

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

November 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:

1.2 Announcement: This meeting is being recorded

1.3 Motion to adopt the agenda as presented. **(R)**

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

2.1 Adoption of minutes from the regular meeting on November 12, 2024 **(R)**

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

4. REPORTS:

4.1 **PUBLIC WORKS:** October/November Roads Report, 1382 Nipissing Rd

Nuisance Beaver. **(R)**

4.2 **CAO/TREASURER:** Capital Budget, By-law Agreement Renewal **(R)**,

4.3 COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councillor Patterson – AHHC Report

5. COMMUNICATION ITEMS:

5.1. Amy Tilly Tri R Waste Management Report Bag Allocation for 2024. **(R)**

5.2 North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit Resolution #BOH/2024/09/04: Provincial Oral Health Strategy. **(R)**

General Correspondence

-Almaguin Highlands Health Centre November Minutes

-Regional Fire Services Committee (RFSC) November Meeting Agenda

-Southeast Almaguin Highlands Regional Fire Services Committee August Meeting Minutes.

6. CONFIRMING BY-LAW:

6.1 To Confirm meetings of Council. **(R)**

7. IMPORTANT DATES:

-December 10, 2024, Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT: (R)

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

LIST OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

FOR COUNCIL MEETING: November 26, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.

Item # 1.3 on Agenda Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved the Ryerson Township Council adopt the November 26, 2024 agenda as circulated.

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

Be it resolved that the minutes from the regular meeting on November 12, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

Item # 4.1 on Agenda Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council declare the beaver dam located at 1382 Nipissing Road South a Nuisance Beaver Dam as per the definition under Section 2 (c) of the Nuisance Beaver Dam By-law 48-24.

Item # 4.2 on Agenda Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be It resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # ___-24, being a By-law to Renew the Agreement for the Services of By-law Enforcement Officers with the Township of Armour 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 November, 2024.

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

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the issuance of _____ free garbage bags, for 2025, to property owners with residences/cottage/licensed trailers on their property and tenants within the Township of Ryerson. No free garbage tags shall be issued to property owners of Commercial/Industrial operations.

Item # 5.2 on Agenda Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Whereas, due to the higher earnings potential in private practice, the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (Health Unit) faces difficulties in recruiting dentists, as the compensation packages offered in public health are less competitive than those in private practice; and

Whereas, the demand for basic dental services in the district is very high. Despite its relatively small size, the Health Unit offers one of the larger Oral Health programs among health units in Ontario. This includes the highly-utilized Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program (provincially

mandated) and provision of a Low-Income Adult Dental Program (not mandated but based on local need) contributing to the large size of the Oral Health Program in addition to the Healthy Smiles Ontario program (mandated for low-income children and youth); and

Whereas, it is not yet known how or if the Federal dental program will impact the need and level of service in local communities; and

Whereas, equity-seeking populations tend to have complex dental, social and logistical needs, which require more intensive clinical and administrative resources. These challenges drive up the cost of oral care provision, dissuading private practitioners from accepting equity-seeking clients; and

Whereas, there is no central coordination of dental services across the province to ensure that the oral health workforce matches need, and that remuneration models and rates encourage equitable access to basic care across Ontario; and

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council supports the North Bay Parry Sound Health Unit resolution #BOH/2024/09/04 regarding the current funding model for Oral Health Services.

Item # 6.1 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 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 November, 2024.

Item # 8 on Agenda Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

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

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

November 12, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held **November 12, 2024** 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 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 and Nieves Guijarro

Notice of this meeting was posted on the website.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

R- 158 - 24 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council adopt the November 12, 2024 agenda as circulated.

(Carried)

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

R- 159 - 24 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that the minutes from the regular meeting on October 22, 2024 and the Tri-Council meeting on October 28, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

(Carried)

4. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None noted.

5. REPORTS:

CAO/TREASURER:

Brayden Robinson provided Council with the shared agreement for the services of the CEMC, he provided the PSAP agreement and provided Council with a report on the staff/volunteer recognition. Resolution noted below.

R- 160 -24 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce Bill # 51-24, being a By-law to enter into an agreement for the services of a Community Emergency Coordinator between the Municipal Corporations of the Township of Armour, Township of Ryerson, Township of McMurrich/Monteith, and the Village of Burk's Falls and further; That By-law # 51-24 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 November, 2024.

(Carried)

R- 161 - 24 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 52-24, being a By-law to execute an agreement with His Majesty the King in Right of Ontario represented by the Minister of the Solicitor General on behalf of the Ontario Provincial Police to enter into an agreement for the provision of Primary Public Safety Answering Point Services and further; That By-law # 52-24 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 November, 2024.

(Carried)

R- 162 - 24 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council direct that recognition shall be provided, as outlined in the attached Staff/Volunteer Recognition Report dated November 12, 2024.

(Carried)

CLERK:

Nancy presented to Council the 2024 holiday hours request, the provincial planning statement, a By-law to adopt an Emergency Management Program and information regarding a consent application. Resolutions noted below.

R- 163 - 24 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council set the 2024 Ryerson Township Office Holiday Hours as follows: Closed: December 24 at noon, 25, 26, 27, 30, 31, 2024 and January 1, 2025. Office to re-open regular hours on Thursday, January 2, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.

(Carried)

R- 164 - 24 Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council has received a copy of the Provincial Planning Statement that came into effect on October 20, 2024.

(Carried)

R- 165 - 24 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 53-24, being a By-law to Adopt an Emergency Management Program and further; That By-Law # 53-24 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 November, 2024.

(Carried)

R- 166 - 24 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Miller,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve Consent Application B-046/24, Concession 9, Part Lot 25, in Ryerson Township. The following conditions will apply:

- If the reference plan or other evidence discloses that either the severed property or the retained property owned by the Applicant contains a deviation road maintained by the Township as a public road, then the Applicant shall survey and transfer such deviation road to the Township as a condition of severance. The area to be surveyed and transferred shall generally be 66 feet in width and centered upon the centre line of the present traveled road. In situations where this is impractical, the Applicant should discuss how this requirement will be fulfilled with the Municipality before the reference plan is finalized.

- As a condition of severance approval, the Applicant shall pay to the Municipality in which the land is located, or otherwise satisfy the requirement for donation of Parkland set out in Section 51.1 of the Planning Act.
- The Township requires one copy of the draft reference plan, and two copies of the Final Reference Plan and one digital copy of the Final Reference Plan.
- That the Townships Consent Administrative Fee and Deposit be paid by the Applicant before finalization of the Consent is given.
- The Township requires that for any proposed entrance: the Public Works Supervisor will be contacted to inspect the location to determine that a safe location for an entrance can be found. The Planning Board will be advised in writing that this condition has been met before finalization of the consent is given.

(Carried)

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councillor Patterson provided council with a report on part-time employees with Ryerson Township.

6. BUSINESS ARISING/ACTIVITY LOG:

Council discussed the budgets that were provided at the last Tri-Council meeting. Questions were asked and answered.

Council discussed the report provided from the Village of Burk's Falls regarding the ownership model of the Health Centre. To be discussed further.

7. COMMUNICATION ITEMS

Council indicated they are no interested in attending the Land Use Planning workshop would prefer one on the provincial planning changes.

General Information Items Received:

- Council received the Historical Society October meeting minutes.
- Council received the Joint Building Committee permit reports.
- Advisory meeting minutes.
- Council received the report submitted by John Wilson regarding the EMS Advisory October meeting.
- Council received the Emergency Management Exercise invite from Amy Tilley.

8. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

R- 167 -24 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 54-24, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 54-24 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 November 2024.

(Carried)

10. ADJOURNMENT:


R- 168 -24 Moved by Councillor Miller, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 7:23 p.m. The next regular meeting November 26, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

(Carried)

MAYOR

CLERK

	<h2>Staff Report</h2>
<p>To:</p>	<p>Ryerson Township Council</p>
<p>From:</p>	<p>Fred Schmeltz, Roads Supervisor</p>
<p>Date of Meeting:</p>	<p>November 26, 2024</p>
<p>Report Title:</p>	<p>Monthly Update</p>
<p>Report Date:</p>	<p>November 11-16</p>

Purpose/Background:


Public works update October/ November:

The roads department has completed our preparations for the upcoming winter. Our plow trucks and grader are outfitted for winter. All winter equipment has been serviced. Our winter fleet has had all sand equipment calibrated by Gincor. Unit #19 has had the new plow and sander installed and will be a welcome addition to the fleet this season.

Our two-year winter sand tender has been fulfilled. Bruman Construction stockpiled 3500 tonnes this season. This number reflects the light winter we had last year. With the completion of the Stockpiling all tenders for the 2024 year have been fulfilled.

Our excavator needs a hydraulic pump replacement. Current estimated delivery time for parts is 18 to 20 weeks. The machine is currently at our mechanics and will reside there most of the winter and should be back in operations by late spring.

Public works installed a new culvert on Harrison Lake Road in a trouble area that holds water each spring.

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

Recommendation:

That the memo from Public Works Supervisor F.Schmeltz be received; and further that Council declare the Beaver dam located at 1382 Nipissing Road South, a Nuisance beaver dam.

Purpose/Background:

Public works was told by the property owners’ representative that we were not allowed to pull the dam located on the property located at 1382 Nipissing Road South. The representative explained they would be trapping this dam, as it was well off our right of way.

Water levels have risen to a height of concern for the bridge located 30 meters up stream of the dam. Public works feels water levels should be lowered to allow proper flow and ice to travel down stream if required in the coming winter season.


Public works has made phone contact with the owners’ trapper and explained that the levels needed to be lowered. The trapper has failed to lower the levels after 5 weeks.

Public works would ask council to allow our staff to lower the water levels for the next 2 months until lakes and rivers have frozen and disrupted beaver activity.







	<h2>CAO Report</h2>
To:	Ryerson Township Council
From:	CAO/Treasurer Brayden Robinson
Date of Meeting:	November 26, 2024
Report Title:	10-Year Capital Budget
Report Date:	November 20, 2024

Recommendation

Received for information purposes.

Background

At the last regular meeting, there was a discussion regarding the need for a 10-year capital forecast to reflect all upcoming major projects in the Township. At that time, it was stated that, as part of the ongoing Asset Management Plan work, this document was in progress.

Please find enclosed a first-draft 10-Year Capital Budget. Note that this is one component of the larger Asset Management document; however, there are capital planning decisions to be made which flow through the remainder of the plan, and for which Council input is required.

Council will note that there is an attempt to space the more significant capital projects out over the next few years, with other, more minor projects allocated to absorb all remaining funding. For example, the following major projects are projected:

- 2025: Peggs Mountain Road remediation and landfill compactor repairs.
- 2026: remainder of Peggs Mountain Road work and the new fire hall.
- 2027: Midlothian Road resurfacing and replacement of the Nipissing Bridge.
- 2028: construction of the new library and replacement of the 2013 Western Star.

Note, too, that several of these projects are subject to the availability of external funding, and their exact timing may differ accordingly.

The specific costing and timing of projects will appear different in the final version of the Asset Management Plan. However, at this time, Council input is required regarding if the illustrated project prioritization is in line with Council expectations, or if other projects should be put forward over the planning period.

Appendix B

List of Projects - 2024 to 2033

Asset ID	Asset Name	Location	Description of Work	Road Length	NBV	Condition	Replace Date	Replace Cost	SAI	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033
ROADS																			
220a	Bartlett Lake Road - Surface (6.5 - 2.7)			3.8	\$ 20,375	GOOD	2028	\$ 59,085	\$ 5,909					\$ 63,956					
220c	Bartlett Lake Road - Surface (2.7 km)			2.7	\$ 13,762	GOOD	2028	\$ 41,982	\$ 4,198					\$ 45,442					
200	Branch Lane - Surface (0.6 km)			0.6	\$ -	FAIR	2013	\$ 7,461	\$ 746	\$ 7,461									
80	Church Road - Surface (0.2 km)			0.2	\$ -	FAIR	2013	\$ 2,487	\$ 249		\$ 2,537								
75	Dairy Lane - Surface (0.7 km)			0.7	\$ 1,662	FAIR	2025	\$ 8,705	\$ 870		\$ 8,879								
60	East Road - Surface (1.6 km)			1.6	\$ 23,493	VERY GOOD	2032	\$ 24,878	\$ 2,488									\$ 29,149	
215	Evan's Lane - Surface (0.2 km)			0.2	\$ -	FAIR	2013	\$ 2,487	\$ 249	\$ 2,487									
185	Harrison Lake Road - Surface (2.4 km)			2.4	\$ -	VERY POOR	2031	\$ 29,845	\$ 2,985									\$ 34,283	
190	Harrison Lake Road - Surface (4.2 km)			4.2	\$ -	VERY POOR	2031	\$ 52,230	\$ 5,223									\$ 59,995	
70	1/2 Hill & Gully Road - Surface (3.9 km)			3.9	\$ 10,524	POOR	2025	\$ 60,640	\$ 6,064		\$ 61,853								
130c	James Camp Road - Surface (1.3 km)			1.3	\$ -	FAIR	2022	\$ 24,261	\$ 2,426		\$ 24,746								
130d	James Camp Resurf (1.4 km) Stisted twds Peggs			1.4	\$ 8,837	FAIR	2026	\$ 26,127	\$ 2,613			\$ 27,182							
130e	James Camp Road Resurface (0.9km)			0	\$ -	GOOD	2018	\$ -	\$ -										
130f	James Camp Road West- Surface (3.9 km)			3.9	\$ 53,276	VERY GOOD	2031	\$ 72,782	\$ 7,278									\$ 83,603	
105	Jeffery Road - Surface (1.8 km)			1.8	\$ 14,294	VERY GOOD	2030	\$ 27,988	\$ 2,799									\$ 31,519	
110	Lakeview Drive East Surface (1.7 km)			1.7	\$ 8,338	VERY GOOD	2030	\$ 26,433	\$ 2,643									\$ 29,768	
112	Lakeview Drive East Surface (.6 km)- Holiday Point			0.6	\$ 5,974	VERY GOOD	2030	\$ 9,329	\$ 933									\$ 10,506	
102	Lakeview Drive West- Surface (1.3 km)			1.3	\$ 6,774	VERY GOOD	2030	\$ 20,213	\$ 2,021									\$ 22,764	
160	Madill Road (year-round) - Surface (.8 km)			0.8	\$ 1,877	FAIR	2024	\$ 12,439	\$ 1,244	\$ 12,439									
165	Madill Road (seasonal) - Surface (1.3 km)			1.3	\$ -	FAIR	2013	\$ 16,166	\$ 1,617	\$ 0									
10	Midlothian Road - Surface (3.5 - 2.3 km to paved in 2021 km)			1.2	\$ 16,512	GOOD	2028	\$ 24,048	\$ 2,405					\$ 26,030					
240	Midlothian Road - Surface (2.6 km)			2.6	\$ -	VERY GOOD	2033	\$ 52,104	\$ 5,210										\$ 62,269
240-1	Midlothian Road - Surface (2.8 km)			2.8	\$ 82,240	VERY GOOD	2032	\$ 56,112	\$ 5,611									\$ 65,744	
195	Old Rainy Lake Road - Surface (0.8 km)			0.8	\$ -	FAIR	2028	\$ 9,948	\$ 995					\$ 10,769					
170	Parry Lane - Surface (0.1 km)			0.1	\$ 246	POOR	2024	\$ 1,244	\$ 124	\$ 1,244									
120	Pegg's Mountain Road - Surface (0.1 km)			0.1	\$ 18,186	VERY GOOD	2032	\$ 1,555	\$ 155	\$ 1,555									
115	Pete's Hill Road - Surface (1.4 km)			1.4	\$ 15,827	VERY GOOD	2032	\$ 21,768	\$ 2,177									\$ 25,505	
205	Quiet Lane - Surface (0.4 km)			0.4	\$ -	FAIR	2028	\$ 4,974	\$ 497					\$ 5,384					
145	1/2 Richardson's Road - Surface (1.0 km)			1	\$ -	POOR	2018	\$ 12,436	\$ 1,244		\$ 12,684								
35	1/2 of Roskopf Road - Surface (1.8 km)			1.8	\$ 4,583	POOR	2027	\$ 30,054	\$ 3,005				\$ 31,894						
180a	Royston Road - Surface (2.32 km)			2.32	\$ -	FAIR	2013	\$ 46,493	\$ 4,649		\$ 47,423								
180b	Royston Road - Surface (.28 km)			0.28	\$ 245	FAIR	2023	\$ 5,611	\$ 561		\$ 5,723								
180c	Royston Road-surface 2.8 west of Stisted to Starratt (3.3 km)			3.3	\$ -	FAIR	2021	\$ 66,132	\$ 6,613	\$ 75,750									
180d	Royston Road- 2.0 km West of Stisted for 0.8 k (0.8 km)			0.8	\$ 5,081	POOR	2026	\$ 16,032	\$ 1,603			\$ 16,680							
180e	Royston Road-Stisted West for 2.0 k (2.0 km)			2	\$ -	VERY GOOD	2033	\$ 40,080	\$ 4,008										\$ 47,899
180f	Royston Road -surface peggs mtn rd - Stisted (2.1-1.4 km)			0.7	\$ 1,695	FAIR	2025	\$ 9,348	\$ 935		\$ 9,535								
180g	Royston Road -surface peggs mtn rd due west (1.4 km)			1.4	\$ 26,432	VERY GOOD	2030	\$ 18,695	\$ 1,870										
50	Sandwood Drive - Surface (2.5 km)			2.5	\$ 10,280	FAIR	2029	\$ 38,872	\$ 3,887						\$ 42,918				
40	Scott Drive - Surface (0.5 km)			0.5	\$ -	VERY POOR	2013	\$ 6,218	\$ 622		\$ 6,342								
30	Sieber Road - Surface (1.1 km)			1.1	\$ 17,920	POOR	2027	\$ 17,104	\$ 1,710				\$ 18,151						
95	1/2 South Horn Lake Road - Surface (1.1 km)			1.1	\$ 9,851	GOOD	2027	\$ 22,044	\$ 2,204				\$ 23,393						
90	1/2 South Horn Lake Road - Surface (2.3 km)			2.3	\$ 20,394	FAIR	2027	\$ 46,092	\$ 4,609				\$ 48,913						
20	Spring Hill Road - Surface (2.2 km)			2.2	\$ 9,954	POOR	2027	\$ 34,207	\$ 3,421				\$ 36,301						
210	Spur Lane - Surface (0.3 km)			0.3	\$ -	FAIR	2028	\$ 3,731	\$ 373					\$ 4,038					
45	Starratt Road N - Surface (4.3 km)			4.3	\$ 17,682	GOOD	2029	\$ 86,172	\$ 8,617						\$ 95,141				
225	Starratt Road S - Surface (4.2-.5-1.4 km)			2.3	\$ -	FAIR	2013	\$ 38,403	\$ 3,840	\$ 39,171									
235a	Starratt Road S - Surface (1.4 km from Midlothian south)			1.4	\$ 7,670	VERY GOOD	2030	\$ 28,056	\$ 2,806	\$ 68,407									
235b	Starratt Road S - Surface (1 km- hot spots)			1	\$ -	FAIR	2022	\$ 20,040	\$ 2,004	\$ 20,441									
235c	Starratt Road S - Surface (.5 km)			0.5	\$ 988	FAIR	2024	\$ 10,020	\$ 1,002	\$ 10,220									
150a	Stisted Road - Surface (300 m)			0.3	\$ -	FAIR	2022	\$ 5,599	\$ 560	\$ 5,711									
150b	Stisted Road - resurfaced (2 km) JC to Richardson			2	\$ 12,754	FAIR	2026	\$ 40,080	\$ 4,008			\$ 41,699							

FE1	SCBA System			\$ 47,809	VERY GOOD	2042	\$ 50,326	\$ 2,516										
LE1	CAT Compactor				POOR	2031	\$ 285,000	\$ 14,250		\$ 183,600							\$327,375	
LE2	Forklift				FAIR	2025	\$ 15,600	\$ 780		\$ 15,912								
LE3	Skid Steer				FAIR	2030	\$ 49,500	\$ 2,475							\$ 55,745			
LE4	Stationary Compactor				GOOD	2029	\$ 9,600	\$ 480					\$ 10,599					
LE5	Balers				POOR	2028	\$ 28,000	\$ 1,400				\$ 30,308						
AE1	Zamboni				POOR	2029	\$ 48,333	\$ 3,222					\$ 53,364					
AE2	Arena Ice Surfacing System				FAIR		\$ 138,333	\$ 9,222	\$ 0	\$ 27,333	\$ 43,333	\$ 33,333					\$ 6,833	
	SUBTOTAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT			\$ 891,237			\$ 728,567	\$ 41,294	\$ 7,855	\$ 243,369	\$ 64,811	\$ 40,317	\$ 30,308	\$110,941	\$ 55,745	\$345,746	\$ -	\$ -
	OTHER ASSETS																	
GL11	Ryerson Sign/Flowerbed	Municipal Office		\$ 2,526	GOOD	2034	\$ 5,536	\$ 277										
RL11	Parking Lot	Municipal Office		\$ 3,457	GOOD	2035	\$ 6,896	\$ 345										
RLI2	RAP Pad	Municipal Office & Garage		\$ 76,234	GOOD	2038	\$ 107,760	\$ 5,388										
CLI1	Royston Cemetery Fencing			\$ 2,122	FAIR	2033	\$ 5,194	\$ 260										\$ 6,207
PLI1	Rockwynn Docks			\$ -	VERY POOR	2018	\$ 35,283	\$ 1,764	\$ 35,988									
PLI2	Rockwynn Landing Work			\$ 2,065	FAIR	2030	\$ 7,456	\$ 373							\$ 8,397			
PLI3	Bartlett Lake Boat Ramp			\$ 1,679	FAIR	2030	\$ 5,969	\$ 298							\$ 6,722			
LI1	Landfill Mining										\$ 60,000							\$ 75,000
	Miscellaneous Office computer hardware and software								\$ 9,100	\$ 9,700	\$ 7,750	\$ 10,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 7,500	\$ 5,000	
	SUBTOTAL OTHER ASSETS			\$ 280,613			\$ 174,093	\$ 8,705	\$ -	\$ 45,088	\$ 69,700	\$ 7,750	\$ 10,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 20,119	\$ 5,000	\$ 82,500	\$ 11,207
	TOTAL			\$9,004,110					\$723,246	\$ 960,429	\$1,334,927	\$1,787,326	\$1,154,970	\$719,178	\$495,463	\$528,628	\$505,056	\$645,889

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

BY-LAW # __-24

BEING A BY-LAW TO RENEW THE AGREEMENT FOR THE SERVICES OF BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

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 By-Law Enforcement Officer;

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 Municipal Corporation of the Township of Armour and the Township of Ryerson entered into by the Municipality.
2. That the Mayor and the Clerk be authorized to execute all documentation necessary to fulfil the Agreement.
3. That the Agreement entered into between The Municipal Corporation of the Township of Armour and the Township of Ryerson is hereby ratified and confirmed, when signed by all parties.

Read in its entirety, approved, signed, and the seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in open Council this 26th day of November, 2024.

MAYOR

CLERK

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SERVICE AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

AND

THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

WHEREAS the Township of Armour has hired By-Law Enforcement Officers to provide services as described in the job descriptions attached as Schedule "A" to this by-law;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Armour agrees to share the services of its By-Law Enforcement Officers with the Township of Ryerson;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Armour and the Township of Ryerson agree that the By-Law Enforcement Officers shall be employees of the Township of Armour;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Ryerson agrees to pay the Township of Armour for the costs involved in retaining the services of By-Law Enforcement Officers, as per the terms of this agreement;

NOW THEREFORE the Township of Armour and the Township of Ryerson agree as follows:

1. THAT the Township of Ryerson shall use the By-Law Enforcement Officers for 7 hours per week during the term of this agreement. Every effort shall be made to ensure the availability of the By-Law Enforcement Officers, but it is recognized that the hours must remain flexible and that some hours may be required during weekends. The By-Law Enforcement Officers shall not perform any contract work which may place him/her in conflict.
2. THAT the Township of Ryerson shall pay the Township of Armour the current average rate at which the Township of Armour is remunerating their By-Law Enforcement Officers for each hour worked for their municipality, plus a 40% premium to cover the cost of benefits and vacation time, plus HST.
3. THAT the Township of Ryerson shall pay for any mileage incurred by the By-Law Enforcement Officers while working for their municipality, at a rate listed in Schedule B of this agreement. Mileage billed shall be based on the daily log of the By-Law Enforcement Officers. Mileage shall be applicable from the By-Law Enforcement Officer's departure from the Township of Armour's municipal office at 56 Ontario Street, Burk's Falls, Ontario.
4. THAT the Township of Ryerson agrees to share any other costs which may be generated by the By-Law Enforcement Officer positions on the same percentage basis as the number of hours the By-Law Enforcement Officers do for the Township of Ryerson.
5. THAT the Township of Armour shall invoice the Township of Ryerson a minimum of 7 hours per week on a monthly basis for the period completed.
6. THAT the Township of Ryerson agrees to provide whatever administrative assistance is required in their respective office and will be responsible to provide office supplies required by the By-Law Enforcement Officers while working on their behalf.
7. THAT in the event of prosecution by or against a By-Law Enforcement Officer in the territorial jurisdiction of the each of the parties, each party shall be responsible for any costs arising from such legal proceedings, as well as legal representation of their own choosing.
8. THAT the Township of Ryerson agrees to maintain an insurance policy to and covering the By-Law Enforcement Officer 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 Armour.

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- 9. THAT the Township of Ryerson agrees on behalf of themselves, their successors and assigns, to indemnify and save harmless the Township of Armour, 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 Clerk of the Township of Armour. If the decision of the Clerk is not satisfactory to one of the parties, the matter can be referred to the Council of the Township of Armour.
- 11. THAT this agreement shall be in place from January 1st, 2025 to December 31st, 2025. 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 MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR HAS HEREUNTO AFFIXED ITS CORPORATE SEAL ATTESTED BY THE HAND OF ITS PROPER SIGNING OFFICERS.

Dated at the Township of Armour

MAYOR

this ____ day of _____, 2024

CLERK

IN WITNESS THEREOF 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 26 day of November, 2024

CLERK

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POSITION DESCRIPTION
**SENIOR BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT
OFFICER**
October 2023

REPORTS TO:

Clerk

POSITION PURPOSE:

The Senior By-Law Enforcement Officer is responsible for enforcing municipal by-laws and providing public information to ensure the protection of residents, property and employees. Coordinates staff and acts as a catalyst to achieve goals on a daily basis. This position shall be based on a flexible schedule and the incumbent shall work within the total hours allocated within a month.

MAJOR DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. To provide a variety of inspection, advisory and enforcement services pertaining to legislation and to the by-laws of the municipality.
2. Designated as the Provincial Offences Officer under legislation for legal action on by-laws.
3. Respond to complaints regarding alleged violations, conducts investigations into allegations, urging self-compliance where possible through persuasive discussion and written correspondence to violators.
4. Provides information on by-laws and enforcement conditions.
5. Enforces by-laws through court action when necessary, including preparation of a proper crown brief, notification of witnesses and the issuance of a subpoena to ensure their presence in court.
6. Be prepared to do weekend or evening patrol to observe, make notes and be prepared to charge and give testimony in Provincial Offences Court.
7. Responsible for animal control in the municipality and to pick up dogs without tags and transport them to an animal shelter designated by the municipality.
8. Must have a system in place to receive complaints 24 hours a day as complaints shall be forwarded directly to the By-Law Enforcement Officer.
9. Communicates with all By-law Enforcement staff to ensure fair and equitable sharing of tasks and responsibilities and promote by-law enforcement efficiency.
10. Acts as point of contact in the Clerk's absence.
11. Performs such other related duties as may reasonably be required by the Clerk.
12. Attends Council meetings as required.

EDUCATION / EXPERIENCE / SKILLS:

1. Requires post-secondary plus completion of By-law course. Equivalent to High School plus one year.
2. Successful completion of By-Law Compliance Enforcement and Investigative Skills Level 1 or equivalent.

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3. Minimum 4 years related experience or field investigative experience.
4. Must have excellent verbal and written communication skills and ability to relate to elected officials, peers, and the public in a professional manner.
5. Must have a good understanding of regulatory by-laws legislation and rules.
6. Must have a good knowledge of investigation, note taking and evidence gathering techniques.
7. Must have a good knowledge of court processes and procedures and emergency response techniques.
8. Must have a valid G driver's license and access to a vehicle.

Independence of Action

This position requires the application of established guidelines, methods or procedures and includes a choice of methods.

Mental Effort

Variety of duties with frequent interruptions. Mental, visual and/or aural concentration required when, investigating, making notes or going to court.

Physical Effort

Work may involve physically draining and exhausting activities which may include providing assistance in emergency response situations and be involved in physically dangerous and confrontational situations.

Dexterity

The coordination of fine motor skills is required when operating office equipment, vehicles, taking notes, writing reports, etc.

Accountability

Actions could result in a significant loss of time or resources and could affect the work of others.

Safety of Others

Some degree of care is required when in charge of by-law enforcement.

Supervision

This position requires the incumbent to periodically assume some supervisory responsibilities over others.

Contacts

Has frequent contacts for investigations, discussions, often of a sensitive and confidential nature and needs to be able to influence and persuade a person or persons to co-operate and follow the legislation.

Working Conditions

Work is performed mostly outside with the unavoidable externally imposed conditions. Work involves dealing with difficult individuals and includes exposure to physically dangerous and confrontational situations.

The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by the incumbent(s) of this job. They are not intended to be an exhaustive list of all responsibilities and activities required of the position.

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POSITION DESCRIPTION
BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
October 2018

REPORTS TO:

Clerk

POSITION PURPOSE:

The By-Law Enforcement Officer is responsible for enforcing municipal by-laws and providing public information to ensure the protection of residents, property and employees. This position shall be based on a flexible schedule and the incumbent shall work within the total hours allocated within a month.

MAJOR DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. To provide a variety of inspection, advisory and enforcement services pertaining to legislation and to the by-laws of the municipality.
2. Designated as the Provincial Offences Officer under legislation for legal action on by-laws.
3. Respond to complaints regarding alleged violations, conducts investigations into allegations, urging self-compliance where possible through persuasive discussion and written correspondence to violators.
4. Provides information on by-laws and enforcement conditions.
5. Enforces by-laws through court action when necessary, including preparation of a proper crown brief, notification of witnesses and the issuance of a subpoena to ensure their presence in court.
6. Be prepared to do weekend or evening patrol to observe, make notes and be prepared to charge and give testimony in Provincial Offences Court.
7. Responsible for animal control in the municipality and to pick up dogs without tags and transport them to an animal shelter designated by the municipality.
8. Must have a system in place to receive complaints 24 hours a day as complaints shall be forwarded directly to the By-Law Enforcement Officer.
9. Performs such other related duties as may reasonably be required by the Treasurer/Deputy-Clerk.
10. Attends Council meetings as required.

EDUCATION / EXPERIENCE / SKILLS:

1. Requires post-secondary plus completion of By-law course. Equivalent to High School plus one year.
2. Successful completion of By-Law Compliance Enforcement and Investigative Skills Level 1 or equivalent.
3. Minimum 4 years related experience or field investigative experience.
4. Must have excellent verbal and written communication skills and ability to relate to elected officials, peers, and the public in a professional manner.
5. Must have a good understanding of regulatory by-laws legislation and rules.
6. Must have a good knowledge of investigation, note taking and evidence gathering techniques.

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7. Must have a good knowledge of court processes and procedures and emergency response techniques.
8. Must have a valid G driver's license and access to a vehicle.

Independence of Action

This position requires the application of established guidelines, methods or procedures and includes a choice of methods.

Mental Effort

Variety of duties with frequent interruptions. Mental, visual and/or aural concentration required when, investigating, making notes or going to court.

Physical Effort

Work may involve physically draining and exhausting activities which may include providing assistance in emergency response situations and be involved in physically dangerous and confrontational situations.

Dexterity

The coordination of fine motor skills is required when operating office equipment, vehicles, taking notes, writing reports, etc.

Accountability

Actions could result in a minor loss of time or resources and could affect the work of others.

Safety of Others

A requirement of the position is to ensure the safety of residents, peers and employees.

Supervision

Supervisory responsibility is not normally part of the job requirement but there may be a requirement to show others how to perform tasks or duties.

Contacts

Has frequent contacts for investigations, discussions, often of a sensitive and confidential nature and needs to be able to influence and persuade a person or persons to co-operate and follow the legislation.

Working Conditions

Work is performed mostly outside with the unavoidable externally imposed conditions. Work involves dealing with difficult individuals and includes exposure to physically dangerous and confrontational situations.

The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by the incumbent(s) of this job. They are not intended to be an exhaustive list of all responsibilities and activities required of the position.

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MILEAGE RATE POLICY

The rate of reimbursement of mileage expenses shall be as follows:

1. The base rate for reimbursement of mileage, as of the date of approval of this policy, shall be \$0.54 per kilometre and shall be for the price of gasoline ranging from \$0.00 to \$1.39 per litre.
2. For the purpose of this policy, the price of gasoline per litre shall be the rate at the Shell Station located in Burk`s Falls, and shall be used on the first day of each and every month.
3. Increases from the \$0.54 base rate shall be based on a \$0.02 increase in the rate per kilometre for each \$0.10 increments that gasoline prices increase, as per the schedule below. The minimum rate shall not be below the rate of \$0.54 per kilometre unless approved by resolution by Council.

Examples:

PRICE OF GASOLINE PER LITRE	RATE PER KILOMETRE
From \$0.00 to \$1.39	\$0.54
From \$1.40 to \$1.49	\$0.56
From \$1.50 to \$1.59	\$0.58
From \$1.60 to \$1.69	\$0.60
From \$1.70 to \$1.79	\$0.62
From \$1.80 to \$1.89	\$0.64
From \$1.90 to \$1.99	\$0.66
From \$2.00 to \$2.09	\$0.68
From \$2.10 to \$2.19	\$0.70
From \$2.20 to \$2.29	\$0.72
From \$2.30 to \$2.39	\$0.74
From \$2.40 to \$2.49	\$0.76
From \$2.50 to \$2.59	\$0.78
From \$2.60 to \$2.69	\$0.80
From \$2.70 to \$2.79	\$0.82
From \$2.80 to \$2.89	\$0.84
From \$2.90 to \$2.99	\$0.86
From \$3.00 to \$3.09	\$0.88



Councilor Report

To: Ryerson Township Council

From: Councillor Patterson

Date of report: November 8, 2024

Topic: AHHC

Report Presented: November 26, 2024

Importance to the Township of Ryerson:

MACH update

-Cheryl Harrison confirmed that all parties are supporting the latest proposal for the new hospital/2site. They are hoping to complete the next stage submission within the first couple of weeks in November 2024. Once this stage is approved the project becomes a ministry project with less local involvement.

-The Local Share committee will begin to meet in the new year

-The MRI is arriving in April should be up and running by summer 2025

AHFHT update

-another nurse practitioner has started at the clinic and it is hoped that this will reduce the numbers on the wait list by as much as 500.

-there numerous FHT contracts with the government throughout Ontario. Each one is negotiated separately and includes different conditions and wages. We will be bringing forward a resolution in regard to supporting equitable wages. Once this comes out, Ryerson council may want to discuss a strongly worded resolution in support of the AHHC resolution asking the Povincial Government to treat all FHT with fairness and equality.

Burk's Falls Health Center update

-this was a similar presentation to the one at Tri-council. Many questions were asked to Mayor Hope regarding the age and condition of the building. It appears that the estimates for upgrades will bring the building up to date but may not prepare it for the future. Also, in their estimate they have items that are not structural in nature- ie. New board organization. We need to discuss- will this building allow us to focus on the future advancements in the delivery of health care? What do we gain by having ownership in this building? Can we continue with the present structure?

Potential New Health and Wellness Centre update

-a new build with current technological capabilities (and infrastructure for the future) will attract younger health care workers

-if this progresses, we need to discuss

1. What are the financial expectations of local councils?
2. How do we make sure rate payers don't end up paying for unused space?
3. In the end- who is responsible for any financial shortfalls?
4. Are there any plans to put housing above the commercial space below?



WASTE MANAGEMENT REPORT – November 12, 2024

ONGOING BUSINESS

- Waiting for logistics information from Circular Materials.
- Waiting for information on fill rate from Drone Pilot. Computer glitch holding him up.
- Contractor Authorization Form for disposal on behalf of property owner, ready for 2025.
- Short Term Rentals – considered using a renter’s package, much like Perry Township, however, concerned that owners may purchase and provide to renters outside of our permitted area. Not really any different than the blue temp cards we issue today.



Contractor Authorization for Landfill Disposal

Property Owner Name: _____
(Please Print)

Address of Property: _____
(where work is taking place)

Phone No.: _____

Contractor Name: _____
(Please Print)

Contractor Phone No.: _____

Project Start Date: _____

Project Completion Date: _____

Building Permit No. (if applicable): _____

The registered Owner of the above-noted property hereby authorizes the Contractor of record to dispose of pre-sorted building material waste resulting from the building / renovation at their property, at the TRI Communal Landfill located at 141 Chetwynd Road. All parties understand that tipping fees will be applied for each load in accordance with the Fees and Charges Bylaw, and that said fees are payable at the time of each visit. This authorization applies only to materials from this project, and only for the duration of the project. An extension of the project completion date will require Owner verification. Administration staff may contact the property owner, at any time, to validate all information provided.

The Contractor **must** produce this signed document at each visit.

Property Owner Name: _____
(Signature)

Contractor Name: _____
(Signature)

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
March 2024	1,196	173	212	738	20	2,339
April 2024	1,331	150	145	855	27	2,508
May 2024	1,583	210	242	978	21	3,034
June 2024	1,616	271	246	1,092	66	3,291
July 2024	2,497	523	288	1,296	117	4,721
August 2024	2,427	813	248	1,563	175	5,226
September 2024	1,624	583	273	938	137	3,555
October 2024	1,278	601	289	857	128	3,253
TOTAL 2024	19,209		2,166	9,635		31,750
2024 % OF TOTAL	60.501%		6.822%	32.677%		100%
January 2023	956	178	130	631	34	1,929
February 2023	960	155	95	578	10	1,798
March 2023	1,185	116	100	681	17	2,099
April 2023	1,395	150	190	922	23	2,680
May 2023	1,541	163	140	864	0	2,708
June 2023	1,707	294	100	1,082	20	3,203
July 2023	2,589	486	246	1,277	128	4,726
August 2023	2,218	795	150	1,392	279	4,834
September 2023	1,344	594	228	821	108	3,095
October 2023	1,284	491	129	856	86	2,846
TOTAL 2023	18,601		1,508	9,809		29,918
2023 % OF TOTAL	62.173%		5.040%	32.786%		100%
January 2022	1,189	172	124	679	37	2,201
February 2022	983	78	180	569	6	1,816
March 2022	1,262	141	159	716	4	2,282
April 2022	1,353	117	146	789	1	2,406
May 2022	1,654	164	164	978	8	2,968
June 2022	1,912	243	151	1,152	15	3,473
July 2022	2,423	446	159	1,332	39	4,399
August 2022	2,068	565	116	1,241	53	4,043
September 2022	1,480	518	107	1,054	94	3,253
October 2022	1,480	525	140	844	104	3,093
TOTAL 2022	18,773		1,446	9,715		29,934
2022 % OF TOTAL	62.715%		4.831%	32.455%		100%



November 4, 2024

SENT ELECTRONICALLY

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Room 281
Queens Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

The Honourable Sylvia Jones
Minister of Health / Deputy Premier
777 Bay Street, College Park, 5th Floor
Toronto, Ontario M7A 2J3

Dr. Kieran Moore
Chief Medical Officer of Health and Assistant Deputy Minister
College Park, 5th Flr, 777 Bay St.
Toronto, Ontario M7A 2J3

Dear Premier Ford, Minister Jones, and Dr. Moore:

RE: Recommendation for Provincial Oral Health Strategy, Including Evaluation of Current Funding Model.

On behalf of the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (Health Unit), please accept this correspondence recommending the development of a provincial oral health strategy that includes a remuneration model for dentists designed to promote equitable access to basic preventive and treatment services (whether delivered privately or in concert with public organizations); and an evaluation of the current funding model for oral health services to inform the aforementioned provincial oral health strategy.

Individuals who receive dental care are less likely to have chronic diseases, such as diabetes and heart disease and good oral health is an essential component of overall health status. Equity-seeking populations tend to have complex dental, social and logistical needs, requiring more intensive clinical and administrative resources. Access to publicly funded dental care varies by jurisdiction, whereby access is positively related to the number of providers accepting individuals with these benefits. It is increasingly common within the Nipissing and Parry Sound districts to have no dental providers accepting clients in receipt of publicly funded dental benefits. One reason for this is the provincial reimbursement model for publicly funded dental programs. A 2019 report from the Canadian Centre for Health Economics indicates that the benefits schedule provided by Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) represents 30 cents on the dollar for a dental practice. For Ontario Works (OW), dental benefits are noted as a 'discretionary health benefit', that is administered at the municipal level by OW administrators. Both ODSP and OW dental reimbursement fees are generally lower than the suggested fees from the Ontario Dental Association. This discrepancy in reimbursement between public and private insurance providers creates a compounded inequity for individuals and families attempting to access basic preventive and treatment services.

Our Health Unit provides the publicly funded Healthy Smiles Ontario (HSO) and the Ontario Seniors Dental Care

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Programs (OSDCP), as well as a Low-income Adult Dental Program (based on local need). These programs are busy with high demand; however, we struggle to recruit and retain dentists as the compensation packages offered in local public health are not competitive with those of private practice. Our district does not have other publicly funded or subsidized dental clinics: we are often the only option. The reimbursement model for publicly funded dental services coupled with the disparity in dentist compensation between public and private sectors, creates a structural inequity for all individuals in receipt of publicly funded dental benefits.

At its meeting on September 25, 2025, the Board of Health carried the following resolution #BOH/2024/09/04:

Whereas, due to the higher earnings potential in private practice, the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (Health Unit) faces difficulties in recruiting dentists, as the compensation packages offered in public health are less competitive than those in private practice; and

Whereas, the demand for basic dental services in the district is very high. Despite its relatively small size, the Health Unit offers one of the larger Oral Health programs among health units in Ontario. This includes the highly-utilized Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program (provincially mandated) and provision of a Low-Income Adult Dental Program (not mandated but based on local need) contributing to the large size of the Oral Health Program in addition to the Healthy Smiles Ontario program (mandated for low-income children and youth); and

Whereas, it is not yet known how or if the Federal dental program will impact the need and level of service in local communities; and

Whereas, equity-seeking populations tend to have complex dental, social and logistical needs, which require more intensive clinical and administrative resources. These challenges drive up the cost of oral care provision, dissuading private practitioners from accepting equity-seeking clients; and

Whereas, there is no central coordination of dental services across the province to ensure that the oral health workforce matches need, and that remuneration models and rates encourage equitable access to basic care across Ontario; and

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the North Bay Parry Sound District Board of Health (Board of Health) recommends that the Ministry of Health develop a provincial oral health strategy that includes a remuneration model for dentists designed to promote equitable access to basic preventive and treatment dental services throughout the province (whether delivered privately or in concert with public organizations); and

Furthermore, Be It Resolved, that the Board of Health recommends that the Ministry of Health undertake an evaluation of the current funding model for Oral Health services to inform the above-recommended provincial oral health strategy; and,

Furthermore, Be It Resolved, that the Board of Health provide correspondence of these resolutions to the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier), the Honourable Sylvia Jones (Ontario Minister of Health), Dr. Kieran Moore (Chief Medical Officer of Health), Victor Fedeli, MPP (Nipissing), Graydon Smith, MPP (Parry Sound-Muskoka), John Vanthof, MPP (Timiskaming-Cochrane), Michael Sherar (President and CEO of Public Health Ontario), Ontario Boards of Health and **the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA), Association of Municipalities of**



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Ontario, The District of Parry Sound Municipal Association, and member municipalities.

Sincerely,



Rick Champagne (Nov 7, 2024 13:42 EST)

Rick Champagne
Chairperson, Board of Health

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Dr. Zimbalatti (Nov 4, 2024 11:05 EST)

Carol Zimbalatti, M.D., CCFP, MPH
Medical Officer of Health/Executive Officer

Copy to:

Vic Fedeli, MPP, Nipissing
Graydon Smith, MPP, Muskoka-Parry Sound
John Vanthof, MPP, Timiskaming-Cochrane
Michael Sherar (President and CEO of Public Health Ontario)
Boards of Health of Ontario
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
The District of Parry Sound Municipal Association
Health Unit Member Municipalities



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Minutes: November 7th, 2024, 10:00 am via Zoom and at the Township of Perry Municipal Office

Present: Rod Ward (Chair), Delynne Patterson, Margaret Ann MacPhail, Vicky Roeder-Martin (Vice- Chair), Sean Cotton, Brad Kneller, Norm Hofstetter, Jim Ronholm, Tara Schaack (Secretary)

Regrets: Cheryl Philip, Tom Bryson, Luke Preston

Guest: Chris Hope, Denis Duguay, Rebecca Paul, Cheryl Harrison, John Theriault, Sandy Zurbrigg

Called to order at 10:00 am by Chair R. Ward

1. 2024-30 Moved by B. Kneller - Seconded by D. Patterson
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council adopt the minutes from the regular meeting of October 7th, 2024, as circulated. Carried.
2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY OF INTEREST:** None
3. **DELEGATIONS:** None
4. **RESOLUTIONS PASSED:**
2024-31 Moved by V. Roeder-Martin - Seconded by N. Hofstetter
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council hereby recognizes Sandy Zurbrigg from the Muskoka and Area Ontario Health Team Patient Family Caregiver committee as a non-voting member. Carried.

2024-32 Moved by V. Roeder-Martin – Seconded by B. Kneller
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council hereby accepts Ashley Soundy from Armour Township as the AHHC administrator effective immediately. Carried
5. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**
 - a) **MAHC Redevelopment – Current Status and Upcoming Steps**
C. Harrison shared with the Council that the latest submission has been supported by all three parties involved. The submission to Ontario Health and the Ministry of Health is expected to be filed in early November. Once this stage is complete this becomes the ministry's project. Other items noted to the Council were MAOHT is working on a strategic plan that will cover the next 5-10 years, and the MRI machine is arriving in April with a start up as early as spring or summer.

- b) **Announcement of Dr. Jane Philpott as Chair of New Primary Care Action Team**
The Council made an announcement for a congratulations to Dr. Jane Philpott as the Chair of New Primary Care Action Team.
- c) **Consideration for the Health Council Secretary Position**
The Health Council Secretary position was discussed. The Council recognizes the effort of Camille Barr from the Village of Burk's Falls over the past several years as AHHC's administrator. In efforts to balance the workload across participating AHHC members, Armour Township has offered to take over the role with Ashley Soundy (Admin Assistant) moving forward. The Council will re-visit and review at each term. C. Barr will support with this transition.
- d) **Proposed Ownership and Long-Term Funding Model for 150 Huston, Burk's Falls**
Mayor of the Village of Burk's Falls C. Hope spoke to the Council in regard to an ownership model presented by the Village of Burk's Falls where all 10 townships would have ownership of 150 Huston St. If specific municipalities do not want ownership they may opt out. The idea is that there would be a solid base for capital infrastructure improvements as time goes. There were questions answered on what this would look like for each municipality and a report submitted to Council.
- e) **Update Regarding Potential New Health and Wellness Centre**
The Township of Armour has submitted a report to Council on what a potential new build could look like. It includes background, healthcare and local partnerships, services envisioned, current status, and benefits/timing. The Township of Armour will be taking care of the cost of \$17,000 for the conceptual design process which will allow Council to have some concrete feedback and define more exact requirements and determine what real costs are likely to be. This is all noted within the report.
- f) **Progress Report**
No report is available at this time. The report should be available by the next meeting.
- g) **Other Business**
AHFHT updates were provided to the Council. A second nurse practitioner has started this week. They are starting to go through the waitlist over the next 2 weeks and are planning to attach 400-500 patients. Other programs being worked on at this time are Expanded Senior Program, Falls Prevention, Community Connection with Paramedics, Woman's Health Programming, and Hypertension Prevention Program. A new administrator has been hired and is set to start in December. Burk's Falls site is at full staffing capacity, hiring in Sundridge will start soon.

The Council has requested a resolution in regard to supporting equitable wages to be brought to the next meeting by R. Paul.

6. ADJOURNMENT

2024-32 Moved by S. Cotton - Seconded by D. Patterson

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council adjourn at 11:40 am to meet again on December 5th, at 10:00 am at Perry Township. Carried.

The South Almaguin Highlands Regional Fire Services Committee (RFSC)

Meeting Agenda

Thursday, November 21, 2024 7:00 P.M.
Perry Township Council Chambers

1. Call to Order
2. Minutes – August 22, 2024 Meeting {Res}
3. Live Fire Training Unit - Update
4. Recruitment and Retention - Update
5. Shared Equipment – consideration of new RDE
6. Any other business
7. Next meeting – proposed date March 6, 2025
8. Adjourn

**Southeast Almaguin Highlands Regional Fire Services Committee
(RFSC)**

MINUTES

Thursday, August 22, 2024

Perry Township Council Chambers
(Sign-in sheet attached)

1. Call to Order

Mayor Norm Hofstetter opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

2. Minutes

Resolution No. 2024-01

Moved by: Rod Ward

Seconded by: Paul Schaefer

Be it resolved that the Regional Fire Services Committee hereby approves the Thursday, April 11, 2024 Minutes as presented.

Carried

3. Terms of Reference

Resolution No. 2024-02

Moved by: Vicky Roeder-Martin

Seconded by: Joe Readman

Be it resolved that the Regional Fire Services Committee hereby approves the 'draft' Terms of Reference as amended and hereby directs that they be submitted to all 7 Councils' for final approval.

Carried

4. Live Fire Unit Building

The Fire Chiefs, together with the Regional Training Officer, provided details on the Live Fire Unit and noted that the costs have increased on the Live Fire Unit since it was originally discussed. There is a company that can provide a 2-storey building with 2 burn units included inside of it. The total cost of the unit, including the concrete pad, metal stairs and railings is \$170,000.

The 7 Councils had previously supported by resolutions that \$100,000 be invested into the Live Fire Unit, being \$20,000 per fire station, therefore an additional \$70,000 will be required.

The RFSC realizes the importance of having this Live Fire Unit for regular training and the opportunities that it will provide for recruitment and retention within the 5 stations.

It is possible that the Live Fire Unit can be completed in 2024.

It has been suggested that the RFSC apply as a group for the Hydro One Energizing Communities Grant for funding for the Live Fire Unit. Fire Chiefs have applied in past with no success, but as a group it may be successful.

As per previous discussions, the Live Fire Unit will be placed behind the Perry Township Fire Department, therefore Gary Courtice will send the drawings and quote to Perry Township Staff for follow up, with correspondence to be circulated to the other municipalities by Perry Staff.

Perry Public Works will assist in preparation of the site for the unit.

Resolution No. 2024-03

Moved by: Mike Rickward

Seconded by: Dan Robinson

Be it resolved that the Regional Fire Services Committee hereby approve the initial costs of \$100,000 for the live burn unit, based on the previous support of all 7 municipalities.

Carried

Resolution No. 2024-04

Moved by: Rod Ward

Seconded by: Mike Rickward

Be it resolved that the Regional Fire Services Committee hereby recommend that all 7 municipalities consider investing an additional \$70,000 split between 5 fire stations.

Carried

5. Updates on Recruitment and Retention

The Department is gearing up for a January Recruit Class for all 5 stations.

A new brochure has been made that includes all 5 Stations and is being circulated at area events, businesses and through Township circulation to new residents, etc. There is also a QR code on the brochure to simplify access to applications and other important information.

Greater than 70% of the firefighters within the 5 stations are certified.

There was a brief discussion on recruitment specialists or if ACED could play a part in the recruitment process.

Between the 5 stations, over 1,000 calls are managed per year, with each station having approximately 200-250 calls. With the required training and certifications and the number of calls per year each firefighter must attend, it has become more than a 'volunteer' position today compared to 20 years ago.

Kearney Fire Station plans to include recruitment information when doing their door-to-door smoke alarm program this fall. Other stations will also be doing this.

Shared Equipment

The Chair enquired how the existing shared equipment is being maintained or what is in place for future replacement purchases, specifically with the Rapid Deployment Equipment. The Fire Chiefs explained that there is no real life span on this equipment and that it is constantly being maintained and repaired when needed. This was one of the first group purchases and it was suggested by the Chair that the RFSC consider in future bringing forward the purchase of an additional RDE, and using the older one for training only.

The 5 stations share a Rehabilitation Trailer. This trailer is set up on scene for firefighters to get out of the environment in order to rest, hydrate, have their vitals checked, etc. This provides for a safe shelter with chairs, A/C, heating and generator.

The rehabilitation trailer will be at the Drag Races this weekend at the Emsdale Airport should anyone wish to view it.

Other Business

The Chair asked if there was an interest in Fire Hall tours so that the RFSC is familiar with all of the stations. This was welcomed and will be organized in the future.

A warm welcome was given to April Stockfish who is the new Deputy Fire Chief / Fire Prevention Officer in the Township of Perry.

The Fire Chiefs are very pleased with the progress that is being made. They continue to work together as one Fire Department with 5 Stations. If attending scenes, one would not be able to determine which station each firefighter was from.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 21, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Perry Council Chambers.

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Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Dated this 21st day of November, 2024.

Norm Hofstetter, *Chair*

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