ca <afisher@goderich.ca>; agray@severn.ca <agray@severn.ca>; agubbels@warwicktownship.ca <agubbels@warwicktownship.ca>; ahobbs@assignack.ca <ahobbs@assignack.ca>

 1 attachments (51 KB)

Motion to support the City of Quinte West regarding the CBBF.pdf;

Please be advised that at the Township of Larder Lake, Regular Council Meeting held Tuesday, October 22nd, 2024, the following resolution of support was adopted:

Motion to support the City of Quinte West regarding the Community Building Fund

Resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Hull

Seconded by: Councillor Kelly

Carried

Regards,



Marianne Hull, Finance and Administration Clerk
Township of Larder Lake
69 Fourth Avenue, PO Box 40
Larder Lake, ON P0K 1L0
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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE

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MOVED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

SECONDED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

Motion #: 6

Resolution #: 6

Date: October 22, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of Larder Lake hereby supports resolution no. 24-366 passed by the City of Quinte West, regarding a call on the federal government to provide a supplement to the allocations provided to municipalities under the AMO CCBBF agreement for 2024-2028 for the same amount that was allocated, effectively doubling the allocation for those years; And

FURTHER THAT, this resolution be forwarded to MFOA, AMO, MP Charlie Angus, and Federal Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland, and all Municipalities in Ontario.

Recorded vote requested:

	For	Against
Tom Armstrong	✓	
Patricia Hull	✓	
Paul Kelly	✓	
Lynne Paquette	✓	
Patty Quinn	✓	

I declare this motion

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Because:
<input type="checkbox"/> Referred to: _____ (enter body)
Expected response: _____ (enter date)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*

Chair: 

*Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.



TOWN OF PETAWAWA

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October 25, 2024

Premier Doug Ford
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1
Via email: premier@ontario.ca

Premier Ford:

RE: Ontario Provincial Police Costs 2025

Please be advised that at its meeting of October 21, 2024, Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petawawa endorsed the following resolution:

MOVED BY: James Carmody
SECONDED BY: Theresa Sabourin

That Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petawawa supports Resolution No. 229 of the Municipality of Tweed and further calls on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities;

And further, that Council direct staff to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED

The Town of Petawawa appreciates the Province's attention to the financial challenges faced by small rural municipalities and looks forward to a collaborative solution.

Sincerely,

Colin Howard, Dipl.M.M., Bus.Admin.
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

Encl: Municipality of Tweed Resolution No. 229

cc: The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General
The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Municipalities of Ontario
Neil Nicholson, Mayor, Township of Whitewater Region

Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting
Council Meeting



Resolution No. 229
Title: Councillor P. Valiquette
Date: Tuesday, April 23, 2024

Moved by P. Valiquette
Seconded by J. Palmateer

WHEREAS it is apparent that the Ontario Government has overlooked the needs of small rural Ontario;
AND WHEREAS Ontario's small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including roads, bridges, water/ wastewater and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities, libraries and other tangible capital assets;

AND WHEREAS small rural Ontario's operating needs consume the majority of property tax revenue sources;

AND WHEREAS small rural municipalities (of 10,000 people or less) are facing monumental infrastructure deficits that cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue alone;

AND WHEREAS in 2015 the provincial government moved to standardized billing for all non-contract J.P.P. (5.1) locations;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Government has committed \$9.1 billion to Toronto alone to assist with operating deficits and the repatriation of the Don Valley and Gardner Expressway; and \$534 million to Ottawa for the repatriation of Hwy 174;

AND WHEREAS the annual cost of the Ontario Provincial Police, Municipal Policing Bureau for small rural non-contract (5.1) municipalities is approximately \$428 million;

AND WHEREAS this annual cost is significantly less than the repatriation costs of the Gardiner Express Way, the Don Valley Parkway and Highway 174 (Ottawa Region) but provides a greater impact to the residents of the Province overall;

AND WHEREAS this will afford relief to small rural municipalities for both infrastructure and operating needs while having a minimal impact on the provincial budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Municipality of Tweed call on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities;

AND FURTHER, that Council direct staff to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford (premier@ontario.ca), Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca) and all Municipalities in Ontario.

Carried


Town of Whitewater Region Council Resolution - Ontario Provincial Police Costs 2025

From Carmen Miller <cmiller@whitewaterregion.ca>

Date Fri 2024-10-25 01:20 PM

To premier@ontario.ca <premier@ontario.ca>

Cc Minister.SOLGEN@ontario.ca <Minister.SOLGEN@ontario.ca>; Minister.fin@ontario.ca <Minister.fin@ontario.ca>; amo@amo.ca <amo@amo.ca>; choward@petawawa.ca <choward@petawawa.ca>; Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@petawawa.ca>; kbennett@petawawa.ca <kbennett@petawawa.ca>; premier@ontario.ca <premier@ontario.ca>; Scott Randolph <srandolph@petawawa.ca>; acarter@pertheast.ca <acarter@pertheast.ca>; admin@baldwin.ca <admin@baldwin.ca>; admin@casey.ca <admin@casey.ca>; YakabuskiCO, John <john.yakabuskico@pc.ola.org>; admin@harley.ca <admin@harley.ca>; admin@hiltontownship.ca <admin@hiltontownship.ca>; admin@hudson.ca <admin@hudson.ca>; admin@jocelyn.ca <admin@jocelyn.ca>; admin@kerns.ca <admin@kerns.ca>; admin@mattawan.ca <admin@mattawan.ca>; admin@mindenhill.ca <admin@mindenhill.ca>; admin@nipissingtownship.com <admin@nipissingtownship.com>

 1 attachments (202 KB)

OPP Notice of Motion.pdf;

Dear Premier Ford,

Please find attached a letter from the Township of Whitewater Region Council regarding sustainable funding for Ontario Provincial Police services in rural municipalities.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Carmen Miller

Carmen Miller, AOMC, Dipl.M.A.
Clerk

Township of Whitewater Region
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Council Members

Mayor Neil Nicholson
Deputy Mayor Cathy Regier

Councillors:
Mark Bell
Michael Moore
Chris Olmstead
Connie Tabbert
Joey Trimm

Certified True Copy

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

Re: Resolution - OPP Notice of Motion for funding support - Municipality of Tweed

At its meeting of October 16, 2024, the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS it is apparent that the Ontario Government has overlooked the needs of small rural Ontario;

AND WHEREAS Ontario's small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both

upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including roads, bridges, water/ wastewater and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities, libraries and other tangible capital assets:

AND WHEREAS small rural Ontario's operating needs consume the majority of property tax revenue sources;

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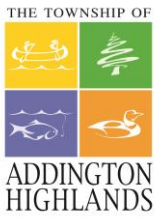
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Carried as amended - Resolution #2024 - 5187

Sincerely,



Carmen Miller
Clerk/CEMC



Township of Addington Highlands

October 28, 2024

Municipality of St. Charles
2 King St E, PO Box 70
St. Charles ON P0M 2W0
Email: clerk@stcharlesontario.ca

Re: Letter of Support – Recommendations for Government Regulation of Nicotine Pouches

To Whom It May Concern,

Please be advised that at their October 15th, 2024, meeting, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Addington Highlands resolved to support your resolution in support of Public Health Sudbury and Districts' recommendations strongly encouraging Health Canada to take immediate action to close the regulatory gap that permits the sale of nicotine pouches to youth under 18 years of age; and urging Health Canada to strengthen regulations to restrict the sale of new and emerging tobacco and nicotine products, ensuring that nicotine availability to children and youth never occur again; and strongly encouraging the Government of Ontario to exclusively sell nicotine pouches from behind pharmacy counters, limit their display in retail settings, and restrict their promotion, especially to youth; and requesting the Government of Ontario to expand the Smoke-Free Ontario Strategy to create a comprehensive, coherent public health-orientated framework for the regulation of vaping and all nicotine-containing products.

I trust you will find this letter of support satisfactory.

Sincerely,

Christine Reed

Christine Reed
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

Township of Addington Highlands

cc. Hon. Justin Trudeau – Prime Minister of Canada – pm@pm.gc.ca
Hon. Doug Ford – Premier of Ontario – premier@ontario.ca
Hon Mark Holland – Minister of Health – mark.holland@parl.gc.ca
Hon. Sylvia Jones – Minister of Health – sylvia.jones@ontario.ca
Hon Ya'ara Saks – Minister of Mental Health and Addictions – yaara.saks@parl.gc.ca
Hon. Michael Parsa – Minister of Children, Community, & Social Services – MinisterMCCSS@ontario.ca
Yasir Naqvi – Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Health – Yasir.naqvi@parl.gc.ca
Dr. Kieran Moore – Chief Medical Officer of Health – cmoh@ontario.ca
Ric Bresee – MPP Hastings & Lennox and Addington – ric.bresee@pc.ola.org
Association of Local Public Health Agencies – info@alphaweb.org

FW: Motion - Fair Share

From Paul Branconnier <pbranconnier@stcharlesontario.ca>

Date Thu 2024-10-31 10:49 AM

To Tammy Godden <clerk@stcharlesontario.ca>

Good Morning,

I believe we should have the indicated resolution ready to be voted on by council.

Paul

From: De Bartolo, Betty <BDeBartolo@aurora.ca> **On Behalf Of** Mrakas, Tom

Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2024 2:45 PM

To: Mrakas, Tom <TMrakas@aurora.ca>

Subject: Motion - Fair Share

Good day Elected Official,

For many years, we have advocated for our fair share of funding from both Provincial and Federal governments. Through FCM and AMO, we've pushed for reforms and for sustainable, predictable funding for municipal infrastructure. With both Provincial and Federal elections approaching, I believe it's time for us to unite and propose a solution for municipalities' fair share.

As we're asked to meet growth targets, our municipalities urgently need predictable, long-term funding to support critical infrastructure, including roads, bridges, and public transit. We need all levels of government to collaborate on a solution that doesn't rely solely on property taxes to fund essential infrastructure in our communities. That's why we're calling on the Province to allocate a portion of the Land Transfer Tax, and on the Federal Government to allocate a portion of the GST from new home sales —no new taxes, just a fair distribution of our own funds for our communities!

Bellow is a Motion I respectfully ask you to bring forward at your council.

This motion ensures that we have the resources to build and maintain the infrastructure that keeps our municipalities running smoothly, without increasing property taxes.

Please consider adding this Motion to your Council agendas. It is essential that our collective voices are heard. Local governments deserve predictable, long-term funding to support critical infrastructure. Together, we can build a brighter future for all Ontarians.

Motion: Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user

fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That ___Municipality___ Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and

2. Be It Further Resolved That ___Municipality___ Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and

3. Be It Further Resolved That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and

4. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and

5. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

Regards,

Tom Mrakas
Mayor Town of Aurora
416-543-1624



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Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

From Scott Butler <scott@goodroads.ca>

Date Tue 2024-10-29 06:29 PM

To Tammy Godden <clerk@stcharlesontario.ca>

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Wednesday, October 09, 2024

To: Municipality of St. Charles Head of Council and Council Members

Sent via email to: tgodden@stcharlesontario.ca

Subject: Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

Too many Ontarians are being seriously injured or killed on our roads.

In 2023, there were 616 people killed and 36,090 people injured. The number of fatalities is up nearly 20% in the last ten years.

In 2021, the most recent year of complete data from MTO's *Ontario Road Safety Annual Report* (ORSAR), there were 561 fatalities – 426 of which occurred on municipal roads. While rural Ontario only represents 17% of the province's population, 55% of these deaths occurred on rural roads. By any measure, Ontario's rural roads are disproportionately more dangerous.

At the same time, municipal insurance premiums continue to increase. With no plausible reform being considered for joint and several liability, municipalities need to find innovative means for managing risk, particularly on their roadways,

To deal with this crisis, Good Roads has designed a multifaceted rural road safety program and have been in discussions with the Ministry of Transportation to fund it. The program would target a municipality's most dangerous roads, perform road safety audits, and install modern safety infrastructure that prevents serious injuries and save lives. This program is designed to be cost effective while also providing rural municipalities with a direct means for addressing risk associated with their roadways.

Good Roads has proposed leading a five-year \$183 million program that leverages our 131 years of municipal road expertise and our industry partnerships to quickly put in place the solutions that will address some of Ontario's most dangerous roads.

Good Roads is seeking support to address these preventable tragedies.

If the Municipality of St. Charles would be interested in pursuing this, a Council resolution similar to the example below should be adopted and sent to the Premier and the Minister of Transportation:

WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system;

AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of St. Charles requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

If you have any questions regarding this initiative please contact Thomas Barakat, Good Roads' Manager of Public Policy & Government Relations, at thomas@goodroads.ca at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Scott R. Butler
Executive Director



Antoine Boucher
President
Good Roads Board of Directors

Invitation to Partner with Kasper Bus Lines on Sustainable Transit Solutions through OTIF

From Kasper Wabinski <Kasper@GoKasper.com>

Date Wed 2024-10-30 12:10 PM

Good afternoon,

I hope this message finds you well. Kasper Bus Lines is reaching out to extend an invitation for collaboration as an operational partner under the Ontario Transit Investment Fund (OTIF) program. As a company committed to addressing transit gaps and enhancing access across Ontario, we see this initiative as an opportunity to work together in creating sustainable, community-focused transit solutions.

Why Partner with Kasper Bus Lines?

Our services are dedicated to closing transit gaps, ensuring community connectivity, and achieving long-term, self-sustaining transit systems. OTIF provides start-up funding designed to bridge existing transit gaps, with a focus on projects that deliver practical, accessible, and integrated solutions for users across municipal and community boundaries.

Our Proposal for Partnership

In collaboration with Kasper Bus Lines, we aim to design and implement transit services that align with OTIF's objectives of integration, coordination, and sustainability. We invite you to join our project team as we work to connect underserved communities and streamline access to essential services. With your partnership, we can enhance the accessibility and operational efficiency of transit solutions, creating a more connected and convenient experience for community members.

Next Steps

If you are interested in discussing this opportunity further, we would be glad to schedule a Zoom call or phone meeting at your convenience. Please respond to this email indicating your interest, and I will be happy to coordinate a time that works best for you.

Contact Information

Kasper Wabinski
Kasper Bus Lines
Email: kasper@gokasper.com
Phone: 8073551900

Thank you for considering this opportunity to work with us in driving forward Ontario's transit infrastructure. We look forward to your response and the potential to create impactful transit solutions together.

Warm regards,
Kasper Wabinski
President
Kasper Bus Lines
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November 1, 2024

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Room 281
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON
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premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier:

Council, at their meeting held on October 28, 2024, endorsed the resolution from the Municipality of St. Charles supporting the Township of Terrace Bay calling on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities.

For your information I have enclosed a copy of the resolution and I trust that you will give it your consideration and support.

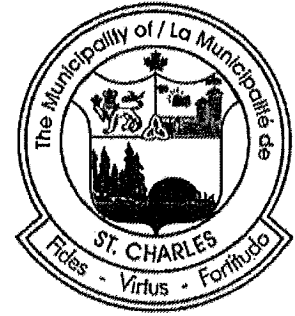
Yours truly,

Lorna Buob
Clerk-Treasurer

Cc: Honourable Michael S. Serzner, Solicitor General of Ontario
michael.kerzner@ontario.ca
Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
peter.bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org
Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Legislative Affairs and
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org
Honourable Kevin Holland, Minister of Forestry and
Forest Products MPP, Thunder Bay–Atikokan Kevin.Holland@pc.ola.org
Lise Vaugeois, MPP, Thunder Bay – Superior North –
LVaugeois-QP@ndp.on.ca
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) amo@amo.on.ca
Municipality of St. Charles Clerk@stcharlesontario.ca
Township of Terrace Bay info@terracebay.ca

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The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 8.5.
Resolution Number 2024-366
Title: Resolution Stemming from July 17, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 7.1 - Correspondence #22
Date: October 16, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Pothier
Seconded by: Councillor Laframboise

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports Resolution 207-2024 passed by the Township of Terrace Bay, regarding sustainable funding for OPP in small rural municipalities;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Premier Doug Ford; the Solicitor General of Ontario, Michael Kerzner; the Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR



The Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay

P.O. Box 40, 1 Selkirk Avenue, Terrace Bay, ON, P0T 2W0
Phone: (807) 825-3315 Fax: (807) 825-9576

July 10, 2024

Municipality of Tweed
255 Metcalf St
Tweed, Ontario
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At the Township of Terrace Bay Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday July 2, 2024, the following resolution was passed.

Re: Sustainable Funding for OPP small rural municipalities

Resolution: 207-2024
Moved by: Councillor Gary Adduono
Seconded by: Councillor Rick St. Louis

WHEREAS it is apparent that the Ontario Government has overlooked the needs of small rural Ontario; AND

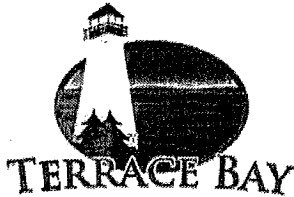
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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Municipality of Tweed call on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities:



The Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay

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AND FURTHER, that Council direct staff to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford (premier@ontario.ca), Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, MPP for Thunder bay-Superior North, Lise Vaugois and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca) and at Municipalities of Ontario.

Sincerely,

J. Hall
Chief Administration Officer/Clerk



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November 6, 2024

Premier Doug Ford
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1
Via email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Honourable Premier Ford,

Re. Resolution – Ontario Provincial Police Costs for 2025

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Howick, at its meeting held November 5, 2024 enacted the following resolution:

MOVED BY: Councillor Rognvaldson
SECONDED BY: Councillor Grimes

WHEREAS the Township of Howick's 2025 OPP Annual Billing Costs represents a 21.15% increase over the 2024 OPP Annual Billing Costs, with many small, rural municipalities across Ontario facing even larger increases for 2025;

AND WHEREAS this 21.15% increase in OPP costs equates to more than a 2.8 per cent tax increase before Howick Township even begins its 2025 budget process in terms of levels of services;

AND WHEREAS the downloading of costs such as these from the province and the subsequent significant cost increases are not feasible or sustainable for small, rural municipalities in Ontario who are bound to raising their revenue solely through property taxes and user fees;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Howick adopt and endorse Resolution No. 229 of the Municipality of Tweed and further calls on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small, rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities.

CARRIED.

The Township of Howick appreciates the province's attention to the financial challenges faced by small, rural municipalities and looks forward to a collaborative solution.

Sincerely,

Caitlin Gillis

Caitlin Gillis, Clerk-Administrator

Cc: The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General
The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario, All Municipalities of Ontario
Huron-Bruce MPP Lisa Thompson
County of Huron

Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting
Council Meeting



Resolution No. 229
Title: Councillor P. Valiquette
Date: Tuesday, April 23, 2024

Moved by P. Valiquette
Seconded by J. Palmateer

WHEREAS it is apparent that the Ontario Government has overlooked the needs of small rural Ontario;
AND WHEREAS Ontario's small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including roads, bridges, water/wastewater and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities, libraries and other tangible capital assets;

AND WHEREAS small rural Ontario's operating needs consume the majority of property tax revenue sources;

AND WHEREAS small rural municipalities (of 10,000 people or less) are facing monumental infrastructure deficits that cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue alone;

AND WHEREAS in 2015 the provincial government moved to standardized billing for all non-contract J.P.P. (5.1) locations;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Government has committed \$9.1 billion to Toronto alone to assist with operating deficits and the repatriation of the Don Valley and Gardner Expressway; and \$534 million to Ottawa for the repatriation of Hwy 174;

AND WHEREAS the annual cost of the Ontario Provincial Police, Municipal Policing Bureau for small rural non-contract (5.1) municipalities is approximately \$428 million;

AND WHEREAS this annual cost is significantly less than the repatriation costs of the Gardiner Express Way, the Don Valley Parkway and Highway 174 (Ottawa Region) but provides a greater impact to the residents of the Province overall;

AND WHEREAS this will afford relief to small rural municipalities for both infrastructure and operating needs while having a minimal impact on the provincial budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Municipality of Tweed call on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities;

AND FURTHER, that Council direct staff to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford (premier@ontario.ca), Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca) and all Municipalities in Ontario.



Tammy Godden
Municipality of St.-Charles

Sent by Email

November 6, 2024

Re: Council Resolution – Asset Retirement Obligations Resolution Support

Further to the Regular Meeting on November 5, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Marmora and Lake passed the following motions:

MOTION2024-327

Moved by Councillor Jane Lakatos

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Mike Stevens

THAT Council support the resolution made by the Municipality of St.-Charles regarding a PS3280 accounting standard covering asset retirement obligations.

Carried

Sincerely,

Kristen M^cConnell
Acting Clerk
613-472-2629, ext. 2232
kmccconnell@marmoraandlake.ca

Green Roads Pilot Project

From Suzanne Lord <slord@wawa.cc>

Date Wed 2024-11-06 02:43 PM

To Tammy Godden <clerk@stcharlesontario.ca>; Resolutions - AMO <resolutions@amo.on.ca>

 1 attachments (193 KB)

RC24256 - Support Green Roads Pilot Project.pdf;

Good afternoon,

Please find attached resolution of support from the Municipality of Wawa.

Regards,

Sue Lord

Administrative Assistant

Municipality of Wawa

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If you have any accommodation needs or require communication supports or alternate formats, please let me know.

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

Resolution # RC24256	Meeting Order: 7
Moved by: <i>Cathy Cannon</i>	Seconded by: <i>Joseph Opato</i>

RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa does hereby support the Resolution dated June 24, 2024 passed by the City of St. Catherine's, and Resolution dated October 16, 2024 from the Municipality of St-Charles regarding the Green Roads Pilot Project;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and all Ontario Municipalities.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE	
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<input type="checkbox"/>	WITHDRAWN		
		Mitch Hatfield	
		Cathy Cannon	
		Melanie Pilon	
		Jim Hoffmann	
		Joseph Opato	

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: _____

DEPUTY MAYOR - JIM HOFFMANN	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL
<i>Jim Hoffmann</i>	<i>Maury O'Neill</i>

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 8.4.

Resolution Number 2024-365

Title: Resolution Stemming from July 17, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 7.1 - Correspondence #7

Date: October 16, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise

Seconded by: Councillor Pothier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution dated June 24, 2024 passed by the City of St. Catharines, regarding the Green Roads Pilot Project;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR

June 27, 2024

Association of Municipalities of Ontario
155 University Ave | Suite 800
Toronto, ON M5H 3B7

Sent via email: resolutions@amo.on.ca

**Re: Green Roads Pilot Project
Our File 35.72.3**

To Whom it May Concern,

At its meeting held on June 24, 2024, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

WHEREAS St. Catharines has declared a climate emergency, recognizing the urgent need to address and mitigate the impacts of climate change on our community and environment; and

WHEREAS alternatives to traditional road surfacing materials exist, including green roads technologies that are more sustainable and environmentally friendly; and

WHEREAS bioresin is a natural alternative that can be used to support road surfacing, providing a more sustainable option that reduces our reliance on petrochemical-based products; and

WHEREAS many secondary roads in St. Catharines require resurfacing, presenting an opportunity to explore and implement innovative and sustainable road surfacing solutions; and

WHEREAS Good Roads, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) have presented alternatives for municipal road restoration that include sustainable and environmentally friendly materials and methods; and

WHEREAS other municipalities, such as Centre Wellington, have entered into a similar pilot project using bioresin and other sustainable materials, demonstrating a commitment to innovation and environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS implementing pilot projects using bioresin on city roads can provide valuable data and insights into the feasibility, performance, and environmental benefits of this alternative material; and

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has established the Green Municipal Fund which includes new funding for pilot projects to test innovative and ambitious technologies to improve environmental outcomes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that St. Catharines City Council directs staff to investigate the feasibility and potential benefits of using bioresin on City road works; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff investigate other alternative construction materials and methods for road works that minimizes the City's carbon footprint and are more environmentally sustainable; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff prepare a report on the findings, no later than Q3 2024, including potential costs, benefits, and environmental impacts of using bioresin or other sustainable construction materials or methods for road works, and if feasible, a list of City streets where a pilot project may be considered in accordance with the City's procurement policy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the FCM to encourage the exploration and adoption of sustainable road surfacing alternatives.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at extension 1524.



Donna Delvecchio, Acting City Clerk
Legal and Clerks Services, Office of the City Clerk
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cc: all Ontario Municipalities

Township of Georgian Bay - Support AMCTO Updates to Municipal Elections Act

From Christine Dutton <cdutton@gbtownship.ca>

Date Thu 2024-11-07 01:07 PM

To premier@ontario.ca <premier@ontario.ca>; paul.calandra@pc.ola.org <paul.calandra@pc.ola.org>; resolutions@amo.on.ca <resolutions@amo.on.ca>; Graydon.Smith@pc.ola.org <graydon.smith@pc.ola.org>; Jill.Dunlop@pc.ola.org <Jill.Dunlop@pc.ola.org>; Todd.McCarthy@pc.ola.org <Todd.McCarthy@pc.ola.org>; Peter.Bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org <Peter.Bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org>; amcto@amcto.com <amcto@amcto.com>

📎 2 attachments (415 KB)

C-2024-354 - Support AMCTO Updates to Municipal Elections Act.pdf; 2024-10-15 AMCTO MEA Recommendations.pdf;

Good Afternoon,

At its Regular Meeting of Council held November 4, 2024, the Township of Georgian Bay passed the attached Resolution C-2024-354.



Christine Dutton she/her
Executive Assistant to the CAO, Clerk, and Mayor

Township of Georgian Bay

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**The Township of Georgian Bay
Resolutions
Council - 04 Nov 2024**

Item 11.(d)

Date: November 4, 2024

C-2024-354

Moved by Councillor Stephen Jarvis
Seconded by Councillor Peter Cooper

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council support the Bracebridge Resolution; and

THAT Council direct staff to draft a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Education; the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery; Minister of Finance; the Premier of Ontario; the Local Member of Provincial Parliament; AMCTO; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried Defeated Recorded Vote Referred Deferred

Recorded Vote:

	For	Against	Absent
Councillor Brian Bochek			
Councillor Peter Cooper			
Councillor Kristian Graziano			
Councillor Allan Hazelton			
Councillor Stephen Jarvis			
Councillor Steven Predko			
Mayor Peter Koetsier			

Peter Koetsier, Mayor

October 15, 2024

Re: Item for Discussion – AMCTO Recommendations for Updates to the Municipal Elections Act

At its meeting of October 9, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge ratified motion #24-GC-184, regarding the AMCTO Recommendations for Updates to the Municipal Elections Act, as follows:

“WHEREAS elections rules need to be clear, supporting candidates and voters in their electoral participation and election administrators in running elections;

AND WHEREAS legislation needs to strike the right balance between providing clear rules and frameworks to ensure the integrity of the electoral process;

AND WHEREAS the legislation must also reduce administrative and operational burden for municipal staff ensuring that local election administrators can run elections in a way that responds to the unique circumstances of their local communities;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (MEA) will be 30 years old by the next municipal and school board elections in 2026;

AND WHEREAS the MEA sets out the rules for local elections, the Assessment Act, 1990 and the Education Act, 1990 also contain provisions impacting local elections adding more places for voters, candidates, and administrators to look for the rules that bind the local democratic process in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS with rules across three pieces of legislation, and the MEA containing a patchwork of clauses, there are interpretation challenges, inconsistencies, and gaps to fill;

AND WHEREAS the Act can pose difficulties for voters, candidates, contributors and third-party advertisers to read, to interpret, to comply with and for election administrators to enforce;

AND WHEREAS while local elections are run as efficiently and effectively as can be within the current legislative framework, modernization and continuous improvement is needed to ensure the Act is responsive to today’s needs and tomorrow’s challenges;

AND WHEREAS to keep public trust and improve safeguards the Act should be reviewed considering the ever-changing landscape which impacts elections administration including privacy, the threats of foreign interference, increased spread of mis/disinformation and the increased use of technologies like artificial intelligence and use of digital identities;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) reviewed the Act and has provided several recommendations including modernizing the legislation, harmonizing rules, and streamlining and simplifying administration;

AND WHEREAS AMCTO put forward recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2026 elections and longer-term recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2030 elections;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Bracebridge calls for the Province to update the MEA with priority amendments as outlined by AMCTO before Summer 2025 and commence work to review and re-write the MEA with longer-term recommendations ahead of the 2030 elections.

AND FURTHER THAT that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Education; the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery; Minister of Finance; the Premier of Ontario; the Local Member of Provincial Parliament; AMCTO; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and all Ontario Municipalities.”

In accordance with Council's direction, I am forwarding you a copy of the resolution for your reference.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any additional clarification in this regard.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lori McDonald". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Lori McDonald
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk

Township of Georgian Bay - Support - Urging the Government to Promptly Resume Assessment Cycle

From Christine Dutton <cdutton@gbtownship.ca>

Date Thu 2024-11-07 01:08 PM

To premier@ontario.ca <premier@ontario.ca>; paul.calandra@pc.ola.org <paul.calandra@pc.ola.org>; resolutions@amo.on.ca <resolutions@amo.on.ca>; Graydon.Smith@pc.ola.org <graydon.smith@pc.ola.org>

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C-2024-357 - Support - Urging the Government to Promptly Resume Assessment Cycle.pdf; MSC Res 2024-368 - Urging the Government to Promptly Resume Assessment Cycle.pdf; #19 - 2024-08-07 Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan - Urging the Government to Promptly Resume Assessment Cycle.pdf;

Good Afternoon,

At its Regular Meeting of Council held November 4, 2024, the Township of Georgian Bay passed the attached Resolution C-2024-357.



Christine Dutton she/her
Executive Assistant to the CAO, Clerk, and Mayor

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**The Township of Georgian Bay
Resolutions
Council - 04 Nov 2024**

Item 11.(g)

Date: November 4, 2024

C-2024-357

Moved by Councillor Stephen Jarvis
Seconded by Councillor Peter Cooper

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council support the St. Charles Resolution 2024-368; and

THAT Council direct staff to draft a letter to Premier Doug Ford; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried Defeated Recorded Vote Referred Deferred

Recorded Vote: Requested by Councillor Cooper

	For	Against	Absent
Mayor Peter Koetsier	x		
Councillor Brian Bocek	x		
Councillor Peter Cooper		x	
Councillor Steven Predko	x		
Councillor Stephen Jarvis	x		
Councillor Kristian Graziano		x	
Councillor Allan Hazelton		x	
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Peter Koetsier, Mayor

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 8.7.
Resolution Number 2024-368
Title: Resolution Stemming from August 14, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 7.1
- Correspondence #19
Date: October 16, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise
Seconded by: Councillor Pothier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports Resolution #2024-08-07-10 passed by the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch & Raglan, urging the Government to promptly resume the assessment cycle;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Premier Doug Ford; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR



**TOWNSHIP OF
BRUDENELL, LYNDOCH AND RAGLAN**

42 Burnt Bridge Road, PO Box 40
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August 7, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office
Room 281, Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford,

Re: Urging the Government to Promptly Resume Assessment Cycle

Please be advised that at their last Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday August 7th, 2024, the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan supported the following resolution:

Resolution # 2024-08-07-10
Moved By: Councillor Quade
Seconded by: Councillor Keller

"Be It resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby supports the resolution from the Municipality of Callander urging the Government to promptly resume the assessment cycle.

And further that Council directs staff to provide a copy of this resolution to the Premier, the relevant provincial authorities, the Association of Municipalities in Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, and all municipalities in Ontario for their consideration, to make proper changes as quickly and efficiently as possible."

CARRIED.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk

31 May 2024

Premier Doug Ford premier@ontario.ca

RE: Urging the Government to Promptly Resume Assessment Cycle

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Callander passed the following resolution at its Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, May 28, 2024.

Resolution No. 2024/05/184:

7.4(c) WHEREAS the assessment cycle is an essential process for maintaining the fairness and predictability of property taxes in our province;

AND WHEREAS the pause in the reassessment cycle has created uncertainty and instability in property taxation, impacting both residential and commercial property owners;

AND WHEREAS the government has delayed an assessment update again in 2024, resulting in Ontario's municipalities continuing to calculate property taxes using 2016 property values;

AND WHEREAS both current and outdated assessments are inaccurate, increase volatility, and are not transparent;

AND WHEREAS frequent and accurate reassessments are necessary to stabilize property taxes and provide predictability for property owners, residents, and businesses alike;

AND WHEREAS the staff at the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation would benefit from further skills enhancement and training in assessments, recognizing the importance of ensuring accurate evaluations for 100% of our municipality;

AND WHEREAS the Government has announced a review of the property assessment and taxation system with a focus on fairness, equity, and economic competitiveness, and therefore further deferring new property assessment;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Callander hereby calls upon the Premier to promptly resume the assessment cycle to ensure the stability and predictability of property taxes while the Government conducts its review of the property assessment and taxation system, or respond with an alternative method for every municipality in Ontario to achieve fair taxation;

AND THAT all Municipalities in Ontario and their constituents are encouraged to apply pressure to the Premier, daily, weekly, and monthly, to resolve the situation before it causes undo stress to everyone in the Municipality;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, the relevant provincial authorities, the Association of Municipality in Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, and all municipalities in Ontario for their consideration, to make proper changes as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Thank you,



**Cindy Pigeau
Municipal Clerk**

**Copy to: Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Rural Ontario Municipalities Association
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities
Municipal Property Assessment Corporation
All Ontario Municipalities**

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF MIDLAND



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November 7, 2024

Premier Ford
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Via email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Sustainable Funding for Small Urban Municipalities

At its November 6, 2024 Regular Council Meeting the Council for the Town of Midland passed the following Resolution:

WHEREAS it is apparent that the Ontario Government has overlooked the needs of Ontario's small urban municipalities; and

WHEREAS Ontario's small urban municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including roads, water/ wastewater and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities, libraries and other tangible capital assets; and

WHEREAS an increase of 26% one year, which is a million dollars (roughly 4% tax increase) for Midland and is something never projected;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT The Town of Midland call on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small urban municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities; and

FURTHER THAT the OPP Billing Model be referred to the Auditor General for review; and

FURTHER THAT Council direct Staff to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford (premier@ontario.ca), Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca) and all Municipalities in Ontario.

Thank you.

Yours very truly,

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MIDLAND

Sherri Edgar

Sherri Edgar, AMCT
Municipal Clerk
Ext. 2210

cc.

MPP, Simcoe North, Jill Dunlop jill.dunlopco@pc.ola.org
Minister of the Solicitor General, Sylvia Jones sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org
Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy peter.bethlenfalvyco@pc.ola.org
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) resolutions@amo.on.ca
All Municipalities in Ontario

FW: Township of North Glengarry Resolution - AMCTO Recommendations for Updates to the Municipal Elections Act

From Info <info@stcharlesontario.ca>

Date Thu 2024-11-07 03:18 PM

To Tammy Godden <clerk@stcharlesontario.ca>

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10-28-2024.pdf;

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Sent: November 7, 2024 1:33 PM

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Subject: Township of North Glengarry Resolution - AMCTO Recommendations for Updates to the Municipal Elections Act

Hello,

Please find attached resolution passed on October 28 2024 Council Meeting

Thank you,

Jena

Please note: My working hours may not reflect yours. Please do not feel obligated to answer outside your normal work hours.

Jena Doonan

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**CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY**

Council Meeting

Resolution # 3

Date: October 28, 2024

MOVED BY: Jamie MacDonald

SECONDED BY: Carma Williams

WHEREAS elections rules need to be clear, supporting candidates and voters in their electoral participation and election administrators in running elections;

AND WHEREAS legislation needs to strike the right balance between providing clear rules and frameworks to ensure the integrity of the electoral process;

AND WHEREAS the legislation must also reduce administrative and operational burden for municipal staff ensuring that local election administrators can run elections in a way that responds to the unique circumstances of their local communities;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (MEA) will be 30 years old by the next municipal and school board elections in 2026;

AND WHEREAS the MEA sets out the rules for local elections, the Assessment Act, 1990 and the Education Act, 1990 also contain provisions impacting local elections adding more places for voters, candidates, and administrators to look for the rules that bind the local democratic process in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS with rules across three pieces of legislation, and the MEA containing a patchwork of clauses, there are interpretation challenges, inconsistencies, and gaps to fill;

AND WHEREAS the Act can pose difficulties for voters, candidates, contributors and third-party advertisers to read, to interpret, to comply with and for election administrators to enforce;

AND WHEREAS while local elections are run as efficiently and effectively as can be within the current legislative framework, modernization and continuous improvement is needed to ensure the Act is responsive to today's needs and tomorrow's challenges;

AND WHEREAS to keep public trust and improve safeguards the Act should be reviewed considering the ever-changing landscape which impacts elections administration including privacy, the threats of foreign interference, increased spread of mis/disinformation and the increased use of technologies like artificial intelligence and use of digital identities;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) reviewed the Act and has provided several recommendations including modernizing the legislation, harmonizing rules, and streamlining and simplifying administration;

AND WHEREAS AMCTO put forward recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2026 elections and longer-term recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2030 elections;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry calls for the Province to update the MEA with priority amendments as outlined by AMCTO before Summer 2025 and commence work to review and re-write the MEA with longer-term recommendations ahead of the 2030 elections.

AND FURTHER THAT that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Education; the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery; Minister of Finance; the Premier of Ontario; the Local Member of Provincial Parliament; AMCTO; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and all Ontario Municipalities.”

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MAYOR / DEPUTY MAYOR

Deputy Mayor: Carma Williams
Councillor: Jacques Massie
Councillor: Brian Caddell
Councillor: Jeff Manley
Councillor: Michael Madden
Councillor: Gary Martin
Mayor: Jamie MacDonald

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Request Province implement a rural road safety program

From Rebecca Johnson <rjohnson@parrysound.ca>

Date Thu 2024-11-07 01:58 PM

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 1 attachments (672 KB)

2024-178 Request Province implement a rural road safety program to reduce fatalities and injuries .pdf;

Dear Premier Ford, Honourable Ministers Sarkaria, Surma, Flack, Thompson, Jones, and Jones,

At its November 5th 2024 meeting, Town of Parry Sound Council passed attached Resolution 2024-178 which identifies the disproportionate number of road fatalities on rural roads, and requests the Province take action to implement the rural road safety program that Ontario Good Roads Association has committed to lead.

Parry Sound Council looks forward to your response.

Kind regards,

Rebecca Johnson
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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND
RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2024 – 178

DIVISION LIST

YES NO

DATE: November 5, 2024

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- Councillor **J. BELESKEY**
- Councillor **P. BORNEMAN**
- Councillor **B. KEITH**
- Councillor **D. McCANN**
- Councillor **C. McDONALD**
- Mayor **J. McGARVEY**

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MOVED BY:

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WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55%of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

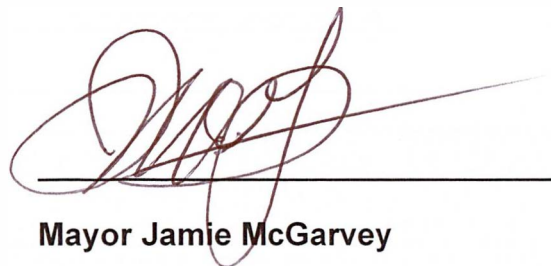
AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario’s already strained rural strained health care system;

AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums and preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Parry Sound requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead, allowing Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario’s rural roads; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, the Ontario Good Roads Association; and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM); and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J. McGarvey', is written over a solid horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Mayor Jamie McGarvey

November 8, 2024

Re: Lithium-Ion Importation and Safe Use

At its Council Meeting of November 5, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge passed the following Motion:

WHEREAS lithium-ion batteries are commonplace as they are in use in a wide variety of devices that are part of our daily lives, including e-scooters and e-bikes, and the growing use of such technology is encouraged and supported as part of Canada's environmental protection strategies;

AND WHEREAS the increasing importation and use of non-Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) aftermarket batteries is coupled with the risk of devastating fires;

AND WHEREAS when lithium-ion batteries are damaged or overheat they are susceptible to "thermal runaway" high intensity, long lasting fires that are difficult to extinguish by conventional firefighting techniques, and which emit a cocktail of dangerous and potentially toxic gases such as carbon monoxide, hydrogen fluoride, and hydrogen chloride, putting citizens and first responders in danger;

AND WHEREAS there are at present no government regulations to monitor, control or prohibit importation, storage, sale, or use in our communities of non-OEM lithium-ion aftermarket batteries not Underwriter Laboratories of Canada (ULC) certified;

AND WHEREAS the City of Cambridge has already seen several occurrences of lithium-ion battery fires in single, multi-unit residential dwellings, commercial and industrial properties that have caused displacement, inconvenience and economic loss to dozens of citizens and businesses such that Council recognizes the significant and growing risk of fire and explosion that these aftermarket lithium-ion batteries present.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council does hereby support the Cambridge Fire Department in its efforts to administer and disseminate the Ontario Fire Marshall's fire safety campaign to educate citizens on the potential hazards associated with lithium-ion batteries and empower residents and

businesses in the City of Cambridge and beyond with the knowledge to safeguard themselves, their property, and others.

AND FURTHER THAT Council does hereby call upon all levels of government to enact regulations for the importation, storage, sale, disposal and use of non-OEM, non-ULC certified lithium-ion batteries.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be sent to the Right Honorable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, the Honorable Mary Ng, Minister of Export Promotion, International Trade and Economic Development, The Honorable François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry, the Honorable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honorable Todd McCarthy, Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery and Procurement for Ontario, local area MPP's and MP's, the Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM), Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities.

Should you have any questions related to the approved resolution, please contact me.

Yours Truly,



Danielle Manton
City Clerk

Cc: (via email)

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All Ontario Municipalities

November 8, 2024

Re: Homelessness, Mental Health, Safety and Addiction Crisis

At its Council Meeting of November 5, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge passed the following Motion:

WHEREAS the chronic homelessness, mental health, safety and addictions crisis continues to escalate, with at least 1,400 homeless encampments now present in Ontario communities, putting unsustainable pressure on municipalities and public spaces creating a Humanitarian Crisis; and,

WHEREAS housing, homelessness and healthcare - including access to appropriate and timely supports - are the responsibility of the Provincial government and proper management of these issues is crucial to addressing the root causes of the Humanitarian Crisis that Ontario is facing; and,

WHEREAS municipalities are being left to manage these issues without the necessary resources or legal authority to sufficiently respond, and as a result are caught balancing the important needs of unsheltered people living in encampments, with the responsibility to ensure our communities are safe and vibrant places for all residents; and,

WHEREAS the causes of homelessness can be complex and individually unique to each unhoused person, with one of the primary causes being undiagnosed and untreated mental health and addiction issues, which are difficult to address without specialized support systems providing a continuum of care; and,

WHEREAS some individuals experiencing untreated or undiagnosed acute and/or chronic mental health or addictions challenges may be at higher risk to themselves and pose safety concerns for other members of the community; and,

WHEREAS every individual deserves the opportunity for treatment and recovery, including crucial systemic resources, prompt access, and appropriate intervention; and,

WHEREAS Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM) has launched the SolveTheCrisis.ca campaign to raise awareness of the scale of the humanitarian

crisis in our communities, seek partnerships with the federal and provincial governments to solve it including by: a single responsible Minister and ministry to coordinate action to solve the crisis; an action table with multi-sector stakeholders to create a comprehensive Made in Ontario solution that addresses these issues for all communities in the province; providing municipalities with the tools and resources to transition those in encampments to more appropriate supports; committing to fund the resources required, community by community, to fill existing gaps; invest in a sufficient number of 24/7 community hubs and crisis centres to relieve pressure on hospital emergency departments and first responders and,

WHEREAS the OBCM recommends the consideration of some specific tools and policy asks for municipalities and other sectors involved in this crisis as detailed below; and

WHEREAS an encounter with the criminal court system can be an effective pathway to treatment when the offender is offered a timely and effective treatment referral through a Diversion Court process; and,

WHEREAS the Province's plan to create 19 treatment hubs is a good step and has the potential to substantially improve access to treatment that can be referred through a Diversion Court process if these hubs are properly funded, accessible and expanded in scope and number based on community need; and

WHEREAS the ability of municipalities to ensure safe and vibrant communities is compromised by a double standard in our legal system that allows for the open consumption of illicit drugs but prohibits the unrestricted consumption of tobacco or alcohol, causing confusion and undermining public health efforts; and,

WHEREAS the ability of municipalities to make decisions regarding public safety is compromised by court decisions that enable encampments in public spaces and restrict municipal capacity to manage public lands effectively, including ensuring the safety of the people in those encampments, and the community surrounding them; and,

WHEREAS residents and business owners in neighbourhoods where homeless encampments exist and drug users congregate are unreasonably impacted by social disruption, rising crime, vandalism, and declining public confidence due to concerns for public safety; and,

WHEREAS provincial and federal governments need to take responsibility for policy decisions that have led to this humanitarian crisis and must take on a

greater leadership role in helping municipalities address the associated issues of social disruption and public safety; and,

WHEREAS municipalities need clear, effective and enforceable legislative tools from provincial and federal governments regarding how to address encampments and social disruption, and must have the legal authority to act swiftly and decisively when public safety is at risk; and,

WHEREAS establishing and reinforcing principles and parameters at a provincial level will allow municipalities to focus on what they do best – providing services to members of the public – without the impossible task of reconciling provincial and federal policy or various judicial decisions that are at odds with a group or individual rights; and,

WHEREAS municipal governments must implement solutions that are efficient, effective, appropriate, feasible, practical, and in compliance with Ontario and Canadian law, while balancing individual rights with the safety and well-being of the broader community;

WHEREAS the OBCM has reaffirmed calls to the federal and provincial governments, through its Solve the Crisis Campaign, to:

- i. Appoint one Minister and ministry responsible for the humanitarian crisis Ontarians are facing and who has been provided appropriate authority and resources to find solutions;
- ii. Create an action table of government representatives from all three levels, subject matter experts, and those impacted by this crisis including community partners, first responders and businesses to evaluate solutions to create a Made in Ontario solution; and
- iii. That both levels of government provide the funding required for municipalities big and small to put in place the solutions they need to end this crisis.

WHEREAS the OBCM has strongly requested the provincial and federal governments to:

- i. Take on intervenor status in the case of court decisions that restrict the ability of municipalities to regulate and prohibit encampments; and
- ii. Develop a fully funded and resourced range of compassionate care and treatment programs that strengthens the system of community-based and residential mental health & addictions treatments under the Mental Health

Act and the Health Care Consent Act, ensuring that individuals in need are able to access care and treatment in a timely manner; and

iii. Urgently review, consult on, and update the Mental Health Act and the Health Care Consent Act to reflect the current realities of this crisis, including consultation with medical professionals, first responders and municipalities to determine whether to expand the scope of and strengthen the existing system of mandatory community-based and residential mental health and addictions care and treatment; and

iv. Implement Diversion Courts throughout the Province and expand the scope and reach of these courts by permitting referrals to the Diversion Court for Provincial and Municipal Offences, with a focus on rehabilitation rather than punitive measures; and

v. Review, consult on, and update the Trespass to Property Act to address the public safety issues municipalities are facing within their communities. With such a review to include but not be limited to options to assist communities in addressing aggressive or repetitive trespass (“repetitive trespass”); and

vi. To establish for municipalities a prescribed provincial priority of maintaining public order and public safety to allow, in line with the above, stronger local deterrents to offenses related to social disruption and public safety risks;

WHEREAS the provincial and federal governments are requested to introduce legislation prohibiting open and public use of illicit drugs and public intoxication, whether that be by consumption of alcohol or illicit drugs, with clear enforcement provisions and public awareness campaigns to reduce the harmful impact on communities.

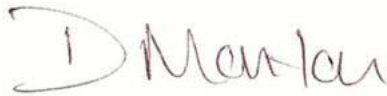
AND WHEREAS the province has been requested to create a blueprint, along with associated funding programs from both federal and provincial governments, to address the significant need for the quick build of supportive housing units, which includes units that address the specific needs of those who have started treatment and need shelter and care as they continue their recovery journey.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge supports the OBCM motion on chronic homelessness, mental health, safety and addiction crisis;

AND THAT this motion be circulated to Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Michael Tibollo, MPP of Ontario, the Honourable Arif Virani, Minister of Justice, the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario, the Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario, the Honourable Mark Holland, Federal Minister of Health, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Laurie LeBlanc, Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Rebecca Bligh, Federation of Canadian Municipalities President, Robin Jones, Association of Municipalities of Ontario President, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Should you have any questions related to the approved resolution, please contact me.

Yours Truly,



Danielle Manton
City Clerk

Cc: (via email)

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Township of Larder Lake support resolution - Redistribution of the LTT and GST

From Marianne Hull <MarianneHull@larderlake.ca>

Date Wed 2024-11-13 01:46 PM

To acarter@pertheast.ca <acarter@pertheast.ca>; admin@baldwin.ca <admin@baldwin.ca>; admin@casey.ca <admin@casey.ca>; admin@harley.ca <admin@harley.ca>; admin@hiltontownship.ca <admin@hiltontownship.ca>; admin@HUDSON.ca <admin@HUDSON.ca>; admin@jocelyn.ca <admin@jocelyn.ca>; admin@kerns.ca <admin@kerns.ca>; admin@mattawan.ca <admin@mattawan.ca>; admin@mindenhills.ca <admin@mindenhills.ca>; admin@nipissingtownship.com <admin@nipissingtownship.com>; admin@puslinch.ca <admin@puslinch.ca>; admin@sundridge.ca <admin@sundridge.ca>; administration@clarence-rockland.com <administration@clarence-rockland.com>; adminmachar@vianet.ca <adminmachar@vianet.ca>; aeuler@dryden.ca <aeuler@dryden.ca>; afisher@goderich.ca <afisher@goderich.ca>; agray@severn.ca <agray@severn.ca>; agubbels@warwicktownship.ca <agubbels@warwicktownship.ca>; ahobbs@assignack.ca <ahobbs@assignack.ca>

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Motion to support the Town of Aurora regarding redistribution of LTT and GST.pdf;

Please be advised that at the Township of Larder Lake, Regular Council Meeting held Tuesday, November 12th, 2024, the following resolution of support was adopted:

Motion to support the Town of Aurora regarding - Request to the Provincial and Federal government for the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding

Resolution:

Moved by: Councilor Armstrong

Seconded by: Councilor Kelly

Carried

Regards,



Marianne Hull, Finance and Administration Clerk
Township of Larder Lake
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MOVED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

SECONDED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

Motion #: 7

Resolution #: 7

Date: November 12, 2024

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

Recorded vote requested:

	For	Against
Tom Armstrong		
Patricia Hull		
Paul Kelly		
Lynne Paquette		
Patty Quinn		

I declare this motion

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Because:
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Expected response: _____ (enter date)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*

Chair: _____

*Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE

69 Fourth Avenue, Larder Lake, ON

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MOVED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

SECONDED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

Motion #: 8

Resolution #: 7

Date: November 12, 2024

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Township of Larder Lake Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and

2. Be It Further Resolved That the Township of Larder Lake Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and

3. Be It Further Resolved That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and

4. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs); and

5. *Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.*

Recorded vote requested:

	For	Against
Tom Armstrong	✓	
Patricia Hull	✓	
Paul Kelly	✓	
Lynne Paquette		
Patty Quinn	✓	

I declare this motion

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Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*

Chair:

Patricia Hull

*Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.

Township of Larder Lake support resolution - resume assessment cycle

From Marianne Hull <MarianneHull@larderlake.ca>

Date Wed 2024-11-13 02:48 PM

To doug.fordco@pc.ola.org <doug.fordco@pc.ola.org>; amo@amo.on.ca <amo@amo.on.ca>; roma@roma.on.ca <roma@roma.on.ca>; fonom.info@gmail.com <fonom.info@gmail.com>; JVanthof-qp@ndp.on.ca <JVanthof-qp@ndp.on.ca>; Mary.Dawson-Cole@mpac.ca <Mary.Dawson-Cole@mpac.ca>

Cc acarter@pertheast.ca <acarter@pertheast.ca>; admin@baldwin.ca <admin@baldwin.ca>; admin@casey.ca <admin@casey.ca>; admin@harley.ca <admin@harley.ca>; admin@hiltontownship.ca <admin@hiltontownship.ca>; admin@HUDSON.ca <admin@HUDSON.ca>; admin@jocelyn.ca <admin@jocelyn.ca>; admin@kerns.ca <admin@kerns.ca>; admin@mattawan.ca <admin@mattawan.ca>; admin@mindenhills.ca <admin@mindenhills.ca>; admin@nipissingtownship.com <admin@nipissingtownship.com>; admin@puslinch.ca <admin@puslinch.ca>; admin@sundridge.ca <admin@sundridge.ca>; administration@clarence-rockland.com <administration@clarence-rockland.com>; adminmachar@vianet.ca <adminmachar@vianet.ca>; aeuler@dryden.ca <aeuler@dryden.ca>; afisher@goderich.ca <afisher@goderich.ca>; agray@severn.ca <agray@severn.ca>; agubbels@warwicktownship.ca <agubbels@warwicktownship.ca>; ahobbs@assignack.ca <ahobbs@assignack.ca>

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Motion to support the Municipality of Callendar_Assessment Cycle.pdf;

Please be advised that at the Township of Larder Lake, Regular Council Meeting held Tuesday, November 12th, 2024, the following resolution of support was adopted:

Motion to support the Municipality of Callander regarding – Urging the Government to promptly resume the assessment cycle

Resolution:

Moved by: Councilor Armstrong

Seconded by: Councilor Kelly

Carried

Regards,



Marianne Hull, Finance and Administration Clerk
Township of Larder Lake
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MOVED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

SECONDED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

Motion #: 11

Resolution #: 9

Date: November 12, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Larder Lake hereby supports the resolution of from the Municipality of Callander urging the Government to promptly resume the assessment cycle; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier, the relevant provincial authorities, the Association of Municipalities in Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, and all municipalities in Ontario for their consideration, to make proper changes as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Recorded vote requested:

	For	Against
Tom Armstrong	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Patricia Hull	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Paul Kelly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Lynne Paquette		
Patty Quinn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

I declare this motion

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Expected response: _____ (enter date)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*

Chair:

Patricia Hull

*Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.

Peterborough County Council Resolution Re: Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

From Salisko, Holly <HSalisko@ptbocounty.ca>

Date Wed 2024-11-13 09:26 AM

Good morning,

Please note at their meeting on November 6, 2024, Peterborough County Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 238-2024

Moved by Councillor Lambshead

Seconded by Councillor Nelson

Whereas official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads; and

Whereas despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads; and

Whereas rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base; and

Whereas preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system; and

Whereas roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the County of Peterborough requests the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead which will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and

That this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support;

Carried

Should you have any questions or concerns please contact Kari Stevenson, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk at kstevenson@ptbocounty.ca.

Thanks,

Holly Salisko

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Township of Horton Council Resolution - Ontario Provincial Police Costs 2025

From Nikky Dubeau <ndubeau@hortontownship.ca>

Date Thu 2024-11-14 10:45 AM

To YakabuskiCO, John <john.yakabuski@pc.ola.org>; premier@ontario.ca <premier@ontario.ca>; Minister.SOLGEN@ontario.ca <Minister.SOLGEN@ontario.ca>; minister.fin@ontario.ca <minister.fin@ontario.ca>; amo@amo.ca <amo@amo.ca>

Cc choward@petawawa.ca <choward@petawawa.ca>; Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@petawawa.ca>; kbennett@petawawa.ca <kbennett@petawawa.ca>; Scott Randolph <srandolph@petawawa.ca>; acarter@pertheast.ca <acarter@pertheast.ca>; admin@baldwin.ca <admin@baldwin.ca>; admin@casey.ca <admin@casey.ca>; admin@harley.ca <admin@harley.ca>; admin@hiltontownship.ca <admin@hiltontownship.ca>; admin@hudson.ca <admin@hudson.ca>; admin@jocelyn.ca <admin@jocelyn.ca>; admin@kerns.ca <admin@kerns.ca>; admin@mattawan.ca <admin@mattawan.ca>; admin@mindenhills.ca <admin@mindenhills.ca>; admin@nipissingtownship.com <admin@nipissingtownship.com>; admin@puslinch.ca <admin@puslinch.ca>; admin@sundridge.ca <admin@sundridge.ca>; administration@clarence-rockland.com <administration@clarence-rockland.com>; adminmachar@vianet.ca <adminmachar@vianet.ca>; aeuler@dryden.ca <aeuler@dryden.ca>

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Certified True Copy - Resolution #2024-160 OPP Sustainable Funding.pdf;

Good morning,

Please find attached a Certified True Copy of Resolution #2024-160 that the Township of Horton Council passed at their November 5th Council meeting regarding the OPP Costs and Sustainable Funding for 2025.

Regards,

Nikky Dubeau, Dipl. M.A.

Executive Assistant

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Moved by: Councillor Webster

Resolution No.: 2024-160

Seconded by: Councillor Webs

November 5th, 2024

WHEREAS it is apparent that the Ontario Government has overlooked the needs of small rural Ontario;

AND WHEREAS Ontario's small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including roads, bridges, water/wastewater and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities, libraries and other tangible capital assets:

AND WHEREAS small rural Ontario's operating needs consume the majority of property tax revenue sources;

AND WHEREAS small rural municipalities (of 10,000 people or less) are facing monumental infrastructure deficits that cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue alone;

AND WHEREAS in 2015 the provincial government moved to standardized billing for all non-contract D.P.P. (5.1) locations;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Government has committed \$9.1 billion to Toronto alone to assist with operating deficits and the repatriation of the Don Valley and Gardner Expressway; and \$534 million to Ottawa for the repatriation of Hwy 174;

AND WHEREAS the annual cost of the Ontario Provincial Police, Municipal Policing Bureau for small rural non-contract (5.1) municipalities is approximately \$428 million;



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AND WHEREAS this annual cost is significantly less than the repatriation costs of the Gardiner Express Way, the Don Valley Parkway and Highway 174 (Ottawa Region) but provides a greater impact to the residents of the Province overall;

AND WHEREAS this will afford relief to small rural municipalities for both infrastructure and operating needs while having a minimal impact on the provincial budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Township of Horton call on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities:

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, MPP John Yakabuski, and all Municipalities in Ontario.

X CARRIED

Hope Dillabough, CAO/Clerk



November 14, 2024

Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1
Email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

RE: OPP Detachment Billing Increases

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Leamington, at its meeting held Tuesday, November 12, 2024 enacted the following resolution:

WHEREAS current police services within the Municipality of Leamington (hereinafter referred to as the 'Municipality') are provided by the Ontario Provincial Police (hereinafter referred to as the 'OPP');

AND WHEREAS the Municipality and the local OPP detachment have worked in a positive, collaborative and effective manner for decades;

AND WHEREAS historical increases in OPP Annual Billing Statements have trended around 5.67%;

AND WHEREAS the OPP submitted their 2025 Annual Billing Statement to the Municipality on October 4, 2024, that identifies an approximate \$833,000 (14.45%) increase from 2024 to 2025 that will translate to an approximate 2.48% tax rate increase, in addition to what the Municipality was contemplating for the residents of Leamington;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality was not consulted nor provided any advanced notice from the Commissioner regarding the significant cost increase received for OPP services;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality cannot afford to absorb this unexpected and entirely preventable increase without causing undo financial strain to our taxpayers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Leamington wishes to dispute the 2025 OPP Annual Billing Statement;

AND FURTHER THAT the Town requests that the 2025 OPP Annual Billing Statement be reduced to an approximate 5% increase that is more manageable for the Municipality and in line with historical trends;

AND FURTHER THAT any increase above 5% be absorbed by the province as the additional costs are directly the result of collective bargaining that was within the control of the OPP and should have been known to be financially unsustainable for the municipalities that now need to pay the bill;

AND FURTHER THAT the Municipality request that the County of Essex undertake a feasibility study for a County Police Force;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General, MPP Trevor Jones, the County of Essex, and all 329 municipalities serviced by OPP.

Yours Truly,

Abbie Marchildon

Abbie Marchildon, Council and Committee Coordinator

cc: The Hon. Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General
Trevor Jones, MPP
County of Essex
All 329 municipalities serviced by the OPP

Report to Municipal Council



Meeting Date: November 20, 2024	Report Date: November 13, 2024
Reason Before Council: Policy Direction / Approval	Priority: Normal
Department: Planning & Development	Type of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Report Title: Proposal to Amend Building Code Reg. Re: Sewage Systems

Recommended Resolution:

That Council pass the following resolution:

Whereas the Provincial Government passed O. Reg. 332/12: BUILDING CODE under the *Building Code Act, 1992*, S.O. 1992, c. 23 that assigns the responsibility for enforcement of sewage system inspections and permitting for our Municipality to the Public Health Sudbury Districts;

And whereas the Municipalities of Killarney, French River, St.-Charles, and Markstay-Warren have entered in a shared service agreement for Building and By-Law service;

And whereas the sewage system permitting and inspections can be easily integrated within this shared service model to promote better service to our residents and provide increased revenue stability;

And whereas the duplication of administration and traveling by staff comes at a financial burden to the taxpayers and increased carbon footprint;

And whereas the local elected officials have limited decision-making powers regarding sewage system inspection and re-inspection to better deal with local concerns such as blue green algae, housing and to improve department efficiencies;

And whereas the increasing cost of operation of our Building and By-Law Department could be considerably improved with a complimentary service such as sewage system inspection specifically during building construction with an end goal of approaching revenue neutral for this service;



Be it therefore resolved that the Municipality of St.-Charles requests the following amendment to O. Reg. 332/12: *BUILDING CODE* under *Building Code Act, 1992, S.O. 1992, c. 23 General 1.7.1.1 Table 1.7.1.1 item 5, column 2* be amended to read:

“All municipalities and territory without municipal organization located in the Sudbury and District Health Unit

- a) *except for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles, the Corporation of the Municipality of Markstay-Warren, the Corporation of the Municipality of French River, and the Corporation of the Municipality Killarney.”*

Analysis & Background:

In Ontario, the responsibility for sewage system responsibility is assigned within the *Building Code* and specifically the principal authority for permitting and inspections of sewage systems in our area is prescribed in O. Reg. 332/12: *BUILDING CODE Building Code Act, 1992, S.O. 1992, c. 23 General 1.7.1.1 Table 1.7.1.1 item 5, column 2* to the local Public Health Unit.

The current structure of the Building and By-law service can only exist with a shared service as retention and remuneration of qualified staff is becoming onerous if we were not part of a shared service. Currently our residents have access five (5) days a week to qualified and competent staff, and with the increasing need for By-Law enforcement, dedicated staff can address many issues before they become uncontrolled.

New or alteration to sewage systems often come with the need of a building permit, we have staff that go to these sites regardless, the addition of sewage system permitting, and inspection would not be expected to be costly or significantly time consuming. This would allow for either reduced costs for the landowner or the municipality as the sewage permitting fees would be integrated with build / site inspection and permitting. The goal would be to approach revenue neutral for this service.

Language found in a Reg under the Building Code

O. Reg. 332/12: BUILDING CODE

under [*Building Code Act, 1992, S.O. 1992, c. 23*](#)

1.7.1. General

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(1) The boards of health and conservation authorities listed in Column 1 of Table 1.7.1.1. are prescribed, for the purposes of subsection 3.1 (1) of the Act, as the boards of health and conservation authorities that are responsible for the enforcement of the provisions of the Act and this Code related to *sewage systems* in the *municipalities* and territory without municipal organization prescribed in Column 2 of Table 1.7.1.1.

Table 1.7.1.1.
Enforcement of the provisions of the Act and this Code Related to Sewage Systems

Forming Part of Sentence 1.7.1.1.(1)

Item	Column 1 Board of Health or Conservation Authority	Column 2 Geographic Area
1.	Board of Health of the Northwestern Health Unit	All <i>municipalities</i> and territory without municipal organization located in the Northwestern Health Unit
2.	Board of Health of the Thunder Bay District Health Unit	All <i>municipalities</i> and territory without municipal organization located in the Thunder Bay District Health Unit
3.	Board of Health of the Porcupine Health Unit	All <i>municipalities</i> and territory without municipal organization located in the Porcupine Health Unit
4.	Board of Health of the Algoma Health Unit	All <i>municipalities</i> and territory without municipal organization located in the Algoma Health Unit
5.	Board of Health of the Sudbury and District Health Unit	All <i>municipalities</i> and territory without municipal organization located in the Sudbury and District Health Unit
6.	Board of Health of the Timiskaming Health Unit	All <i>municipalities</i> and territory without municipal organization located in the Timiskaming Health Unit
7.	North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority	All <i>municipalities</i> and territory without municipal organization located in:
		a. the District of Nipissing, except those parts of the District of Nipissing located in the Timiskaming Health Unit, and
		b. the District of Parry Sound, except for the Township of The Archipelago, the geographic Townships of Blair, Brown, Harrison, Henvey, Mowat and Wallbridge and the unsurveyed territory



		north of the geographic Township of Henvey to the French River.
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Attachments:

- Code Amendment Form

Prepared By: Denis Turcot, CAO

Guideline for Requesting Changes to the Building Code

Request a Code Change

Ontario's Building Code improves with each edition thanks to the contributions of building officials, designers, builders, contractors, product manufacturers, researchers, building owners and the public. Typical changes accommodate new materials, systems and building design, clarify requirements, or update references to standards.

The Building Code is a regulation made under the Building Code Act, 1992. Given the joint Federal/Provincial/Territorial Code development process, changes developed by the Canadian Commission on Building and Fire Codes (CCBFC) for the model National Building Code (mNBC) and the model National Plumbing Code (mNPC) are considered for inclusion in Ontario's Building Code. Suggestions for changes to the Building Code made by members of the public may also be considered. Potential changes to the Building Code are generally developed following a public consultation process and review by a Building Code technical committee.

Suggestions to improve the Building Code may be submitted to the Building and Development Branch of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. The following points should be considered in developing a request for a Building Code change:

Clarity

Code change requests should clearly identify the specific change being proposed, current Code provisions that would be affected by the change, and the rationale for proposing the change. Proposed language for new Code provisions is helpful.

Supporting Documentation

Code change requests should be accompanied by sufficient documentation to support the need for the change. Documentation may include research, testing results, statistics, case studies, etc.

Cost/Benefit Analysis

Code change requests should include information on implementation costs and the benefits likely to be achieved.

Assessment of Conformance

Code change requests may not be viable if there are no practical means of assessing conformance with the proposed new requirement. Requests should consider whether there are existing tools or models that can be used to assess the conformance of designs or construction with the requirements of the proposed Code change.

Requests also need to consider whether the implementation of Code changes would have implications for enforcement bodies.

Timing

Although requests for changes to the 2012 Building Code can be made at any time, it is likely that most changes will be considered for inclusion in the next edition the Building Code. However, "interim" Code changes to the 2012 Code are possible.

Objectives

The objectives of the Building Code's requirements ("acceptable solutions") are set out in Division A. Code change requests should link proposed changes to at least one of the Code's stated objectives. The addition of a provision that cannot be linked to one of the currently stated objectives would require the addition of new objectives.

Focus on Generic/Widespread Issues

The Building Code's standards are of general application and it is therefore impractical for the Building Code to deal with specific products or with situations that arise only rarely.

However, innovative products that are not yet covered by standards or mentioned in the Codes are not necessarily excluded from use. Current administrative procedures to enable the use of innovative products are listed in Division C, and include Alternative Solutions, the Building Code Commission, the Building Materials Evaluation Commission and Minister's Rulings.

Code Change Request Form

The attached form should accompany requested changes, although its use is not mandatory provided the criteria stated above are considered. Where the form does not provide sufficient space for the information you wish to include, you are encouraged to attach additional pages as necessary. Additional electronic copies of the Building Code change request form may be obtained from the Building Code website at: www.ontario.ca/buildingcode.

Building Code Development Process

Ontario's Building Code is based on the model National Building Code (mNBC) but includes some differences from the mNBC that are determined by Ontario-specific priorities such as high standards for energy efficiency and greenhouse gas reduction, additional sections to deal with specific building types and elements such as public pools and spas and rapid transit stations and Part 11 to address renovations to existing buildings.

New editions of Ontario's Building Code generally follow the cycle of the mNBC and may include technical and editorial changes throughout the Code. Proposed changes are typically posted on the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing web site for public consultation. Comments received through that public consultation process are considered by Technical Advisory Committees, including designers, builders, regulators and other expert Code users, before final recommendations are submitted to the Provincial Government for approval.

The Building Code may be amended at any time and each edition of the Code may be amended several times during the life of that edition. However, the Code is not amended each time an individual Code Change Request is submitted to the Ministry.

All Code Change Requests are logged on receipt and may be considered as part of a general amendment package once sufficient proposals are received. Other amendments may address changes related to specific topics such as sprinkler requirements or barrier-free design.

2024 BUILDING CODE CHANGE REQUEST FORM**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

DATE : November 4, 2024

Do you agree to permit sharing all information on this form with Building Code Review Committees and the Canadian Commission on Building and Fire Codes for the purposes of code development?

- YES
 NO

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 Building Official
 Building Owner / Manager
 Designer / Architect / Engineer
 Home Owner / General Public
 Supplier / Manufacturer
 Other: Municipality

CODE CHANGE REQUEST:

Change an existing code provision: *O. Reg. 332/12: BUILDING CODE under Building Code Act, 1992, S.O. 1992, c. 23 General 1.7.1.1 Table 1.7.1.1 item 5, column 2*

Code Reference of the Requested Change:

Division, Part, Section, Subsection, Article, Sentence, etc. eg: Div. B, 9.32.3.5.(1)

Add a new code provision

Have you forwarded this change to the Canadian Commission on Building and Fire Codes as a proposed amendment to the model National Building or Plumbing Codes?

- YES
 NO

Personal information submitted on this form is collected under the authority of the Building Code Act, 1992 and will be used for the purpose of Code development. Please direct any questions about the collection of information by mail to the following address:

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<p>REQUESTED CHANGE/ADDITION: What wording do you propose for the change?</p>	<p><i>“All municipalities and territory without municipal organization located in the Sudbury and District Health Unit</i></p> <p>a) <i>except for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles, the Corporation of the Municipality of Markstay-Warren, the Corporation of the Municipality of French River, and the Corporation of the Municipality</i></p>
<p>PROBLEM: Why should the existing provision be revised? If requesting an addition to the Code, what is missing?1.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Duplication of service: We have already staff attending most of the new or expanding construction where sewage system are being built. Having someone driving one hour or more to verify that the system is built to specification is being paid by our residents. 2. Increase inspection opportunities: Less delays, Able to monitor throughout construction period, we are local and most of the time already onsite with building inspection to complete sewage system inspection. 3. Local: Though past plans had the intention of having a Health inspector based in Sudbury East, there has never been one based in this region, they are all out of Sudbury. Residents must rely on phone or email conversation. Our proposal would have staff in the community on a regular basis that would allow easier access to in person meeting either in office or on-site. 4. Reducing cost: We struggle as municipalities to be generate income, Sudbury East municipalities have come together to try to be more efficient in our shared service of a building department and by-law enforcement operation, we struggle to be revenue neutral. We are already onsite for most of the application, we would improve our cost efficiency and reduce the number of contact that are require. 5. Environmental Protection: Properly maintained sewage systems are crucial for protecting local ecosystems. Inspections can prevent leaks and overflows that could harm wildlife and pollute rivers and lakes. Regular inspections with possible re-inspection program in environmentally sensitive area could help identify and address issues with sewage systems that might otherwise lead to contamination of drinking water sources, posing serious health risks to the community. Currently there are no re-inspection programs in our region. Being local we can react quickly on complaints ensuring compliance. 6. Compliance and Accountability: Ensuring that all sewage systems comply with current regulations helps maintain a standard of quality and safety. This can also hold property owners accountable for maintaining their systems. Municipal staff visit local property owners on a regular basis and would have a more frequent visitation to various properties. 7. Preventative Maintenance: Regular (re) inspections can catch small issues before they become major problems, potentially saving property owners from costly repairs and the municipality from dealing with large-scale environmental cleanups. Past efforts from council to implement a re-inspection program went nowhere. 8. Community Trust: By actively managing and inspecting

	<p>sewage systems, the municipality can build trust with residents, showing that it is committed to maintaining a safe and healthy environment.</p>
<p>JUSTIFICATION/EXPLANATION: How does the requested change address the problem?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Duplication of service: We would have a central number where residents would call for Building and by-law enforcement including sewage system application and complaints. This would simplify our any application process for new system and potentially uncover building that were built with improper sewage system approvals. 2. Increase inspection opportunities: Staff would either be in the community on a regular basis or be on site when new or renovation permits are applied for. 3. Local: Municipal staff keep regular visit to our four local municipalities. 4. Reducing cost: Especially when applying for a new construction or renovation permit, the fee cost of the sewage system could be incorporate share inspection cost, giving more opportunities for cost recovery. The building and by-law department shared service came as a result of not having enough application individually as a municipality to keep full time staff, having additional service that we would be able to charge a fee for would get us closer to revenue neutral for our service and or reducing our fees. 5. Duplication of service: There would be only one point of contact especially when it comes to new and renovation construction applications. When pre-consultation is required for severances, one point of contact rather than two would be achieved. Reduce our carbon foot print by reducing duplication and the extended drive from the City of Greater Sudbury. 6. Increase inspection opportunities: Our staff visit on a regular basis construction site, attend to by-law complaint, this would allow staff the power to address or question any possible sewage system issues. 7. Local: We would continue to have staff in the community on a regular basis that would allow easier access to in person meeting either in office or on-site. 8. Reducing cost: Reducing travel cost in the overall permit system and duplication of time onsite would be achieved almost immediately. 9. Environmental Protection: Would provide an opportunity for local Elected Council to implement re-inspection programs in our region. Being local we can re-act quickly on complaints ensuring compliance. 10. Compliance and Accountability: We currently have professional staff that are more than capable to inspect >\$1M builds, the same degree of professionalism would be extended to this service. 11. Preventative Maintenance: Regular (re) inspections can catch small issues before they become major problems, potentially saving property owners from costly repairs and the municipality from dealing with large-scale environmental

	<p>cleanups. Past efforts from council to implement a re-inspection program went nowhere.</p> <p>12. Community Trust: The shared service has greatly improved the level of service and professionalism for this department, we would build on this trust.</p>
<p>OBJECTIVE(S): Which of the Code’s objectives does the requested change address? (See Part 2 of Division A of the Building Code for the list of objectives.)</p>	<p>The objectives are To allocate the Principal Authority for Sewage system permitting and inspection to the Sudbury East Municipalities of St-Charles, French River, Markstay-Warren and Killarney.</p>
<p>COST/BENEFIT IMPLICATIONS: Will the change entail any added costs (material, long-term or operational)? Will it provide benefits that are measurable? (e.g. energy efficiency, enhanced fire safety, accessibility, operating costs)</p>	<p>This request in change would only impact Sudbury East municipalities and Public Health Sudbury District. I cannot speak to the impact to PHSD.</p> <p>Our Costs</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Initial Setup Costs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Training and Equipment: The municipality will need to invest in training personnel. ○ Administrative Costs: amending the current administrative framework to manage permits and inspections. 2. Ongoing Operational Costs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Regular Inspections: Incremental cost of conducting regular sewage system inspections would be added to most building permit application. ○ Maintenance and Repairs: Where no building permits are required, additional staff time for intake and subsequent inspection to be added. <p>Benefits</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Public Health and Safety: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rapid and local response to request or complaints re: sewage systems. 2. Environmental Protection: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Local decision responding to resident concern on the environment. ○ Reduce our carbon foot print by reducing duplication and the extended drive from the City of Greater Sudbury. 3. Economic Benefits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Attracting Investment: A municipality with robust infrastructure and responsive is more attractive to businesses and investors, potentially boosting the local economy. 4. Cost Savings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Duplication: Current PHSD fee structure includes travel time from Sudbury and with staff already attending most of the properties there will be cost saving that can either reduce future fees or make the department revenue neutral. <p>Measurable Benefits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operating Costs: Dual inspections services (building and sewage) can lead to more efficient use of resources, potentially lowering long-term operating costs . • Community Trust: Demonstrating a commitment to

	<p>maintaining a safe and healthy environment can build trust with residents .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced carbon foot print by reducing duplication and the extended drive from the City of Greater Sudbury.
<p>ENFORCEMENT IMPLICATIONS: Can the requested change/addition be enforced by the infrastructure available to enforce this Code? Will its enforcement require an increase in resources?</p>	<p>There should be no enforcement implications, Sudbury East Municipalities employ a full time CBO, seasonal inspector and three by-law officers. We have sufficient staff to deliver the anticipated demand in service. All sewage system approval are verified by our staff as part of the applicable laws in the application process for a building permit.</p>
<p>EFFECT ON OTHER CODES: Will the proposed change affect other Codes? (e.g. Fire Code, Electrical Safety Code, Gas Utilization Code) If so, have you consulted with the appropriate authority? (e.g. Office of the Fire Marshal, Electrical Safety Authority, Technical Standards and Safety Authority, etc.)</p>	<p>There are no other implications other codes other than assigning Principal Authority for sewer system inspection to the municipality.</p>
<p>OTHER COMMENTS: For example, identify other Code requirements affected by the requested change, etc.</p>	<p>Past comment from Public Health Sudbury District have said no to relinquishing being Principal authority for sewage system, one of the comments was that they would in part continue to enforce in the un-organized area sewage system. We would just wish to say that our resident pay for their service and un-organized territories should be responsible for the cost of service provided to them.</p> <p>We would be willing to set any transfer or Principal Authority as a pilot project where regular reporting is made to the ministry with a final report after 1 year to determine if the assignment of Principal Authority for Sewage system permitting and inspection is successful.</p>
<p>ATTACHED SUPPORTING MATERIAL: (e.g. research, test results, statistics, case studies - List and attach.)</p>	<p>The request is not without a precedent, Huron County took over Sewage inspection from their Health Unit https://www.huroncounty.ca/news/huron-municipalities-take-on-plumbing-and-sewage-inspection-responsibilities/</p>

Present only one change request per form. Duplicate the form as necessary. You may attach additional pages or use any other format to submit your request as long as all the information indicated above is included.

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WINTER MAINTENANCE POLICY

Policy Record

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PURPOSE:

The Municipality of St.-Charles is committed to providing safe and sustainable winter maintenance operations while continuing to improve those operations to provide safety and mobility for the traveling public. The Municipality of St.-Charles' Public Works staff will strive, insofar as reasonably practicable, to provide safe winter road conditions for vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

The Municipality of St.-Charles will provide sufficient resources to meet the level of service set out in this Policy for a low volume, predominantly rural road system during those times of the year when winter conditions can be expected. The Municipality of St.-Charles will adhere to meeting the requirements of Ontario Regulation 239/02: Minimum Maintenance Standards for Municipal Highways.

POLICY STATEMENT:

The Municipality of St.-Charles promotes safety on all roads assumed and designated by the Municipality of St.-Charles. This Policy was developed in order to provide efficient and cost-effective winter maintenance to ensure insofar as reasonably practicable, the safety of the users of the Municipal Road Network by adhering to Ontario Regulation 239/02 and requirements under the *Highway Traffic Act*.

SCOPE:

This Policy shall apply to all roads assumed and designated by the Municipality of St.-Charles as roads receiving winter maintenance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, neither the Municipality of St.-Charles, nor its officials or employees shall make any promise, assurance or guarantee that the service provided by the Municipality of St.-Charles will be in excess of the Minimum Maintenance Standards.

TITLE:

This Policy shall be called "Policy SER-005 – Winter Maintenance Policy".

DEFINITIONS:

As soon as practicable – shall mean without undue delay, having regard to prevailing circumstances.

Class – shall mean the class of highway as determined in the Classification of Highways Table of the Minimum Maintenance Standards.

Day – shall mean a 24-hour period.

Highway – shall include a common and public highway, street, avenue, parkway, driveway, square, place, bridge, viaduct or trestle, any part of which is intended for or used by the general public for the passage of vehicles and includes the area between the lateral property lined thereof.

Ice – shall mean all kinds of ice however formed.

Maintenance Class – shall mean a Class 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, road designated as such by posted speed and traffic volume in accordance with Classification of Highways Table of the Minimum Maintenance Standards.

Minimum Maintenance Standards (“MMS”) – shall mean Ontario Regulation 239/02: Minimum Maintenance Standards for Municipal Highways, as amended from time to time.

Municipality – shall mean the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles.

Operations – shall mean those activities the Public Works Department performs to improve a condition or sustain a roadway standard. Operations are normally defined by guidelines (not Policy), with discretion of the Operations Manager to choose various methods to achieve results cost-effectively.

Operations Manager, Patrol Lead or Designate – shall refer to a person, in the employ of, contracted by or appointed by the Municipality, who is accountable for the deployment of operations that impact on the condition of roadway services.

Patrol Person – shall mean a person who is either a dedicated winter patroller or a person whose duties include winter patrolling.

Roadway – shall mean the part of the highway that is improved, designed or ordinarily used for vehicular traffic, but does not include the shoulder, and, where a highway includes two (2) or more separate roadways, the term “roadway” refers to any one (1) roadway separately and not to all of the roadway collectively.

Sidewalk – shall mean the part of the highway specifically set aside or commonly understood to be for pedestrian use, typically consisting of a paved surface but does not include crosswalks, medians, boulevards, shoulders or any part of the sidewalk where cleared snow has been deposited.

Significant Weather Event – shall mean an approaching or occurring weather hazard with the potential to pose a significant danger to users of the highway within the Municipality.

Snow Accumulation – shall mean the natural accumulation of any of the following that, alone or together covers more than half a lane width of roadway: 1) new fallen snow; 2) windblown snow; 3) slush.

Weather Hazard – shall mean the weather hazards determined by Environment Canada as meeting the criteria for the issuance of an alert under its Public Weather Alerting Program. O. Reg. 239/02, s. 1 (1); O. Reg. 23/10, s. 1 (1); O. Reg. 47/13, s. 1; O. Reg. 366/18, s. 1 (1, 2).

Winter Event – shall mean a weather condition affecting roads such as snowfall, windblown snow, sleet, freezing rain, frost, or ice, to which a Winter Event Response is required.

Winter Event Response – shall mean a series of winter control activities performed in response to a Winter Event.

Winter Patrol – shall mean the field observation of weather and road conditions.

Winter Season – shall mean that season when the Municipality normally performs winter highway maintenance as identified in this Policy.

POLICY COMMUNICATION

This Policy will be communicated by posting on the Municipality’s website.

POLICY

1.0 WINTER ROADWAY MAINTENANCE

1.1 Road Network Maintained

The Municipality has the following roads which are within its boundaries:

- 1.1 kms of high-class bituminous road.
- 17.9 kms of low-class bituminous road.
- 74 kms of loose top gravel road.
- 7.6 kms of earth top road.

1.2 The System Maintained

The major activities related to winter maintenance are:

- Snow plowing.
- Sand / Salt application.
- Snow removal.
- Sidewalk plowing and de-icing.
- Drift control.

1.2 COMMISSIONING AND DECOMMISSIONING WINTER OPERATIONS

1.2.1 An analysis of winter operational records for the period of October 1st to April 30th inclusive indicates that on average the first occasion for which a winter event response is required will occur on or about November 1st. The need for an ongoing response will on average continue to approximately April 1st.

*****Therefore, the winter season for the Municipality will be from the 1st Monday of November each year through to and including the 1st Friday of April of the next year following.**

1.2.2 Acknowledging that winter conditions can occur before and after these periods, the Municipality will gear the conversion of its resources from normal maintenance to winter maintenance mode to meet the following state of readiness guidelines.

<u>Beginning of Winter</u>	50% Operational	October 15 th
	100% Operational	November 1 st
<u>End of Winter</u>	100% Operational	April 1 st
	50% Operational	April 15 th

1.2.3 The winter control resources of the Municipality consist of sufficient resources to meet the level of service set out in this Policy for the classifications of winter-maintained roads identified in Appendix C to this Policy.

1.3 PATROLLING

1.3.1 The standard for the frequency of patrolling of highways to check for conditions described in the MMS and is set out in Table 1 to this Section.

1.3.2 If it is determined by the Municipality that the weather monitoring referred to in Section 1.4 and the MMS indicates that there is a substantial probability of snow accumulation on roadways, ice formation on roadways or icy roadways, the standard for patrolling highways is, in addition to that set out in subsection 1.3.1, to patrol highways that the Municipality selects as representative of its highways, at intervals deemed necessary by the Municipality, to check for such conditions.

1.3.3 Patrolling a highway consists of observing the highway, either by driving on or by electronically monitoring the highway and may be performed by persons responsible for patrolling highways or by persons responsible for or performing highway maintenance activities.

1.3.4 If it is determined by the Municipality that the weather monitoring referred to in Section 1.4 indicates that there is a substantial probability of snow accumulation on sidewalks, ice formation on sidewalks or icy sidewalks, the standard for patrolling sidewalks is to patrol sidewalks that the Municipality selects as representative of its sidewalks at intervals deemed necessary by the Municipality.

TABLE 1: PATROLLING FREQUENCY

Class of Highway	Patrolling Frequency
1	3 times every 7 days
2	2 times every 7 days
3	once every 7 days
4	once every 14 days
5	once every 30 days

O. Reg. 239/02, s. 3, Table; O. Reg. 23/10, s. 3 (2)

Note: These Regulations do not apply to Class 6 Highways. The Municipality will patrol Class 6 Highways as deemed required.

1.4 WEATHER MONITORING

1.4.1 From October 1st to April 30th, the standard is to monitor the weather, both current and forecast to occur in the next twenty-four (24) hours, once every shift or three times per calendar day, whichever is more frequent, at intervals determined by the Municipality.

1.4.2 From May 1st to October 1st, the standard is to monitor the weather, both current and forecast to occur in the next twenty-four (24) hours, once per calendar day.

1.5 SNOW ACCUMULATION

The standard for addressing snow accumulation on a roadway is:

1.5.1 After becoming aware of the fact that the snow accumulation on a roadway is equal or greater than the depth set out in Table 2 to this Section, to deploy resources as soon as practicable to address the snow accumulation; and,

1.5.2 After the snow accumulation has ended, to address the snow accumulation, so as to reduce the snow to a depth less than or equal to the depth set out in the Table within the time set out in Table 2.

- a) To provide a minimum lane width of the lesser of three (3) meters for each lane or the actual lane width; or,
- b) On a Class 4 or Class 5 highway with two (2) lanes, to provide a total width of at least five (5) meters.

1.5.3 If the depth of snow accumulation on a roadway is more than or equal to the depth set of in Table 2 to this Section, the roadway is deemed to be in a state of repair with respect to snow accumulation.

1.5.4 For the purpose of this Section, the depth of snow accumulation on a roadway may be determined in accordance with the Subsection (d) by a municipal employee, agent or contractor, whose duties or responsibilities include one (1) or more of the following:

- a) Patrolling highways;
- b) Performing highway maintenance activities;
- c) Supervising staff who perform activities described in paragraph a) or b);
- d) The depth of snow accumulation on a roadway and lane width may be determined by:
 - i. Performing an actual measurement;
 - ii. Monitoring the weather; or,
 - iii. Performing a visual estimate;

- e) For the purpose of this Section, addressing snow accumulation on a roadway includes, but is limited to:
 - i. Plowing the roadway;
 - ii. Application of sand / salt mixture to the roadway;
 - iii. Applying abrasive materials to the roadway;
 - iv. Applying other chemical or organic agents to the roadway; or,
 - v. Any combination of the methods described in clauses (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv);
- f) This Section does not apply to that portion of the roadway designated for parking.

1.5.5 The standard for addressing snow accumulation on a sidewalk after the snow accumulation has ended is:

- a) To reduce the snow to a depth less than or equal to eight (8) centimeters within forty-eight (48) hours; and,
- b) To provide a minimum sidewalk width of one (1) meter.

TABLE 2: SNOW ACCUMULATION

Class of Highway	Depth	Time
1	2.5 cm	4 hours
2	5 cm	6 hours
3	8 cm	12 hours
4	8 cm	16 hours
5	10 cm	24 hours

O. Reg. 239/02, s. 3, Table; O. Reg. 23/10, s. 3 (2)

Note: These Regulations do not apply to Class 6 highways. The Municipality will deploy resources as soon as practicable to address the snow accumulation on Class 6 Highways.

1.6 ICE FORMATION ON ROADWAYS AND ICY ROADWAYS

1.6.1 The standard for the prevention of ice formation on roadways is doing the following in the twenty-four (24) hour period preceding an alleged formation of ice on a roadway:

- a) Monitor the weather in accordance with section 1.4;
- b) Patrol in accordance with section 1.3;
- c) If the Municipality determines, as a result of its activities under a) or b), that there is a substantial probability of ice forming on a roadway, treat the roadway, if

practicable, to prevent ice formation within the time set out in Table 3 to this Section, starting from the time that the Municipality determined is the appropriate time to deploy resources for that purpose.

1.6.2 Subject to Section 1.6, the standard set out in subsection 1.6.1 and, despite such compliance, ice forms on a roadway, the roadway is deemed to be in a state of repair until the applicable time set out in Table 3 to this Section expires after the Municipality becomes aware of the fact that the roadway is icy.

1.6.3 Subject to Section 1.6.1. the standard for treating icy roadways is to treat the icy roadway within the time set out in Table 3 to this Section, and an icy roadway is deemed to be in a state of repair until the applicable time is set out in Table 3 to this Section expires after the Municipality becomes aware of the fact that a roadway is icy.

1.6.4 For the purpose of this Section, treating a roadway means applying material to the roadway, including but not limited to, salt, sand or any combination of salt and sand.

TABLE 3: ICE FORMATION ON ROADWAYS AND ICY ROADWAYS

Class of Highway	Time
1	6 hours
2	8 hours
3	16 hours
4	24 hours
5	24 hours

O. Reg. 366/18, s. 8

Note: This Regulation does not apply to Class 6 Highways. The Municipality will deploy resources as soon as practicable to address ice formation on roadways and icy roadways on Class 6 Highways.

2.0 WINTER MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES

2.1 WEATHER MONITORING

In accordance with Section 1.4, both current and forecast weather will be monitored from October 1st to April 30th, three (3) times per calendar day via the Weather Network website by the Operations Manager or their designate. A screen shot of the website is captured, printed, signed and the date and time that the weather was monitored recorded on the printed sheet. The weather report is sent by electronic transmission to

the Patrol Lead three (3) times per calendar day as soon as practicable after reviewing the current and forecast weather on the Weather Network website.

2.2.1 The Municipality may declare a significant weather event in accordance with the MMS at any time in its sole discretion it elects to do so. This includes roadways and sidewalks.

2.2.2 The Municipality declaring the beginning of a significant weather event or declaring the end of a significant weather event under the MMS shall do so in one (1) or more of the following ways:

- a) By posting a notice on the Municipality's website;
- b) By making an announcement on a social media platform, such as the Municipality's Facebook page;
- c) By any other notification method required in a By-Law of the Municipality or to be determined by Council.

2.2.3 If the Municipality declares a significant weather event relating to snow accumulation, the standard for addressing snow accumulation on roadways until the declaration of the end of the significant weather event is:

- a) Declare the end of the significant weather event when the Municipality determines it is appropriate to do so; and,
- b) Address snow accumulation on roadways and sidewalks.

2.2.4 Following the end of the weather hazard in respect of which a significant weather event was declared by the Municipality, the Municipality shall:

- a) Declare the end of the significant weather event when the Municipality determines it is appropriate to do so; and,
- b) Address snow accumulation on roadways and sidewalks.

2.3 PATROLLING

2.3.1 During the winter season (Section 1.20), all roads will be patrolled in accordance with Section 1.3. If it is determined by the Municipality that the weather monitoring referred to in Section 1.4 of this Policy indicates that there is a substantial probability of snow accumulation on roadways, ice formation on roadways or icy roadways, the standard is to patrol the route of representative roads included in Appendix A.

2.3.2 Shaded areas, steep hills, sharp curves and stop conditions may become icy during certain weather conditions. The route of representative roads may include some or all the areas mentioned above.

2.3.3 When deteriorating weather and road conditions are observed by the patrol person, the patrol person shall notify the Operations Manager and / or the Patrol Lead. The Operations Manager and or the Patrol Lead, with input from the patrol person, shall determine the winter event response required. The Operations Manager or Patrol Lead contacted will call out staff for a winter event response.

2.3.4 When municipal equipment is deployed for a winter event response all operators shall be treated as patrol persons and all the winter maintenance records that are created by these patrol persons will be treated as patrol records for the purpose of this Policy.

2.4 SNOW ACCUMULATION

2.4.1 The Municipality has one (1) patrol yard and a sand storage dome that has a total capacity of approximately 2800 cubic yards of winter sand.

2.4.2 The road network for the Municipality has been divided into two (2) routes. The road network is comprised of class 5 and 6 roadways, each route may contain one (1) or more classes of road.

2.4.3 Snow accumulation will be addressed by providing services that meet the requirements of Section 1.5 for all roads within each route. During times when there is a severe winter condition e.g. heavy snowfall, strong winds, or when equipment breakdown occurs, lower priority road classes may be delayed due to maintaining the higher class of road at the required service levels for both snow accumulation and ice control. Routes may be altered to service roads that are more affected by the weather.

2.4.4 The snow accumulation provision and response time applies to the Municipality of St.-Charles Municipal office and parking lots for vehicles having municipal business.

2.4.5 In the event of a call from Emergency Services (i.e. police, fire, ambulance) to address a snow accumulation the Municipality will have resources available 24/7 to respond. The response to address snow accumulation will occur as soon as practicable after receiving the call from Emergency Services.

2.5 ICE FORMATION ON ROADWAYS AND ICY ROADWAYS

2.5.1 A winter event response will be initiated by the patrol person, patrol lead or Operations Manager or designate. Ice formation on roadways and icy roadways will be treated by providing service that meets the requirements of Section 1.6 for all roads within each route as shown in Appendix B.

2.5.2 In the event of a call from Emergency Services (i.e. police, fire, ambulance) to treat icy roadways the Municipality will have the resources available 24/7 to respond.

The response to treat icy roadways will occur as soon as practicable after receiving the call from Emergency Services.

2.6 WINGING BACK SNOW

During the winter season it may be necessary to wing back snowbanks on rural road sections in order to move snow from the edge of the roadway to the roadside ditch, reduce the height of the banks to control drifting snow or to improve driver visibility at intersections. Winging back snowbanks will occur during normal day shift hours when feasible.

2.7 SNOWBANK REMOVAL

During the winter season snowbanks within the village area of the Municipality of St.-Charles and other built-up areas may require removal. Snowbanks within the sight triangles at intersections to improve driver visibility at intersections, the height of which cannot be reduced by winging back, will be removed as soon as practicable. Snowbank removal may occur during normal day shift hours when feasible.

2.8 SNOW FENCE

The Municipality does not install and shall not provide snow fencing.

2.9 VEHICLE PARKING IN WINTER

The Municipality requests the public's co-operation not to park vehicles along a roadway or in snow-plow turnarounds, as it may interfere with a winter event response.

2.10 RECORD KEEPING

All winter maintenance on roadways shall be recorded electronically and / or paper based. The Operations Manager and Lead Hand will complete their record of the day's events at the end of each shift. The patrol person and equipment operators will record their observations of weather and road conditions at the time of patrol of the representative roads or winter event response respectively. All records shall be kept as per the Municipality's Record Retention By-Law. Paper based records of routes cleared, quantities of sand / salt utilized, operators name and time of shift start and end shall be submitted to the Public Works Supervisor or Designate at the end of each shift.

3.0 STAFF TRAINING - TARGETED LEVEL

The Municipality requires mandatory annual winter operations training for all operations department staff including contract staff, if any. Training will consist of but not be limited to:

- Review of MMS Sections 3, 4 and 5.
- Shift schedules.
- Call out procedures.
- Review of plow routes and any route changes for the upcoming winter season.
- De-icing materials - loading instructions, application rates, returning unused material.
- Plowing techniques, speed of plowing, rounding corners, lifting plows over level crossing, winging back and high winging.
- Equipment pre-trip inspection.
- Equipment calibration confirmation.
- Record keeping.
- Health and Safety.
- Emergency procedures and contact numbers.
- Level of Service - policies, practices, and procedures.
- Identification of road salt vulnerable areas and the procedures to follow in those areas.
- Yard and equipment maintenance.

Staff will be required to sign off that training has been received.

4.0 POLICY REVIEW

The Municipality will review this Policy annually.

Dated at St.-Charles, Ontario, this 20th day of November, 2024.

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Paul Branconnier
Mayor

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Tammy Godden
Clerk

APPENDIX A - ROUTE OF REPRESENTATIVE ROADS

Weather Event	Roads Patrolled
Snowfall	Turcot Road › Monte Brazeau Road › Beuparlant Road › Casimir Road › Musky Bay Road › Victoria Road › Lake Road › Highway 535
Blowing Wind	Turcot Road › Monte Brazeau Road › Beuparlant Road › Casimir Road › Musky Bay Road › Highway 535
Ice Event	Turcot Road › Monte Brazeau Road › Beuparlant Road › Casimir Road › Musky Bay Road › Victoria Road › Lake Road › Highway 535

APPENDIX B - ROUTE OF REPRESENTATIVE SIDEWALKS

Road Name	From	To
Highway 535	50 Highway 535	King St East
King St East	Highway 535	Casimir Road

APPENDIX C - WINTER ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Classification for the purpose of the Winter Maintenance Policy applies to Class 5, and 6, year-round maintained roads under the jurisdiction of the Municipality. Classification has been established through the Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) count completed in the 2009 K. Smart Associates Limited Road Management Plan, and by the Minimum Maintenance Standards for Municipal Highways Ontario Regulation 239/02, which sets the minimum standard for levels of service and patrolling requirements on each classification of road within a municipality as per the tables below:

CLASSIFICATION OF HIGHWAYS

Average Daily Traffic (number of motor vehicles)	91 - 100 km/h speed limit	81 - 90 km/h speed limit	71 - 80 km/h speed limit	61 - 70 km/h speed limit	51 - 60 km/h speed limit	41 - 50 km/h speed limit	1 - 40 km/h speed limit
53,000 or more	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
23,000 - 52,999	1	1	1	2	2	2	2
15,000 - 22,999	1	1	2	2	2	3	3
12,000 - 14,999	1	1	2	2	2	3	3
10,000 - 11,999	1	1	2	2	3	3	3
8,000 - 9,999	1	1	2	3	3	3	3
6,000 - 7,999	1	2	2	3	3	4	4
5,000 - 5,999	1	2	2	3	3	4	4
4,000 - 4,999	1	2	3	3	3	4	4
3,000 - 3,999	1	2	3	3	3	4	4
2,000 - 2,999	1	2	3	3	4	5	5
1,000 - 1,999	1	3	3	3	4	5	5
500 - 999	1	3	4	4	4	5	5
200 - 499	1	3	4	4	5	5	6
50 - 199	1	3	4	5	5	6	6
0 - 49	1	3	6	6	6	6	6

O. Reg. 366/18

MUNICIPAL ROAD CLASSIFICATIONS

Road Name	Classification
Beauparlant Road	5
Beauparlant Road (46.362205, -80.566604)	6
Bedard Road	6
Carpenter Road	6
Casimir Road	5
Chamberlin Road	6
Champagne Road	6
Chevrefils Lane	6
Clearview Lane	6
Cloutier Road	6
Coursol Road	6
Crawford Road	6
Décosse Road	6
Dumart Street (referred to as Wilson in By-Law 98-011)	6
Gervais Road	6
Hector Crescent	6
Hickman Road	6
Island Road East	6
Island Road West	6
John Street	6
King Street East	5
Labre Road	6
Lake Road	5
Lapensée Lane	6
Lapalme Road	6
Laporte Road	6
Marsim Court	6
Meyer Road	6
Monté Brazeau	6
Musky Island Road	6
Musky Bay Road	5
Napran Road	6
Nepawassi Lake Road	6
Northern Central	5
Northland Road	6
Northshore Road	6
Northshore Road (North)	6

Notre Dame Street	5
Osprey Court	6
Paquette Road	6
Pothier Road	5
Rainville Road	6
Richer Road	6
Shank Road	6
Snodden Road	6
Ste. Anne Street	5
St-George Road (#40)	6
St-Joseph Street	5
Sunrise Lane	6
Therrien Road	6
Turcot Road	6
Victoria Road	5



Report to Municipal Council

Meeting Date: November 20, 2024	Report Date: November 15, 2024
Reason Before Council: Policy Direction / Approval	Priority: Normal
Department: Transportation/ Public Works	Type of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Report Title: Municipal Road Maintenance Private Turn Basin (Shank Road)

Recommended Resolution:

That Council direct staff to construct an appropriate turn basin on Shank Road, as per Option A, B, C or D of this report and enter into an agreement with the private property owner for the utilization of the current turn around location for the 2024 - 2025 winter operations season.

Analysis & Background:

For over 20+ years, Shank Road has received municipal winter maintenance services, including snow plowing, sanding, and snowbank pushbacks. To deliver these services, municipal staff have been required to operate their vehicles and equipment beyond the end of the roadway, where they have had to turn around on private property as there has never been a designated municipal turn-around area. This situation is similar to that of many other roads within the municipal road network. This specific turn around has been identified as a priority as the property owner has requested an alternative to the current location.

To address safety and legal concerns, the Municipality should create a standard turn basin on municipally owned property.

Options:

- A) The turn basin be constructed at the bottom of the hill (end of municipal roadway), this would entail the Municipality working with the property owner to transfer allowance for the expansion of the basin, the Municipality would then construct the basin and complete a road survey at the Municipality's expense.



- B) Construct the turn basin beyond the first driveway entrance on the hill of the private portion of roadway, the Municipality would then be required to enter into agreement with the property owner to share the cost of the development of the turn basin, the property owner would be responsible for a survey and transfer of land as they would be receiving a direct benefit from the Municipality.
- C) Similar to Option B, however the area has already started to be constructed by the property owner to accommodate winter operations. The area is not yet suitable as more clearing, levelling and capping with granular materials is required. Should Council consider this location the turn basin construction would need to be completed at a shared cost and the property owner would be responsible to have a survey and transfer of land to the Municipality completed.
- D) The last option is to continue to turn around directly in front of the property owners' home. This is not a suitable location as it is substandard to the Ontario Provincial Design Standard, provides a direct benefit (increased level of service) to the property owner and is on private property.

Should this option be continued, it is recommended that the Municipality enter into an agreement with the property owner to indemnify the Municipality from any damage or personal injury claims that may result from maintenance operations.

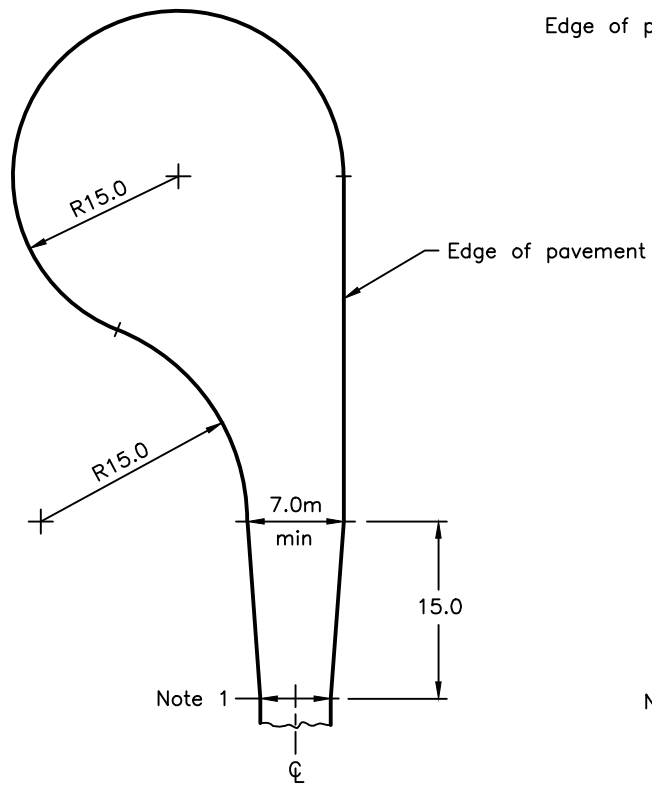
Financial Considerations:

The approximate cost for the development of a standard rural road turn basin is \$15,000.00.

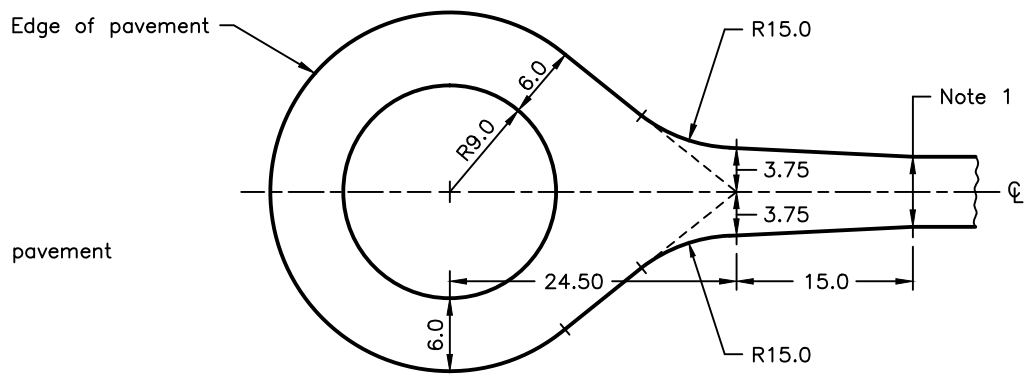
Attachments:

- OPSD – Turn Basins for Terminated Rural Roads
- Shank Road Turn Basin Proposed Locations

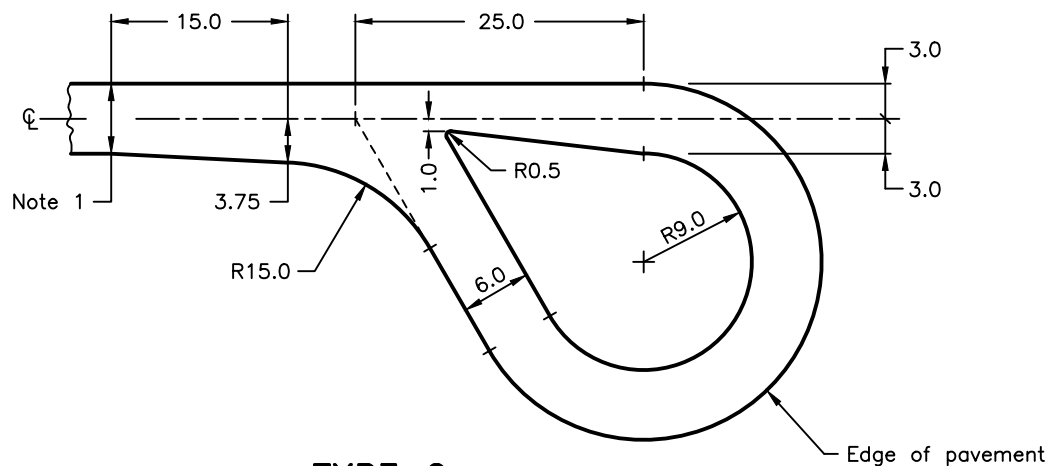
Prepared By: Michelle Clark, Director of Operations



TYPE A



TYPE B



TYPE C

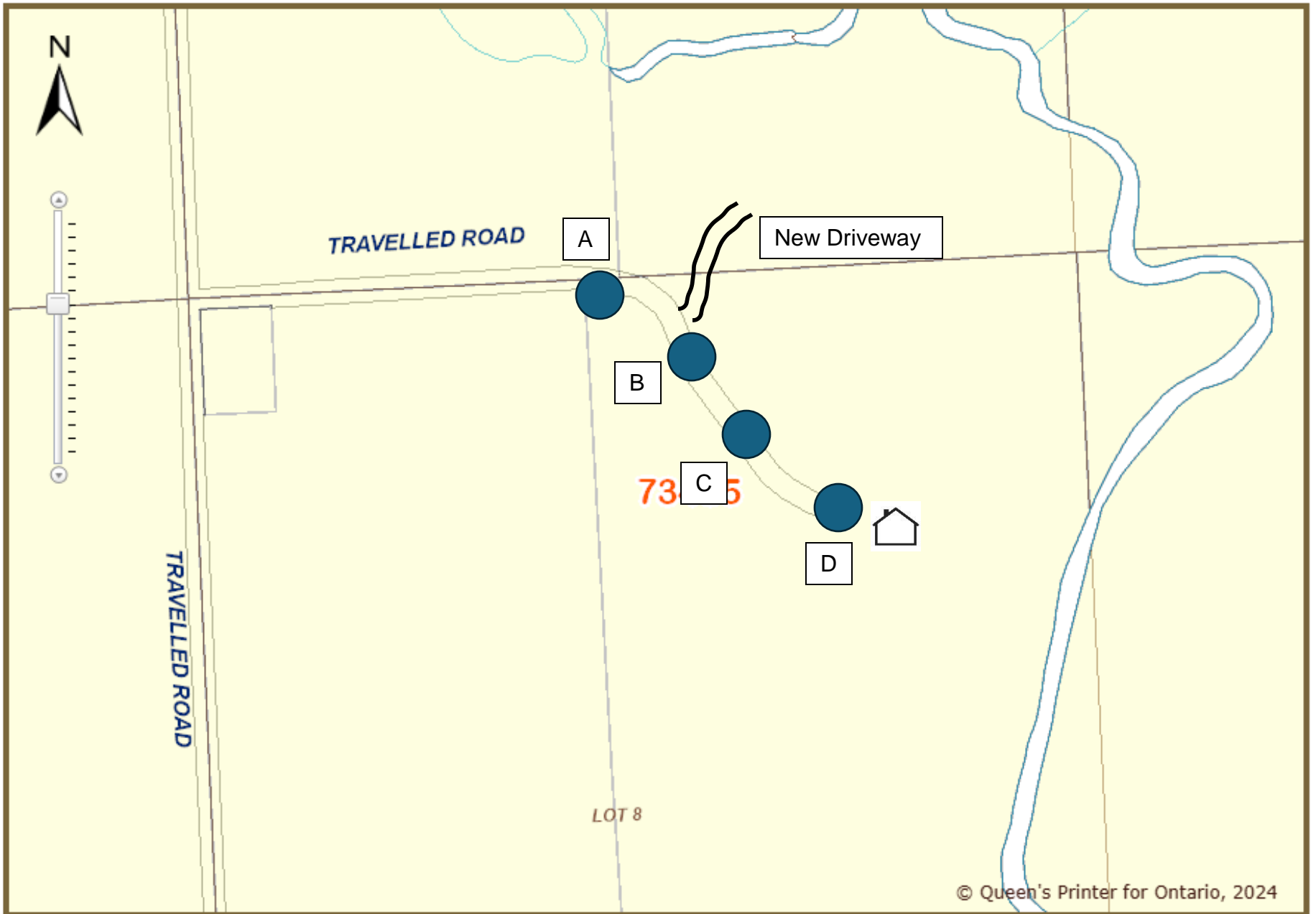
NOTES:

1 Width of pavement, shoulder, and rounding to match terminated roadway.

A Drainage and grading as specified.

B All dimensions are in metres unless otherwise shown.

ONTARIO PROVINCIAL STANDARD DRAWING	Nov 2018	Rev 1	
TURNING BASINS FOR TERMINATED RURAL ROADWAYS			
OPSD 500.010			



**THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY
OF ST.-CHARLES**

BY-LAW 2024-47

**BEING A BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL AT ITS
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD OCTOBER 23RD, 2024; AT ITS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 6TH, 2024; AND, AT ITS
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD NOVEMBER 20TH, 2024**

WHEREAS Section 5(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, provides that the powers of a municipality shall be exercised by its Council;

AND WHEREAS Section 5(3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, provides that a municipal power, including a municipality's capacity, rights, powers, and privileges under Section 9 shall be exercised by By-Law unless the Municipality is specifically authorized to do otherwise;

AND WHEREAS Council deems it expedient that proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles as herein set forth be confirmed and adopted by By-Law;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby enacts as follows:

1. THAT each motion, resolution, and other action passed and taken by the Council at its Special Meeting of Council held October 23rd, 2024; at its Committee of the Whole Meeting held November 6th, 2024; and, at its Regular Meeting of Council held November 20th, 2024, are, except where their prior approval of the Ontario Municipal Board is required, hereby adopted, ratified, and confirmed.
2. THAT the Mayor and proper officials of the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the said action or to obtain approval where required and except where otherwise provided, the Mayor and the Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to affix the Corporate Seal of the Municipality to all such documents.

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3. THAT this By-Law shall come into force and take effect on the day it is passed.

**READ A FIRST TIME AND CONSIDERED READ A SECOND AND THIRD TIME
AND FINALLY PASSED IN OPEN COUNCIL THIS 20TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2024.**

MAYOR

CLERK