

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON**

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA (AMENDED)**

**March 26, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.**

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

**Members of the Public must register** with the Ryerson Township Clerk's Office prior to the meeting for meeting access and availability of limited in-person seating.

Members of the Public are not permitted in a Closed meeting.

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

**Meeting will be recorded.**

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

**Note: (R)** denotes resolution

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

1.1 Attendance, roll call: in person and electronic, late attendees

1.2 Announcement: This meeting is being recorded

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

2.1 Adoption of minutes from the special meeting March 6, 2024 and the regular meeting on March 12, 2024. **(R)**

**3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:**

**4. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

Agricultural Society: Rod Blakelock Re: Fall Fair

**5. REPORTS:**

5.1 **PUBLIC WORKS:** Road Department updates.

5.2 **CAO/TREASURER:** The Right to Disconnect Policy **(R)**. Appoint a Fire Chief **(R)**, Enter into a Fire Chief Agreement with McMurrich-Monteith**(R)**

5.3 **CLERK:** Report- Spring Freshet, Russell, Christie, LLP Update Bailey Land Exchange.

5.4 **COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

5.4 Councillor Patterson: Report, Indigenous Cultural Competency Training

5.4.1 Additional Resources

**6. BUSINESS ARISING/ACTIVITY LOG:**

6.1 Perry Township: Consideration to reconvene RFSC Meetings; Proposed meeting date. **(R)**

**7. COMMUNICATION ITEMS:**

7.1 Township of Perry: Amend Blue Box Regulation for 'Ineligible' Sources. **(R)**

7.2 Municipality of Calvin: Federal Government to Commit Extra Funds for Provincial Firefighting. **(R)**

7.3 Township of Amaranth: Resolution #4, Operational Budget Funding. **(R)**

General Correspondence:

- Armour Township: Waste Management Report March 2024.
- Almaguin Highlands Health Centre Draft Minutes for March 2024.
- Almaguin Highlands Health Centre Progress Status Report for March 2024.

**8. CONFIRMING BY-LAW:**

8.1 To confirm the meetings of Council **(R)**

**9. IMPORTANT DATES:**

April 9, 2024 Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.

April 11, 2024 RFSC Meeting 7:00 p.m. Perry Township.(tentative)

April 30, 2024 Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.

**10. ADJOURNMENT: (R)**

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON**

**LIST OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS**

**FOR COUNCIL MEETING: March 26, 2024 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 on March 6, 2024 and the regular meeting on March 12, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

**Item # 5.2 on Agenda** Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that the Ryerson Township Council adopt a Right to Disconnect Policy.

**Item # 5.2.1 on Agenda** Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # \_\_\_-24, being a By-law to appoint a Fire Chief and further; That By-Law # \_\_\_ – 24 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

**Item # 5.2.2 on Agenda** Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # \_\_\_-24, being a By-law to enter into an agreement for the services of Fire Chief with McMurrich- Monteith and further; That By-Law # \_\_\_ – 24 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

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

Be it resolved that the Ryerson Township Council agrees to the proposed meeting date of April 11, 2024 for the Regional Fire Service Committee.

**Item # 7.1 on Agenda** Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that the Ryerson Township Council supports the resolution # 2024-52 from the Township of Perry Requesting the Province to Amend Blue Box Regulations for ‘Ineligible’ Sources.

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

Be it resolved that the Ryerson Township Council supports resolution #2024-31 from the Municipality of Calvin for the Federal Government to commit additional funds for provincial firefighting.

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

Be it resolved that the Ryerson Township Council supports resolution #4 from the Township of Amaranth to treat all municipalities fairly regarding operational budget funding.

**Item # 8.1 on Agenda** Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # \_\_\_\_-24, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # \_\_\_\_-24 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 26th day of March 2024.

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

Be it resolved that we do now adjourn at \_\_\_\_\_. The next regular meeting April 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON**

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES**

Wednesday, March 06, 2024

A special meeting of Council was held Wednesday, March 06, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of this meeting was to review and discuss the 2024 draft budget.

Members of Council were notified of this special meeting by email on March 1, 2024, the public was notified of this meeting by posting of this special meeting agenda March 1, 2024.

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

Staff in attendance: Brayden Robinson

Public in Attendance: Jennifer Martin

Mayor Sterling called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

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

**DISCUSSION:**

The Treasurer, Brayden Robinson provided Council with the 2024 Draft Budget. Council discussed the budget and questions were asked and answered.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**SP. R – 3 -24** Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Abbott be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 10:20 a.m.

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MAYOR

\_\_\_\_\_  
CLERK

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**March 12, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.**

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held **March 12, 2024** at 6:00 p.m. This was a hybrid meeting combining in person, electronic meeting via Zoom and in person.

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 in person or electronically: Mayor Sterling, Councillors: Abbott, Miller, Patterson, and Robertson.

Staff in attendance: Brayden Robinson and Nancy Field

Public attending in person or electronically: Judy Ransome, Nieves Guijarro and Paul Van Dam.

Notice of this meeting was posted on the website.

**1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**R-42- 24** Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that the minutes from the Tri-Council meeting February 26, 2024, and regular meeting February 27, 2024, be adopted as amended.

(Carried)

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

**3. DELEGATION:** None registered

**4. TENDERS**

The Treasurer/CAO provided council with the road project tenders. A resolution is noted below.

**R-43-24** Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that the Ryerson Township Council authorize tenders for the supply and apply of crushed granite, double surface treatment, roadside mowing, and groundskeeping.

(Carried)

**5. REPORTS:**

**CAO/TREASURER:** Provided Council with the Right to Disconnect Policy.

**CLERK:** Provided council with the Animal Control By-law to adopt.  
A resolution is noted below.

**R-44- 24** Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 16-24, being a By-law to Adopt an Animal Control By-law and further; That By-Law # 16-24 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 12th day of March 2024.

(Carried)

**COUNCIL REPORTS:** None registered.

**6. COMMUNICATION ITEMS**

Council discussed the Town of Lincoln resolution. Resolution noted below.

**R-45-24** Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council supports resolution RC-2024-23 received from the Town of Lincoln, regarding increased Provincial funding for libraries and museums in Ontario.

And further that this resolution be circulated to the Province of Ontario, the Minister of Tourism, Culture, and Sport, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

(Carried)

General Information Items Received:

-Council received Eastholme’s information to contributing municipalities and their annual levy increase.

-Council received the Joint Building Committees Permit Summary.

-Council received the Joint Building Committees Annual Permit Summary.

**7. CLOSED MEETING**

Council took a short break and then proceeded into a closed meeting. The following resolution was adopted.

**R-46-24** Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that we move to a closed meeting at 6:22 p.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 HR matters.

(Carried)

**8. CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

**R-47-24** Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 17-24, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 17-24 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.

(Carried)

**10. ADJOURNMENT:**


**R-48-24** Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 6:57 p.m. The next regular meeting March 26, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

(Carried)

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MAYOR

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CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK

	<h2>Staff Report</h2>
To:	Ryerson Township Council
From:	Fred Schmeltz Roads Supervisor
Date of Meeting:	March 26, 2024
Report Title:	Monthly Update
Report Date:	March 18, 2024

### **Purpose/Background: Public Works Update**

In January the roads department deployed snowplows 17 times. The month of February we deployed snowplows 11 times. The winter saw two significant weather events with thaw periods in between. This freeze thaw cycle made getting a snowpack impossible.

During one of the significant thaw, events we had to do winter ditching along Midlothian Rd. due to water flooding out of the ditch in several spots. These trouble areas have been added to our ditching list for the summer to help prevent this from occurring again.

On several occasions we used the new plow unit to apply gravel to damaged sections of road caused by the freeze thaw cycle. Our grader spent much of the winter repairing damaged areas. Overall, our roads faired well this winter.

We did brushing operations on Hill and Gully road on one of the dryer days This gave us an opportunity to test the machine and brush head ahead of a busy up coming brushing season.

Half load restrictions were placed on roads on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

This winter during the slow days the roads department rebuilt the diesel plate packer that has been in the Quonset hut for several years in pieces. The packer seems to function as intended.



## TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

### POLICY – RIGHT TO DISCONNECT

<b>Section 3:</b> Terms and Conditions of Employment	<b>Policy Number</b> 3.17
<b>Effective Date:</b> January 1, 2024	<b>Revision Date:</b>
<b>Township of Ryerson</b>	<b>Page:</b> 1 of 2

#### 1. Policy Statement

The Township of Ryerson (the “Township”) prioritizes the health and wellbeing of its employees, and recognizes the importance of disconnecting from work in achieving a healthy and sustainable work-life balance.

This policy will comply with all applicable laws and is based on the requirements of the *Employment Standards Act, 2000, as amended*.

#### 2. Scope

This policy applies to all employees of the Township.

#### 3. Definitions

- 3.1 ***Disconnecting from Work*** means not engaging in work-related communications, including emails, telephone calls, video calls, or the sending or receiving of other messages so as to be free from the performance of work.
- 3.2 ***Regular Working Hours*** means an employee’s standard hours of work as set based on operational requirements, including any adjusted hours of work as agreed to by mutual consent of the employee and Township.

#### 4. Policy

- 4.1 Employees have the right to disconnect from their job and any work-related tasks or communication outside of regular working hours, without fear of reprisal.
- 4.2 Employees are encouraged to set clear boundaries between work and their personal lives.
- 4.3 The right to disconnect means that employees:
- Can and should stop performing their job duties and work-related tasks when they are not expected to work;
  - Are not required to take work home with them to complete outside of their regular working hours;

- Are not expected or required to respond to work-related communication outside of their regular working hours, while on break, or during any paid or unpaid time off;
  - Should take and use all of their scheduled breaks and leave time entitlements for non-work-related activities; and
  - Will not face repercussion or be penalized for not communicating or continuing to work outside of their regular working hours.
- 4.4 Employees must also be respectful of other's right to disconnect and should not expect their co-workers to respond, communicate, or complete work when not working.
- 4.5 An employee's ability to disconnect from work is dependent on Municipal operational requirements and the duties and obligations of the employee's position. Employees are expected to comply with Municipal overtime and standby/on-call policies.
- 4.6 Employees may need to be contacted outside of their regular working hours if unforeseeable circumstances or an emergency arises.

## **5. Reporting Concerns**

- 5.1 Employees are expected to report any concerns or issues they may have, which are impacting their ability to disconnect from work.
- 5.2 Employees are encouraged to report such concerns or issues to their immediate supervisor. If that is not appropriate, or the matter cannot be resolved by doing so, employees will direct their concerns or issues to their Department Head or the CAO.
- 5.3 Employees will not be subject to reprisals for reporting such concerns.

## **6. Authority**

This policy was adopted by resolution of Council on \_\_\_\_\_.

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George Sterling  
Mayor

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Brayden Robinson  
CAO/Treasurer

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON**

**BY-LAW # \_\_-2024**

Being a by-law to enter into an agreement for the services  
of a Fire Chief

**WHEREAS** Section 20 (1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, Chapter 25, as amended, allows a municipality to enter into an agreement regarding a joint undertaking, which might include a Fire Chief;

**AND WHEREAS** Section 2(5)(a) of the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act*, 1997, S.O. 1997, c. 4 as amended allows for a municipality to provide fire protection services as specified in an agreement to lands or premises that are situated outside the territorial limits of the municipality;

**AND WHEREAS** Section 2(5)(b) of the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act*, 1997, S.O. 1997, c. 4 as amended allows for a municipality to receive such fire protection services as may be specified in an agreement from a fire department situated outside the territorial limits of the municipality;

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

1. That the Agreement attached hereto as Appendix "A" between The Corporation of the Township of Ryerson (hereinafter the "Municipality") and the Township of McMurrich-Monteith be entered into by the Municipality.
2. That the Mayor and the Clerk of the Municipality be authorized to execute all documentation necessary to fulfil the Agreement.
3. That the Agreement entered into between the Municipality and the Township of McMurrich-Monteith is hereby ratified and confirmed, when signed by all parties.
4. That the Clerk of the Municipality is hereby authorized to make any minor modifications or corrections of an administrative, numeric, grammatic, semantic or descriptive nature or kind to the by-law and schedule(s) as may be deemed necessary after the passage of this by-law, where such modifications or corrections do not alter the intent or substantive nature of the by-law.

Read in its entirety, approved,  
signed and the seal of the  
Corporation affixed thereto and  
finally passed in open Council  
this \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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George Sterling, Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nancy Field, Clerk

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**SERVICE AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON**

**AND**

**THE TOWNSHIP OF MCMURRICH-MONTEITH**

**WHEREAS** Section 20 (1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, Chapter 25, as amended, allows a municipality to enter into an agreement regarding a joint undertaking, which might include a Fire Chief;

**AND WHEREAS** Section 2(5)(a) of the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act*, 1997, S.O. 1997, c. 4 as amended allows for a municipality to provide fire protection services as specified in an agreement to lands or premises that are situated outside the territorial limits of the municipality;

**AND WHEREAS** Section 2(5)(b) of the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act*, 1997, S.O. 1997, c. 4 as amended allows for a municipality to receive such fire protection services as may be specified in an agreement from a fire department situated outside the territorial limits of the municipality;

**AND WHEREAS** the Township of Ryerson has hired a Fire Chief to provide services as described in the job description attached as Schedule "A" to this by-law;

**AND WHEREAS** the Township of Ryerson agrees to share the services of its Fire Chief with the Township of McMurrich-Monteith;

**AND WHEREAS** the Township of Ryerson and the Township of McMurrich-Monteith agree that the Fire Chief shall strictly be an employee of the Township of Ryerson;

**AND WHEREAS** the Township of McMurrich-Monteith agrees to pay the Township of Ryerson for the costs involved in retaining the services of a Fire Chief as per the terms of this agreement;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Township of Ryerson and the Township of McMurrich-Monteith agree as follows:

1. THAT the Township of McMurrich-Monteith shall pay to the Township of Ryerson 40% of the total expenses incurred by the Township of Ryerson with respect to the remuneration of their Fire Chief (the "**Fire Chief**"), inclusive of salary, benefits, pension, and any other mandatory employment-related costs.
2. THAT the Township of McMurrich-Monteith shall be provided with the Fire Chief to perform, on average, 16 hours of work per week during the term of this agreement. The structure of the hours worked shall be flexible, based on operational requirements. The Fire Chief shall not perform any contract work which may place him/her in any conflict with their position as an employee of the Township of Ryerson. The Township of McMurrich-Monteith and the Township of Ryerson both acknowledge and agree that given the nature of the services being provided, this 16-hour per week average may be subject to change from week to week, based on the needs of the respective Municipality. Any such change shall not impact the payment for services as set out in section 4 of this by-law.
3. THAT the Township of McMurrich-Monteith shall pay for any mileage incurred by the Fire Chief while performing work for the Township of McMurrich-Monteith, at the Canada Revenue Agency prescribed automobile allowance rate for mileage in excess of 5,000 kilometres. Mileage billed shall be based on the daily log of the Fire Chief. Mileage shall be applicable starting from the Fire Chief's departure from the Township of Ryerson's fire offices at 162 Huston Street, Burk's Falls, Ontario and for the duration of time in which the Fire Chief is performing services for the Township of McMurrich-Monteith.

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4. THAT the Township of McMurrich-Monteith agrees to pay 40% of any other costs as generated and/or incurred by the Fire Chief, which reasonably relate to the performance of his/her duties under the terms of this agreement.
5. THAT the Township of Ryerson shall invoice the Township of McMurrich-Monteith on a monthly basis for the costs associated with services provided in the previous thirty (30) days. For clarity and as an example, any costs incurred between January 1 – 31, shall be invoiced on February 1, and so on. All invoices issued shall be payable within thirty (30) days of receipt.
6. THAT the Township of McMurrich-Monteith agrees to provide whatever administrative assistance is required by the Fire Chief in their respective office and will be responsible to provide office supplies required by the Fire Chief while working on their behalf.
7. THAT in the event of prosecution by or against the Fire Chief in the territorial jurisdiction of the each of the parties as a result of duties performed for the respective Municipality, each party shall be responsible for any costs arising from such legal proceedings, as well as legal representation of their own choosing. For clarity, the Township of Ryerson shall be responsible for any and all legal fees as incurred and required as a result of the Fire Chief's work being performed for the Township of Ryerson, and the Township of McMurrich-Monteith shall be responsible for any and all legal fees as incurred and required as the result of the Fire Chief's work being performed for the Township of McMurrich-Monteith.
8. THAT the Township of McMurrich-Monteith agrees to maintain an insurance policy to and covering the Fire Chief and his/her related performance or non-performance of services, within its jurisdiction, for the entire term of this agreement. Proof of such insurance policy must be forwarded to the Township of Ryerson.
9. THAT the Township of McMurrich-Monteith agrees on behalf of themselves, their successors and assigns, to indemnify and save harmless the Township of Ryerson, its servants and agents from and against any actions, causes of actions, damages, suits, claims and demands whatsoever which may arise, either directly or indirectly, out of the performance or non-performance of the services provided herein and in connection with the carrying out of the provisions of the agreement.
10. THAT any dispute arising from the administration of this agreement shall be resolved by the CAO of the Township of Ryerson. If the decision of the CAO is not satisfactory to one of the parties, the matter can be referred to the Council of the Township of Ryerson.
11. THAT this agreement shall be in place from April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 to March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Thereafter, it may be renewed by the parties on whatever mutually acceptable basis is determined.
12. Any party may cancel their participation in this agreement by serving the other parties, written notice of their intention, ninety (90) days in advance of the date of termination.
13. This agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON HAS HEREUNTO AFFIXED ITS CORPORATE SEAL ATTESTED BY THE HAND OF ITS PROPER SIGNING OFFICERS.**

Dated at the Township of Ryerson

\_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR

this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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CLERK

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**IN WITNESS THEREOF** THE TOWNSHIP OF MCMURRICH-MONTEITH HAS  
HEREUNTO AFFIXED ITS CORPORATE SEAL ATTESTED BY THE HAND OF ITS  
PROPER SIGNING OFFICERS.

Dated at the Township of McMurrich-Monteith

\_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR

this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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CLERK

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## Burk's Falls and District Fire Department Job Description

**Position:** Fire Chief  
**Reports to:** CAO  
**Date:** January 16, 2024

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### **Position Overview**

The Fire Chief has overall responsibility for the effective and efficient operations of the Burk's Falls and District Fire Department, including but not limited to fire suppression, fire prevention, hazardous materials incidents, auto extrication, emergency planning, and first response medical services. The Fire Chief is responsible for the continuous improvement of all department services, and oversees the department's procurement, budgeting, maintenance, and personnel training programs. This role is administrative in nature and requires considerable exercise of independent judgment.

### **Responsibilities**

#### **Major Responsibilities:**

- Plans, coordinates, and directs the firefighting, fire prevention, rescue, and life and property saving functions in line with legislative requirements.
- Reports to and assumes command at major incidents.
- Ensures all department personnel are properly trained in fire prevention, fire suppression, and emergency response procedures and the proper use of departmental equipment.
- Oversees all fire prevention activities.
- Confers with Council to ensure that the activities of the department are consistent with the goals and objectives of the partner Municipalities as established by Council.
- Coordinates with the Treasurer for the development of the department's annual budget; presents the budget to Council and exercises control thereof.
- Requisitions all materials, supplies, and equipment within budgetary allocations and in accordance with the Township's procurement policies and procedures.
- Maintains discipline and morale within the department.
- Meets regularly with the Volunteer Deputy Chief and other Officers to ensure they are following the procedures and goals of the department.
- Supervises the performance appraisal program for the department and conducts regular appraisals of those under their direct supervision.
- Performs all necessary duties relating to the recruitment, hiring, discipline, and dismissal of volunteer members of the Fire Department as established in the governing By-laws.
- Ensures that the station is maintained and kept in good repair.

#### **Other Responsibilities:**

- Confers with the CAO to receive administrative policy direction, guidance, and interpretation of Council policy and/or direction.
- Reviews the department's policies and provides comments to the CAO and/or Council on present and proposed policies.
- Develops operational guidelines and makes such general orders and departmental rules as may be necessary for the care and protection of the Fire Department and generally for the efficiency of its operations.
- Ensures that all departmental operations are conducted safely and in accordance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act.
- Assists with the preparation of longer-term financial plans, such as multi-year capital plans and the Municipal Asset Management Plan.
- Advises Council on strategic issues associated with emergency and related services and assists Council with making informed level of service decisions.
- Participates in fire safety education, emergency measures activities, fire prevention and safety campaigns, conducts inspections of properties as required, and represents the department at meetings and functions pertaining to fire services.
- Comments on site plans, zoning amendments, subdivision agreements, and new buildings.
- Supervises the activities of the Fire Department Safety Committee.
- Attends department head meetings and area volunteer Chief's meetings.


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- Attends Council meetings as required.
- Other duties and responsibilities as assigned.

**Required Knowledge, Skills and Abilities**

- Post Secondary diploma or degree in a related discipline, or an acceptable combination of education and related experience.
- NFPA 1021 Level II, minimum, and willingness and ability to obtain Level IV.
- Knowledge of modern firefighting and fire prevention methods.
- Knowledge of rescue and first aid procedures.
- Knowledge of the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, Occupational Health and Safety Act, NFPA standards/guidelines, and the Ontario Fire Code.
- Must have demonstrated ability to supervise volunteer firefighters, maintain discipline, exercise sound judgment, and be resourceful.
- Demonstrated leadership skills, problem solving ability, and sound managerial and administrative skills.
- Proven communication and conflict management skills.
- Demonstrated ability to effectively manage change.
- High level of computer literacy and proficiency in Microsoft Office suite.
- Must have a valid driver's license.
- Standard First Aid and CPR certification.
- Ability to work a flexible schedule as hours of work may vary due to operational requirements.



	<h2>Staff Report</h2>
To:	Council
From:	Clerk, Nancy Field
Date of Meeting:	March 26, 2024
Report Title:	2024 Spring Freshet
Report Date:	March 20, 2024

**Recommendation:** Receive for informational purposes.

**Purpose:** To provide an update to Council regarding the spring freshet and to maintain open lines of communication between all those involved, keeping in mind as spring is approaching the warmer weather will bring with it snow melt, rain, and the potential for flood in our area.

**Background:**

Snowpack monitoring has finished for the 2024 season. Seasonal weather is forecasted over the next 14-days with approximately 40 mm of precipitation and freezing temperatures overnight.

The MNRF reports that the spring freshet began approximately one (1) month early this year. River flows appear to have peaked and are now declining to post-freshet values. Water levels in managed lakes are anticipated to continue to build to spring target levels through additional rainfall and dam operations over the next several weeks.

Now there is no active Watershed Conditions Statement - Water Safety bulletin and the district does not anticipate issuing another statement currently as conditions have improved. The ministry is monitoring the weather and developing watershed conditions. If the analysis of the watershed and weather conditions indicates there is a possibility of high water or flood conditions, MNRF will issue notifications such as a Flood Watch or Flood Warning.

Local management is arranging a meeting with municipal leadership through the Magnetawan River Watershed Communications Committee to provide education and involve municipalities as we are into the spring freshet.

Publicly Available Information – Additional Resources

- The Environment Canada Real-Time Hydrological stations provide up-to-date information on water levels: [https://wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/search/real\\_time\\_e.html](https://wateroffice.ec.gc.ca/search/real_time_e.html)
- Surface Water Monitoring Centre public webpage: [www.ontario.ca/flooding](http://www.ontario.ca/flooding)
- Environment Canada bulletins: [www.weather.gc.ca](http://www.weather.gc.ca)

Inquiries from the public should be directed to our Water Management Team Voicemail – 705-645-8747 or email at [watermanagement.psdistrict@ontario.ca](mailto:watermanagement.psdistrict@ontario.ca)

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March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Erica Kellogg  
The Corporation of the  
Municipality of Magnetawan  
4304 Hwy #520, P.O. Box 70  
Magnetawan, ON P0A 1P0

via email

Dear Ms. Kellogg:

Re: Land Exchange with Jeffery Bailey  
Our File No: 63-283-365

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We are pleased to report that land exchange between the Municipality of Magnetawan/Township of Ryerson and Jeffery Bailey was completed on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and we now submit our final report to the Municipality a copy of which can be shared with the Township of Ryerson. (As you may recall the Municipality of Magnetawan agreed to be the “lead” municipality on the sale of the joint road as the deviation was located entirely within Magnetawan.)

### Application to Change Name

The owner of the road was registered as the “Public Authority Having Jurisdiction”. An Application (General) to change the registered owner to “The Corporation of the Municipality of Magnetawan” and “The Corporation of the Township of Ryerson” was registered on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 as Instrument No. GB157883 which was required in order to register the Road Closing By-law.

### Road Closing By-laws

The Municipality of Magnetawan’s By-law to stop up, close and sell the road, By-law 2022.38, was registered on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 as Instrument No. GB157884. The Township of Ryerson’s By-law to stop up, close and sell the road, By-law 38-22, was registered on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 as Instrument No. GB157885.

### Utility Easements

We made inquiries to Bell Canada and Hydro One Networks Inc. to determine if any easements were required. Both advised that no easements were required.

Transfer of Title

The Transfer of Part 1, 42R21856 to the Municipality was registered on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 as Instrument No. GB170070. As there was a mortgage in favour of Mainstreet Credit Union Limited registered against Part 1, a Discharge of Charge was registered as Instrument No. GB170073 on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

The Transfer of Parts 2 & 3, 42R21856 to Jeffery Michael Bailey was also registered on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 as Instrument No. GB170072

There was no consideration payable by either party as the Municipality obtained title to the deviation road being Part 1, 42R21856 from Jeffery Michael Bailey in exchange for Parts 2 & 3, 42R21856.

Execution Search

Prior to closing, we obtained a certificate from the Land Registry Office stating that there were no outstanding executions against the Vendor at the time of closing.

Legal Fees

The Applicant was required to pay the Municipality's legal fees. Enclosed is our Statement of Adjustments and Statement of Receipts & Disbursements which sets out the calculations below:

Russell, Christie, LLP Legal Fees:	\$ 2,868.31
Less payment from Larry Douglas	<u>2,301.60</u>
Balance owing from Municipality of Magnetawan:	<u>\$ 567.66</u>

Enclosures

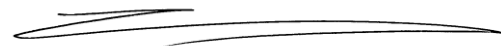
1. Transfer of Part 1, 42R21856 to the Municipality – GB170070;
2. Transfer of Parts 2 & 3, 42R21856 to Jeffery Bailey – GB170072; and,
3. Discharge of Charge – GB170037

Please forward payment as set out above to Russell, Christie, LLP at your earliest opportunity.

We trust that this transaction had been completed to the Municipality's satisfaction.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Yours very truly,



Edward B. Veldboom  
(electronically signed)

EBV/lf  
Encls.



# Councilor Report

To:	Ryerson Township Council
From:	Councillor Patterson
Date of Event:	February 27, 2024
Topic:	Indigenous Cultural Competency Training
Report Date:	March 09, 2024

## Importance to the Township of Ryerson:

### How did we get where we are today-

#### **Early Ideas**

\*1400's -If the 'pagan' inhabitants could be converted, they might be spared - if not, they could be enslaved or killed

\*1547 -Indigenous peoples were natural born slaves who should be punished for their crimes against nature

#### **Canadian Government Legislative History**

\*1844 Bagot Report -the best way to integrate Indigenous children into the Euro/Canadian culture is to remove them from their parents and use the model of the first residential school established in 1831

\*1845 - Push westward and the Indigenous are forced to relocate, lose sovereignty, and to accept models of foreign governance

\*1857 Gradual Civilization Act – Indians would lose their status and become British subjects

-1860 Indian Land Act transferred all authority for Indians and their lands to the Province of Canada

\*Gradual Enfranchisement Act- Superintendent General of Indian Affairs given control over status Indians. The Act restricted the governing powers of band councils, regulated alcohol consumption and determined who would be eligible for band and treaty benefits

\*Indian Act- laws to govern what Indigenous peoples could do-

-1844 Indigenous ceremonies are banned

-1920's as Indigenous people began lawsuits regarding land claims, the federal government made it illegal for them to hire a lawyer

-the Act continues to be amended today

\*Residential schools

- we need to take the Indian out of the child

-1831-1996 In total, an estimated 150 000 First Nation, Inuit and Métis children attended residential schools. It is an estimate that 6000 children died in these school.

### **How do we move forward and change past beliefs**

Based on the Urban Indigenous Action Plan there are 4 action areas that we can focus on to establish and improve communications with our Indigenous community.

**ACTION AREA 1: RELATIONSHIP BUILDING** -Desired Outcome – Relationships between governments and urban Indigenous organizations and service providers are respectful, transparent, responsive, and accountable.

**ACTION AREA 2: POLICY ENGAGEMENT AND CO-DEVELOPMENT** -Desired Outcome – Policy development processes incorporate, reflect and respect the voices and diversities of urban Indigenous communities.

**ACTION AREA 3: SERVICE PLANNING, DESIGN AND DELIVERY** Desired Outcome – Indigenous and non-Indigenous organizations, service providers and governments are partners in local and provincial policy and program design and delivery to respond to current and future needs of communities. Desired Outcome – Programs and services are accessible, person-centered, culturally rooted and delivered in safe, culturally sensitive environments. Particular attention is given to diversity within urban Indigenous communities, including needs of Indigenous women, youth, families, seniors, people with disabilities and LGBTQ2S.

**ACTION AREA 4: EVALUATION** Desired Outcome – Data, analysis and evaluation informs the continuous improvement of policies and programs that impact urban Indigenous communities.

In addition, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action-

In order to redress the legacy of residential schools and advance the process of Canadian reconciliation, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission makes 94 calls to action.

While only a few of the calls to action specifically identify Municipal governments, many more calls to action can easily be incorporated into our daily lives.

### **Possible first steps for the Township of Ryerson**

I believe that our first step is to find out who our Indigenous community members are and ask them to join us in future projects.

Additional Resources:

- Urban Indigenous Action Plan: [https://files.ontario.ca/uiap\\_full\\_report\\_en.pdf](https://files.ontario.ca/uiap_full_report_en.pdf)
- TEDx Talks:
  - Canadian Shame: A History of Residential Schools: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U1EDbbse2BM>
  - Identity & Post-Secondary: A First Nations Experience: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eWg9wudlzDk>
  - Creating Environments for Indigenous Youth to Live & Succeed: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zwLR23fHBQU>
  - The Art of Survival: A Modern Day Inuit Odyssey Through the Arts: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SwGeflwDtBQ>
- The Truth and Reconciliation Report: [http://www.trc.ca/assets/pdf/Honouring\\_the\\_Truth\\_Reconciling\\_for\\_the\\_Future\\_July\\_23\\_2015.pdf](http://www.trc.ca/assets/pdf/Honouring_the_Truth_Reconciling_for_the_Future_July_23_2015.pdf)
- The Truth and Reconciliation 94 Calls to Action: [http://trc.ca/assets/pdf/Calls\\_to\\_Action\\_English2.pdf](http://trc.ca/assets/pdf/Calls_to_Action_English2.pdf)
- FNMIEAO (First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Education Association of Ontario): <http://fnmieao.com/students/>
- Inuit Relocation: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/north/forced-relocation-high-arctic-inuit-1.4182600>
- Whose Land (a web-based app that identifies Indigenous Nations, territories, and Indigenous communities across Canada): <https://www.whose.land/en/>
- Blog from Chelsea Vowel, a Métis writer, and educator whose work intersects language, gender, Métis self-determination, and resurgence: <https://apihtawikosisan.com/about-2/>
- Jordan's Principle – a child-first principle ensuring First Nations children get the services they need when they need them, in memory of Jordan River Anderson. It is available to all First Nations children registered under the *Indian Act*, Indigenous children, and non-status children.
  - For more information: <https://fncaringsociety.com/jordans-principle#:~:text=Jordan's%20Principle%20aims%20to%20make,disruptions%20because%20they%20are%20First>
  - To see what is covered: <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1568396296543/1582657596387#sec2>
- A Story of a National Crime: <https://caid.ca/AppJusIndCan1922.pdf>

- Recommended books from Indigenous authors:  
<https://bookriot.com/2017/07/01/books-to-read-by-indigenous-authors-in-canada/>
- Indigenous Allyship Toolkit: [https://crhesi.uwo.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2019/04/Ally\\_email.pdf](https://crhesi.uwo.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2019/04/Ally_email.pdf)
- Inuit documentary titled Angry Inuk that speaks to "the reality of Inuit life with the story of their challenge to both the anti-sealing industry and those nations that mine resources on Inuit lands while simultaneously destroying the main sustainable economy available to the people who live there" there is a CBC 1 hour version here: <https://gem.cbc.ca/media/cbc-docs-pov/season-1/episode-9/38e815a-00d62667222>
  - The full version of Angry Inuk can be purchased here:  
[https://www.nfb.ca/film/angry\\_inuk/](https://www.nfb.ca/film/angry_inuk/)
- The Indian Association of Alberta's 1970 Red Paper:  
[https://opus.uleth.ca/bitstream/handle/10133/3770/Crane\\_Bear\\_Leon\\_MA\\_2015.pdf?sequence=4&isAllowed=y](https://opus.uleth.ca/bitstream/handle/10133/3770/Crane_Bear_Leon_MA_2015.pdf?sequence=4&isAllowed=y)
- The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples:  
[https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/wp-content/uploads/sites/19/2018/11/UNDRIP\\_E\\_web.pdf](https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/wp-content/uploads/sites/19/2018/11/UNDRIP_E_web.pdf)
- The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (Youth Version):  
[https://files.unicef.org/policyanalysis/rights/files/HRBAP\\_UN\\_Rights\\_Indig\\_Peoples.pdf](https://files.unicef.org/policyanalysis/rights/files/HRBAP_UN_Rights_Indig_Peoples.pdf)
- UN Human Rights Committee Rules the *Indian Act* is discriminatory:  
[https://ablawg.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Blog\\_ED\\_DL\\_Mclvor\\_UNHRC\\_Complaint\\_Jan2019.pdf](https://ablawg.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Blog_ED_DL_Mclvor_UNHRC_Complaint_Jan2019.pdf)

**From:** Beth Morton <beth.morton@townshipofperry.ca>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 14, 2024 3:35 PM  
**To:** Nancy Field <clerk@ryersontownship.ca>;  
**Subject:** RE: Consideration to reconvene RFSC Meetings; and Burn Building Project

Good afternoon:

I have heard back from all of the municipalities and all are in favour of entering into RFSC discussions and have placed funds in their budget for the burn build project.

Perry is proposing for the meeting to be held on Thursday, April 18, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Perry Council Chambers at 1695 Emsdale Road, Emsdale, Ontario.

Mayor Hofstetter has requested the following items to be added to the Agenda:

1. Equipment Sharing and Use
2. Burn Building Discussion
3. Fire Prevention Officer(s) Discussion

I would request that each Clerk confirm their municipality's attendance and any additional items to be added to the Agenda at your earliest convenience. Once I have this information I will circulate the Agenda in advance of the meeting.

Take care,

**Beth Morton, Clerk-Administrator**



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PROPOSED MEETING DATE - Consideration to reconvene RFSC Meetings; and Burn Building Project

Tue 2024-03-19 3:57 PM

Good afternoon:

I have reviewed the upcoming Council Meeting dates and it appears that there are no Regular Meetings on Thursday, April 11, 2024.

We are proposing the RFSC Meeting to be held on Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 7:00 pm in Perry Council Chambers.

Please confirm if this date is acceptable for all municipalities involved and I will circulate the Agenda once confirmed.

Thanks,

**Beth Morton, Clerk-Administrator**



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February 26, 2024

*Via Email*

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

Dear Premier Ford,

**RE: Request to the Province to Amend Blue Box Regulation for  
'Ineligible' Sources**

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At their last regular meeting on Wednesday February 21, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry supported the following:

**"Resolution #2024-52**  
**Moved by: Paul Sowrey**  
**Seconded by: Jim Cushman**

**Whereas** under Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box producers are fully accountable and financially responsible for their products and packaging once they reach their end of life and are disposed of, for 'eligible' sources only;

**And Whereas** 'ineligible' sources which producers are not responsible for include businesses, places of worship, daycares, campgrounds, public-facing and internal areas of municipal-owned buildings, and not-for-profit organizations, such as shelters and food banks;

**And Whereas** should a municipality continue to provide services to the 'ineligible' sources, the municipality will be required to oversee the collection, transportation, and processing of the recycling, assuming 100% of the costs;

**Be it resolved that** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue

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*Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources;*

***And further that*** Council hereby request the support of all Ontario Municipalities;

***And further that*** this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, the Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka, and to all Ontario Municipalities.

***Carried.”***

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Beth Morton  
Clerk-Administrator

BM/ec

c.c. Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka  
All Ontario Municipalities



## Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin Council Resolution

**Date:** January 30, 2024

**Resolution Number:** 2024-31

**Moved By:** Councillor Moreton

**Seconded By:** Councillor Manson

**Background:** Before Calvin township became a township, it was burned by numerous forest fires. This was before the time of fire towers, water bombers, and municipal fire departments. A 1881 report from Lawrence Tallan, Provincial Land surveyor, states: *"The township of Calvin has been traversed by repeated and severe fires – so well have the flames done their work that with the exception of an insignificant portion, scarcely a vestige of the original timber remains."*

History has a way of repeating itself, and now rural municipalities and remote areas need more than ever to be prepared to respond to forest fires. Invasive pests like the emerald ash borer and the spruce bud worm are killing large numbers of trees, leaving copious amounts of dry kindling in our forests just waiting for a careless human or a lightning strike. Our forests are choked with deadfall and forest fires are becoming increasingly difficult to control. Add to this the effects of rising temperatures and drier seasons, or climate change, and we could be facing increasingly disastrous forest fires. This is not the time to be caught short with limited forest fire-fighting resources.

Jordan Omstead of the Canadian Press recently wrote: "But as Canada's water bombers age – and wildfire seasons are expected to intensify – some wildland

firefighters and emergency preparedness experts say the country needs to prop up its fleet of firefighting aircraft, even though several provinces are playing down concerns about capacity.” He quotes Eric Davidson, president of the Ontario Professional Association of Wildland Firefighters, “We’re really starting to see the effect of the aging fleet.”

The article further states the John Gradek, lecturer at McGill University estimates that almost half of the larger water bombers used to fight Canadian forest fires are nearing the end of their service life.

However, a Canadian company making a large skimmer-style water bomber is backed up with orders from European countries until the end of the decade.

Ontario has its own fleet of aircraft. They have 20 fixed-wing aircraft which includes 9 CL215 and CL415 water bombers that are 24 years old on average. The remaining 11 aircraft are an average of 54 years old. Melissa Candelaria, a spokesperson for Minister Graydon Smith says the MNR can handle Ontario fires with these aircraft, but Jennifer Kamau, communications manager for the Canada Interagency Forest Fire Centre, CIFFC, noted that other provinces contract out firebombers and last year there was a strain in Canada to get the resources to areas in need because there were so many fires across the country at the same time and very few aircraft available.

Peter Zimonjic of the CBC quoted the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs (CAFC) President Ken McMullen, “It’s not often that the fire chiefs sound the alarm. We are very concerned about this impending crisis that the summer of 2024 and beyond is going to bring our sector.”

In 2023 we all smelled the smoke and saw the sky turn brown. Buildings can be replaced, but lives cannot. And once an area is burned it takes more than a lifetime for it to return to its original state.

**WHEREAS** Forest fires are a very real threat to rural municipalities.

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**AND WHEREAS** smoke from forest fires put people's health at risk. This is especially true of children and the elderly. The David Suzuki Foundation reports that wildfires kill many thousands of people per year and most of the deaths are from smoke inhalation.

**AND WHEREAS** forest fires are a very real danger to the climate and according to The Guardian, in 2023 they emitted three times as much carbon as the entire carbon footprint of Canada.

**AND WHEREAS** according to the John Crace interview in The Guardian with William Kurz, a retired scientist with Natural Resources Canada, around two billion tonnes of carbon have been released into the atmosphere from forest fires in 2023.

**AND WHEREAS** carbon emissions from forest fires are not counted against Canada's Paris agreement commitments, according to Kurz, but they far exceeded all of the emissions tied to Canada's economy (670 mega tonnes, or 0.67 billion tonnes, according to Environment and Climate Change Canada).

**AND WHEREAS** that standing healthy forest serves as a carbon sink, drawing in carbon, but once destroyed by fire, even though second growth takes its place, it is much less effective for many decades.

**AND WHEREAS** the federal government owns no water bombers and assists the provinces through the CIFFC, Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre, a spokesperson with CIFFC says that last year there were too many requests and not enough inventory to meet the needs of the country.

**AND WHEREAS** as reported by De Havilland Canada who manufacture the Canadian made water bomber, they have contracts with European countries for the next 22 of its new DHC-515 planes, which will take until 2029 or 2030 to complete and there will be very little production available to replace the aging water bombers in Ontario and the rest of Canada.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the council of the Corporation of Calvin Township urges and encourages the Federal Government to commit additional funds for cost sharing of provincial firefighting and to consider the development of a national strategy of firefighting. Furthermore, we urge the federal government to consider the measures necessary for acquiring a national fleet of Canadian-made waterbombers, with home bases strategically located to best serve and respond to the needs of rural communities, and a national fire administration to better coordinate and manage efforts across the country. We also encourage the introduction of a program similar to the Joint Emergency Preparedness Program (JEPP) which was ended in 2013.

And we encourage Minister Graydon Smith to step up the on-the-ground firefighting capability and water bomber acquisitions in Ontario.

**AND THAT** this resolution be forwarded to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Bill Blair, Minister of National Defence, The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry of Ontario, The Honourable Vic Fideli, Minister of Economic Development Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO).

**AND THAT** this resolution be shared with all 444 municipalities in Ontario for their consideration and adoption.

**Results: Carried**

**Recorded Vote:**

<u>Member of Council</u>	<u>In Favour</u>	<u>Opposed</u>
Mayor Gould	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Moreton	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Latimer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Grant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Manson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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March 12, 2024

Hon. Paul Calandra  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Sent by email to: [Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org](mailto:Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org)

**Re: Operational Budget Funding**

At its regular meeting of Council held on March 6, 2024, the Township of Amaranth Council passed the following resolution.

**Resolution #: 4**

**Moved by:** G Little

**Seconded by:** A. Stirk

Whereas all Ontario municipalities are prohibited from running budget deficits for operating purposes, and;

Whereas all Ontario municipalities have similar pressures with respect to aging infrastructure and operating costs for policing, and;

Whereas the City of Toronto has recently received Provincial funding to cover a \$1.2 billion dollar operating shortfall and approximately \$12 million in Federal and Provincial funding for their Police operating budget, and;

Whereas the City of Toronto has the lowest tax rates in the Province, approximately 40% less than the average Dufferin rural municipal tax rate.

**Be it Resolved That** the Township of Amaranth call on the Province of Ontario to treat all municipalities fairly and provide equivalent representative operational budget funding amounts to all Ontario municipalities.

**CARRIED**

Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you require any further information on this matter.

Yours truly,

Nicole Martin, Dipl. M.A.  
CAO/Clerk

C: Premier of Ontario; AMO; Ontario Municipalities





## WASTE MANAGEMENT REPORT – MARCH 12, 2024

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### ONGOING BUSINESS

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- Spring clean up has begun.
  - Landfill compacting to resume once footprint dries up.
  - Storage container for mattresses arrived and ready to fill.
  - Awaiting “offer of compensation” from Circular Materials.
    - Waste Connections Bracebridge reached out for information to assist them in preparing for blue box transition.
  - Resolution of support to amend the Ontario Blue Box Regulation to include “ineligible sources”
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- **UPDATE ON OFFER OF COMPENSATION AS OF TUESDAY MARCH 12, 2024**
    - “Offer of Compensation” for “Depot Operations Statement of Work” received from Circular Materials, would result in a substantial increase in 2025 Budget. \$56,000 removed from revenue as payments for provincial blue box program will stop upon transition. The low, almost insulting, offer of compensation for service is due to misreported information in the 2020 Datacall, which provided funding allotment under the provincially run blue box program. Although a request was made to amend the information in that Datacall, Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority (RPRA) did not feel it was necessary at the time. This misreported information was discussed with the Circular Materials Representatives; however, the new regulation is their standard and policy and the data was used as prescribed.
    - Recognizing that this would not be an acceptable offer, the Administrator requested to see an offer based on “Depot Collections Statement of Work”. This statement of work would recognize all operational costs as reported and may provide a better “Offer of Compensation”. This would also require the TRI Communal Blue Box Program to contract for hauling blue box material from the site to the designated receiving facility. A more reasonable offer would be able to absorb this cost and still cover 50% of our operating cost for the blue box program, as it is today.
    - The Administrator also advised Circular Materials that if a more reasonable offer could not be negotiated, than a recommendation to opt-out of the blue box program would be made to the three municipalities.
    - Council discussed opting-out and removing the blue box program from the site, items discussed included, redirecting staff as landfill police, disgruntled residents required to travel to another site to dispose of blue box materials, where would the Circular Materials owned and operated blue box depot be located.



## WASTE MANAGEMENT REPORT – MARCH 12, 2024

- An “Offer of Compensation” for a Depot Collections Agreement, will be provided and further discussion at the March 26, 2024 Township of Armour Council Meeting is anticipated.

### BAG TALLY – GATE INFORMATION 2024

BAG TALLY	ARMOUR		BURKS FALLS	RYERSON		TOTAL OF ALL
January 2024	1,013	171	107	701	30	2,022
February 2024	1,032	117	116	617	19	1,901
<b>TOTAL 2024</b>	<b>2,333</b>		<b>223</b>	<b>1,367</b>		<b>3,923</b>
<b>2024 % OF TOTAL</b>	<b>59.470%</b>		<b>5.684%</b>	<b>34.846%</b>		<b>100%</b>
January 2023	956	178	130	631	34	1,929
February 2023	960	155	95	578	10	1,798
<b>TOTAL 2023</b>	<b>2,249</b>		<b>225</b>	<b>1,253</b>		<b>3,727</b>
<b>2023 % OF TOTAL</b>	<b>60.343%</b>		<b>6.037%</b>	<b>33.620%</b>		<b>100%</b>
January 2022	1,189	172	124	679	37	2,201
February 2022	983	78	180	569	6	1,816
<b>TOTAL 2022</b>	<b>2,422</b>		<b>304</b>	<b>1,291</b>		<b>4,017</b>
<b>2022 % OF TOTAL</b>	<b>60.294%</b>		<b>7.568%</b>	<b>32.138%</b>		<b>100%</b>



**705-382-2900**  
**www.almaguin-health.org**

**Minutes:** March 7, 2024, 10:00 am via Zoom and at the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre

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

Regrets: Brad Kneller

Guest: Susan Keast (HHR MAOHT), Isabel Pereira, Courtney Metcalf (ACED), Rod Blakelock, Rebecca Paul (BFFHT), Sarah MacKinnon (SDMC), Cheryl Harrison (CEO and President of MAHC)

Called to order at 10:02 am by Chair R. Ward

1. 2024-08            Moved by D. Patterson - Seconded by T. Bryson  
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Almaguin Highlands Health Council adopt the minutes from the regular meeting of February 1, 2024, as circulated. Carried.
2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY OF INTEREST:** None
3. **DELEGATIONS:** None
4. **RESOLUTIONS PASSED:**  
2024-09            Moved by C. Hope – Seconded by V. Roeder-Martin  
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Almaguin Highlands Health Council agrees to receive rebranding funding from NECO for the Burk's Falls Family Health Team and will release it along with \$2000.00 from the AHH Council as per resolution 2024-03, to the Burk's Falls Family Health Team. Carried.  
  
2024-10            Moved by F. Williamson – Seconded by J. Ronholm  
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Almaguin Highlands Health Council supports the payment of \$620.37 to WMAC Photography for pictures of Almaguin health facility buildings. Carried.
5. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**
  - a) **Update on Hospital Build and Local Share**  
Cheryl Harrison (CEO and President of MAHC) updated the group on the hospital project. More stakeholder engagement will occur with the next series being different in that registration is required. All are encouraged to sign up for the weekly updates on the MAHC website to keep informed.

A local share meeting will be held next week. R. Ward provided the group with the Almaguin local share status as of January 2024.

b) **Update on Burk's Falls and Sundridge Funding Announcement**

The funding received by the Sundridge and District Medical Centre and the Burk's Falls Family Health Team is ongoing. The Almaguin municipalities were acknowledged for their letters of support. HHR S. Keast is working with the teams on recruitment. It was noted the cooperation between both the health centres was key in making this application a success.

c) **BFFHT Rebranding Project and Photo Project**

*See Resolutions Passed*

d) **AHH Council Spending and Annual Request for Contribution, Discussion**

Council discussed requests for financial support they received from various health practitioners and groups and how best to proceed.

Each municipal representative will discuss with their individual councils what they understood the 20% holdback for local share would be allocated for.

e) **Progress report**

Council received the *Progress Report* for the month of March.

f) **Other business**

S. Keast provided an update on doctor recruitment. Her most recent tour will include two doctors visiting Sundridge, working with Dr. MacKinnon and Mayor Tim Bryson. S. Keast will attend a three-day trade show focusing on the needs of the FHT. In April she will be at NOSM for a 1-hour session with forty-one students.





The AHH Centre has hired a Janitor/Maintenance person for the buildings. This is a change from the two separate contracts and will allow for more presence.

2024-11 Moved by T. Bryson - Seconded by V. Roeder-Martin





**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Almaguin Highlands Health Council adjourn at 11:10 am to meet again on April 4, 2024, at 10:00 am at the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre. Carried.

# AHH Council – Key Areas of Focus & Progress- March 2024

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...

 <b>Ontario Health Team Partnership</b>	 <b>High-Speed Internet Throughout Almaguin Highlands</b>	 <b>Attract &amp; Retain Healthcare Professionals</b>	 <b>Coordinate Healthcare Services to Serve Entire Region</b>
<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>	<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>	<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>	<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...

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  - AHHC participation in MAOHT Collaboration Steering Committee, Digital Working Group, Health Human Resources Working Group Home and Community Care Working Group, Palliative Care Task Force (on-going)
  - Burk's Falls FHT now full partner of the Ontario Health Team, joining Sundridge Medical Team (Nov 2023)
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  - Additional high-speed announcements for Almaguin Highlands confirmed – April 2023
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  - BFFHT renovations completed
  - Provided letters of support from across the region for additional Primary Care funding – BFFHT and Sundridge Medical Team
  - **Almaguin healthcare providers engaged with recruiter re: new funding hires (see below)**
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  - **Forecast funds raised by AHHC municipalities as of 11-Jan-2024 - \$4,877,320 (MAHC Local Share) and \$1,251,080 (Almaguin)**
  - **On-going Primary Care Funding Received Feb 2024 – Sundridge - \$327,237; Burk's Falls - \$290,000**
  - On-going discussions and investigations regarding potential new Health and Wellness Centre for Almaguin Highlands

Status To-  
Date: As at  
11-Jan-2024

Municipality	Comments	MAHC Build Commitment	Almaguin Share Commitment	TOTAL per municipality
Armour	12-year commitment	1,170,000 *	285,000 *	\$ 1,455,000
Burk's Falls	12-year commitment	192,000 *	48,000 *	\$ 240,000
Joly		21,120	5280	\$ 26,400
Kearney	12-year commitment	1,044,000 *	261,000 *	\$ 1,305,000
Machar				
Magnetawan	2023 commitment	960,000 **	240,000 **	\$ 1,200,000
McMurrich / Monteith	12-year commitment	639,000 *	159,000 *	\$ 798,000
Perry	2023 commitment	480,000 **	120,000 **	\$ 600,000
Ryerson	2023 commitment	160,000 **	80,000 **	\$ 240,000
South River				
Strong	12-year commitment	144,000 *	36,000 *	\$ 180,000
Sundridge	2023 commitment	67,200	16,800	\$ 84,000
<b>TOTALS (12-year projected)</b>		<b><u>\$ 4,877,320</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,251,080</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 6,128,400</u></b>
<b>TARGET</b>		<b><u>\$9,500,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,500,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$12,000,000</u></b>

\* Committed via resolution over 12 years

\*\* Forecast over 12 years – only 1 year commitment as of 2023

**Total forecast as of January 11, 2024 \$6.128-m (Local Share + Almaguin portion)**