

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

April 25, 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

1.2 Announcement: This meeting is being recorded

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

2.1 Adoption of minutes from the special meeting April 5, 2023 and regular meeting April 11, 2023 **(R)**

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

4. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

4.1 Madonna Hall: Barking Dogs

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

5.1 Roadside Mowing Tender **(R)**

5.2 Supply and Deliver 2" Minus Gravel Tender **(R)**

6. REPORTS:

- 6.1 **TREASURER:** By-Law to adopt the 2023 Tax Ratios **(R)**
- 6.2 **DEPUTY CLERK:** Road Closing By-law and procedure **(R)**
- 6.3 **COUNCIL MEMBERS:** reports, if any.

7. BUSINESS ARISING/ACTIVITY LOG:

- 7.1 Almaguin Highlands Health Council (AHHC): April Minutes, proposed local share resolution for consideration
- 7.2 Burks Falls proposal for AHHC long term plan **(R)**
- 7.3 Hospital Local Share: Sundridge resolution

8. COMMUNICATION ITEMS:

- 8.1 Women's Own Resource Centre: updates and request for donation **(R)**

General Information:

- Ministry of Municipal Affairs: Planning updates
- District of Parry Sound Municipal Association draft agenda
- Joint Building Committee: March statistics
- Information items: Resolutions of support from Perry Township - Food Insecurity; Magnetawan – Bill 5 Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act and Reinstatement of Municipalities retaining Surplus from Tax Sales
- McMurrich/Monteith: Notice of Zoning By-law Amendments
- AMO Policy Up-date

9. CONFIRMING BY-LAW:

- 9.1 To confirm the meetings of Council **(R)**

10. IMPORTANT DATES:

- April 26, 2023, Special Meeting Council Orientation 9:00 a.m.
- May 8-10, 2023 FONOM Conference Parry Sound
- May 16, 2023, Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Budget consideration
- May 30, 2023 Regular Meeting, Budget Adoption 6:00 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT: **(R)**

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

LIST OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

FOR COUNCIL MEETING: April 25, 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 April 5, 2023 and regular meeting April 11, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

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

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council accept Tender 2023-02 Roadside Mowing for approximately 116 kms of roads, both sides of the roads as outlined on the map included with the tender from _____ in the amount of _____ plus HST for a total of \$ _____.

Item # 5.2 on Agenda Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council accept Tender 2023-05 to supply, deliver approximately 2,000 tonnes of 2 inch minus to stockpile at the Ryerson Township Yard, located at 28 Midlothian Road, from _____ in the amount of _____ plus HST for a total of \$ _____.

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

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # ____-23, being a By-law to set tax ratios for 2023 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 25th day of April 2023.

Item # 6.2 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 Establish Policies for the closure and sale of Road Allowances 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 25th day of April 2023.

Item # 7.2 on Agenda Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

WHEREAS Ryerson Township Council has considered the reports and the recommendations from the Village of Burks Falls regarding the creation of a long term, sustainable and predictable plan for the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Ryerson Township Council has considered the Governance Options and supports:

1. Keep the status quo, send a request as annual invoices based on previous year's deficit, or,
2. Sell the building through the competitive market, or,
3. Create a stand-alone incorporated Board, or,
4. The Village continues to manage with the assistance of a AHHC Board

AND FURTHER that Ryerson Township Council has considered the Cost Sharing Contribution Options and supports:

1. Covering subsidy for services plus 50% for capital to attract new services, or,
2. Basing cost sharing on usage for services, or,
3. Covering the average 10-year deficiency evenly across all 10 municipalities, or,
4. Population based

Item # 8.1 on Agenda Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council donate \$372.50 to the Women's Own Resource Centre for 2023.

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 25th day of April 2023.

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

Be it resolved that we do now adjourn at _____. The next regular meeting May 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday April 5, 2023

A special meeting of Council was held Wednesday April 5, 2023 at 1:00 p.m., for Council Orientation.

Members of Council were notified of this special meeting at the March 14, 2023, Council meeting and by e-mail on March 27, 2023. The public was notified of this meeting by posting of this special meeting agenda March 27, 2023.

Members of Council in attendance: Mayor Sterling and Councillors Abbott, Miller, Patterson and Robertson.

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

Mayor Sterling called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None declared.

DISCUSSION:

Members of Council participated in a goal setting discussion to define priorities for planning and policy development.

Common issues noted:

- retaining rural character of the municipality while balancing with growth and development/increase tax base
- Protect natural environment
- Property standards and by-law enforcement
- Municipal infrastructure: roads, bridges, buildings
- Encourage community engagement/involvement, volunteerism
- Continue to support shared services and regional services and initiatives
- Housing- planning documents, Provincial initiatives (Bill 23), innovative strategies
- Planning documents to be updated: Official Plan, Zoning By-law, Trailer By-law
- Recreation, trail development
- Healthcare, Hospital Local Share, retain health services in Almaguin
- Preserve local heritage
- Financial planning, balance numerous current and future capital projects, and on-going operations

Council will continue to develop priorities at a future meeting about long-range financial planning and the Asset Management Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

April 11, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held **April 11, 2023** at 6:00 p.m. This was a hybrid meeting combining in person, electronic meeting via Zoom and phone.

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.

Presenter attending: Armour Mayor Rod Ward.

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

Public attending by phone or electronically: Judy Ransome, Nieves Guijarro, Paul Van Dam and Roman Kaczynski.

Notice of this meeting was posted on the website.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

R- 58 - 23 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,
Be it resolved that the minutes from the regular meeting on March 28, 2023, be adopted as circulated. (Carried)

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None noted.

4. PRESENTATION:

4.1 Mayor Rod Ward from Armour Township presented more information to Council regarding the Local Hospital Share. Council will discuss this topic further at a future meeting.

5. TENDERS: None Noted.

6. REPORTS:

TREASURER:

6.1 Council was provided with information on the shared services and budgets. The following resolutions were adopted.

R- 59 -23 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the 2023 net fire budget in the amount of \$562,289.00, with Ryerson's share to be \$132,475.00. Two percent of Ryerson's share of the total operating expenditures in the amount of \$2,156.00 will be put into a fire reserve. (Carried)

R- 60 -23 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the 2023 net Tri-R Waste Management budget in the amount of \$274,150.00, with Ryerson's share to be \$90,080.00. Two percent of Ryerson's share of the total operating expenditures in the amount of \$2,950.00 will be put into a landfill reserve. (Carried)

R- 61 -23 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the 2023 net Library Board budget in the amount of \$177,619.00. Ryerson's share to be \$39,911.00. (Carried)

R- 62 - 23 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the 2023 net arena budget in the amount of \$385,677.00, with Ryerson's share to be \$128,559.00. Two percent of Ryerson's share of the total operating expenditures in the amount of \$2,664.00 will be put into an arena reserve. (Carried)

R- 63 -23 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the 2023 South East Parry Sound Regional Fire Training Officer budget in the amount of \$83,408.00, with Ryerson's share to be \$3,930.00. (Carried)

DEPUTY CLERK:

6.2 Council was provided with information regarding validation certificate and the following resolutions were adopted.

R- 64 - 23 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 17-23, being a By-law to rescind By-law 15-23 to issue a Certificate of Validation and further; That By-Law # 17-23 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 11th day of April 2023. (Carried)

R- 65 - 23 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council support the Application B-007/23 for easement, located on Concession 1, Part Lot 18, Parts 1-8 42R-19980 in Ryerson Township. The following conditions will apply:

- The Township requires one digital copy of the Final Reference Plan 42R-19980. (Carried)

COUNCIL REPORTS:

6.3 Councillor Patterson provided Council with information regarding sustainable, predictable funding for the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre. Further information will be provided at the next regular Council meeting.

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEES/BOARDS:

7.1 Information was received regarding the Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare (MAHC) Capital Redevelopment Information Session to be held at the Burk's Falls Arena on April 19,2023 at 7pm.

7.2 Council received a TRI-waste management report.

7.3 Joint Building Committee, request to discuss a staffing matter and By-law to appoint a Deputy Chief Building Official:

Council passed a resolution to move to a closed meeting.

R- 66 -23 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that we move to a closed meeting at 7:03p.m., 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 Joint Building Committee staffing matters. (Carried)

Council discussed the matters it was permitted to under the resolution authorizing the public exclusions and returned to the open meeting at 7:36 p.m.

7.4 Council received a CBO wage increase recommendation from the Joint Building Committee and defeated the following resolution.

R- 67 - 23 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council support resolution number 2021-021 from the Joint Building Committee recommending a CBO wage increase of \$25,000, effective April 2023, and an annual increase of 4%. (Defeated)

7.4.1 Council received information regarding appointing a Deputy Chief Building Official and adopted the following resolution.

R- 68 -23 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 18-23, being a By-law to Appoint a Deputy Chief Building Official, Brad Shadlock, for the JBC and further; That By-Law # 18-23 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 11th day of April 2023. (Carried)

8. BUSINESS ARISING/ACTIVITY LOG:

8.1 Council received information from AMO regarding the Code of Conduct Legislation and the following resolution was adopted.

R- 69 - 23 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

WHEREAS all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace;
WHEREAS, municipal governments, as the democratic institutions most directly engaged with Ontarians need respectful discourse;
WHEREAS several incidents in recent years of disrespectful behaviour and workplace harassment have occurred amongst members of municipal councils;
WHEREAS these incidents seriously and negatively affect the people involved and lower public perceptions of local governments;
WHEREAS municipal Codes of Conduct are helpful tools to set expectations of council member behaviour;
WHEREAS municipal governments do not have the necessary tools to adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson supports the call of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them in consultation with municipal governments;
ALSO BE IT RESOLVED that the legislation encompass the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's recommendations for: • Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment • Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario • Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province • Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner • Prohibit a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office. (Carried)

8.2 Council received a report on fee charges for locates from the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS) and adopted the following resolution.

R- 70 - 23 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

WHEREAS Enbridge recently made an announcement of their intention to begin charging third-party contractors and other utilities \$200 CAD (plus applicable taxes) for utility locates where a field locate is required;
AND WHEREAS, third-party contractors include Ontario municipalities;
AND WHEREAS, these locate requests are only required as Ontario municipalities have allowed utilities to use municipal right of ways at no charge to the utilities;
AND WHEREAS, this announcement of new downloaded costs will negatively impact the budgets of Ontario municipalities which are already burdened;
AND WHEREAS, if Enbridge is successful in implementing this new charge, a precedence is set for other utility companies to also begin charging for locates;
NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLOVED, that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson strongly opposes these utility locate costs being downloaded to Ontario municipalities by Enbridge Gas or other utilities;
AND THAT, the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery make it clear that these costs must be borne by the utilities themselves;
AND THAT, this decision be forwarded to Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery Kaleed Rasheed, Minister of Infrastructure Kinga Surma, Minister of Energy Todd Smith,

Premier Doug Ford, Graydon Smith MPP Parry Sound Muskoka, the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario. (Carried)

8.3 Council received a resolution from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming regarding Municipalities retaining surplus from Tax Sales and the following resolution was adopted.

R- 71 - 23 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,
Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council support the resolutions received from The Town of Plympton-Wyoming and the Town of Essex urging the Province to re-instate previous legislation that permitted a Municipality to apply for and retain the surplus proceeds from a tax sale in their jurisdiction. (Carried)

General Information Items Received:

- Council received resolutions approving shared service budgets and the annual community fireworks from Armour Township.
- Council received the March meeting minutes from the Burk's Falls and District Historical Society
- Council received information ROMA updates.

9. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

R- 72- 23 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Miller,
Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 19-23, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law #19-23 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 11th day of April 2023.(Carried)

11. ADJOURNMENT:

R- 73 -23 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,
Be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 7:49pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. (Carried)

MAYOR

CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK

TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

28 MIDLOTHIAN ROAD

R. R. # 1

BURKS FALLS, ONTARIO P0A 1C0

Phone 705 382-3232 Fax 705 382-3286

email: clerk@ryersontownship.ca

DELEGATION REQUEST FORM

NAME: Ms. Madonna Hall

MAILING ADDRESS: 1150 Rogston Road

PHONE NUMBER: (705) 440-9114

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: April 25, 2023

PRESENTATION TO BE PROVIDED TO THE CLERK? YES NO

POWERPOINT REQUIRED? YES NO

GENERAL NATURE OF DELEGATION:

Dogs Barking over 10 min - hours at times

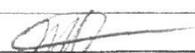
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I acknowledge that personal information contained within my communication(s) may become part of the public record and may be made available to the public through the Council/Committee process.

SIGNATURE: Madonna Hall DATE: April 6th/2023

*If you have a digital signature or wish to create one, click on the signature box and follow the instructions.
If you do NOT have a digital signature, please print and sign the form.*

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON GENERAL COMPLAINT FORM	
DATE: April 6 th 2023	TIME:
NAME OF PERSON(S) GENERATING THE COMPLAINT: Ms. HALL	
SIGNATURE OF COMPLAINANT:	
COMPLAINANT'S PHONE NUMBER:	
ADDRESS: 1150 Royston Road - POA-100 - (Ryerson Township) - Burk's Falls ONTARIO	
DESCRIPTION OF COMPLAINT	
on going dog/dogs barking - The noise nuisance started January 2022. I have reached out to township and by-law but the barking is still a noise nuisance as the dogs are and have been on many occasions NONE stop for hours. 10 minutes is aloud but after 10 (ten) minutes it is braking the law.	
ACTION TAKEN/INVESTIGATION & ADDITIONAL COMMENTS	
None to date except that by-law was at 1227 Royston road as in and around the property and heard nothing - Please provide date's time of action taken. I have complained about properties at 1227-1147-1136 Royston Road	
DATE COMPLETED: ??? !!!	
SIGNATURE: Madonna Hall	

Township of Ryerson

Tender PW 1-22: Roadside Mowing

Company	Bid Amount	HST	Total	Notes
Derrick Johnstone Construction	\$4,895.20	\$636.38	\$5,531.58	TENDER AWARDED
no other submissions				

Tender PW 2-22: Winter Sand

Company	Price/Unit	Total	HST	TOTAL	Notes
NO SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED					

Tender PW 3-22: Supply & Stockpile Crushed Granite

Company	Price/Unit	Total	HST	TOTAL	Notes
RGT Clouthier Construction	Midlothian Rd.	\$86,940.00	\$11,302.20	\$98,242.20	
	Starratt Rd.	\$36,300.00	\$4,719.00	\$41,019.00	
				\$139,261.20	
Fowler Construction	Midlothian Rd.	\$69,741.00	\$9,066.33	\$78,807.33	TENDER AWARDED
	Starratt Rd.	\$30,079.50	\$3,910.34	\$33,989.84	
				\$112,797.17	

Tender PW 4-22: Fuel

Company	Price/Unit	Total	HST	TOTAL	Notes
NO SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED					

Tender PW 5-22: Winter Sand

Company	Price/Unit	Total	HST	TOTAL	Notes
NO SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED					

Tender PW 6-22: Winter Sand-reissued

Company	Price/Unit	Total	HST	TOTAL	Notes
Bruman Construction Inc.	\$13.54	\$54,160.00	\$7,040.80	\$61,200.80	
Miron Top Soil Ltd.	\$11.25	\$45,000.00	\$5,850.00	\$50,850.00	TENDER AWARDED

Tender PW 7-22: Granular A-reissued

Company	Price/Unit	Total	HST	TOTAL	Notes
RGT Clouthier Construction Ltd.	Stisted Road	\$34,425.00			
	East Road	\$25,920.00			
	Pete's Hill Rd.	\$22,680.00			
	Pit	\$75,000.00			
		\$158,025.00	\$20,543.25	\$178,568.25	

Company	Price/Unit	Total	HST	TOTAL	Notes
Fowler Construction	Stisted Road	\$23,271.30			
	East Road	\$21,902.40			
	Pete's Hill Rd	\$19,164.60			
	Pit	\$51,750.00			
		\$116,088.30	\$15,091.48	\$131,179.78	TENDER AWARDED

Tender PW 8-22: Supply & Apply Granite & 2 Inch Minus

Company	Item	Price/Unit	Total	HST	TOTAL	Notes
Fowler Construction	Granite to Pegg's	\$19.89	\$50,460.93			
	Granite to Doe La	\$18.95	\$10,612.00			
	2 Inch Minus to D	\$19.89	\$7,558.20	\$8,992.05	\$77,553.19	TENDER AWARDED
no other submissions						



TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON TENDER OPENING
2023-02 ROADSIDE MOWING

COMPANY	BID AMOUNT	HST	TOTAL	NOTES
Calvin Scott Johnston	\$4,500.00	\$585.00	\$5,085.00	
Derrick Johnston Construction	\$5,124.88	\$666.23	\$5,791.11	
Yard boys	\$6,380.00	\$829.40	\$7,209.40	

Township of Ryerson

Tender PW 1-22: Roadside Mowing

Company	Bid Amount	HST	Total	Notes
Derrick Johnstone Construction	\$4,895.20	\$636.38	\$5,531.58	TENDER AWARDED
no other submissions				

Tender PW 2-22: Winter Sand

Company	Price/Unit	Total	HST	TOTAL	Notes
NO SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED					

Tender PW 3-22: Supply & Stockpile Crushed Granite

Company	Price/Unit	Total	HST	TOTAL	Notes
RGT Clouthier Construction	Midlothian Rd.	\$86,940.00	\$11,302.20	\$98,242.20	
	Starratt Rd.	\$36,300.00	\$4,719.00	\$41,019.00	
				\$139,261.20	
Fowler Construction	Midlothian Rd.	\$69,741.00	\$9,066.33	\$78,807.33	TENDER AWARDED
	Starratt Rd.	\$30,079.50	\$3,910.34	\$33,989.84	
				\$112,797.17	

Tender PW 4-22: Fuel

Company	Price/Unit	Total	HST	TOTAL	Notes
NO SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED					

Tender PW 5-22: Winter Sand

Company	Price/Unit	Total	HST	TOTAL	Notes
NO SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED					

Tender PW 6-22: Winter Sand-reissued

Company	Price/Unit	Total	HST	TOTAL	Notes
Bruman Construction Inc.	\$13.54	\$54,160.00	\$7,040.80	\$61,200.80	
Miron Top Soil Ltd.	\$11.25	\$45,000.00	\$5,850.00	\$50,850.00	TENDER AWARDED

Tender PW 7-22: Granular A-reissued

Company	Price/Unit	Total	HST	TOTAL	Notes
RGT Clouthier Construction Ltd.	Stisted Road	\$34,425.00			
	East Road	\$25,920.00			
	Pete's Hill Rd.	\$22,680.00			
	Pit	\$75,000.00			
		\$158,025.00	\$20,543.25	\$178,568.25	

Company	Price/Unit	Total	HST	TOTAL	Notes
Fowler Construction	Stisted Road	\$23,271.30			
	East Road	\$21,902.40			
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	Pit	\$51,750.00			
		\$116,088.30	\$15,091.48	\$131,179.78	TENDER AWARDED

Tender PW 8-22: Supply & Apply Granite & 2 Inch Minus

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no other submissions						



TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON TENDER OPENING RESULTS
2023-05 Supply and Apply 2-inch Minus

*Unofficial

COMPANY	BID AMOUNT	HST	TOTAL	NOTES
Fowler Construction Co. Ltd.	\$38,640.00	\$5,023.20	\$43,663.20	
Robinsons Haulage Inc.	\$42,500.00	\$5,525.00	\$48,025.00	
Weeks Construction	\$32,000.00	\$4,160.00	\$36,160.00	
Carr Aggregates Inc.	\$43,140.00	\$5,608.20	\$48,748.20	

TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

BY-LAW # _____ -23

Being a By-Law to set Tax Ratios for Municipal Purposes for the year 2023.

WHEREAS it is necessary for the Council of the Township of Ryerson, pursuant to the Municipal Act, 2001, S. O. 2001, c.25, section 308, to establish the tax ratios for 2023 for the Township of Ryerson;

AND WHEREAS the tax ratios determine the relative amount of taxation to be borne by each property class;

AND WHEREAS the property classes have been prescribed by the Minister of Finance under the Assessment Act and Regulations thereto;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson hereby enacts as follows:

1. For the taxation year 2023, the tax ratio for property in:
 - (a) the residential/farm property class is 1.0000
 - (b) the New Multi-residential property class is 1.0000
 - (b) the commercial occupied property class is 1.1000
 - (d) the industrial occupied property class is 1.2733
 - (e) the industrial excess land property class is 0.8276
 - (f) the farmlands property class is 0.2500
 - (g) the managed forest property class is 0.2500
2. For the purpose of this By-Law:
 - (a) the commercial property class includes all commercial office property, shopping centre property and parking lot property;
 - (b) the industrial property class includes all large industrial property.
3. This By-Law shall come into force and take effect immediately following third reading.

Read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in open Council this 25th day of April 2023.

MAYOR.

CLERK

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

By-law No. ____-23

**A BY-LAW TO ESTABLISH POLICIES
The Closure and Sale of Road Allowances**

WHEREAS the Township may pass By-laws in respect of highways under its jurisdiction;

AND WHEREAS this Township from time to time receives applications to close and sell portions of its road allowances and/or to authorize the continued existence of an encroachment of privately owned improvements (buildings or structures) thereupon;

AND WHEREAS the purpose of this By-law is to establish policies with respect to the foregoing requests;

BE IT ENACTED as a By-law of this Township as follows:

1. General Policy

Council may approve applications for the closure and sale of unopened road allowances, except in those situations where Council deems it not to be in the best interests of the Township to proceed with such closure and sale.

Council in considering an Application may determine or give direction concerning potential alternatives to a disposition and may direct or offer the granting of an easement or right of way or some other form of authorization concerning the use and/or occupation of the subject road allowance (in accordance and subject to any other applicable by-laws)

2. Owner of Adjacent or Abutting Lands

Applications for road closure and sale shall only be received from an owner of land adjacent to or abutting that portion of said road allowance which is the subject matter of the application, subject to Section 3.

3. Application by Non-Abutting Owners

Council may consider and approve applications submitted by those persons who are not abutting land owners where Council is satisfied that:

3.1 Consent

the approval would not adversely affect the land adjacent to or abutting the subject road allowance; in this regard, Council may require the Applicant to obtain the consent of the abutting land owner(s);

3.2 Access

The Applicant has appropriate road access (Municipally maintained roads and/or registered right-of-way) to the Applicant's lands;

3.3 Compliance: Zoning

the Applicant's lands, including the lands which are the subject of the application, comply with the Zoning By-law requirements of the Township;

3.4 Conditions

such further conditions as Council deems necessary in the circumstances.

4. Shore Road Allowances and Road Allowances Leading To Water

The Township of Ryerson will not generally consider the disposition of Shore Road or Road Allowance leading to a waterbody. Exceptions may be considered by Council, in its sole discretion if:

4.1 Council determines there are other suitable access points to the subject water body that are available to the public; or

4.2 Council has determined that the subject Road Allowance does not or would not provide suitable access to the water body.

5. Sale Price

The sale price for the conveyance of a closed road allowance shall be based on a per square foot basis to be set by Council from time to time.

6. Survey

The Applicant for a road closure or license, if the Application is approved in principle by Council, shall be required to obtain a survey (reference plan) of the lands subject to the applications, which must show the original boundaries of the road allowance, and the location and size of all buildings situated on the road allowance. In the case of the closure of a shore road allowance, the survey shall show the original water level and the current water level.

7. Legal and Administration Costs

The Applicant will be responsible for all municipal, legal, administrative and survey costs in connection with the proposed Application. A deposit will be required by the Township for the legal and administrative costs. Notwithstanding the deposit amount, the Applicant shall be responsible for all costs incurred by the Township should it exceed the deposit.

8. Shore Roads Under Water

No road allowance that is entirely under water shall be sold. Where a shore road allowance that is the subject of an application is partially under water, Council may direct that such portion that is under water not be sold and that such lands be shown as a distinct and separate part on the reference plan.

9. Future or Potential Access to Other Land

In determining whether to grant approval to a closure and sale, Council may consider potential future public need for the road allowance and/or whether such road allowance does or could facilitate access to other lands. Council has sole discretion to determine whether such future needs or access requirements exist and/or must be protected.

10. Easements

As a condition of the closure and sale of a road allowance, the Township will consult with utility providers (e.g. Electricity, Telecommunications providers), other agencies (e.g. Public Works Canada) and any such other persons (including owners of other properties in proximity to the lands subject to the application) as it may deem appropriate to determine if such providers, agencies or persons have infrastructure on the lands subject to the Application and/or whether such entities or persons require an easement or right of way.

The Township may in its sole discretion grant such easement(s) or right(s) of way prior to any conveyance to the Applicant.

11. Procedural Guideline and Application

To aid in the processing of Applications submitted under this By-law, Schedule A outlines the specific process for the commencement of an application and consideration thereof the prescribed Application Form.

12. Repeal of By-law No. 8-02

That By-law No. 8-02 of this Corporation entitled "A By-law to Establish A Township Policy on the Use of Unopened Road Allowance" is hereby repealed.

Read a First and Second and
Third time, signed and the seal
Of the Corporation affixed thereto
and finally passed in Council
this day of _____, 2023.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON**

Mayor

Clerk/Deputy Clerk

4. Land Purchase Price

This is calculated on the basis of the land cost as set by Council, per linear foot of frontage/lake frontage as measured and represented on the survey provided by a registered surveyor and filed with the Land Registry Office at the close of the file.

5. Survey Plan

Applicants are to instruct their surveyor to prepare a draft survey plan once the Application has been "Approved in Principle" and the deposit has been paid to the Township. Instructions regarding the survey will be received from the Township solicitor. The Applicant is responsible for making arrangements for the survey with an Ontario Land Surveyor. All costs associated with the survey are the responsibility of the Applicant and are to be paid directly to the surveyor.

NOTE: If the Application is for the closing of a Shore Road Allowance, the final decision as to the direction in which the lot line extends across the road allowance rests with Council after input from the adjacent owners.

6. Municipal Solicitor

The Township solicitor will provide instructions, including instructions for the surveyor, to the Applicant, will give notice to the adjoining land owners, prepare a Public Notice for publication/posting, circulate letters to Bell Canada, Hydro One and Public Works Canada for clearance, prepare the by-laws required, investigate title to the property, and prepare a Transfer/Deed as well as provide information on any issues that may be encountered during each step.

7. Registration of Transfer/Deed

The Applicant will be required to retain a solicitor and the draft Transfer/Deed will be sent to the Applicant's solicitor. Once all fees have been paid by the Applicant, the Township solicitor will release the Transfer/Deed to the Applicant's solicitor for registration. The Applicant's solicitor will provide a copy of the Transfer/Deed to the Township solicitor.

8. Application to Consolidate

The Applicant, through their solicitor, may be required to register an Application to Consolidate their lands with the portion of the road allowance/shore road allowance that they have purchased if it will be permitted by the Land Registry Office.

9. A Word of Caution

When the Township solicitor and Planners do their investigation, sometimes the most unusual issues turn up and these have to be resolved which adds to the cost of the process. The most common issues are easements required by Hydro One or Bell Canada, but it could be title problems or objections by neighbours. We will work with the Applicant to keep them informed during the process of any issues.

Township of Ryerson

Application to Purchase

Road Allowance Shore Road Allowance

PLEASE PRINT

Name of Applicant(s): _____

Name of other registered owners _____

Mailing Address of Applicant(s): _____

Telephone Number(s) of Applicant): _____

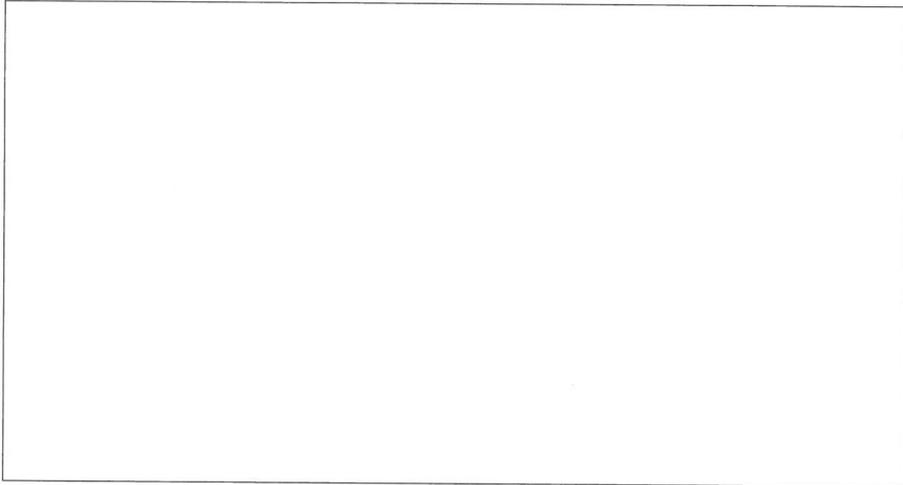
Email Address of Applicant: _____

Owner's Property Description & Address: _____

Owner's Property Identifier Number (if known): _____

Names of Adjacent Property Owners (if known):
1) _____
2) _____
3) _____

Sketch of lands pertaining to this Application (or attach)



By signing below, the Applicant(s) acknowledge:

I acknowledge that by purchasing the Original Shore Road Allowance, it does not permit construction or alteration of any kind of structure, or shoreline improvements on the shoreline allowance or shoreline alterations without obtaining all applicable approvals. The Township of Ryerson's Zoning By-law requirements must be complied with.

Date:

Signature of Applicant(s):

I/We, _____, being the registered owner(s) of the lands subject to this Application and, for the purposes of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, I/we hereby authorize the consent to the use by or the disclosure to any person or public body of any personal information that is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act or Planning Act (whichever Act applies) for the purposes of processing this Application.

NOTE: All registered owners of the property must sign this Application.



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www.almaguin-health.org

Minutes: April 6, 2023, 11:00 am via Zoom and in the McMurrich-Monteith Council Chambers

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

Regrets: Cheryl Philip, Brad Kneller

Guests: Susan Keast (HHR), Nicky Kunkel (Burk's Falls), Shelly van den Heuvel (BFFHT), Courtney Metcalf (ACED), Sarah Cooke

Called to order at 11:05 am by Chair R. Ward

1. 2023-09 Moved by F. Williamson - Seconded by C. Hope
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council adopt the minutes from the regular meeting of March 2, 2023 as circulated. Carried.

2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY OF INTEREST:** None

3. **DELEGATIONS:**

Susan Keast- Human Health Recruiter MAOHT

Susan provided an introduction to herself and her role which began just 3 months ago. She has spent a lot of time meeting with people, attending conferences, job fairs, and learning about the local needs. Susan shared that on average it takes 2-3 years to recruit 1 physician. She is working on branding the area as well investigating short term housing solutions for locums. Susan is eager to learn more about the needs in Almaguin and will connect with ACED and the Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce. Currently her focus is on primary health care recruitment with specialists to follow. As Susan attends job fairs at NOSM and other schools, she has built a care package to hand out. If any municipalities have items to share, please reach out to Susan.

Nicky Kunkel- Village of Burk's Falls

Nicky, Clerk for the Village of Burk's Falls, presented the group with the past, present and possibilities for a long-term plan for the building known as the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre. In 2019, the Village began asking Almaguin municipalities for financial support for

the operations of the building. The goal is a more structured and predictable contribution plan. Councils are asked to review the 4 options presented by the Village (will be sent to municipal clerks) to consider at their next council meetings and respond to the Village with preferred option.

Shelly Van de Heuvel- Burk's Falls Family Health Team

Shelly introduced herself to the group as the Interim ED for the Burk's Falls Family Health Team. She provided an update on the Family Health Team renovations. The space will allow for two new clinical rooms, space for mental health services, and a larger OTN area.

Shelly spoke about money made available by the ministry for the expansion of Family Health teams. Her group will be applying, proposing a nurse practitioner to help with unattached patients and a social worker. With that, she will be reaching out to this table and Almaguin councils for letters of support.

As per the resolution below, a cheque will be provided by the Health Council for the OTN renovations.

4. RESOLUTIONS PASSED:

2023-10 Moved by Norm Hofstetter - Seconded by Tom Bryson

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council agrees to release funds in the amount of \$24,000.00 to the Burk's Falls Family Health Team to support OTN renovations. Carried.

2023-11 Moved by Fraser Williamson - Seconded by Vicky Roeder-Martin

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council directs the Secretary to distribute the proposed resolution regarding local share (as attached) to member municipal clerks for their next meeting agendas. Carried.

Whereas the Almaguin Highlands Health Council has set a long-term fund-raising target for healthcare in the Almaguin Highlands of \$12-million over 12 years starting in 2023, and

Whereas 80%, or \$9.5-million, would be apportioned to the build costs for the Muskoka Algonquin Health Care (MAHC) hospital build, and

Whereas 20%, or \$2.5-million, would be apportioned toward a healthcare fund to be kept in the Almaguin Highlands to fund healthcare related activities in our area

Therefore be it resolved that the Municipality of _____ will set aside \$ _____ per year toward the MAHC build and \$ _____ per year for healthcare services in the Almaguin Highlands beginning _____.

Total contribution is estimated to be \$ _____ for the MAHC build and \$ _____ for healthcare services in the Almaguin Highlands over 12 years.

5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A) **Discussion regarding need for Almaguin Healthcare System Navigator role**

The Chair engaged in discussion with the MAOHT regarding the concept of a Healthcare System Navigator for Almaguin. It was suggested that a planner be hired verses a navigator. The position would be a contract, part time, for possibly 2 years to gather a complete “lay of the land” identifying what is needed in Almaguin. A strategic plan would be created by this person. MAOHT could handle all aspects of the position including hiring, while the funds would need to be gathered. There may be grant to conduct a study. This discussion was preliminary and idea sharing. More to come on this.

B) **Hospital ‘Local Share’ Update**

The Chair has visited 11 of the 12 Almaguin municipalities to present on local share. The response has been good with lots of questions asked. A summary of municipal commitments was shared with the group.

The MAHC is hosting another round of community open houses with one on April 19th at 7:00pm at the ARBFM Arena.

As noted above, a resolution will go out to all member municipal councils asking for a commitment to local share and healthcare in Almaguin. Each council can adjust the resolution as they see fit.

C) **Progress Report**

March 2023 Progress Report was shared with Council.

D) **Other business**

C. Hope provided an update on the Digital Working group and M. MacPhail from the Home and Community meeting. Both are new to the group and taking in the information. Updates will be shared as able.

C. Hope brought up the concept of a community bus, able to facilitate transportation to and from healthcare and assist people to get out of their homes and into community. The concept is a bus that could service other municipalities, working with ACED to determine additional usage. More discussions to come.

The group has asked the Secretary to gather stats from Eastholme’s transportation services on areas served and number of customers. They also asked the Secretary to reach out to DSSAB to be a delegate at a future meeting to provide programing updates so that Council may be aware of what resources they are offering.

2023- 12 Moved by V. Roeder-Martin - Seconded by N. Hofstetter

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council adjourn at 12:45 pm to meet again on May 4, 2023, at 10:00 am. Carried.

Location will be the Armour Municipal Office.

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

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>

Progress: **Items in red and bolded below are new this month...**

- AHC participation in MAOHT Collaboration Steering Committee, Digital Working Group, Health Human Resources Working Group and Home and Community Care Working Group (on-going)
- **Discussions regarding creation of System Navigator or Healthcare Planner role for Almaguin Highlands initiated with MAOHT**

- **Additional high-speed announcements for Almaguin Highlands expected Spring of 2023**

- Confirmed additional/AHHC funding to assist with OTN / BFFHT renovations
- MAOHT "recruitment funding" - 8 supporting resolutions to-date
- MAOHT Recruiter on board as of February 2023 – assisting with needs in Almaguin

- **MAHC "local share" funding discussions – "Road Show" to all Almaguin municipalities will be complete by 11-Apr-23**
- **AHHC continues with "local share" committee (MAHC, foundations, municipalities) – next meeting 14-Apr-23**
- **Local Share Status as of 31-Mar-23 - Approximately \$2-million toward MAHC build and \$500-k for Almaguin confirmed via resolutions**

Judy Kosowan

From: Admin Assistant <AHHC@burksfalls.ca>
Sent: April 11, 2023 4:40 PM
To: 'Beth Morton'; Brenda Fraser; Judy Kosowan; clerk@armourtownship.ca; Municipality of Magnetawan; clerk@strongtownship.com; office@townshipofjoly.com; 'Nancy Austin '; Nicky Kunkel; clerk@mcmurrichmonteith.com
Cc: Councillor Rod Ward
Subject: Resolution on behalf of the AHH Council
Attachments: Resolution 2023-11.pdf

Good afternoon Almaguin Clerks,

At their regular meeting of April 6, 2023 the Almaguin Highlands Health Council (AHHC) passed resolution no. 2023-11 to be shared with member municipalities to place on their next Council agenda.

The AHHC requests that each municipality commit-financially to local share as they are able and to healthcare in Almaguin. A draft resolution is also attached.

Regards,

Camille Barr

Senior Administrative Assistant

Village of Burk's Falls; 172 Ontario Street, Box 160 Burk's Falls ON; 705-382-3138; www.burksfalls.net

THE ALMAGUIN HIGHLANDS HEALTH COUNCIL

Resolution No: 2023- 11
Date: April 6, 2023

Moved By: FRASEL
Seconded By: VICKY

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council directs the Secretary to distribute the proposed resolution regarding local share (as attached) to member municipal Clerks for their next meeting agendas.

Pecuniary Interest Declared: None
Chairman: [Signature]

Whereas the Almaguin Highlands Health Council has set a long-term fund-raising target for healthcare in the Almaguin Highlands of \$12-million over 12 years starting in 2023, and

Whereas 80%, or \$9.5-million, would be apportioned to the build costs for the Muskoka Algonquin Health Care (MAHC) hospital build, and

Whereas 20%, or \$2.5-million, would be apportioned toward a healthcare fund to be kept in the Almaguin Highlands to fund healthcare related activities in our area

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will set aside \$ _____ per year toward the MAHC build and
\$ _____ per year for healthcare services in the Almaguin Highlands beginning
_____.

Total contribution is estimated to be \$ _____ for the MAHC build
and \$ _____ for healthcare services in the Almaguin Highlands over 12
years.

	<p>Staff Report</p>
<p>To:</p>	<p>Ryerson Township Council</p>
<p>From:</p>	<p>Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Judy Kosowan</p>
<p>Date of Meeting:</p>	<p>April 25, 2023</p>
<p>Report Title:</p>	<p>Almaguin Highlands Health Centre (AHHC)</p>
<p>Report Date:</p>	<p>April 18, 2023</p>

Recommendation:

WHEREAS Ryerson Township Council has considered the reports and the recommendations from the Village of Burks Falls regarding the creation of a long term, sustainable and predictable plan for the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Ryerson Township Council has considered the Governance Options and supports:

1. Keep the status quo, send a request as annual invoices based on previous year's deficit, or,
2. Sell the building through the competitive market, or,
3. Create a stand-alone incorporated Board, or,
4. The Village continues to manage with the assistance of a AHHC Board

AND FURTHER that Ryerson Township Council has considered the Cost Sharing Contribution Options and supports:

1. Covering subsidy for services plus 50% for capital to attract new services, or,
2. Basing cost sharing on usage for services, or,
3. Covering the average 10-year deficiency evenly across all 10 municipalities, or,
4. Population based

Purpose/Background:

Information and recommendation have been received from the Village of Burks Falls regarding the creation of a long term, sustainable and predictable plan for the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre.

Burks Falls is asking that Council consider the reports and recommendations provided and forward a resolution indicating Council's decision.

Judy Kosowan

From: Nicky Kunkel <clerk@burksfalls.ca>
Sent: April 10, 2023 1:27 PM
To: Nancy Austin; Caitlin Haggart; Township of Joly ; Judy Kosowan; Nancy Field; John Theriault; Beth Morton; Cheryl Marshall ; Cindy Filmore; 'Magnetawan'
Cc: Admin Assistant; Tammy Wylie
Subject: AHHC long term proposal for Council consideration
Attachments: AHHC Report Long Term Plan - Contribution Agreement Proposal 04 2023.pdf; Almaguin Highlands Health Centre Contribution Plan 2023.pptx; Appendix A.pdf; Appendix B.pdf; Appendix C.pdf; Appendix D.pdf; Appendix E.pdf; Appendix F.pdf; Appendix G.pdf; Appendix H.pdf; Appendix I.pdf

Follow Up Flag: Flag for follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Good afternoon colleagues,

I hope this email finds you well. As you know the Village of Burk's Falls has been working for about 18 months on creating a plan for the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre. We have finally prepared the reports to bring to each member municipality in order to create a long term, sustainable and predictable plan. Council for the Village has recommended that the Village continue to operate the buildings as status quo. The Village will enter into lease agreements, promote the facility when there are vacancies and manage the building operations. However, instead of sending invoice asking for a contribution to the service within the budgeting year, the recommendation is to enter into a contribution agreement.

The attached reports and appendices showcase the services, the use of the services as best as available per municipality, and those regional services that have either free rent or subsidized rents. While there is an abundance of information to answer all anticipated questions, the report and summarized PowerPoint, along with Appendix G, are the main documents. *I apologize I did not have time to make them shorter.* On April 6, 2023, this was presented to the Almaguin Highlands Health Council for information purposes only. The contribution recommendation is to cover the annual, 10-year average deficit, divided evenly among the membership group for the AHH Council, which is approximately \$6,000 a year.

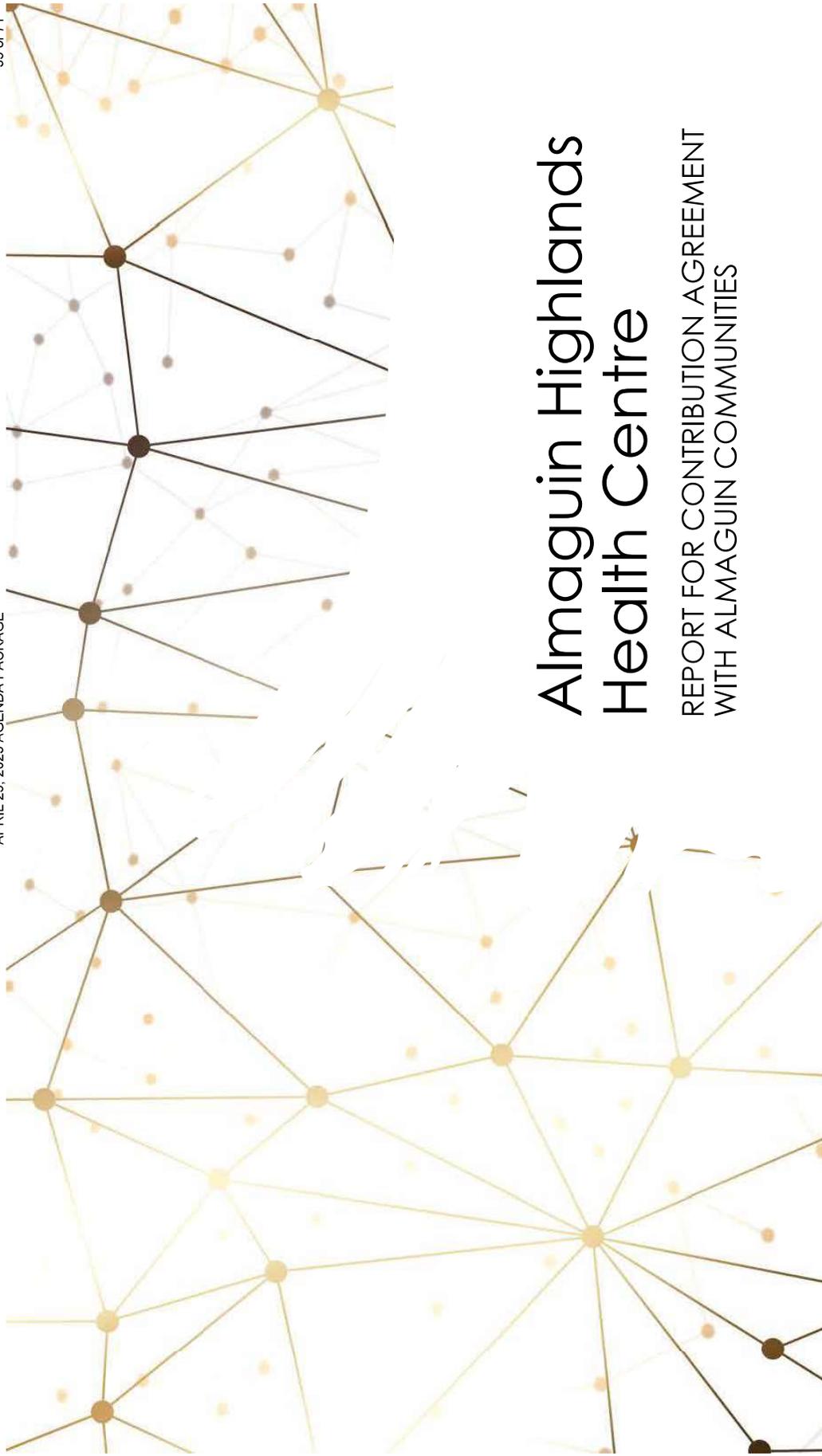
The Village's ask at this time is for the information to be brought forward to your Council tables for consideration and a resolution with each Council's decision be forwarded to the AHH Centre Manager, Camille Barr (ahhc@burksfalls.ca). Village staff will compile the resolutions and begin drafting a formal contribution agreement for all participating municipalities' further consideration.

For 2023, we will continue the current practice of sending an invoice based on the 2022 deficit. Our audit is next week, and an invoice will be sent once that is finalized.

Thanks to everyone for the continued support of these services in Almaguin.

Nicky Kunkel
Clerk Administrator
Village of Burk's Falls

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Almaguin Highlands Health Centre

REPORT FOR CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT
WITH ALMAGUIN COMMUNITIES

Almaguin Highlands Health Centre

- Muskoka Algonquin Health Centre stopped operating as a hospital in 2010
- Reverted back to the Village of Burk's Falls ownership in 2011
- Almaguin Highlands Health Centre Board was established in 2011 –
- Mandate to look after building and bring health care services to building – create a health hub

Almaguin Highlands Health Centre

- 2011 Committee of 12 communities set up to implement
- Committee worked on formula for contributions in sharing costs – one time contribution based on \$2.00 per population
- Committee is now 10 municipalities
- Annual contributions began in 2019 based on previous year's deficit

Almaguin Highlands Health Centre

AHHC

- Renovated for Family Health Team x2
- MAHC retained physio, x-ray and lab
- LHIN / CCAC
- Support groups
- Mental Health
- Diabetes
- Foodbank

Almaguin Highlands Health Centre

3 buildings
 AHHC, Medical,
 and EMS
 See Figure 1
 of Report
 Serviced area /
 rental rate (page 2)

AHHC Services	Value of Rent (see legend)	Beneficiary Regional	Beneficiary Catchment	Beneficiary
X-Ray / ECG	N	X		ARBF
Laboratory	N	X		
Physiotherapy (MAHC)	N	X		
CMHAC	M	X		
NBPS Health Unit	M/Donation	X		
Foot Care (In Physio rm)	N	X		
Diabetes Education	N	X		
OTN	N	X		
The Friends	M	X		
AI-Non	S	X		
Emotions Anonymous	S	X		
Sexual Assault	S	X		
Medical Supply Depot	M	X		
Frozen Meds Program	S	X		
BF Family Health Team	S	X	X	
Drs. Family Health Team	S	X	X	
Food Bank	S	X		
Board Room	M	X		
Medical Building Services	M	X		
Children's Aid Society	M	X		
Medical Accessible Transportation	M	X		
Fire Department	S			X
Amica (Pharmacy)	M		X	
Highlands North Physio	M	X		
vacant				
med bldg. top right back	M			
med bldg. lower front right	M			
EMS Building	S	X		

Almaguin Highlands Health Centre

- The Village of Burk's Falls ratepayers have covered all operating and capital expenses for the building
- It is a health hub and as such the services are a priority for Almaguin communities and an economic attraction
- In order to have the services, many provincially funded rents are subsidized or rent free
- Statistics on usage (figure 3) show that all of Almaguin residents use the facility, especially rent free services (lab, x-ray, post physio)

Almaguin Highlands Health Centre

The Village statement:

The rents at the AHHC do not cover the expenses. While most municipalities have been contributing annually since 2019 the annual amount is not know until the current budget year.

All parties want a predicable, budgeted amount annually.

Almaguin Highlands Health Centre

Governance Options Considered

1. Keep the status quo, send request as annual invoices based on previous year's deficit
2. Sell the building through the competitive market
3. Create a stand alone incorporated Board
4. The Village continues to manage with the assistance of a AHHC Board

Explained in section 3 of report

Almaguin Highlands Health Centre

Recommended option for your consideration: Option #4

1. The Village continues to manage with the formal assistance of member municipalities
 - a. All AHHC Council member municipalities enter into a contribution agreement to cover approved budgeted costs at a fixed percentage with 5-year review intervals.
 - b. The Village continues to oversee operations of the building, as is Option #1
 - c. The Village continues to hire staff 3 days a week to manage facility (current Admin Assist)

Almaguin Highlands Health Centre

Contribution Agreement cost sharing formulas considered:

1. Covering subsidy for services plus 50% for capital to attract new services.
2. Basing cost sharing on usage for services.
3. Covering the average 10-year deficiency evenly across all 10 municipalities.
4. Population based

Almaguin Highlands Health Centre

Contribution Agreement formula recommended: Option #3

- Deficiency since 2011/2012 the average deficit for operating and capital has been \$60,069.
- With 10 contributing municipalities the annual cost for the first agreement would equal \$6,007.00

Almaguin Highlands Health Centre

Next steps:

- a. Provide report and appendices to 10 municipalities by email
- b. Each Council table to discuss recommendations for approval of formula for contribution agreement
- c. Each Council forward resolution to Village of Burk's Falls
- d. Create a formal, predictable, contribution agreement to begin for Jan. 1, 2024

*2023 invoices will be sent based on 2022 deficit



The Municipality of the
VILLAGE OF BURK'S FALLS

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1. Background

The Council for the Village of Burk's Falls became the owner of the former Red Cross Hospital in 2011. At that time a Board, The Almaguin Health Centre Board, with Village representatives was set up to begin the process of accepting funds and working to bring health care services back to Almaguin.

The Board set up monthly committee meetings jointly with Almaguin municipal members to assist with the goal to attracting new doctors and health care professionals. In 2011 all municipalities joined in these efforts and passed resolutions of support, forwarding them onto the Northeast Local Health Integration Network and the Ministry of Health.

In 2012 the AHHC Board commissioned a Business Plan, adopted the final document, and sent to the senior levels of government for approvals. This started the process to have a Ministry funded Family Health Team (FHT) set up in the AHHC. Renovations were completed and the FHT and Doctor's Group opened up practice to serve the communities of Armour, Burk's Falls, Magnetawan, Perry and Ryerson. However, there are also patients from all over Almaguin including from McMurrich Montieth and Kearney. The Board, and several individual municipalities, have sent several resolutions of support to have McMurrich Monteith and Kearney added to the catchment area but to date there has been no success at the provincial level.

The 2012 Business Plan informed the AHHC Board that the loss of urgent care is the biggest concern and that the region is being underserved despite the province's statement to the contrary. The residents want a multi-purpose community-based healthcare facility. Providers want coordination of activities among healthcare providers in the region to be better aligned and a more consistent and sustainable funding models. The Business Plan was partially executed due to funding constraints. There were services as indicated then, but none directly supported by the AHHC Board. There are services listed that were to be administered by the Board but they continue to be administered by Muskoka Algonquin Health Care and funded by the Village.

In 2019 the Council for the Village of Burk's Falls began the request to Almaguin municipalities to assist with the costs of operating and upkeep of the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre. The intent as can be derived from the literature back in 2011 indicate that the Health Centre was to be supported with funding from other municipalities. This arrangement was not formalized but in 2011 all municipalities did contribute \$2.00 per person based on the population of the time. Other contributions were received as individual Councils felt necessary. Since 2019, most municipalities have agreed to an annual contribution to share the burden of ensuring health care services are located in Almaguin. However, there is a desire to make the annual request more predictable for all parties.

The Village of Burk's Falls wants to formalize a long term plan for the building to create a truly sustainable community health hub for all of Almaguin. There are health providers in other communities and yet the residents in the region continue to feel underserved. A formal path needs to be set to achieve the long term goals. However, the ratepayers of the Village cannot afford to be solely responsible for this initiative.

The following will summarize the options that the Council for the Village of Burk's Falls has contemplated to provide all Almaguin Highland Health Center municipal members a better understanding and a more structured way forward.

Governance Options Considered

1. Keep the status quo, send request as annual invoices based on previous year's deficit
2. Sell the building through the competitive market
3. Create a stand alone incorporated Board
4. The Village continues to manage with the assistance of a AHHC Board

2. *Important to Know*

- A. The Village's budget for the property includes the combined revenue and expenses for all the buildings/services including the Medical Building, the EMS Base, and the Health Centre.
- B. The AHHC building has been deemed a capital facility and as such the Village doesn't collect or charge taxes for the property. The medical building does not qualify as a capital facility.
- C. The Almaguin Highlands Health Centre is a commercial building with tenants who provide health and social related services to the region. Neither, the Village, nor the Health Council, directly offers any service from the building. The Village does manage it as a landlord and promotes any vacancies to extend health related services offered to Almaguin. The success is that many other health service providers seeking new locations see the merit in having the health hub as well.

Figure 1: Services on property listed by serviced areas.

AHHC Services	Value of Rent (see legend)	Beneficiary Regional	Beneficiary Catchment	Beneficiary ARBF
X-Ray / ECG	N	x		
Laboratory	N	x		
Physiotherapy (MAHC)	N	x		
CMHAC	M	x		
NBPS Health Unit	M/Donation	x		
Foot Care (In Physio rm)	N	x		
Diabetes Education	N	x		
OTN	N	x		
The Friends	M	x		
AI-Non	S	x		
Emotions Anonymous	S	x		
Sexual Assault	S	x		
Medical Supply Depot	M	x		
Frozen Meals Program	S	x		
BF Family Health Team	S		x	
Drs. Family Health Team	S		x	
Food Bank	S	x		
Board Room	M	x		
Medical Building Services				
Children's Aid Society	M	x		
Medical Accessible Transportation	M	x		
Fire Department	S			x
Arnica (Pharmacy)	M		x	
Highlands North Physio	M	x		
vacant				
med bldg. top right back	M			
med bldg. lower front right	M			
EMS Building	S	x		

Legend Value of Rent: N=No rent paid; M=Market rent paid; S=subsidized rental fees

Regional: All Almaguin Municipalities

Catchment: Townships of Ryerson, Armour, McMurrich Monteith, Kearney, Perry, Municipality of Magnetawan, Village of Burk's Falls

ARBF: Townships of Armour and Ryerson and Village of Burk's Falls

While the Community Care Access and the Health Unit no longer have physical locations, they do continue to offer their services to the region. Services are now performed in the clients home and when needed the Boardroom at the AHHC is booked.

- D. The Almaguin Highlands Health Council and the Village have conducted several surveys with Almaguin residents over the past 4 years for a variety of reasons. These recent surveys indicate, Almaguin wide, health care remains top of mind and access to services is the number one priority. Access may mean the type of service, transportation to the service and the affordability of the service. In Almaguin there is still a waitlist for a family doctor. However, the Ministry of Health has concluded for our population there are adequate doctors. Other health services requested from the survey results:
- a. Doctor/Nurse Practitioner
 - b. Dentist
 - c. Urgent Care
 - d. Optometrist
 - e. Mental Health Services
- E. The Council for the Village of Burk's Falls wants to re-establish the charitable organization, the AHH Center Board, to function as a fundraising organization to support the building infrastructure so that services continue to want to be located within the Health Hub. Capital on the building has been focused on the Family Health Team needs with over \$400,000 being contributed to renovations since 2011 and in recent years. There is another ask (2022) from the FHT for further renovations that was sent to all catchment municipalities, and most have agreed to cover these expenses. The OTN will be moving down as well into a larger area and the Health Council has agreed to use some of the funds collected to support OTN equipment upgrades. The funds are going directly to the FHT so they can relocate to the lower east level (former LHIN space). The charitable organization, to be reorganized, will act as the agent for donations and possibly into the future as an Administrator for the Health Hub, connecting services to available spaces and vice versa. Currently, there is no funding for this position.
- F. There is a lot of history over the last 12 years of operating the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre. Services have come and gone, new ones have arrived and some have stayed the course. There have been many stakeholders and passionate councillors who have worked to make this Health Hub a sustainable reality. Appendices to this report are:
- a. Resolution copy from Almaguin Communities to support the takeover of the Health Centre to the Ministry and NE LHIN. (2011)
 - b. Business Plan for AHHC Community-Based Healthcare in Almaguin (2012)
 - c. 2019 Request from Village for support
 - d. 2022 Update on AHHC and Village's request for support
 - e. 2020 Almaguin Highlands Primary Health Care Survey Results
 - f. 2020 Almaguin Community Safety and Well Being Plan Survey – relevant results
 - g. Breakdown of Revenue and Expenses from 2011 to 2023 (budget) for AHHC
 - h. Summary reports from Engineer Study of AHHC in 2022 (mechanical condition assessment)
 - i. 10 Year Capital Items
- G. When MAHC ceased management of the building as a hospital to manage their deficit they entered into an agreement with the Village that they would continue their services (x-ray, Lab, post op physiotherapy) to the region as long as they did not have to pay rent. There is no end date to this contract and it remains valid.

- H. The Almaguin Highlands Health Center has several services within the building that have, and demand, subsidized or no-rent agreements. These services are important to the region and are needed to keep the communities and residents healthy. However, this creates a shortfall for operations which then provides very low funds for capital improvements. The upkeep of the building has fallen only to the residents of the Village solely, until 2019 when municipalities did begin to contribute. This is welcomed relief as the services benefit more than Village residents and it now allows the Village to plan for much needed improvements. A predictable and formal contribution agreement is needed to solve the problems of these rental shortfalls. This report is intended to provide options and recommendation on how to achieve that outcome.

3. The Governance Options Explained

1. Keep the status quo, send request as annual invoices to member municipalities based on immediate previous year's shortfall.
 - a. Village seeks services and promotes the rental of empty units
 - b. Village enters into all tenant leases
 - c. Village manages all building operating services as landlord
 - d. Village plans and manages all capital improvements – which up to now have been mainly for the FHT and now the 2nd floor is a priority for 2023
 - e. Village holds all service contracts, fire, alarms, yard maintenance, snow removal, custodial services
 - f. Pros – ensure services provided, non-profit service groups use at low cost, attractive for local and regional economic development
 - g. Cons – recurring funding shortfalls paid by BF ratepayers, MAHC agreement at no rent, age of building, amount of resources to administer
2. Sell the building through the competitive market
Council has considered this option and while it is not off the table, it is not the preferred option. When looking strictly from a business angle, this building is not self-supporting, and it is not the Village's intent to have taxpayers fund rental properties. However, the importance of having control over the services within the building is not lost on Council. Local health care services are vital to attracting new residents. While it is not the mandate of municipal governments, without the support and promotion by municipalities the existing services may not have located in the region.
3. Create a stand alone incorporated Board
 - a. Sell shares of the building to member municipalities and/or stakeholders
 - b. Board makes all decisions; member groups cover all costs of operating and capital as the Board deems necessary (Like a library)
 - c. Board has own staff (Executive Director) to manage the facility and ensure it reaches capacity with health care services
 - d. Pros: There is no direct deficit to the Village's ratepayers, more decision makers for the building,
 - e. Cons: restricted say on tenants/services to be available, Board negotiates with tenant for lease if too much/full cost recovery, no services are located here
4. The Village continues to manage with the formal assistance of member municipalities
 - a. All AHHC Council member municipalities enter into a contribution agreement to cover approved budgeted costs at a fixed percentage with 5-year review intervals.
 - b. The Village continues to oversee operations of the building, as is Option #1
 - c. The Village continues to hire staff 3 days a week to manage facility (current Admin Assist)

Governance Recommendation

Option #4 (four) is the preferred option. This would continue to be in conjunction with the Village’s establishment of the Foundation for the Health Centre to assist in raising funds for capital improvements. The Almaguin Highland Health Council has adopted new terms of reference that removes the building from their mandate and focuses on health care services being provided throughout Almaguin. However, we have seen the success of attracting services to health hubs, especially when they align. For example, a doctor’s office with walk-in lab and x-ray services in the same building. As seen from *Figure 1* on services offered, many of the services currently in the building benefit more than one municipality.

With this option, the largest issue will be the factors for cost sharing. As expected, there is always the concern that one municipality will be off setting costs for a building owned by another. In this case, the cost recovery should be viewed more as covering the cost for services that collectively don’t pay enough rent to offset the cost of their space. Many services are subsidized, in fact the most used services are either not paying rent (through service agreement) or have a reduced rental rate. When reviewing *Figure 1* compared to subsidy amounts with *Figure 2* for Subsidy rents by tenant, below, for health care services there is an annual rental subsidy of \$40,974.20. That consists of support group charges, Muskoka Algonquin Health Care services, the Ontario Telemedicine Network and the two groups that make up the Burk’s Falls and Area Family Health Team.

Figure 2: Subsidized rents rates by tenant

AH Health Centre Subsidy for Services		Per municipality
1. All Almaguin Municipalities (10 communities)		
Support Groups	900	
MAHC (lab,xray,physio)	31,816	
OTN	3075	
Total for services for 10 municipalities serviced	\$ 35,791.00	\$3,579.10
2. Catchment		
BF, Armour, Ryerson, Perry, Magnetawan Kearney, McMurrich Monteith (7 communities)		
Family Physicians	\$ 5,183.20	\$740.46
Total subsidy @ AHHC Services/Yr.	\$ 40,974.20	\$3,619.56
Additional subsidy for Food Bank/yr.	\$20,336.90	
vacant space is we are currently in discussions	\$19,577.50	
Total rent shortfall	\$80,888.60	

The Food Bank is a regional service as well and they do receive a discount on the fair market rental rate as their space is large and offers a valuable service to the vulnerable population. The Fire Department has an office within the medical building and upon renewal the rates can be expected to increase as well. There are two units vacant or underutilized since 2022 but the Village is in discussion with a health provider and it does look promising. If it is not successful, the Village will market the spaces again in the summer of 2023.

4. *Cost Sharing Contribution Options*

In reviewing the possible cost factors for the contribution agreement to implement the governance recommendation No. 4, the Village has considered:

1. Covering subsidy for services plus 50% for capital to attract new services. The second story will be refreshed in 2023 and several units will be marketed for rent to health providers. As much of the capital has been focused on the Family Health Team the rest of the building is in need of urgent cosmetic care. The engineering reports and 10-year capital list will also require \$600,000 in capital improvements over the next few years. The Village is applying for grants to assist with these costs.

Annual subsidy based on services (<i>Figure 2</i>)	\$ 40,974.20
Additional 50% Capital improvements	<u>\$ 20,487.00</u>
	\$ 61,461.20
Divided by 10 municipalities / per year	\$ 6,146.10

2. Basing cost sharing on usage for services. The Village has been requesting the service providers that receive discounted rental rates to track usage for the past several years. The summary is below. The chart takes into account the average percentage of all usage plus the population, as health care is a people centered service, and calculates the portion of the 12-year average deficit. The concern with usage is that it is not reliable and often clients don't know which municipality they "live" in even when asked for postal codes and those giving the questionnaire do not know the street names or boundaries of the communities. Additionally, service providers have shared being very busy so they are doing their best to record the information correctly. Client information is also protected under freedom of information rules and addresses cannot be recorded for these purposes.

Figure 3: Use of services by community

Served Municipalities											
Statistics on Usage @ AHHC											
# of Benefiting Communities	10		10		7		Population			Average deficit	
	OTN	MAHC Services	BFFHT	Population			Average %				
Service Provided	pre-2019	%	2021	%	2020	%	%	Average %			
Burk's Falls/Armour/Ryerson*	234	15.54			1709	0.44		0.00		\$ 60,069.30	
Armour	22	1.46	389	11.57			1459	11.92	10.67	11.20	6727.76
Burk's Falls			760	22.60			957	7.82	12.42	12.95	7778.97
Kearney	26	1.73	175	5.20	236	6.06	974	7.96	5.00	5.53	\$ 3,321.83
Magnetawan	47	3.12	338	10.05	275	7.06	1753	14.32	8.25	8.78	\$ 5,274.08
McMurrich	28	1.86	156	4.64	178	4.57	907	7.41	4.75	5.28	\$ 3,171.66
Perry	37	2.46	270	8.03	485	12.45	2650	21.65	10.50	11.03	\$ 6,625.64
Ryerson			171	5.08			745	6.09	7.67	8.20	\$ 4,925.68
Strong			322	9.57			1566	12.79	11.33	11.86	\$ 7,124.22
Sundridge			712	21.17			938	7.66	15.08	15.61	\$ 9,376.82
Strong/Sundridge/Joly*	1112	73.84		0.00	1013	26.00		0.00	0.53		\$ -
Joly			70	2.08			293	2.39	9.08	9.61	\$ 5,772.66
totals	1506	100	3363		3896		12242	94.75	100.58		

*Note: some services collected use based on Postal

3. Covering the average 10-year deficiency evenly across all 10 municipalities. In reviewing the deficiency since 2011/2012 the average deficit for operating and capital has been \$60,069. Currently, the annual invoices are sent out based on the previous year's deficit divided among those municipalities who contribute to off setting health care services. The cost for each municipality under this system is \$6,007.00 per year.

4. Population based: In reviewing the history of the Health Centre in 2011 each of the 12 Almaguin Municipalities paid \$2.00 per capita to the AHHC Board to kick start their accounts. It is logical to assume population could be a cost factor long term since healthcare services are people centric. *Figure 4* below breaks down the cost sharing by population per community. As well the last two columns calculate contributions based on per capita. Neither the 2011 contribution of \$2.00 per person, nor a \$4.00 per capita would cover the average annual deficit.

Figure 4: Population cost base by community

2021 Census Municipality	Population				
			\$60,000	\$2.00	\$4.00
Armour	1,459	0.10	6,116.55	2918	5836
Burk's Falls	957	0.07	4,012.02	1914	3828
Ryerson	745	0.05	3,123.25	1490	2980
Joly	293	0.02	1,228.34	586	1172
Kearney	974	0.07	4,083.29	1948	3896
Perry	2,650	0.19	11,109.56	5300	10600
Strong	1,566	0.11	6,565.12	3132	6264
Sundridge	938	0.07	3,932.36	1876	3752
Magnetawan	1,753	0.12	7,349.08	3506	7012
Machar	969	0.07	4,062.33		0
McMurrich Monteith	907	0.06	3,802.40	1814	3628
South River	1,101	0.08	4,615.71		0
	14,312	1		\$ 24,484.00	\$ 48,968.00

Cost Sharing Contribution Recommendation

1. It is recommended to use the cost sharing based on actual shortfalls from the previous ten years, Option 3 above. In reviewing the deficiency since 2011/2012 the average deficit for operating and capital has been \$60,069. Currently, the annual invoices are sent out based on the previous year's deficit divided among those municipalities who contribute to off setting health care services. The cost for each municipality under this system is \$6,007.00 per year.



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Village of Sundridge Council Resolution
April 12, 2023
Item (9.9)

Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare Local Share

Resolution #2023-120

Moved By: Fraser Williamson
Seconded By: Jim MacLachlan

THAT the Council for the Corporation of The Village of Sundridge discuss the MAHC request for a financial commitment towards the two new hospital builds being proposed; 1 in Huntsville, and 1 in Bracebridge,

AND WHEREAS Council acknowledges Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare's request for immediate input from all funding partners within the catchment area with respect to the 'Local Share' amounts;

AND WHEREAS residents from the village utilize the hospital services from North Bay, West Parry Sound, Huntsville, Bracebridge, Orillia, and beyond;

AND WHEREAS the village has existing financial healthcare commitments such as the Sundridge & District Medical Centre, and the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Village of Sundridge will make a financial contribution to support the hospital builds and to keep accessible healthcare in our region,

AND FURTHER THAT the amount of the contribution will be determined in conjunction with the preparation of the 2023 municipal budget.

Recorded Vote	For	Against	Abstain
Jackson, Shawn	x		
MacLachlan, Jim	x		
Smith, Sharon	x		
Williamson, Fraser	x		
Leveque, Justine	x		
Carried			

Women's Own Resource Centre

The Township of Ryerson

April 11th, 2023

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Women's Own Resource Centre (WORC), which is a non-profit, registered charitable organization. We provide information, referral and support to women, girls and families of the Almaguin Highlands to assist them in working toward their economic goals. Our Rural Outreach Program Endeavour (ROPE) provides workshops in self-employment, networking, mentoring and life skills.

The Women's Own Resource Centre was established in 2000, is centrally located in the Almaguin Highlands district and has been successfully helping women and their families for over twenty years. We serve a rural population of approximately 30,000 permanent residents that include many working poor families that are unable to qualify for current forms of government assistance and services. WORC serves northern, low-income, rural women who may have experienced violence or abuse in their lives. Many of these women have poor self esteem, few assets and limited family support. These women face numerous barriers which are worsened by their isolation and increased financial cost of basic social inclusion. The support of WORC is essential in working with them on a plan for recovery and growth.

The Rural Outreach Program Endeavor encompasses workshops which are offered free of charge with financial support being available for transportation and childcare costs to increase accessibility and remove as many barriers as possible. In addition to supporting women in creating sustainable livelihoods through achieving economic independence, WORC provides business services, business plan assistance, one to one consultations, information sharing, support, referrals, resources and hosts a large donation network.

From April 1st, 2022 to March 31st, 2023, our Centre recorded 3,093 drop-ins, 801 phone calls, 2,645 emails and 93 one to one consultations for business development, personal and crisis calls throughout the year. Our Entrepreneurial Skills Training workshop supported 16 women in 2022 through the process of starting a small business with 9 of these women launching businesses throughout the Almaguin Highlands and an additional 2 hoping to launch within the next year. Our Life Skills Training workshop supported 21 women in 2022 and 225 individual women participated in local Resource & Business Network Luncheons. WORC responded to 12 crisis calls which includes 10 in regards to violence against women. 951 clients accessed our donation network this past year, once again exceeding all previous tracking for this program.

In addition to core programming, WORC partnered with local organizations including ACED, AHCC, NECO, The Labour Market Group and others to organize and host the RED Gala in November of 2022. WORC also organized and hosted an International Women's Day Celebration on Wednesday March 8th, 2023 bringing in Internationally known speaker and best selling author, Samra Zafar, to speak on the 2023 theme of Embracing Equity, women's mental health and Violence Against Women supports. The event was sold out with 125 women attending from across Almaguin. In 2022, WORC supported 19 families from across the region for our annual Christmas Sponsorship Program with grocery gift cards and toys for children. In addition to the Christmas Sponsorship Program, in 2023 WORC will be launching a 'Back to School' drive campaign providing backpacks, school supplies, running shoes and lunch kits to Almaguin children.

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Women's Own Resource Centre

In 2023, WORC is excited to be launching a Travelling Rural Community Kitchen program with support from the Resilient Communities Fund delivered through the Ontario Trillium Foundation. This program is being organized in response to the increasing struggle we are seeing across the region with food insecurity due to the drastic increase in the price of living – grocery prices have climbed by 11% in the past year with another expected increase of 6% over the course of 2023. WORC has secured \$70,000 to deliver a two-year program that will reach out to North Almaguin, South Almaguin and Central Almaguin in order to increase accessibility and reach those most in need.

WORC's services continue to be needed in our region, as indicated by engagement numbers, to foster growth and ensure that the most vulnerable are not left without the supports they need to build sustainable livelihoods. As always, we will continue to be there for the residents of the Almaguin Highlands and are continually striving to address needs and create programming that helps to build the resiliency of women and their families in the Almaguin Highlands. We have been able to increase our reach dramatically this year through our Resource & Business Network Meetings seeing 341 women participating throughout the year with 225 of these being individual women. These programs are helping to ease some of the social isolation we have all experienced these last couple of years and which are most felt in rural regions such as the Almaguin Highlands.

In order to continue to offer these free programs and supports, the Women's Own Resource Centre is dependent upon funding from several sources. Donations help to ensure that we can continue to make important services and supports available to the women and families of the Almaguin Highlands. Donations also help us to provide outreach to those clients who are made increasingly vulnerable by their severe isolation due to the sheer size of our region.

We are asking for support from each municipality in the amount of .50 cents per capita to support new and continuing initiatives in 2023/24. We thank those who have supported us in the past and look forward to new working relationships and opportunities. Should you wish WORC to make a presentation to your council to discuss upcoming projects, or if you have any questions, please call 705-386-9672 or email jessica@womensownresource.org

We thank you for your time and consideration in this matter and we look forward to continuing our efforts to help women in the Almaguin Highlands thrive.



Jessica Busch
Program Manager

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Ontario

234-2023-1754

April 6, 2023

Good afternoon,

Today, our government announced further action to tackle the housing supply crisis and reach our goal of 1.5 million homes by 2031. The *Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act* is the latest in a series of steps our government is taking to increase housing supply and help more Ontarians find a home they can actually afford.

Despite external economic challenges that are slowing down new home construction, including inflation and soaring interest rates, Ontario's plan to build more homes faster is working – with the highest number of housing starts in more than 30 years in 2021 and 2022, and the highest number of rental housing starts on record last year.

Details about the range of measures in our plan can be found in the [news release here](#).

As part of the plan, our government is introducing a new province-wide planning policy document that would provide municipalities with more flexibility, reduce duplication, create more homes in urban and rural communities, support local economies and create jobs while continuing to protect the environment (including existing Greenbelt protections), and public safety. It would also require coordination between municipalities and school boards to consider school and childcare needs earlier in the planning process, so that families moving to new housing can expect that local schools will be available for their children.

Ontario is undertaking a 60-day consultation on the proposed new Provincial Planning Statement until June 6, 2023 <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-6813>.

In addition, the plan contains numerous actions to further tackle Ontario's housing crisis, including:

- A \$6.5 million investment to appoint an additional 40 adjudicators and hire five staff to improve service standards and continue to reduce active applications and decision timeframes at the Landlord and Tenant Board. This increase more than doubles of the number of full-time adjudicators at the Landlord Tenant Board.

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- Proposed changes to make life easier for renters, with changes that would, if passed, clarify and enhance tenants' rights to install air conditioners. We are proposing to further strengthen protections against evictions due to renovations, demolitions and conversions, as well as those for landlord's own use.
- Proposed changes to the *Planning Act*, *City of Toronto Act*, and *Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Act* to support the proposed new Provincial Planning Statement as well as other housing supply priorities.
- Doing more to protect first-time home buyers and their savings by expanding deposit insurance for First Home Savings Accounts held at Ontario credit unions.
- We are exploring a cooling-off/cancellation period on purchases of new freehold homes, and a requirement that purchasers of all new homes receive legal advice on their purchase agreements when they make one of the biggest purchases of their lives – a new home.

These and other related consultations can be found through the [Environmental Registry of Ontario and the Ontario Regulatory Registry](#).

Our plan was informed by AMO's 2022 A Blueprint for Action and ROMA's 2022 Task Force Report on Attainable Housing and Purpose-Built Rentals. These changes build on our continued work to provide a solid foundation to address Ontario's housing supply crisis over the long term and will be supplemented by continued action in the future.

The housing supply action plan is the latest in a series of steps our government is taking to increase housing supply and help more Ontarians find a home they can afford. We look forward to continued collaboration with our municipal partners to create the homes that Ontarians need today, tomorrow and in the decades to come.

Sincerely,



Steve Clark
Minister

c. Chief Administrative Officer



District of Parry Sound Municipal Association

c/o Township of Perry, 1695 Emsdale Road, Emsdale, ON

President: To be appointed Secretary-Treasurer: Beth Morton

Spring 2023 Agenda – 166th Meeting – Friday, May 5, 2023

Hosted by the Township of McMurrich/Monteith

Sprucedale Community Centre, 31 William Street, Sprucedale, Ontario

- 8:15-9:00** Registration / Coffee sponsored by **Russell, Christie, LLP**
- 9:00-9:45** Opening Remarks by Reeve Glenn Robinson, Township of McMurrich/Monteith
Introduction of the Head Table
Greetings from Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka (to be confirmed)
Greetings from Scott Aitchison, MP Parry Sound-Muskoka (to be confirmed)
Adoption of Minutes from Fall 2019 and Treasurer's Report {Res}
Appointment of President and Vice-President {Res}
- 9:45-10:15** Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Disaster Recovery presented by Kathy Horgan, Manager and Sarah Cormier, Municipal Advisor
- 10:15-10:30** District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board - Updates
- 10:30-10:45** Coffee break sponsored by **Weaver, Simmons LLP and KPK Survey**
- 10:45-11:15** Ministry of Transportation – Update from Kristin Franks, Manager, Regional Services and Relationships, Northeast Operations
- 11:15-11:30** Almaguin Community Economic Development – Update from Dave Gray, Director of Economic Development
- 11:30-12:00** Municipal Property Assessment Corporation - Spring Announcements
- 12:00-1:00** Lunch - full roast beef and turkey dinner with all of the trimmings, garden salad and dessert (cheesecake assortment)
- 1:00-2:00** Thomas Ross, HYG N Energy
- 2:00** Resolutions / Business Meeting
Resolution to amend Constitution for FONOM Appointment {Res}
Registration Fees & Membership Fees {Res}
DPSMA Secretary-Treasurer Position
Draw for Mystery Door Prize: Must be present to claim
Host and Date of Next Meeting: From the West Side - Friday, September 29, 2023
Adjournment

**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	4	\$5,065.00	\$311,000.00	537
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	9	\$11,835.00	\$729,000.00	New Construction 915
				Demolitions 0

**JOINT BUILDING COMMITTEE
 ANNUAL PERMIT SUMMARY
 2022**

SFD'S, Seasonal Dwellings
 and Multi-Unit Dwellings

Month	No. of Permits	Permit Fees	Project Values	2022	2023
Burks Falls	1	\$115.00	\$1,000.00	0	0
Joly	2	\$1,880.00	\$112,000.00	1	0
South River	1	\$400.00	\$20,000.00	3	0
Machar	1	\$1,600.00	\$100,000.00	1	0
Strong	1	\$1,600.00	\$100,000.00	0	0
Ryerson	1	\$3,070.00	\$198,000.00	1	0
Sundridge	2	\$3,170.00	\$198,000.00	0	0
TOTALS	9	\$11,835.00	\$729,000.00		0
Permit activity at end of March 31, 2023					
TOTALS	14	\$66,036.50	\$4,161,133.00	6	
Permit activity at end of March 31, 2022					
TOTALS	5	\$54,201.50	\$3,432,133.00		6
Difference from previous year					



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April 14, 2023

Via Email

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Queens Park
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The Honourable Sylvia Jones
Minister of Health / Deputy Premier
777 Bay Street, College Park, 5th Floor
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The Honourable Michael Parsa
Minister of Children, Community and Social
Service
777 Bay St, 17th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Premier Ford, Minister Jones, and Minister Parsa:

RE: Food Insecurity in Ontario – Resolution of Support – The Corporation of the Township of Perry

The Corporation of the Township of Perry is writing to you to echo the concerns raised by the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit about the important public health issue of food insecurity. They shared that recent estimates show that **one in six households experience food insecurity, and one in five children live in a food insecure household**. The scale of this problem is concerning, and it is not acceptable that so many households in Ontario do not have enough money for food.

The Health Unit's [2022 Cost of Eating Well report](#) highlights the severe health consequences of food insecurity, and draws attention to the need for adequate incomes to address this issue. Further, it emphasizes the inadequacy of current social assistance rates. It is clear households receiving social assistance do not have enough money for the costs of living, including food. With ongoing record high food inflation rates, the financial situation is increasingly dire for these households.

Municipalities feel the impact of poverty at the local level, struggling to adequately support citizens who are unable to make ends meet. Funding and administering public and social services, including targeted supports for low-income households is challenging at the best of times, but even more-so now in the current state of COVID-19 recovery and inflation rates. Ensuring low-income households have enough money to meet their basic needs is essential for their health.

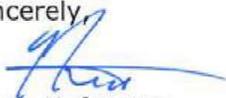
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As a result of the correspondence received from the Health Unit, which provides the local context of food insecurity in our community, the Council of the Township of Perry has passed a series of motions calling for policy action to reduce food insecurity in Ontario. The complete list of resolutions and motions are attached. To summarize, our council joins the Health Unit in calling on the Province of Ontario to:

- Legislate targets for the reduction of food insecurity as part of the Ontario Poverty Reduction Strategy.
- Increase social assistance rates to reflect the costs of living, and to index Ontario Works rates to inflation going forward.
- Resume investigating the feasibility of creating a guaranteed living wage (basic income) in the Province of Ontario.

The Province of Ontario can help reduce food insecurity and poverty, especially among households receiving social assistance. From a municipal perspective, we urge you to take action for the health of our citizens and to ease the burden of poverty on our municipality. Please consider the motions our council has passed on this important issue. Thank you for reviewing this information.

Sincerely,



Norm Hofstetter
Mayor

Encl.

cc: Victor Fedeli, MPP Nipissing
Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound Muskoka
John Vanthof, MPP Timiskaming-Cochrane
MP Anthony Rota
MP Scott Aitchison
MP Marc Serre
Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO)
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit
Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPAa)
Local Municipalities within District of Parry Sound

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**The Corporation of the
Township of Perry**

Box 70 1695 Emsdale Road Emsdale, Ontario P0A 1J0

COPY

Date: April 5, 2023

Resolution No.: 2023-105

Moved By: Jim Cushman

Seconded By: Joe Lumley

Whereas improved financial stability allows municipal residents to participate, contribute, and invest in their local economies and communities; and

Whereas poverty puts additional pressure on municipalities, who are responsible for delivering necessary and strained public and social services to support residents who are struggling with the consequences of inadequate income; and

Whereas food insecurity has a detrimental impact on physical and mental health; and

Whereas adequate income is an important social determinant of health that greatly impacts food security and other social determinants of health such as mental health, housing and transportation; and

Whereas the 2022 Cost of Eating Well report shows that households reliant on social assistance do not have enough money for the costs of living, including food; and

Whereas 67% of households in Ontario with social assistance as their main source of income experience food insecurity;

Be It Resolved That the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby supports efforts to raise awareness about, and work to reduce, health inequities, including food insecurity;

And Further That the Council of the Township of Perry hereby endorse the letter from the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit and call on the Province of Ontario to:

- legislate targets for the reduction of food insecurity as part of the Ontario Poverty Reduction Strategy; and
- increase social assistance rates to reflect the costs of living, and to index



Ontario Works rates to inflation going forward; and
 • Urge the province to resume investigating the feasibility of creating a guaranteed living wage (basic income) in the Province of Ontario;

And Further That the Council of the Township of Perry directs the Clerk-Administrator to provide a copy of this resolution to the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, neighbouring municipalities, Victor Fedeli, MPP Nipissing, Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka, John Vanthof, MPP Timiskaming-Cochrane, the Honourable Doug Ford Premier, the Honourable Merrilee Fullerton Minister of Children, Community and Social Service, the Honourable Sylvia Jones Minister of Health and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (ALPHA), MP Anthony Rota, MP Scott Aitchison, MP Marc Serre, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM);

And Further That the Council of the Township of Perry directs the Clerk-Administrator to forward the letter to the Premier of Ontario to support the recommendations made within this resolution.

Carried: _____



Defeated: _____

Norm Hofstetter, Mayor

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

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RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 122

APRIL 12 2023

Moved by: *Jon Hind*

Seconded by: *Bill Bishop*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan endorses and supports item 4.1 Municipality of Chatham-Kent 'Support Bill 5 Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act';

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Stephen Blais, and Local MPPs.

Carried *✓* Defeated _____ Deferred _____

Sam Dunnett
Sam Dunnett, Mayor

Recorded Vote Called by: _____

Recorded Vote

Member of Council	Yea	Nay	Absent
Bishop, Bill			
Hetherington, John			
Hind, Jon			
Kneller, Brad			
Mayor: Dunnett, Sam			



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RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 123

APRIL 12 2023

Moved by: Bill Bishop

Seconded by: John Hetherington

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan endorses and supports item 4.2 Town of Essex 'The Reinstatement of Legislation Permitting a Municipality to Retain Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales';

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all relevant taxation bodies, including the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, the Ministry of Finance, Essex County Council, MPP Anthony Leardi, Association of the Municipalities of Ontario and all other Municipalities in Ontario.

Carried Defeated Deferred

Sam Dunnett
Sam Dunnett, Mayor

Recorded Vote Called by: _____

Recorded Vote

Member of Council	Yea	Nay	Absent
Bishop, Bill			
Hetherington, John			
Hind, Jon			
Kneller, Brad			
Mayor: Dunnett, Sam			



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TOWNSHIP OF MCMURRICH/MONTEITH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING – PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

Take Notice that the Corporation of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith will be considering two municipally initiated amendments to Comprehensive Zoning By-law 16-2016 under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended,

on TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

in the Council Chambers of the Township's Administration Office.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the meeting or submit written comments prior to the meeting.

Purpose and Effect of the proposed by-laws:

By-law # 1: to permit and regulate SHIPPING/STORAGE CONTAINERS throughout the Township

At the present time, under Zoning By-law 2016-16, Section 3.33 prohibits the use of shipping containers for storage or human habitation. The request is to permit shipping containers for storage purposes throughout the Township, and to regulate their use.

This proposal will provide specific direction and regulations to permit the placement of Shipping/Storage Containers as an accessory use in specific zones throughout the Township. The regulations will provide direction on the permitted use, number, size and location of containers on a lot and provide a detailed definition for a Shipping Container.

By-law # 2: to permit and regulate MOBILE FOOD SERVICES (food trucks) in various locations in the Township

At the present time, mobile food services (food trucks) are only permitted as a type of restaurant in the General Commercial zone, and as an accessory use in the Tourist Commercial Zone, or associated with fundraising activities for institutional uses. The request has been submitted to the Township to permit mobile food trucks on all properties in the Township.

Council wishes to consider whether mobile food services should be permitted outside of commercial zones, where they might be permitted, and what regulations should be applied to them. Mobile food trucks are not proposed to be permitted on all properties in the Township, but options for expanded locations will be considered in a draft by-law. Areas such as the Highway 518 West corridor may be considered, provided MTO requirements can be met.

A key map has not been provided as the proposed by-laws will have general application throughout the Township.

Additional information, including a copy of the draft zoning by-laws will be available for inspection at the Township office during normal office hours. A copy of the notice of public meeting, and draft zoning by-laws will be available on the Township website at www.mcmurrichmonteith.com on April 17, 2023.

For more information about these matters, including information about appeal rights, please contact the Township at the address noted below.

Notice dated April 13, 2023

Cheryl Marshall, Clerk, Township of McMurrich/Monteith
31 William Street, P. O. Box 70, Sprucedale, On, P0A 1Y0
Tel: 705-685-7901; e-mail: clerk@mcmurrichmonteith.com

Judy Kosowan

From: AMO Communications <Communicate@amo.on.ca>
Sent: April 6, 2023 5:02 PM
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Subject: AMO Policy Update - Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Plan

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POLICY UPDATE

April 6, 2023

AMO Policy Update – Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Plan

Today the Government introduced its latest Housing Supply Action initiative, Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Plan and its complementary legislation, [Bill 97, Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act, 2023](#). In addition to tabling legislation, there are approximately 8 associated regulatory proposals open for consultation.

The plan proposes actions to:

1. Protecting tenants and building rentals

With a central focus on improving the rental housing space, AMO is pleased to see that Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Plan and associated legislation and regulatory proposals that recognizes the full continuum of housing and attempts to make life easier for renters. This work is consistent with to ongoing advocacy from AMO around improving landlord-tenant relations.
2. Helping homebuyers

The Government continues to look at a range of tools to help make homebuying more accessible, including regulatory amendments to help first time homebuyers save for a downpayment, freezing provincial housing development fees, exploring consumer protection opportunities for new home purchases, and continuing advocacy with the federal government.

3. Streamlined provincial land-use planning policy and complementary Planning Act changes

The Government is proposing more changes to the Planning Act, and consulting on a new policy document called the [Provincial Planning Statement](#) that combines the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 and A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe. AMO will be reviewing these proposals in more detail as to how these proposals will impact other housing legislation.

Direct Responses to Municipal Feedback:

- *The legislation responds to municipal concerns regarding the municipal requirement to [gradually refund zoning by-law and site plan application fees](#) if they failed to make a decision within specified time periods by proposing to postpone the start date to **July 1, 2023** to give municipalities time to adjust.*
- *In response to feedback on smaller projects, the proposal also includes the flexibility for municipalities to use [site plan control](#) for residential projects with 10 or fewer units in specific circumstances.*
- *The proposal also intends to address the concerns of municipalities and others have raised regarding the shortage of building inspectors. AMO looks forward to working with the Government as it redesigns on the qualification program and creates modern tools, guidance, and partnerships with key stakeholders in this area.*

AMO will continue to review the proposals and update members, as needed.

City of Toronto Audit Update

On March 29, Toronto City Council adopted the Terms of Reference for the Municipal Bill 23 [Audit](#).

By July 1: Provide an independent estimate of the financial impacts of Bill 23 assuming the City would meet/exceed the new housing targets, over the 10-year period, 2022 to 2031. The engagement will ensure modeling assumptions are supportable, probable, and complete.

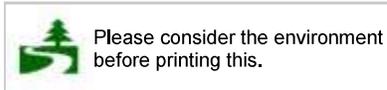
By September 30: Evaluate activities and decisions on investments in growth-related infrastructure (since 2018) scoped around 3 principles:

1. *Accountability* – Did the City levy and use municipal development-related charges, such as development charges (DCs) and parkland dedication levies, according to their intended purpose consistent with the DC background study, appropriate legislation and having regard for council direction?

2. *Effective* – Did the City follow a prudent process to ensure DC funds collected are appropriately applied against DC eligible growth projects included in the DC Background study?
3. *Efficient* – Did the City make timely investments in growth-related infrastructure through well-organized project management and administrative processes?

The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing had also committed to launch a third-party audit of other select municipalities to get a factual understanding of finances, including reserve funds and DC administration. AMO will continue to follow the progress of the work coming from City of Toronto audit and looks forward to more information regarding other municipal audits as it becomes available.

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