

***** AGENDA *****
Tuesday, March 5, 2024
*****START TIME 6:30 p.m.*****

1. Disclosure of pecuniary interest.
2. Committee Reports.
3. Resolution: Adopt the minutes of the meeting held February 20, 2023.
4. Staff Report: Proposed Town Hall Meeting.
5. Staff Report: Investigation Results – Non-Compliant Zoning Uses of Link's Beach.
6. Staff Report: Parking Concerns along Birchgrove Drive.
7. Staff Report: Blue Box Program Transition to Full Producer Responsibility.
8. By-Law: Appoint an Interim Deputy Clerk.
9. Correspondence.
10. Accounts to pay.
11. By-Law: Confirming Proceedings of Council at its meeting held March 5, 2024.
12. Adjournment.

Council meetings will be held in person at 2381 Highway 654, Township of Nipissing Community Centre and virtually utilizing the Zoom platform; and will be livestreamed to the Township of Nipissing YouTube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2XSMZqRNHbwVppelfKcEXw>

MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING
Tuesday, February 20, 2024

A regular meeting of the Township of Nipissing Council was held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 starting at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was held in person at the Township of Nipissing Community Centre, and livestreamed to the Township of Nipissing YouTube Channel.

Present: Mayor Tom Piper and Councillors Tom Butler, Stephen Kirkey, Shelly Foote and Dave Yemm.

Staff: Office Assistant-Intern Kim Turnbull; Fire Chief-MLEO-CEMC Will Bateman and Municipal Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Kris Croskery-Hodgins.

Disclosure of pecuniary interest: None.

Item #4 from the Amended Agenda was moved to the beginning of the meeting. This item was deferred pending legal proceedings.

Committee Reports:

Councillor Tom Butler: Township of Nipissing Cemetery Committee

R2024-039 D. Yemm, S. Foote:

That the minutes of the Council Meeting held February 6, 2024 be adopted as published. **Carried.**

R2024-040 T. Butler, S. Kirkey:

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That this Council does approve "in principle" the Application of Shardell Lamka, to purchase the Shore Road Allowance located in front of Concession 15 PT Lot 13 PCL 7580 N/S, Township of Nipissing.
2. That this resolution is subject to the following conditions:
 - The Council shall select an independent search firm specializing in fishery issues and environmental issues to complete an independent investigation and report to determine the geographic limits where development could occur and to ensure compliance to the Provincial Policy Statement.
 - That the applicant will be responsible for the payment of all the Municipality's administrative, legal accounts and Environmental Impact Study costs in connection with the processing of this application.
 - That in accordance with the Municipality's policy, notice and a copy of the draft plan will be mailed to the adjacent owners. **Carried.**

R2024-041 S. Foote, D. Yemm:

WHEREAS the furnace at Fire Station #1 stopped working and was not able to be repaired;
AND WHEREAS three quotes were obtained prior to the emergency replacement was ordered;
NOW THEREFORE we approve the purchase of a new furnace for Station #1 from Hartfell Heating for a cost of \$4,300.00 plus applicable taxes. **Carried.**

R2024-042 T. Butler, S. Kirkey:

THAT we pass By-Law Number 2024-10, being a By-Law to amend By-Law Number 2022-34, cited as the "Procedural By-Law" to update the public notice guidelines for meetings.

Read a first, second and third time and passed this 20th day of February, 2024. **Carried.**

R2024-043 D. Yemm, S. Foote:

That we pass By-Law 2024-11, being a By-Law to Amend By-Law number 2021-50, to regulate the parking of vehicles within the Corporation of the Township of Nipissing.

Read a first, second and third time and passed this 20th day of February, 2024. **Carried.**

R2024-044 S. Kirkey, T. Butler:

That we pass By-Law Number 2024-12, being a By-Law to Amend By-Law Number 2019-41, cited as the Township of Nipissing Road Status and Maintenance By-Law.

Read a first, second and third time and passed this 20th day of February, 2024. **Carried.**

R2024-045 T. Butler, D. Yemm:

That we accept the correspondence as presented. **Carried.**

R2024-046 S. Foote, S. Kirkey:

That the statement of accounts dated: February 3, 6, 13, 15, and 16, 2024; totaling \$126,099.11 be approved. **Carried.**

R2024-047 S. Foote, D. Yemm:

That this part of our meeting will be closed to the public as authorized by Section 239(2)(a) and (e) of the Municipal Act, 2001, c. 25, for consideration of the following subject matter:

(a) The security of the property of the municipality or local board;

Council to review information regarding an investigation into a complaint of land uses not compatible with current zoning.

(e) Litigation or potential litigation, affecting the municipality.

Council to review a Notice of Action received.

Time: 6:58 p.m. **Carried.**

Staff member Kim Turnbull left the meeting.

R2024-048 S. Kirkey, T. Butler:

That we resume to an open public meeting. Time: 8:26 p.m. **Carried.**

R2024-49 S. Foote, D. Yemm:

That we pass By-Law No. 2024-13, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on February 20, 2024.

Read a first, second and third time and passed this 20th day of February. **Carried.**

R2024-050 T. Butler, S. Kirkey:

That the meeting be adjourned. Time: 8:28 p.m. Next regular meeting to be held March 5, 2024.

Carried.

Mayor:

Municipal Administrator:

Minutes prepared as per Section 228 (1)(a) of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c. 25.

Clerk to record, without note or comment, all resolutions, decisions and other proceedings of the council.

Minutes to be approved by Council at the next regular Council Meeting.



The Corporation of the Township of Nipissing
45 Beatty Street
Nipissing ON P0H 1W0
Telephone 705-724-2144 Fax 705-724-5385
www.nipissingtownship.com

REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: February 27, 2024
From: Kris Croskery-Hodgins, Municipal Administrator
Re: Proposed Town Hall Meeting

BACKGROUND/OVERVIEW

The Township of Nipissing Strategic Plan states the first goal of the plan is *Effective and Efficient Municipal Services. To ensure the provision of effective and progressive communication with residents and visitors while maintaining municipal services and meeting the needs of the community.*

Council feels strongly about interaction with the community in order to provide open and transparent governance. A request was made to staff by Council to research methods of community outreach and the scheduling of a Town Hall meeting.

NEXT STEPS

A Town Hall meeting with an open forum to have residents ask questions was requested during previous meetings in planning for the Strategic Plan.

Summer allows for participation by permanent and seasonal residents.

Planning now will allow for information to be included in the Spring and Summer newsletters as well as on the Township website and Social Media.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. In keeping with Council scheduling, a Town Hall meeting to be held Wednesday, July 17, 2024 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Location options:

1. Heritage Park, 14 Blake Street, Nipissing. This will require placing tents and a stage, securing a sound system for the event. Due to the outdoor venue, livestreaming of this meeting will not be suitable. Advertising the meeting in advance for personal attendance would be required.
 2. Township of Nipissing Community Centre, 2381 Hwy 654. This location will allow for livestreaming, recording and accommodation for all.
 3. Council may wish to consider scheduling two Town Hall meetings. One at the Commanda Community Centre and one at the Township of Nipissing Community Centre, similar to the Strategic Plan Public Meetings.
- B. A Community Outreach Survey be created and circulated via electronic or paper method made available from the Township Office or the Township website. This will allow residents to share concerns, suggestions and insights into municipal operations and provide a basis of information to be shared at the Town Hall meeting in July. Survey to be approved by Council on March 19, 2024 and circulated until June 14, 2024. This will allow time to compile the information and present a report to Council at the July 16, 2024 regular meeting and share the results with residents at the Town Hall Meeting on July 17.

Respectfully,

Kris Croskery-Hodgins, Municipal Administrator



The Corporation of the Township of Nipissing
45 Beatty Street
Nipissing ON P0H 1W0
Telephone 705-724-2144 Fax 705-724-5385
www.nipissingtownship.com

REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: February 22, 2024
From: Kris Croskery-Hodgins, Municipal Administrator
Re: Investigation Results – Non-Compliant Zoning Uses of Link’s Beach

BACKGROUND/OVERVIEW

A written concern regarding non-compliant zoning uses of Link’s Beach and the Township unopened shore road allowance along the beach was received by the Township of Nipissing Office.

An investigation into the proper zoning uses of the location and operations taking place in the 2023/2024 winter season was conducted. The investigation was completed by Will Bateman, Fire Chief-Municipal Law Enforcement Officer-CEMC; Dan MacInnis, Operations Superintendent and myself.

RESULTS

This winter season has been abnormal and created numerous challenges to those operating Ice Fishing businesses and those enjoying the lake recreationally due to the lack of sufficient safe ice. The access across Link’s Beach was more accessible for the launching of ice huts and ice bungalows.

The area is zoned as Shoreline Residential (SR) which does not permit for a public recreational use or public park.

Conversations with residents in the beach area and operators using the location to launch huts and bungalows revealed the intention to continue using the access to the lake in upcoming seasons. This operation has disrupted the residential uses in the area and created concern.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommend the following:

1. Place barrier rocks along the property line of the shore road allowance, continuing from the current guard rail to the water's edge, spaced to allow for snowmobiles, four-wheelers and pedestrians to access the lake from the location. This should be done after April 1, 2024 to allow for those who have used the access to launch huts and bungalows the opportunity to bring them back to shore safely and as expected and if required due to conditions.
2. Amend the Zoning of Link's Beach and Wolfe Lake Beach to Open Space (OS) which permits uses of public recreational use and public park to accommodate for the public beaches placed there.

Respectfully,

Kris Croskery-Hodgins, Municipal Administrator



The Corporation of the Township of Nipissing
45 Beatty Street
Nipissing ON P0H 1W0
Telephone 705-724-2144 Fax 705-724-5385
www.nipissingtownship.com

REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: February 22, 2024
From: Kris Croskery-Hodgins, Municipal Administrator
Re: Parking Concerns along Birchgrove Drive

BACKGROUND/OVERVIEW

Numerous complaints have been received in writing and verbally regarding the lack of parking space and congestion of the municipal parking lot at Birchgrove Drive and Rocky Shore Drive.

The ice conditions during the 2023/2024 season have presented challenges for people hoping to access the lake and enjoy the recreational opportunities on the lake. Parking of vehicles usually takes place on the lake but this could not take place this year due to ice conditions.

This resulted in commercial ice fishing businesses and the public to utilize space within the municipal parking area. When the lot becomes full vehicles have been parking along Birchgrove Drive, Rocky Shore Drive and Sunset Cove Road as well as blocking private property entrances.

Concerns received from residents include lack of parking space to enjoy the access to Lake Nipissing by locals and tax paying residents. Several requests were received to regulate the parking to make it more accessible to all.

OUTCOMES

In keeping with enforcement of Parking By-Law Number 2021-50, warnings were issued progressing to tickets. Additional No Parking signage was added along Birchgrove Drive and Sunset Cove Road.

Public education on the parking restrictions was posted to the Township website and circulated on the Township Facebook page to assist with enforcement.

A portable washroom facility was added to the municipal parking area in an attempt to alleviate the hazardous conditions being presented to public works staff, By-Law Enforcement staff and the public with human waste present in the parking area.

By-Law Number 2024-12 was enacted February 20, 2024 which extended the no parking provisions along Birchgrove Drive, Rocky Shore Drive and Sunset Cove Road defining parking limits at identifiable intersections. Additional signage has been ordered and will be installed when received.



RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommend the following:

1. Change the parking lot to Daytime Only parking with a time limit of 6:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. each day with penalties of ticketing or towing available for enforcement for those remaining in the lot outside of those hours.
2. Increase Social Media and website information on parking restrictions along the area roadways.
3. Improved signage for the municipal parking area designating the Day Time Parking regulation and possible penalties.

Respectfully,

Kris Croskery-Hodgins, Municipal Administrator



REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: February 27, 2024
From: Kris Croskery-Hodgins, Municipal Administrator
Re: Blue Box Program Transition to Full Producer Responsibility

Recommendation:

That the Township of Nipissing Council receives this report for information.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to explain the transition of the provincial Blue Box Program to full producer responsibility, describe the key decisions required during the transition process and inform Council that staff are in discussions with Circular Materials regarding the transition of the Township of Nipissing's blue box recycling services on October 31, 2025. Staff will report back with results of the discussions and recommendations for the decisions that need to be made.

Background Information:

Blue Box Regulation:

On June 3, 2021, the Ontario Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks approved [Ontario Regulation 391/21 Blue Box](#) under the [Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016](#). The regulation shifts the responsibility for collection, hauling, processing and marketing of blue box materials, including related promotion and education activity, from communities to producers of paper products, packaging, and packaging-like products. As a result, these producers will become fully financially and operationally responsible for the residential Blue Box Program. The Ontario Blue Box Program Transition Timeline can be viewed in Appendix A.

The intent of the regulation is to expand the residential Blue Box Program to all Ontario communities and most First Nation communities, standardize the list of blue box materials collected across the province, require minimum service levels, and establish diversion targets for blue box material. Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority (RPRA) is the regulatory body mandated by the Government of Ontario to enforce the province's circular economy laws and to oversee and monitor producer responsibility programs.

The regulation is being implemented in two phases:

1. Transition (July 1, 2023, to December 31, 2025) – this transition phase enables the producers to transition eligible communities and First Nation communities over a period of two and a half years.

2. Post-transition (starting January 1, 2026) – the full producer responsibility program comes into effect including targets and standardization of blue box materials.

The Township of Nipissing will transition on October 31, 2025, see Appendix B.

The regulation states what entities must be serviced by producers during the transition period and post transition. These entities are referred to as eligible sources. Eligible sources include:

- residential homes (permanent or seasonal)
- residential units in mixed use buildings
- multi-residential buildings (apartments and condominiums)
- schools (public and private, elementary to secondary, but not post-secondary)
- for-profit long-term care and retirement homes receiving community blue box collection (if service was received as of August 15, 2019)
- non-profit long-term care facilities and retirement homes
- public spaces (e.g., community parks, sidewalks)
- permanent or seasonal households within campgrounds and trailer-parks

Under the regulation, producers have no legal obligation to collect blue box material from non-eligible sources during or after transition as these sources are not captured in the Blue Box Regulation. Therefore, costs associated with providing collection to this sector (and related promotion and education (P&E), administration, and processing) will continue to be the responsibility of the Township of Nipissing.

Non-eligible sources include:

- industrial or commercial properties (not including residential units on the property),
- not-for-profit organizations,
- municipal buildings or facilities,
- daycares,
- places of worship (not including a residential home on the property)
- campgrounds and trailer-parks for temporary stay, and
- commercial farms (not including a residential home on the farm property).

Staff will be reporting back with recommendations for Council on whether to continue servicing non-eligible sources during and/or post transition.

Some of the options staff are considering include:

- 1) Continue co-collection of eligible and non-eligible source blue box material during transition if an arrangement is made with CM or the CM contractor
- 2) Provide separate collection to non-eligible sources during the transition period and/or post-transition, or
- 3) Terminate blue box service to non-eligible sources during and/or post transition.

Current Blue Box Service:

The following provides a high-level description of the Township's current blue box services.

Depots:

- 2 blue box depots, one at each landfill.
- Blue box depots in the Township are available for all property owners with a Landfill Entry Permit.
- Blue Box Program is provided by CANOR as provided in RFP-2021-Recycling. The contract is set to end on October 31, 2025. Items currently in the recycling streams include plastics, cardboard and glass.
- *Steel and tin are collected by AIM Recycling and the municipality receives the revenue generated from those materials.

Currently, the Township of Nipissing pays the costs to collect, haul and process blue box materials. The Township's 2022 blue box costs were \$70,285.60 as submitted to the provincial Datacall. Under the current Blue Box Program, producers are required to pay approximately 50% of net blue box operating costs through quarterly payments from Stewardship Ontario. For Ontario communities to receive financial compensation, they must submit annual data to the provincial Datacall. In the last Datacall reporting year, the Township received \$30,598.52 from Stewardship Ontario, representing approximately 50% of our blue box program costs.

Producer Responsibilities and Community Options:

Producers of blue box materials (paper products, packaging and packaging-like products) typically sign up with a Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO) to help them carry out their regulatory obligations under the Blue Box Regulation.

The PRO administering the new residential Blue Box Common Collection System (CCS) in Ontario is Circular Materials (CM), which represents most producers of blue box materials. CM has assumed responsibility for overseeing and managing procurement for the collection, promotion and education, and receiving/consolidating of blue box materials. Individual PROs are responsible for processing and marketing blue box materials. All Ontario communities must engage with CM to establish their new blue box system which starts on their transition date.

The Township of Nipissing will need to decide between two options that are only applicable during the transition period (until December 31, 2025):

- Option 1: Opt-in and continue to operate the blue box program on behalf of CM,
- Option 2: Opt-out and hand over full operational responsibility of the blue box program to CM. CM will procure a service provider to ensure residents continue to receive blue box service.

It is important to note that the Township can choose different options for curbside blue box service and depot blue box service.

Over the coming months, staff will present more information and recommendations to Council regarding the two options, including service and financial implications.

Option 1: Opt-in and provide service as a contractor for CM

All communities have access to agreements on CM's website to provide collection and P&E services as a contractor for CM during the transition period. Service to non-eligible sources may continue under this option with the full cost being paid by the community. If the community chooses this option, blue box operating costs and payment for providing this service from CM will be included in the community budget.

Staff is currently reviewing the applicable agreements and seeking clarity from CM on financial information to determine whether it is in the Township's best interest to pursue an opt-in agreement.

The Eligible Community Depot Operations Agreement is currently being reviewed and relevant data on Blue Box depot collection is being provided to CM.

Option 2: Opt-out and hand over full operational responsibility of the blue box program

CM assumes full operating and financial responsibility for blue box service delivery and procures/manages the service provider.

Depot service - If a depot only community opts out, CM may choose to operate the blue box depot(s) at a different location(s) which may not be as convenient for residents. In addition, CM will not allow non-eligible sources to access their designated depot(s) so the Township would have to arrange and pay for collection, hauling and processing services for non-eligible sources. There may be an opportunity to allow a CM contractor to access our depot location(s), but this would require negotiating a site access agreement or lease to allow a CM contractor to manage blue box services on site. Staff would need to explore this opportunity with CM in advance.

This option does not appear to be in the best interest of the residents of the Township and may be an additional resource burden on staff.

Next Steps

CM has requested that all transitioning communities decide whether they wish to opt-in or opt-out of providing blue box services well in advance of their transition date. Therefore, staff is reviewing the applicable agreements and seeking clarity from CM on financial information to determine whether it is in the Township's best interest to pursue an agreement or hand over operations of the blue box program to CM.

Staff will pursue discussions with CM and report back to Council once information has been confirmed, with recommendations regarding managing blue box materials including anticipated financial implications through the transition period and beyond.

Respectfully,

Kris Croskery-Hodgins, Municipal Administrator

Appendix A: The Ontario Blue Box Program Timeline

- 1994** [Ontario Regulation 101/94](#) under the [Environmental Protection Act](#) set out requirements for communities with a population of at least 5,000 to establish and operate curbside Blue Box Programs.
- 2002** [The Waste Diversion Act](#) (WDA) formalized financial support by requiring producers of printed paper and packaging managed by the Blue Box Program to fund up to 50% of community net operating costs. Waste Diversion Ontario (WDO) was established as a non-crown corporation to develop, implement and operate waste diversion programs, including Blue Box. [Stewardship Ontario](#) (SO), was created as an industry organization to represent producers and to develop the Blue Box Program Plan.
- 2016** [The Waste-Free Ontario Act](#) is passed and repeals the former WDA and enacted the [Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act](#) (RRCEA) and the [Waste Diversion Transition Act](#) (WDTA). The RRCEA introduces a framework where producers are given full responsibility for the management of post-consumer waste from their packaging. Under this act, the WDO was replaced by a new organization, the [Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority](#) (the Authority).

The legislation also affected existing producer responsibility programs for tires, electronics and hazardous waste, all of which are at varying degrees of transition and allowed for the creation of new programs.
- 2017** The Minister of the Environment and Climate Change directed the Authority and SO to jointly develop a proposal for an amended Blue Box Program Plan (a-BBPP). A draft was developed and two phases of consultations were completed. A final proposal was never submitted to the Ministry.
- 2019** In June, the Province appointed a Special Advisor on Recycling and Plastic Waste, David Lindsay, to provide advice on how to improve recycling through the Blue Box Program and better manage plastic pollution. Mr. Lindsay facilitated meetings between representatives of the community and producer sector to provide input. In July, the report was released, titled "[Renewing the Blue Box: Final Report on the blue box mediation process](#)".

In August, the [Ministry announced](#) that it provided SO [direction to begin planning](#) to transition Ontario's Blue Box Program to full producer responsibility.
- 2020** Stewardship Ontario was required to submit a plan to the Authority by June 30, 2020. The Authority approved the plan on December 16, 2020.
- 2021** On June 3, 2021 the [Ontario Regulation 391/21 Blue Box](#), was filed setting out the FPR requirements for producers of blue box materials to meet.
- 2023-25** The first communities began transitioned on July 1, 2023, with all communities in the province scheduled to be operating under the new framework by December 31, 2025

Appendix B: Community's Blue Box Transition Timeline

Blue Box Transition Timeline



The township of Nipissing will transition on October 31, 2025.



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING CORRESPONDENCE

March 5, 2024

1. Resolution from the Township of Perry regarding a Request to the Province to Amend Blue Box Regulation for "Ineligible" Sources.
2. Resolution from the Municipality of East Ferris regarding Bell Universal Broadband funding.
3. Minutes of the Town of Parry Sound EMS Advisory Committee meeting held February 22, 2024.
4. Minutes of The Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation Board of Directors meeting held January 16, 2024.
5. Media release from the Northern Ontario Women's Caucus regarding The Power of One Voice in Politics.
6. Resolution from the Town of Lincoln regarding Urgent Need for Increased Funding to Libraries and Museums in Ontario.



Township of Perry

PO Box 70, 1695 Emsdale Road, Emsdale, ON P0A 1J0

PHONE: (705)636-5941

FAX: (705)636-5759

www.townshipofperry.ca

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**

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

...2

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



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD
February 13th, 2024

2024-23
Moved by Councillor Champagne
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Rooyakkers

WHEREAS in July and August 2021, East Ferris and area municipalities were informed that Bell had received Universal Broadband funding that would provide 50/10 Mbps service to some 8,566 premises throughout the Nipissing area, Bell informally shared maps with area municipalities, and East Ferris would see 98% of homes receiving fiber optic service;

AND WHEREAS in April 2022, another announcement was made regarding broadband funding for many of the same areas, again under the Universal Broadband program, but interestingly, this time the areas covered by Bell were reduced to a single project in Nipissing to include the communities of Astorville, East Ferris, Bonfield, Calvin, Kiosk, Mattawa, and Rutherglen;

AND WHEREAS in August 2022, the province announced the details of its Accelerated High-Speed Internet Access Program (AHSIP), and many of the areas that had been announced as going to Bell, but did not appear in the April announcement, were now included in this announcement;

AND WHEREAS after winning a contract from the provincial government in 2022 to provide fiber optic internet to 98% of East Ferris homes, Bell Canada has yet to begin construction of the project in East Ferris which has a completion deadline of 2025;

AND WHEREAS since May 2023, the Municipality of East Ferris has repeatedly invited Bell to appear before Council to discuss the project scope, but Bell has continuously declined our invitations and has privately communicated to the Municipality about its intention to descope the project;

AND WHEREAS as of today, we are unaware of the plans by Bell to build a fiber internet network in East Ferris and we understand this same situation is also occurring in other communities in northern Ontario;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of East Ferris is asking the provincial and federal governments to terminate the said contract with Bell in favor of smaller, regional internet service providers who are ready to start and have a proven ability to deliver;

AND FURTHER THAT NetSpectrum be awarded the East Ferris component of the contract;



East Ferris
MUNICIPALITY • MUNICIPALITÉ

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be send to MP, Anthony Rota, MPP, Vic Fedeli, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry, Francois-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Infrastructure, Kinga Surma, and the other area municipalities that were included in the joint project.

Carried Mayor Rochefort

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of
Resolution No. 2024-23 passed by the
Council of the Municipality of East Ferris
on the 13th day of February, 2024.

Kari Hanselman, Dipl. M.A.
Clerk

Town of Parry Sound EMS Advisory Committee

Open Minutes

Date:

February 22, 2024

Time:

06:30pm

Location:

(on-line) ZOOM Meeting and for streaming of the meeting please click on the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4QrR6HjwibWOJRbLwnjcFQ/videos>

Members Present:

Jamie McGarvey - chairperson, Joel Constable, Scott Sheard, John Wilson, Pearl Ivens, Shelly Foote, Ann MacDiarmid

Regrets:

Present:

Dave Thompson, Director of Development and Protective Services

Recording:

Sheri Skinner, Administrative Assistant

Guests:

1. Agenda

1.1 Additions to Agenda

1.2 Prioritization of Agenda

Town of Parry Sound EMS Advisory Committee

Open Minutes

1.3 Adoption of Agenda

Addition to the Agenda

8.3 That the EMS Advisory Committee request staff to investigate opportunities of Aero Future Canada's autonomous drone technology and to report back to the next EMS Advisory Committee with the progress.

Moved by Pearl Ivens

Seconded by Scott Sheard

That the February 22, 2024 Parry Sound District Emergency Medical Services Committee meeting agenda be approved.

Carried

1.4 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

2. Minutes and Matters Arising from Minutes

2.1 Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Shelly Foote

Seconded by Scott Sheard

That the Minutes of the October 26, 2023 meeting of the Parry Sound District Emergency Medical Services Committee be approved as circulated.

Carried

3. Correspondence

4. Deputations

4.1 Tom Smith, EMS Supervisor of Community Paramedicine - overview of the Community Paramedicine Program for Parry Sound District EMS.

Town of Parry Sound EMS Advisory Committee

Open Minutes

Tom Smith, EMS Supervisor of Community Paramedicine presented and orientated the Committee on what Community Paramedicine stands for and how they assist the community from the various services they offer to administering mediations, Paramedic training, responding to 911 calls while on duty and provided statistics on how the program is positively affecting the community.

5. Emergency Services Director's Report

Dave Thompson provided a brief description and further explanations of the items on his Director's Report when necessary.

Moved by Ann MacDiarmid

Seconded by John Wilson

That the Emergency Services Director's Report dated February 22, 2024 be accepted as submitted.

Carried

6. Reports

6.1 EMS Statistical Report - December 2023

6.2 EMS Night Call Statistics - December 2023

6.3 EMS Vehicle Inventory - December 2023

Dave Thompson provided a descriptive overview of the various reports attached.

Dave Thompson will inquire and clarify to the Committee on report 6.2 EMS Night Call Statistics - December 2023 with regard to the zero Code 8's reported between the hours of 4:00pm thru 7:00pm every month from every station.

Resolution

EMS Committee members have received reports 6.1, 6.2, 6.3 as listed above.

Town of Parry Sound EMS Advisory Committee

Open Minutes

Moved by Shelly Foote

Second by Pearl Ivens

Carried

7. Ratification of Matters from Closed Agenda

8. Other Business

8.1 DT EMS Surplus Ambulance Disposal

Resolution

That the EMS Advisory Committee recommends the Town of Parry Sound Council approve report DT EMS Surplus Ambulance Disposal.

Moved by John Wilson

Seconded by Ann MacDiarmid

carried

8.2 DT Burks Falls EMS Base Rehabilitation - 2024

Resolution

That the EMS Advisory Committee recommends the Town of Parry Sound Council approve report DT Burks Falls EMS Base Rehabilitation.

Moved by Scott Sheard

Seconded by Ann MacDiarmid

Carried

8.3 Aero Future Canada's autonomous drone technology

Town of Parry Sound EMS Advisory Committee

Open Minutes

Resolution

That the EMS Advisory Committee request staff to investigate opportunities of Aero Future Canada's autonomous drone technology and to report back to the next EMS Advisory Committee with the progress.

Moved by Scott Sheard

Seconded by Ann MacDiarmid

9. Dispatch Update

10. Business Plans

11. Adjournment @ 7:54pm

Moved by Shelly Foote

Seconded by Pearl Ivens

Carried

The Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
2024- 01

Tuesday January 16, 2024

A regular meeting of the Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation board was held on Tuesday January 16, 2024.

Present: Bernadette Kerr, Mieke Krause, Nancy McFadden, Leo Patey, Tom Piper, Dave Britton, Calvin Young & Amber Mclsaac, Property Manager.

1. Call to order

Resolution No. 2024-01– Moved by Tom, seconded by Dave that the meeting was called to order at 9:26 am. Carried

2. Additions to Agenda – none

3. Approval of the Agenda

Resolution No. 2024-02– Moved by Calvin, seconded by Tom that the agenda be adopted as presented.

4. Conflict of Interest Disclosure – Leo Patey, Employer listed on 7.b) December 2023 Transaction Reports

5. Approval of the Minutes from the December 19, 2023 board meeting

Resolution No. 2024-03– Moved by Tom seconded by Dave that the minutes from the board meeting on December 19, 2023 were adopted as presented.

6. Business arising

a) **Baseline Building Condition Assessment**

The final draft of the BCA was presented to the board members for approval.

Resolution No. 2024-04 – Moved by Tom seconded by Dave that the GSMNP approves the final draft of the Baseline Building Condition Assessment dated December 21, 2023.

b) **OPHI Project Wish List**

Project cost estimates were presented to the board members and discussion took place regarding the priority of each project. Amber advised to put out and RFP for Architectural drawings for senior

friendly patios. Amber advised to source 3 quotes for fixing drainage at the rear of the building, and research possibility of accessible funding for automatic door on garbage room. Then the board will re-asses the other listed projects based on remaining funding.

The board advised Amber and Tim to proceed with the discussed renovations to the janitor's room as needed out of the building general budget.

7. Correspondences

a) Managers Report

Save on Energy- energy affordability project, will advise the GSMNP in February of appliance upgrades that each apartment qualified for.

Painting and mural on the first floor have been installed and the majority of the feed back has been positive.

The building is in need of an after-hours plumber since their contract with Mike McCoy was not renewed. Amber presented rates for Plummer Tyson Hummel; board advised her to put out a plumbing contract for tender.

Amber will be working extra hours to get the files ready for the auditors. Amber has noticed some discrepancies with the CRA payroll numbers for 2023, and advised that it may be beneficial for the board to purchase payroll software for the accounting program to help with errors.

b) Financials

Resolution No. 2024-05 Moved by Tom, seconded by Calvin that the board approves the December 2023 Transaction Report as presented. Carried

Resolution No. 2024-06 Moved by Calvin, seconded by Nancy that the board approves the December 2023 Income Statement as presented. Carried

8. Next Board Meeting – February 20, 2024

9. Adjournment - Resolution No. 2024-07– Moved by Leo, seconded by Tom that the board meeting be adjourned at 10:16 am. Carried



President, Bernadette Kerr



Property Manager, Amber McIsaac



MEDIA RELEASE

**Date: February XX, 2024
For Immediate Release**

Northern Ontario Women’s Caucus: The Power of One Voice in Politics

Timmins, ON – The Northern Ontario Women’s (NOW) Caucus began as a conversation over a year ago between two mayors, both women and both elected to serve their community. Mayor Michelle Boileau of Timmins and Mayor Cheryl Fort of Hornepayne recognized that the support they were looking for as municipal leaders, was a shared experience for women in office.

NOW has since grown to over 21 participants, all mayors of Northern Ontario communities. Formal membership is currently being offered to elected officials in Northern Ontario, who identify as women, and who want to lead the conversation on priorities and issues that are directly affecting women in the northern region.

The group recently met at the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) conference in Toronto to establish the caucus’ terms of reference, mission and vision. The mission – to create an alliance of women municipal representatives across Northern Ontario, [and] to create and preserve space for women in municipal politics, as every voice matters.

NOW’s membership includes women with diverse professional backgrounds in economic development, locomotive engineering, skilled trades training, health care, employment services, marketing, business management, and more. Many have multi-year experience on municipal council. The opportunity to support each other professionally, to develop leadership skills, and to increase the number of women participating in local politics, is invaluable. It sets a foundation from which NOW can advocate, support, and improve the quality of life in Northern Ontario.

NOW’s goal is to not only amplify the voice of women in Northern Ontario, but to speak as one voice that is focused on building positive relationships for the communities it represents. The group is looking to work together and with federal and provincial partners to bring women’s perspective to the challenges and opportunities facing each community.

Moving forward, NOW is expected to meet quarterly. The group is working to formalize membership, an election procedure for an executive committee, and to develop a strategic plan that identifies common priorities. With a vision of becoming, “a strong network of women shaping the future of Northern Ontario communities”, NOW is gaining momentum and has the motivation to legitimize the role of women in politics.

Quotes:

“Strong and resilient women applaud, uphold, and have other each others’ backs. Impact happens when entire societies celebrate women and stand with them in equality. NOW is committed to forging women’s economic empowerment; supporting women and girls into leadership; designing and building infrastructure that meets the needs of women and girls; and, helping women and girls make informed

decisions about their health. We can make Northern Ontario one of the best places to live for women!" ~
Mayor Cheryl Fort, Hornpayne

"There is power in standing together as women, united in our commitment to serve and represent our respective communities. The female voice in politics is important because it reflects the unique challenges and opportunities women and girls experience. It's invaluable to bring that perspective forward, and to bring that perspective into focus. NOW allows municipal leaders to work together to inform decision-making and help develop policies to improve, not only the lives of women in Northern Ontario, but the quality of life for all residents. I'm excited to see what NOW can accomplish. Let's be heard. Let's make change. Let's celebrate our success." ~ *Mayor Michelle Boileau, Timmins*

-30-

Media Contact: Amanda Dyer, Corporate Communications Coordinator
705-360-2600, ext. 2212 amanda.dyer@timmins.ca



February 20, 2024

The Northern Ontario Women's (NOW) Caucus began as a conversation over a year ago between two mayors, both women and both elected to serve their community. Mayor Michelle Boileau of Timmins and Mayor Cheryl Fort of Hornepayne recognized that the support they were looking for as municipal leaders, was a shared experience for women in office.

NOW has since grown to over 21 regular participants, all mayors of Northern Ontario communities. Formal membership is being offered to elected officials in Northern Ontario, who identify as women, and who want to lead the conversation on priorities and issues that are directly affecting women in the northern region.

The group of mayors recently met at the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) conference in Toronto to establish the caucus' terms of reference, mission and vision. The mission – to create an alliance of women municipal representatives across Northern Ontario, [and] to create and preserve space for women in municipal politics, as every voice matters.

NOW's goal is to not only amplify the voice of women in Northern Ontario, but to speak as one voice that is focused on building positive relationships for the communities it represents. The group is looking to work together with provincial and federal partners to bring women's perspective to the challenges and opportunities facing each community.

Moving forward, NOW is expected to meet quarterly. The group is working to formalize membership, an election procedure for an executive committee, and to develop a strategic plan that identifies common priorities. With a vision of becoming, "a strong network of women shaping the future of Northern Ontario communities", NOW is gaining momentum and has the motivation to legitimize the role of women in politics.

If you are interested in joining the NOW Caucus, please fill out this [survey](#) no later than March 8, 2024, at which point you will be added to our mailing list for future communications and upcoming meetings.

We look forward to welcoming you and strengthening the power of our voices.

Mayor Michelle Boileau
City of Timmins

Mayor Cheryl Fort
Township of Hornepayne

Attachment: Terms of Reference



4800 SOUTH SERVICE RD
BEAMSVILLE, ON L0R 1B1
905-563-8205

February 28, 2024

SENT VIA EMAIL: Premier@ontario.ca

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

Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

RE: Town of Lincoln Council Resolution – Urgent Need for Increased Funding to Libraries and Museums in Ontario

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Council Meeting held on February 26, 2024, passed the following motion regarding an Urgent Need for Increased Funding to Libraries and Museums in Ontario:

Resolution No: RC-2024-23
Moved by Mayor Easton; Seconded by Councillor Mike Mikolic

WHEREAS the provincial funding for public libraries is currently based on population levels from 25 years ago, which fails to reflect the substantial growth and changing needs of our communities. The Town of Lincoln Council wishes to draw your attention to the "Overdue" report of 2023 from the Canadian Urban Council, which emphasizes the pivotal role libraries play in various aspects of community life, including knowledge distribution, culture, health, reconciliation, belonging, and our democracy; and

WHEREAS libraries, situated at the heart of our communities, serve as multifaceted institutions catering to diverse needs. They provide essential services such as access to culture and information, refuge for those experiencing domestic violence, election information centers, job search facilities, health clinics, language learning centers for newcomers, and spaces for educational and community events. Despite their vital role, public libraries in Ontario have not seen an increase in provincial funding for over 25 years, leading to a decrease in the value of the province's investment by over 60%; and

WHEREAS the Town of Lincoln Council urges the Provincial Government to

consider increasing provincial funding for Ontario's public libraries to address critical shared priorities and community needs. While over 90% of library funding comes from local municipal governments, provincial operating funding is crucial for providing stability to library budgets, especially in times of inflation, technological changes, and increasing demands on libraries as community hubs; and

WHEREAS the Town of Lincoln Council would like to bring to the Provincial Government's attention the pressing need to increase the funding envelope for the Community Museum Operating Grant (CMOG). The Town of Lincoln currently receives \$25,000 annually, the maximum amount through this grant, but the funding envelope has remained stagnant for over 15 years. This limitation hampers the ability of community museums to offset increasing operational expenses, impacting their role in preserving and promoting local stories, attracting cultural tourists, supplementing school curriculum, and contributing to vibrant and vital communities; and

WHEREAS the Lincoln Museum and Cultural Centre is a community hub critical to the health and vibrancy of our community. An increase in CMOG funding will enable our museum to continue its valuable service to the community, creating a sense of place, attracting cultural tourists, and preserving local stories that define our unique identity; and

WHEREAS Cultural institutions, particularly museums, play a vital role in shaping and preserving our community's identity. They contribute to tourism, social participation, senior well-being, skill-building, and learning. As the largest government funder for most of Ontario's smaller museums, municipalities create value in their communities through the work of these institutions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Lincoln Council urges the Provincial Government to support increasing funding to both public libraries and community museums. Recognizing these institutions as national assets and strategically investing in their potential will contribute significantly to renewing post-pandemic social cohesion, economic well-being, and community resilience; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to the Province, the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Niagara Region, the 12 Local Area Municipalities in Niagara and all municipalities of Ontario for endorsement.

CARRIED

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,



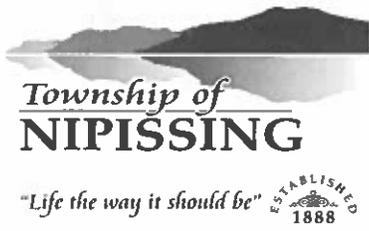
Julie Kirkelos

Town Clerk

jkirkelos@lincoln.ca

JK/dp

Cc: Premier of Ontario
Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ann-Marie Norio, Clerk, Niagara Region
Local Area Municipalities
All Ontario Municipalities



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: March 5, 2024

NUMBER: R2024-

Moved by

Seconded by

**That the statement of accounts dated:
February 29, and March 2, 2024;**

Totaling \$151,525.16 be approved.

For Against

**PIPER
BUTLER
FOOTE
KIRKEY
YEMM**

Carried

Mayor: TOM PIPER