

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

February 28, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.

THIS WILL BE A HYBRID IN-PERSON/ELECTRONIC MEETING via ZOOM

Members of the Public must register with the Ryerson Township Clerk's Office prior to the meeting for meeting access and availability of limited in-person seating.
Members of the Public are not permitted in a Closed meeting.

To Members of the Public: If you have trouble with your connection during the meeting, you may notify the Host by e-mail at: treasurer@ryersontownship.ca

Meeting will be recorded.

The Municipal Council of the Township of Ryerson recognizes that we are on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe Peoples, in the Robinson-Huron and Williams Treaties areas. We wish to acknowledge the long history of First Nations and Métis Peoples in Ontario, and show respect to the neighbouring indigenous communities.

Note: (R) denotes resolution

1. CALL TO ORDER:

- 1.1 Attendance, roll call: in person and electronic
- 1.2 Announcement: This meeting is being recorded

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

- 2.1 Adoption of minutes from the special, public and regular meetings on February 7, 2023 **(R)**

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

4. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

- 4.1 Agricultural Society: Wilma Robert, Rod Blakelock

5. TENDERS/QUOTES/REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS (RFP):

- 5.1 Tender for supply and delivery of clear and coloured diesel fuel **(R)**

6. REPORTS:

6.1 **DEPUTY CLERK:** Sandbag Policy **(R)**, Release of Tax Assessment Information **(R)**

6.2 COUNCIL MEMBERS:

6.2.1 Councillor Abbott: Library report, CEO report and Declaration Statement Freedom to Read Week

6.2.2 Councillor Patterson: ROMA conference, Conflict Resolution, Elected Officials Concern Bill 23 **(R)**

6.2.3 Mayor Sterling: Historical Society Heritage Day February Report

7. BUSINESS ARISING/ACTIVITY LOG:

7.1 AHHC meeting minutes, AHHC Progress report, Councillor Patterson Staff Report

7.2 Hospital Local Share: Information from Rod Ward

7.3 Discussion of Agricultural Society Presentation **(R)**

8. COMMUNICATION ITEMS:

8.1 Friends Parry Sound: Home Sharing

8.2 Chamber of Commerce: Influential Women of Almaguin **(R)**

General Correspondence

- Joint Building Committee February meeting minutes and January statistics
- District of Parry Sound Municipal Association updates
- ACED Budget support resolutions: Perry, Strong

9. CONFIRMING BY-LAW:

9.1 By-law to confirm the meetings of Council **(R)**

10. IMPORTANT DATES:

- March 7, 2023 Regular meeting 6:00 p.m.
- March 28, 2023 Regular meeting 6:00 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON
February 28, 2023 Regular Meeting Package
CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

LIST OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

FOR COUNCIL MEETING: February 28, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.

Item # 2.1 on Agenda Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that the minutes from the special meeting February 7, 2023, the public meeting and the regular meeting February 7, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

Item # 5.1 on Agenda Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council accept the tender for supply and delivery of clear and coloured diesel fuel from _____.

Item # 6.1 on Agenda Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council has received the March 2023 Sandbag Policy.

Item # 6.1 on Agenda Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council adopt the Release of Tax Assessment Information Policy, as attached as Schedule 'A'.

Item # 6.2.2 on Agenda Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that _____ be appointed to attend meetings of the Working Group of Concerned Elected Officials regarding Bill 23.

Item # 7.3 on Agenda Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council donate \$ _____ to the Armour, Ryerson, Burks Falls Agricultural Society for the 2023 Fall Fair.

Item # 8.2 on Agenda Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council donate \$ _____ to the Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce Influential Women In Almaguin project.

Item # 9.1 on Agenda Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # ____-23, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # ____-23 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 28th day of February 2023.

Item # 11 on Agenda Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that we do now adjourn at _____. The next regular meeting March 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday February 7, 2023

A special meeting of Council was held Tuesday February 7, 2023 at 5:00 p.m., for the purpose of having a closed meeting to discuss human resources matters.

Members of Council were notified of this special meeting by e-mail on February 1, 2023. The public was notified of this meeting by posting of this special meeting agenda February 1, 2023.

Council in attendance: Mayor Sterling and Councillors Abbott, Patterson and Robertson.
Regrets: Councillor Miller.

Staff in attendance: Nancy Field, Kryssi Sinclair, Brayden Robinson, Dave McNay, Judy Kosowan.

Mayor Sterling called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None declared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Council moved to a closed meeting at 5:01 p.m.

Council discussed the matters it was permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusions and returned to the open meeting at 5:17 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS:

SP. R - 03 -23 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott, be it resolved that we move to a closed meeting pursuant to the Municipal Act 2001, c. 25, Section 239 (2) (d) as the subject matter being considered is regarding labour relations or employee negotiations; The general nature of the closed meeting is to discuss human resources matters. (Carried)

SP. R - 04 -23 Moved by Councillor Robertson seconded by Councillor Patterson be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 5:18 p.m. (Carried)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON
MINUTES

Public Meeting for Zoning By-law Amendment
5:45 p.m.

204 Richardson Road, Pt. Lot 8, Con. 1 (Borland)

A public meeting concerning a proposed amendment to Zoning By-law 56-14 was held Tuesday evening February 7, 2023 at 5:45 pm. This was a hybrid meeting combining in person, electronic meeting via Zoom.

Council members present: Mayor George Sterling, Councillors Beverly Abbott, Glenn Miller, Delynne Patterson and Dan Robertson.

Staff in attendance: Brayden Robinson, Nancy Field, Judy Kosowan and Kryssi Sinclair.

Public in attendance: Judy Ransome, Roman Kaczynski, Deb Jones and Josh Lilley.

The purpose of the meeting was to introduce a proposed By-law to provide site specific zoning requirements for the property noted above.

The application was made by the property owner's agent, Deb Jones, on behalf of the owner, Sharon Borland.

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

Notice of this public meeting was given by prepaid first-class mail on January 18, 2023 to every owner of land within 120 meters of the above noted property, and other agencies as required by the Planning Act. Notice was also posted on the property.

THE PURPOSE and EFFECT of the proposed zoning by-law amendment was to rezone property located at 204 Richardson Road, in Part of Lot 8, Concession 1, Ryerson, to the Rural Exception – 28, (Ru-28), zone from the Rural (RU) zone to allow the minimum lot frontage of 60 metres. All other applicable provisions of the RU zone continue to apply.

Deputy Clerk Nancy Field highlighted a power point presentation and provided an explanation of the proposal.

One submission received from Jack and Ethel Marshall noted that they had no objection to the proposed Zoning By-law amendment for Borland.

Council received information about the application at this meeting, and no objections were heard. The matter will be considered further at the regular meeting of Council at 6:00 p.m. this evening and the by-law will be presented for Council's consideration.

Council will consider all matters placed before it prior to coming to a decision.

The public meeting regarding the Richardson Road, Pt. Lot 8, Con. 1 re-zoning concluded at 5:59 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

February 7, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held February 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. This was a hybrid meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor George Sterling called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Attendance was announced, and it was noted that the meeting is being recorded.

Council members attending: Mayor Sterling, Councillors: Abbott, Miller, Patterson and Robertson.

Staff in attendance: Brayden Robinson, Nancy Field, Judy Kosowan, Fred Schmeltz and Kryssi Sinclair.

Fire Department in attendance: Dave McNay, Ken Stevenson.

Public attending by phone or electronically: Judy Ransome, Nieves Guijarro and Joseph Vella, Josh Lilley and Roman Kaczynski.

Notice of this meeting was posted on the website.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

R- 17 - 23 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that the minutes from the regular meeting on January 17, 2023 and special meeting January 26, 2023 be adopted as circulated. (Carried)

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None noted.

4. DELEGATION: None registered

5. TENDERS: None.

6. REPORTS:

6.1 FIRE DEPARTMENT: The 2023 fire budget was finalized, and the following resolution was adopted.

R- 18 - 23 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the amendments to the final 2023 Burks Falls and District Fire Department Budget for presentation at the Tri-Council meeting February 27, 2023. (Carried)

6.2 TREASURER: Council remuneration and expense report for 2022 was received by Council. The following resolution was adopted.

R- 19 -23 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council has received the Council Statement of Remuneration and Expenses for 2022. (Carried)

Council was also provided with information regarding the shared services budgets.

6.3 PUBLIC WORKS: Council received the January roads report and a report regarding the traffic control sign on Pegg's Mountain Rd/James Camp Road.

6.4 DEPUTY CLERK: Council discussed the zoning amendment application and the following resolution was adopted.

R- 20- 23 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 9-23, being a by-law to amend Zoning by-law no. 56-14 (Borland/Jones, 204 Richardson Road, Pt Lot 8, Con 1) and further; That By-Law # 9-23 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 7th day of February 2023 (Carried)

Council was also provided a road proposal for James Camp Road.

6.5 CLERK: Council was provided with updates regarding the Regional Board appointment and the following resolutions were adopted.

R- 21-23 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that Delynne Patterson has withdrawn her name as representative for consideration for the Area 4 DSSAB Board. (Carried)

R-22-23 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council appoint Sean Cotton as Area 4 representative on District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board (DSSAB), in addition to the previously appointed representative Jerry Brandt. (Carried)

Council received a revised meeting schedule, and the following resolution was adopted.

R- 23 -23 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council adopt the revised Regular Council meeting schedule for 2023, as attached. (Carried)

Council was also provided with a draft Tri-Council agenda.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

6.6 Mayor Sterling provided a report for Eastholme and the Historical Society.

6.7 Councillor Miller provided a report for the Cattleman's Association and the Joint Building Committee.

6.8 Councillor Abbott provided reports for the Library Board meeting and the Almaguin Climate Change Action meeting.

7. BUSINESS ARISING/ACTIVITYLOG:

7.1 Council received a report from Strong Township appointing Marianne Strickland as a Health Unit Representative.

7.2 Council received two applications for the Library Board. The following resolution was adopted.

R- 24 - 23 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council appoint Joseph Vella as a Ryerson Township Community Volunteer Representative on the Burk's Falls, Armour, Ryerson Union Public Library Board.(Carried)

7.3 Fall Fair: Council will provide the Blackrock Climbers climbing wall for the 2023 fall fair

COMMUNICATION ITEMS

7.4 Council was provided with the Arena reports for December and January.

7.5 Council was provided with information regarding NECO Community Futures Development Corporation.

7.6 Council was provided with a DSSAB board honourarium and expense report.

General Information Items Received:

- Council received the ACED minutes from December 2022.
- Council was provided with the Annual Statistics and Minutes from the Joint Building Committee. (JBC)
- Council received the minutes from the Muskoka Algonquin Health Care (MAHC) meeting

8. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

R- 25 -23 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 10-23, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 10-23 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 7th day of February 2023. (Carried)

10. ADJOURNMENT:

R- 26 -23 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 7:13 p.m. The next regular meeting February 28, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. (Carried)

MAYOR

CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK

ARMOUR, RYERSON & BURKS FALLS AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures
Year Ended October 31, 2022

	2022	2021
Revenue		
Grant	1170	17738
Storage	5797	5671
Donations	1474	1060
Other Fund Raising	452	506
Food Sales	2846	111
Hst Refund	237	109
Int	1	1
Bingo	6120	
Townships Armour & Ryerson	2400	
Memberships	108	
Admission Gate	5210	
Heavy Horses	3890	
Poultry	38	
	29743	25196
Insurance	4931	4728
Honourariums	800	1600
Repair & Maintenance	562	900
Office	1467	702
Utilities	922	824
HST paid on purchases	1495	355
Affiliations	121	240
Food Booth	635	107
Junior Prizes	553	90
Senior Prizes	2154	60
Donations	0	50
Bingo and Draw Tickets	1326	0
Advertising	1794	0
Heavy Horse and Western	2755	0
Entertainment	7841	0
Judges	1472	0
	28828	9656

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Entertainment	7841	0
Judges	1472	0
	28828	9656

ARMOUR, RYERSON & BURKS FALLS AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
 Statement of Financial Position
 Year ended October 31, 2022

	2022	2021
ASSETS		
Current		
Chequing Account (Main)	1966	14790
Royal Bank	6759	6759
Bingo Account	6721	2461
Petty Cash	94	123
GIC	3500	0
Fair Account	7167	94
Credit Union Shares	25	25
Inventory	377	377
Prepaid Expense	3698	3100
	30307	27729
Property Plant & Equipment <i>(Net of accumulated amortization)</i>	88577	88577
	118884	116306
Net Assets	118884	116306

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD



Director




Director

ARMOUR, RYERSON & BURKS FALLS AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Statement of Changes in Net Assets

Year ended October 31, 2022

	2022	2021
Net assets Beginning of Year	11884	116306
Deficiency of Revenue over expendit	88577	27729
Net assets-end of year	207461	144035

	Staff Report
To:	Council
From:	Deputy Clerk, Nancy Field
Date of Meeting:	February 28, 2023
Report Title:	Sandbag Policy
Report Date:	February 21, 2023

Recommendation: For Council to receive this report for informational purposes.

Purpose/Background: A number of years ago the CEMC at the time suggested to the Tri Council Armour, Burk's Falls and Ryerson, that each Municipality should establish a policy on the use of sandbags, because it should not be the responsibility of the municipality to provide them to ratepayers. Along with the municipality's stock of empty sandbags there was also the issue of filling, delivering and placement of the sandbags. The township's involvement beyond providing the empty bags and use at your own risk sand could potentially lead into litigation against the municipality.

A sandbag policy was adopted by our Council and we now keep a store of empty sandbags in inventory that can be purchased by residents to assist with flood protection and a stockpile of sand is available to fill the sandbags for the convenience of ratepayers.

To date this policy is still good for the township to have in place. Staff reviews and revises the policy every year to keep it up to date.

Appendix/Related Documents: 2023 Sandbag Policy

March 2023

TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON SAND BAG POLICY (PUBLIC)

There is no statutory requirement for the Township to provide sandbags, nor to prevent a property from flooding.

Our policy for sandbags is to **assist** with the prevention of property flooding by supplying a **minimal number** of sandbags to individual property owners.

Property owners are responsible for protecting their own property and therefore should make their own arrangements to protect their properties, making plans in advance of a flooding event.

Sandbags will not totally prevent floodwater encroaching into property and all owners should remove articles to a safe location above anticipated flood level. People building flood defences with sandbags should also be aware of the building methods to employ in order to make an effective seal and the health and safety implication of manual handling sandbags, as they are exceptionally heavy.

The Township has a small stock of sandbags, primarily to assist in preventing flooding of the roads.

Although it is not the responsibility of the municipality to provide property owners with sand bags, in case of flooding or danger of flooding, the Township of Ryerson does have a limited number of sand bags available to property owners in the Township.

A property owner may purchase up to ten (10) empty sand bags at a cost of \$0.60 (including HST) per sand bag.

Sand Bags may be purchased during office hours 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

In an emergency, sand bags can be picked up at the municipal garage after hours from a staff member of the road department. The cost of the sand bags will be invoiced subsequently, from the office.

The Township will have a small supply of sand (without salt) at the Township yard. Sand for up to ten (10) sand bags may be provided (with permission from municipal staff and if sufficient quantity of sand is in stock) and may be taken from the municipal sand pile at no cost to Ryerson Township property owners. (Bring your own shovel).

The Township has made arrangements with Derrick Johnston Construction (in Sundridge) for larger quantities of sand to be delivered to a property owner, at

the property owner's cost. Contact municipal staff to make these arrangements.

Contact information:

Municipal Office: 705 382-3232

Municipal Garage: 705 783-0064

Fred Schmeltz: 705 783-0064

If a flood emergency escalates beyond the local event stage, the Head of Council may request Emergency Management Ontario for provincial assistance.

The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) is responsible for flood forecasting and warning at the provincial level in Ontario. Current flood messages and information are accessible to the public at www.ontario.ca/flooding.

Information from the Federal Government is available on the Government of Canada web site:

Floods - What to do?

www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/rsrscs/pblctns/flds-wtd/index-en.aspx

Severe Storms - What to Do?

www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/rsrscs/pblctns/svrstrms-wtd/index-en.aspx

Your Emergency Preparedness Guide


www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/rsrscs/pblctns/yprprdnssgd/index-en.aspx

For Your Information:

Some suppliers of empty sand bags include (but not limited to) the following:

Sunbelt Rentals (Formerly CRS), 40 Cairns Crescent, Huntsville, ON P1H 1Y3
Phone: 705 788-7718

Lloyd Bag Company, 114 St. Clair St. P.O. Box 208, Chatham, ON N7M 5K3
Phone 800 549-2247 info@lloydbag.com

	Staff Report
To:	Council
From:	Deputy Clerk, Nancy Field
Date of Meeting:	February 28, 2023
Report Title:	Release of Tax Assessment Information
Report Date:	February 16, 2023

Recommendation: That Council approve the Release of Tax Assessment Information Policy.

Purpose/Background: As Council is very much aware, the Township of Ryerson must ensure that when it provides any information to the public that it be in compliance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. The Purpose of the Act is outlined as follows:

The purposes of this Act are,

- (a) to provide a right of access to information under the control of institutions in accordance with the principles that,
 - (i) information should be available to the public,
 - (ii) necessary exemptions from the right of access should be limited, and specific, and
 - (iii) decisions on the disclosure of information should be reviewed independently of the institution controlling the information; and
- (b) to protect the privacy of individuals with respect to personal information about themselves held by institutions and to provide individuals with a right of access to that information. R.S.O. 1990, c. M.56, s. 1.

After reviewing policies and the Appeal to the Information and Privacy Commissioner with respect to an incident in the Township of Minden Hills, I am of the opinion that the Township should be proactive and develop a Release of Tax Assessment Information Policy which outlines how such information may be obtained by the public.

It is my recommendation that Council pass the Release of Tax Information Policy attached to the resolution as Schedule 'A'.

Submitted for Council consideration and approval.

Attachments: Access to Information Orders for Minden Hills

**Township of Ryerson
Schedule "A" to R-__-23
Release of Tax Information Policy**

1. Purpose

The purpose of this Release of Tax Information Policy is to establish guidelines for providing access to the public of information available in the Township of Ryerson Assessment Roll, while providing protection of privacy respecting government held personal information. (MFIPPA)

2. Procedure

2.1 A member of the public may view the Tax Assessment Roll for the Township of Ryerson.

The information provided in the Assessment Roll is as follows:

- Owner name and address
- Roll Number
- Legal Description
- Assessment
- RTC/RTQ Classification

2.2 The Tax Assessment Roll for the Township of Ryerson may not be photocopied.

2.3 The Tax Assessment Roll for the Township of Ryerson may not be reproduced by means of a scanner.

2.4 The Tax Assessment Roll for the Township of Ryerson may not be reproduced by means of a camera.

2.5 Staff members are not responsible for the correctness of the Tax Assessment Roll for the Township of Ryerson.

2.6 Staff will not provide any information additional to the Tax Assessment Roll for the Township of Ryerson

2.7 Personal information contained in the Tax Assessment Roll for the Township of Ryerson will not be provided by staff by phone. Property information only will be provided

2.8 The tax status of a property in the Township of Ryerson will not be released by staff without the written consent of the property owner or their legal representative

3. Questions about this Policy Requests for further clarification of this policy can be referred to the Ryerson Township Office located at:

28 Midlothian Road, Burk's Falls ON P0A 1C0
Email: deputyclerk@ryersontownship.ca
Phone: 705 382 3232

Access to Information Orders

MO-2668

Collection Access to Information Orders

Date 2011-11-03

File Numbers HILLS, MINDEN, OF, TOWNSHIP

Adjudicators John Higgins

Type Order

Subjects Conflict with other Act

Applicable Legislation MFIPPA; MFIPPA - 15(a); MFIPPA - 23

Summary:

The appellant made a request to the Township of Minden Hills for access to the township's tax assessment roll. The appellant wished to examine the roll and scan it using a hand held device. The township denied access under the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, but stated that members of the public may view the roll, subject to certain restrictions. Public access to assessment rolls is mandated by section 39(2) of the Assessment Act. The township denied the request to duplicate the roll by means of scanning or photography. This order upholds the township's decision to deny access under the Act because section 15(a) of the Act applies to the tax assessment roll.



Councilor Report

To:	Ryerson Township Council
From:	Beverly Abbott
Date of Event:	Feb 15,23
Topic:	Library Board Meeting
Report Date:	Feb 16,23

Importance to the Township of Ryerson:

I arrived at the Library an hour early and was immediately aware of how busy our library is. First I had to park at the seniors' parking. My immediate first thought?? We need more parking spaces.

The place was alive with activity. The children's section had a father with three young children busy with toys and books. All computers were in use and the boot tray was overloaded. The atmosphere was warm and welcoming. There was also a dance class upstairs. Every inch of space is used.

Meeting highlights:

As suggested by Barb Marlow, 1 percent of the contributions from the three municipalities will go to the building fund.

The Terry Boyle scholarship fund will continue to give \$300 to a high school graduate moving on to further education. The last recipient was a resident of Ryerson Township.

We are requesting Burk's Falls to repair our furnace with regards to air quality. Ryan Baptiste (Burk's Falls councillor) will inform Nicky.

Library and Family Health Team partnership for residents to print forms and documents.

Insurance increase of \$712 for cyber security and increased costs

We are organizing committees: Finance, Building, policy, planning, personnel

The building committee has 5 : Armour- Rod Blakelock, Kaiyla Hoffmann,
Tiffany Monk,

Ryerson: Beverly Abbott, Joe Vella

**Burk's Falls, Armour & Ryerson
Union Public Library
CEO Report
December 2022**

Circulation: (765) items (1645) ephemeral

Website hits: (373)

Interlibrary loans – received: (76) (233) searches

Wireless Internet: (118)

Interlibrary loans – shipped: (11) (22) requests

Overdrive (eBooks/Audio Books): (59)

Public Computers: (55)

Internet Usage by Township

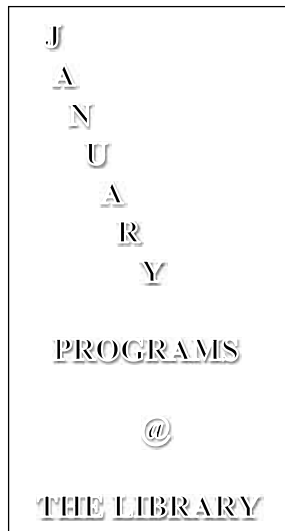
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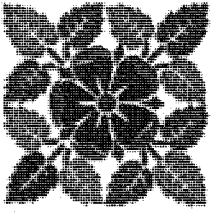
Inter-Library Loan Usage by Township

A (4) BF (33) R (5) M/M (1) N/R (2)

Membership:

Burk's Falls	(430) card holders	(314) items borrowed
Armour	(417)	(263)
Ryerson	(245)	(100)
McMurrich/Monteith	(73)	(46)





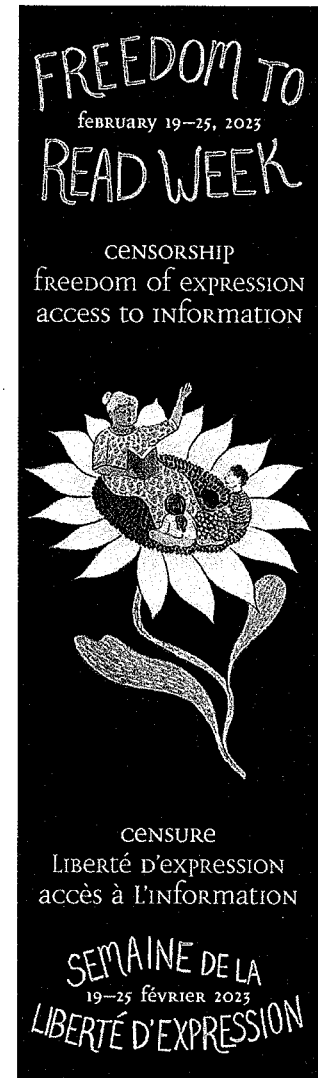
BURK'S FALLS, ARMOUR & RYERSON UNION PUBLIC LIBRARY

Box 620, 39 Copeland Street, Burk's Falls, Ontario P0A 1C0
Phone/Fax 705-382-3327

FREEDOM TO READ ZONE DECLARATION STATEMENT

As libraries across Canada celebrate *Freedom to Read Week* in February from the 19 to 25, the Burk's Falls, Armour & Ryerson Union Public Library would like to declare our District as a Freedom to Read Zone by stating that:

"Libraries have a core responsibility to safeguard and facilitate access to constitutionally protected expressions of knowledge, imagination, ideas, and opinion, including those which some individuals and groups consider unconventional, unpopular or unacceptable. To this end, in accordance with their mandates and professional values and standards, libraries provide, defend and promote equitable access to the widest possible variety of expressive content and resist calls for censorship and the adoption of systems that deny or restrict access to resources." — Canadian Federation of Library Associations





Councilor Report

To:	Ryerson Township Council
From:	Councillor Patterson
Date of Event:	January 22-24, 2023
Topic:	ROMA Conference
Report Date:	February 21, 2023

Importance to the Township of Ryerson:

ROMA is gathering the information provided during the conference.

This link is available so everyone may view the information presented by several of the speakers.

https://www.roma.on.ca/roma-2023-presentations?_zs=OC46O1&_zl=RSIR2

Indigenous Speakers

Jesse Went-Unreconciled: Making Meaningful Change

Why do we have Truth and Reconciliation *adults who survived the government schools took the government to court. When the government lost the court case, the outcome was the recommendation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

THEY KNOW THE TRUTH- WE NEED TO RECONCILE WITH THEM

2 Parts of truth

- a) You must believe it
- b) You must accept the truth

(Accepting the truth does not mean accepting the blame. It means Do something with the truth! WE must change the behaviours (and attitudes) that created it!

Chief Stacey Laforme and Allan Thompson(former Mayor of

Peel has a 200 year land use agreement with Mississauga Nation. It was renewed in 2018 for another 200 years. During negotiations they worked on strengthening and building a stronger relationship.

(Our area is under 2 treaties - [Williams Treaties](#) Signed on October 31, 1923 and November 15, 1923 [Robinson-Huron Treaty](#) Signed on September 9, 1850 Treaty -

(We need to look into our land use agreement and see when ours needs to be negotiated. **Is it to early to reach out and begin to build better and stronger relationships? Nothing changes if nothing changes! Where do we begin?**

Roma Messages

ROMA Task Force on Attainable Housing and Purpose-Built Rentals

<https://www.roma.on.ca/sites/default/files/assets/DOCUMENTS/Reports/2022/ROMAFootintheDoorAddressingBarriers20220812.pdf>

(put your definition of attainable housing in your official plan)

Short Term Accommodations (STA)

- need to define what we consider to be STA
- many properties are being bought for STA's and not for family units – this is increasing prices and making it more difficult for families to purchase homes
- when do STA's become commercial properties
- DO NOT put this as part of your Official Plan “legal use of land” as it is very difficult and costly to remove instead regulate it through bylaws as these can be changed over time
- consider

-approval of X number of STA that will be licensed	Fines and fees used to support costs
-fines and levies for not following bylaws	
-inspections- fire safety	
-licensing bylaw and renters code of conduct (demerits to those who do not follow the code and could result in the lose of license)	

How many STA's are in our township
 How many are making sure our bylaws are being followed
 How many are making sure “our community” values are being followed
Many local areas have policies- we do not have to reinvent the wheel.

Innovated Practices To Attract And Retain Talented Staff To Rural Municipalities

5 things today's employee is looking for

- a) Work/life balance
- b) Attractive salary and benefits (not pension)
- c) Positive workplace culture
- d) Job security
- e) Career progression

CHALLENGES- larger centers can offer more monetary incentives, less opportunity for advancement, available job for spouse, lifestyle for children	
OPPORTUNITES- offer better life/work balance, often more flexible with work schedule, community atmosphere, unique job opportunities (2 title job)	
Options - compressed work week (one day, or half day off) -use teaching programs (internships), summer students -support educational opportunities (tuition reimbursement) -live, grow, and work in their own community	-flexible work hours -hire and train -work from home -upgrade compensation more often (pay equity) -help with childcare -make work environment more inclusive -

People want to work for organizations with a good reputation – think about your reputation!
 Develop an HR program to work on your organization's culture. You want everyone to be accountable and respectable.

We must ensure that we are creating a positive work environment!

Perennial Emergencies: Planning for Tomorrow's Challenges

Ontario is not prepared for emergencies. Before COVID arrived in Ontario, did anyone take the lid off the post SARS box to see what plans had been developed?
 EMO (Emergency Management Ontario)

- they will bring training and expertise to you for your yearly disaster training
- they are developing maps and training to place on-line

For us- if there was a forest fire, how would we evacuate everyone?

-If people need to be evacuated they need somewhere to go. Host communities can take as many or as few as they feel comfortable helping. There is no cost to the host as expenses are paid. A host community needs a hotel, and be able to meet medical and social needs.

Thunder Bay hosts an average of 2000 evacuees a year. They are well prepared, but they need other communities to help. They will help any willing community set up and plan for evacuees. **If a local community is a host, how can we help?**

TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON
February 28, 2023 Regular Meeting Package
ROMA 2023: Breaking New Ground
Program Outline

Sunday, January 22

Concurrent Sessions

- Addressing Building Code Challenges in Your Community
- Asset Management for Better Outcomes: Strengthening Council Decision-Making
- Short-Term Accommodations
- Welcoming Newcomers to Rural Ontario

Plenary Programming, including:

- Welcome Address
- Opening Keynote: **Jesse Wente**, ROMA Advocacy Updates: Digital Connectivity and Housing Affordability
- Rural Ontario Institute: Rural Housing Data Solutions - Rural Housing Information System (RHIS)

Monday, January 23

Plenary Programming, including

- AGM
- Chief Stacey Laforme, Mississaugas of the First Credit
- Robin Jones, Chair, ROMA

Concurrent Sessions

- Blue Box Transition and the Circular Economy
- Indigenous Relations
- Data-Driven Decision Making for Rural Ontario
- Innovative Practices to Attract and Retain Talented Staff to Rural Municipalities
- Solutions for Healthy Rural Communities

Concurrent Sessions

- Supporting Seniors in Rural Communities
- Perennial Emergencies: Planning for Tomorrow's Challenges
- Managing Risk in a Complex World: Municipalities, Insurance and Liability
- Attracting Housing Development to Rural Ontario
- Decarbonizing the Ontario Energy System

Plenary Programming, including:

- ROMA Advocacy Update: Connectivity and Access to Services
- Ministers' Forum

Tuesday, January 24

Plenary Programming, including:

- ROMA Advocacy Update: Workforce Development and Growth on Our Own Terms
- Innovative Rural Housing and Homelessness Solutions
- Michael J. Smither Question Box
- Closing Keynote: **Dr. Thomas Homer-Dixon**



Councilor Report

To:	Ryerson Township Council
From:	Councillor Patterson
Date of Event:	February 15 & 16, 2023
Topic:	Conflict Resolution
Report Date:	Feb 28, 2023

Importance to the Township of Ryerson:

This approach is not used to get your way but to establish a place of mutual respect and purpose. Only when this has been established, can you begin to work on a collaborative outcome where it is a win-win situation for everyone.

Resolving Conflicts become more difficult when parties are fixated on their own positions; emotions are escalating upwards; when we try to solve the problem to quickly; when we fail to find out the WHY behind a person's position.

To solve a problem, we need to:

1. De-escalate the intense emotions
2. Uncover the interests of all parties (facts, feelings, and identity)
3. Now solve the problem

How to approach situations to trigger blue brain responses

- assess the situation
- make it safe to talk = establish mutual respect and purpose
- use words that are more likely to trigger the blue brain
- ask open ended questions (focus on the words what and how)
- Loop of Understanding

LOOPING TECHNIQUE

This helps move everyone to a blue brain position. Only once this process is complete can you begin to solve the problem.

Step 1- you inquire by asking open ended questions

Step 2 -the other side responds

Step 3 -you demonstrate your understanding and test with the other side

(summarize, paraphrase by giving emotion person felt first and then identity)

Step 4 -if they confirm your understanding, the loop is complete

-if they do not confirm your understanding go back to step one

Knowing my own style, my own general belief system and how I generally react to others, is a necessary part to understanding my reactions to situations. Knowing this information can help me be more aware of situations that might be a red brain trigger or help me recognize if I am in a red brain situation. Once aware I can help m move from the red brain (reactive) to the blue brain (reasoning).



Councilor Report

To:	Ryerson Township Council
From:	Councillor Patterson
Date of Event:	Feb. 07, 2023
Topic:	Meeting with Mike Schreiner to discuss Bill23
Report Date:	Feb. 28, 2023

Importance to the Township of Ryerson:

On Tuesday, February 07, 2023, Councillor Abbott, and I took part in a meeting with several of our municipal colleagues from the Almaguin and Muskoka areas and Mike Schreiner to discuss our concerns regarding Bill 23.

Many of the same concerns were shared by the council representatives.

These included,

- the loss of municipal planning tools,
- the inability to protect shorelines, wetlands, lakes, and forest ecosystems without site plan approvals,
- and the possible need to increase tax revenue to cover rising infrastructure costs.

Another point discussed was – *why don't we have a protected area like the Greenbelt?* We have critical ecosystems in our regions that need to be protected. How do we go about getting this area protected before it is too late.

To discuss solutions to our similar issues, to have a united voice, and to bring our concerns to the attention of the Ford government, it was decided that Almaguin and Muskoka councils would form a working group. As a result, Rod Ward has agreed to help organize this group which will be made up of representatives from each council that chooses to participate from the Almaguin and Muskoka districts.

I would like to put my name forward to represent our township and our residents.

From: Linda Mathers <lindamathers@gpo.ca>
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2023 12:20 PM
To: beverley.abbott@ryersontownship.ca; Delynne Patterson
<delynne.patterson@ryersontownship.ca>
Subject: Meeting of elected officials with Mike Schreiner

Dear Councilors Abbott and Patterson,

I know you expressed interest in attending the meeting with your municipal colleagues and Mike Schreiner last week. Unfortunately, freezing rain got in the way of travel plans for some. In spite of that, 5 mayors and 15 councilors from across all regions were able to attend and because of your expressed interest in the event, I am forwarding some of the outcomes.

Concerns shared by elected officials regarding Bill 23, The More Homes Built Faster Act, focused on the loss of municipal planning tools, the inability to protect shorelines, wetlands, lakes and forest ecosystems without site plan approvals and the possible need to increase tax revenue to cover rising infrastructure costs.

As an observer I was particularly interested in one question raised: Why can't we have our own Greenbelt to protect critical spaces here in our regions? Municipalities need more tools to do so.

This question must also be asked: Since municipalities carry the burden of the impact of climate change, including destruction from extreme weather events, fires and flooding, how will we protect the natural infrastructure that protects us and reduce GHG emissions across Almaguin, Muskoka, Parry Sound and Georgian Bay with this "development at all costs" legislation?

Following important conversations in both the morning and in the afternoon those attending decided to form a working group coordinated by Rod Ward, Mayor of Armour Township. They are committed to both bringing concerns to the attention of the Ford government and seeking solutions as a collective voice to the province.

It was a meaningful outcome to a productive day and I am sure they would welcome representation from your township.

Please reach out to Rod Ward rward@armourtownship.ca if you would like to participate.

With regards,

Linda Mathers,

Constituency Association Executive

Parry Sound Muskoka Ontario Greens

Heritage Day 2023 – February Report

- We received permission from the Village and Agricultural Society to use the Fairgrounds and Knight Bros Park to host the event
- Two 10 x 20 canopy tents were ordered and received for Historical Society
- Cathy Still will be at the opening ceremony and lead the crowd into singing O' Canada
- **Car Show** is being promoted. Jim Percy has agreed to taken the lead and assist us in hosting the attraction. Over 200 posters have been circulated to businesses between North Bay to Huntsville so far. We have 15 cars registered to date.
 - o Donations received for the awards include:
 - Grand Prize of a \$250 firepit from The Bear Chair
 - 10 - \$25 Canadian Tire Gift Cards from Armour Twp
 - \$25 Gift Card from Flower Garden
 - \$25 Gift Card from Copperhead Distillery
 - Car Seat Cover from Home Hardware
 - Gift Bag of Merchandise from Green Apple Cannabis
 - Stainless Steel Water Bottle with Bamboo Lid from Armour Twp
 - Tim Horton's Gift Bag of swag (to be picked up)
- **Firefighter** Coins designed
- Fire chiefs to discuss the event at their next meeting in regards to meet and greet booth, mini-challenge
- **Vendors** market proving to be successful for 2024 with 30 registrations to date. From the list, 14 are new vendors
- **Agricultural Society** – to open food service building and sell hotdogs, hamburgers, sausages. No Girl Guide BBQ this year.
- **Food service to date** – Agricultural Society, Sugar Nuts Mini Donuts, Big Squeeze Lemonade/Smoothie stand
- **Live Entertainment** – Christina Hutt will be our live entertainment and allow use of the equipment for Firefighter Challenge. Christina will announce car show winners.
- **Opening Ceremony** – use Gazelle's booth with microphone
- **Site Plan** - preliminary arrangement is to have firefighter challenge by baseball diamond with use of the bleachers for the crowd, live music stage near centre field, vendors market in the centre of the field and cars for car show parked around the track. Inflatables, food, emergency preparedness, public awareness programs, reptile camp and face painting spread around the remainder of the fairgrounds between the old barn to the Quonset hut area.
- **Face Painter – Sue Hayes** – booked
- **Ken the Balloon Guy** - booked
- **Kyle Nelson, UFC Fighter** – tentative yes unless a fight scheduled.
- **Inflatables** – booked with a new company, Inflatable Fun Angus. Two inflatables: 85 Boot Camp Obstacle for Firefighters Mini Challenge and Fire truck bouncer. New addition for 2023 is a trackless train with driver to shuttle people from one end of the field to the other
- **Antique Photo** – booked at a cost of \$1900 – like the historical memory aspect of the attraction, very well received by public in 2022. Free digital pictures with antique photo finish to participants (images with backdrop, old time costumes and props)
- **Dedication Ceremony** for Knight Brothers Park to be announced by Historical Society
- **Bag signs** – to be ordered once name of event decided by members: Heritage Day or Heritage Festival



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Minutes: February 2, 2023, 10:00 am via Zoom and in the AHHC boardroom

Present: Rod Ward (Chair), Tom Bryson, Delynne Patterson, Margaret Ann MacPhail, Brad Kneller, Jim Ronholm, Vicky Roeder-Martin, Chris Hope, Fraser Williamson (Vice Chair), Camille Barr (Secretary)

Regrets: Cheryl Philip

Guests: Cheryl Harrison (President and CEO MAHC), Moreen Miller (Board Chair MAHC), Kevin MacLeod (ED BFFHT)

Called to order at 10:01 am by Chair R. Ward

* Adjustments were made to the agenda- N. Kunkel, Clerk, Village of Burk's Falls to attend March meeting of Council and resolution added to regarding OTN expense.

1. 2023-03 Moved by C. Hope - Seconded by F. Williamson
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council adopt the minutes from the regular meeting of January 5, 2023 as amended. Carried.
2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY OF INTEREST:** None
3. **DELEGATIONS:** Cheryl Harrison, CEO and President of MAHC and Moreen Miller, Board Chair for MAHC presented to Council. They shared a review of MAHC for 2022, the concept and rationale for the two new hospital builds, what the current stage looks like, engagement to date, and information on local share. There is a survey that can be completed on site selection for Bracebridge, due February 20:
www.mahc.ca/siteselection
Cheryl and Moreen answered questions the Council had. They will attend the AHHC meetings quarterly to provide updates.

4. RESOLUTIONS PASSED:

2023-04 Moved by C. Hope - Seconded by T. Bryson

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council approves payment to the Burk's Falls Family Health Team in the amount of \$1,113.00 for drawings completed by Duncan Ross Architect for OTN renovations. Carried.

5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A) MAOHT Recruitment Funds Request- Update

In response to Resolution 2022-28 (MAOHT Health Human Resource Recruiter financial support) eight official resolutions of support were received to date. These are from Magnetawan, Armour, Perry, Ryerson, McMurrich-Monteith, Sundridge, Strong, and Burk's Falls. MAHC (for the MAOHT) will be invoicing individual councils that have supported the request.

B) MAOHT Request for Representative- Home and Community Care Modernization Working Group

The MAOHT has asked if a member of the AHHC would join their Home and Community Modernization Working Group. The group will focus efforts on understanding the current model for home and community care and what the modernization of service will look like. D. Patterson, C. Hope, and M. MacPhail all put their names forward. R. Ward will let MAOHT know there is interest. Additionally, he will review the MAOHT committees Council is currently involved in and how they may be shared amongst the Council.

C) Hospital 'Local Share' Update

Meetings have been occurring to discuss and prepare for the expected 'local share'. Although no specific numbers have been provided members have been doing what they can to project what it may be and the impact.

R. Ward will prepare a presentation to bring to member municipal councils in March sharing information learned by sitting at various tables so that together Almaguin may be united in its approach to the 'local share'.

D) Progress Report

R. Ward reviewed the January 2023 Progress Report for the Council.

E) Other business

K. MacLeod shared that the FHT will be taking on new additional space for their practice in the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre. They have explored the vacant space on the ground level of the east wing. Moving services from the upper level to all on one ground level will provide greater accessibility to patients. Having more space will allow for programming to grow and student to study and practice.

2023- 05 Moved by C. Hope - Seconded by F. Williamson





THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council adjourn at 11:56 am to meet again on March 2, 2023, at 10:00 am. Carried.

Location will be in person at the AHHC unless notified otherwise.

AHH Council – Key Areas of Focus & Progress - February 2023

MEMBERSHIP OF RYERSON UNIVERSITY
 Faculty of Health Sciences
 @ Ryerson University

This summary provides the information related to the key areas of Focus and Progress as outlined in June 2019 for the Almaguin Highlands Health Council...

	<h3>Ontario Health Team Partnership</h3> <p>Document and communicate the specific healthcare needs of the entire Almaguin Highlands in order to create our vision of people-centred care within our own community. Establish partnership with OHT (or OHT's) which aligns with and supports our vision.</p>		<h3>High-Speed Internet Throughout Almaguin Highlands</h3> <p>Ensure that high-speed internet, a key component in the future of healthcare delivery, is available to every resident of the Almaguin Highlands. The goal is to help level the playing field and ensure our residents can access existing and future digital healthcare options.</p>		<h3>Attract & Retain Healthcare Professionals</h3> <p>Ensure excellent healthcare to our region through continuous efforts to both attract new professionals and retain the ones we have. The goal is to build an exceptional team of healthcare professionals, working together across the region.</p>		<h3>Coordinate Healthcare Services to Serve Entire Region</h3> <p>Advocate for new and expanded healthcare services and help influence decisions which protect our region. Continually partner with our healthcare providers in support of the specific healthcare needs of our community.</p>
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Progress: Items in red and bolded below are new this month...

- AHHC participation in MAOHT Digital Working Group (on-going)
 - AHHC participation in MAOHT Collaboration Steering Committee (on-going)
 - AHHC now part of MAOHT Health Human Resources Working Group (on-going)
 - **AHHC requested to join Home and Community Care Working Group**
- High-speed build-out by Bell announced for portions of Almaguin region August 2022 (details TBD)
- Confirmed additional AHHC funding to assist with OTN / BFFHT renovations
 - **Resolutions for MAOHT “recruitment funding” sent to all AHHC municipalities – 8 supporting resolutions to-date**
 - Physician-candidate enrollment at NOSM increased for 2022 (announced March 2022)
 - **Regular MAHC update meetings with Muskoka and area municipal heads of council**
 - **MAHC “local share” funding discussed by Almaguin heads of Council 26-Jan-23**
 - **AHHC joined the “local share” committee (MAHC, foundations, municipalities)**



Councilor Report

To:	Ryerson Township Council
From:	Councillor Patterson
Date of Event:	Feb 02, 2023
Topic:	AHHC
Report Date:	Feb. 28, 2023

Importance to the Township of Ryerson:

DELEGATIONS: Cheryl Harrison, CEO and President of MAHC and Moreen Miller, Board Chair for MAHC presented to Council. (They will attend the AHHC meetings quarterly to provide updates.)

Improvements in 2022

- improved stroke care
- top results in Accreditation Canada Survey
- announced provincial funding for MRI machine

New hospitals

- new hospital in Huntsville
- *cost less than refurbishing (hospital 2-3 times what it costs to refurbish a home)
- *refurbishing would be disruptive to patients
- *refurbishing may cause inability to care for/ or to be disruptive to care of patients

Local Share

- they must have a plan for the local share or project will not move forward
- money not actually required until substantial completion of project (10 years?), start collecting now and add in compound interest
- local share is estimated to be \$225,000,000
- 1 of about 50 hospitals asking for money

SERVICE BEYOND WALLS – a new slide added

- providing services in the community
- 10 communities in Almaguin and 6 in Muskoka=ALL NEED EQUAL ACCESS (in Burk's Falls but need to do more)

Family Physician update:

5 doctors working in a space meant for 3. Ground floor space has recently become available so money already collected for expansion will be used to replan and complete project.

Building Update

-more space has become available and will be used by the Family Physicians group
-I understand (had difficulty hearing through ZOOM) that Burk's Falls council has some plans for the building(?) A presentation was on the agenda but that did not happen- let's keep our ears open

AHHC progress update

-AHHC have been requested to join Home and Community Care Working Group (3 members were willing to put their name forward to be part of this group)
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Local Share

We are going to need to make some serious financial decisions very soon regarding OUR local share. How much can Ryerson Township really afford to set aside each year? What impact will this have on our rate payers? How do we know our local interests and needs will be looked after once the money has left our area? What impact will this have on our financial indicators now and in the future?

Judy Kosowan

From: Mayor Rod Ward <rward@armourtownship.ca>
Sent: February 9, 2023 7:07 AM
To: brianmccabe@townshipofjoly.com; grobinson@mcmurrichtownship.ca; infomachar@vianet.ca; jleveque@sundridge.ca; Mayor, Burk's Falls; George Sterling; mayor@southriver.ca; mayor@strongtownship.com; mayorcherylphilip@gmail.com; norm.hofstetter@townshipofperry.ca; sdunnett2@gmail.com; Beth Morton; bpaulmachar@vianet.ca; brenda.fraser@townofkearney.ca; clerk@magnetawan.com; clerk@mcmurrichtownship.ca; clerk@strongtownship.com; Don McArthur; John Theriault (Clerk-Treasurer Administrator); Judy Kosowan; naustin@sundridge.ca; Nicky Kunkel; office@townshipofjoly.com; vroeder-martin@mcmurrichtownship.ca; Kim Seguin; Township
Subject: MAHC Hospital Local Share Update: NEXT STEPS
Attachments: Local Share Updates - 09Feb2023.pdf

Hello again...promise this will be your last email on this for a few days! I want to clarify a few items and, more importantly, clarify some next steps.

- To be clear, I have long been a vocal critic of the hospital build "local share" methodology. I have shared my strong opinions on this with MPPs (Graydon Smith and Norm Miller before him), MAHC, AMO, the Ministry of Health and the media (a link to an article from last year summarizes concerns about the impact of local share to smaller communities such as ours - [Almaguin health council wants Ford to re-examine municipal share for new hospital builds | The Star](#))
- Several municipalities in the Almaguin Highlands backed up our opposition to the approach to local share through resolutions in 2022
- There are 2 main points in the message – one, that it is simply not feasible to put the burden of local share (given the huge amounts of money) on the backs of small municipalities and taxpayers, given that it is a formula clearly focused on large urban centres; and two, if we are going to contribute financially, we need a say in how that money is being spent
- Having said this, I have yet to find a community in Ontario that was able to "opt out" of the local share contribution if a new hospital was being built nearby that was serving citizens in its community – one way or another, they had to contribute something
- We (ALL of the municipalities impacted by the MAHC build) will continue to lobby for changes in the local share calculations – this won't get fixed overnight, but this is a long term horizon of 10-15 years and we are NOT expected to hand over ANY money in the near term
- We need a way forward and the approach put up for discussion yesterday was merely a starting point - we are clearly not in position to provide a "solid number" to MAHC by the 15th of February or even in the next month
- Once again, bear in mind that the numbers presented are viewed as 'worst case' – over the next 10-15 years there will be opportunities to fund-raise in different ways, there will be contributions from private citizens and businesses in other parts of the catchment area that will reduce the overall local share needs, there will, hopefully, be movement from the province on what they will contribute, etc.

The proposed jumping-off point in the presentation materials was meant to achieve the following:

- Start discussion amongst all municipalities in the Almaguin Highlands around what is feasible and reasonable for each of them to contribute
- Introduce an approach which gives municipalities in the Almaguin Highlands a level of control over at least some of the healthcare spending in Almaguin (see point 3 above) – the 20% portion of the contribution

- Send the message that there are clear limitations on what small communities such as ours can do – an increase in the local share estimates from \$129-m in 2019 to \$225-m today does not mean that we somehow magically have an ability to keep up with increasing costs

I have attached a slightly updated version of the presentation with a correction on the last slide with respect to the Local Share total / max amount. I have also added the note to each slide that these suggestions are "Preliminary – For Discussion Purposes Only".

PROPOSED NEXT STEPS

- Review and discuss with staff and with your councils
- If you need/want further clarification, I am happy to make a delegation to your council...this was the plan originally before the "new deadline" was thrust upon us – I'm just the messenger and my Kevlar vest is at the ready 😊
- Please consider what your municipality might be capable of contributing and include it in your budget thinking...preferably over the long term of 10-15 years – we're not assuming that "one size fits all" across Almaguin – each of us will have our own reasons and approaches...in other words, PLEASE DON'T GET STUCK ON THE FORMULA!
- Be clear that monies would be set aside in reserve only – and, preferably, think in terms of "one reserve" for Local Share (the "80%") and a separate one for healthcare in Almaguin (the "20%")
- I would suggest that we pull in suggestions from each municipality individually and look to re-work our numbers based, again, on what each municipality can reasonably achieve from a funding perspective
- From there, I hope we can meet again and continue discussion

Happy to chat at any time. I am hopeful that we can keep the overall message positive – that is, that we are doing something to support healthcare in the Almaguin Highlands.

Rod

Rod Ward - Mayor
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Judy Kosowan

From: Nicky Kunkel <clerk@burksfalls.ca>
Sent: February 10, 2023 1:02 PM
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Cc: Township; Kim Seguin; Tammy Wylie; Brayden Robinson
Subject: RE: MAHC Hospital Local Share Update
Attachments: Formula pop dwell assess feb 2023.xlsx

Good afternoon everyone.

Just in following up from the emails and the meeting with the Mayors, and we had previously shared this with Armour.

But our Mayor and Treasurer have been attending the local share meetings and we started to prepare numbers and information for potential formulas to be considered. I've attached it here, so we all don't have to go about finding the information. Our assumptions are different than presented, and we are by no means saying one is right and one is wrong – we just wanted to share the information so that each of did not compile the information separately. Assumptions are made at the top, the spreadsheet should work to play with your own assumptions and/or ideas. Again, it was the best information we had notes on and any assumption could change – this neither is “written in stone”. You can see I'm hesitate to share, but it's what has been presented to Burk's Falls.

Hopefully you just save time trying to find the census information – we did our best there too to keep it current. But each time these are made there are also corrections from some municipalities. Feel free to correct if your information is wrong.

Nicky

Nicky Kunkel
Clerk Administrator
Village of Burk's Falls

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Subject: MAHC Hospital Local Share Update

Hi again, folks!

Thanks very much for your time and quick response to the MAHC Local Share question at hand. I recognize the stress of feeling 'against it' in terms of timelines, and I also recognize the pushback that was bound to occur. As I said in the meeting, there was nothing raised that I didn't expect – all rational pushback.

Attached is the updated version of the slide deck which I was walking through today. I encourage each of you to reach out to me with questions, clarifications, input, etc.. In an ideal world, I would have been going on a road show to all the municipal councils but I obviously wasn't left with that option 😊

I should also let you know that, as a show of good faith and our commitment, Armour will be discussing both the "80% share for MAHC" and the "20% share for Almaguin Highlands" line items as part of its February budget discussions, for approval. The budget line item amounts will appear as they do for Armour in Slide 12, and the discussion will focus on the full 12 year horizon. Staff is analyzing the impact in advance of discussions with full Council.

Have a good evening!

Rod

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TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON
February 28, 2023 Regular Meeting Package

Almaguin Communities and MAHC Shares for New Hospitals

Total Projected Construction	967,000,000	%
Local Share limit	225,000,000	23.27
MA Health Centre	40,000,000	17.78
Foundations/Donations	90,000,000	40
District of Muskoka	80,000,000	35.56
Municipalities	15,007,500	6.67
	225,007,500	

Municipalities Local Share 15,007,500

2021 Census Municipality	Population	Private Dwellings	Assessment	Weighted
Huntsville	21,147	11,214	4,274,289,337	2,899,937.75
Bracebridge	17,305	9,053	3,422,018,877	2,350,295.67
Gravenhurst	13,157	8,271	3,621,765,727	2,071,200.97
Lake of Bays	3,759	4,324	3,236,408,027	1,120,979.27
Muskoka Lakes	7,652	9,443	10,272,422,309	2,952,619.15
Georgian Bay	3,441	5,175	501,350	628,124.08
Algonquin Highlands	2,588	3,325	1,719,587,527	714,784.73
Armour	1,459	1,087	377,699,218	239,495.94
Burk's Falls	957	523	81,953,600	113,788.00
Ryerson	745	555	191,971,700	122,138.93
Joly	293	155	61,786,900	40,579.80
Kearney	974	1,195	379,068,309	219,418.32
Perry	2,650	1,710	482,164,500	379,250.66
Strong	1,566	953	298,402,100	221,691.71
Sundridge	938	458	106,024,400	111,393.30
Magnetawan	1,753	1,717	711,934,009	364,558.37
Machar	969	875	262,725,000	173,523.61
McMurrich Monteith	907	869	231,657,151	164,099.54
South River	1,101	510	71,525,700	119,620.19
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				Almaguin

Village reps have been attending the local share meetings and we have heard the District say they will be contributing and that single tier will be as well. However, we are basing this on our notes from a few of the meetings. These are assumptions as nobody is submitting numbers it can change at any time.

Judy Kosowan

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Subject: MAHC Hospital Local Share: Update for 17-Feb-2023
Attachments: Local Share Updates - 17Feb2023.pdf

Good day folks and Happy Friday!

I wanted to provide you an update on our MAHC Hospital Local Share discussions and provide an updated overview slide deck with slightly changed numbers. The good news is that we have now included the Township of Georgian Bay to get the full picture, and our overall numbers have dropped slightly. Some points and updates below:

- With the complete numbers, and assuming the same calculation estimate as outlined at our meeting on February 8, 2023, the total Almaguin share (for all 12 municipalities listed) is about \$11.2-million total over the 12 years
- This represents 9.98% of the TOTAL MUNICIPAL SHARE, with the remaining (Muskoka) municipalities sitting at 90.02%
- The slide with the new individual estimates for each Almaguin municipality has been updated accordingly, with a per-year estimate (again, based on 12 years) also shown
- We met with the District of Muskoka on February 13, 2023 and shared our approach, our assumptions and our initial numbers...they felt that this was a rational approach to trying to move this forward, and confirmed that our numbers were accurate (except for the need to add Georgian Bay)...they further expressed that they like the idea of the "Almaguin holdback" and would be taking a similar approach themselves
- The approach was brought to Armour Council on February 14, 2023, and Council agreed to setting aside their portion of the MAHC build and Almaguin healthcare amounts, in reserve, over the next 12 years starting this year (using the numbers from the 8-Feb presentation – roughly \$1.2-m for the hospital build and 285k for Almaguin)
- I have had several follow-up discussions with individual Mayors to clarify the information, and have also presented at one other Council meeting (Magnetawan), with others to come
- In order to meet the imposed deadline of February 15, 2023 to provide 'a number' to MAHC, I simply provided a range estimated at "somewhere between \$2-million and \$9.5-million over a 12-year period in total for all Almaguin municipalities" – given that Armour has committed about \$1.2-m, I felt the range was reasonable
- The next meeting with the full Local Share Committee is on February 27, 2023...an update will follow

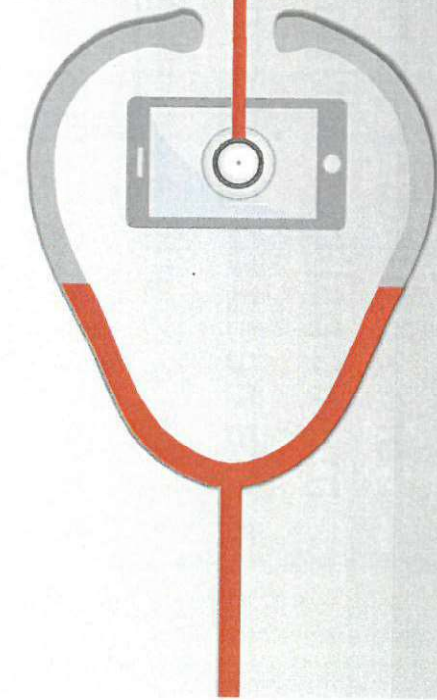
All we can do as individual municipalities is look at our own situations to see what is feasible from a financial perspective – as I said previously, it's not a case where 'one size is going to fit all'. We can only do what we can do. Just to be clear, however, if MAHC is unable to state by the Fall of 2023 that they will be able to meet the Local Share estimate and raise those funds, the hospital build project ends. There are up to 50 other potential hospital builds in the province being considered, and MAHC's would clearly move off the table completely if they can't meet the local share (unlikely to be revisited for many, many years). It's unclear what this would do to the healthcare future in Almaguin, how it would impact our ability to attract healthcare

providers (physicians, nurse practitioners) to our area in future, etc.. There are many potential additional impacts.

Happy to discuss in more detail or attend your Council meetings and accept being grilled with questions
Enjoy the long weekend!

Rod

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Update from Almaguin Highlands Health Council

17-Feb-2023

Approach to MAHC Hospital Build "Local Share" Commitments

Rod Ward – Chair, AHHC



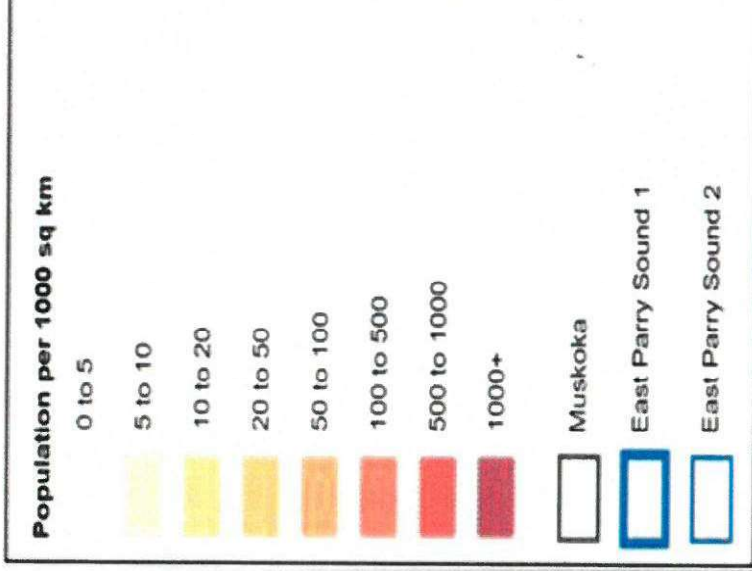
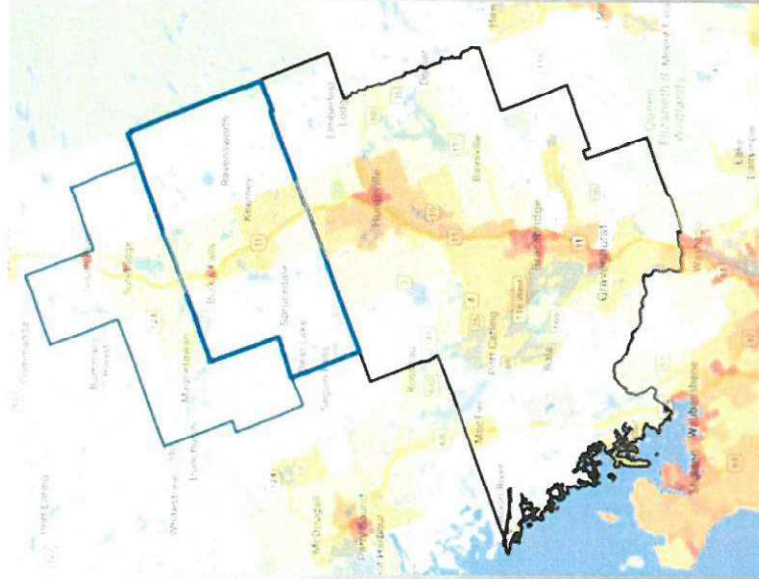
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Background and Preamble...

- Muskoka Algonquin Health Care (MAHC) requires immediate input from all funding partners (hospital foundations, MAHC hospital, municipalities within 'catchment') with respect to the Local Share...
- We need to start somewhere...
- There is still a great deal of work to do and discussion to have...
- We need to make some assumptions in order for discussions to move forward...

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Focus geographic area for MAHC hospital builds



- Over 70,000 permanent residents, over 80,000 seasonal residents and over 2 million annual visitors
- Area services a broad and dispersed geography (over 5000 square kilometers).
- Recognize that municipalities on the outer 'borders' likely receive hospital services from multiple hospital locations (MAHC, NORTH BAY, WEST PARRY SOUND, ORILLIA)

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Muskoka Algonquin
Health Care (MAHC)
Hospital Builds
(Huntsville /
Bracebridge) –
Impact of Local Share



- ❖ Local Share costs are mandated by provincial legislation
- ❖ Local community is required to cover 10% of capital building costs + 100% equipment costs
- ❖ Local Share was estimated to be \$129-m at project outset in 2019
- ❖ Projected Local Share at project completion is now estimated to be \$225-m
- ❖ Two hospital foundations, MAHC and municipalities are part of local share discussion
- ❖ Formula and estimates have yet to be determined
- ❖ AHHC has seat at the 'local share' table on behalf of Almaguin municipalities

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Updated Project Cost Projections

- Project Cost: \$561M
- Local Share: \$129M

March 2019 Assumptions

2019 Project in September 2022 dollars

- Project Cost: \$722M
- Local Share: \$165M

- *Potential* Project Cost: \$967M
- *Potential* Local Share: \$225M

2019 Project Fall 2027 RFP



Final costs are unknown and will evolve through the planning process

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Impacts to the Almaguin Highlands: *What we know...*

If we want our community to support the hospital builds we are obligated to contribute to Local Share...

MAHC will re-group with the Local Share Committee on February 27, 2023...

Our actual financial contribution is not expected in the short term – build must be 'substantially completed' before any funds change hands...

AHHC has already indicated to MAHC that we wish to see healthcare services in the Almaguin Highlands community as part of the project...

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Current assumptions...

The upper limit total Local Share is assumed to be \$225-million – there is no expectation that this number can continue to grow.

Almaguin Highlands (AHHC) has stated an assumption that the hospital Foundations will account for 30%* of Local Share (~\$67.5-m).

Almaguin Highlands (AHHC) has stated an assumption that Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare (MAHC) will cover 20%* of Local Share (~\$45-m).

This leaves 50%* (~\$112.5-m) to be covered by all municipalities in the catchment area.

Financing assumed to be over longer term (10-15 years) with funds set aside in reserves by each municipality each year.

No funds to be handed over to MAHC until the build is “substantially complete”.

Based on Assessment Numbers (from 2021) the total ‘municipal’ share for the Almaguin Highlands region is about 9.98% (or about \$11.2-million), based on above assumptions.

* Note: These percentage assumptions are based on other Ontario hospital builds in the last 3 years.

Further assumptions...

It is assumed that areas receiving largest economic benefit (Huntsville/Bracebridge) will contribute "more than average".

It is assumed that areas on the 'outer reaches' of the catchment area will contribute "less than average" (under the further assumption that they already contribute to healthcare projects to the north, west and/or south).

It is assumed that all 12 municipalities in the Almaguin Highlands part of the catchment area will contribute something.

It is assumed that there is no perfect approach to determining the share for each municipality. Compromise is required.

We have not yet had enough time to investigate other potential avenues for funding, such as grants, fund-raising initiatives, etc..

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Options for Almaguin Highlands



Option	Potential Pros / Benefits	Potential Cons / Risks
Do nothing...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimal time / effort 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local share for Almaguin municipalities will be driven by other groups / areas / government bodies We will have zero influence on how or where healthcare dollars are spent We will still face a cost to our taxpayers (i.e. the local share doesn't 'go away') Risks loss of MAHC services provided in Almaguin today (which impacts Almaguin citizens and primary care providers in Burk's Falls / Sundridge)
Each municipality approaches funding separately and "does what they can"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Based on individual municipal budgets Potentially minimizes local taxpayer impact 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes leverage for potential future healthcare services in Almaguin Likely falls short of Local Share requirements Divides the region Does not guarantee that there won't be further contribution requests down the road Risks loss of MAHC services provided in Almaguin today (which impacts Almaguin citizens and primary care providers in Burk's Falls / Sundridge)
Approach the issue Almaguin-wide and determine a best-fit which serves the area, the needs of Local Share, and the needs of residents. 12 Almaguin municipalities for \$12-m in 12 years. "12 for 12 in 12"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides commitment to hospital builds Allows for funding of additional healthcare services in Almaguin, for Almaguin Provides strength of an 'all-region' approach Supports our residents, our current healthcare providers, future development and growth Still allows for negotiation within Almaguin to account for special circumstances 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires a near-term 'soft' commitment for long-term funding Still requires negotiation within Almaguin

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Recommended approach – Local Share with Almaguin Highlands Focus



Recommended Step	Specifics	How established
Establish baseline percentages, based on 2021 Assessments	Estimates substantially complete for Almaguin Highlands purposes. The “formula”, however, has not been established by the Local Share committee.	Via resolution with the full Local Share committee for MAHC.
Determine per-year, per-municipality requirement over 12 year period – 12 municipalities reserving a total of \$12-m over a 12 year period	Estimates substantially complete, based on Almaguin Highlands assessment numbers.	Via individual municipal council resolution.
Commit (via resolution) 80% of funds toward the MAHC builds	Total ~\$9.5-million committed to MAHC hospital builds as part of Phase 1.3 requirements of hospital build. See detail slides.	Via individual municipal council resolution
Commit (via resolution) remaining 20% of funds to healthcare services in the Almaguin Highlands (future needs)	Remaining ~\$2.5-million committed to future healthcare services in the Almaguin Highlands...could include any service benefitting the region and could still be transferred to the MAHC build, if desired, at later date. See detail slides.	Via individual municipal council resolution

Target \$12-million for 12 municipalities in 12 years...

Muskoka and Area Assessment and Cost Sharing Breakdowns – No Adjustments

Municipality	2021 Total Assessment	Percentage of Overall	Municipal Share	Muskoka Share	Almaguin Share
Township of Muskoka Lakes	\$ 10,272,422,309.00	31.48%	\$ 35,412,999.69		
Township of Lake of Bays	\$ 3,236,108,027.00	9.92%	\$ 11,156,111.88		
Town of Huntsville	\$ 4,274,289,337.00	13.10%	\$ 14,735,123.07		
Town of Bracebridge	\$ 3,422,018,877.00	10.49%	\$ 11,797,018.25		
Town of Gravenhurst	\$ 3,621,765,727.00	11.10%	\$ 12,485,622.64		
Township of Georgian Bay	\$ 2,831,160,000.00	8.68%	\$ 9,760,099.92		
Township of Algonquin Highlands	\$ 1,719,587,527.00	5.27%	\$ 5,928,081.10		
TOTAL MUSKOKA PORTION				\$ 101,275,056.56	
Township of Armour	\$ 377,699,218.00	1.16%	\$ 1,305,000.00		
Village of Burk's Falls	\$ 81,953,600.00	0.25%	\$ 281,250.00		
Township of Ryerson	\$ 191,791,700.00	0.59%	\$ 663,750.00		
Township of McMurrich/Monteith	\$ 230,998,900.00	0.71%	\$ 798,750.00		
Township of Perry	\$ 482,164,500.00	1.48%	\$ 1,665,000.00		
Municipality of Magnetawan	\$ 711,934,009.00	2.18%	\$ 2,452,500.00		
Township of Strong	\$ 298,402,100.00	0.91%	\$ 1,023,750.00		
Village of Sundridge	\$ 106,024,400.00	0.32%	\$ 360,000.00		
Village of South River	\$ 71,525,700.00	0.22%	\$ 247,500.00		
Township of Machar	\$ 262,725,000.00	0.81%	\$ 911,250.00		
Township of Joly	\$ 61,786,900.00	0.19%	\$ 213,750.00		
Town of Keamey	\$ 379,068,309.00	1.16%	\$ 1,305,000.00		
TOTAL ALMAGUIN PORTION		9.98%			\$ 11,227,500.00
	\$ 32,633,426,140.00	100.00%	\$ 112,500,000.00		
TOTAL LOCAL SHARE			\$ 225,000,000.00		

Assumption: How these amounts get 'split' between District of Muskoka and the lower tiers is still TBD but overall totals do not change.

Assumptions:

- 30% of \$225-m local share - Foundations
- 20% of \$225-m local share - MAHC
- 50% of \$225-m local share - Municipalities
- * Assumes 12-year investment period

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Muskoka and Area Assessment and Cost Sharing Breakdown Estimates – Almaguin Highlands Focus

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>2021 Total Assessment</u>	<u>Percentage of Overall</u>	<u>Municipal Share</u>	<u>Almaguin Share</u>	<u>MAHC Share (80%)</u>	<u>*Per Year</u>	<u>Almaguin "Holding" (20%)</u>	<u>*Per Year</u>	<u>*Total Per Year</u>	<u>Reserves</u>
Township of Armour	\$ 377,699,218.00	1.16%	1,305,000.00	\$	1,044,000.00	\$ 87,000.00	261,000.00	\$ 21,750.00	\$ 108,750.00	
Village of Burk's Falls	\$ 81,953,600.00	0.25%	281,250.00	\$	225,000.00	\$ 18,750.00	56,250.00	\$ 4,687.50	\$ 23,437.50	
Township of Ryerson	\$ 191,791,700.00	0.59%	663,750.00	\$	531,000.00	\$ 44,250.00	132,750.00	\$ 11,062.50	\$ 55,312.50	
Township of McMurrich/Monteith	\$ 230,998,900.00	0.71%	798,750.00	\$	639,000.00	\$ 53,250.00	159,750.00	\$ 13,312.50	\$ 66,562.50	
Township of Perry	\$ 482,164,500.00	1.48%	1,665,000.00	\$	1,332,000.00	\$ 111,000.00	333,000.00	\$ 27,750.00	\$ 138,750.00	
Municipality of Magnetawan	\$ 711,934,009.00	2.18%	2,452,500.00	\$	1,962,000.00	\$ 163,500.00	490,500.00	\$ 40,875.00	\$ 204,375.00	
Township of Strong	\$ 298,402,100.00	0.91%	1,023,750.00	\$	819,000.00	\$ 68,250.00	204,750.00	\$ 17,062.50	\$ 85,312.50	
Village of Sunbridge	\$ 106,024,400.00	0.32%	360,000.00	\$	288,000.00	\$ 24,000.00	72,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	
Village of South River	\$ 71,525,700.00	0.22%	247,500.00	\$	198,000.00	\$ 16,500.00	49,500.00	\$ 4,125.00	\$ 20,625.00	
Township of Machar	\$ 262,725,000.00	0.81%	911,250.00	\$	729,000.00	\$ 60,750.00	182,250.00	\$ 15,187.50	\$ 75,937.50	
Township of Joly	\$ 61,786,900.00	0.19%	213,750.00	\$	171,000.00	\$ 14,250.00	42,750.00	\$ 3,562.50	\$ 17,812.50	
Town of Kearney	\$ 379,068,309.00	1.16%	1,305,000.00	\$	1,044,000.00	\$ 87,000.00	261,000.00	\$ 21,750.00	\$ 108,750.00	
TOTAL ALMAGUIN PORTION		9.98%		9.98%						
			\$ 11,227,500.00	\$	8,982,000.00	\$	2,245,500.00	\$		

12 For 12 in12 ...

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\$12-m for 12 municipalities in 12 years...Local Share with Almaguin Highlands Focus

The good news...

- Fund-raising efforts will focus on enhancing healthcare services in the Almaguin Highlands
- An Almaguin-wide approach will demonstrate a significant contribution to healthcare
- Healthcare is the largest (sector) employer in the region
- There are groups lobbying for changes to the Local Share – ‘urban versus rural’ realities
- We have an extended period to raise funds
- Any funds raised will directly benefit healthcare in the Almaguin Highlands
- **For all of us, it represents a commitment to healthcare in our region**

*Based on previously listed assumptions

**Based on 12-year fund-raising target: \$9.5-m to Local Share; \$2.5-m to Almaguin healthcare directly

Overall Local Share = \$225-million		
Funder	Projected Total	Percentage
Hospital Foundations *	\$67.5-m	30%
MAHC *	\$45-m	20%
Municipal Share *	\$112.5-m	50%
Almaguin Highlands Share **	\$9.5-m	4.22%





CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

RESOLUTION

Date: February 14, 2023

Motion # 39

That the Council of the Township of Armour agrees to put aside monies over the next 12 years, to a maximum of \$1,143,000, for their share of the cost of building two (2) new hospitals, one in Bracebridge and one in Huntsville and to put aside monies over the next 12 years, to a maximum of \$285,750, to improve health services in the Almaguin Highlands.

Moved by:

Blakelock, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brandt, Jerry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Haggart-Davis, Dorothy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ward, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>
Whitwell, Wendy	<input type="checkbox"/>

Seconded by:

Blakelock, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Declaration of Pecuniary Interest by: _____

Recorded vote requested by: _____

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As C.E.O. of *The Friends* organization (www.thefriends.on.ca) I have been keenly aware of the serious shortage of affordable housing in the Districts of Parry Sound Muskoka. In fact, during August and September 2022, when *The Friends* organization was struggling with massive staffing shortfalls we were confounded when Personal Support Workers would have accepted positions but could not find affordable accommodation. Housing shortages affect everyone - whether a retail store, a resort or health care services at the community level.

With this in mind, *The Friends'* is spearheading the development of a Homeshare program across the region (Muskoka/Parry Sound)we serve.

What is Homesharing?

- Homesharing is a simple idea where two or more people share a home for **mutual benefit**.
- A person offers a private bedroom and shared common space in exchange for rent, help around the home or a combination of the two.
- It differs from a typical roommate situation because, at its core, it is about two people helping each other.
- No two homesharing arrangements are alike. Each is tailored to the unique needs and interests of the people involved.

Homeshare is not the only answer to housing issues, however, if the program can help reduce pressures and support better, more fulfilling outcomes for seniors, then it is worth exploring.

For more information or, if you would like to attend the Canada Homeshare presentation being planned, please contact me at mgause@thefriends.on.ca

Looking forward to working with you for the betterment of our communities.

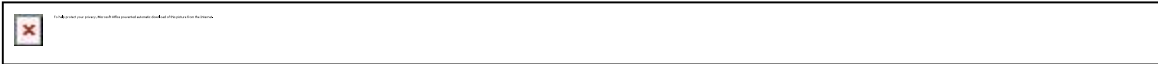
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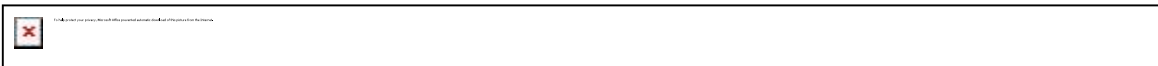
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Influential Women in Almaguin



Dear Chamber Member,

On behalf of the Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors, we ask if you would consider supporting us this year as we collaborate again with ACED to bring back the nominations for "Influential Women In Almaguin" in time to celebrate International Women's Day on March 8th.

Last year was an incredible success as Women from our region nominated each other for being seen as leaders of change and influential members in their communities. Each individual nominated was featured on our social media platforms and entered into a draw for the chance to win one of several exceptional prizes that our members generously donated. With that said, this is where we hope you come in and support us again in recognizing the woman in our area who are making an impact. We are looking for your support in donating a gift certificate, product or service to assist us in achieving our mission.

If you have any questions, we would be happy to provide you with more information.

We greatly appreciate any donation and look forward to celebrating the remarkable woman who will be honored with them.

Sincerely,

Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce

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TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON
February 16, 2023 Regular Meeting Packet
JOINT BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
Township of Strong Office

The Zoom Link to attend the virtual meeting is available on the website;
<https://calendar.strongtownship.com/meetings>

Present: Burk's Falls – John Wilson
Joly – Budd Brown
Machar – Absent
Ryerson – Absent
South River – Robert Brooks
Strong – Tim Bryson
Sundridge – Justine Leveque

Absent: Machar – Neil Scarlett, Ryerson – Glenn Miller

Staff Present: CBO: Brian Dumas (by teleconference), Secretary: Kim Dunnett

Guests:

1. Call to Order:

The Joint Building Committee meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by the Chair Budd Brown.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: No pecuniary interest was declared.

3. Approval of Agenda:

Resolution # 2023-007

Moved by: Robert Brooks

Seconded by: John Wilson

Be it resolved that this committee does hereby approve the Agenda of the regular meeting for February 16, 2023 as presented.

Carried

4. Delegation: No requests were submitted.

5. Adoption of Minutes:

Resolution # 2023-008

Moved by: Justin Leveque

Seconded by: Tim Bryson

Be it resolved that this committee does hereby adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of January 19, 2023, as circulated.

Carried

6. Approval of Financials:

Resolution # 2023-009

Moved by: Robert Brooks

Seconded by: John Wilson

Be it resolved that this committee does hereby approve the following expenses of;

- January 2023 \$26,141.41

and accepts the Financial Report for January 2023.

Carried

Financial Report: The Secretary confirmed the current bank account balance.

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7. 2023 Draft JBC Budget:

The draft budget was reviewed, the Secretary explained each line item. Committee Members were encouraged to review and communicate any changes before the next meeting, so they can be implemented. The intention is to pass a resolution to recommend the budget at the March meeting for the member municipalities consideration.

8. CBO Report:

The CBO reported the CBO Module (CGIS) is in use, the department is working through some issues with the program as they arise. The DCBO/Building Inspector position job ad has now closed, the expression of interest was good. The CBO and Administrator has short listed candidates, interviews will be performed in the coming weeks. The CBO is currently looking at acquiring a VPN for the creation of a new JBC website and to allow for e-transferring of building permit fees.

9. Correspondence: Nothing submitted.

10. New Business:

Building permit fee increase and permit volume was discussed in consideration of future operational costs.

11. Closed Session: No items required.

12. Adjournment:

Resolution # 2022-010

Moved by: Robert Brooks

Seconded by: Justine Leveque

Be it resolved that this committee does hereby adjourn at 6:56 p.m. to meet again on March 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. or at the call of the Chair.

Carried

Kim Dunnett, Secretary

Budd Brown, Chair

**JOINT BUILDING COMMITTEE
ANNUAL PERMIT SUMMARY
2023**

Month	No. of Permits	Permit Fees	Project Values	Size (sq.m)
January	5	\$6,770.00	\$418,000.00	378
February	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
March	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
April	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
May	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
June	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
July	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
August	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
September	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
October	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
November	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
December	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
TOTALS	5	\$6,770.00	\$418,000.00	New Construction 378
				Demolitions 0

**JOINT BUILDING COMMITTEE
ANNUAL PERMIT SUMMARY
2022**

Month	No. of Permits	Permit Fees	Project Values	SFD'S, Seasonal Dwellings and Multi-Unit Dwellings	
				2022	2023
Burks Falls	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	0
Joly	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	0
South River	1	\$400.00	\$20,000.00	0	0
Machar	1	\$1,600.00	\$100,000.00	0	0
Strong	1	\$1,600.00	\$100,000.00	0	0
Ryerson	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	0
Sundridge	2	\$3,170.00	\$198,000.00	0	0
TOTALS	5	\$6,770.00	\$418,000.00		0
Permit activity at end of January 31, 2023					
TOTALS	1	\$22,435.00	\$1,489,133.00	0	
Permit activity at end of January 31, 2022					
TOTALS	4	-\$15,665.00	-\$1,071,133.00		0
Difference from previous year					

Judy Kosowan

From: Beth Morton <beth.morton@townshipofperry.ca>
Sent: February 3, 2023 11:15 AM
To: Administrator; Beth Morton; Brenda Fraser; Brenda Paul; Caitlin Haggart (clerk@strongtownship.com); Carling Township (clerksoffice@carling.ca); Carol Conrad; Cheryl Marshall, Clerk; Chisholm; Clerk; Clerk; Colby Fisher; Craig Jeffery; D McLeod; Don McArthur; Erica Cole; Ina Watkinson; Jenny LeBlond; Judy Kosowan; Kevin McIlwain; Kim Dunnett (deputyclerk@strongtownship.com); Kris Croskery-Hodgins; Linda Ringler; Lori West; MacKenzie Taylor; Maryann Martin; Maureen Lang; Michelle Hendry; Mike Konoval; Nancy Austin (naustin@sundridge.ca); Nicky Kunkel; Nicole Fraser; Rebecca Johnson; Sherry Hawthorne
Cc: Councillor Ted Collins (ted@customboatworks.ca); Debbie Zulak; Glenn Miller; Joe Beleskey; Jordy Carr; Lynda Carleton (Lcarleton50@gmail.com); Norm Hofstetter
Subject: DPSMA Appointments to the Executive for the 2022 to 2026 Term
Attachments: Ward Appointments 2022-2026.pdf

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Good morning:

I hope everyone is staying safe and warm today.

Attached is the Ward Appointments for the 2022 to 2026 Term of Council. Note that there was one nomination outstanding for Ward #3, however regardless of who the nomination may be for, the majority of nominations are for Debbie Zulak, therefore Debbie is appointed to Ward #3. Additionally, there was one nomination outstanding for Ward #6, however regardless of who the nomination may be for, the majority of nominations are for Jordy Carr, therefore Jordy is appointed to Ward #6.

Finally, it was an interesting race in Ward #5. Tim Bryson, of Strong Township and Lynda Carleton, of Machar Township were each tied with 3 nominations. In order to break the tie, a name was drawn from a hat via Zoom Meeting on Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 11:00 am. Lynda Carleton's name was drawn and is appointed for Ward #5.

A meeting will be held over the next two weeks to further discuss the business of the Association and organization of the Spring Meeting, likely to be held early in May 2023. Further information will be provided once it becomes available.

If anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Take care,

Beth Morton, Secretary-Treasurer



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WARDS, MEMBERS, EXECUTIVE

Appointments for the 2022 to 2026 term

WARD # 1

Seguin **Ted Collins**

WARD #2

Archipelago **Joe Beleskey**
Parry Sound

WARD # 3

Carling **Debbie Zulak**
McDougall
McKellar
Whitestone

WARD # 4

Armour **Norm Hofstetter**
Burks Falls
Kearney
McMurrich/Monteith
Perry
Ryerson

WARD # 5

Joly **Lynda Carleton**
Machar
Magnetawan
South River
Strong
Sundridge

WARD # 6

Callander **Jordy Carr**
Chisholm
Nipissing
Powassan

The President will be elected at the first Municipal Meeting in the Spring 2023. The Executive will make a recommendation to the Association for the appointment of President. There are two past presidents who will continue to serve on the Executive, being Councillor Glenn Miller of Ryerson Township and Mayor Norm Hofstetter of Perry Township.



**The Corporation of the
Township of Perry**

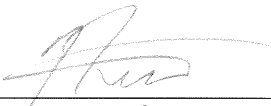
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Date: February 1, 2023

Resolution No.: 2023-15

Moved By: Margaret Ann MacPhail **Seconded By:** Joe Lumley

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby approves the proposed 2023 budget for the Almaguin Community Economic Development and supports that Perry Township's share of \$28,824.74 be included in the 2023 Municipal Budget.

Carried: **Defeated:** 
Norm Hofstetter, Mayor

RECORDED VOTE		
Council	For	Against
Councillors Jim Cushman		
Joe Lumley		
Margaret Ann MacPhail		
Paul Sowrey		
Mayor Norm Hofstetter		

Judy Kosowan

From: Caitlin Haggart <clerk@Strongtownship.com>
Sent: February 3, 2023 1:25 PM
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Cc: 'Courtney Metcalf'; 'Begin, Ron (ISED/ISDE)'; Porter, Trista (NDMNRF)
Subject: ACED Budget

Good Afternoon,

Including the resolution Council passed at their January 24, 2023 meeting which approves the ACED Budget:

R2023-035

Moved By: Marianne Stickland Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of Strong hereby reviewed the 2023 budget for Almaguin Community Economic Development in the amount of \$399,628.00 with the Township of Strong's share being \$21,145.46; and

That the Township of Strong accept this budget as presented.

Carried

Regards,

Caitlin Haggart

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