



The Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie
Council Correspondence

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SAULT STE. MARIE REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Regular Meeting Agenda

**Tuesday, October 20, 2020 4:45 p.m.
Electronic Meeting**

- 1. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**
- 2. Finance and Administration**
 - September 29, 2020 Meeting Minutes
 - Accounts Payable
 - October Health and Safety Meeting Minutes
 - Budget Update
- 3. Water and Related Land Management**
 - Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses
 - Application Approvals
- 4. New Business / Other**
 - Property Inquiries – 2020 3rd Quarter Update
 - Grant Advance
- 5. Closed Session**
 - Personnel Matter
- 6. Adjournment**

For members of the public interested in attending this meeting, please contact the General Manager, Corrina Barrett, at cbarrett@ssmrca.ca no later than Noon on Friday October 16th, 2020 to make arrangements. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



SAULT STE. MARIE SOURCE PROTECTION AUTHORITY 2020 REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, October 20, 2020
Electronic Meeting
Agenda

1. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**
2. **Administration**
 - Approval of Minutes for September 29, 2020 Meeting
3. **Program Update**
 - Section 36 Updates – Public Consultation
4. **Adjournment**

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MAIN STREET RECOVERY PLAN & INCREASED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, ECONOMIC RECOVERY LEGISLATION, FIREFIGHTER SAFETY, CHILD CARE

October 7, 2020

Main Street Recovery Plan and Mental Health & Addictions Services Expansion

Today the Province announced Ontario's Main Street Recovery Plan and its intention to introduce new legislation shortly (*Main Street Recovery Act, 2020*). The proposed legislation, if passed, would provide supports and modernize rules for small main street businesses. This involves a \$60 million funding grant for personal protective equipment (PPE) for small businesses to help businesses reopen safer, rehire faster, and recover from COVID-19.

The Province also announced it would invest an additional \$176 million this year to help expand access for critical mental health and addictions services during COVID-19. This is part of the Province's commitment to invest \$3.8 billion over 10 years into mental health and addictions services.

The funding includes an investment of \$3.5 million for in-home/mobile withdrawal management services to increase access to community withdrawal management services for hard to service clients, including those located in rural areas. Other priority areas include community-based services in both English and French; supportive housing for individuals with serious mental health and addictions challenges; and increased Indigenous supports for peoples, families, and communities.

Province's *Better for People, Smarter for Business Act, 2020*

Yesterday the Province introduced the *Better for People, Smarter for Business Act, 2020*, as part of a made-in-Ontario plan to strengthen the Province's economic recovery, support businesses on the ground, and help government deliver clear and effective rules that promote public health and safeguard the environment without sacrificing innovation, growth, and opportunity.

The package proposes legislative changes within 15 different Ministries. AMO staff are in the process of reviewing this legislation and will provide more information about next steps shortly.

Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM) Clarification on Staffing Levels and Firefighter Safety

The Ontario Fire Marshal, Jon Pegg, has provided an interpretation of the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act* in light of the recent City of Greater Sudbury interest arbitration decision. His conclusion, after considering the full range of factors, is that the decision to set, alter, or adjust fire protection service levels in any municipality lies with the council of that municipality, in consideration of advice and guidance provided by the fire chief.

Ontario Releases Child Care Reports and Plans New Actions to Improve Child Care

The Ontario government has reviewed the *Child Care and Early Years Act*, and announced the release of two reports,
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Strengthening Early Years and Child Care in Ontario and the Early Years and Child Care Annual Report 2020. The government is planning to pursue new actions to: increase quality, create more choice, increase access, support the sector workforce, link to more services for special needs children, support Indigenous-led and culturally relevant programming, reduce administrative burden, and address technical gaps and issues.

AMO's COVID-19 Resources page is being updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to covid19@amo.on.ca.

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October 8, 2020

Dear Heads of Council and Chairs of District Social Services Administration Boards:

On August 28, 2020, our government announced its intention to stabilize rent by introducing legislation this fall to ensure that the vast majority of families do not see a rent increase in 2021.

On October 1, 2020, the *Helping Tenants and Small Businesses Act, 2020* received Royal Assent. The Act amends the *Residential Tenancies Act, 2006* (RTA), to deliver on the commitment to freeze residential rent increases in 2021 to give the vast majority of Ontario tenants some relief and financial security as we continue to recover from the pandemic.

The amendments set the 2021 rent increase guideline to zero per cent and freeze annual rent increases starting January 1, 2021 and lasting until December 31, 2021. The rent freeze applies to the majority of rental units that are covered by the RTA, including:

- Newly built units occupied for the first time on or after November 15, 2018, which are typically exempt from the rent increase guideline;
- Purpose-built rental apartments, condos, houses and basement apartments;
- Rented sites in mobile home parks and land lease communities;
- Care homes, including retirement homes;
- Affordable housing units created through various federally and/or provincially funded programs; and
- Households living in community housing that receive rent-geared-to-income (RGI) assistance or pay low end of market rent, with the exception of non-profit housing co-op members who pay market rates.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is committed to engaging the community housing sector through consultations under the Community Housing Renewal Strategy to monitor and understand the impacts of the rent freeze, as we work together to mitigate the financial impacts of COVID-19 on Ontarians, increase housing affordability, and deliver on our goal to sustain and grow the community housing system.

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The Act is available [online here](#) and additional details can be found [online here](#).

On behalf of our government, I would like to extend our thanks for your support in working with the ministry to support tenants during this challenging time. We welcome your continued input and look forward to continuing to work with our municipal partners in the coming months.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Clark". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Steve Clark
Minister

Office of the Mayor
Rodger Bonneau

October 7, 2020

Sent via E-mail

Re: Cannabis Production

Dear Ministers, Members of Parliament, and Members of Provincial Parliament,

Please be advised that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Asphodel-Norwood passed the following resolution at its regular meeting of September 22, 2020:

Motion No. 239/20 | Moved by: Councillor Walsh | Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Burt

WHEREAS the Ontario Federation of Agriculture has adopted the position that licenced cannabis production for medical and/or recreational-use purposes should be considered a farming activity;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada introduced Bill C-45 (the Cannabis Act) to create the foundation for a comprehensive national framework to provide restricted access to regulated cannabis, and to control its production, distribution, sale, importation, exportation, and possession;

AND WHEREAS Section 7 of the Cannabis Act requires that any person who intends to submit an application for a licence for cultivation, a licence for processing, or a licence for sale that authorizes the possession of cannabis must provide written notice to: a) The local government, b) The local fire authority, and c) The local police force or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police detachment responsible for providing policing services to the area in which the site is referred to in the application;

AND WHEREAS Section 35(1) of the Act requires a holder of a licence for cultivation, a licence for processing, or a licence for sale that authorizes the possession of cannabis to provide a written notice to the local authorities within 30 days of issuance, amendment, suspension, reinstatement or revocation of a licence and provide a copy of said notice to the Minister; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Asphodel-Norwood requests a governing body in cannabis production that:

1. Takes a unified approach to land use planning restrictions;
2. Enforces the regulations under the Cannabis Act on behalf of the licencing agency and ensures local authorities are in fact provided with notification of any licence issuance, amendment, suspension, reinstatement, or revocation within their region;
3. Communicates more readily with local governments; and
4. Provides local governments with more support.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Asphodel-Norwood will forward this motion to the following partners: All municipalities in Ontario, the MP and MPP of Northumberland-Peterborough South, the MP and MPP of Peterborough-Kawartha, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, and the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food with the request that they enact legislation to support local governments with land use management and enforcement issues.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Rodger Bonneau, Mayor
Township of Asphodel-Norwood

- c. E. Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
M. Bibeau, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food
D. Piccini, MPP Northumberland-Petrborough South
P. Lawrence, MP Northumberland-Petrborough South
D. Smith, MPP Peterborough –Kawartha
M. Monsef, MP Peterborough-Kawartha
All municipalities in Ontario