



Item: 4
Date: March 24 / 21

TARBUTT TOWNSHIP
Council Meeting
Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 6:00 pm
MacLennan Hall

Present: Mayor L. Smith
Councilor U. Abbott
Councilor D. Farrar
Councilor D. McClelland
Councilor R. Wigmore

Staff: Clerk G. Martin
Asst. J. Brice
Deputy Clerk C. Trainor

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor L. Smith called the regular council meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor D. Farrar declared a pecuniary conflict with agenda item 6 a as he is the owner of a company on the list of payables.

3. DELEGATIONS

4. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Resolution No: 2021 - 16

Moved by: U. Abbott Seconded by: R. Wigmore

Minutes of the virtual Special Council meeting held February 1, 2021 be approved as circulated.

Cd.

5. ADOPT ADDENDUM

6. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Approval of Financial Statements for December 2020 and January 2021

A duplicate insurance entry was noted and will be corrected. Council discussed costs associated with a tax sale. The legal expenses listed are the costs for the entire year, billed once at the end of each year.



A discussion of landfill wages resulted in agreement that G. Martin will investigate the implications of employees working outside under pandemic restrictions.

Resolution No: 2021 – 17

Moved by: U. Abbott Seconded by: R. Wigmore

Be it resolved that the financial statements dated December 2020 and January 2021 be approved as amended to reflect fire hall insurance entries.

Cd.

b. Electronics Recycling Process, contract with EPRA

An RFQ for a 20' sea can is in circulation now; quotes for a 40' can will also be acquired when responses come in.

Resolution No: 2021 – 18

Moved by: D. Farrar Seconded by: U. Abbott

Be it resolved that the staff information regarding the collection of electronics and the letter from the Electronic Products Recycling Association (ERPA) be received; and

That staff be authorized to enter into an agreement with the Electronic Products Recycling Association for the collection and management of electronic waste at the shared landfill site.

Cd.

7. OLD BUSINESS

a. New regulations for the use of Off Road Vehicles and Repeal By-law 24-2015

Resolution No: 2021 – 19

Moved by: R. Wigmore Seconded by: U. Abbott

Whereas the Council of the Township of Tarbutt passed By-law 24-2015 regulating the use of Off Road Vehicles on municipally owned roads and properties in accordance with the legislation in effect at the time; and

Whereas the Ministry of Transportation has changed the way the province manages off road vehicles as of January 1, 2021; and

Whereas Off Road Vehicles that meet the requirements in Ontario Regulation 316/03 are allowed on municipal highways under their jurisdiction and there is no need for further regulation by the Municipality;

Now therefore be it resolved that By-law 24-2015, being a by-law to permit and regulate the operation of certain Off Road Vehicles in the Township of Tarbutt be hereby repealed.

Cd.



8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Adoption of a Strategic Plan dated February 2020

G. Martin noted that this will be a living document that can be amended or revised according to project priorities, and which will be posted on the website to enable residents to contribute to the Wish List.

Resolution No: 2021 – 20

Moved by: R. Wigmore Seconded by: U. Abbott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Draft Strategic Plan for The Township of Tarbutt dated February 2021, for the period from 2021 to 2025 be received and approved.

Cd.

b. 2021 Amalgamated Tender

Resolution No: 2021 – 21

Moved by: U. Abbott Seconded by: R. Wigmore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize staff to participate in the 2021 Amalgamated Tender process for the purchase of culverts, couplers and calcium.

Cd.

c. Municipal Modernization Fund Expression of Interest

Tarbutt Township will be the lead applicant for this joint application.

Resolution No: 2021 – 22

Moved by: D. Farrar Seconded by: R. Wigmore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes staff to submit an Expression of Interest to the Municipal Modernization Fund. Implementation Stream, for the site preparation and construction of a sand dome, to be a shared service delivery model between Tarbutt and Johnson Townships; and

That the Township commits to a minimum municipal cost sharing agreement of 25%, with 75% maximum share of project costs from the Province.

Cd.

d. VoterView Election Management Program

C. Trainor explained the benefits to voters, candidates and election staff of having a list of electors that can be amended as needed and which allows production of progress reports and more accurate elector information.



Resolution No: 2021 – 23

Moved by: D. Farrar Seconded by: U. Abbott

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the Deputy Clerk to proceed with the purchase of VoterView Electoral List Management system from Datafix.
Cd.

- e. Letter and draft motion re: proposed closure of the Ontario Fire College

Resolution No: 2021 – 24

Moved by: D. McClelland Seconded by: D. Farrar

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Township of Tarbutt requests that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College Campus in Gravenhurst as the OFC is one of the best and most cost effective methods for municipalities to train their firefighters, which assist in protecting all residents;
and

THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Ontario Solicitor General; the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; and John Pegg, Ontario Fire Marshal.
Cd.

- f. Resolution from Bracebridge re: municipal funding opportunities
- g. Resolution from Guelph/Eramosa re: MFIPPA expenses
- h. Resolution from South Stormont re: opening small business during COVID
- i. Sample Res from MFOA re: extension of deadlines
- j. Resolution from Matachewan re: extending grant application periods
- k. Resolution from Mississippi Mills re: revisions to Municipal Elections Act
- l. Resolution from Huron-Kinloss re: municipal authority for appeals
- m. Resolution from Asphodel-Norwood re: extension for CSWB planning
- n. Resolution from Orangeville re: phase out gas fired electricity generation

Resolution No: 2021 - 25

Moved by: D. Farrar Seconded by: D. McClelland

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Township of Tarbutt supports the following municipal resolutions, being agenda items 8f through 8n as follows:



From the Town of Bracebridge asking the Federal and Provincial Governments to provide immediate, broad and substantial municipal funding for well planned, shovel ready projects already prioritized under municipal Asset Management Plans; and

From the Township of Guelph/Eramosa regarding reforms to the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act to address global privacy concerns, societal and technological changes; and

From the Township of South Stormont asking the Province to allow small businesses to immediately reopen with the required health guidelines and protocols in place; and

From the Municipal Finance Officers' Association requesting a one year extension of deadlines under Asset Management Planning so that all municipalities can focus on the immediate needs of the pandemic and engage in municipal asset management planning when capacity challenges are resolved; and

From the Township of Matachewan asking the Province of Ontario to extend the deadline on applications for any grants announced to provide a longer turn around time; and

From the Municipality of Mississippi Mills requesting amendments to the Municipal Elections Act to provide for greater accountability and enforcement of fraudulent activities; and

From the Township of Huron-Kinloss seeking to remove the powers provided to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal and return the authority for final decisions to municipal councils; and

From the Township of Asphodel-Norwood seeking an extension of the deadline of July 1, 2021 for the completion and adoption of Community Safety and Well Being Plans; and

From the Town of Orangeville asking the Province of Ontario to develop and implement a plan to phase out all gas fired electricity generation as soon as possible; and

That copies of these letters of support be forwarded to the Ministers, agencies and associations listed in each resolution.

Cd.

o. Application for COVID-19 Infrastructure Funding

Staff have proposed that a funding application be submitted for Resilience Infrastructure funding under the Active Transportation category for amenities and improvements to the property at the MacLennan Hall.

Resolution No: 2021 – 26

Moved by: D. McClelland

Seconded by: D. Farrar



BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes staff to submit an application to the Province of Ontario for the OCIF COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream, Category 4: Active Transportation infrastructure, for improvements and added amenities at the MacLennan Hall.
Cd.

9. INFORMATION

- a. Roads Committee minutes of January 25 and February 17, 2021

Resolution No: 2021 – 27

Moved by: D. McClelland Seconded by: D. Farrar

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Roads Committee dated January 25 and February 17, 2021 be adopted.

Cd.

- b. North Shore Health Network Recruitment and Retention Funding Model

G. Martin will attempt to get more information from MMHA in order to clarify where and how recruitment funds are utilized if donations are made locally or to the NSHN.

Resolution No: 2021 – 28

Moved by: D. McClelland Seconded by: D. Farrar

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the letter from the North Shore Health Network regarding a new funding model for physician recruitment and retention be received; and

That staff seek additional information regarding the impact to the Richards Landing Matthews site of any new physician recruitment arrangement, as well as the method used to determine the contribution of each community within the catchment area.

Cd.

- c. Annual Building Report for 2020

Resolution No: 2021 - 29

Moved by: D. Farrar Seconded by: D. McClelland

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Annual Building Report for the year 2020 be received for information.

Cd.



d. Penalties and Interest on Property Tax during COVID

Council agreed that interest and penalty on property tax will be waived until the end of April, 2021.

Resolution No: 2021 – 30

Moved by: D. Farrar Seconded by: D. McClelland

Be it resolved that penalty and interest on property tax resume May 1, 2021.
Cd.

e. Summary of 2020 Biennial Bridge Inspections

Resolution No: 2021 – 31

Moved by: D. McClelland Seconded by: D. Farrar

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the summary report of the 2020 Biennial Bridge Inspections conducted by Tulloch Engineering be received; and
That the recommendations made by the Engineer be included in budget and planning documents for remediation.

Cd.

f. Waste Management Update – the move to a circular economy

g. OPP Billing Summary, 2020 – 2021

h. Huron North Community Economic Alliance November 2020 Update

i. OPG proposal to extend the operation of Pickering Nuclear Station

ROUNDTABLE

Resolution No: 2021 – 32

Moved by: D. Farrar Seconded by: D. McClelland

Be it resolved that staff investigate the cost of adding data to the Fire Chief's cell phone to enable access to fire related information.

Cd.

G. Martin discussed the possibility that the landfill could receive revenue for accepting sludge from the Johnson wastewater system. He is continuing to work on information for the Landfill Committee including options for loading and shipping waste and a mobile hazardous waste unit.



10. MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS

- a. J. Brice and C. Trainor will attend the 2021 Farmland Forum webinar on March 25.

11. NOTICE OF MOTION

12. CLOSED SESSION

13. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

Resolution No: 2021 – 33

Moved by: D. McClelland Seconded by: D. Farrar

BE IT RESOLVED THAT leave be granted to introduce By-law 2021-6 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held this Twenty Fourth day of February, 2021; and

That said by-law be read a first, and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed.

Cd.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No: 2021 – 34

Moved by: D. McClelland Seconded by: D. Farrar

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regular Council meeting held this Twenty Fourth day of February, 2021 be adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Cd.

Lennox Smith, Mayor

Carol O. Trainor, Deputy Clerk

TARBUTT GENERAL
February, 2021

TARBUTT GENERAL REVENUES	Amount	NOTES
Taxes February	228960.92	
Interest - 2018, 2019, 2020	2857.47	
TOTAL TAXES AND INTEREST	231,818.39	
Dog License(s)	20.00	
Tax Certificate(s)	22.50	
Algoma Insurance Brokers - Policy Change (Critical Illness)	108.00	
Desbarats to Echo Bay Planning Board - 2021 OACA Membership	150.00	
Printing / Photocopying	218.00	
Johnson Township - Admin Fee (January)	823.77	
Power of Attorney (POA) - Allocation 2020	1920.13	
Johnson Twp. - Employee/er OMERS & Payroll Related Expenses (Jan)	4668.03	
OCIF - Funding	50000.00	
TOTAL CASH BOOK RECEIPTS	57,930.43	
GRAND TOTAL REVENUES	289,748.82	

TARBUTT GENERAL
February, 2021

TARBUTT GENERAL EXPENSES	Cheque	Amount	NOTES
Algoma District Service Admin Board - Municipal Levy (February)	2625	27394.08	
Receiver General - Admin Portion (February)	2630	6302.63	
Admin Payroll - Johnson Clerk Contract	2635	2199.15	
Admin Payroll	2636 - 2638	4519.56	
MPAC - Quaterly Billing (1/4)	2641	3801.28	
Tulloch Engineering - CBO 8 Consults, 1 Permit, 4 Site Inspections (Jan)	2642	867.04	
Staples.ca - Bathroom Supplies, Office Supplies	2643	115.74	
Bell Canada - Admin Portion	2643	310.57	
Giant Tiger - Office Supplies	2643	33.94	
Amazon.ca - Office Supplies	2643	27.25	
Microsoft - Microsoft 365 Subscription (January)	2643	8.14	
Zoom - Monthly Subscription	2643	20.35	
Canada Post - Stamps (500 Domestic, 50 U.S.)	2643	489.21	
Bell Canada - Admin Portion (Cell, Internet, Landlines)	2643	133.04	
OPP - Monthly Policing Contract	2650	8088.00	
Animal Control Officer (February)	2652	166.66	
Council Honorarium	2653 - 2658	2388.32	
Black Bear Café - Staff Farewell Luncheon	2660	64.00	
East Algoma CFDC - Admin Portion of Benefitis (March)	2661	904.14	
OMERS - Contribution Remittance, Admin Portion (February)	2663	3050.84	
Minister of Finance - 2020 EHT (Admin Portion)	2664	4870.54	
Admin Payroll	2670 - 2676	4774.18	
Kenvale Merchants - Kitchen Supplies	2680	15.25	
Algoma Power - Admin Portion (January)	D/W	130.47	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		70,674.38	

GENERAL EXPENSES		\$ 70,674.38	
ROADS EXPENSES		\$ 14,744.07	
LANDFILL EXPENSES		\$ 3,355.40	
FIRE EXPENSES		\$ 8,539.31	
HALL EXPENSES		\$ 1,214.73	
GENERAL REVENUE		\$ 289,748.82	
ROADS REVENUE		\$ 26.99	
LANDFILL REVENUE		\$ -	
FIRE REVENUE		\$ 600.00	
HALL REVENUE		\$ 500.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES FEBRUARY 2021		\$ 98,527.89	
TOTAL REVENUE FEBRUARY 2021		\$ 290,875.81	
TOTAL REVENUE LESS EXPENSES FEBRUARY 2021		\$ 192,347.92	

TARBUTT ROADS STATEMENT
Februaury, 2021

ROADS REVENUES:		Amount	
Traction - Hubcap Return		26.99	
TOTAL REVENUES		26.99	
ROADS OPERATING EXPENSES		Cheque	Amount
Receiver General - Roads Portion (February)	2584	2442.85	
Roads Payroll	2634	2605.58	
Ministry of Transportation - Renewal (1/2 Ton Truck)	2643	120.00	
Ministry of Transportation - Renewal (3/4 Ton Truck)	2643	265.25	
Bell Canada - Roads Portion (Cell, Landline)	2643	120.69	
Pine Ridge Services - Heavy Wrecker Callout	2647	1068.48	
CO-OP Reginale Ltd. - 567.50L Furnace Oil	2651	376.12	
Superior Propane - Propane (2049L @ \$0.73/L + taxes & fees)	2659	1642.14	
East Algoma CFDC - Roads Portion of Benefitis (March)	2661	607.33	
OMERS - Contribution Remittance, Roads Portion (February)	2663	1422.06	
Minister of Finance - 2020 EHT (Roads Portion)	2664	824.47	
Kentvale Merchants - 6' Step Ladder	2680	132.28	
Algoma Power - Roads Portion (January)	D/W	130.46	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		11,757.71	
ROADS CAPITAL EXPENSES			
Loan Payment - Backhoe (Payment 53 of 60)		2284.66	
Loan Interest - Backhoe		45.61	
Loan Payments - F250 (Payments 53 of 60)		669.71	
Loan Interest - F250		13.37	
TOTAL OPERATING & CAPITAL EXPENSES		14,771.06	
NET ROADS EXPENSES		14,744.07	

TARBUTT FIRE DEPARTMENT
February, 2021

		Amount	NOTES
FIRE REVENUES			
Superior EMS - 4 Sets of Bunker Gear		600.00	
TOTAL REVENUES		600.00	
FIRE EXPENSES			
	Cheque	Amount	
Bell Canada - Firehall Portion (Internet, Cell from Dec & Jan)	2643	136.31	
PPE Solutions - 3 Sets Bunker Gear	2646	6453.62	
Staples.ca - Webcam	2648	255.15	
Minister of Finance - 2020 EHT (Firehall Portion)	2664	97.45	
Quattra - Monthly Dispatch Service	2678	327.26	
Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council - Annual Membership	2679	100.00	
Superior Propane - Propane (1247.1L @ \$0.754/L + taxes & fees)	2683	1039.05	
Algoma Power - Firehall Portion (January)	D/W	130.47	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		8539.31	
FIRE TRAINING EXPENSES			
TOTAL FIRE OPERATING & TRAINING		8539.31	
NET EXPENSES		7939.31	

MACLENNAN HALL, TARBUTT
February, 2021

REVENUE:		Amount	NOTES
Church Rent		500.00	
TOTAL REVENUES		500.00	
OPERATING EXPENSES			
		Amount	
TESTMARK Laboratories - Quarterly Water Sample Analysis (1/4)	2633	35.62	
Uline - 6 Foam Shipping Containers for Winter Water Sample(s)	2643	94.64	
Purolator Courier Inc - Water Sample Shipment	2644	56.52	
Superior Propane - Propane (864.2L @ \$0.754/L + taxes & fees)	2645	727.19	
Algoma Power - Hall Portion (January)	2645	300.76	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		1,214.73	
CAPITAL EXPENSES		0.00	
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSES		0.00	
TOTAL OPERATING & CAPITAL EXPENSES		1,214.73	
NET EXPENSES		714.73	

JOHNSON-TARBUTT LANDFILL
February, 2021

REVENUE:		Amount	NOTES
TOTAL REVENUES		0.00	
EXPENSES:	Cheque	Amount	
Receiver General	2630	557.17	
Hollow Metal - Long Shank Lock for Gate	2643	62.66	
Spypoint Subscription - (Feb 23 - March 23)	2643	15.26	
OMERS - Contribution Remittance, (Landfill Portion) February	2663	460.10	
Minister of Finance - 2020 EHT (Landfill Portion)	2664	397.80	
Landfill Payroll	2673	1,862.41	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		3355.40	
TOTAL NET EXPENSES		3355.40	



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REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: March 24, 2021
From: Carol Trainor, Deputy Clerk
Re: Starlink High Speed Satellite Service

Council is asked to consider the purchase of Starlink Service by entering into an agreement with SpaceX for satellite internet connection to the Tarbutt Township office. It may include the Roads and Fire department as well, and mobile phone services can also be connected.

Requirements are:

- a one time deposit of \$129.99 plus tax, which provides priority for securing services
- above deposit is fully refundable prior to shipping hardware, and is applied against the first month of service
- by signing up, we agree to pay a one time fee of \$649 plus tax and shipping for the connection and hardware
- pay \$129 per month for the services


Current internet charges are similar to the monthly fee quoted above; however the speed, reliability and strength of the proposed system is significantly higher, faster and stronger. The satellite system does not have limitations or restrictions unlike our current provider. Under the current system, if the monthly data limit is exceeded, we are required to pay additional fees to continue access; otherwise we would be without e-mail or internet until the end of the billing period. Starlink is unlimited. This also allows residents to access the Township's internet at any time with no restrictions.

Based on the speed of the current connection, Starlink can run between 30 to 70 times faster, without limitations.

Staff propose utilizing some of the COVID funding for the purchase of hardware (ongoing services or subscriptions are ineligible) which will not only provide faster, more reliable internet service in the office, and will not strain the usage of office data. Staff will be able to access webinars, conferences and participate in educational opportunities in the office rather than doing them elsewhere as has been necessary in the past.

Once we are on the "wait list", it could be weeks or months before we are notified that the hardware is being shipped and we can connect. This program is increasing in popularity so the sooner we are added to the wait list, the better. The deposit is refundable.

Recommendation: That Council authorize staff to pay the deposit for Starlink Satellite service.

Carol O. Trainor, A.M.C.T. 
Deputy Clerk

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SEA CAN BID SUMMARY 2021

BIDDER	SIZE OF CONTAINER	PRICE QUOTED	CONDITIONS
Avery Construction (requires a few days' notice)	20 foot used	\$3,750 before tax	8'6" high
	20 foot new, blue or beige	\$5,510 ""	""
	20 foot new, grey delivered	\$5,730 ""	""
	40 foot used, delivered	\$5,355 ""	""
	40 foot new, delivered	\$9,040. ""	""
Jaxson Construction	20 foot used	\$5,200 before tax	
	20 foot new	\$7,500 subject to change.	Subject to availability, will be ordered when awarded. Price based on level and accessible site; can will be placed on the ground.
	40 foot seacan, not in stock	\$7,600 before tax	
Lakeway Truck Centre	20 foot (appears used)	\$4,300	No conditions listed
	40 foot (no info)	\$5,800	
Watson Building Construction	20 foot container, site prep excluded	\$3,945	Was used for construction mats, no chemicals. Very good condition. Does not have a 40 foot can.

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TWO METAL DOORS AND METAL JAMBS FOR LANDFILL OFFICE SUMMARY 2021

To remove existing doors, supply, install two hollow metal doors and metal jambs to fit a rough opening of 38" x 82, with all associated hardware and locks at the Joint Landfill Site at 3860 Government Road, Desbarats ASAP.

BIDDER	PRICE QUOTED	CONDITIONS
Soo Overhead Doors	\$1720 before tax	No Conditions Listed
Hollow Metal	\$7140.83 before tax	No Conditions Listed
Custom Ideas	No Price Quoted	

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RIDING LAWN MOWER QUOTATION SUMMARY 2021

BIDDER	MAKE/MODEL AND SIZE	PRICE QUOTED	CONDITIONS
Northshore Tractor Ltd.	John Deere S130	\$2,921 plus HST	No deck size quoted
Northshore Tractor Ltd.	John Deere 350X	\$4,637.00 plus HST	42" deck
Northshore Tractor Ltd.	Kubota K102512000	\$5,614.00 plus HST	42" mower deck
Kentvale Home Hardware	Husqvarna YTH22V46	\$2,599.00 plus HST	46" cutting deck, hi back seat Offer repair/maintenance service

K. Barber requested 46" mower deck. His recommendation is the Husqvarna tractor from Kentvale.

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The Recipient will purchase and install three picnic tables, three recycling and garbage bins, and an ecologically-friendly privy to improve social and recreational opportunities in Women's Institute Park.

C.3.3 Public Environmental Education:

The Recipient will:

C.3.3.1 Collaborate with The Kensington Conservancy to plan and advertise educational environmental activities such as educational awareness days and wildlife watching. This will involve reaching out to other community organizations, public notification of the events, and community outreach initiatives.

C.3.3.2 Host and supervise the educational environmental activities, making sure to involve youth and students. The Recipient will follow COVID-19 pandemic restrictions and safety precautions such as distributing personal protective equipment and social distancing.

C.3.3.3 Install five educational signs about the environmental importance of the Great Lakes, with help from community volunteers, to create an Interpretive Walkway in Women's Institute Park.

C.3.3.4 Create an educational webpage about the environmental importance of the Great Lakes, related environmental topics such as habitat loss and water quality, and opportunities to get involved with initiatives with the area of the Recipient to improve the ecological health of the Great Lakes. The webpage will include links to other informative websites as well as games and quizzes to engage young people in particular.

C.3.3.5 Distribute educational materials about the Great Lakes through online and/or paper formats.

C.3.4 Advertising and Hosting Volunteer Environmental Stewardship Events:

The Recipient will:

C.3.4.1 Advertise the volunteer events through newsletters, online notifications, public advertising and word-of-mouth.

C.3.4.2 Hosting and supervising volunteer events including litter cleanups and planting native plants in Women's Institute Park. The Recipient will follow COVID-19 pandemic restrictions and safety pre-cautions such as staggering volunteer days, limiting the number of volunteers, and distributing personal protective equipment and social distancing. Volunteer events may be cancelled based on Algoma Public Health's determination, in which case the Recipient's staff will complete the litter cleanups and plantings.

C.3.5 Caring for and Maintaining Amenities:

The Recipient will care for and maintain the amenities that were installed: the picnic tables, garbage and recycling bins, and privy.

C.4 TIMELINES

The following are the timelines for the Project:

Project Activity/Sub-activity	Start Date	End Date
Accessibility Improvements (Section C.3.1)	15-Mar-21	30-Jun-21
Installing Ecologically-Friendly Amenities (Section C.3.2)	15-Mar-21	16-Jul-21
Public Environmental Education (Section C.3.3)	15-Mar-21	30-Nov-21
Creating an educational webpage (Section C.3.3.4)	15-Mar-21	30-Jun-21
Distributing educational materials (Section C.3.3.5)	1-Apr-21	30-Sept-21
Planning and advertising educational environmental activities (Section C.3.3.1)	1-Apr-21	30-Sep-21
Hosting and supervising educational environmental activities (Section C.3.3.2)	1-Aug-21	30-Nov-21
Installing five educational signs (Section C.3.3.3)	1-Aug-21	30-Nov-21
Advertising and Hosting Volunteer Environmental Stewardship Events (Section C.3.4)	1-Apr-21	30-Sep-21
Advertising volunteer events (Section C.3.4.1)	1-Apr-21	30-Jun-21
Hosting and supervising volunteer events (Section C.3.4.2)	1-Aug-21	30-Sept-21
Caring for and Maintaining Amenities (Section C.3.5)	1-Oct-21	1-Feb-22

C.5 PROJECT PARTICIPANTS

The Project will be undertaken by the following Project team members:

Carol Trainor

Item: 7b
Date: Mar. 24/21

Subject: Physician
FW: recruitment

From: Lavera Crack [<mailto:laveramc@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, March 19, 2021 1:49 PM
To: Township of Jocelyn <admin@jocelyn.ca>; johnsontwp@bellnet.ca; Caryn Orchard <tarbutt township2@outlook.com>; Lynne Duguay <lduguay@onlink.net>; Michelle Pearse <deputyct@stjoseph township.com>; Peggy Cramp <peggy@hiltonbeach.com>; Dick Beitz <lairdtpw@soonet.ca>; Beth West <bethwest@xplornet.com>; Valerie <admin@hiltontownship.ca>
Subject: Fwd: recruitment

Good day, folks. I have had a lot of calls and e-mails over the confusion on Physician Recruitment and Retention. I understand that there is a zoom meeting on Monday. I did not receive an invite and due to my husband's medical appointment at SAH I would not be able to join the meeting. I am providing the following information in an effort to answer some of the questions.

Over 8 years ago MMHA joined forces with Huron North, and Huron East for recruitment purposes. We approached the municipalities in our catchment area for contributions to pay our share. Physician recruitment and retention is a municipal responsibility. We felt that the best way to assess cost sharing was based on population, \$3 per person. From this and along with fundraising, we paid our share of the recruitment costs. This included our share of her wages, travel costs to fairs, her trips to our meetings, supper, as our meetings are at night, and gift bags to hand out at fairs. MMHA was able to monitor the budget, receive reports from the recruiter and discuss any needs we may have had.

The recruiter, actually, seldom had to recruit on our behalf. Most of it was done, in-house, thanks to Dr. Lupien, Dr. Beller and office staff. They had valuable contacts and were successful in getting locums. Presently, we have no needs to be filled, including a physician to replace Dr. Lupien, retiring December 2021.. We continue to have the recruiter attend fairs (not many with covid) to promote our hospital, clinic and Island community.

Three chairs, myself, Donna Latullipe, Sally Hagman attend meetings in Blind River with the recruiter and CEO NSHN. At December's meeting I was quite surprised to be told that a decision had been made to invoice the municipalities in our catchment area. I was not provided answers to my questions: why, and how are you basing the amounts. I was informed that both assessment and population came out "about the same". This is not an accurate statement. The out-going CEO, Ralph Barker and the acting CEO, David Murray made this decision.

MMHA Board of Directors is not in agreement with this decision. Our main concern is monitoring the recruiter's budget and being in close contact with the recruiter. One example I discovered was the in kind money NSHN took credit for, \$700 for office space for the recruiter. She has been working mainly from home and the space, in my mind, certainly does not warrant that price. It was also discovered that NSHN did not pay in 2019 although I see they are now listed as contributors.

For the past few years Huron Shores has disagreed with their invoice amount and has not paid the full amount. Several municipalities in our catchment area did not contribute in 2020 as they had expected an annual letter. I do apologize that this was not sent. MMHA assumed that each municipality would budget the amount each year to cover our share of the recruitment budget.

Respectfully yours,
Lavera



March 2, 2021

Dear Tarbutt Township,

I am writing to you today to provide some additional information around the North Shore Health Network (NSHN) Recruitment Committee. Some townships have asked for clarification and I thought it is prudent to send the information to all of you.

The first question was around how we arrived at the amount for each community?

While there were many factors taken into consideration, the total for each contributor was somewhat arbitrary. We did review past contributions, population, assessment, physician complement, access to services and utilization of services at our facilities by residents of the various communities. There is no set formula for the cost sharing and we are not aware of what some communities were contributing in the past through other levies or contributions so we made some rather broad assumptions.

Most of the communities have been participating for a number of years and their amounts have remained very similar. The only changes are that the recruitment committee would become a committee of NSHN through the combining of the three previous committees. Further, NSHN has increase its support to the committee by \$10,000 annually and NSHN has taken over the invoicing for the committee's activities. As explained in our earlier letter, the contribution helps support the operating costs of the recruiter, along with the incentives portion for recruiting physicians to the North Shore.

The second question was about how many of the communities have contributed to physician recruitment in the past and in what capacity?

Everyone listed has contributed in the past except for the Town of Spanish - they are the only new request. Therefore 17 of the 18 communities have participated in some way in the past. Some of the communities contributed through Matthews Memorial Hospital Association, but we are not privy to what these amounts were and we are not aware if portions of a community's contribution were for other matters relating to health services in their area.



The third question was if other contributions were taken into consideration such as support of clinic space, housing, etc.?

This question comes up frequently as townships are often asked to support the unique needs of their community. There are examples all across our region where there are special arrangements and supports that allow for the local health care system to operate effectively. We are not aware of many of these things but would certainly take them under advisement.

Please note that this is a starting point and we understand that some municipalities support efforts in a number of ways beyond direct support to the recruitment committee. I would ask if your township or First Nation community does not feel that the requested contribution total is fair, please offer what you feel would be a fair in order to ensure this important work continues on behalf of all of our communities.

Also, importantly, we want your participation on our committee and we will appreciate any levy provided to undertake this important work. Our first meeting will occur on Monday, March 22, 2021 at 1pm. Alyssa Spooney, Recruitment Coordinator, will be sending out the Zoom information. We can review levies and contributions to ensure they are fair to all communities, but more importantly, those contributions will support the important work of providing medical staff to our area.

Please feel free to reach out should you have further questions.

David Murray
Interim President & CEO
North Shore Health Network
dmurray@nshn.care
705-849-3945

Report for Tarbutt Council
Mobile Household Hazardous Waste



Date: 24th March, 2021

Re: Mobile Household Hazardous Waste Report

Is it possible to get a Hazardous Waste “Mobile Event” in to the Landfill site in 2021?

Yes, pending approval from the Ministry of the Environment. Drainall, a company based out of Ottawa, services Northern Ontario communities with a “Mobile Event” (53’ tractor trailer that does one day events). They are heavily booked up and such an event would have to be on a Saturday (only August 28 & Sept 25 are available in 2021).

How much would it cost? Would we get any money back?

It is important to note that the costs and potential revenue generated, shown below, are ballpark figures. Pricing is dynamic due to how many Hazardous Waste types (Oil, heating fuel, fertilizers, etc.) we apply for through the MOE, and how many “lab packs” (44 gallon drums) are used.

A one day event would cost around **\$40,000** with taxes and transportation.

The Township could receive up to 40% of that expense back through a Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO) based on tonnage and on a few other things.

- The Province will be transferring responsibility for hazardous waste materials to PRO’s (private companies) on July 1st, 2021. The Township would have to register with a PRO prior to the “Mobile Event” date and likely won’t be able to sign up to a PRO until much closer to July 1st.
- Income from hazardous waste is determined by the type of material collected (Phase 1 items = \$2200/t, Oil worth much less).
- According to Drainall, an amendment to the C of A would not be required, however we would be required to obtain a generator number from the MOE. This number determines what kinds of hazardous waste would be accepted and is a form of license to hold such events. There is no guarantee that all types of hazardous materials would be acceptable, or that we would be granted the generator number/license.

Other things to consider

- Residents are able to drop off waste at the Hazardous Waste Depot on 5th Line in Sault Ste. Marie between April 1st and October 31st for **no charge**. We are in the “Collection Area”.
- There are opportunities to host a “Mobile Event” at our landfill site with other municipalities and first nation communities. This would reduce costs for us but is likely to limit how much waste would be collected from Tarbutt residents.
- A considerable amount of time and administrative coordination would be required by staff to obtain permits, arrange for transport, advertise, organize, plan and to notify the public.
- Liability and Insurance: uncertain whether we are covered to host a “Mobile Event”

J.B.

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Date: Mar. 24/21

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Ontario

234-2021-1005

March 4, 2021

Mayor Lennox Smith
Township of Tarbutt
27 Barr Road South Rural Road 1
Desbarats ON P0R 1E0

Dear Mayor Smith:

Ontario has heard directly from the municipal sector that operating impacts due to the pandemic will continue in 2021. In order to respond to municipal need and to further strengthen our communities, we are now investing an additional \$500 million to help municipalities respond to ongoing and unprecedented 2021 COVID-19 operating pressures. While the actual extent of municipal impacts for 2021 are uncertain at this time, the province expects that this funding will help municipalities continue to deliver the high-quality local services that residents and business rely on, as well as help municipalities proceed with planned capital projects in 2021.

I am pleased to inform you that the Government of Ontario has committed financial support to the **Township of Tarbutt** through the 2021 COVID-19 Recovery Funding for Municipalities program in order to support your COVID-19 operating costs and pressures. All municipalities in Ontario are eligible for this program and the level of funding is based on the proportion of COVID-19 cases in the Public Health Unit for your respective municipality during the period of January 1, 2021 to February 18, 2021. I have reviewed the eligibility criteria for provincial assistance under the program and have determined that accordingly, your municipality will receive **\$23,850.00**, subject to your municipality returning a copy of this letter, signed by your municipal treasurer, to the ministry by March 31, 2021. You will receive these funds in two equal instalments – one instalment on or before May 1, 2021 and the other on or before November 1, 2021.

Please note that your municipality is accountable for using this funding for the purpose of addressing your priority COVID-19 operating costs and pressures. If the amount of the funding your municipality receives exceeds your 2021 COVID-19 operating costs and pressures, the province's expectation is that your municipality will place the excess

funding into a reserve fund to be accessed to support any future COVID-19 operating costs and pressures.

The province realizes that municipalities are facing financial impacts due to the COVID-19 pandemic and that in some instances, this provincial funding will not be sufficient to cover all municipal operating impacts due to COVID-19. The province expects municipalities to do their part by continuing to find efficiencies in their operating services and using existing reserves and reserve funds that have been specifically put aside for such unforeseen circumstances.

Your municipality will be expected to provide two report backs on your COVID-19 operating impacts and the use of these funds as follows:

1. An interim report in June 2021, which will include:
 - a) Use of funds provided last year under the Safe Restart Agreement – Operating funding stream; and
 - b) 2021 estimated COVID-19 operating impacts and how your municipality plans to use the funding under the 2021 program.
2. A final report back in Spring 2022.

We had previously indicated that Safe Restart Agreement reporting would be expected in March 2021. However, we have decided to streamline this reporting and the new 2021 COVID-19 Recovery Funding for Municipalities program. The template for this report back will be provided by the ministry with more details to follow in the coming months. While the province expects your municipality to complete this report, your second instalment under the 2021 COVID-19 Recovery Funding for Municipalities program is not contingent on the province receiving your interim report.

At this time, I am requesting that your municipal treasurer sign the acknowledgement below and return the signed copy to the ministry by email to: Municipal.Programs@ontario.ca. If the province has not received your letter on or before March 31, 2021, you will not be eligible for this program and your municipality's allocation will not be paid. In order to allow for processing time, please provide your signed letter to the ministry on or before March 24, 2021.

Our government continues to stand with our municipal partners as we have throughout the pandemic, advocating for funding for communities from the federal government to support local economic recovery. Communities may need more COVID-19 related operating funding in the coming year, and we will continue to advocate on your behalf to the federal government. I encourage you to contact your local Member of Parliament to seek further federal support in order to help municipalities deal with their operating impacts due to COVID-19.

The government thanks all 444 Ontario municipal heads of council for their support throughout the pandemic and our ongoing partnership in Ontario's economic recovery.

Sincerely,



Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

c. Municipal Treasurer and Municipal CAO

By signing below, I acknowledge that the allocation of **\$23,850.00** is provided to the **Township of Tarbutt** for the expected purpose of assisting with COVID-19 costs and pressures and that the province expects any funds not required for this purpose in 2021 will be put into a reserve fund to support potential COVID-19 costs and pressures in 2022. I further acknowledge that the **Township of Tarbutt** is expected to report back to the province on 2021 COVID-19 costs and pressures and the use of this funding.

Name: *JANET BOUCHER*
Title: *TREASURER*
Signature: *J. Boucher*
Date: *2021.03.06*

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MEMORANDUM TO: Ontario Fire Chiefs

FROM: Jon Pegg, Ontario Fire Marshal

DATE: March 16, 2021

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Relief Funding for Municipalities Program

I am writing to advise you of additional provincial COVID-19 relief funding for municipalities to ensure the delivery of critical services and enable capital projects to stay on track.

On March 4, 2021, the Ontario government announced that it is providing an additional \$500 million through the [2021 COVID-19 Relief Funding for Municipalities](#) program. The program is intended to help municipalities respond to ongoing and unprecedented 2021 COVID-19 operating pressures.

All 444 municipalities in Ontario are eligible for this program. The level of funding is based on a combination of a base amount using Municipal Property Assessment Corporation household data and an amount based on the proportion of provincial COVID-19 cases (from January 1, 2021 to February 18, 2021) in the municipality's respective Public Health Unit.

Municipalities have the flexibility to use this funding to address the specific priorities of their communities based on their unique COVID-19 related operating pressures. Examples may include, but are not limited to, personal protective equipment purchases, overtime incurred due to providing emergency response and frontline services as a result of the pandemic, and purchases required to do remote work.

The ministry encourages fire services to consult with its municipality to identify critical COVID-19 related operating pressures for fire services that can be addressed through this funding initiative.

Once again, thank you for your continued efforts to help keep our communities safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Jon Pegg
Ontario Fire Marshal

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MEMORANDUM TO: Mayor Lennox (Lennie) Smith
Clerk/Treasurer Carol Trainor
Fire Chief Paul Ackland

FROM: Jon Pegg
Ontario Fire Marshal

DATE: March 11th, 2021

SUBJECT: Fire Safety Grant Announcement

Earlier today, the Government of Ontario announced a one time \$5M grant to municipal fire services to assist in addressing challenges associated with training and virtual inspections due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since the start of the pandemic, Ontario's fire services have faced unprecedented challenges and have voiced those concerns to me as Fire Marshal. The ability to train fire service members in a COVID environment brought with it new restrictions and despite opportunities to train online and through other modes, I know that not all training priorities may have been met over the last year. In addition, my office has heard concerns from fire departments about fire code enforcement and the ability to enter premises to conduct inspections and promote fire safety. It is hoped that this grant will work to support fire services through this period of uncertainty and ongoing challenges.

I am pleased to advise that the Township of Tarbutt is eligible to receive up to **\$4,700.00** as part of this grant program.

The grant is intended to provide fire departments with the flexibility to support two priority areas. First, this grant may be put towards ongoing training needs including registration, administrative programming, technology upgrades and associated costs for attending as well for providing services. In addition, if code compliance and inspections continue to be challenging, addressing opportunities for an inspection program may include technology, capital costs and training to ensure that fire services are able to meet the demand of this need at the local level.

In order to receive funds, the Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM) requires that the attached application be submitted by a representative of the municipality. As decisions regarding the grant may not have time to proceed to municipal council for approval within the

timeframes identified below, my office would be comfortable with the fire chief accepting the grant in principle on behalf of the municipality, pending formal approval from the council. To help facilitate this process, once the grant applications are approved, I will send the respective fire chief a letter of intent that will be contingent upon council's deliberations. In order to allocate funds before March 31, 2021, all applications must be received by my office no later than March 19, 2021. In addition, as a condition of the grant, these funds must be spent by August 1, 2021, and a report back to the Fire Marshal will be required by September 1, 2021, to outline how the grant was utilized at the department level.

Completed agreements should be sent by email to the Office of the Fire Marshal at ofm@ontario.ca. If you have any questions about this grant, do not hesitate to reach out to your Fire Protection Adviser.

Yours truly,

Jon Pegg
Ontario Fire Marshal

Rural Enhancement Funding Stream

Item:	8c
Date:	Mar. 24/21

The Rural Enhancement Funding Stream is designed to support priorities of rural communities to contribute to healthy and strong communities.

Who is Eligible?

Rural municipalities, Indigenous communities, not-for-profit organizations and Local Services Boards having or serving a population of less than 30,000.

What Projects are Eligible?

Incremental improvements, repairs, and/or renovations to improve and extend the useful life of capital assets including; social and recreational facilities, municipal assets and community halls, that contribute to a healthy and vibrant community.

*MacLennan Hall
Rehabilitation*

The NOHFC Board of Directors may consider exceptions to these eligibility criteria for projects that address a priority need in Northern Ontario.

Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be evaluated using the following criteria:

- Identification and alignment with a planning process such as community or organizational plan
- How the project builds on and optimizes the capacity and efficiency of existing infrastructure
- Strength of project plan that identifies the technical, managerial and financial capacity for implementing the project and sustaining the facility
- Applicant should demonstrate how an NOHFC investment is necessary to make the project viable

Funding

- Funding is in the form of a conditional contribution, and will not exceed:
 - For communities under 1,500 and Indigenous communities, up to 90% of total eligible costs to a maximum of \$200,000;
 - For communities over 1,500, up to 75% of total eligible costs to a maximum of \$500,000.
- The amount of funding for each project is determined by the NOHFC Board of Directors, and limited funding is available. Not all projects meeting the criteria will necessarily receive funding.
- NOHFC may decline funding where support for a project is considered to fall within the mandate of another federal or provincial government program, except that NOHFC may provide additional assistance to a project once a decision is made under such other program, at NOHFC's sole discretion.

What is Not Eligible?

- Core infrastructure such as municipal public services including roads, bridges, water, and sewer
- Administrative space or office buildings
- Residential projects
- Operating expenses, including routine and on-going maintenance
- Rolling stock
- Stand-alone equipment purchases
- Stand-alone furniture purchases
- Stand-alone studies (feasibility, engineering, strategy etc.)

Program Requirements

- All buildings, facilities or land improved with NOHFC funding must be owned by the applicant.
- The applicant may be required to reimburse NOHFC if assets financed by NOHFC are sold within the first three years after project completion.

THE TOWNSHIP OF TARBUTT SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Township of Tarbutt is accepting applications from individuals up to 30 years of age for full time summer employment comprising of outdoor grounds keeping, upkeep of recreational areas and light maintenance. Some clerical/office work may also be considered.

Successful applicants must have a valid drivers' license and be self directed to work with minimal supervision. Work term would be mid-May through September.

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and resume outlining relevant work experience to The Township of Tarbutt, 27 Barr Road S., Desbarats, Ontario P0R 1E0, or by e-mail to clerk@tarbutt.ca

We thank all who apply, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



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Desbarats, Ontario P0R 1E0
Ph: 705-782-6776 Fax: 705-782-4274
www.tarbutt.ca



March 8, 2021

Universal Broadband Fund
Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada
Ottawa, Ontario

The Council of the Corporation of The Township of Tarbutt wishes to extend its support to Leepfrog Telecom Ltd. for their application to the Universal Broadband Fund. Tarbutt Township is a small rural community east of Sault Ste. Marie with no village or settlement area. The vast majority of the Township is active farmland with a large portion of waterfront residential properties along the North Channel.

Council strongly supports this funding application and its investment in our communities to bring high speed internet connectivity to Northern Ontario. This will foster economic growth, improve community access to healthcare and education, support home based business and learning, and therefore ensure that rural communities are not left behind, but are provided the same opportunities and advantages as urban residents.

As in other northern and rural communities, the COVID 19 pandemic has greatly emphasized the need for better internet and broadband services. As an example, due to a shortage of skilled workers and distancing, some dairy farmers have converted to robot milkers to allow them to operate at capacity, requiring substantial access challenges.

The cost of home internet access has multiplied drastically since COVID-19, and yet existing bandwidth is inadequate to support the needs of families. When children have to be schooled from home through an online portal at the same time that parents are attempting to work from home, the lack of affordable or reliable internet causes significant financial and economic strain to working families, restricting a child's ability to learn, and a parent's ability to work.

Your favourable award of Leepfrog's application will change and improve lives in rural and Northern Ontario, and we thank you in advance for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Carol O. Trainor, A.M.C.T.
Deputy Clerk

Carol Trainor

Subject: FW:

-----Original Message-----

From: George Chriss <gchriss@leefrogtelecom.com>

Sent: March 1, 2021 4:36 PM

To: Jared Brice <Admin@tarbutt.ca>

Subject:

Hi Jared,

I hope you are well. It was a pleasure to speak with you earlier.

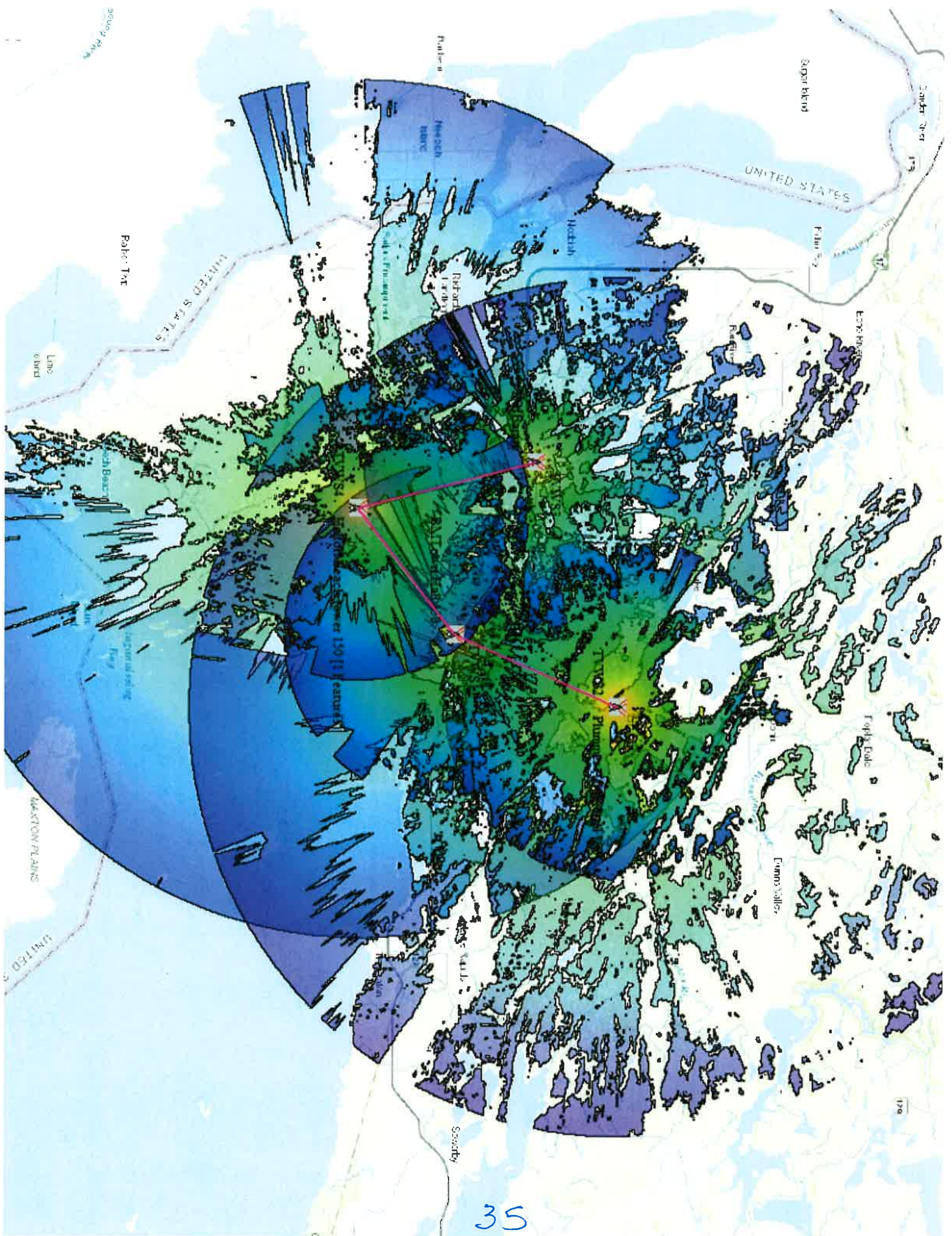
Leefrog Telecom Ltd has delivered broadband to Iron Bridge Ontario being selected by CENGN who provided government funding of 50% of the project cost. Aggregate speeds range from 60 Mbps (50 Mbps down, 10 up) to 165 Mbps (150 Mbps down, 15 Mbps up). Leefrog also provides voip telephone along with IPTV at affordable prices with no caps or contracts. Leefrog is preparing to expand its services to Blind River and Elliot Lake in the near future.

You provided our company Leefrog Telecom Ltd with a letter of support for the Rapid Response Funding. Our application was submitted but the fund ran out of funds within the first month. None of our applications were rejected and rumours have the fund being replenished for projects that can be completed in 2021.

We are submitting to the Universal Broadband Fund as a fall back position. Could you please provide another letter of support so that our application will not be rejected. It is the intent of Leefrog Telecom to provide service along Highway 17 and area even if no funding is provided to us. We require the letter as soon as possible in order to file by the deadline of March 15. I have provided a copy of the previous letter given to us.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Regards,
George Chriss,
General Manager
Leefrog Telecom Ltd
office (647)558-5846
cell (647)458-8540



Carol Trainor

item: 9c
Date: Mar 24/21

From: Joseph Hickey <info@hmcofi.com>
Sent: March 10, 2021 11:45 AM
Subject: RE: Last chance for your community to show support for the Universal Broadband Fund application!
Attachments: Enclosure - Letter of Support template.docx

H&M COFI

HURON SHORE AND MANITOULIN ISLAND COMMUNITY OWNED FIBRE
INFRASTRUCTURE

March 9, 2021

Dear Members of the H&M COFI Region

This is the first newsletter to be delivered from the new H&M COFI board. H&M COFI incorporated and appointed a board to handle the decision-making process of the broadband project. The board will work closely with ROCK Networks as the venture moves forward.

A lot of progress has been made since the incorporation. The H&M COFI team has completed the 1st intake application for Stage 2 of the ICON (Improving Connectivity for Ontario) broadband program at the provincial level. We are now in the process of doing the same for UBF (Universal Broadband Fund) at the federal level to meet the March 15, 2021 deadline. We have spoken to numerous Federal and Provincial Ministers and staff, who are responsible for this file. They have all met Georges' presentations with strong interest and support for the H&M COFI Project and its ideals.

We have launched the H&M COFI website www.hmcofi.com and have an H&M COFI Facebook page www.facebook.com/HMCOFI.

H&M COFI is asking that you put your energies in action to help H&M COFI become a reality this year. Your efforts to date have been greatly appreciated and we look forward to the next level of your help. **We need the support of the region to strengthen our proposal and increase our chances of successful bids for funding.** This is how you can help:

1. Hopefully you have been able to meet with your board or council since H&M COFI's last outreach to your organization to explain the project and request their support in October 2020. If you haven't supplied us with a Letter of Support to date, you are free to use the template attached to show your approval of our intention to build a broadband network to supply 100% coverage to the catchment area from Prince Township to Nairn Centre and Elliot Lake to St. Joseph and Manitoulin Islands.
2. Supply us with the up-to-date name, title, email address and preferred phone number(s) of your primary and alternate points of contact within your organization.

3. For all who have and will submit Letters of Support, H&M COFI would like to acknowledge you with your permission, by listing your group's name and logo on the "*Partners and Supporter's*" page of our website. If you wish to be recognized in this way, please let us know of your intent by attaching a JPEG file of your logo.
4. Encourage your board/council members, colleagues and family members to take the Internet speed tests that can be found on the Home Page of our website. Speeds collected from these tests assist in the funding process and ultimately in the construction of the network.

Forward your emails with the above inclusions to info@hmcofi.com.

Please put your energies in action to help H&M COFI become a reality. Your efforts have been greatly appreciated and we are looking forward to the next level of your help.

We are always available for your input.

Respectfully yours

Jo Anne Matheson
Board Member
H&M COFI Corporation

info@hmcofi.com

Enclosure:

Template for Letter of Support

*The Corporation of the
Municipality of Huron Shores*



Office of the Mayor

04 March 2021
Via email

Dear First Nation Chiefs, Municipal Mayors and Councils:

RE: H&M COFI Update #5

Following my last update, the Municipality of Huron Shores proceeded with the necessary paperwork to incorporate a corporation for the H&M COFI (Huron Shores and Manitoulin Island Community Owned Fibre Infrastructure) Project and the incorporation papers were received on February 23rd, 2021. A founding board has been established to move the project to the next phase. The website, www.hmcofi.com, is now up and running. We have taken the liberty of including the logos of those who have shown support for the project. Please advise if you do not wish your logo to be included. Up-to-date information about the project has been posted and we ask that you share the site with all the ratepayers and residents of your communities.

At this moment, H&M COFI and its team is in the process of completing the application for the Universal Broadband Fund Program through the Federal Government. Meanwhile, we are anxiously waiting for news regarding the ICON Stage 2 Program from the Provincial Government.

The partnership between the Municipality of Huron Shores and ROCK Networks Inc. and all of your letters of support have brought this project to a point where we can see it becoming a reality.

Presently, members of the Board are contacting Educational Institutions and presenting H&M COFI and the advantages to the educational system into the future. Additional letters of support are being solicited for H&M COFI.

The Board members and the Team are diligently seeking input and ideas for a logo and catch phrase for forthcoming marketing.

A collaboration agreement for all our partners is in the draft stages. This document will be forwarded to all to seek your participation. The document will elaborate on the membership aspects for all partners.

Discussions are ongoing concerning the final plan to finance H&M COFI. Many options have been put forward; from full Community ownership to private partnerships. The questions become: how much do the partners wish to partake in the eventual revenues to be generated; do the partners wish to invest in order to retain ownership; are we concerned if principal lenders take over and remove all revenues from the Region; how might we leverage a portion of the finances together? The financing decisions will be required in the near future considering that both ICON and UBF announcements are due in early April.

Future correspondence respecting the H&M COFI Project will come directly from the Corporation. I wish to thank all Municipalities and First Nations for listening to our presentations over the past few months and for supporting this massive undertaking. Together, we will obtain effective broadband for all members within our Communities.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Georges Bilodeau".

Georges Bilodeau
Mayor

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Date: Mar. 24/21



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Annual Membership

Your annual financial contribution help to provide the support needed to fund our staff, pay the light and phone bills and to ensure we have a strong year and presence in the community. We hope you'll agree with us that the Kensington Conservancy membership reflects a dues structure that encourages participation from every adult in every generation. In order to further the conservation efforts important to all of us, we need everyone to join in. Please sign up for or renew your annual membership by clicking the appropriate button below. Please include contact information so we can easily acknowledge your membership.

Individual Membership - \$35.00/year
Corporate Sponsor - \$250.00/year

Each individual membership includes:

- Email updates from TKC*
- Your contact info in our membership directory*
- Access to a copy of the membership directory
- One vote at our annual general meeting

Memberships are good for the calendar year that they are purchased in.

*please [notify us](#) if you would like to opt out of either of these

Canadian Membership

American Membership

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The Freshwater Connection

Publication of the Central Algoma Freshwater Coalition - Winter 2021

**Central Algoma
Freshwater
Coalition**

**Annual General
Meeting**

March 10, 2021

7:00 – 7:30 pm

Online Zoom



JOIN US FOR THE AGM

To receive contact information to join the Zoom video conference – send an email indicating you wish to attend to:

cafreshwatercoalition@gmail.com



Join Us - Annual General Meeting

We need new members with new ideas and energy - from all walks of North Shore life - to step forward! We need you, to consider what you can do to invigorate the community you live in and develop the next chapter of the CAFC story. If you wish to sit in on a board meeting send us an email cafreshwatercoalition@gmail.com

During Covid19 we are meeting online by video conference on Zoom - usually once a month for ½ hour on Wednesday evenings.

Opportunities 2021- 2024 Get Involved in Your Local Community's Green Recovery



Get Involved in Your Local Community's Green Recovery

Opportunities exist to plant trees and shrubs along shorelines and stream banks in the autumn of 2021 through 2024 and we are looking for volunteers to get involved and for landowners (private, institutions, municipalities) who may wish to naturalize their lakeshore or stream banks.

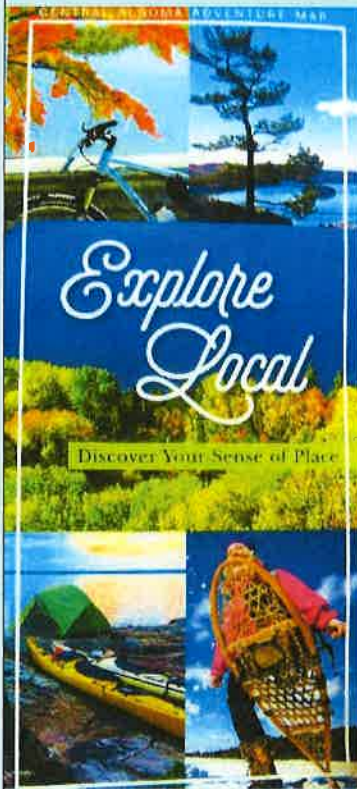
Contact us at our email cafreshwatercoalition@gmail.com if you wish to be involved.

Covid19 has changed us - but vaccines in the near future offer hope. It will mean an opportunity to reunite with your community both across the street and across the lake. Planting trees is a good way to reconnect with people and nature.

NEW - Explore Local - Nature / Adventure Recreation and Map

Discover Your Sense of Place

there are many more opportunities than listed on this map. We hope the map will inspire you to explore local and to connect to the wonderful people and nature in Central Algoma. We hope the map will be a legacy item that you will keep at your home or recreational property. We also hope it will spark discussion about land stewardship for future generations; and create sense of community.



The map is available on our website under the “RESOURCES / REPORTS” tab www.centralalgomafreshwatercoalition.ca/reports-1

or as a hard copy.

Copies will be available in your local community – watch for them over the coming weeks. With Covid19 still active we are not suggesting special trips to pick up maps.

If you, your – business, organization or association would like bulk quantities to give away please send us an email and we will get copies to you.

We will also mail out individual folded copies– just send us an email with your address. cafreshwatercoalition@gmail.com (This will apply to a limited number in total.)

We have a limited number of flat copies (first come first served) suitable for framing – if you would like to reserve a flat copy contact us via email.

Become a Member



Your annual membership fee will provide a base budget for work of CAFC and demonstrate the commitment of local partners working towards a common goal. A strong diverse group is an essential component in meeting the goals of the Central Algoma Region. Support us at <https://www.centralalgomafreshwatercoalition.ca/>



DATE: January 22nd 2021
TO: Huron North Community Economic Alliance Communities
FROM: HNCEA Board of Directors
SUBJECT: State of Broadband in HNCEA

HNCEA's goal with broadband was to act as a catalyst for improved broadband across our communities, and to increase engagement between communities and service providers.

The impact of COVID-19 and the transition to remote working, learning, healthcare, etc has indeed brought the issue of broadband to light. We're now living in a time where both provincial and federal governments recognize the importance of broadband for rural and remote areas and their funding programs now reflect our unique needs.

In the past year, we have seen incredible progress and have had several promising projects emerge:

Leapfrog Telecom

The CENGN Northern Ontario Residential Broadband Project #2 where Iron Bridge was paired with Leapfrog Telecom has completed and service is now available to residents of Iron Bridge. There are plans to expand the service to other parts of Huron Shores, including Bright Lake, Basswood Lake, Clear Lake, and Sowerby.

Leapfrog Telecom has applied to the Rapid Response Stream (RRS) of the Universal Broadband Fund on behalf of 8 HNCEA communities as well as two of our neighbors, SSM Ward 5 and Prince Township. They aim to bring their wireless internet solutions to successful applicant communities that do not have access to 50/10 broadband service. Eligibility for RRS requires these projects to be completed by November of 2021. Leapfrog also aims to submit applications to the Core Infrastructure fund on behalf of several HNCEA communities that did not qualify for the RRS.

Starlink "Better than Nothing" Beta Test

Residents across several HNCEA communities are now active on Starlink's Beta satellite service. The Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre (SSMIC) is in the process of assembling a focus group where residents can share and discuss their experiences with the service.

ROCK Networks

H&M COFI in partnership with ROCK Networks is applying to the Universal Broadband Stream's Core Infrastructure Fund as well as to ICON funding. They aim to build a fibre backbone through

HNCEA communities and out to Manitoulin Island. ROCK Networks responded to HNCEA's recent Expression of Interest and was selected as the successful vendor.

We were also informed that our activities have prompted other service providers to improve upon their offerings in the region and currently there are some initiatives underway. HNCEA will now transition to a supportive role for these initiatives. Our advisory committee will no longer need to meet regularly and instead will be consulted with on an as needed basis. In collaboration with SSMIC, we will continue to monitor the status of broadband across the region and will share updates as things progress.

Thank you to all who participated and advised us over the past eight months! We would not have seen such progress without you and the support of your communities.

Sincerely,

The HNCEA Team



Calls For Service (CFS) Billing Summary Report

Item: 9g
Date: Mar 24/21

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Billing Categories <i>(Billing categories below do not match traditional crime groupings)</i>		2021				2020			
		February	Year to Date	Time Standard	Year To Date Weighted Hours	February	Year to Date	Time Standard	Year To Date Weighted Hours
Property Crime Violations	Break & Enter	1	1	6.5	6.5	0	0		0.0
	Theft Under - Gasoline Drive-off	0	0		0.0	1	2	6.5	13.0
	Theft Under \$5,000 [SHOPLIFTING]	0	0		0.0	1	1	6.5	6.5
	Total	1	1	6.5	6.5	2	3	6.5	19.5
Operational	Suspicious Vehicle	0	1	3.6	3.6	0	0		0.0
	Assist Public	1	1	3.6	3.6	0	0		0.0
	Total	1	2	3.6	7.2	0	0		0.0
Operational2	False Alarm -Others	0	0		0.0	0	1	1.3	1.3
	Total	0	0		0.0	0	1	1.3	1.3
Traffic	MVC - Prop. Dam. Reportable (MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION)	0	1	3.4	3.4	0	1	3.4	3.4
	Total	0	1	3.4	3.4	0	1	3.4	3.4
Total		2	4		17.1	2	5		24.2

Note to Detachment Commanders:

- The content of each report is to be shared by the Detachment Commander only with the municipality for which it was generated. The municipality may treat this as a public document and distribute it as they wish.
- All data is sourced from the Niche RMS application. Included are 'reported' occurrences (actuals and unfounded occurrences) for 'billable' occurrences ONLY. Data is refreshed on a weekly basis.
- The Traffic category includes motor vehicle collision (MVC) occurrences entered into Niche (UCR code 8521). MVCs are NOT sourced from the eCRS application for this report.
- Only the primary violation is counted within an occurrence.
- Time standards displayed are for the 2017 billing period.

Note to Municipalities:

- Data contained within this report is dynamic in nature and numbers will change over time as the Ontario Provincial Police continues to investigate and solve crime.
- This report is NOT to be used for crime trend analysis as not all occurrences are included.
- Data groupings within this report do not match traditional crime groupings seen in other public reports such as the OPP Police Services Board reports or Statistics Canada reporting.

Notice to Customers

Item: qh
Date: Mar. 24/21

Fort Erie, Ontario (March 17, 2021) - FortisOntario was made aware on March 14, 2021 of a possible ransomware attack on a third-party contractor that prints bills and provides certain electronic billing services for customers of Canadian Niagara Power, Eastern Ontario Power, Algoma Power and Cornwall Electric. At this point, we are not aware of any personal information of our customers that has been inappropriately accessed. FortisOntario has engaged an internal team to investigate the cyber event and is in contact with the third-party contractor. FortisOntario can confirm that if personal information has been accessed, it would be limited to customer names, addresses, electrical consumption and other information on bills or used for electronic billing services. We can confirm that no additional customer information (such as banking information) was accessed during the cyber event. FortisOntario will continue to work closely with the contractor to assess the situation and provide any updates when they become available. Ensuring all appropriate safeguards are in place to protect customer data is important to FortisOntario.

This cyber event was not directed at FortisOntario's information technology system, and FortisOntario confirms that no data other than what is presented on the bill or is used for electronic billing services may have been accessed.

"At FortisOntario the security of customer data is taken very seriously," says John Sander, Manager, Customer Engagement at FortisOntario. "While we are not aware of any customer data being accessed, we felt it was prudent to let our customers know of the event and to assure our customers that we are working with the third-party contractor to investigate this situation."

We apologize for this inconvenience to our valued customers. The security of customer data is of the utmost importance to FortisOntario, and we will continue to take every precaution to keep your data safe. We ask customers to please be aware of any unusual notifications or online activity related to personal data. If customers have any questions, or suspect there has been suspicious activity on your account, please contact your local Customer Service Office at the numbers below:

Canadian Niagara Power – (905) 871- 0330
Eastern Ontario Power – (613) 382-2118
Cornwall Electric – (613) 932-0123
Algoma Power – (705) 256-3850

As we work through this situation, you may notice your electrical invoices are slightly delayed.

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Item: qi
Date: Mar 24/21

March 10, 2021

Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
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Re: Advocacy for Reform of Joint and Several Liability

Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

During our budget deliberations and the review of the pricing for insurance for the 2021 year, Council is requesting that reform of the Joint and Several Liability system be undertaken. For the Municipality of Tweed, a small municipality within the County of Hastings, with population of 6,044 and total households of 3,023, as at the last census in 2016, we are experiencing significant increasing costs of insurance.

Over the last 5 years, we have experienced increase in our insurance premiums due to Joint and Several Liability. Our last 5 years of insurance premiums have been:

2017	\$161,441.84
2018	\$164,497.28
2019	\$171,649.20
2020	\$213,466.36
2021	\$265,170.24

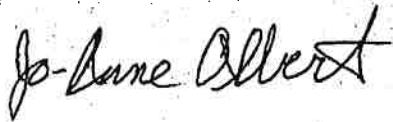
Over the last 5 years, the annual premium has increased by \$103,728.40. That is 64.25%. For the Municipality of Tweed, the 2021 increase of \$51,703.88 results in a tax levy increase of 1.25%. Therefore, when Council wishes to keep the levy no higher than a 2% increase, especially under the financial times that residents have experienced due to the COVID-19 pandemic, more than half of this increase is allocated to insurance premiums. For a population of only 6,044, the annual cost of insurance per household is \$87.72 in 2021, compared to only \$53.41 in 2017.

This phenomenon is not unique to the Municipality of Tweed, nor is this a new concern. In 2010, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) submitted *The Case for Joint and Several Liability Reform in Ontario* on April 1, 2010 (copy can be found at <https://www.amo.on.ca/sites/default/files/assets/DOCUMENTS/Reports/2010/TheCaseforJointandSeveralLiabilityReforminOntario20100401.pdf>).

Because many view municipalities as having "deep pockets", they are often funding a larger portion of awards from court than what the fault percentage is. However, these "deep pockets" are at the cost of every taxpayer within the Municipality.

The Municipality of Tweed is advocating for reform and reconsideration of the *Negligence Act, R.S.O. 1990, c N. 1* to provide for alternatives. Many alternatives were provided in the 2010 AMO report previously referenced, including, but not limited to, Joint and Severable Liability at a set percentage of fault or Joint and Severable Liability based on type of damage.

Respectfully submitted,



Jo-Anne Albert
Mayor

cc. Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
All 444 Ontario Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario



**Background Information to the Township of Howick
Resolution No. 288-20 Requesting Amendments to the
Agricultural Tile Drainage Installation Act**

Rational for Proposed Amendments

Over the years, Howick Township staff have received many requests for tile drainage information on farmland. Usually these requests come after a change in ownership of the farm. Some of these drainage systems were installed recently but many are 30 to 40 or more years old. Many were installed by contractors who are no longer in business or who have sold the business and records are not available.

Information is generally available if the tile was installed under the Tile Drain Loan Program because a drainage plan is required to be filed with the municipality. If the tile system was installed on a farm without using the Tile Drain Loan Program, there likely are no records on file at the municipal office.

The other benefits to filing tile drainage plans with the municipality are identified in Section 65 of the Drainage Act.

- 65(1) – Subsequent subdivision of land (severance or subdivision)
- 65(3) – Drainage connection into a drain from lands not assessed to the drain
- 65(4) – Drainage disconnection of assessed lands from a drain
- 65(5) – Connecting to a municipal drain without approval from council

Section 14 of the Act states:

(1) "The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations,

(a) providing for the manner of issuing licences and prescribing their duration, the fees payable therefor and the terms and conditions on which they are issued;

(a.1) exempting classes of persons from the requirement under section 2 to hold a licence, in such circumstances as may be prescribed and subject to such restrictions as may be prescribed;

(b) Repealed: 1994, c. 27, s. 8 (5).

(c) establishing classes of machine operators and prescribing the qualifications for each class and the duties that may be performed by each class;



- (d) providing for courses of instruction and examinations and requiring licence holders or applicants for a licence under this Act to attend such courses and pass such examinations;
- (e) prescribing the facilities and equipment to be provided by persons engaged in the business of installing drainage works;
- (f) prescribing standards and procedures for the installation of drainage works;
- (g) prescribing performance standards for machines used in installing drainage works;
- (h) prescribing forms and providing for their use;
- (i) respecting any matter necessary or advisable to carry out effectively the intent and purpose of this Act. R.S.O. 1990, c. A.14, s. 14; 1994, c. 27, s. 8 (4, 5)."

I believe it would be beneficial if a regulation required the installer, of agricultural drainage, to file a plan of the drainage system with the municipality following completion of the work.

While most of Section 14 deals with contractor, machine and installer licences, I think that Section 14(f) or 14(i) may allow a regulation change. This would be a better solution than an amendment to the Act.

Recommendations:

- Request by municipal resolution that the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs amend the Tile Drainage Installation Act and/or the regulations, under the Act, that would require tile drainage contractors file all farm tile drainage installation plans in the Municipality where the installation took place
- Send the municipal resolution to:
 - Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
 - Lisa Thompson, MPP Huron Bruce
 - Randy Pettapiece, MPP Perth Wellington
 - Rural Ontario Municipal Association roma@roma.on.ca
 - OFA
 - CFFO
 - All Ontario municipalities
 - the Land Improvement Contractors of Ontario (LICO), and
 - the Drainage Superintendents Association of Ontario (DSAO)

Wray Wilson, Drainage Superintendent
Township of Howick
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December 3, 2020

The Honourable Ernie Hardeman
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

By email only minister.omafra@ontario.ca

Dear Mr. Hardeman:

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed at the December 1, 2020 Howick Council meeting:

Moved by Councillor Hargrave; Seconded by Councillor Illman:

Be it resolved that Council request the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs amend the Tile Drainage Installation Act and/or the regulations under the Act that would require tile drainage contractors file farm tile drainage installation plans with the local municipality; and further, this resolution be forwarded to Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Huron-Bruce MPP Lisa Thompson, Perth-Wellington MPP Randy Pettapiece, Rural Ontario Municipal Association, Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Christian Farmers Federation Of Ontario, Land Improvement Contractors of Ontario, Drainage Superintendents of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities. Carried. Resolution No. 288/20

If you require any further information, please contact this office, thank you.

Yours truly,

Carol Watson

Carol Watson, Clerk
Township of Howick