

**THE TOWNSHIP OF TARBUTT
COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 19, 2023
CONSENT AGENDA**

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Recommendation: Be it resolved that correspondence items a. through i. on the consent agenda dated April 19, 2023 be received; and
That Council authorizes a donation to Central Algoma Intermediate & Secondary School for grade 8 and grade 12 graduations in the same amounts as last year; and
That Council authorizes a donation to Algoma District Crime Stoppers in the amount of \$250.00; and
That Council supports the resolution from the Municipality of North Perth regarding school bus stop arm cameras; from the Town of Essex regarding tax classifications for short term rentals, and retention of surplus proceeds from tax sales; and
That the contract with the SSM SPCA be renewed for 2023 at an annual cost of \$800.



MEMORANDUM

TO: The Corporation of the Township of Tarbutt

FROM: Antoinette Blunt, Integrity Commissioner
Ironside Consulting Services Inc

DATE: Report Submitted: 17 March 2023

SUBJECT: Report of the Integrity Commissioner
Covering the period from March 3, 2022 to March 17, 2023

Appointment

On February 13, 2019, the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Tarbutt appointed Antoinette Blunt, President, Ironside Consulting Services Inc. as the Municipality's first Integrity Commissioner. The appointment was effective February 20, 2019, according to By-Law No. 8-2019.

Municipal Act, 2001

Section 223.6 (1) of the Municipal Act states, that " If the Commissioner provides a periodic report to the municipality on his or her activities, the Commissioner may summarize advice he or she has given but shall not disclose confidential information that could identify a person concerned. 2006, c. 32, Sched. A, s. 98."

Activities, Expenditures During Period and Total Since Appointment

There were no requests for advice or inquiries during this reporting period. There were no expenditures during this reporting period and none since date of appointment.



CENTRAL ALGOMA INTERMEDIATE & SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Ms. A. McLean
Vice Principal

April 5, 2023

Received

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Tarbutt Township

Dear Friend and Supporter of CASS/CAIS,

Graduation is always such a special time of year when all the communities that make up the *Central Algoma Family* come together to celebrate the achievements of our students. This year marks the 10th graduating class from CAIS and the 50th graduating class from CASS. This year's respective ceremonies are scheduled for:

- Wednesday, June 28th at 7:00 p.m.- CAIS
- Thursday, June 29th, at 7:00 p.m. - CASS

Our Graduation Exercises are held to mark a milestone in the lives of our students and to honour their excellent effort, achievement, leadership, and citizenship.

A significant aspect of this ceremony is the recognition of student excellence through scholarships and awards. We believe the recognition of academic excellence encourages students to continue to strive to reach their full potential as they prepare for their post-secondary endeavours.

To acknowledge student achievement, we rely on the generous support of our communities. We are asking for your assistance to continue our tradition at graduation ensuring that student excellence is celebrated. Any donation would be greatly appreciated to help our students with their post-secondary expenses.

If you are interested in becoming or continuing as a donor, please submit your tax-deductible donation along with the enclosed information to:

Central Algoma Secondary School
32 Kensington Road
Desbarats, ON
P0R 1E0
c/o Tracey King

Sincerely,

Joey Turco
Principal, CAIS/CASS

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**SAY it
HERE**

March 15, 2023

Lennox Smith
Township of Tarbutt
27 Barr Road South R.R. #1
Desbarats, Ontario P0R 1E0

Dear Mayor Lennox Smith,

My name is Velvet Redmond Harten, I am a director and a member of the Fundraising Committee for Crime Stoppers of Sault Ste. Marie and Algoma District.

We are excited to announce that the Township of Tarbutt ~~and Tarbutt Additional~~ joined ten other contributors raising a total of \$3,700 for our program. These dollars will be invested directly into our promotional budget for the year.

Last year's contributors were Bruce Mines, Hornepayne, St. Joseph, Laird, MacDonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional, Plummer Additional, Tarbutt & ~~Tarbutt Additional~~, Thessalon, Wawa, and White River.

I am writing to ask you to consider another donation of \$250 this year. Any amount greater than or less than \$250, will help us get closer to our goals and improve the visibility of Crime Stoppers in the District.

As you may recall, each of our supporters from the District experienced the following benefits including enrollment in our Friends of Crime Stoppers Membership Program, recognition on our website (for one year), signs, and decals for distribution.

Our promotional growth in the District is made possible by your contribution and will have an impact on the tips received and crimes solved.

You may be able to suggest some local presentations to the council or other groups, community events, or other means of promoting our program in the Township of Tarbutt and Tarbutt Additional. We appreciate any and all suggestions to better serve your area.

Thank you for considering this request. Please feel free to contact me at (705) 759-5081 or info@saultcrimestoppers.com.

With warm regards,

Velvet Redmond Harten

Director

P.S. It's never been easier to donate to your local Crime Stoppers program. Thanks to Simplyk, a 100% free online fundraising platform for nonprofits and charities. You make your donation online in minutes and rest assured that 100% of the proceeds are distributed to the intended nonprofit. It's your choice to contribute a one-time donation or on a monthly basis in any amount that works for you. You may [click here](#) to make your donation today!

About Crime Stoppers

Crime Stoppers is a charitable community program involving the cooperative efforts of law enforcement, the community, and the media and is based on the simple principle that for every crime committed, someone other than the criminal has information that would solve the crime.

The goal of Crime Stoppers is to empower people to make their neighborhoods, schools, and businesses safer through anonymous reporting of crime. We encourage people to contact Crime Stoppers with information to solve crimes already committed, ones about to occur, or even ones in progress and/or the whereabouts of wanted or missing persons, narcotics, or stolen property.

Citizens from the community may witness all or parts of a crime and have information that is the key to solving the crime but are reluctant to get involved and don't want to go to court.

In some cases, citizens have information but are hesitant to contact the police in fear of retaliation from the criminal. People from the community may not come forward with information because they are uncertain about who to contact in the police organization and what procedures to follow in supplying their information.

Crime Stoppers recognizes the reluctance of many citizens to become personally involved and ***guarantees anonymity*** to those who provide information. Crime Stoppers provides a method for the community to overcome these obstacles and yet become involved in solving crime.

Thus, Crime Stoppers assists citizens in making a worthwhile contribution to stopping crime without fear of retaliation or involvement in lengthy legal proceedings. It also reduces apathy by offering a cash reward.

Crime Stoppers is an effective tool where the private citizen joins together with law enforcement to solve crime. To law enforcement, the Crime Stoppers program plays a vital role and represents a valuable and sharp-edged investigative tool.



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March 14, 2023

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

Dear Premier Ford:

RE: School Bus Stop Arm Cameras

Pls be advised that the Council of the Municipality of North Perth passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held March 6, 2023:

Moved by Councillor Rothwell Seconded by Councillor Blazek

WHEREAS almost 824,000 students travel in about 16,000 school vehicles every school day in Ontario and according to the Ministry of Transportation's statistics the rate of vehicles blowing by stopped school buses is over 30,000 times every day;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario passed the Safer School Zones Act in 2017 which authorized the use of Automated School Bus Stop Arm Camera Systems to detect incidents where vehicles failed to stop when the school bus was stopped and the stop-arm extended (O. Reg. 424/20);

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities (AMO) working on behalf of all Ontario Municipalities made its submission to the Standing Committee on General Government on May 21, 2019 in support of Administrative Monetary Penalties (AMPs) to be used to collect fine revenue for school bus stop arm infractions and other applications, including Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) technologies deployed in school and community safety zones;

AND WHEREAS police resources can not be spread any thinner to enforce Highway Traffic Act offences throughout municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the administrative and financial costs to establish the required municipal Administrative Penalty program under the Highway Traffic Act, and its regulations, are substantial and maybe out of reach for small or rural municipalities that have insufficient amounts of traffic to generate the required funds to offset the annual operational costs of a municipal Administrative Penalty program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of North Perth urges the Provincial Government to:

- a) Require all school buses to have stop arm cameras installed and paid for by the Province for the start of the 2023-2024 school year; and
- b) Underwrite the costs for the implementation and on-going annual costs for Administrative Monetary Penalties in small and rural municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, Provincial opposition parties, Mathew Rae MPP, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me at lcline@northperth.ca.

Sincerely,



Lindsay Cline,
Clerk/Legislative Services Supervisor
Municipality of North Perth

cc.
Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General
Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education
Provincial Opposition Parties
MPP Matthew Rea
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities



Honourable Steve Clark
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
College Park 17th Floor, 777 Bay Street
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

March 17, 2023

RE: Tax Classification of Short-Term Rental Units

At its Regular Council Meeting held on March 6, 2023, Councillor Hammond brought forward a Notice of Motion for Council’s consideration regarding the current tax classification of Short-Term Rental Units. In particular, Council discussed the implications of having Short-Term Rental Units operate as a business within a residential community. Council noted that allowing Short-Term Rental Unit Operators to pay residential property taxes is inequitable to those business owners who must pay commercial property taxes, solely due to the location of their business.

As a result of this discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

R23-03-082

Moved by: Councillor Hammond
Seconded by: Councillor Matyi

That Council direct Administration to send a letter to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (“MPAC”), the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, and any other relevant bodies, to investigate the tax classification of short-term rental units and consider taxing them as commercial as opposed to residential.

Carried

I trust you will find this satisfactory. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Shelley Brown
Acting Clerk, Legal and Legislative Services
sbrown@essex.ca

c.c. Tracy Pringle, Municipal Property Assessment Corporation
Tracy.Pringle@mpac.ca



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Honourable Steve Clark
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

March 22, 2023

RE: The Reinstatement of Legislation Permitting a Municipality to Retain Surplus Proceeds from Tax Sales

Dear Honourable Steve Clark,

At its Regular Council Meeting held on March 6, 2023, Mayor Bondy brought forward a Notice of Motion for Council's consideration regarding the reinstatement of previous legislation permitting a municipality to retain surplus proceeds from tax sales. It was discussed that, prior to being repealed by the Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, 2017, Section 380(6) of the Municipal Act, 2001 allowed for a municipality to retain surplus proceeds from tax sales within their jurisdiction. It was further noted that the Public Tax Sale process is burdensome to a municipality who invest a considerable amount of time and money recovering these proceeds for the potential sole benefit of the Crown in Right of Ontario.

As a result of this discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

R23-03-081

Moved by: Mayor Bondy
Seconded by: Councillor Allard

That Council direct Administration to send a letter to all relevant taxation bodies, including the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, the Ministry of Finance, Essex County Council, MPP Anthony Leardi, Association of the Municipalities of Ontario and all other municipalities in Ontario urging them to re-instate previous legislation that permitted a Municipality to apply for and retain the surplus proceeds from a tax sale in their jurisdiction.

Carried

I trust you will find this satisfactory. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Shelley Brown
Acting Clerk
sbrown@essex.ca

**Resolution from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Re: Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and
Enforcement**

Whereas, all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace;

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

Whereas, several incidents in recent years of disrespectful behaviour and workplace harassment have occurred amongst members of municipal councils;

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

Whereas, municipal Codes of Conduct are helpful tools to set expectations of council member behaviour;

Whereas, municipal governments do not have the necessary tools to adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct;

Now, therefore be it resolved that The Township of Tarbutt supports the call of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them in consultation with municipal governments; and further

That the legislation encompass the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's recommendations for:

- Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment;
- Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario;
- Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province;
- Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner;
- Prohibit a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office.

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April 6, 2023

Good afternoon,

Today, our government announced further action to tackle the housing supply crisis and reach our goal of 1.5 million homes by 2031. The *Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act* is the latest in a series of steps our government is taking to increase housing supply and help more Ontarians find a home they can actually afford.

Despite external economic challenges that are slowing down new home construction, including inflation and soaring interest rates, Ontario's plan to build more homes faster is working – with the highest number of housing starts in more than 30 years in 2021 and 2022, and the highest number of rental housing starts on record last year.

Details about the range of measures in our plan can be found in the [news release here](#).

As part of the plan, our government is introducing a new province-wide planning policy document that would provide municipalities with more flexibility, reduce duplication, create more homes in urban and rural communities, support local economies and create jobs while continuing to protect the environment (including existing Greenbelt protections), and public safety. It would also require coordination between municipalities and school boards to consider school and childcare needs earlier in the planning process, so that families moving to new housing can expect that local schools will be available for their children.

Ontario is undertaking a 60-day consultation on the proposed new Provincial Planning Statement until June 6, 2023 <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-6813>.

In addition, the plan contains numerous actions to further tackle Ontario's housing crisis, including:

- A \$6.5 million investment to appoint an additional 40 adjudicators and hire five staff to improve service standards and continue to reduce active applications and decision timeframes at the Landlord and Tenant Board. This increase more than doubles of the number of full-time adjudicators at the Landlord Tenant Board.

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- Proposed changes to make life easier for renters, with changes that would, if passed, clarify and enhance tenants' rights to install air conditioners. We are proposing to further strengthen protections against evictions due to renovations, demolitions and conversions, as well as those for landlord's own use.
- Proposed changes to the *Planning Act*, *City of Toronto Act*, and *Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Act* to support the proposed new Provincial Planning Statement as well as other housing supply priorities.
- Doing more to protect first-time home buyers and their savings by expanding deposit insurance for First Home Savings Accounts held at Ontario credit unions.
- We are exploring a cooling-off/cancellation period on purchases of new freehold homes, and a requirement that purchasers of all new homes receive legal advice on their purchase agreements when they make one of the biggest purchases of their lives – a new home.

These and other related consultations can be found through the [Environmental Registry of Ontario and the Ontario Regulatory Registry](#).

Our plan was informed by AMO's 2022 A Blueprint for Action and ROMA's 2022 Task Force Report on Attainable Housing and Purpose-Built Rentals. These changes build on our continued work to provide a solid foundation to address Ontario's housing supply crisis over the long term and will be supplemented by continued action in the future.

The housing supply action plan is the latest in a series of steps our government is taking to increase housing supply and help more Ontarians find a home they can afford. We look forward to continued collaboration with our municipal partners to create the homes that Ontarians need today, tomorrow and in the decades to come.

Sincerely,



Steve Clark
Minister

c. Chief Administrative Officer

To the Clerk and Council,

Re: Open Meetings: Guide for Municipalities

I am pleased to send you the latest edition of the Ontario Ombudsman's open meeting guide for municipalities. This guide offers tips and information about Ontario's open meeting rules, based on our Office's past 15 years of experience in investigating complaints about closed municipal meetings.

We have designed this portable, bilingual guide to serve as a handy reference for council members and other municipal officials when dealing with questions about the open meeting exceptions in the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as well as various common procedural issues. It includes frequently asked questions, excerpts from relevant legislation and best practice suggestions. This version includes updated case examples from our investigations and reflects the legislative change that permits councils, local boards, and committees to hold fully electronic or virtual meetings.

As we have done since 2008, our Office is providing this guide for free to all municipal clerks and council members across the province, whether they use the Ombudsman as their closed meeting investigator or not. We do this in the spirit of the open meeting rules – to promote transparency in local governments across the province.

If you require additional printed copies, please contact us at thewatchdog@ombudsman.on.ca. You can also print more copies directly from our website, or view the accessible PDF version, at www.ombudsman.on.ca/resources/brochures-and-posters/municipal-resources.

This link will also take you to our other municipal resources, including tip cards, best practice guidelines, and our online resource, **Open Meetings: Case Digest**, where you can search hundreds of our decisions on open meeting cases by topic, keyword, or municipality.

We hope these resources will be useful to you and the public we all serve.

We welcome your feedback, or any questions you might have about any aspect of our work: Please feel free to contact us at info@ombudsman.on.ca or 1-800-263-1830.

Sincerely,



Paul Dubé
Ombudsman of Ontario

Encl.

TOWNSHIP and FIRST NATION REQUIREMENTS FOR USE OF THE SAULT STE. MARIE & DISTRICT SPCA AS A POUND FACILITY

Townships and First Nations that choose to use the Sault Ste. Marie & District SPCA as their designated pound facility as per the Research for Animals Act, R.S.O. 1990 must meet the following requirements:

Received

- Payment of annual user fee, set annually by the Board of Directors. APR 12 2023
- Provide a copy of their current animal control by-laws.
- Provide the name and contact information for your by-law officer and notify our office of any changes to this information. Tarbutt Township
- All dogs are to be delivered to our facility by your by-law officer during office hours. If an after-hour delivery is necessary, our animal control officer must be paged and an after-hours fee will be applied.
- By-law officers must present a completed dog admission form at the time of delivery to our facility.
- Townships will be responsible for any veterinary expenses for dogs that require emergency care during their holding period.
- Dogs that are not claimed by their owners and deemed unadoptable will be euthanized and the township will be responsible for the cost.
- Townships will be responsible for cremation costs of euthanized animals.
- Payment of fees for daily impound for dogs not claimed by an owner.
- The shelter will charge the current pound and service fees to owner's claiming their dog. The township will not be required to pay impound fees in these instances.

FEES FOR 2023

Annual User fee to Townships	\$800.00
Intake Fee	\$65.00
Impound Fee	\$15.00/day
Euthanasia (based on size of dog)	\$100.00 to \$250.00
Cremation	\$1.50/pound
After hours intake	\$55.00

The Sault Ste. Marie & District SPCA cannot accept animals from townships who do not meet all the above requirements.

NOTE: The annual user fee and associated service costs apply only to animals received at our facility through the enforcement of animal control by-laws. A dog/dogs being impounded as a result of charges under the Dog Owner's Liability Act will not be received at the shelter without prior approval and agreement to costs.