

**THE TOWNSHIP OF TARBUTT  
COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 16, 2025  
CONSENT AGENDA**

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| a. Algoma District Services Administration Board<br>Re: Minutes of the February 13, 2025 meeting                                    | 1 - 4   |
| b. Resolution from the Municipality of Huron Shores<br>Re: Review of the Provincial Land Tax for Unincorporated Areas               | 5 - 6   |
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Recommendation: Be it resolved that correspondence items a through h on the Consent Agenda dated April 16, 2025 be received; and

That staff be directed to enquire as to the source of the significant ADSAB municipal levy increase for Tarbutt given that MPAC assessment shows assessment growth of 0.01% in 2024; and

The Township of Tarbutt supports the resolution from the Municipality of Huron Shores urging the Province of Ontario to conduct a comprehensive review of the Provincial Land Tax system to address disparities and ensure unincorporated areas contribute fairly to service costs; and  
The staff be authorized to sign and return the 2025 Annual User Fee contract to the Sault Ste. Marie Humane Society; and

That staff be authorized to prepare the 2025 donation to the Township of Johnson in support of their events and recreation programming in the amount of \$3,000.00; and

That a member of Council attend the meeting with ADSAB on May 1 to review the procedures for appointing members to serve as the Area 3 representative on the ADSAB Board of Directors; and

That The Township of Tarbutt support the FONOM request to Premier Doug Ford to consider the creation of a Deputy Minister of Transportation to be responsible for Northern Ontario.



**Minutes - Regular Board Meeting**

**February 13, 2025, 5:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Marcel Baron  
Rick Bull  
Cheryl Fort  
Sally Hagman  
Bryon Hall  
Blair MacKinnon  
Norman Mann  
Melanie Pilon  
Lynn Watson

Members Absent: Charles Flintoff  
Harry Stewart

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**1. Opening of Meeting**

The Board Chair opened the meeting and welcomed Board Members and staff.

**2. Indigenous Land Acknowledgement**

**3. Opportunity for Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

There were none.

**4. Minutes**

Moved by: Rick Bull  
Seconded by: Bryon Hall

RESOLVE THAT: the Board approve the minutes of the January 9, 2025 regular Board Meeting as distributed.

**CARRIED**

**5. Approval of Agenda**

Moved by: Marcel Baron  
Seconded by: Sally Hagman

RESOLVE THAT: the Board approve the agenda of the February 13, 2025 regular Board Meeting as distributed.

**CARRIED**

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## 6. ADSAB Budget - 2025

### 6.1 Report from Committee Chair

Finance Committee Chair, Cheryl Fort, advised that the Finance Committee met on Monday to review the budget and is recommending that the Board approve the budget for 2025.

### 6.2 ADSAB Budget Overview Report

The CAO walked the Board through the ADSAB Budget Overview Report and the ADSAB Budget Summary highlighting key factors and changes impacting the budget.

Moved by: Cheryl Fort

Seconded by: Blair MacKinnon

RESOLVE THAT: the Board accept the ADSAB Board Report - Budget Overview, as presented.

**CARRIED**

### 6.3 ADSAB 2025 Budget Package (DRAFT)

Moved by: Sally Hagman

Seconded by: Rick Bull

RESOLVE THAT: the Board approve the Algoma District Services Administration Board Budget for 2025 with a Gross Expenditure of \$58,809,242 and a Municipal Share of \$13,460,147.

**CARRIED**

## 7. Other Business

### 7.1 NOSDA - Update

#### 7.1.1 Homelessness Research Report

The CAO provided an overview of the NOSDA key messages in relation to the Helpseeker Report on homelessness and the key impacts specific to Northern Ontario. Although a lot of work went into the report, the Province has indicated that they do not agree with the findings. NOSDA is in the process of determining next steps.

### 7.2 Paramedic Services

#### 7.2.1 ADPS - Call Volume Report - 2024

The Chief of Paramedic Services provided an overview of the Call Volume Report.

## 7.2.2 ADPS - Response Time Report - 2024 Q4

The Chief of Paramedic Services provided an overview of the Response Time Report.

The Chief also updated the Board that 4 new ambulances would be received in 2025 and that ADPS passed the Ministry Service Review. The Service Review Report will be shared with the Board when the final report is received.

Board Member Cheryl Fort asked where the new ambulances would be deployed.

The Chief indicated that 2 would be deployed in the Eastern Division and 2 would be deployed in the Western Division, specifically White River and Dubreuilville.

## 8. Open Question and Answer

Board Member Cheryl Fort requested that the apportionment increases be reported in the minutes for Dubreuilville, White River and Hornepayne.

*Dubreuilville - 4.81%*

*White River - 4.74%*

*Hornepayne - 3.43%*

Board Member Cheryl Fort requested information about New Models of Care in relation to the Ontario Health North East Funding letter that was received at the November Board Meeting.

*Ontario Health is providing funding to Community Paramedicine providers to develop New Models of Care to address Alternate Level of Care and Long Term Care Waitlist issues. Alternate Level of Care refers to patients in a hospital setting that no longer require the intensity of resources or services in that setting but are waiting for placement in a more appropriate setting or care in their home. ADSAB was specifically approached by Ontario Health to develop a Remote Patient Monitoring Program under the umbrella of the Community Paramedicine Program with this new funding.*

Board Member Cheryl Fort asked what the current ADPS staffing compliment is for Dubreuilville and when will it be at full compliment.

*The staffing compliment for Dubreuilville is 4 full-time and 2 relief part-time staff. Dubreuilville is at full compliment.*

Board Member Sally Hagman inquired about potential signage for the new build in Blind River.

*The CAO noted that the Province has strict guidelines on any signage or announcements related to any Housing Projects receiving funding.*

Board Member Cheryl Fort inquired about the process for a community to be selected for a new housing build and when the next new build may occur.

*The CAO indicated that an analysis of current housing stock, history of recent builds and community need is provided along with a recommendation when sufficient funding is available. The next round of funding announcements will likely be in 2026.*

Board Member Lynn Watson asked why the ADSAB Municipal Levies for Township of Johnson - 5.96% increase and Tarbutt Township - 5.03% are greater than 5%.

*The CAO explained that changes in assessment can result in shifts to the apportionment. In the case of these 2 municipalities, they had greater increases to assessment relative to other member municipalities.*

## 9. In Camera Session

Moved by: Blair MacKinnon

Seconded by: Lynn Watson

RESOLVE THAT: the Board move into closed session.

**CARRIED**

9.1 MMAH - 2024-25 - Last Mile Funding under Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative (COCHI) Residual

9.2 Children's Services - Child Care Provider - Licensing

9.3 ADPS - Legal Matters - Update

9.4 Personnel Matters

## 10. Return to Open Session

Moved by: Marcel Baron

Seconded by: Melanie Pilon

RESOLVE THAT: the Board return to open session.

**CARRIED**

## 11. Adjournment

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2025.

Moved by: Blair MacKinnon

Seconded by: Marcel Baron

RESOLVE THAT: the regular Board Meeting of February 13, 2025, be adjourned.

**CARRIED**



**Municipality of Huron Shores**

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Iron Bridge, ON P0R 1H0

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March 18, 2025

**Subject:** to Advocate for Provincial Review of the Provincial Land Tax (PLT) for Unincorporated Areas

The Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores passed Resolution #25-09-12 at the Regular Meeting held Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025, as follows:

"WHEREAS the Provincial Land Tax (PLT) paid in unincorporated areas of northern Ontario helps fund critical community services such as policing, land ambulance, public health, and social services;

AND WHEREAS northern municipalities face a significant tax burden compared to unincorporated areas, creating inequities in funding these essential services;

AND WHEREAS Local Services Boards (LSBs) and Local Roads Boards (LRBs) provide specific services such as fire protection, road maintenance, and garbage collection in some unincorporated areas, but many areas remain without such local governance, leading to further disparities in service provision;

AND WHEREAS the last PLT review concluded in 2017, with rate adjustments phased in by 2021, leaving the system outdated and unresponsive to rising service costs;

AND WHEREAS the ongoing property reassessment freeze has further exacerbated inequities by failing to reflect current property values;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Huron Shores urges the Province of Ontario to conduct a comprehensive review of the Provincial Land Tax system to address these disparities and ensure unincorporated areas contribute fairly to service costs;

AND THAT this review considers:

- Adjusting PLT rates to reflect inflation and rising service costs;

- Evaluating the role and coverage of Local Services Boards and Local Roads Boards to address gaps in service provision; and
- Improving transparency and equity in PLT rate determination;

AND THAT the Municipality of Huron Shores seek the support of other northern Ontario municipalities by sharing this motion with the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), and other northern municipalities, requesting that FONOM and NOMA advocate for this initiative;

AND THAT this motion be forwarded to the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) for their support and action.”

Should you require anything further in order to address the above-noted resolution, please contact the undersigned

Yours truly,



Natashia Roberts

CAO/Clerk  
NR/KN

Cc: Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA)



# SAULT STE. MARIE HUMANE SOCIETY

WE SPEAK FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES

March 20, 2025

**RE: 2025 Annual User Fee**

To Whom It May Concern

The annual user fee which allows your township or first nation band to designate the Sault Ste. Marie & District SPCA as your pound facility, is now due. The annual fee for 2025 has been increased by 6% to \$850.00. Fees associated with animal intake and disposition have also been adjusted to reflect the fees we charge in our municipality (see attached).

Animal Control and sheltering services continue to be in high demand across Ontario. Almost all shelters/pounds have been operating at capacity since 2022. Payment of your annual user fee ensures that we will hold space for **animals delivered by your by-law officer** to us as strays as defined in your by-laws. We continue to encounter individuals from several different townships/first nations delivering stray animals to us. We do our best to accommodate these animals. Going forward, we will be directing these individuals back to their respective townships and by-law officers to facilitate intake at our facility. If your township is experiencing a specific animal control issue that you require assistance with, we are more than happy to work with your by-law officer to resolve the matter, including spay/neuter assistance in some situations.

Please forward the name and contact information for your by-law officer along with your payment. If your by-laws have been amended during the past year, please enclose a copy of the revised by-law. Payments are due by May 31, 2025.

Sincerely,

Cindy Ross  
Executive Director





March 26, 2025

Dear Mayor and Council of the Township of Tarbutt,

Johnson Township has started planning for the summer recreational programming, including the North Shore Youth Recreational Programs, which include Slo-Pitch and Soccer.

As per our agreement, Johnson Township is happy to take care of providing these recreational programs to the youth in your community. Through the administration of registration, team planning, staffing coaches, the use of our recreational soccer fields and more.

We want to continue to offer these programs, and would greatly appreciate your ongoing monetary support of \$3,000 to assist in equipment and field maintenance costs.

Thank you so very much for considering this request and for your support of quality recreational programming along the North Shore.

Talk soon,

***Patti Trotter***

Events, Recreation, Marketing & Promotions Coordinator

Johnson Township

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Township of Tarbutt & Tarbutt Additional  
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To: Heads of Council and Municipal Clerks

Please be advised that Area 3, consisting of the above eight townships, currently has a vacancy for one member to serve on the Board of the Algoma District Services Administration Board. Area 3 has an approved election procedure for appointing two members to the Board and two members were appointed in December of 2022 to serve for the 2023 to 2026 term. As part of this process, if an election occurs, the person with the 3<sup>rd</sup> most votes would automatically be appointed should a vacancy occur. However, only two persons were nominated at that time, so there is no identified person to fill the vacancy. To fill the vacancy, the Board is proposing to hold an election in line with the approved election procedure for Area 3.

Enclosed is an excerpt from the District Social Services Administration Board's Act that sets out the qualifications of Board members. We have also enclosed the Rules of Procedure for the elections as approved by Area 3 and Area 4 representatives in 2004 for reference.

To facilitate the selection process, we have arranged a meeting for the following time and place:

**6:00 pm Thursday, May 1, 2025**

Algoma District Services Administration Board  
Head Office Location

1 Collver Rd., Thessalon

At that meeting, an overview of the Board's composition will be provided and facilities will be in place for a vote. It is important that any person who wishes to run in Area 3 attend that meeting. It is also important that we have from your municipality a designated member of your council to vote. Each municipality in Area 3 is entitled to a vote. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me as set out below.

**Please fax (705-842-3747 Attention Keith Bell) or scan PDF via email ([kbell@adsab.on.ca](mailto:kbell@adsab.on.ca)) the name of the voting delegate from your municipality by April 30, 2025.**

Each municipality has a single voting delegate. You are free however to have other members of your council attend as attendees.

Points of clarification:

- There is only one position to be elected from Area 3 to serve on the Board for the remainder of this term due to a vacancy.
- There is no rule preventing a municipal councillor from the same municipality that already has a representative on the Board from running for Area 3. Currently, Lynn Watson from the Township of MacDonald, Meredith and Aberdeen Additional is a Member on the Board.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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# FONOM

Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities

April 2, 2025

Premier Doug Ford  
Legislative Building, Room 28, Queen's Park  
Toronto, Ontario  
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Sent Via Email: [Premier@ontario.ca](mailto:Premier@ontario.ca)

Dear Premier Ford,

On behalf of the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) and our 110 municipal members, I would like to congratulate you on unveiling your current cabinet.

We are pleased to see strong representation from Northern Ontario with the appointments of Ministers Fedeli, Rickford, Pirie, Holland, and Smith. We are confident that these Ministers will assist FONOM in fostering growth in the north. We are ready to collaborate with the entire cabinet to strengthen all sectors of our northern economy.

While we appreciate this progress, I must also express our concerns regarding the Ministry of Transportation's approach. I frequently engage with northern municipal representatives to gather feedback on their interactions with the Ministry. The overwhelming response from our members indicates that their concerns are often overlooked or addressed slowly.

This situation stems mainly from Ontario's vast geographical size and the extensive area the north represents. Factors such as weather conditions, traffic patterns, inattentive drivers, regional differences in highway maintenance, and the lack of accountability in commercial motor vehicle driver training contribute to the public's ongoing fears when using our highways.

It is essential to recognize that transportation responsibilities in southern and northern Ontario involve vastly different approaches and planning.

Therefore, with the utmost respect for the current structure of the Ministry of Transportation, we propose an alternative solution: the creation of a **Deputy Minister or Associate Minister of Transportation** specifically responsible for **Northern Ontario**. This change could enhance the effectiveness of the current duties.

We are eager to work with you and your government to explore ways to reduce the high rates of fatalities and accidents on our highways.

We would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this approach further. We are willing to accommodate your schedule and travel arrangements for these discussions.

Thank you for allowing FONOM to share our thoughts, concerns, and ideas.

Yours,





April 2, 2025

Dear Valued Customer,

We are closely monitoring the evolving trade and tariff policy landscape and recognize the uncertainty surrounding future regulations. At GFL, we remain committed to providing reliable service and value to our customers, and we understand that the implementation of tariffs may have an impact on your business as well. While tariffs may result in additional costs within the disposal network, we are actively working to manage these challenges in a way that minimizes disruption to our customers. If these tariffs lead to increased operational costs for GFL, they may be reflected as a direct surcharge on your invoice.

Our team is actively assessing market conditions and exploring ways to mitigate the impact to our customers. We appreciate your continued partnership as we navigate these changing circumstances together. Please contact your local GFL office with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

GFL Environmental Inc.

An annual newsletter brought to you by Algoma Power Inc.

2025

## Welcome to API's New Community Newsletter!

In an effort to provide concise and valuable information, Algoma Power has elected to develop and issue an electronic newsletter that provides various updates related to programs and initiatives that are taking place this year.

## Public Safety Message

If you witness or come upon a downed powerline, assume that it is electrically energized. Stay at least 10 meters (33ft) away (about the length of a school bus). If a downed powerline lands on your vehicle, stay inside your vehicle. If you must leave the vehicle, don't step out of the car. Jump and make sure to land with both feet together and shuffle away until you get to a safe distance (10m). For more information, please visit the ESA website [Stop. Look. Live. - ESA](#)



## Customer Service



**Bi-Annual Making Connections Newsletter:** Spring/Summer 2025 edition will be included with the May invoices. Look for important information related to Health & Safety, Billing and Rates.

**Customer Portal:** Access bills, payment history, usage information. Sign-up for pre-authorized debit payments or link directly to online. Register at our website [www.algomapower.com](http://www.algomapower.com)



**Follow us on Facebook & X:** Stay informed about what is happening in the electric industry. When larger unplanned outages occur, access updates in real time. @APIpower

2023 Utility Scorecards are out! Find ours at the OEB's website or link to it from the Regulatory page on our website.

Please keep us informed of any changes to community streetlighting, including recent or planned luminaire retrofits, additions, or removals.

## Emergency Preparedness

In an effort to support the various communities for which Algoma Power provides electricity, we would like to ensure we have the most up to date emergency contact on file in addition to community emergency response plan. Please let us know if there has been any recent change.

Algoma Power has been actively involved in analyzing and defining resilience within the electricity distribution sector, particularly in the context of climate change and more frequent extreme weather events, including wildfires.

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**Work Plans in your Community**

Algoma Power has several key work programs to highlight that are occurring within various community in which it supplies electricity.

**Vegetation Management Program**— Our annual program brings us to a variety of areas this upcoming year and includes a combinations of line clearing and brush control: Desbarats, St. Joseph Island, Goulais River, Searchmont, Montreal Rivers, and the Michipicoten/Wawa area. The specific townships are listed in the following table:



Forestry Part	Townships	Work Activity
Andrews P1	Peever, Rix, Slater	Brush Control
Desbarats P2	Laird, Tarbutt, Tarbutt Additional	Line Clearing, and Brush Control
Garden River	Garden River First Nations	Line Clearing, and Brush Control
Goulais P5	Aweres, Deroche, Jarvis, Vankoughnet	Brush Control
Goulais P6	Deroche, Fenwick, Gaudette, Hodgins, Shields, Vankoughnet	Brush Control
St. Joseph P2	Richards landing, St Joseph, Jocelyn	Line Clearing, and Brush Control
Wawa P2	Lendrum, McMurray, Rabazo	Brush Control

Please visit our [Vegetation Management Webpage](#) for more information on our annual program.

**Line Rebuild Sustainment Program**—Annually, we replace and upgrade our powerline infrastructure as part of our proactive Line Rebuild program. The table below provides the location of line rebuild work:

Location	Township
Deplonty Rd	Johnson
HWY17, Bear Rd to Deplonty Rd	Johnson
Gordon Lake Rd	Johnson
Lane 8 & Aho Rd	Plummer
Cunningham St	Plummer Additional
Mark St	Village of Hilton Beach
Shore Rd (Primary Tap)	St Joseph
Pine Shore Rd	Fenwick
Olar Subdivision	Fenwick
HWY17, Harmony Beach to Havilland Shores	Havilland
Lookout Trail Rd	Ryan
Joliet St & HWY101	Municipality of Wawa/McMurray
Boyer St, Ross St & Amott St	Municipality of Wawa/McMurray
Mission Rd	Municipality of Wawa/McMurray
HWY101, East of Camp Kinniwabi	Michano
API's 44kV between Goudreau Rd and Bell Tower Rd	Dunphy/Township of Dubreuilville



**Accelerated Broadband Program**—We have been working closely with Internet Providers, making our pole line infrastructure available for connecting fiber lines in the Algoma region. To learn more about high-speed internet in your community, please visit the Ontario Connects: [Ontario Connects Map](#)

# Inspection

## Inspection of 2025 – 2026 Annual Work Schedule for Northshore Forest

The April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026 Annual Work Schedule (AWS) for the **Northshore Forest** is available for public viewing by contacting **Northshore Forest Inc.** during normal business hours and on the Natural Resources Information Portal at [https://nrip.mnr.gov.on.ca/s/published-submission?language=en\\_US&recordId=aOz4X00000PF6LIQAL](https://nrip.mnr.gov.on.ca/s/published-submission?language=en_US&recordId=aOz4X00000PF6LIQAL) beginning **March 14, 2025** and for the one-year duration of the AWS.



### Scheduled Forest Management Operations

The AWS describes forest operations such as road construction, maintenance and decommissioning, forestry aggregate pits, harvest, site preparation, tree planting and tending that are scheduled to occur during the year.

### More Information

For more information on the AWS, to arrange a virtual or in-person meeting with MNR staff to discuss the AWS or to request AWS summary information, please contact the MNR staff listed below:

For information on the rules for obtaining wood for personal use, please visit: [ontario.ca/CrownLandWood](http://ontario.ca/CrownLandWood). For commercial fuelwood opportunities, please contact the Forest Company listed below.

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### Stay Involved

Further information on how to get involved in forest management planning and to better understand the stages of public consultation please visit:

[ontario.ca/ForestManagement](http://ontario.ca/ForestManagement)

Renseignements en français : Sault Ste. Marie Work Centre, 705 949-1231, [MNR.FSSM@ontario.ca](mailto:MNR.FSSM@ontario.ca).