

**THE TOWNSHIP OF TARBUTT
COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 17, 2022
CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1 a. Notice of Proposed Speed Limit Changes
- 2 b. Resolution from the Township of Mulmur
Re: Climate Emergency Declaration
- 3-4 c. Letter from the Solicitor General of Ontario
Re: Updated Provincial Animal Welfare Services (PAWS) Act, 2019
- 5 d. Resolution from the Township of Nairn and Hyman
Re: Support Tarbutt resolution regarding the Northern Ontario Health Crisis
- 6 e. Resolution from the Town of Aylmer
Re: Provincial funding to develop uniform responses to extreme heat and cold events
- 7 f. Letter from the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility
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- 8-10 g. Letter from Ontario Sheep Farmers
Re: Livestock Guardian Dogs
- 11-12 h. Letter from the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council
Re: Firefighter Certification
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- 20 j. Public Notice of St. Joseph Island Official Plan Open House
- 21-24 k. Accelerated High Speed Internet Program from Infrastructure Ontario
Re: Broadband One Window (BOW) Fact Sheet

Recommendation: Be it resolved that correspondence items a. through k on the consent agenda dated August 17, 2022 be received.

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**THE TOWNSHIP OF TARBUTT
PUBLIC NOTICE
SPEED LIMIT CHANGES**

The Township of Tarbutt provides Notice that the Rate of Speed of all Township Roads will be changed from 80 km/h to 60 km/h, unless otherwise posted.

No change will apply to any municipal road which is currently signed at 50 km/h.

Council will consider the Rate of Speed By-law at their meeting of Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

For further information, please contact clerk@tarbutt.ca, or by calling 705-782-6776 or 705-989-4303.

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July 13, 2022

CLIMATE EMERGENCY DECLARATION

At the meeting held on July 6, 2022, Council of the Township of Mulmur passed the following resolution.

Moved by Boxem Seconded by Clark

WHEREAS the impacts of climate change are being felt in Mulmur and will continue to intensify, posing acute and lasting risks to people, business, and natural ecosystems;

AND WHEREAS these risks include, but are not limited to, extreme weather, threats to human health and wellbeing, economic disruption, food and water insecurity, social instability and threats to all other life on earth;

AND WHEREAS Mulmur has a crucial role to play in responding to, changing and mitigating the contributions to climate change through responsible planning and budgeting;

AND WHEREAS Council's Strategic Plan identifies a priority path of "Growing a Sustainable Mulmur: being proactive in sustainable initiatives to ensure the long term well-being of Mulmur";

AND WHEREAS the Township of Mulmur's Official Plan provides a policy for growth management where land use patterns shall "minimize negative impacts to air quality and climate change, and promote energy efficiency";

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Township of Mulmur declare a Climate Emergency for the purpose of recognizing and deepening our commitment to protecting our economy, ecosystems, and community from climate change;

AND THAT, in response to this Climate Emergency, Council seeks to limit its contributions to the climate crisis, by way of the following actions:

1. That Council review the current Strategic Plan action items for "Growing a Sustainable Mulmur" to reprioritize commitments and identify additional areas to take action.
2. That Council direct staff to identify climate change options at budget time for Council consideration.
3. That Council direct staff to arrange training on climate change and climate lens adaptation to be scheduled in 2023.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to all Ontario municipalities for their information and potential action.

CARRIED.

Sincerely,

Tracey Atkinson

Tracey Atkinson, CAO/Clerk/Planner
Township of Mulmur

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132-2022-2204
By email

July 26, 2022

Dear Heads of Council:

I am pleased to connect with you as the new Solicitor General of Ontario. I am looking forward to working in partnership with you to ensure the continued safety and well-being of animals across the province.

On April 20, 2022, the Ministry of the Solicitor General informed you of updates to Ontario Regulation 444/19 (Standards of Care and Administrative Requirements) under the *Provincial Animal Welfare Services Act, 2019* (PAWS Act). The updated standards of care for dogs kept outdoors and dogs tethered outdoors are now in effect as of **July 1, 2022**. The updated standards can be read in full on the [Ontario e-Laws page for Ontario Regulation 444/19](#) and by viewing sections 4 to 4.5 of the regulation. A summary of the regulation in accessible language is publicly available at the [Ontario.ca page for dogs kept outdoors](#).

The ministry has prepared the attached guidance document, the ***Standards of Care for Dogs Kept Outdoors in Ontario – Legal Requirements and Best Practice Guidelines***, to help owners and custodians understand the updated standards and gain knowledge of best practices to help ensure the welfare of their dog(s).

To further support owners and custodians of dogs kept outdoors or dogs tethered outdoors, please find attached **Updated Frequently Asked Questions**, which will help address additional questions regarding the updated standards.

Please note, the updated standards will not impose any new requirements on municipal by-law enforcement departments. Animal Welfare Services, a branch within the ministry, is the primary body responsible for the enforcement of the PAWS Act and its regulations.

In the event of a conflict between a municipal by-law and the updated standards, section 67 of the PAWS Act continues to apply. Section 67 of the PAWS Act specifies that if there is a conflict between a provision of the PAWS Act or its regulations and a municipal by-law related to the welfare of animals or the prevention of cruelty to animals, the provision that provides the greater protection to animals prevails.

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Please share the guidance document and FAQs with your network, including municipal staff, members of the public, or any others who may be interested in learning more about the updates and associated best practices. Anyone who would like a copy of the guidance document can also contact the ministry at animalwelfareservices@ontario.ca.

We will continue to ensure that appropriate and effective measures are in place to provide animals with the protections they deserve. These updated standards of care will help safeguard the welfare, health and safety of dogs kept and tethered outdoors in Ontario.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Kerzner", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michael Kerzner
Solicitor General

Enclosures



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July 26, 2022

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

Dear Honourable Premier:

Please be advised our Council adopted the following support resolution at their meeting of June 13, 2022:

SUPPORT RESOLUTION RE: NORTHERN ONTARIO HEALTH CRISIS
RESOLUTION # 2022-7-127

MOVED BY: Rod MacDonald

SECONDED BY: Katherine Bourrier

RESOLVED: that the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman endorse and supports the resolution of the Township of Tarbutt requesting that the Province respond to the requests from the NOSM University and Northern Ontario communities to transform Human Health Resource Planning to relieve the health care crisis occurring now;

AND FURTHER: that the Province accelerate the approval process so that the expanded medical student intake can commence in the fall of 2022;

AND THAT: a copy of this motion be sent to Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Health, Dr. Sarita Verma – President of NOSM and the Township of Tarbutt.

CARRIED

Sincerely Yours,

Melanie Bilodeau
Deputy Clerk - Treasurer

cc: The Honourable Silvia Jones, Minister of Health
Dr. Sarita Verma, President of NOSM
Township of Tarbutt

August 4, 2022

Honourable Sylvia Jones
Minister of Health and Deputy Premier
Sylvia.Jones@pc.ola.org

Re: Warming and Cooling Centre Policy

Dear Honourable Sylvia Jones,

At their meeting of July 13, 2022, Aylmer Town Council adopted the following resolution regarding a request for increased federal and provincial funding for Health Units to develop uniform and comprehensive local responses to extreme heat and cold events:

That Report CAO 49-22 entitled Warming and Cooling Centre Policy, be received for information; and

That Council approve adoption of the Warming and Cooling Centre Policy; and

That Council request increased federal and provincial funding for Health Units to develop uniform and comprehensive local responses to extreme heat and cold events; and,

That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Minister of Health Canada, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry Ontario, Ontario Minister of Health, Ontario municipalities and the Southwestern Public Health Unit.

Thank you,

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Cc:
Honourable Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Environment and Climate Change
Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos, Minister of Health

**Ministry for Seniors
and Accessibility**

Minister

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August 4, 2022

Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to invite you to submit a nomination for the 2022 Ontario Senior Achievement Award.

Each year, the program recognizes extraordinary seniors who, after the age of 65, have made significant contributions to their community and/or province.

The deadline for nominations has been extended to September 9, 2022. For more information about the program or to submit a nomination, please visit the Ontario Senior Achievement Award webpage.

If you have questions about the Ontario Senior Achievement Award or how to submit a nomination online, please contact the Volunteer Recognition Unit at OntarioVolunteerServiceAwards@ontario.ca.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to consider putting forward the name of a special senior in your community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Raymond Cho".

Raymond Cho
Minister for Seniors and Accessibility



On behalf of Ontario's 2700 sheep farmers, I am reaching out to begin a dialogue with your municipality on the increasing challenge livestock farmers face in dealing with problem predators, and the role that Livestock Guardian Dogs (LGD) and your municipal dog control bylaws play in helping our farmers protect their sheep.

Problem predators are an increasing challenge and cost for Ontario livestock farmers requiring considerable effort and resources on the part of farmers and the Ontario Sheep Farmers (OSF). The financial cost of predation not only costs farmers, in terms of preventative measures, such as fencing and LGD; it also costs Ontario taxpayers, with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) paying farmers over \$717,000 in the 2021 FY for losses of livestock caused by wildlife. This cost does not include the cost borne by municipalities and OMAFRA in sending investigators out to farms and administering the program. Nor does this cover the costs of veterinarians to help those maimed by predators to recover, the production losses of animals who are stressed from predation and the mental health toll predation takes on the farmer. Without being able to properly protect livestock from predation, taxpayers should expect to see an increased incidence of predation and increased costs.

Livestock guardian animals are one of the most common forms of predation prevention control used by Ontario sheep producers. These include Livestock Guardian Dogs (LGDs), donkeys, and llamas, with LGD being the most popular choice. However, there are instances when municipal by-laws hinder the efficient use of LGDs on farming operations as the by-laws are intended primarily for dogs kept for companionship, breeding, or non-working purposes. We have reviewed work done by several Ontario municipalities where LGDs have been specifically addressed when creating or revising existing by-laws. Below are some of the primary areas of concern and suggested options for consideration by your municipality.

Add Definition of Livestock Guardian Dogs (LGDs) and Herding Dogs to by-laws

We propose that:

"Livestock Guardian Dog" (LGD) be defined as a dog that works and/or lives with domestic farm animals (e.g. cattle, sheep, poultry) to protect them while repelling predators and is used exclusively for that purpose.

"Herding Dog" means a dog that has been trained and is actively being used in a bona fide farming operation for the purposes of controlling livestock on the farm.

There are different breeds of LGDs of which the most popular breeds in Ontario include Great Pyrenees, Akbash, Kuvasz, Maremma and Anatolian Shepherd and crosses between these breeds. Although not an exhaustive list, dogs generally used for herding include Border Collies, Australian Shepherds, Blue & Red Heelers and Huntaways.



OntarioSheep.org

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Aggressive/ Dangerous Dog designation

LGD act aggressively and show aggression towards things they view as a threat to the livestock they are protecting. As such, an exemption, like that for police dogs should be considered.

OSF wishes to work cooperatively with you to ensure that municipal bylaws take into consideration the use of LGD when developing their bylaws. We would be pleased to communicate with the appropriate municipal officials to review with you Ontario sheep producers' needs and concerns in this area.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



John Hemsted,
Chair



Livestock Guardian Dog use in Ontario

Predation is a significant cost and ongoing threat to sheep flocks in Ontario. Preventative measures are the first line of defense for producers. Livestock Guardian Dogs are one of the most effective preventative measures available because they are actively protecting the flock 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Livestock Guardian Dogs have been used in Ontario since the 1960's. Their use has increased in the past 40 years as the province's coyote population has increased and expanded throughout the entire province. Livestock Guardian Dogs are now used by a great majority of sheep producers in Ontario to protect their flocks from predation by (primarily) coyotes, but also wolves, bears and other wildlife.

Livestock Guardian Dogs live with the sheep flock.

They provide protection to the flock by patrolling pastures, marking the perimeter of their territory. They also bark, run at, and try to intimidate any threats to the livestock they are protecting, which in this case is sheep.

Barking is one of the primary means by which livestock guardian dogs provide protection to the sheep flock. It is their way of communicating with other canines, and the guarding bark warns predators to avoid the area. Because dogs' sense of smell and hearing are many times more acute than that of humans, they often appear to be "barking" at nothing, when in fact, they hear, or smell something that humans are not able to.

Except perhaps for sheep flocks totally confined to barns with no access to outdoors, very few sheep flocks would survive predation attacks if it weren't for the effectiveness of livestock guardian dogs.

Ontario Sheep Farmers (OSF) considers the use of livestock guardian dogs to provide protection to livestock against predation as a normal farm practice.

The Farm and Food Production Protection Act (administered by Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs) defines normal farm practice as a farming practice which:

- is consistent with proper, acceptable customs and standards of similar operations; or
- uses innovative technology according to proper, advanced farm management practices.

The Farm and Food Production Protection Act was established to promote and protect agricultural uses and normal farm practices in agricultural areas, in a way that balances the needs of the agricultural community with provincial health, safety and environmental concerns.





"MAKING ONTARIO A SAFER PLACE FROM FIRE."

DATE: August 8, 2022

TO: Ontario Fire Chiefs
Municipal CAOs

FROM: Jon Pegg
Chair, Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council

SUBJECT: Firefighter Certification

On July 1, 2022, O. Reg. 343/22: Firefighter Certification came into force in the Province of Ontario.

Following the consultation period, the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council (FMPFSC) Board of Directors has been working with the Office of the Fire Marshal to understand the requirements of the certification regulation and its impact on Ontario's fire services. Over the course of the next 4 to 6 years, departments will be required to certify their members to the level of fire protection service established by their municipality.

It became apparent in our discussions and understanding of feedback provided throughout the regulation's consultation period that municipalities were seeking financial support to assist with the requirements under O. Reg. 343/22. Some departments will require online access to training material whereas others will be required to purchase textbooks to support their members in achieving certification.

Today, on behalf of the FMPFSC, I am pleased to announce the creation of a \$750,000 grant to support firefighter certification in Ontario. This grant will be provided over three years and is open to all Ontario fire departments who can demonstrate a need for educational materials to support training and certifying their members. The grant will be administered through the FMPFSC's Distribution Centre with details to follow on the application process and what materials will be eligible as part of this funding.

The FMPFSC has worked closely with both Jones and Bartlett and the International Fire Service Training Association (IFSTA) to provide a suite of both hard copy and online materials that will benefit the fire service in meeting the requirements of the regulation.

The Board and FMPFSC is honoured to be able to provide this funding to the fire service in Ontario and will continue to look for opportunities to give back to the Ontario fire service to continue to support a fire safe Ontario.

It would be appreciated if fire chiefs could share the news of this grant with their training officers and others so that thought can be given on what is needed at the local level to support training and certification.

Details on the grant application process will be available through Jamie Kovacs, Executive Director, in the coming weeks.

Sincerely,

Jon Pegg
Chair

cc: Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs

The Freshwater Connection

Publication of the Central Algoma Freshwater Coalition - Summer 2022

**Summer
2022**

**CAFC
Activities**



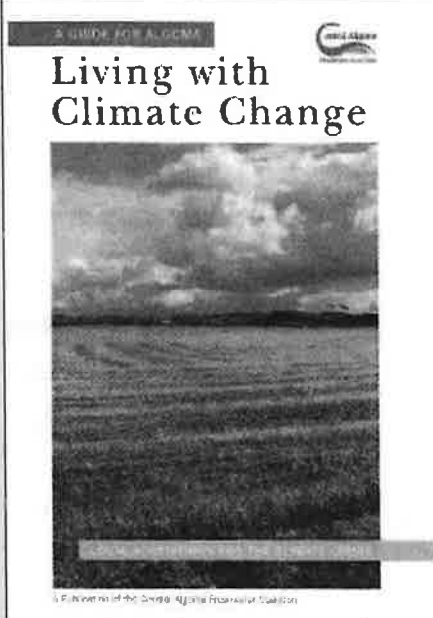
Sustain Algoma

"Thank You"



to all who made the Sustain Algoma Expo a success - It was nice to get back to meeting people in person following a hiatus due to the pandemic. CAFC had 3 new publications at the Expo - an Explore Local Map - and booklets on Sustainable Living and Adapting to Climate Change in Algoma - the publications are online at our website under the the resources/ reports tab. www.centralalgomafreshwatercoalition.ca





Living With Climate Change

6000 copies of Living with Climate Change booklets were printed in April 2022 and bulk mailed to mailboxes in Central Algoma.

Booklets are also available online under the resources / reports tabs -

www.centralalgomafreshwatercoalition.ca

Learn More about predictions for future local climate at:

www.climateatlas.ca/data/grid/424/plus30_2030_85/line

Tree Seedlings Planting Continues

"Thank You" to everyone who contributed to making tree planting in Central Algoma a priority. CAFC was again able to give away to private land owners 500 tree seedlings to plant on their property. Sustain Algoma was held in July this year - so the tree seedlings were made available in bulk (10 or more) on a first come first served basis.

Over 2000 seedlings have been planted. Tree seedlings have generously been donated by the Forest Conservation students and staff at Sault College.



Lake Huron North (LHN)

Lake Huron North (LHN) is a new network of organizations who strive to improve water quality through collaboration and community-based stewardship. They work together in a coordinated effort with local community groups, individual volunteers, landowners, and the public service, to protect and improve overall water quality and habitats in and around the St. Marys River and West North Channel of Lake Huron.

The goals of LHN are to maximize the efficacy of individual organizations and communities, to increase local capacities to respond to threats in the Lake Huron basin, and to provide information related to stewardship efforts. Although actions are local, we consider our global responsibilities as stewards of some of the greatest freshwater bodies in the world.

“The creation of LHN will mean more stable and predictable funding for CAFC projects from year to year making it easier to plan projects.”



The current co-operating organizations are



**Invasive
Species
Centre**



RAIN
RURAL AGRI-INNOVATION NETWORK



Central Algoma
Freshwater Coalition



**THE KENSINGTON
CONSERVANCY**

Peace Park -Thessalon

CAFC Participates - Lake Huron North Project - Town of Thessalon - Riparian Planting



Photo provided by Lake Huron North



Photo provided by Lake Huron North

Planting Red Maple Trees - Municipal Public Properties

“The invasive species, Emerald Ash Borer, has had a major impact on local ash forests along coastal wetlands including many municipal park beaches.”



“Very Hot Days (Over +30C) are expected to increase in the future with climate change. People in the future will be looking for local parks with shade”

Through Lake Huron North - CAFC acquired 10 - 8 foot tall Red Maple- to plant in municipal parks. Trees were provided to the Municipalities of St Joseph, Hilton, Laird and Tarbutt in 2022 We hope this project will be extended for a few more years to provide even more public shade.

This was an adaptive response to both invasive species and climate change and will provide shade to future park visitors.

Many municipal properties including beach parks experienced tree loss to Emerald Ash Borer - such as Big Point Park in Hilton Township, Centennial Park in Laird Township and Jack's Island Beach in Bruce Mines.

Tress were also provided to two new parks in Tarbutt Township.

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Big Point Park - Hilton Township



Womens Institute Park -Tarbutt Township



Laird Centennial Park - Laird Township



Township Staff - Hilton Township



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/>

Photo - Jack's Island Beach Bruce Mines





OPEN HOUSE OFFICIAL PLAN



August 23rd, 2022 from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

**RICHARDS LANDING TOWN HALL
1211 Richards Street, Richards Landing, ON.**

St. Joseph Island Planning Board and Fotenn Planning + Design have prepared a new Official Plan for St. Joseph Island.

The next step, as required under the Planning Act, is for the Township of St. Joseph to hold an Open House to allow residents to review and ask questions on the draft Official Plan.

An Official Plan describes how land in your community should be used. It is being prepared with input from residents and will help to ensure that future planning and development will meet the specific needs of your community.

All landowners and residents of the Township of St. Joseph are invited to attend this Open House to make comment on the draft Official Plan before it is adopted by Council.

To view the Official Plan document and Land Use Schedules prior to the Open House, please visit the Township of St. Joseph Municipal Office or the Township website:
www.stjosephtownship.com

Township of St. Joseph
1669 Arthur Street, Richards Landing, ON.
(705) 246-2625 or email at clerk@stjosephtownship.com

For more information about this matter, including information about appeal rights, contact Michael Jagger, Secretary-Treasurer of the St. Joseph Planning Board.

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St. Joseph Planning Board
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Broadband One Window (BOW) Fact Sheet



What is BOW?

- BOW is an integral part of the Accelerated High Speed Internet Program (AHSIP) from the Government of Ontario to facilitate high-speed internet access for every region of Ontario by 2025.
- A digital platform for all parties involved in the delivery of high-speed internet services in Ontario to design, procure, construct and manage provincially funded projects to facilitate broadband deployment.
- BOW expedites installation of high speed internet infrastructure by providing a secure facility for all stakeholders to collaborate, upload data, share information, and submit and approve applications for broadband service delivery.



Broadband One Window

A new and innovative platform to enhance stakeholder coordination and communication



How does it work?

- Integrates leading technologies such as geospatial mapping, analytics and cloud infrastructure to provide a modern platform for stakeholder collaboration.
- Enhances coordination and engagement with public and private sector stakeholders during the high-speed internet project lifecycle enabling stakeholders to work together.
- Employs predictive analytics to pre-empt project status issues. The platform will help identify and escalate any potential issues and delays involving the various stakeholders, helping them drive a resolution process.



Benefits of the BOW

- **Enhanced Data Sharing** – improves data access, collection and management and displays a visual relationship between assets and work
- **Real-time connectivity** – faster collaboration and request management enabling stakeholders to gain visibility on project status
- **Traceability** – Tracks and immortalizes project artefacts and approvals, request management and geospatial data
- **Time Savings** – Improved collaboration limits delays, accelerates approvals and projects are completed faster
- **Cost Savings** – Streamlined program management and execution reduces resource requirements resulting in cost savings for stakeholders
- **Improved Reporting** – Automates monitoring & reporting of KPIs to gather real-time project updates

BOW is designed for use by all stakeholders involved in designated broadband projects

- ISPs
- LDCs
- Municipalities
- Technical Assistance Team
- Infrastructure Ontario



Broadband One Window (BOW) Fact Sheet



What will it do?

The BOW has multiple capabilities and uses that make it powerful and unique in deploying high speed internet:

- All stakeholders involved in the development of high-speed internet projects can collaborate and share information to expedite the delivery of broadband services.
- Municipalities, LDCs and other One Call members, can receive and respond to permit applications for broadband projects.
- Stakeholders can request support from the Technical Assistance Team.
- The Ministry of Infrastructure may make requests for infrastructure data that concerns a designated broadband project; infrastructure owners can upload directly through the BOW.
- ISPs can request consent from municipalities before proceeding on an infrastructure project.
- All stakeholders can obtain a real-time status of designated broadband projects through a map-first view of specific geographic areas.
- Municipalities and other stakeholders can obtain real-time reports on project delivery, number of houses connected and other performance related information.



Data Security and Integrity

- The BOW platform is aligned with provincial regulation, GO-ITS 25.0 General Security Requirements.
- Proprietary information and data that is stored in the BOW is housed separately and limited to the user and organization to which the data belongs.
- Users will be registered on the BOW platform and will have secure access to the portal.



Registration and Training

- BOW registration and access will be available to all participants involved in the AHSIP program. Launch of the BOW is expected for the summer of 2022.
- Training will be provided ahead of launch. Please complete the AHSIP Readiness Questionnaire included with the Onboarding package to ensure your organization is registered for the BOW.
- All participants will receive further information and training on the BOW once it's available.



Learn more

For questions or feedback, please reach out to the AHSIP team at:

OntarioConnects.Onboarding@infrastructureontario.ca



Program Overview Fact Sheet



What is the Accelerated High-Speed Internet Program?

- The Government of Ontario has committed nearly \$4 billion to connect every region in Ontario to reliable, high-speed internet by the end of 2025. This is the largest single investment in high-speed internet, in any province, by any government in Canadian history.
- The Accelerated High-Speed Internet Program (AHSIP) has been created to ensure every region in Ontario has full access to the digital world.
- Infrastructure Ontario led a new, innovative and transparent procurement process that enabled Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to bid for provincial support through a series of reverse auction events for defined geographic areas and based on requirements for high-speed internet infrastructure deployment.
- On August 4, 2022, the province announced that it has signed agreements with eight internet service providers to bring access to municipalities across Ontario.
- Through AHSIP, up to 266,000 unserved and underserved homes and businesses will be connected to high-speed internet access¹.
- AHSIP will expedite the delivery of this essential service by targeting and addressing identified barriers in the planning and implementation process and by providing assistance to municipalities, internet service providers (ISPs), and local distribution companies (LDCs). AHSIP will also streamline and enhance coordination amongst stakeholders to ensure the rapid deployment of broadband infrastructure.



What are AHSIP's Objectives?



Facilitate speed of delivery of high-speed internet services (minimum service level of 50/10 Mbps) for unserved or underserved homes in every region of Ontario by the end of 2025.



Attract broad market participation of quality counterparties that is inclusive of smaller and local players.



Leverage existing utility infrastructure and rights of way to reduce required subsidies and compress delivery timelines.



Avoid additional cost to Ontarians by ensuring infrastructure is sustainable and can be upgraded as required.

¹ Number of unserved and underserved homes and business are subject to change based on final agreements



Program Overview Fact Sheet



What Makes AHSIP Different?

Innovative, Competitive and Transparent Procurement

A series of *Reverse Auctions* enabling ISPs to bid at the most reasonable price for provincial subsidies to connect service areas across the province.

New Guideline, Legislative and Regulatory Measures

A new *Building Broadband Faster Act Guideline* supported by legislative and regulatory measures to accelerate program deployment.

Innovative Technology Platform

An innovative platform called *Broadband One Window* (BOW) enhancing information sharing, process coordination and monitoring.

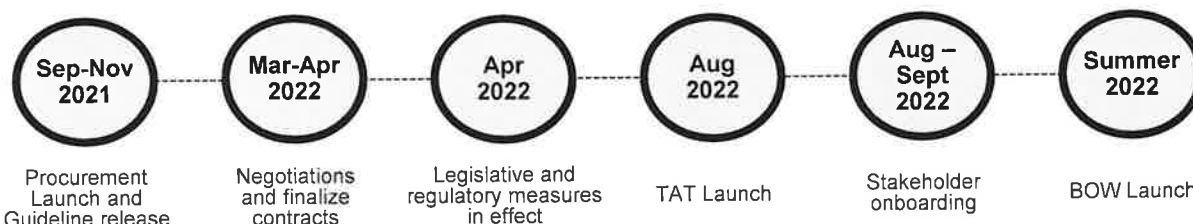
New Dedicated and Collaborative Project Assistance

A dedicated *Technical Assistance Team* (TAT) to provide municipalities and LDCs with hands-on support throughout the program lifecycle.



Key Program Milestones

The Ministry of Infrastructure and Infrastructure Ontario worked with its partners to develop processes and technologies to facilitate accelerated deployment of high-speed internet in Ontario, in line with legislative and regulatory direction in 2021. In 2022 and onward, the focus is on preparing ISPs and stakeholders for infrastructure deployment and supporting them through the implementation process.



Learn more

For more information on the AHSIP program:

- [Ontario Connects \(infrastructureontario.ca\)](https://infrastructureontario.ca)
- [Up to Speed: Ontario's Broadband and Cellular Action Plan](#)
- [Building Broadband Faster Act Guideline](#)
- [Ontario Increasing Access to High-Speed Internet Across the Province](#)

For questions or feedback, please reach out to the AHSIP team at:

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