



The Corporation of The Township of Bonfield

AGENDA FOR COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 10th, 2024 AT 7:00 P.M.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Adoption of Agenda**
3. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**
4. **Adoption of previous minutes**
 - a. Regular Meeting of Council: August 27, 2024
5. **Presentations and Delegations**
 - a. Angie Punnett – Cassellholme Administrator Board, William Brooks - CFO
6. **Staff Reports**
 - a. Report from Deputy Fire Chief on Department activities and grant submission
7. **Adoption of Committee Minutes/ Motions**
 - a. **Corporate Services Committee:** No minutes this session
 - b. **Emergency Services Committee:** August 26, 2024
 - c. **Planning Advisory Committee:** No Minutes for this session
 - d. **Recreation Committee:** No Minutes for this session
 - e. **Police Services Board:** No Minutes for this session
8. **Items for Council Discussion:**
 - a. Cancellation of November 12, 2024 Council meeting
9. **Resolutions to be Considered for Adoption**
 - a. Adopt By-law 2024-54 to enter into an agreement with the Powassan and Area Family Health Team
 - b. Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury – Physician Shortage
 - c. City of Quinte West – Community Building Fund
 - d. Town of Plympton-Wyoming – Cellular Communications Services
 - e. Township of Stirling Rawdon – Public Sector Salary Disclosure
 - f. Town of Caledon – Support for Family Doctors
 - g. Township of Nairn & Hyman - Radioactive Material Being Transported to the Township of Nairn and Hyman
 - h. Town of Lincoln and Fort Erie – Increase Funding for Public Libraries and Community Museums
10. **Correspondence**
 - a. Township of Russell - AMCTO Provincial Updates to the Municipal Elections Act
 - b. City of Brantford - Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement Letter\
 - c. Municipal Information Network article on perspectives

11. **Question Period**

Small Community, Big Heart



12. **Closed Session**
 - a. To discuss items regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; and
 - b. To discuss a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.

13. **Confirmatory By-Law**
 - a. Resolution to adopt By-law No. 2024-53

14. **Adjournment**



**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BONFIELD
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
August 27th, 2024**

PRESENT: Narry Paquette, Chair Donna Clark
Jason Corbett Steve Featherstone
Dan MacInnis

STAFF PRESENT: Andrée Gagné, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer
Alex Hackenbrook, Public Works Manager
Nicky Kunkel, CAO Clerk-Treasurer

1. Call to Order

Motion 1

Moved by Councillor Clark Seconded by Councillor Corbett
THAT this meeting be opened at 7:00 p.m.

Carried Narry Paquette

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2

Moved by Councillor Corbett Seconded by Councillor MacInnis
THAT the agenda presented to Council and dated the 27th day of August 2024, be adopted as prepared.

Carried Narry Paquette

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest: None for this session

4. Adoption of Previous Minutes

Motion 3

Moved by Councillor Clark Seconded by Councillor MacInnis
THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of August 6th, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Narry Paquette

5. Presentation & Delegations

5.a – Public Meeting for Zoning Bylaw Amendment application ZC2-2024 for 400 Church St; Sapphire Autocar (Jasim).

The Mayor read the public notice form and inquired if anyone in attendance was present to speak to the application. The owner of the property made a presentation to Council stating the business plan and why the zoning amendment is necessary. There were 2 written submissions, not in favour of the amendment, which the CAO read out loud. The CAO Clerk-Treasurer confirmed that all required notice was performed per the Planning Act. Then the Mayor closed public meeting.

Motion 4

Moved by Councillor Featherstone Seconded by Councillor Corbett
WHEREAS the owner of Plan M72 Parcel 18151 Nip. Part Landon Street RP 36R-7477 Part 1 Parcel 27147 Nip., Sapphire Auto Car (Jamin), located at 400 Church Street, has requested an amendment to Zoning By-law 2012-49, from Residential First Density (R1) to Commercial Highway and Service Zone (C2), to allow for an auto repair/sales shop; THEREFORE the Council does not approve of the application.

Carried Narry Paquette



6. Staff Reports

6.a Report from CAO – Annual Policy Statements

Motion 5

Moved by Councillor Clark

Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

THAT the Council for the Township of Bonfield hereby confirms their commitment to the Workplace Violence and Harassment Policy; AND notes that Violence and Harassment in the Workplace is unacceptable and the Policy applies to all Municipal officials and the residents of Bonfield while engaging in services provided by the Township; AND FURTHER THAT the Council for the Township of Bonfield hereby confirms their commitment to Health and Safety for all municipal officials while providing services to the Township.

Carried Narry Paquette

7. Adoption of Committee Minutes/ Motions

7.c Recreation Committee

Motion 6

Moved by Councillor Corbett

Seconded by Councillor Clark

WHEREAS the Recreation & Fitness Committee recommended to Council that Sheena Whalen be approved as a member of the Committee; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council approves of this recommendation.

Carried Narry Paquette

8. Items for Council Discussion

8.a Rustic Escape – AGCO Liquor License Application

Motion 7

Moved by Councillor Corbett

Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

WHEREAS the Rustic Escape is requesting Council's support for their application to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario for a Liquor Licence for their property at 524 Trunk Rd, Bonfield; BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council has no objection to this application, provided all rules and regulations are adhered to.

Carried Narry Paquette

9. Resolutions to be Considered for Adoption

9.a AMO Knowledge Exchange on Community and Supportive Housing Symposium –
Councillor Corbett

Motion 8

Moved by Councillor Clark

Seconded by Councillor Featherstone

THAT Councillor Corbett be approved to attend the AMO Knowledge Exchange on Community and Supportive Housing Symposium on October 1st and 2nd 2024 ; AND THAT all expenses be paid accordingly.

Carried Narry Paquette



9.b Appointment of Mayor and Deputy Mayor to the Bonfield Medical Board

Motion 9

Moved by Councillor Featherstone
THAT the Council for the Township of Bonfield appoints the Mayor and Deputy Mayor as Members of the Bonfield Medical Board.

Seconded by Councillor Corbett

Carried Narry Paquette

10. Correspondence

Motion 10

Moved by Councillor Featherstone
THAT Council receives the Correspondence circulated with the Agenda of August 27th, 2024.

Seconded by Councillor Clark

Carried Narry Paquette

11. Question Period – There were no questions submitted for this meeting

12. Closed Session – None for this session

13. Confirmatory By-Law

Motion 11

Moved by Councillor Corbett
THAT the Council for the Township of Bonfield hereby adopts By-Law 2024-52 to confirm the proceedings of Council from August 6th, 2024 to August 27th, 2024, as presented and is considered read three times and passed this 27th day of August, 2024.

Seconded by Councillor Featherstone

Carried Narry Paquette

14. Adjournment

Motion 12

Moved by Councillor Clark
THAT this meeting be adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Seconded by Councillor Featherstone

Carried Narry Paquette

MAYOR

CLERK

CASSELLHOLME

Compassionate care for life's journey.

Special Committee Meeting Presentation

June 3rd, 2024

Who We Are



Angie Punnett
Administrator



Dave Smits, P.Eng.
Director, Capital Projects
& Facilities



William Brooks, CPA
Chief Financial Officer

Our Services

Contributing to the City of North Bay

Our Mission, Vision, and Values



Our **mission** is to provide compassionate, quality care throughout life's journey.

Our **vision** is to enhance the lives of the people we serve.

Long Term Care



240 Long Term Care (LTC) Beds



Waitlist - 315 people



**Admission Permanent Placements 2023 -
77**



Community Support Services

Community Support Services is a division of Cassellholme, funded through the Province to provide services to seniors in North Bay and surrounding area.

Department	Active Clients	Wait Listed Clients
Assisted Living	32	14
Supportive Housing	3	0
Caregiver Respite	22	50
Homemaking	188	609
400 Club	23	63
Meals on Wheels (Mattawa)	27	0
Transportation	37	2
Lawn Maintenance	8	39
Snow Removal	8	41
Diner's Club	24	0
Total	372	818

Human Resources

Position	Full Time	Part time	Casual	Student	Total
Personal Support Workers	81	82	14	27	204
Registered Practical Nurses	26	13	9	-	48
Registered Nurses	7	4	2	-	13
Food Service Workers	13	22	-	4	39
Housekeeping & Laundry	14	13	3	-	30
Maintenance	3	-	-	-	3
Activities	1	9	3	-	13
CSS Homemakers	-	7	-	-	7
CSS PSWs	-	19	-	-	19
Administrative	40	4	-	-	44
Total	185	173	31	31	420

Legislative Compliance & Funding Overview Impacting 2024

Fixing Long Term Care Act, 2021

- **Legislation that establishes framework and regulates all LTC homes in Ontario**
- **Regulates things such as:**
 - **Resident Bill of Rights**
 - **Duty to protect from abuse and neglect**
 - **Staffing ratios**
 - **Admission processes**
 - **Staff education requirements**

Accountability



Proactive Inspections



Critical Incident Reporting



Complaints/Whistleblower Protection



Quality Improvement



Continuous Quality Improvement Plan

- Health Quality Ontario Annual Reporting
- AdvantAge Ontario



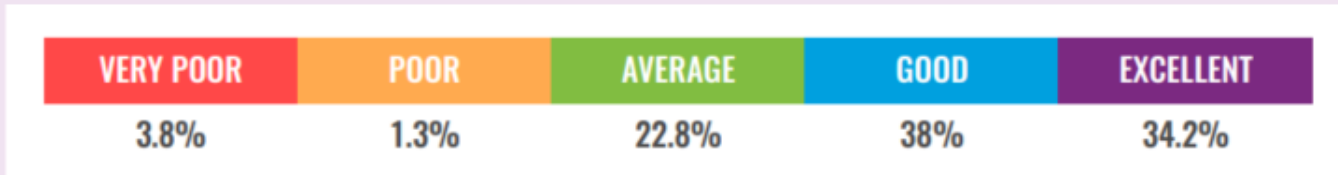
Satisfaction Survey & Complaint Review



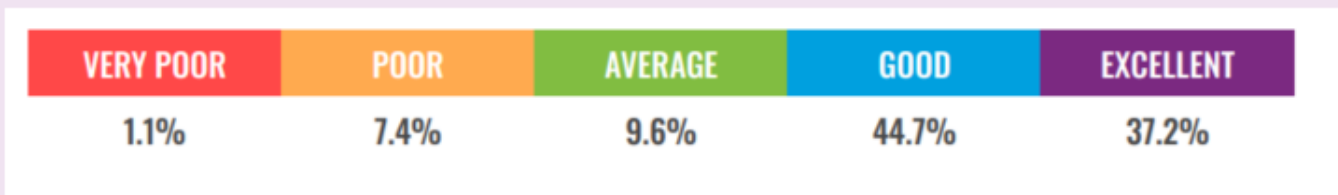
Resident Satisfaction

Overall Satisfaction

2023



2022



Would you recommend Casselholme?

2023



2022



Funding Overview

Funding Source	2024 Operating Budget
Provincial Funding - MOLTC	\$ 22,181,654
Basic Revenue - Residents	4,365,564
Preferred & Other Revenue	873,919
Municipal Levy *	3,343,402
Total Budgeted Revenue	30,764,539

* 0% Levy Increase in 2022, 2023, & 2024

Redevelopment

Project Update - Key Points



1. Project Highlights



2. Construction Progress Update



3. Schedule Update

Project Highlights

- **264 Long Term Care beds**
- **60% of beds are Private or Semi-Private vs. 20% today**
- **Approx. 222,000 sq. ft. vs. 120,000 sq. ft. today**
- **2 x 12 bed secure Resident Home Areas (RHA) on first floor with secure outdoor spaces**
- **1 x 16 bed RHA being developed through a partnership with Nipissing First Nation**
- **Auditorium and Day Program spaces included**

Construction Progress

- Phase 00 (Project start-up & Link Demolition) - Work Complete
- Phase 1-A (New Parking Lot and New Main Entrance) - Work Complete
- Phase 1-B (136 Beds):
 - New east parking lot has been handed over to Cassellholme for use, landscape work is largely complete
 - Metal studs at perimeter walls are complete
 - Exterior sheathing and window installation is largely complete
 - Mechanical and electrical above ceiling rough-ins are ongoing, as well as wall rough-in
 - Interior framing is well advanced on Levels 2 to 5 and the ground floor is approximately 85% complete
 - Vapour barrier, insulation and brick is in progress
 - Metal cladding work is ongoing & the majority of roofing work is complete
 - Elevator has been delivered to site, and elevator shaft work is ongoing

Project Schedule Update

Milestone	Key Date
Construction Start	Mar 2022
Phase One Occupancy (50% of beds)	Jan 2025
Phase Two Occupancy (100% of beds)	Aug 2026 - TBD
Final Completion	Aug 2027 - TBD

- **Key project schedule challenges include:**
 - **COVID-19 supply chain challenges**
 - **Existing foundations uncovered during excavation**
 - **Site coordination & sub-contractor challenges**

Project Financing - Key Points



1. Project Budget Update



2. Interest Rate Impacts



3. Provincial Funding Impacts



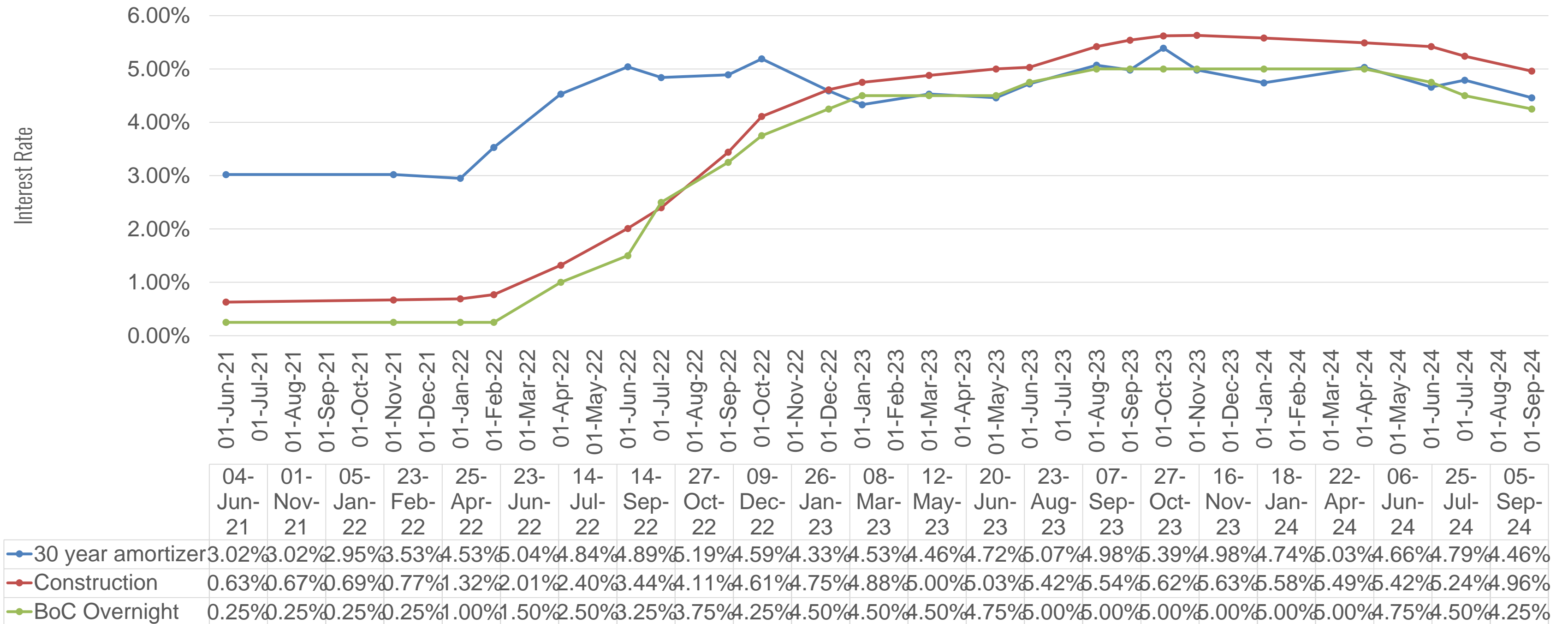
4. Forecast Levy

1. Construction Budget Update

YTD to July 31 st , 2024	Board Approved Budget	Total Spent to date	Budget Remaining	% Spent
A - Land	0	0	0	0%
B - Hard Costs	101,587,646	37,876,966	63,710,680	37%
C - Architects and Engineers	5,293,090	4,444,259	848,832	84%
D - Other Design Consultants Costs	786,929	547,952	238,977	70%
E - Fees & Permits	31,235	31,235	0	100%
F - Project Management & Other Prof. Services	1,798,833	1,453,813	345,020	81%
G - Financing & Construction Interest	2,850,041	2,539,558	310,483	89%
H - Taxes	1,914,397	1,430,251	484,146	75%
I - Contingency	4,721,632	1,293,335	3,428,297	27%
J - FF&E	2,965,586	516,204	2,449,382	17%
Grand Total	121,949,389	50,133,572	71,815,817	41%

2. Interest Rate Impacts

30 Year Amortizer and Construction Interest Rates - 10 June 2021 to September 2024



2. Interest Impact - 2021 vs. 2024 rates

Est. Shortfall by Municipality - 2024 IO Rates	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028 +
North Bay	1,041,808	1,878,839	2,846,596	3,634,201	3,695,989
East Ferris	101,313	182,713	276,825	353,418	359,427
South Algonquin	43,485	78,423	118,818	151,693	154,272
Bonfield	42,319	76,320	115,632	147,625	150,135
Papineau/Cameron	22,609	40,773	61,775	78,867	80,208
Chisholm	21,402	38,597	58,478	74,658	75,927
Calvin	19,547	35,253	53,411	68,188	69,348
Mattawa	17,721	31,958	48,419	61,816	62,867
Mattawan	4,355	7,855	11,900	15,193	15,451
Total	1,314,560	2,370,732	3,591,853	4,585,659	4,663,623

Est. Shortfall by Municipality - 2021 IO Rates	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028 +
North Bay	-	-	-	1,407,065	2,814,130
East Ferris	-	-	-	136,834	273,668
South Algonquin	-	-	-	58,731	117,463
Bonfield	-	-	-	57,156	114,313
Papineau/Cameron	-	-	-	30,535	61,070
Chisholm	-	-	-	28,905	57,811
Calvin	-	-	-	26,401	52,801
Mattawa	-	-	-	23,934	47,867
Mattawan	-	-	-	5,882	11,765
Total	-	-	-	1,775,444	3,550,888

3. Provincial Funding Impacts

- **Project Funding is based on the Ministry's 2020 LTC Capital Development Policy**
- **For Casselholme, this equates to:**
 - **\$6.6M in capital grants on substantial completion**
 - **\$2.2M in annual funding for 25 years**
- **In late 2022, MOLTC announced a "CFS Top-Up" per diem of \$35/bed/day equating to \$3M annually for 25 years**
- **Casselholme is ineligible based on approval date - next slide shows the potential impact of that funding**

3. Provincial Funding Impacts

Est. Shortfall by Municipality - 2020 CFS Subsidy Only	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028 +
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Est. Shortfall by Municipality - 2020 CFS Subsidy & Top Up \$35/bed/day	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028 +
North Bay	1,044,567	487,473	1,461,984	1,607,095	1,021,324
East Ferris	101,582	47,406	142,175	156,286	99,321
South Algonquin	43,601	20,347	61,024	67,081	42,630
Bonfield	42,431	19,802	59,387	65,282	41,487
Papineau/Cameron	22,668	10,579	31,727	34,876	22,164
Chisholm	21,459	10,014	30,034	33,015	20,981
Calvin	19,599	9,146	27,431	30,154	19,163
Mattawa	17,768	8,292	24,868	27,336	17,372
Mattawan	4,367	2,038	6,112	6,719	4,270
Total	1,318,041	615,097	1,844,741	2,027,844	1,288,713

4. Forecast Capital Levy

Year	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Bonfield	99,560	105,804	164,231	149,926	150,135

Notes

- Does not include regular operating levy – 2025 budget target = 0% to CPI increase over 2024
- Subject to change based on actual interest rates, construction budget and schedule, provincial funding
- Does not include any levy for debt service coverage reserves. If required, would equal approximately 25% of 2028 amount additional

Q&A Session

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REPORT TO COUNCIL

MEETING DATE: August 26, 2024
FROM: Dave Vieira, Deputy Fire Chief
SUBJECT: Monthly Report to Emergency Services Committee

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council of the Township of Bonfield receives this report for information purposes.

BACKGROUND

Dates from July 15 to August 26 the fire department has responded to 5 alarms, 2 medical responses, 1 structure fire, 2 MVC

Fire Call – July 19 On Scene at 1315, 7 personal, 2 hour duration
Medical – Aug 7. On Scene at 0050, 3 personal, 1 hour duration
MVC – Aug 16. On Scene at 0115, 13 personal, 3 hour duration
Medical – Aug 17. On Scene at 1810, 2 personal, 1 hour duration
MVC – Aug 23. On Scene at 1535, 8 personal, 1 hour duration

Year to date we have a total of 44 alarms

Historically for this time period in 2023 – a single medical call

Volunteer staff sits at 22 members – 18 operational, 2 on leave of absence, 1 junior, 1 probationary

Pumper Trucks are being pump tested Aug 28
SCBA Flow testing September 12

Recent Training

NFPA Alternative fuel vehicles for emergency responders
Aug 16th – 1 fire fighter took on air brake course – passed
In – House training chapter 15 Overhaul procedures begins



FIRE DEPARTMENT

Email: deputychief@bonfiedtownshp.com

September 16, I and the Training Officer will be attending a OFM training and certification portal seminar. The portal will have features such as live registration of OFC courses, ability to see all courses that our members are currently enrolled in and the ability to view all OFC records for any member of the team. Roll out is planned for end of September.

Respectfully,

Dave Vieira
Deputy Fire Chief



Fire Protection Grant (FY24-25)

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Instructions	A - Organization Information	B - Organization Address Information
C - Application Contact Information	D - Fire Department Information	E - Project Information
F - Budget	G - Partnership Information	H - Declaration and Signing

Instructions

Before filling out the application read the entire FIRE PROTECTION GRANT INFORMATION PACKAGE. It may be useful to print a copy of the fire protection grant information package to refer to while completing the application. There may be some questions on this application that you are NOT required to complete, these will be noted clearly in the fire protection grant information package.

Information about eligible organizations and expenses are detailed in the fire protection grant information package.

Some fields in your application will already have the information you supplied during enrolment or from previous applications.

Answer each question fully or indicate "not applicable" if the question is not relevant or does not apply to your project. Answers may vary in length depending on the nature of your project or program.

Provide reasons and supporting data where applicable to support your application. Demonstrate how your project addresses the grant program priorities.

Prepare necessary support materials. Ensure you have all of the necessary support materials electronically (either scanned, pdf or attachment). The required attachments are listed below. The grant will be allocated proportionate to the number of active fire stations in a municipality.

Note that Ministry consideration of an application does not guarantee funding. Applications will be assessed on the basis of the information provided by the applicant within the completed application forms and for their ability to achieve the objectives of the program.

The Ministry cannot guarantee funding to all applicants, nor can the ministry ensure that the total amount requested by successful applicants will be granted. The ministry reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to fund or not fund any particular project or program for which an application is submitted. The decision to fund all or part of an applicant request will depend on its fit to the program priorities, assessment criteria and the overall demand of funds in the program.

A - Organization Information

This section is not editable and displays information from your Transfer Payment Ontario (TPON) registration. The TPON system is a one-window self-serve registration system for submitting and updating organization profile information. All organizations receiving transfer payments from the Government of Ontario must register in the TPON system. If changes are required in Section A of your application, please make them in the TPON system. Once your information is revised, all future downloaded forms will include the updated information.

Organization Name: The Township of Bonfield	Organization Legal Name: CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BONFIELD
Website URL: www.bonfieldtownship.com	CRA Business Number 108131830

B - Organization Address Information

This section is not editable and displays information from your Transfer Payment Ontario (TPON) registration. The TPON system is a one-window self-serve registration system for submitting and updating organization profile information. All organizations receiving transfer payments from the Government of Ontario must register in the TPON system. If changes are required in Section B of your application, please make them in the TPON system. Once your information is revised, all future downloaded forms will include the updated information.

Business Address

Unit Number:	Street Address 1: 365 531 HWY
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Street Address 2:	City/Town: BONFIELD
Province: ON	Postal Code: P0H1E0
Country: Canada	

Mailing Address 1

Unit Number:	Street Address 1 365 531 HWY
Street Address 2	City/ Town BONFIELD
Province ON	Postal Code P0H1E0
Country Canada	

C - Application Contact Information

Please provide contacts for this application, including whether or not they have signing authority. Contacts with the Applicant role will receive email notifications regarding case submission, reports due, and payments. Contacts with the Payee role will receive notifications regarding payments.

Please enter the official having signing authority in the first section below. **If the signing authority is not the Fire Chief, please select the Add button below and submit the Fire Chief's contact information in the second area.**

Contacts with signing authority will be prompted to digitally sign this form in Section H.

			Add	Remove
Salutation: * Chief	First Name: * Dave	Last Name: * Vieira		
Primary: <input type="checkbox"/>	Role: * Applicant	Email Address: * deputychief@bonfieldtownship.com		
Title: Deputy Fire Chief	Department: Fire Department	Phone Number (Work): * (705) 492-7684		
Phone Number (Mobile): (705) 471-9929	Fax Number:	Signing Authority <input type="checkbox"/>		

D - Fire Department Information

Please complete the information below based on the current active fire stations and active full-time or volunteer firefighters as of the date of this application.

Please enter zero for the appropriate section below if you have no full-time or volunteer firefighters respectively.

Active Fire Stations *	No. of Full-Time Firefighters: *	No. of Volunteer Firefighters: *
2	0	18

Fire Department Annual Budget

Please complete the table below with year 1 being the most recent approved budget

Fiscal Year	Operating Budget *	Capital Budget *
1 (most recent)	238,335.60	50,000
2	224,470.00	20,000

Information provided above will be validated against OFM Fire Department profile information.

E - Project Information

Project Name (maximum 250 characters) *
Second Set of Bunker Gear: A Necessity, Not a Luxury

Project Start Date (mm/dd/yyyy) *
09/05/2024

Project End Date (mm/dd/yyyy) *
03/31/2025

Requested Amount: *
\$19,184.19

Total Cost of the Project: *
\$21,351.46

Identify applicable FP Grant Priorities (Select all that apply) *

(1) Cancer Prevention - Equipment and Supplies

(2) Cancer Prevention – PPE

(3) Cancer Prevention – Minor Infrastructure

(4) Minor Infrastructure Modernization – Enhanced Broadband and Internet Connectivity

Project Summary: *

A second set of bunker gear is a necessity for firefighters to maintain their personal protection, hygiene, and compliance with NFPA regulations. It's essential for ensuring their safety and well-being during emergency responses.

Project Description: *

A second set of bunker gear is crucial for firefighters to maintain a high level of protection and hygiene.

Here are examples of why a second set is important:
After working a fire scene, it's essential to wash and dry bunker gear thoroughly. However, if you reuse the same gear without proper cleaning and drying, you risk re-contaminating yourself with hazardous materials.

Having a second set of clean bunker gear ensures that firefighters can respond to subsequent calls without compromising their personal protection.

NFPA-certified gear is required for live fires, and a second set of bunker gear meets this standard. This ensures that firefighters have access to compliant gear, even if their primary set is compromised or not yet dry.

The detailed coats, pants and hoods are listed below without tax included and the requested amount includes the non-refundable tax along with the primary base costs.

Project Objectives: *

To improve the health and safety and prevent long term illness for our fire fighters by obtaining a second set of bunker gear.

F - Budget

Please attach an itemized list along with the anticipated costs (not including taxes), categorized using the categories below to outline the individual equipment and installation costs included in this initiative.

Item	Description	Amount
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Anticipated Costs of Project components

Cancer Prevention – Equipment and Supplies		
Cancer Prevention – PPE	Lakeland Khaki Pioneer OSX B1 Coat 6 coats at \$1528.98 total \$9173.88	18,895.10
Cancer Prevention – Minor Infrastructure		
Installation Costs – Cancer Prevention - Minor Infrastructure		
Minor Infrastructure Modernization – Enhanced Broadband and Internet		
Installation Costs Minor Infrastructure Modernization – Enhanced Broadband and		
Other (specify)		
Total Expenditures		18,895.10

G - Partnership Information

Please list any fire departments that have agreed to consolidate their allotments on this grant for the purposes of sharing equipment or services amongst the partners. Any partners listed will be contacted by the OFM to confirm their agreements prior to any funds be allocated.

Fire Department Name	Fire Chief (if applicable)	Comments

H - Declaration and Signing

Applicants are expected to comply with the Ontario Human Rights Code (the "Code") and all other applicable laws (<http://www.ohrc.on.ca/en/ontario-human-rights-code>). Failure to comply with the letter and spirit of the Code will render the applicant ineligible for a grant and, in the event a grant is made, liable to repay the grant in its entirety at the request of the Ministry. Applicants should be aware that Government of Ontario institutions are bound by the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.F.31 (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90f31>), as amended from time to time, and that any information provided to them in connection with this application may be subject to disclosure in accordance with that Act. Applicants are advised that the names and addresses of organizations receiving grants, the amount of the grant awards, and the purpose for which grants are awarded is information made available to the public.

Declaration

The Applicant hereby certifies as follows:

- the information provided in this application is true, correct and complete in every respect;
- the Applicant understands any funding commitment will be provided by way of an approval letter signed by the responsible Minister and will be subject to any conditions included in such a letter. Conditions of funding may include the requirement for a funding agreement obligating the funding recipient to report on how the funding was spent and other accountability requirements;
- the Applicant has read and understands the information contained in the Application Form;
- the Applicant is aware that the information contained herein can be used for the assessment of grant eligibility and for statistical reporting;
- the applicant understands that it is expected to comply with the Ontario Human Rights Code and all other applicable laws;
- the Applicant understands that the information contained in this application or submitted to the Ministry in connection with the grant is subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act;
- the Applicant is not in default of the terms and conditions of any grant, loan or transfer payment agreement with any ministry or agency of the Government of Ontario;
- I am an authorized signing officer for the Applicant.

Please validate your application by clicking the Validate button before submitting the form back to Transfer Payment Ontario.



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BONFIELD
EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
August 26th, 2024

PRESENT: Donna Clark, Vice-Chair Dave Vieira, Deputy Fire Chief
Allan Reid, CEMC

STAFF PRESENT: Santana Chubb, Clerk

VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE: Steve Featherstone, Chair

1. Call to Order

Motion 1

Moved by Allan Reid

Seconded by Donna Clark

THAT this meeting be opened at 6:01 p.m.

Carried Donna Clark

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2

Moved by Donna Clark

Seconded by Dave Vieira

THAT the agenda for the Emergency Services Committee Meeting for August 26, 2024, be approved as circulated.

Carried Donna Clark

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest: None for this session

4. Adoption of Previous Minutes

Motion 3

Moved by Dave Vieira

Seconded by Allan Reid

THAT the minutes of the Emergency Services Committee Meeting held July 15, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

Carried Donna Clark

5. Presentation & Delegations: None for this session

6. Staff Reports

6.a Report from Deputy Fire Chief regarding recent call reports.

The Deputy Fire Chief gave a brief report on recent calls from July 15 to date, and current volunteers.

From July 15 to current, there were a total of 5 calls.

Attended two medical calls:

- August 7th, on scene at 00:50, 3 personnel, 1-hour duration.

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- August 17th, on scene at 18:10, 2 personnel, 1-hour duration.

Attended one structure fire:

- July 19th, on scene at 01:30, 7 personnel, 2-hour duration.

Attended two motor vehicle collisions:

- August 16th, on scene at 01:15, 13 personnel, 3-hour duration.
- August 23rd, on scene at 15:35, 8 personnel, 1-hour duration.

This time last year, there was one call (medical).

Year to date, there have been a total of 44 alarms.

Current volunteer staff is 22, with 18 operational, 2 on leave of absence, 1 junior, and 1 probationary.

6.b Report from Deputy Fire Chief regarding recent training.

The Deputy Fire Chief reported on recent training and equipment.

Training:

- Recent training on NFPA alternative fuel vehicles for emergency responders.
- On August 16th, one fire fighter took the air brake course and passed.
- The volunteers have begun in-house training on chapter 15, overhaul procedures.
- On September 16th, the Deputy Fire Chief and Training Officer will be attending an OFM training and certification portal seminar.

Equipment:

- August 28th, the pumper trucks are being pump tested.
- September 12th, the SCBA equipment is being flow tested.

There was a brief discussion about reaching out to other municipalities to inquire about training opportunities with other fire departments. The Deputy Fire Chief has a Mutual Aid meeting coming up with the other municipalities.

6.c Report from Deputy Fire Chief regarding recent community involvement.

- There have been no recent community events/involvement to report on.
- The Deputy Fire Chief was reminded of the annual Halloween event in October. The Fire Department will start discussing their involvement in the event.

7. Items for Committee Discussion

7.a Receive and review completed Fire Department assessment.

The Deputy Fire Chief gave a summary of the final assessment.

The final assessment states:

- There are no immediate safety concerns that pose a risk to the firefighters.

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- There is no immediate risk to the corporation or the corporation's officers.
- The fire department is following to the best of their abilities the regulations, legislations, and industry practices.
- The only major concern found during the assessment was regarding the lack of operational SCBA equipment, and it has since been corrected and the fire department is back in full compliance with NFPA standards.

7.b Receive and review the Fire Protection grant.

The Deputy Fire Chief gave a brief description of the grant.

- The Fire Protection grant was launched in March 2024, and the application deadline is September 5th, 2024.
- The grant is for a total of 10 million dollars to be dispersed over 3 years for the province of Ontario. This will give approximately \$8,000 to \$10,000 per active station for qualifying applicants, meaning the Bonfield Volunteer Fire Department could get up to \$20,000 from the grant.
- The grants would be used to purchase additional bunker gear to bring them up to NFPA standard. The Fire Department is requesting 6 additional suits that will cost \$18,000 and 20 flash hoods that will cost an additional \$3,000.

7.c Receive and review the Wildland Fire grant.

The CEMC gave a brief description of the Wildland Fire grant.

- The grant can cover many items the fire department could use, such as generators, chainsaws, tools, etc.
- The Deputy Fire Chief will put together a list of tools and equipment that the fire department could use to help fight wildland fires and the CEMC will aid in applying for the grant.

7.d Discuss the SOLGEN session (Engagement on Proposed EMCPA).

The CEMC, Vice-Chair and CAO recently attended a session for a proposed Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act update.

- The Act hasn't been updated for approximately 15 years.
- There are five focus areas:
 1. The scope of an emergency and emergency management.
 2. One window approach to provincial emergency management coordination.
 3. Enhancing coordination between government and emergency management partners, including boarder public sector and external partners.
 4. Improving the consistency, quality, and inclusivity of emergency management programs.
 5. Reflecting how Ontario works with First Nations in emergency management.

7.e Discuss the modernization of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act.

Refer to Item of Committee Discussion 7.d.

7.f Discuss the Modernization of Wildland Fire Management.

The CEMC gave a brief description and break down of the topic.

- Wildland fires have changed over the years with how they react and how they need to be dealt with. With this, we need to update how we deal with these fires, such as, the fire fighting, fire prevention, and response.
- There are five focus areas:
 1. Strengthen collective responsibility for wildland fire management.
 2. Improve awareness of wildland fire risk.
 3. Expand prevention and mitigation of wildland fire.
 4. Enhance preparedness and response to wildland fire.
 5. Strengthen rules and consequences for non-compliance with forest fire laws.

8. Resolutions to be Considered for Council Recommendation: None for this session

9. Correspondence: None for this session

10. Closed Session: None for this session

11. Adjournment

Motion 5

Moved by Donna Clark

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Seconded by Dave Vieira

Carried Donna Clark

CHAIR

CLERK

MEETING DATE: September 10, 2024
FROM: Nicky Kunkel, CAO Clerk-Treasurer
SUBJECT: **Staff Training Opportunity – Cancel November 12th Council meeting**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the CAO Clerk-Treasurer and the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to attend the Municipal Finance Officers Associations training in Sudbury;

THAT the meeting of Council scheduled for November 12, 2024 be cancelled in its entirety; AND THAT a special meeting of Council be scheduled if required

BACKGROUND

Municipal Finance Officers Associations (MFOA) is hosting a multi-day training for Treasurers in Sudbury from November 6 to 8, 2024. The fee to attend is \$75.00. MFOA has funding that permits them to cover the mileage, meal, and accommodations for the training.

Both the CAO Clerk-Treasurer and the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer will benefit from the agenda topics. However, the training days fall on the Council agenda preparation dates. We are proposing the cancel the November 12, 2024 meeting. Staff will return the following week and a special meeting of Council can be called should there be pressing and time sensitive matters.

Agenda Topics

- A. Procurement (1 day) This hands-on workshop will focus on the key elements, perspectives and considerations that should be included as you write your procurement bylaw. You will walk away with approximately 50-60% of a draft bylaw
- B. Municipal Budgeting – an overview of various approaches and perspectives This session will provide an overview of different budget approaches that could be used when developing a municipal budget; including traditional, incremental, priority-based, service-based and multi-year budget approaches, and an overview of upcoming trends.
- C. Property Tax & Assessment This session will examine the prevailing realities of the current property tax landscape with specific attention to the circumstances faced by Northern municipalities. We will explore ways municipalities can strategically respond and adapt to protect and advance their local priorities and objectives.
- D. The Road to Prudent Investing under the Municipal Act Prudent Investing under the Municipal Act is an eligible option for ALL Ontario Municipalities. This session will discuss Section 418.1 of the Municipal Act, the differences between Prudent Investing and Legal List investing (under Sect. 418), the benefits to "going Prudent", and the steps and considerations required for a Municipality.
- E. Developing a Finance Strategy - Overview This session will provide an overview of the components of a financing strategy and how it connects to other AM activities and municipal processes, such as levels of service, and lifecycle costing.

Respectfully submitted.

Nicky Kunkel, CAO Clerk-Treasurer

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BONFIELD

BY-LAW NO. 2024-54

Being a by-law to enter into an agreement with the Powassan and Area Family Health Team for the provision of auxiliary health services through a Collaborative Care Model at the Bonfield Medical Center

WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Bonfield wishes to provide auxiliary health services, to the residents of the Township of Bonfield;

AND WHEREAS the The Powassan and Area Family Health Team (PAAFHT) is extending clinical services to the patients of the physicians of the Bonfield Medical Center in a collaborative care model through Interprofessional Primary Care Team (IPCT) funding.

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

1. **THAT** the attached agreement for Collaborative Care Model Auxiliary Health Services between the Township of Bonfield and the Powassan and Area Family Health Team, is hereby accepted and attached as Schedule "A" to this By-Law; and
2. **THAT** the Mayor and Clerk be hereby authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of the Corporation of the Township of Bonfield and the Bonfield Medical Center; and
3. **THAT** this by-law shall come into force and take effect upon the passing thereof.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 10TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2024.

MAYOR

CLERK

Bylaw 2024 – 54
Schedule A

September 10, 2024

**Collaborative Care Model Between the Powassan Area FHT and the Physicians of the
Bonfield Medical Centre**

1. Background

The Powassan and Area Family Health Team (PAAFHT) is extending clinical services to the patients of the physicians of the Bonfield Medical Centre in a collaborative care model through Interprofessional Primary Care Team (IPCT) funding. This document confirms how PAAFHT and the physicians work together and the agreed upon terms of our arrangement.

2. Collaborative Care

PAAFHT delivers primary healthcare programs and services based on community needs working collaboratively with affiliated physicians and other community partners.

This collaborative care model is rooted in four key principles:

1. Patients benefit from multidisciplinary care since complex health issues are layered and benefit from the services of different health disciplines and their unique perspectives, knowledge, skills and interventions.
2. All providers are valuable partners in care.
3. All providers communicate with each other to improve care outcomes and fill in the blanks for patient circumstances, histories and care stories.
4. Providers and patients learn from each other.

Physicians of the Bonfield Medical Centre are always the primary care providers for their patients. For clarity, PAAFHT does not take over responsibility for patients. Bonfield Physicians remain the most responsible physicians and PAAFHT supports both physicians and their patients in the care journey.

PAAFHT staff will consult with Physicians on challenging cases.

Physicians can expect to receive clinical documentation after PAAFHT sees a patient.

3. PAAFHT Staff, Programs & Services

PAAFHT designs programs and services to support patients and communities and these may change from time to time.

PAAFHT will extend clinical programs and services to patients of Bonfield Medical Centre physicians through this IPCT funding.

All PAAFHT staff work to their full scope of practice.

PAAFHT staff will consult with Bonfield physicians on challenging cases.

PAAFHT Registered Practical Nurses (RPNs) work under some medical directives and will require the Bonfield physicians to sign off on those directives to receive those services.

3.A Physiotherapy Services

Physiotherapy services will be made available through the IPCT funding to Bonfield physicians' patients, and those services may be provided by Martel & Mitchel Rehabilitation Services.

Those patients may be invited to attend at the Martel & Mitchel Rehabilitation Services at the Powassan Medical Centre at 8 King St. Powassan. While PAAFHT may fund those services, PAAFHT is not responsible or liable for Martel & Mitchel Rehabilitation Services personnel, services, facilities or scheduling.

Referral to physiotherapy services will happen through the referral form developed by PAAFHT.

3.B Schedule

The available interdisciplinary health providers and their schedules are overseen in the sole discretion of PAAFHT.

For example, PAAFHT might schedule 2 days of RPN support per week and 2 days of mental health support per week.

The details of the available interdisciplinary health providers scheduled dates and times will be shared with Bonfield Medical Centre physicians by email with as much notice as possible.

PAAFHT is not able to cover staffing absences due to vacation, illness, leaves, other time off, professional development or vacancies. PAAFHT will give Bonfield Medical Centre physicians as much notice as possible. There is no guaranteed volume of services.

3.C Management

PAAFHT has sole responsibility for all aspects of human resources for its staff including recruitment, hiring, range of interdisciplinary health provider services available, compensation, benefits, management, supervision, occupational health and safety, promotion, professional development, scheduling, work locations, assignment of duties and scope of services, leaves of absence, illness, vacation, performance reviews, discipline, and termination of employment.

Because of the integrated relationship, the FHT welcomes physician insights and contributions to performance reviews and both positive and constructive feedback on services and staff. Such comments are to be shared with the PAAFHT Executive Director.

Any complaints or concerns about a PAAFHT staff member will be brought to the attention of the Executive Director as soon as possible. Bonfield Medical Centre physicians have sole discretion over the health and safety of their premises and may restrict PAAFHT access to the building if necessary. PAAFHT will work collaboratively to resolve the matter.

Any PAAFHT complaints or concerns about this relationship will be brought to the physicians' attention. If for any reason PAAFHT feels it is unsafe or dangerous for its staff to provide services at Bonfield Medical Centre, PAAFHT has sole discretion to suspend services or move services or withhold services.

4. Bonfield Medical Centre Physicians

Physicians of the Bonfield Medical Centre are always the primary care providers for their patients. For clarity, PAAFHT does not take over responsibility for patients. Bonfield Physicians remain the most responsible providers for their patients.

Physicians can expect to receive clinical documentation after PAAFHT sees a patient.

Physicians agree to:

- embrace the mission of working together with PAAFHT Staff in a respectful and collaborative manner;
- remain the primary care physician for all their patients;
- sign off on RPN medical directives for services they want RPNs to provide to their patients;
- communicate with and respond to PAAFHT Staff in a timely manner using the electronic medical record or by telephone care conferences;
- consult on challenging cases with PAAFHT Staff, so that respective accountabilities to the connected patients are appropriately discharged (which is anticipated to be a rare occurrence);
- give PAAFHT three months' written notice of any physicians who join or leave the Bonfield Medical Centre and
- attend periodic team meetings with FHT leadership and staff.

The physicians will have their reception staff book appointments appropriately for PAAFHT staff according to this agreement and FHT booking protocols and any changes to appointments or protocols will be made with appropriate notice.

5. Facilities

PAAFHT will provide services in the Bonfield Medical Centre and will be provided a room in which to do so at no charge to PAAFHT. PAAFHT services may also be offered remotely or at the PAAFHT Astorville clinic site.

Bonfield Medical Centre will ensure that there is a phone in the nurses room and adequate internet speed for efficient use of Telus EMR.

6. Clinical and Office Equipment and Supplies

Bonfield Medical Centre physicians will provide clinical equipment for PAAFHT staff where needed. The PAAFHT will provide office equipment for PAAFHT Staff which will include computers, and label printers and clinical equipment which will include BP unit, fetal doppler, stethoscope, otoscope and ophthalmoscope. Bonfield Medical Centre physicians will provide any additional clinical equipment for PAAFHT staff where needed.

6.A Medical/Office Supplies

Bonfield Medical Centre physicians will provide usual medical and office supplies for PAAFHT staff.

7. eMR, PHIPA Health Information Custodian Status, Privacy and Digital Tools

The physicians and the Township of Bonfield have an electronic medical record (“**eMR**”)/paper health records. The Bonfield Medical Centre physicians are the health information custodians under the health privacy legislation, the *Personal Health Information Protection Act, 2004* (“**PHIPA**”).

PAAFHT is also a health information custodian for its records.

Bonfield physicians will pay the EMR fees for licenses to the eMR for themselves and their staff. Bonfield RPNGA will pay the eMR access fees to ASP server and remote access, if any, for PAAFHT staff providing services to Bonfield patients.

When PAAFHT staff work at the Bonfield Medical Centre, they will have access to the physicians’ eMR/health records. PAAFHT staff will document in the Bonfield eMR and track their PAAFHT programs and services in the Bonfield eMR for the purposes of program development, reporting and evaluation. The physicians will allow PAAFHT quality improvement staff to have access to the Bonfield eMR for those purposes.

A separate PHIPA Agency Agreement will be signed to address compliance with privacy legislation.

Any changes to the Bonfield Medical Centre’s eMR or use of digital tools will be coordinated with PAAFHT in advance through an EMR committee and/or the Executive Director.

If physiotherapy services are delivered through Martel & Mitchel Rehabilitation Services, a consult note will be shared with the patients’ Bonfield Medical Centre physicians.

PAAFHT will offer Bonfield Medical Centre physicians some administrative human resources support for digital health tools, which may include support through the Nipissing Wellness Ontario Health Team.

PAAFHT and Bonfield Medical Centre will work together to align their privacy policies.

8. Branding and Communication about the Relationship

PAAFHT will provide a FHT sign to be prominently displayed at the Bonfield Medical Centre. There may be a name change for the FHT to reflect the expansion of services.

PAAFHT will provide Bonfield Medical Centre with information to describe the relationship with PAAFHT to the public and patients. Bonfield Medical Centre will send out or make available to all current and future patients this description from PAAFHT. (For example information can be posted in the office and added to the new patient application).

PAAFHT will update their website to include Bonfield Medical Centre location and information.

Bonfield Medical Centre will work together to create and use agreed upon PAAFHT branding, letterhead and a logo as a site of PAAFHT that will be used in communications with patients.

9. Fees

There are no fees exchanged in this model. Interdisciplinary health provider care is provided by PAAFHT through their Funding Agreement with Ontario Health / Ministry of Health.

The physicians will pay any fees relating to PAAFHT staff having access to the physicians' eMR if there are any that are more than accessing the PAAFHT eMR (eMR Client #2490).

Costs for supplies will be as outlined above.

10. Insurance

PAAFHT holds comprehensive insurance for its staff and activities (which includes general liability, professional liability, Directors and Officers liability, and cyber insurance to cover costs, fees and losses related to privacy issues).

Bonfield Medical Centre physicians hold their own professional indemnity coverage and insurance relating to their practice and their eMR, including maintaining adequate cyber insurance of at least \$2 million.

11. Termination

PAAFHT may have to end its services if it loses funding.

This arrangement ends if PAAFHT or the Bonfield Medical Centre physicians give forty-five (45) days' notice to the other.

Any termination of this arrangement should not negatively impact on anyone's ability to fulfill legal obligations (and obligations of staff and agents) and the PAAFHT and the physicians agree to work together in the event of a termination to ensure continuity of care and reasonable business and professional duties and functioning.

Any changes to this arrangement will be made in writing and agreed to by the parties.

We, the signatories on this page, have the authority to bind our organizations:

Powassan and Area FAMILY HEALTH TEAM

Signature

Michel Champagne, Board Chair

Name & Title

Powassan and Area FAMILY HEALTH TEAM

Signature

Anna Gibson-Olajos, Executive Director

Name & Title

Bonfield RNPGA

Bonfield RNPGA

Signature

Signature

Dr. Fan-Hsia Mang, Physician

Dr. Erwin Feige, Physician

Name & Title

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Township of Bonfield

Township of Bonfield

Signature

Signature

Narry Paquette

Nicky Kunkel

Mayor

CAO Clerk-Treasurer

August 12, 2024

VIA EMAIL

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

Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

Re: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and Ontario Medical Association (OMA) Joint Health Resolution Campaign

At its Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council approved the following resolution:

Resolution 2024-253
Moved by: Councillor Scott
Seconded by: Councillor Verkaik

That Council receive the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) Joint Health Resolution Campaign for information; and

That Council support the motion as written:

WHEREAS the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being de-rostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years; and

WHEREAS it has becoming increasingly challenging to attract and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University says communities in northern Ontario are short more than 350 physicians, including more than 200 family doctors; and half of the physicians working in northern Ontario expected to retire in the next five years; and

WHEREAS Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, and paramedicine.

WHEREAS the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77 in 2008 to 65 percent in 2022; and

WHEREAS per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada, and

WHEREAS a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the province;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in Bradford West Gwillimbury and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care; and

Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, Hon. Doug Ford; our local Member of Provincial Parliament, Hon. Caroline Mulroney, the Minister of Health, Hon. Sylvia Jones; and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

Regards,



Tara Reynolds
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CC:
Hon. Caroline Mulroney, Member of Provincial Parliament
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health
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Virginia LaTour, Deputy City Clerk

August 15, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2
Via Email - justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

RE: Notice of Motion – Councillor Stedall – The Canada Community-Building Fund

Dear Prime Minister:

This letter will serve to advise that at a meeting of City of Quinte West Council held on August 14, 2024 Council passed the following resolution:

Motion No 24-366 – Notice of Motion - Councillor Stedall - The Canada Community-Building Fund
Moved by Councillor Stedall
Seconded by Councillor McCue

Whereas the City of Quinte West is entering into an agreement to receive Canada Community-Building Funds, which is administered by the Association of Ontario Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) on behalf of the Federal government;

And whereas the funding allocations are less than 2% year over year for the next 5 years;

And whereas the amounts allocated in the past 5 years were less than 2% year over year;

And whereas non-residential construction price inflation has risen by 29% since the end of 2020 and municipalities are facing soaring costs for infrastructure projects without a corresponding growth in revenue;

And whereas there is a requirement for municipalities to complete an asset management plan and a housing needs analysis;

And whereas both of these plans show the large funding gap between infrastructure and housing needs and funds available from property taxation;

And whereas The City of Quinte West has over \$1.5 billion in core infrastructure assets and, like other municipalities, its infrastructure is aging and in need of upgrades and replacement;

And whereas The City's Asset Management Plan requires \$37 million annually to maintain existing assets which, based on current available funding, is resulting in an annual infrastructure deficit of over \$17.1 million;

And whereas municipalities are facing a gap in federal infrastructure funding as the 10-year Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program has come to an end;

Now therefore be it resolved that the City of Quinte West calls on the Federal Government to provide a supplement to the allocations provided to municipalities under the AMO CBBF agreement for 2024 - 2028 for the same amount that was allocated, effectively doubling the allocation for those years;

And further that this resolution be forwarded to MFOA, AMO, MP Ryan Williams, and Federal Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland, and all Municipalities in Ontario.
Carried

We trust that you will give favourable consideration to this request.

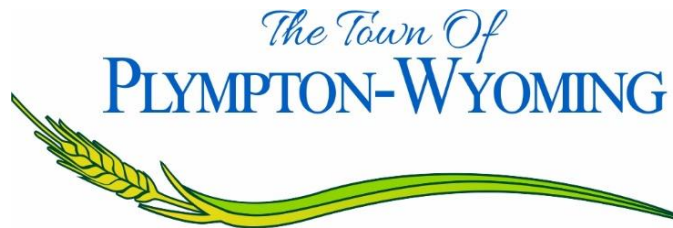
Yours Truly,

CITY OF QUINTE WEST

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Virginia LaTour', written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

Virginia LaTour,
Deputy City Clerk

cc: Donna Herridge, Executive Director, MFOA
Colin Best, President, AMO
Ryan Williams, MP, Bay of Quinte
Hon. Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance
All Municipalities of Ontario



Hon. Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada
Hon. Mary Ng, Minister of Export Promotion, International Trade & Economic Development of Canada
Hon. Francois-Phillip Champagne, Minister of Innovation, Science, & Industry of Canada
Innovation Science & Economic Development Canada (ISED)
Government of Canada
MP Marilyn Gladu
MPP Bob Bailey
(sent via e-mail)

Re: Underserviced Cellular Communication Services in Rural and Urban Centres in the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, other Rural and Urban Centres across Lambton County, and beyond

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, at its meeting on July 31st, 2024, passed the following resolution:

Whereas the Government of Canada and The Town of Plympton-Wyoming have approved 2 new Cell Tower installations, yet no installations have occurred. ISED regulations state, *“Following the consultation, and once the company and local municipality agree, the tower must be built within three years.”*

And Whereas the Town of Plympton-Wyoming is not able to utilize all the available modern technology for Fire Services due to the lack of cell signals and reliable cellular service coverage in our rural and urban communities.

And Whereas residents of our community are not able to have reliability and confidence in our telecommunications infrastructure for our commercial establishments and economic growth, employment, school, virtual medical appointments, mental health, welfare and emergency services.

And Whereas Many areas are considered “Dead Zones” causing rural and urban communities to incur prohibitive costs which include roaming and overage fees and/or alternative resources in order to gain basic and limited communication functionality.

And Whereas the Federal Government is already exploring 6G services, yet existing Cell Towers in The Town of Plympton-Wyoming are only providing 3G which is ending in 2025, LTE and 4G service – where these services are even available.

And Whereas the ISED has committed to have a reliable Network and states that, *“Reliable telecommunications networks have never been more crucial. They support not only a wide range of economic and social activities but also other critical infrastructure sectors and*

government services, and they are crucial for emergency services and public safety. They are fundamental to the safety, prosperity and well-being of Canadians.”

And Whereas the top priority of the ISED as stated in the Telecommunications Reliability Agenda is, *“Robust Networks and Systems – This means there is robust architecture for telecommunications networks with appropriate redundancy, diversity, and hardening against hazards, with particular care for emergency services. There are systems with controls and monitoring and the telecommunications supply chain including supplier equipment is trusted and secure. Investments are made to support these activities including in rural and remote areas or to address coverage gaps.”*

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming requests that the Federal Government and ISED and make it their priority to push forward with their commitment to provide this crucial infrastructure in a meaningful and timely manner and provide action and enforcement of the regulations that mandate timely installation of approved Cell Tower Installations.

The health and well-being of our community is at the mercy of our Federal Government taking these matters seriously; taking action to reduce the harm being caused to our residents well being and allowing our emergency services to perform at standard that our larger urban municipalities are able to.

Sincerely,



Ella Flynn
Executive Assistant – Deputy Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

Cc:
All Ontario Municipalities



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August 21, 2024

Premier's Office
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Dear Hon. Ford,

Re: Public Sector Salary Disclosure

At the August 6, 2024 Standing Committees meeting, Committee made the following recommendation:

Moved by Councillor Dean Graff
Seconded by Councillor Don Stewart

That the report from the CAO-Treasurer entitled, "Public Sector Salary Disclosure" be received; and

That Committee recommends to Council the following resolution be adopted and forwarded to the Province of Ontario Premier's Office, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario Municipalities;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act be updated to reflect the inflation rates since 1996; and further

That the Act be further updated so that the inflation rate is applied each year to the requirement to report public salaries.

Carried.

This resolution was subsequently ratified and confirmed by Council at their meeting of August 19, 2024.

Sincerely,

Sydney Dodson
Deputy Clerk

/sd

Cc: Roxanne Hearn – CAO/Treasurer, Premier Doug Ford, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, AMO, all Ontario Municipalities



Annette Groves
Mayor

July 31, 2024

Sent via E-Mail: doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

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

RE: SUPPORT FOR FAMILY DOCTORS

Dear Premier Ford,

I am writing to advise that at the Town Council meeting held on July 23, 2024, Council adopted a resolution supporting other municipalities' request regarding support for family doctors.

The resolution reads as follows:

That the Town of Caledon support the Town of Petrolia and City of Bellville regarding the resolution in support of Family Doctors, and the request to the Province to take immediate action to ensure family physicians are properly compensated with immediate fee increases and that the administrative burden now being experienced by family doctors be reduced so they have more time to see their patients; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Honorable Doug Ford, Premier, Honorable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier, Minister of Health and MPP Dufferin-Caledon, the City of Belleville, the Town of Petrolia and all Ontario municipalities.

For more information regarding this matter, please contact Catherine Monast, Chief of Staff, directly by email at Catherine.Monast@caledon.ca or by phone at 905.584.2272 ext. 4539.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

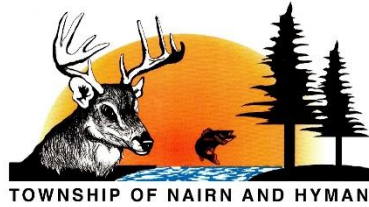
Sincerely,

Annette Groves
Mayor

Cc: The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and MPP Dufferin-Caledon, sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org
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August 21, 2024

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

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

RE: Concerns with the Transport and Deposition of Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (NORM) at the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area (ALTMA)

Dear Premier Ford,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Council of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Township of Baldwin to formally submit the attached resolution passed jointly by the two Councils at a Joint Emergency Council Meeting on August 19, 2024.

Our two Townships very recently learned of the decision to transport naturally occurring radioactive material (NORM) from the former Beaucage Mine Site and Nipissing First Nation reserve lands and deposit it at the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area in the Township of Nairn and Hyman. The decision to transport and deposit NORM has far-reaching implications for the environment, public health, and safety of our communities, and this significant decision was made without any consultation with our municipalities and the other municipalities located near Agnew Lake or along the Highway 17 corridor.

In addition to the participation of our municipalities in this Emergency Council Meeting, many representatives from surrounding First Nations attended the meeting, underscoring the widespread concern across our region about this impending project. The planned transportation of NORM is scheduled to begin in the coming weeks, therefore we respectfully request your attention to this urgent matter.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION: 2024-EM1-2

DATE: August 19, 2024

MOVED BY: Councillor McVey

SECONDED BY: Councillor Cote

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin have been informed of the decision to transport naturally occurring radioactive material (NORM) from the former Beaucage Mine and Nipissing First Nation reserve land, and deposit it at the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area (ALTMA) in the Township of Nairn and Hyman; and

WHEREAS this decision has significant implications for the environment, public health, and safety of the surrounding communities, including those within the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Township of Baldwin; and

WHEREAS the decision to transport and deposit NORM to the ALTMA site was made without any consultation with the Township of Nairn and Hyman or the other municipalities bordering Agnew Lake, resulting in the exclusion of local municipalities from the decision-making process; and

WHEREAS the exclusion of local municipalities from this process represents a serious breach of trust and a disregard for the well-being of the residents of these communities; and

WHEREAS there are significant concerns among residents regarding the potential contamination of drinking water sources, particularly Agnew Lake, which many residents rely on for safe drinking water; and

WHEREAS the risks associated with NORM are well-documented, and the proximity of the ALTMA to Agnew Lake heightens the concerns regarding the potential contamination of this vital water source; and

WHEREAS according to information received from the Ministry of Mines, there are already some areas of the ALTMA site where dose estimates exceed the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission's regulatory limit for casual site users; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin held a joint Emergency Council Meeting on August 19, 2024;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin respectfully demands that the Province of Ontario, the Ministry of Mines and the Ministry of Transportation immediately halt the project involving the transportation and deposition of NORM at the ALTMA site until a clear line of communication is established with local municipalities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin respectfully demands full disclosure of all pertinent details regarding the proposed future NORM transportation and deposition plan, including specific transportation routes, emergency response plans, safety protocols, and the future management plan for the ALTMA site; and

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin insists that environmental and health impact assessments be conducted with input from independent experts, and that these assessments include opportunities for public hearings to ensure transparency and community involvement; and

THAT the Province of Ontario enact legislation that consultation with municipalities is a requirement of any projects that include the transportation or deposition of NORM; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable George Pirie, the Minister of Mines; the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, the Minister of Transportation; the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; Chief Toulouse and Sagamok Anishnawbek Council Members; Chief Nootchtai and Atikameksheng Anishnawbek Council Members; the Ontario Ombudsman; the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; the Canadian Environmental Law Association; MP Carol Hughes; MPP Michael Mantha; the Association of Ontario Municipalities and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

For more information regarding this matter, please contact our municipal office by email at belindaketchabaw@nairncentre.ca or by phone at (705) 869-4232.

Yours truly,



Belinda Ketchabaw
CAO Clerk Treasurer
Township of Nairn and Hyman

Cc:

Honourable George Pirie, the Minister of Mines
Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, the Minister of Transportation
Honourable Andrea Khanjin, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Chief Toulouse and Sagamok Anishnawbek Council Members
Chief Nootchtai and Atikameksheng Anishnawbek Council Members
Ontario Ombudsman
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
Canadian Environmental Law Association
MP Carol Hughes
MPP Michael Mantha
Association of Ontario Municipalities
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**The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby
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August 19, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1
premier@ontario.ca

Dear:

**RE: Request Provincial Government to Support Increasing Funding for Public
Libraries and Community Museums**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby at its meeting held on August 12, 2024, passed the following resolution:

Moved: Councillor Howe

Seconded: Councillor Baradziej

C-24- 228

Resolved that the correspondence from the Town of Fort Erie and Town of Lincoln regarding increased funding for Public Libraries and Community Museums be received and endorsed.

If you require any additional information, please let me know.

Regards,

Victoria Steele
Town Clerk

CC The Honourable Stan Cho, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming
stan.cho@pc.ola.org
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario amo@amo.on.ca
Local Area Municipalities
Niagara Region
All Ontario Municipalities



Legislative Services

March 19, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
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premier@ontario.ca

Honourable and Dear Sir:

Re: Support Town of Lincoln Resolution - Request Provincial Government to Support Increasing Funding for Public Libraries and Community Museums

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of March 18, 2024 received and supported correspondence from the Town of Lincoln dated February 28, 2024 requesting the Provincial Government to support increasing funding for Public Libraries and Community Museums.

Attached please find a copy of the Town of Lincoln correspondence dated February 28, 2024.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Peter Todd,
Manager, Legislative Services / Town Clerk
ptodd@forterie.ca
PT-dlk

Attach.

c.c. The Honourable Neil Lumsden, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport neil.lumsden@pc.ola.org
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario amo@amo.on.ca
Local Area Municipalities
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All Ontario Municipalities



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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
RUSSELL

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION

Date: **August 26, 2024** **Item(s) no.:** 10 (ref. a)

Subject: Resolution to Support AMCTO Provincial Updates to the Municipal Elections Act

Moved by: **Jamie Laurin**

Seconded by: **Lisa Deacon**

WHEREAS elections rules need to be clear, supporting candidates and voters in their electoral participation and election administrators in running elections; and

WHEREAS legislation needs to strike the right balance between providing clear rules and frameworks to ensure the integrity of the electoral process; and

WHEREAS the legislation must also reduce administrative and operational burden for municipal staff ensuring that local election administrators can run elections in a way that responds to the unique circumstances of their local communities; and

WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (MEA) will be 30 years old by the next municipal and school board elections in 2026; and

WHEREAS the MEA sets out the rules for local elections, the Assessment Act, 1990 and the Education Act, 1990 also contain provisions impacting local elections adding more places for voters, candidates, and administrators to look for the rules that bind the local democratic process in Ontario; and

WHEREAS with rules across three pieces of legislation, and the MEA containing a patchwork of clauses, there are interpretation challenges, inconsistencies, and gaps to fill; and

WHEREAS the Act can pose difficulties for voters, candidates, contributors and third-party advertisers to read, to interpret, to comply with and for election administrators to enforce; and

WHEREAS while local elections are run as efficiently and effectively as can be within the current legislative framework, modernization and continuous improvement is needed to ensure the Act is responsive to today's needs and tomorrow's challenges; and

WHEREAS to keep public trust and improve safeguards the Act should be reviewed considering the ever-changing landscape which impacts elections administration including privacy, the threats of foreign interference, increased spread of mis/disinformation and the increased use of technologies like artificial intelligence and use of digital identities; and

WHEREAS the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) reviewed the Act and has provided several recommendations including modernizing the legislation, harmonizing rules, and streamlining and simplifying administration; and


WHEREAS AMCTO put forward recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2026 elections and longer-term recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2030 elections; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Russell calls for the Province to update the MEA with priority amendments as outlined by AMCTO before Summer 2025 and commence work to review and re-write the MEA with longer-term recommendations ahead of the 2030 elections; and be it further

RESOLVED that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Education, the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery, Minister of Finance, the Premier of Ontario, MPP of Glengarry-Prescott-Russell and AMCTO.

MOTION APPROVED

I, Joanne Camiré Laflamme, Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of Russell, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Russell on the 26th day of August 2024.



Joanne Camiré Laflamme
Clerk



August 30, 2024

Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

Please be advised that Brantford City Council at its meeting held August 27, 2024 adopted the following:

12.2.4 Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement

WHEREAS all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace; and

WHEREAS municipal governments, as the democratic institutions most directly engaged with Ontarians, need respectful discourse; and

WHEREAS several incidents in recent years of abuse and workplace harassment have occurred amongst members of municipal councils; and

WHEREAS these incidents seriously and negatively affect the people involved and lower public perceptions of local governments; and

WHEREAS municipal Codes of Conduct are helpful tools to set expectations of Council members' behaviour; and

WHEREAS legislation would hold both accountable and protect all municipal offices; and

WHEREAS municipal governments do not have the necessary tools to adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct and support appropriate accountability when it comes to perpetrating violence and harassment in the workplace; and

WHEREAS the fundamental underlying principle of broadening diversity, equity and inclusion in politics rests on the assumption the workplace is safe; and

WHEREAS government legislation would require Councillors to comply with the workplace violence and harassment policies, establish a process for removing individuals in substantiated cases of egregious violence or harassment, as well as

prevent officials whose seats have been vacated for such reasons from seeking immediate or subsequent re-election; and

WHEREAS the aforementioned elements are consistent with previously developed legislation, as well as current legislation tabled (Bill 207, Municipal Accountability and Integrity Act, 2024).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Corporation of the City of Brantford supports the call of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), Ontario Municipal Administrators Association (OMAA), Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), and more than 207 municipalities, for the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them in consultation with municipal governments; and
- B. THAT the legislation encompasses:
- i. Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment;
 - ii. Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario;
 - iii. Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province;
 - iv. Amending the Municipal Act, 2001 to require the establishment of a Board of Integrity Commissioners;
 - v. Amending both, the Municipal Act, 2001, and the City of Toronto Act, 2006, to allow a Commissioner of the Board of Integrity Commissioners to make an application for judicial review to vacate a member's seat and impose prescribed penalties if the Commissioner is of the opinion that the member has made certain contraventions of the Code of Conduct;
 - vi. Adding provisions to both Acts to allow the Commissioner to seek confirmation of certain determinations from a judge of the Superior Court;
 - vii. Introducing provisions to prohibit a member who has been removed from office from running in the election for the remainder of the term and the subsequent term; and
- C. THAT a copy of this resolution BE FORWARDED to the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; Attorney General, Doug Downey; Charmaine Williams, Associate Minister of Women's

Social and Economic Opportunity; Will Bouma, Member of Provincial Parliament; Larry Brock, Member of Parliament; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and Ontario municipalities.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours truly,



Chris Gauthier
City Clerk, cgauthier@brantford.ca

cc Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra
Attorney General, Doug Downey
Charmaine Williams, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity
Will Bouma, Member of Provincial Parliament
Larry Brock, Member of Parliament
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
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A Funny Country Sometimes...

By Gord Hume

September 4, 2024

Ah, we can be a peculiar nation sometimes, can't we? We are nice. But...

Where else but in Canada would failure be rewarded, as when the Canadian Football League awards one point for a *missed* field goal?

The CFL can produce terrific games with often fantastic finishes. Why would they allow a failed play to score a point?

Sheesh. Like giving kids 'Participation Trophies'.

And where else would 'being nice' get confused with 'good enough'? Sure, being polite is nice and our mothers would be proud, but are we too nice? In business, for example, are Canadians too often tempted to think small rather than LARGE? To compete just in Canada rather than seek international markets? To not innovate and take risks?

Certainly, our artists, performers, writers and creators know how difficult it is to make it on a global stage. When one does, from Shania Twain to Celine Dion, it makes us all proud. They have broken out of the limitations and barriers set by Canada's arts and cultural establishment. Hurrah.

And there is no question we shared pride and excitement at the performance of our Olympic team, and are once again as the Paralympians take centre stage in Paris.

Which leads us, circuitously, into the political arena. "Being nice" does not seem to resonate much in our various legislative chambers these days. The public is aware of this and is not happy.

A recent on-line poll (which inherently brings some limitations) by Abacus Data for the Toronto Star, indicated that 41% of those surveyed were not satisfied with the way democracy works. More than 2/3 felt that "government does not care what people like me think."

The political discourse on social media is most certainly not nice. Not by any definition. And that is troubling more people, including elected officials. The atmosphere in politics is considered poisonous by many. That leads to people losing interest in politics. Some good people refuse to enter the political arena because of the meat-grinder that politics has become.

Many voters are dissatisfied with the way discussions and debates are held. There is concern if they will vote in upcoming elections.

All orders of government are feeling this. Disputes and disagreements in council chambers are spilling into court cases and Integrity commission investigations with alarming frequency. Mid-term resignations by disillusioned elected officials, once a rarity, are now commonplace.

It is a strange time in Canadian politics. The federal political arena is abuzz with rumors and speculation about the next election and who will run. Various premiers are said to be considering pulling the plug early on their mandate and going to the people. And local governments continue to struggle under the pressures of affordable housing and not enough money.

The rising rhetoric results in a rough and roiled rotten rumble.

As Labour Day passes and the fall season begins, our level of niceness will be tested in the political arena—and perhaps on the gridiron as well, as another kick sails wide right.

For more information



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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BONFIELD

BY-LAW NO. 2024-53

BEING A BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

WHEREAS it is the desire of Council to confirm all Proceedings and By-Laws:

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Bonfield **ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. THAT the Confirmatory Period of this By-Law shall be for all Regular Council and Special Meetings from August 27, 2024 to September 10, 2024 inclusive.
2. THAT all By-Laws passed by the Council of the Township of Bonfield during the period mentioned in Section 1 are hereby ratified and confirmed.
3. THAT all resolutions passed by the Council of the Township of Bonfield during the period mentioned in Section 1 are hereby ratified and confirmed.
4. THAT all other proceedings, decisions and directions of the Council of the Township of Bonfield during the period mentioned in Section 1 are hereby ratified and confirmed.

READ A FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 10th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2024.

MAYOR

CLERK