



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

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Board of Health Special Meeting

MINUTES

Thursday, February 15, 2024 - 6:00 pm

SSM Algoma Community Room | Videoconference

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Deborah Graystone
Sally Hagman - Chair
Julila Hemphill
Donald McConnell - 2nd Vice-Chair
Luc Morrisette - 1st Vice-Chair
Loretta O'Neill
Matthew Shoemaker
Sonia Tassone
Suzanne Trivers
Jody Wildman

APH MEMBERS

Dr. Jennifer Loo - Medical Officer of Health & CEO
Dr. John Tuinema - Associate Medical Officer of Health & Director of Health Protection
Rick Webb - Director of Corporate Services
Kristy Harper - Director of Health Promotion & Chief Nursing Officer
Tania Caputo - Board Secretary

GUESTS: Ian Brunskill, Consultant for Merger Feasibility Study

1.0 Meeting Called to Order - 6:00 pm

S. Hagman

S. Hagman, welcomed the Board of Health members, read the land acknowledgment, completed roll call and asked for declarations of conflict of interest.

a. Land Acknowledgment

b. Roll Call

c. Declaration of Conflict of Interest - there were no conflicts declared.

2.0 Adoption of Agenda

S. Hagman

RESOLUTION

2024-15

Moved: L. Morrisette

Seconded: J. Hemphill

THAT the Board of Health agenda dated February 15, 2024, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3.0 In-Camera - 6:04 pm

S. Hagman

For discussion of labour relations and employee negotiations, matters about identifiable individuals, adoption of in camera minutes, security of the property of the board, litigation or potential litigation, **a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.**

RESOLUTION

2024-16

Moved: M. Shoemaker

Seconded: J. Wildman

THAT the Board of Health go in-camera.

CARRIED

4.0 Open Meeting - 9:11 pm

S. Hagman

There were no resolutions resulting from the in-camera meeting.

5.0 Announcements / Next Committee Meetings:

S Hagman

Board of Health Meeting

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 - 11:00 am

Video Conference | SSM Algoma Community Room

Finance & Audit Committee

Wednesday, February 21, 2024 - 5:00 pm

Video Conference | SSM Algoma Community Room

Governance Committee

Wednesday, March 6, 2024 - 5:00 pm

Video Conference | SSM Algoma Community Room

6.0 Adjournment - 9:14 pm

S. Hagman

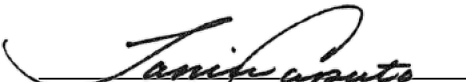
RESOLUTION
2024-19

Moved: D. Graystone
Seconded: M. Shoemaker

THAT the Board of Health meeting adjourns.


Sally Hagman, BOH Chair

February 20, 2024
Date


Tania Caputo, BOH Secretary

February 20, 2024
Date

Board of Health Meeting

MINUTES

Wednesday, January 24, 2024 - 5:00 pm
SSM Algoma Community Room | Videoconference

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Deborah Graystone
Sally Hagman
Julila Hemphill
Donald McConnell
Luc Morrisette
Loretta O'Neill
Matthew Shoemaker
Sonia Tassone
Suzanne Trivers
Jody Wildman

APH MEMBERS

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Rick Webb - Director of Corporate Services
Kristy Harper - Director of Health Promotion & Chief Nursing Officer
Leo Vecchio - Manager of Communications
Leslie Dunseath - Manager of Accounting Services
Tania Caputo - Board Secretary

STAFF GUEST: Nicole Lindahl, Manager of Emergency Preparedness and Response

1.0 Meeting Called to Order

Dr. Loo welcomed the Board of Health members, read the land acknowledgement, completed roll call and declaration of conflict of interest.

a. Land Acknowledgment

b. Roll Call

c. Declaration of Conflict of Interest - a conflict was declared by D. Graystone related to agenda item 9.0 a. Extension of Provincial Appointee

2.0 Election of Officers

a. Appointment of Board of Health Chair for the year 2024.

Dr. Loo called for nominations.

D. Graystone nominated S. Hagman and L. Morrisette seconded the nomination.

Dr. Loo called for any other nominations, and there being none, the nominations were closed.

S. Hagman was acclaimed as Board of Health Chair for the year 2024.

At this point S. Hagman assumed the position of Chair of the Board of Health, and resumed the election of officers.

b. Appointment of Board of Health First Vice-Chair and Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee for the year 2024.

S. Hagman called for nominations.

L. Morrisette put his name forward for 1st Vice-Chair, D. Graystone seconded the nomination.

S. Hagman called for any other nominations, and there being none, the nominations were closed.

L. Morrisette was acclaimed as First Vice-Chair and Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee for the year 2024.

c. Appointment of Board of Health Second Vice-Chair and Chair of the Governance Committee for the year 2024.

S. Hagman called for nominations.

D. McConnell was nominated by S. Hagman, D. Graystone seconded the nomination.

S. Hagman called for any other nominations, and there being none, the nominations were closed.

D. McConnell was acclaimed as Second Vice-Chair and Chair of the Governance Committee for the year 2024.

d. Call for Committee Members for the Finance and Audit Committee and Governance Committee for the year 2024.

S. Hagman called for Finance and Audit Committee members, and Governance Committee members.

e. Slate of officers and committee members.

RESOLUTION **Moved:** D. McConnell
2024-01 **Seconded:** S. Trivers

Be it resolved that the following is the Board of Health slate of officers and committee members for the year 2024.

Board of Health Chair:	Sally Hagman
First Vice-Chair & Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee:	L. Morrisette
Second Vice-Chair & Chair of the Governance Committee:	D. McConnell
Finance and Audit Committee members:	L. Morrisette, J. Wildman, S. Hagman, S. Trivers
Governance Committee members:	D. McConnell, S. Tassone, D. Graystone, L. O'Neill, M. Shoemaker

CARRIED

3.0 Signing Authority

RESOLUTION **Moved:** D. McConnell
2024-02 **Seconded:** S. Trivers

THAT By-Law 95-2 identifies that signing authorities for all accounts shall be restricted to:

- i) the Chair of the Board of Health
- ii) one other Board member, designated by Resolution
- iii) the Medical Officer of Health/Chief Executive Officer
- iv) the Director of Corporate Services

SO BE IT RESOLVED that signing authority is provided to **L. Morrisette** as the one other Board member, designated by resolution until the next election of officers.

CARRIED

4.0 Adoption of Agenda

RESOLUTION **Moved:** L. O'Neill
2024-03 **Seconded:** L. Morrisette

THAT the Board of Health agenda dated January 24, 2024 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

5.0 Delegations / Presentations

After Action Review - COVID-19 Pandemic: Overview of Key Findings and Recommendations

N. Lindahl explained the After Action Review (AAR) process and tie to APH's strategic directions of improving the impact and effectiveness of APH programs and growing and celebrating an organizational culture of learning, innovation and continuous improvement. She presented the key findings, recommendations, and next steps to improve response capacity. The Emergency Management program plan has been updated to reflect the recommendations from the AAR. The presentation is available in the meeting package.

6.0 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

RESOLUTION **Moved:** D. Graystone
2024-04 **Seconded:** S. Tassone

THAT the Board of Health minutes dated November 22, 2023 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

7.0 Business Arising from Minutes

- a. **Report back from November 2023 aPHa Symposium** - D. Graystone provided an overview of the annual symposium featuring How to use Human Rights Based Framework in the Workplace, and Risk Communication in a Changing World were the focus. The report is saved in the BOH online portal for reference.
- b. **Report back from Merger Feasibility Oversight Committee** - S. Trivers explained the committee's focus to ensure that issues identified, anticipated, or that come up are addressed in the process. The committee will come to each meeting with more details and request feedback from the Board.
- c. **Report back from Merger Feasibility Governance Workgroup** - D. McConnell provided a summary of topics that are being discussed in this committee, including a merged board structure, leadership model, collaboration, and decision-making in the best interest of each board.

8.0 Reports to the Board

a. Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer Reports

i. MOH Report - January 2024

Dr. Loo recognized the 2023 Public Health Champions that were awarded at a reception before the board meeting:

Individual Category: **Shawna Mornix** is a mental health support specialist whose personal struggles have inspired her in the startup of **Kickstart Mental Health**.

Organization Category: The **Sault Community Career Centre (SCCC)** has been a pillar of support for newcomers to Sault Ste. Marie since 2006.

Youth Category: The **New Northern Mentality** Youth Group is on the cutting edge of youth-led advocacy in Sault Ste. Marie. [Learn more about the Public Health Champions.](#)

Dr. Loo spoke to the first chapter of the Community Health Profile (CHP) provided in the addendum, noting the full CHP will be available later this year. She spoke about the indicators: Health status indicators, indicators of community engagement, indicators of the resources and services we used and provided, and integrators of systems integration and responsiveness. These categories are four quadrants of what's known as a public health balanced scorecard. It's been previously developed and used in Ontario. More details about enhancing our use of indicators and tools, such as the balanced scorecard concept, will be coming to this board to bolster our work in evaluation monitoring and continuous improvement. She highlighted that return on investment was one of the most striking statistics from the presentation, noting that \$50 per person is something we want to continue highlighting as part of the public health return on investment.

Dr. Loo reported that following the approval of the 2024 budget in November, we did manage to implement efficiency. A volunteer retirement program and a limited workforce reduction were completed to ensure we achieved a balanced budget. A total of 6 employees were laid off across all staff groups, and the workforce reduction process is now complete. There's no significant impacts to APH's delivery of programs and services as a result of those layoffs. Our workforce is now comparable to what it was before the pandemic.

RESOLUTION 2024-05

Moved: S. Trivers
Seconded: L. Morrisette

THAT the report of the Medical Officer of Health and CEO for January 2024 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

i. Financial Statements

RESOLUTION 2024-06

Moved: L. Morrisette
Seconded: S. Trivers

THAT the Board of Health approves the Unaudited Financial Statements for the period ending November 30, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED

D. Graystone left the meeting at this time and returned once resolution 2024-07 was carried.

a. Provincial Appointee Extension

i. Policy 02-05-087 Board Member Terms of Office - for reference

RESOLUTION
2024-07

Moved: S. Trivers

Seconded: L. O'Neill

THAT the Board of Health approve an exception to Policy 02-05-087 Board Member Terms of Office, in support of reappointment of Deborah Graystone as a provincial appointee to strengthen the continuity of the work and governance experience and leadership during this period of exploring a potential merger.

CARRIED

b. Special Meeting of the Board of Health

i. By-Law 95-1 To Regulate the Proceedings of the Board of Health - for reference

RESOLUTION
2024-08

Moved: M. Shoemaker

Seconded: S. Trivers

WHEREAS the Board of Health regularly meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month, and

WHEREAS By-Law 95-1 in the Board of Health Policies and Bylaws stipulates that the Board may, by resolution, alter the time, day, or place of any meeting.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Board of Health agrees:

THAT a Special Board of Health meeting be held at 6:00 pm. Thursday, February 15, to discuss merger planning as set out in the provincial government's Strengthening Public Health plan; and

THAT the regular Board of Health meeting scheduled for 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 28, 2024, be rescheduled to 11:00 am. Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

CARRIED

10.0 Correspondence

Not applicable.

11.0 Items for Information

a. alPHa Information Break - January 2024

12.0 Addendum

a. Collaborative Partnership with Maamwesying Ontario Health Team

i. Briefing Note - Collaborative Partnership with Maamwesying Ontario Health Team

ii. Draft APH Collaboration Agreement Maamwesying OHT

The board provided direction to proceed with formalizing the partnership with MOHT.

b. Community Health Profile Preview - Item 8.0, a, i.

13.0 In-Camera - 6:40 pm

For discussion of labour relations and employee negotiations, **matters about identifiable individuals, adoption of in camera minutes,** security of the property of the board, litigation or potential litigation.

RESOLUTION
2024-09

Moved: L. O'Neill

Seconded: S. Tassone

THAT the Board of Health go in-camera.

CARRIED

14.0 Open Meeting - 7:00 pm

Resolutions resulting from in-camera meeting.

RESOLUTION

2024-13

Moved: M. Shoemaker

Seconded: S. Trivers

That the Board of Health for the District of Algoma Health Unit appoint Dr. John Harding as a temporary Associate Medical Officer of Health (AMOH), effective March 1, 2024, pending approval of the appointment by the Minister of Health, to provide temporary AMOH coverage for a period of up to 13 months, and temporary Acting Medical Officer of Health coverage during the combined absence of the permanent AMOH and the permanent Medical Officer of Health/CEO; and

That the Board of Health for the District of Algoma Health Unit approve Rick Webb, APH's current Director of Corporate Services, as Acting CEO during the absence of both the permanent MOH/CEO and the permanent AMOH; and

That the Board of Health for the District of Algoma Health Unit approve Dr. John Tuinema as Acting CEO effective on his return from parental leave and continuing for the duration of his role as Acting Medical Officer of Health in the absence of the permanent Medical Officer of Health.

CARRIED

15.0 Announcements / Next Committee Meetings:

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Governance Committee

Wednesday, March 6, 2024 - 5:00 pm

Video Conference | SSM Algoma Community Room

16.0 Evaluation

a. November 2023 BOH Evaluation Summary

17.0 Adjournment 7:04 pm

RESOLUTION

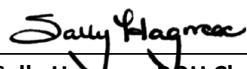
2024-14

Moved: S. Tassone

Seconded: M. Shoemaker

THAT the Board of Health meeting adjourns.

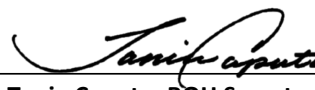
CARRIED



Sally Hagman, BOH Chair

February 20, 2024

Date



Tania Caputo, BOH Secretary

February 20, 2024

Date



March 27, 2024

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Algoma Community Room / Videoconference

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Meeting Book - March 27, 2024, Board of Health Meeting

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Board of Health Meeting

AGENDA

Wednesday March 27, 2024 - 5:00 pm

SSM Algoma Community Room | Videoconference

BOARD MEMBERS

Deborah Graystone
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Kristy Harper - Director of Health Promotion & Chief Nursing Officer
Dr. John Harding - Public Health Physician
Leo Vecchio - Manager of Communications
Leslie Dunseath - Manager of Accounting Services
Tania Caputo - Board Secretary

GUESTS: Nicole Lindahl - Manager of Emergency Preparedness and Response,
Sarah Levitt, Brent Feeney, Elizabeth Walker - Ministry of Health

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| <p>1.0 Meeting Called to Order</p> <p>a. Land Acknowledgment</p> <p>b. Roll Call</p> <p>c. Declaration of Conflict of Interest</p> | <p><i>S. Hagman</i></p> |
| <p>2.0 Adoption of Agenda</p> <p>RESOLUTION</p> <p>THAT the Board of Health agenda dated March 27, 2024 be approved as presented.</p> | <p><i>S. Hagman</i></p> |
| <p>3.0 Delegations / Presentations</p> <p>a. Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program</p> <p>b. Post Decision Debrief and Reflections</p> | <p><i>N. Lindahl</i></p> <p><i>S. Levitt, B. Feeney, E. Walker</i></p> |
| <p>4.0 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>RESOLUTION</p> <p>THAT the Board of Health minutes dated February 20, 2024, and the Board of Health Special Meeting minutes dated February 28, 2024, be approved as presented.</p> | <p><i>S. Hagman</i></p> |
| <p>5.0 Business Arising from Minutes</p> <p>a. Household Food Insecurity</p> <p>RESOLUTION</p> <p>b. Commitment to Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention</p> <p>RESOLUTION</p> | <p><i>K. Harper</i></p> |

6.0 Reports to the Board

J. Loo

a. Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer Reports

i. MOH Report - March 2024

- Learners at APH - Mentoring the next generation of public health professionals

RESOLUTION

THAT the report of the Medical Officer of Health and CEO for March 2024 be accepted as presented.

6.0 b. Finance and Audit

L. Morrisette

i. Finance and Audit Committee Chair Report

RESOLUTION

THAT the Finance and Audit Committee Chair Report for March 2024 be accepted as presented.

ii. Unaudited Financial Statements ending January 31, 2024

L. Morrisette

RESOLUTION

THAT the Board of Health approves the Unaudited Financial Statements for the period ending January 31, 2024, as presented.

c. Governance Committee

D. McConnell

i. Governance Committee Chair Report

RESOLUTION

THAT the Governance Committee Chair Report for March 2024 be accepted as presented.

ii. Policy 02-05-086 Sponsorship of Charitable Organizations

RESOLUTION

THAT the Board of Health has reviewed and approves **Policy 02-05-086 Sponsorship of Charitable Organizations** as presented.

iii. Policy 02-05-010 Board Minutes Posting / Circulation

RESOLUTION

THAT the Board of Health has reviewed and approves **Policy 02-05-010 Board Minutes Posting / Circulation** as presented.

iv. 02-05-065 Board of Health Reserve Funds

RESOLUTION

THAT the Board of Health has reviewed and approves **02-05-065 Board of Health Reserve Funds** as presented.

v. Policy 02-05-075 Elections and Selection Process for Board Chair, Vice-Chairs or Committee Members

RESOLUTION

THAT the Board of Health has reviewed and approves **Policy 02-05-075 Elections and Selection Process for Board Chair, Vice-Chairs or Committee Members** as presented.

7.0 New Business/General Business S. Hagman

8.0 Correspondence - requiring action S. Hagman

9.0 Correspondence - for information S. Hagman

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11.0 In-Camera S. Hagman

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RESOLUTION

THAT the Board of Health go in-camera.

12.0 Open Meeting S. Hagman

Resolutions resulting from in-camera meeting.

13.0 Announcements / Next Committee Meetings: S. Hagman

Finance & Audit Committee

Wednesday, April 10, 2024 @ 5:00 pm
SSM Algoma Community Room | Video Conference

Board of Health

Wednesday, April 24, 2024 @ 5:00 pm
SSM Algoma Community Room | Video Conference

Governance Committee

Wednesday, May 10, 2024 @ 5:00 pm
SSM Algoma Community Room | Video Conference

14.0 Evaluation S. Hagman

15.0 Adjournment S. Hagman

RESOLUTION

THAT the Board of Health meeting adjourns.

Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program

Nicole Lindahl

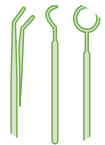
Manager of Emergency Preparedness & Response and Oral Health Services

March 27, 2024

Overview



Public Health: Our Role in Oral Health Services



The Ontario Senior Dental Care Program (OSDCP)



OSDCP at APH: Program Review



What's Next?

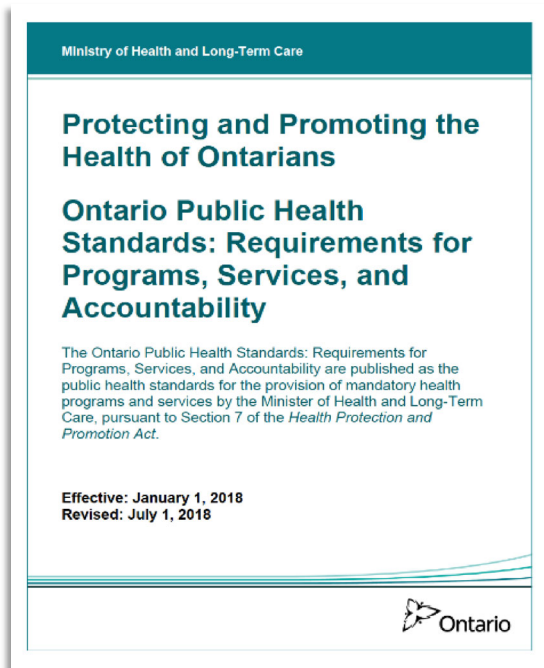


Public Health: Our Role in Oral Health Services

Strategic Direction

Strategic Direction #1: Advance the priority public health needs of Algoma's diverse communities.

Oral Health: Embedded in the Public Health Approach



School Health

Goal

To achieve optimal health of school-aged children and youth through partnership and collaboration with school boards and schools.

Chronic Disease Prevention and Well-Being

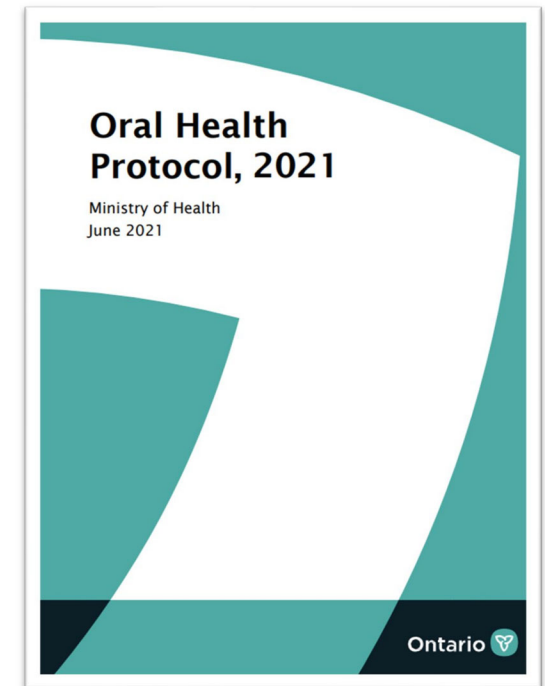
Goal

To reduce the burden of chronic diseases of public health importance⁶ and improve well-being.

Ontario Public Health Standards: Requirements for Programs, Services and Accountability. Ontario Ministry of Health; 2021. Available from: https://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/oph_standards/docs/protocols_guidelines/Ontario_Public_Health_Standards_2021.pdf

Oral Health Protocol, 2021

- Updated in 2021 to reflect the **Ontario Senior Dental Care Program** and requirements to:
 - Conduct health promotion
 - Provide service navigation
 - Establish a dental home
 - Increase awareness of oral health services in the community
 - Encourage community uptake



Publicly Funded Oral Health Programs

The Ontario Senior Dental Care Program is **one of many** publicly funded oral health programs in Ontario.

- School screenings and follow-ups
- Healthy Smiles Ontario (HSO) APH Clinic
- Children's Oral Health Initiative (COHI) with Garden River First Nation
- Fluoride varnish for high-risk preschool children

Oral Health's Impact on Overall Health

- There is growing evidence linking gum disease to a variety of serious health conditions (e.g., heart disease, stroke, respiratory disorders)
- Dental care is part of **health promotion** and **protection** for healthy aging
 - Public health uniquely prioritizes **health equity** at the forefront of planning and service delivery

- Canadian Dental Association. Oral health- Good for life. 2021. http://www.cda-adc.ca/en/oral_health/cfyt/good_for_life/
- Ontario Dental Hygienists' Association. Dental hygiene facts- Oral care for seniors. 2016. Retrieved from <https://odha.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/ODHA-Facts-seniors.v2.pdf>
- Li X, Kolltveit KM, Tronstad L, Olsen I. Systemic diseases caused by oral infection. Clin Microbiol Rev. 2000;13(4):547-58.

Ontario Senior Dental Care Program



The OSDCP – A Purposeful Approach to Reducing Health Inequities

- Launched by the provincial government in 2019, the purpose of the OSDCP is to:
 - Provide free, routine dental services for low-income seniors aged 65 and older.
 - Reduce unnecessary trips to the hospital, prevent chronic disease, and increase quality of life for seniors in Ontario.

Population aged 65+ years			
Algoma	Elliot Lake	North-Eastern Ontario	Ontario
26.5%	41.5%	23.3%	18.5%

- Ontario Ministry of Health. 2021. Dental care for low-income seniors. [Dental care for low-income seniors | ontario.ca](https://www.ontario.ca/page/dental-care-low-income-seniors)
- Population Estimates [2021] and Population projection [2024], Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, IntelliHEALTH Ontario, Date Extracted: [22 Nov 2023]

OSDCP Eligibility

- 65 years of age or older
- Resident of Ontario
- Meet the income requirements
- Have no other form of dental benefits, including private insurance or coverage under another government program

In Algoma, an estimated **3,792 people** are eligible for the program.

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OSDCP Service Coverage

- Check-ups, including scaling, fluoride and polishing
- Repairing broken teeth and cavities
- X-rays
- Removing teeth or abnormal tissue
- Anesthesia
- Treating infection and pain
- Treating gum conditions and diseases
- Dental prosthetics, including dentures*

OSDCP at APH: Program Review

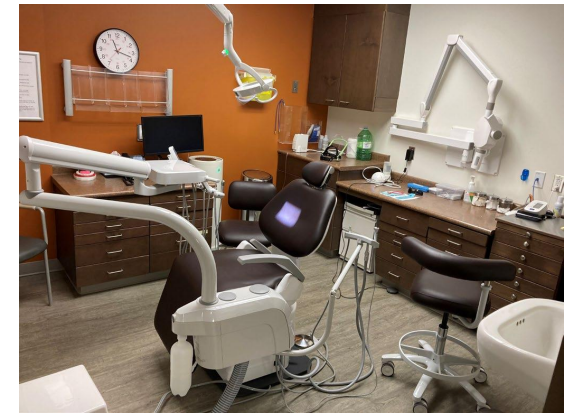


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A Community Effort

- 5 Dentists: APH SSM clinic and community settings
- 4 Denturists: Community settings
- Registered Dental Hygienists
- Dental Health Educators
- Clerical Support
- Program Manager

Elliott Lake (left) and SSM (centre, right)

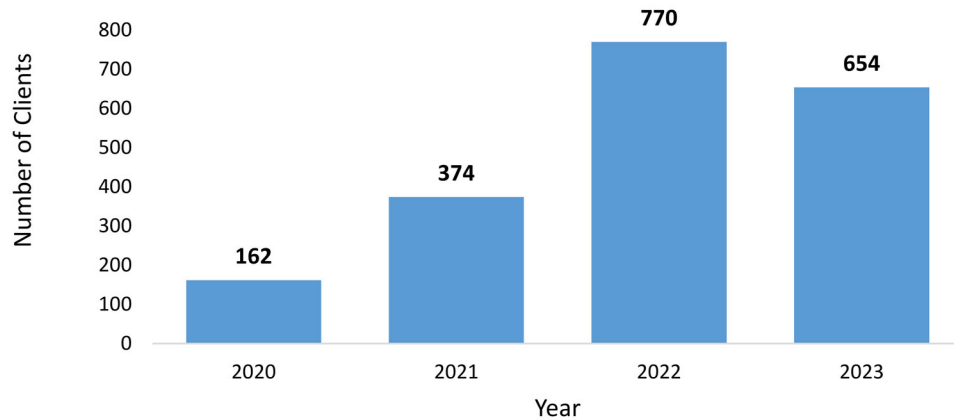


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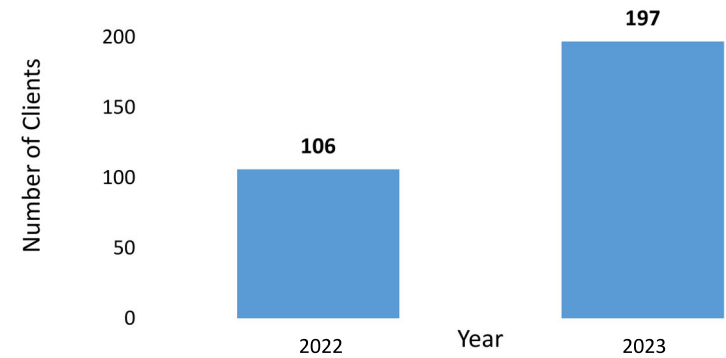


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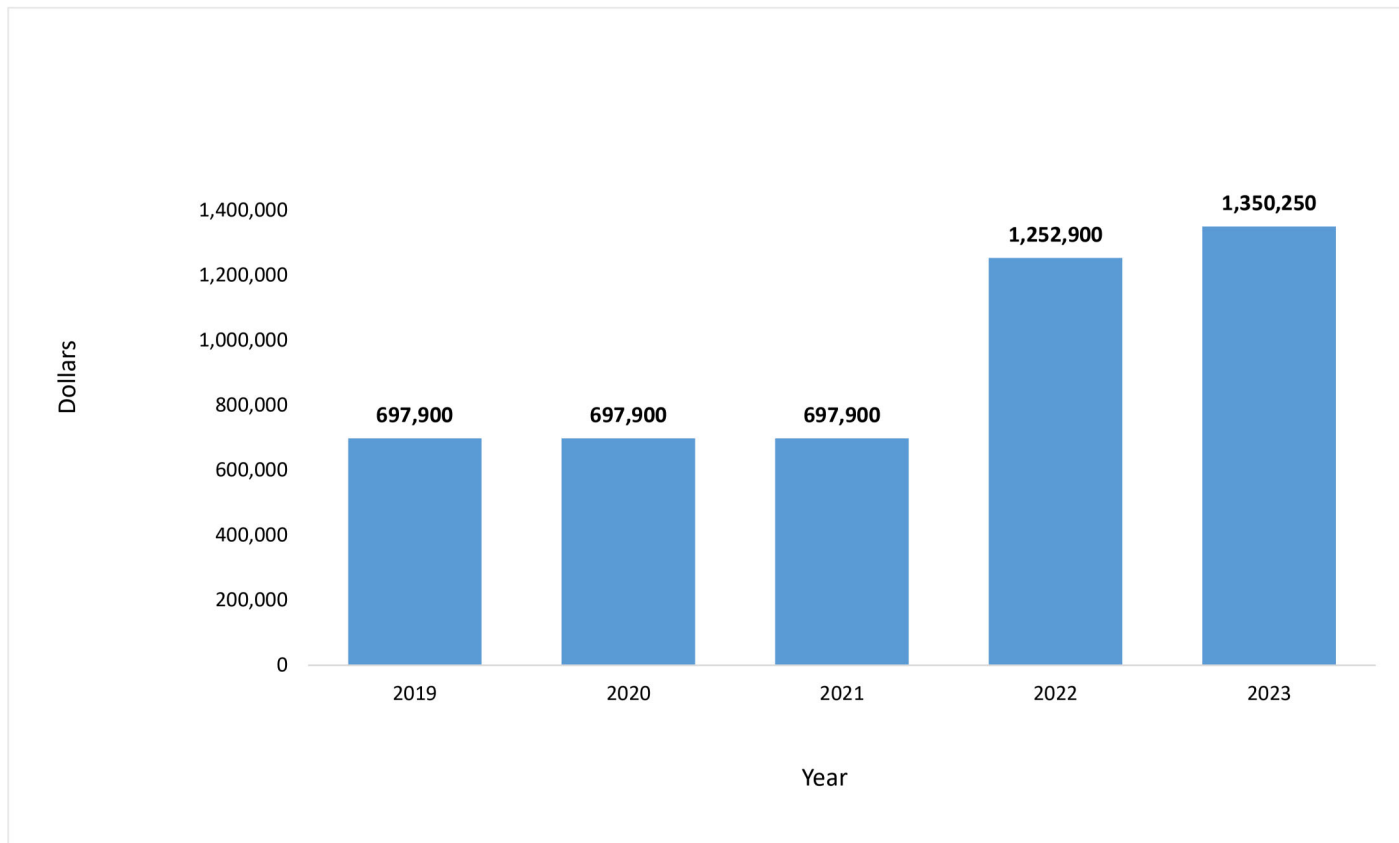
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Number of clients who have received Dentures through the OSDCP in Algoma



OSDCP Funding

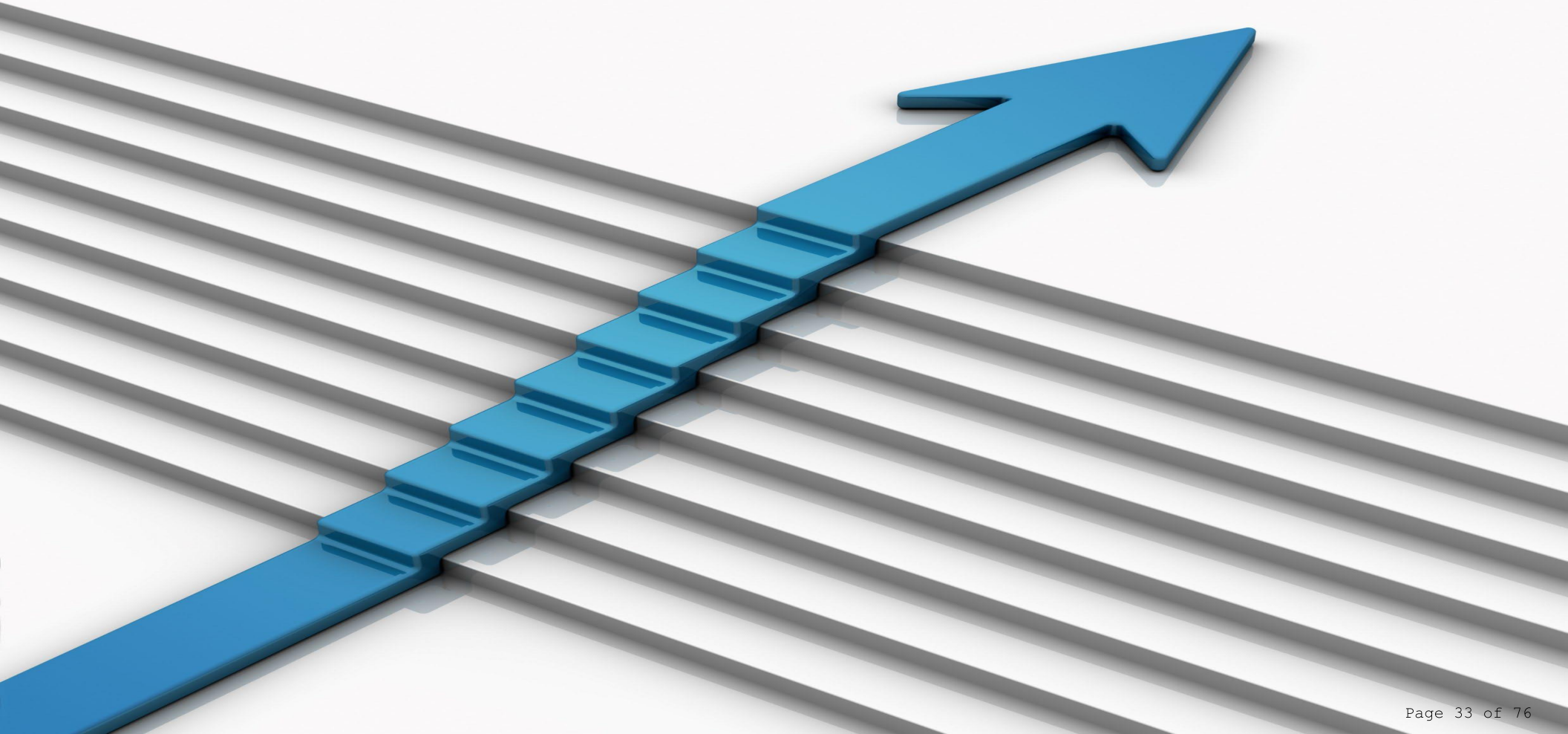


OSDCP Clinics

Since the program began in 2020, APH has run:

- 327 in-house prevention clinics
- 168 in-house treatment clinics

Next Steps



Program Delivery Considerations

- Professional Fees and Dentures
- DHE recruitment
- High demand

Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP)

- Aims to help ease financial barriers to accessing oral health care services.
- Not intended to be a replacement for existing dental benefits offered through employer/pension or private sponsored plans.
- Intended to fill gaps in coverage and complement existing provincial and territorial dental programs.
- [Canadian Dental Care Plan](#)
- [Canadian Dental Care Plan - Dental Benefits Guide](#)



Questions?

Chi-Miigwech. Merci. Thank You.

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Subject: Household Food Insecurity	
Whereas, household food insecurity is the inadequate or insecure access to food due to financial constraints⁽¹⁾, meaning a household does not have enough money for food; and Whereas, the prevalence of household food insecurity in Algoma was 19.4% or approximately 1 in 5 households from 2020-2022⁽²⁾; and Whereas, food insecurity is a serious public health problem that negatively impacts physical, mental, and social well-being, as well as life expectancy, and creates a heavy burden on the health care system with adults living in severely food insecure households incurring 121% higher health care costs compared to food secure households⁽³⁾; and Whereas, each year Algoma Public Health conducts the Nutritious Food Basket survey to monitor food affordability in Algoma, the results of which consistently demonstrate the inadequacy of social assistance rates⁽⁴⁾; and Whereas, Ontario Works rates have not increased since 2018 and are not indexed to inflation⁽⁵⁾; and Whereas, economic policies that ensure adequate household income are needed to reduce food insecurity^(1,3,6); and Whereas, the Board of Health of Algoma Public Health has previously endorsed and called on the provincial government to implement income-based policy interventions to effectively reduce household food insecurity, including raising social assistance to reflect costs of living and indexing Ontario Works to inflation (Resolution 2023-67)⁽⁷⁾; and Whereas, local Boards of Health and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA) have called on the provincial government to use local food affordability findings to determine adequate social assistance rates: Motion #06-24 (Household Food Insecurity)⁽⁸⁾, A23-05 (Monitoring Food Affordability in Ontario and the Inadequacy of Social Assistance Rates)⁽⁹⁾; and Whereas, the Ministry of Health intends to refine, refocus and re-level the roles and responsibilities of public health by conducting a sector-driven review of the Ontario Public Health Standards, with that the fully revised standards expected to be implemented by January 2025⁽¹⁰⁾; and Whereas, at the February 20, 2024 meeting of the Board of Health of Algoma Public Health received a letter from the Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts that 1) called on the provincial government to incorporate local food affordability findings in determining adequacy of social assistance rates to reflect the current costs of living and to index Ontario Works rates to inflation going forward; and 2) in the context of strengthening public health roles and responsibilities, urged all healthy system partners to remain committed to population health assessment and surveillance as it relates to monitoring food environments and, specifically, to monitoring food affordability⁽¹¹⁾; and Therefore be it resolved that the Board of Health of Algoma Public Health endorse the above mentioned letter from the Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts; And furthermore, that the Board of Health of Algoma Public Health send a similar letter to the provincial government.	

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Briefing Note

To: The Board of Health for the District of Algoma Health Unit
From: Kristy Harper, Director of Health Promotion & Chief Nursing Officer
Hilary Cutler, Manager of Community Wellness & School Health
Date: 03/27/2024
Re: Commitment to Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention

☒ For Information

☐ For Discussion

☒ For a Decision

PURPOSE:

Obtaining commitment and investment for health promotion and chronic disease prevention in the context of Public Health Strengthening and revision of the Ontario Public Health Standards (OPHS)⁽¹⁾.

KEY MESSAGES:

- Chronic diseases account for nearly 75% of the deaths in Ontario, despite being largely preventable, and cost the province \$10.5 billion in direct healthcare costs⁽²⁾.
- Health promotion is one effective strategy in addressing Ontario's healthcare crisis and can help strengthen local resilience to future threats and emergencies^(3,4).
- Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, public health has been challenged with addressing immediate health risks that have required reallocating resources and limiting capacity for health promotion initiatives.
- As part of their goal to strengthen public health, the Ministry of Health is currently reviewing the Ontario Public Health Standards to refine, refocus and re-level the roles and responsibilities of public health⁽⁵⁾.
- It is critical that health promotion remains a core function of local public health, along with appropriate investments and resources, to continue leading upstream prevention initiatives to prevent chronic diseases.

Ontario Public Health Standards⁽¹⁾ Addressed in this Report

- Chronic Disease Prevention and Well-Being
- Substance Use and Injury Prevention
- School Health
- Healthy Growth and Development

Strategic Directions⁽⁶⁾ Addressed in this Report:

Strategic Direction #1: Advance the priority public health needs of Algoma's diverse communities.

- a. Strengthen population health assessment to improve understanding of the distribution and determinants of health and disease, including local health disparities, and identify populations for public health and health equity action.

Strategic Direction #2: Improve the impact and effectiveness of APH programs.

- a. Align programs to population health priorities and to the unique role of public health.

Background

Chronic diseases are the leading cause of death in Ontario (nearly 75%), despite being largely preventable⁽²⁾. Chronic diseases include cancers, cardiovascular diseases, chronic lower respiratory diseases such as COPD, and diabetes. Figure 1 shows the percentage of deaths in Ontario in 2015 that were attributed to chronic diseases. Figure 2 shows the percentage of deaths in Algoma, averaged between 2017-2021, that were attributed to chronic diseases.

Figure 1: Causes of death, all causes and chronic disease causes, Ontario, 2015⁽²⁾

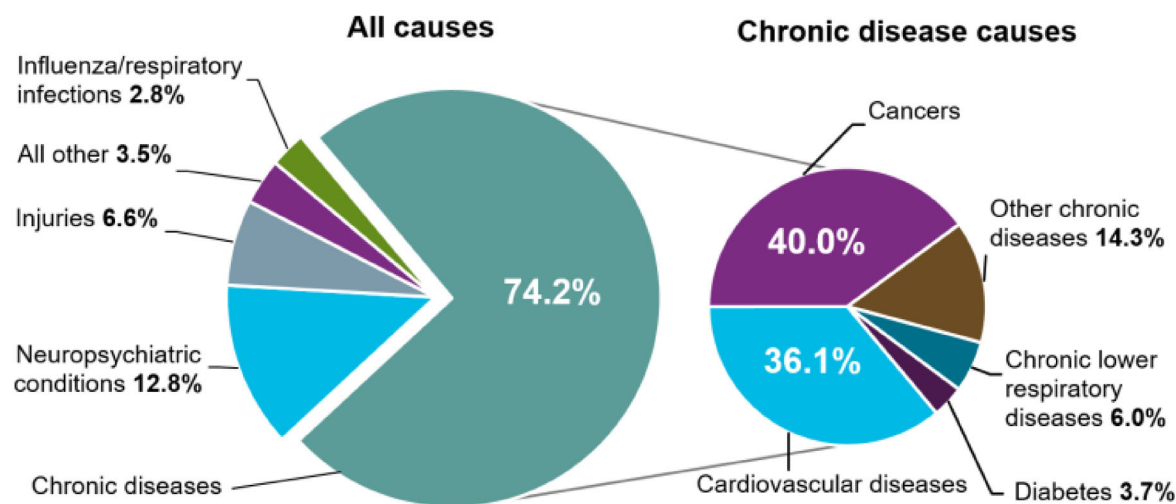
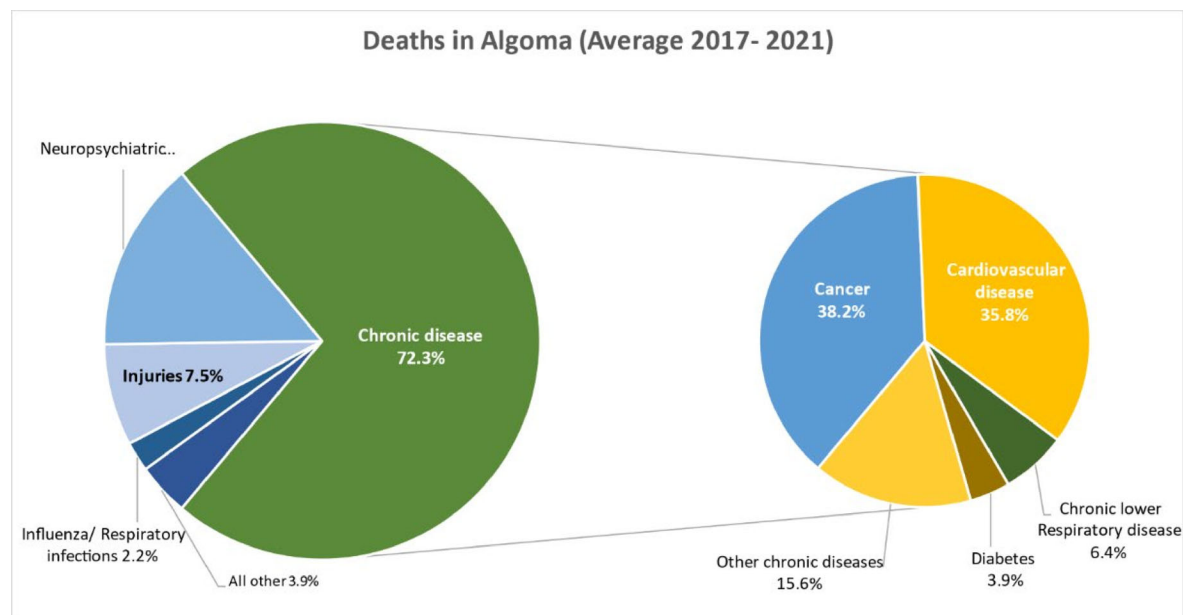


Figure 2: Deaths in Algoma (Average 2017-2021)⁽⁷⁾



The burden of chronic disease is often reported by determining direct costs to the healthcare system. It has been estimated that the four leading causes of chronic disease result in \$10.5 billion in annual direct healthcare costs⁽²⁾. It is also important to consider the burden that these chronic diseases have on people and the economy in terms of poor health, quality of life, years of life lost and lost productivity. Many incidences of chronic diseases could be prevented by ensuring everyone has the prerequisites required for good health and enabling all people to engage in healthy lifestyle behaviours, such as not smoking or consuming nicotine, eating well, being active, and reducing alcohol. In their 2023 Prevention System Quality Index report, Ontario Health states that “chronic disease prevention has never been more critical to improving the quality of life of Ontarians and building a sustainable healthcare system”⁽⁸⁾.

Health promotion

The concept of health promotion originated in the 1974 report *A New Perspective on the Health of Canadians*, better known as The Lalonde Report⁽⁹⁾. The Ottawa Charter defines health promotion as “the process of enabling people to increase control over, and to improve, their health” and includes five key areas of action: building healthy public policy, creating supportive environments, developing personal skills, strengthening community action, and re-orienting health services⁽¹⁰⁾. The Lalonde Report and Ottawa Charter were revolutionizing in acknowledging that health is not just a result of individual behaviour and healthcare, but also the conditions and environment in which people live, work, play and grow-up. To this day, guided by this concept, public health continues to work alongside many disciplines and sectors to improve social, economic, and ecological conditions and ensure everyone has the resources they need for good health and well-being. Health Promotion Ontario’s *White Paper on the Value of Local Health Promotion in Ontario* recognizes that “health promotion is one of the most viable strategies that we have to sustain our healthcare system and will only become more important as our population continues to grow and age”⁽³⁾.

Upstream prevention

Another key aspect of health promotion is the focus on upstream approaches to prevention which seek to address the root causes of disease. Upstream approaches have a much larger impact on reducing the amount of disease in the population, compared to downstream approaches which are aimed at early detection and disease management at the individual-level⁽³⁾. There are many upstream determinants that can increase risk for disease, such as income, education level, housing, food insecurity, early childhood development, employment and working conditions, social inclusion, and racism. These are commonly referred to as the social determinants of health and can account for between 30-55% of health outcomes⁽¹¹⁾. Acting on these upstream determinants often involves challenging structural systems, policies and social norms that create health inequities and increase risk of chronic disease.

Below are just a few examples in which strategies for health promotion and disease prevention are utilized:

- Delivering positive parenting programs that strengthen child-caregiver relationships.
- Providing curriculum support and training for teachers to help students develop a healthy relationship with food and bodies.
- Working with city planners to inform policies and implement urban design concepts that promote physical activity and social connection.
- Advocating to government for income-based policies to reduce Household Food Insecurity.

- Dismantling colonial systems and taking actions towards Truth and Reconciliation.
- Co-leading the Sault Ste. Marie and Area Drug Strategy Committee.

Public Health Strengthening and the Ontario Public Health Standards

On September 27, 2023, the Board of Health for Algoma Public Health received a briefing note outlining the provincial government's intentions for strengthening public health. To optimize capacity, stability, and sustainability in public health and deliver more equitable health outcomes for Ontarians, the Ministry of Health is proceeding with a three-pronged strategy which includes: 1. Refining, refocusing and re-leveling roles and responsibilities, 2. Optimizing capacity by encouraging voluntary mergers, and 3. Stabilizing funding for three years and developing a new funding approach for 2026⁽⁵⁾.

The Ministry of Health intends to refine, refocus and re-level the roles and responsibilities of public health by conducting a sector-driven review of the Ontario Public Health Standards (OPHS), with implementation of the fully revised OPHS beginning January 1, 2025⁽⁵⁾. Given the significant burden of chronic disease on the health and well-being of Ontarians, it is critical to prioritize ongoing delivery and coordination of health promotion and chronic disease prevention initiatives by public health. Furthermore, it makes economic sense given the cost-effectiveness of health promotion initiatives and potential to reduce strain on the healthcare system⁽³⁾.

Next Steps

That in the context of Public Health Strengthening, the Board of Health for Algoma Public Health urge the Ministry of Health to remain committed to investing in health promotion and chronic disease prevention.

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APH AT-A-GLANCE

The events of the past month, as well as the content of this report to the Board of Health (BOH) offer a glimpse into APH's ongoing commitment to our third strategic direction: grow and celebrate an organizational culture of learning, innovation, and continuous improvement. Through guest speakers in celebration of Black History Month in February, as well as Employee Appreciation Day in March, APH staff had the opportunity to hear and reflect upon stories that speak to the tangible challenges of equity and inclusion, as well as hear some evidence-informed strategies on how to "walk our talk" and craft sustainable wellbeing and peak performance in our own lives. March also saw APH renew our collaborative partnership with the Maamwesying Ontario Health Team (MOHT), both practically in the resumption of routine meeting and dialogue between our respective organizations, and in symbolic affirmation through a signing ceremony, interwoven with a blanket exercise and learning opportunity for APH leadership.

The markings of a learning organization are not limited to special events. As highlighted in this month's report on learners, APH's commitment to cultivating a welcome environment for learners has been evident in recent years. Academic placements and paid studentships have not only supported the next generation of public health professionals and enhanced local public health recruitment, they have also broadened and strengthened our partnerships with post-secondary institutions. Furthermore, APH staff who take on the roles of mentors, preceptors, and supervisors have the added benefit of being "kept on our toes" through the inquiring minds of learners, where continuous improvement and keeping abreast of the latest evidence becomes a routinized part of day to day work.

As March draws to a close, APH approaches another temporary transition in physician leadership and coverage. We welcome back Dr. John Harding, who will be providing temporary AMOH and Acting MOH coverage for us during the respective leaves of Dr. John Tuinema and Dr. Jennifer Loo.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT – Learners at APH

Topic: Mentoring the next generation of public health professionals: Learners at APH

From: Liliana Bressan, Manager of Infectious Diseases

Ontario Public Health Standard Requirements⁽¹⁾ addressed in this report:

- Organizational Requirements: Public Health Practice Domain: The board of health shall support a culture of excellence in professional practice and ensure a culture of quality and continuous organizational self-improvement.

2021-2025 Strategic Priorities addressed in this report:

[] Advance the priority public health needs of Algoma's diverse communities.

[] Improve the impact and effectiveness of Algoma Public Health programs.

[X] Grow and celebrate an organizational culture of learning, innovation, and continuous improvement.

Key Messages

- APH is committed to supporting mentoring and learning opportunities that build core competencies for effective public health practice, especially within the Northern Ontario context.
- Over 50 learners have joined the APH team since 2021 and have contributed meaningfully to work in health promotion and protection, as well as corporate and foundational services.
- APH is committed to continuing to offer opportunities for learners in 2024 and beyond.

Value of Mentoring and Welcoming Learners in Public Health

As part of the *Core Competencies for Public Health in Canada*⁽²⁾, public health practitioners are required to contribute to team and organizational learning to advance public health goals, which can include participation in a mentorship program with other employees and learners.

Providing learner opportunities and mentorship in local public health, especially in northern Ontario, provides a multitude of benefits, including,

- Exposure to context of (i.e., culture, geography, etc.) and health inequities experienced in the north, and the knowledge and skills to practice public health effectively in Northern Ontario.⁽³⁾
- Working knowledge of the public health system and the context in which decisions and public health interventions are implemented.⁽⁴⁾
- Support for local public health recruitment, as several learners have joined our workforce after their academic training has been completed.⁽⁵⁾

Internal Support for Mentoring Learners

APH is committed to offering learner opportunities that build core competencies for public health in the next generation of public health professionals. Throughout 2023, resources were developed to support mentorship and learners, including

- A preceptorship toolkit for APH staff mentoring learners, which included role definitions for preceptor and mentor, objectives for BScN (Bachelor of Science Nursing) students in Year 3 and 4 rotations, roles and expectations for students, preceptors and host agencies, information about community placements, and more.
- A new shared network resource that is populated with resources for staff on mentorship and placements for nursing students, including an orientation to public health nursing for students.
- A coordinated rotation for guest speaker presentations, providing learners with the opportunity to connect with interdisciplinary public health professionals to learn about their roles and the work of local

public health (i.e., Indigenous Engagement Facilitator, Program Planner and Evaluator, etc.).

- A collection of teaching materials on generational considerations in the workforce, presentations for students about joining APH for rotations, and orientation evaluation tools.

Snapshot of Learners at APH, 2021 – 2024

Students, both paid and unpaid, have added value to APH teams to support core public health programming in health promotion and protection programs and clerical, communications, foundations, and strategic support services.

Year	Number of Academic Learners	Number of Paid Summer Students
2021	18	28
2022	16	10
2023	20	6

Learners included Bachelor of Science in Nursing students, Public Health and Preventive Medicine residents, dietetic interns, Master of Public Health students, environmental health practicum students, a nurse practitioner program learner, speech and language fieldwork learner, and a field epidemiologist, from the following schools:

- Northern Ontario School of Medicine University
- Sault College
- CTS Canadian Career College
- Brock University
- Saskatchewan Polytechnic School of Nursing
- Lakehead University
- Queen's University
- Conestoga College
- Toronto Metropolitan University
- Cape Breton University

Students provide added capacity to the agency through administrative and project support, while learning about the fundamentals of local public health and the role of various disciplines. For example:

- A field epidemiologist from the Public Health Agency of Canada is supporting population health assessment work (i.e., opioid surveillance evaluation, advanced analysis of syphilis in Algoma).
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing students with the school health team supported a review of the literature on the impacts of youth vaping initiatives and shared findings with the team, as well as a summary of key school-aged child and youth indicators for program planning.
- Master of Public Health students are providing foundational support through the development of capacity-building modules on evaluation and indicators, and support for a literature review on effective interventions to reduce the rate of sexually transmitted infections in a northern context.

As of March, in 2024, APH has had **5 academic learners** join our team, including two Master of Public Health students, two Bachelor of Science in Nursing students and one Public Health and Preventative Medicine Resident.

Next Steps: 2024 and Beyond

APH continues to advertise opportunities for learners on the APH website Learners⁽⁶⁾ page, which details eligibility, what to expect, placement availability, and the types of learner opportunities available. We are committed to continuing to offer student learning opportunities as mentorship capacity allows throughout 2024, especially for learners who are interested in living and working in the North.

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(Unaudited) Financial Statements January 31, 2024**

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Algoma Public Health
Statement of Operations
January 2024

(Unaudited)

	Actual YTD 2024	Budget YTD 2024	Variance Act. to Bgt. 2024	Annual Budget 2024	Variance % Act. to Bgt. 2024	YTD Actual/ YTD Budget 2024
Public Health Programs (Calendar)						
Revenue						
Municipal Levy - Public Health	\$ 1,110,142	\$ 1,110,142	\$ (0)	\$ 4,440,569	0%	100%
Provincial Grants - Cost Shared Funding	740,268	835,018	(94,750)	10,020,210	-11%	89%
Provincial Grants - Public Health 100% Prov. Funded	192,584	190,567	2,017	2,286,800	1%	101%
Provincial Grants - Mitigation Funding	0	0	-	0	-	-
Fees, other grants and recovery of expenditures	29,151	23,717	5,434	494,600	23%	123%
Total Public Health Revenue	\$ 2,072,145	\$ 2,159,443	\$ (87,298)	\$ 17,242,179	-4%	96%
Expenditures						
Public Health Cost Shared	\$ 1,201,063	\$ 1,196,535	\$ (4,528)	\$ 14,913,154	0%	100%
Public Health 100% Prov. Funded Programs	193,421	189,336	(4,086)	2,329,026	2%	102%
Total Public Health Programs Expenditures	\$ 1,394,484	\$ 1,385,871	\$ (8,613)	\$ 17,242,180	1%	101%
Total Rev. over Exp. Public Health	\$ 677,661	\$ 773,572	\$ (95,912)	\$ 0		

Healthy Babies Healthy Children (Fiscal)

Provincial Grants and Recoveries	\$ 890,011	890,009	2	1,068,011	0%	100%
Expenditures	900,700	890,425	(10,275)	1,068,011	1%	101%
Excess of Rev. over Exp.	(10,689)	(416)	(10,273)	(0)		

Public Health Programs (Fiscal)

Provincial Grants and Recoveries	\$ 850,786	866,433	(15,647)	992,500	-2%	98%
Expenditures	742,542	756,567	14,025	992,500	-2%	98%
Excess of Rev. over Fiscal Funded	108,245	109,867	(1,622)	-		

Fiscal Programs

Revenue						
Provincial Grants - Community Health	\$ 210,130	\$ 210,128	\$ 2	\$ 262,153	0%	100%
Municipal, Federal, and Other Funding	114,447	114,447	-	114,447	0%	100%
Other Bill for Service Programs	0	0	-	-	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
Total Community Health Revenue	\$ 324,577	\$ 324,575	\$ 2	\$ 376,600	0%	100%
Expenditures						
Brighter Futures for Children	78,162	95,373	17,210	114,447	-18%	82%
Nurse Practitioner	136,229	135,128	(1,102)	162,153	1%	101%
Stay on Your Feet	80,004	83,333	3,330	100,000	-4%	96%
Total Fiscal Community Health Programs	\$ 294,395	\$ 313,833	\$ 19,439	\$ 376,600	-6%	94%
Total Rev. over Exp. Fiscal Community Health	\$ 30,182	\$ 10,741	\$ 19,441	\$ (0)		

Explanations will be provided for variances of 15% and \$15,000 occurring in the first 6 months
and variances of 10% and \$10,000 occurring in the final 6 months

	Actual YTD 2024	Budget YTD 2024	Variance Bgt. to Act. 2024	Annual Budget 2024	Variance % Act. to Bgt. 2024	YTD Actual/ Annual Budget 2024	Comparison Prior Year:		
							YTD Actual 2023	YTD BGT 2023	Variance 2023
Levies Sault Ste Marie	772,119	772,119	0	3,088,475	0%	25%	728,414	728,414	(0)
Levies District	338,023	338,024	(0)	1,352,094	0%	25%	318,891	318,891	(1)
Total Levies	1,110,142	1,110,142	(0)	4,440,569	0%	25%	1,047,304	1,047,305	(1)
MOH Public Health Funding	740,268	835,018	(94,750)	10,020,210	-11%	7%	732,934	732,933	1
Total Public Health Cost Shared Funding	740,268	835,018	(94,750)	10,020,210	-11%	7%	732,934	732,933	1
MOH Funding - MOH / AMOH Top Up	15,210	13,192	2,018	158,300	15%	10%	15,210	15,775	(565)
MOH Funding Northern Ontario Fruits & Veg.	9,784	9,783	1	117,400	0%	8%	9,784	9,783	1
MOH Funding Unorganized	44,200	44,200	0	530,400	0%	8%	44,200	44,200	0
MOH Senior Dental	115,224	115,225	(1)	1,382,700	0%	8%	104,408	104,408	(0)
MOH Funding Indigenous Communities	8,166	8,167	(1)	98,000	0%	8%	8,166	8,167	(1)
One Time Funding (Tobacco Cessation)	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	0%	0	0	0
OTF COVID-19 Extraordinary Costs	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	0%	0	0	0
Total Public Health 100% Prov. Funded	192,584	190,567	2,017	2,286,800	1%	8%	181,768	182,333	(565)
Total Public Health Mitigation Funding	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	0%	0	86,483	(86,483)
Recoveries from Programs	1,016	2,500	(1,484)	29,600	-59%	3%	898	2,500	(1,602)
Program Fees	3,240	3,717	(477)	45,000	-13%	7%	3,145	4,967	(1,822)
Land Control Fees	3,220	5,000	(1,780)	225,000	-36%	1%	3,275	10,000	(6,725)
Program Fees Immunization	9,935	3,750	6,185	45,000	165%	22%	3,403	4,167	(763)
HPV Vaccine Program	0	0	0	20,000	#DIV/0!	0%	0	0	0
Influenza Program	0	0	0	16,000	#DIV/0!	0%	0	0	0
Meningococcal C Program	0	0	0	9,000	#DIV/0!	0%	0	0	0
Interest Revenue	11,740	8,750	2,990	105,000	34%	11%	17,822	2,732	15,090
Other Revenues	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	0%	0	1,250	(1,250)
Total Fees and Recoveries	29,151	23,717	5,434	494,600	23%	6%	28,544	25,615	2,928
Total Public Health Revenue Annual	2,072,145	2,159,443	(87,298)	17,242,179	-4%	12%	1,990,550	2,074,670	(84,120)
Public Health Fiscal April 2023 - March 2024									
Infection Prevention and Control Hub	502,840	502,840	0	603,400	0%	83%			
School Nurses Initiative	144,101	175,000	(30,899)	175,000	-18%	82%			
Needle Syringe Program	16,910	16,910	0	20,300	0%	83%			
New Purpose-Built Vaccine Fridge	9,250	9,250	0	11,100	0%	83%			
PHI Practicum Program	25,000	25,000	0	30,000	0%	83%			
Security System Upgrades	91,600	76,333	15,267	91,600	20%	100%			
Upgrade Network Switches	61,085	61,100	(15)	61,100	0%	100%			
Total Provincial Grants Fiscal	850,786	866,433	(15,647)	992,500	-2%	86%	0	0	0

Algoma Public Health
Expense Statement- Public Health
For One Month Ending January 31, 2024
(Unaudited)

	Actual YTD 2024	Budget YTD 2024	Variance Act. to Bgt. 2024	Annual Budget 2024	Variance % Act. to Bgt. 2024	YTD Actual/ Budget 2024	Comparison Prior Year:		
							YTD Actual 2023	YTD BGT 2023	Variance 2023
Salaries & Wages	849,458	834,215	(15,243)	10,236,246	2%	8%	\$ 868,326	\$ 891,590	\$ 23,264
Benefits	240,108	221,592	(18,516)	2,665,034	8%	9%	233,278	209,334	(23,945)
Travel	6,704	14,544	7,840	174,525	-54%	4%	3,460	13,233	9,773
Program	77,266	76,685	(581)	1,012,197	1%	8%	131,737	103,097	(28,640)
Office	11,008	5,033	(5,975)	60,400	119%	18%	8,303	6,867	(1,436)
Computer Services	67,371	77,375	10,004	926,000	-13%	7%	119,954	74,658	(45,296)
Telecommunications	22,129	20,334	(1,795)	244,000	9%	9%	23,328	22,083	(1,245)
Program Promotion	228	1,625	1,397	19,500	-86%	1%	0	3,885	3,885
Professional Development	955	4,259	3,304	51,105	-78%	2%	5,946	6,567	621
Facilities Expenses	68,249	81,416	13,167	977,000	-16%	7%	101,265	76,250	(25,015)
Fees & Insurance	12,890	10,674	(2,216)	418,750	21%	3%	7,424	12,792	5,368
Debt Management	38,118	38,118	0	457,421	0%	8%	38,118	38,118	0
	\$ 1,394,484	\$ 1,385,870	\$ (8,614)	\$ 17,242,178	1%	8%	\$ 1,541,139	\$ 1,458,474	\$ (82,665)

Notes to Financial Statements – January 2024

Reporting Period

The January 2023 financial reports include one month of financial results for Public Health. All other non-funded public health programs are reporting ten months of results from the operating year ending March 31, 2024.

Statement of Operations (see page 1)

Summary – Public Health and Non Public Health Programs

APH has not yet received the 2024 Amending Agreement from the province identifying the approved funding allocations for public health programs. The annual budget for public health programs has been updated to reflect the Board approved budget as presented at the November 2023 Board of Health Meeting.

As of January 31, 2024, Public Health calendar programs are reporting a \$96K negative variance – which is driven by a \$9K negative variance in expenditures and a \$87K negative variance in revenue.

Public Health Revenue (see page 2)

Our Public Health calendar revenues are 4% negative variance to budget for 2024.

For the 2024 calendar year, the province instructed public health units to plan for provincial base funding to be restored to the level provided under the 2020 cost-share formula, as well as base funding growth of 1%. These anticipated changes are reflected within the Board of Health approved 2024 budget, however cash flow payments from the Ministry have yet to be updated to reflect the same. APH anticipates a catch-up payment related to these funding changes in March or April.

Based on communications to date, there will be no availability of COVID 19 extraordinary funds or mitigation funding in 2024. One time funding requests to address financial pressures above and beyond what can be supported by the cost shared budget will also not be made available via the 2024 Annual Service Plan due to the Ministry on April 2, 2024. As communicated by the province, opportunities may become available in year based on ongoing assessments.

For the fiscal year ending March 2024, funding has been approved totaling \$993K which includes continuation of the COVID School Focused Nurse initiative (which expired in June 2023) and \$61K of one-time funding related to upgrading of essential IT network switches which has been carried over from fiscal 2022-23, as approved by the Ministry in March 2023. Other initiatives for which one-time fiscal funding has been provided for include the needle syringe program, new purpose-built vaccine fridge, PHI practicum and capital security system upgrades. This amount also includes continued IPAC Hub funding for which APH received formal approval for funding totaling \$603K for the 2023-24 fiscal year in order to support enhancement of IPAC practices in congregate care settings in Algoma's catchment area.

Public Health Expenses (see page 3)

Facilities Expenses

There is a \$13K positive variance associated with facilities expenses. This is timing driven only based on expected repairs and maintenance for the year. It is expected that this variance will close as we continue through the year.

Financial Position - Balance Sheet

APH's liquidity position continues to be stable and the bank has been reconciled as of January 31, 2024. Cash includes \$2.1M in short-term investments.

Long-term debt of \$4.1 million is held by TD Bank @ 1.80% for a 60-month term (amortization period of 120 months) and matures on September 1, 2026. \$239k of the loan relates to the financing of the Elliot Lake office renovations, which occurred in 2015 with the balance, related to the financing of the 294 Willow Avenue facility located in Sault Ste. Marie. There are no material accounts receivable collection concerns.

Please note that similar to previous years, the Balance Sheet as of January 31, 2024 (page 7) is not included as APH is currently completing year-end audit requirements. Once the 2023 annual audited financial statements are completed, the comparative balance sheet will be updated and provided.

Governance Committee Report

March 6, 2024

Attendees:

Deborah Graystone

Don McConnell – chair

Loretta O'Neill

Matthew Shoemaker (electronically)

Regrets:

Sonia Tassone

APH Members:

Dr. Jennifer Loo – Medical Officer of Health and CEO

Rick Webb – Director of Corporate Services

Tania Caputo – Board Secretary

Minutes

- The Minutes of the Governance Committee meeting of September 13, 2023 were approved.

Policy Reviews

- Sponsorship of Charitable Organizations – Policy 02–05–086 concerning the sponsorship of charitable organizations was reviewed and recommended for approval to the Board of Health.
- Travel – Policy 02–05–020 concerning employee and Board travel was reviewed and referred to staff for further comment including simplifying the accounting approval process for meals by considering a standard amount for each type of meal; and deleting the references in the policy to specific travel agencies and hotels in favour of a creating a preferred vendor list which can be updated by the Board subject to staff recommendation without the need to amend the policy.
- Board Minutes – Policy 02–05–010 concerning the posting and retention of Board Minutes was reviewed and recommended for approval to the Board of Health.
- Reserve Fund – Policy 02–05–065 concerning Board of Health reserve funds was reviewed and recommended for approval to the Board of Health subject to minor formatting changes.

- Board & Committee Elections – Policy 02–05–075 concerning the election of Board Chair, Vice Chair and committee chairs was reviewed and recommended for approval to the Board of Health.
- Stakeholder Communications – Policy 02–05–088 concerning communications was referred to staff for further comment including a general statement on who our stakeholders are and additional information on the status of our communications plan.

Policy Format

- The Committee agreed to consider standardizing the format for Board policies at a future meeting and including references for implementation responsibilities and monitoring procedures.

Governance Committee Terms of Reference

- The Committee agreed to schedule additional time to review the existing Terms of Reference at a future meeting.

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APPROVED BY:	Board of Health	REFERENCE #:	02-05-086
DATE:	Original: Nov 28, 2018 Revised: Sep 23, 2020 <u>Reviewed: Feb-Mar 6, 2024</u>	SECTION:	Policies
		SUBJECT:	Sponsorship of Charitable Organizations

PURPOSE

To identify appropriate participation of APH employees with respect to charitable activities/events which the agency may participate in and the process by which this participation is carried out. This policy does not apply to collaborative project work for which the agency has an ongoing relationship with another organization to deliver programs or services consistent with the direction of the OPHS or to activities that employees may engage in outside of the terms of their employment.

BACKGROUND

The delivery of our mandated core public health programs may directly or indirectly support charitable organizations. Participation in community events that align with core programs and OPHS requirements is beneficial for employee engagement, for our collaborative partnerships, and for the communities that we support.

However, the MOHLTC policy directs that health units may not redirect Ministry funds to charitable causes.¹ This includes direct donation of a monetary nature, supply of goods and services or human resources (employee time during work hours).

POLICY STATEMENT

APH is in support of community partners and other charitable organizations in their efforts to improve the health of the community through fundraising and special promotion events. Occasionally, staff at the Health Unit will become involved in community events or initiatives. Activities should align with effective public health practice. The appropriateness of APH's active involvement with the event shall be determined by the senior management team when there is a potential human resource or financial commitment.

The following guidelines will assist in determining the suitability and extent of such activities:

- Activities closely align with public and population health goals.
- Activities and funds remain in Algoma or Northern Ontario.
- That use of APH infrastructure/ facilities does not incur additional cost to the agency. (e.g. use of parking lot, meeting rooms, kitchen facilities)
- Activities do not disrupt or reduce routine APH program activities.
- Activities do not display favouritism to a group/team merely because a member of that group is an APH employee (e.g. hosting club meetings)
- Activities do not involve direct fundraising by APH staff.

- Any activities that involve direct sponsorship with a private/for-profit corporation will be reviewed with the Board of Health.

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For sponsorship by external agencies please see the Policy 01-04-015 Sponsorship by External Organizations (Employee Policy)

REFERENCES

1. 2017 Program-Based Grants User Guide, Population and Public Health Division Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care January 2017, Non-Admissible Expenditures, Page 9

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APPROVED BY: Board of Health

REFERENCE #: 02-05-010

DATE: Original: Feb 12, 1996
Revised: Mar 28, 2018
Revised: May 27, 2020
Reviewed: Mar 23, 2022
Reviewed:

SECTION: Policies

SUBJECT: Board Minutes/Packages –
Posting/Circulation/Retention

POLICY:

Algoma Public Health utilizes electronic board management software for access to agenda packages for board members. Agenda packages will be posted to the platform on the Friday prior to the scheduled board meeting. The agenda package is also posted on the APH website for public access, with the exception of unapproved minutes. Once the meeting minutes have been approved by the Algoma Public Health Board, the approved minutes will then be posted on the website.

Algoma Public Health Board “In-Camera” documentation will be posted to the platform along with the Board Meeting Package to allow Board Members time to become familiarized with information prior to meetings. Board members should not make copies, save to desktop, photograph, or download in any format any version of the in-committee documentation to save. Minutes of “In-Camera” sessions will be passed during the next “In-Camera” session. Once the meeting is complete, the “In-Camera” package will be removed from the platform.

Addendum packages will be posted to the platform and the APH website as soon as they are available.

Access, storage and retrieval of this information will be in accordance with the general standards of APH and the Municipal Act section 239.2 and Section 239.3.

PROCEDURES:

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| Secretary to the Board of Health: | 1) Will upload the Board package and In-Camera package to the electronic board management platform on the Friday prior to the scheduled Board meeting. |
| | 2) Will post the Board package to the Algoma Public Health Website and email the link to municipalities on the Friday prior to the scheduled Board meeting. In-Camera documentation will not be included. |
| Board: | 3) Will access the meeting package(s) on an electronic board management platform prior to the board meeting. |
| Secretary to the Board of Health: | 4) Maintain a binder of the original signed approved Board minutes plus signed resolutions by the Board Chair for each Board meeting on a yearly basis. |
| | 5) Allow onsite access to Board of Health members to review the “In-Camera” binder as required with reasonable notice. |

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APPROVED BY: Board of Health

REFERENCE #: 02-05-065

DATE: Original: Jun 17, 2015
Revised: Jun 24, 2017
Reviewed: Apr 24, 2019
Reviewed: Jan 28, 2022
[Reviewed: Mar 27, 2024](#)

SECTION: Policies

SUBJECT: Algoma Board of Health
Reserve Fund

PurposePURPOSE:

To provide guidance on the establishment, maintenance, and use of a reserve fund.

POLICYPolicy:

The Board of Health for the Algoma Public Health has established reserves as follows:

BackgroundBACKGROUND:

The Health Protection and Promotion Act (the “Act”) requires, in section 72(1), that the expenses incurred by or on behalf of a Board of Health and the Medical Officer of Health/Chief Executive Officer (MOH/CEO) in the performance of their functions and duties under the Act or any other act shall be borne and paid by the Municipalities in the health unit served by the Board of Health.

Section 72(5) (1) of the Act requires the Board of Health to cause the preparation of an annual estimate of expenses for the next year. Such estimate of expenses may from time to time be too high or too low, resulting in an excess or a shortfall respectively of funds paid by the Municipalities.

The Board of Health considers it prudent and expedient to establish reserve funds, which include reserves, into which, inter alia, any excess funds received in any year be paid to be applied to cover any shortfall of funds in future years.

Section 417(1) of the Municipal Act empowers the Board of Health in each year to provide in its estimate of expenses for the establishment or maintenance of a reserve fund for any purpose for which it has authority to expend funds.

Section 417(2) of the Municipal Act only requires the approval of the Councils of the majority of the Municipalities in a health unit for the establishment and maintenance of a reserve fund if the Board of Health is required to obtain such approval for capital expenditures.

Section 52(4) of the Act only requires the Board of Health to seek the approval of the Councils of the majority of Municipalities in a health unit for capital expenditures made to acquire and hold real property.

To obviate the need to seek the approval of the Councils of the majority of the Municipalities in the Algoma Health Unit to establish and maintain a reserve fund, the reserve fund will contain a restriction that the funds therein shall not be used for capital expenditures to acquire real property without first obtaining the approval of the Councils of the majority of the Municipalities in the Algoma Health Unit as required by section 52(4) of the Act.

Motion: 2015-91 ALGOMA BOARD OF HEALTH UNIT RESERVE FUNDSTHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT PROCEDURE

- ~~1~~1. The Board of Health forthwith establish and maintain reserve funds for Working Capital, Land Control, Human Resources Management, Public Health Initiatives and Response, Corporate Contingencies, and Facility and Equipment Repairs and Maintenance; and,
- ~~2~~2. The reserve funds shall be used and applied only to pay for expenses incurred by or on behalf of the Board of Health and the Medical Officer of Health in the performance of their functions and duties under the Health Protection and Promotion Act or any other Act; and,
- ~~3~~3. None of the reserve funds shall be used or applied for capital expenditures to acquire and hold real property unless the approval of the Councils of the majority of the Municipalities in the Algoma Health Unit have been first obtained pursuant to section 52(4) of the Act; and,
- ~~4~~4. The Board of Health in each year may provide in its estimates for a reasonable amount to be paid into the reserve funds provided that no amount shall be included in the estimates which ~~is~~ are to be paid into the reserve funds when the cumulative balance of all the reserve funds in the given year exceeds 15 percent of the regular operating revenues for the Board of Health approved budget for the mandatory cost-shared programs and services; and,
- ~~5~~5. All lease revenues, received by the Board of Health under leases of part of its premises, in excess of the actual operating costs attributable to the leased premises, shall be paid annually into the reserve funds; and,
- ~~6~~6. Any over-expenditures in any year shall be paid firstly from the reserve funds, and only when the reserve funds shall have been exhausted will the Board of Health seek additional funds from the Municipalities to pay for such over-expenditures; and,
- ~~7~~7. Any excess revenues in any year resulting from an overestimate of expenses shall be paid into the reserve funds; and,
- ~~8~~8. The MOH/CEO shall, ~~will~~ with Board approval, in each year, direct the allocation of excess funds to such reserve fund or funds as the MOH/CEO shall decide; and,
- ~~9~~9. The MOH/CEO shall be entitled to transfer funds from one reserve fund to another reserve fund at any time and from time to time.

The MOH/CEO shall be responsible for the management of the reserves in accordance with respective Board of Health motions and ~~Board~~ By-law 2015-01 To Provide for the Management of Property.~~4~~

The approval of the Board of Health shall be required for any transfers from the Board's reserves that constitute part of the annual budget approval process or that are in excess of \$50,000 per transaction.

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APPROVED BY: Board of Health

REFERENCE #: 02-05-075

DATE: Original: Sep 27, 2017
Reviewed: Mar 27, 2019
Revised: Mar 24, 2021
Revised: May 25, 2022
Reviewed: Mar 27, 2024

SECTION: Policies

SUBJECT: Election of Chair, Vice-Chairs
or Committee Members

PURPOSE

1. To ensure that the Board of Health for the District of Algoma Health Unit (the Board) utilizes fair, reasonable and efficient methods to elect its Chair, Vice-Chair, and appoint committee members.
2. To promote the involvement of all Board members by encouraging participation on standing committees.
3. To ensure for representation from across entire district on each committee to allow for an authentic voice in discussions.
4. To detail the process to elect the Chair of the Board, the First Vice-Chair of the Board (Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee), the Second Vice-Chair of the Board (Chair of the Governance Committee), and to appoint the two Standing Committee members -Governance Committee and Finance and Audit Committee at the first meeting of the Board each year.
5. To hold the election/selection process at the first meeting of every year.
6. It is the policy of Algoma Public Health to follow all applicable regulations as set out in the Municipal Act and the Health Promotion and Prevention Act when conducting elections at APH.

Reference Bylaw 95-1 To Regulate the Proceedings of the Board

At the first meeting of each new year, chaired by the Medical Officer of Health/Executive Officer, as the first order of business, the Board of Health elects:

1. a Chairperson of the Board of Health
2. A first Vice Chair/Chair of the Finance Committee
3. A second Vice Chair/Chair of the Governance Committee

The Medical Officer of Health/Executive Officer is responsible to call for nominations from the floor for the position of Chairperson, and to chair the meeting until the Chairperson is elected. Refer to Robert's Rules of Order for procedures used for nominations, elections, and voting.

Nominations for Chair of the Board, First Vice Chair/Chair of Finance Committee and Second Vice Chair/Chair of Governance Committee

The Secretary to the Board will send a call out for expressions of interest by email for nominations prior to the first Board meeting of the new year.

Candidates may nominate themselves or another Board member for any position. Seconders are not required. If the number nominated is equal to the number of positions available at hand, then the member(s) will be considered acclaimed. If the number nominated is more than the number of positions available at hand, then a formal election process will be held. A call for nominations will occur three times.

PROCEDURE:**Call for Nominations**

Board Chair/MOH/CEO or
Delegate:

1. Call for nomination to the seat at hand.
*"Nominations are now open for the position of _____.
 This is the first call." Any names are written down. "This is the
 second call for nominations for the position of _____."
 New names are noted. "This is the third and final call for
 nominations for the position of _____." Final names
 are recorded. "Nominations are closed for the position of
 _____."*
2. Once the nomination call is completed, nominees will be asked if they accept the nomination.
*"_____, you have been nominated for the position of
 _____. Do you accept the nomination to stand?"*
 Any nominee that does not accept will have their name removed from the nomination call list.
3. If only one is received, that person is acclaimed for the position. If more than one nomination is received, a formal election process will take place. See Election of Board Chair or Board Vice-Chair.

Election of Board Chair

MOH/CEO or Delegate:

1. Read out the names of the candidates in the order they were nominated.
2. Each member will have up to two minutes to explain their candidacy platform
3. The vote will be conducted by secret ballot. Each board member will write the candidate they are voting for on a piece of paper.
4. The candidate with the most votes will be ordered, and the seat will be filled.
5. In the event of a tie, the other nominees will be dropped from the vote, and a re-ballot will occur with the remaining nominees.
6. In the event of a tie for the seat still exists after a second ballot, the tied members' names will be put into a container and a name drawn out.
7. Successful candidates of the election process will be considered appointed to the seat at hand.
8. Should no one be nominated for the position of Board Chair, the process will continue for the remaining positions of the Vice-Chairs.

9. The First Vice-Chair would then become the acting Chair until that position is filled formally.

Election of Board Vice-Chairs

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| Elected Board Chair | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Takes charge of the meeting and proceeds with the election of the Vice-Chairs.2. Follow the same procedure for electing a chair. |
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Selection Procedure for Committee Members

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| Board Chair | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Call for names to be submitted of Board members interested in sitting on a specific committee. |
| Board Members | <ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Submit a form with their name or verbally notify the Board Chair and provide any information they believe is pertinent to being selected for a committee. |
| Board Chair and Vice-Chairs | <ol style="list-style-type: none">3. Collect completed forms of interested board members and discuss who will be on each committee.4. Members will be placed on one committee to allow for the most possible people to take part.5. Should there remain any vacancies on the committees, they will be filled by appointment through application to the Chair and Vice-Chairs and serve the remainder of the term of the committee. |



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February 16, 2024

Algoma Public Health

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Public Health Sudbury & Districts

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Re: Consultation Regarding Public Health Unit Merger

Dear Algoma Public Health and Public Health Sudbury & District Boards of Health,

At their February 7, 2024 meeting, Council for The Township of St. Joseph discussed the letter from both health units requesting input on a potential merger.

Council is troubled by the fact that Municipalities concerned do not know anything about the province's funding formula, since their funding formula review is not going to be completed until 2025. This makes it very difficult for council to make a decision to support or oppose this merger based on financial concerns.

Council is also concerned that Algoma Municipalities will lose representation in our area because provincial legislation limits the board size to 13 no matter whether Algoma Public Health remains as it is now or if it merges.

Lastly, Council does not feel the timelines suggested allow for appropriate consultation and decision making.

We appreciate your request for comment and input from the communities you serve and hope you will take them into consideration.

Respectfully,

Amanda Richardson
Clerk Administrator

cc

Premiere Doug Ford

Ontario Public Health

Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

MPP Michael Mantha

March 22, 2024

The Honourable Mark Holland
Minister of Health
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON
K1A 0A6

Re: Recommendation for Provincial and Federal Restrictions on Nicotine Pouches

Dear Minister Holland:

The Middlesex-London Health Unit (MLHU), on behalf of Ontario's Southwest Tobacco Control Area Network (SWTCAN), wishes to express our sincere, wholehearted support of Health Canada's recent announcement to address the increasing interest and non-therapeutic use of nicotine-containing products, including nicotine pouches, among youth. This announcement deeply resonates with our shared commitment to safeguard the health and well-being of our communities, and is in line with our support and endorsement of the Windsor-Essex County Board of Health Resolution Report entitled "*Steps Toward Limiting Nicotine Addiction in Youth*", attached as Appendix A. The SWTCAN, comprised of Chatham-Kent Public Health, Grey Bruce Public Health, Huron Perth Public Health, Lambton Public Health, Middlesex-London Health Unit, Southwestern Public Health, and the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit, applauds Health Canada's determined pursuit of regulatory measures to tackle youth appeal, access, and use of nicotine products.

Currently, the administrative decision by Health Canada to approve Zonnice nicotine pouches for sale under the *Natural Health Products Regulations* has meant that flavoured nicotine pouches are now available for purchase in all kinds of retail settings, primarily convenience stores and gas stations, displayed alongside candy, chips, and gum. The pouches come in colourful packaging and in a variety of sweet and fruity flavours, which are particularly appealing to younger consumers. Other brands of nicotine pouches, including "Zyn" and "KlinT" have found their way to the retail shelves in southwestern Ontario. Large video advertisements and branded display units promote the sale of nicotine pouches in the same retail settings where commercial tobacco and vaping products are available for purchase. The spectrum of available nicotine products is growing as the commercial tobacco and vapour product industry capitalize on gaps in the current regulatory framework.

The rapid emergence of nicotine pouches in the market has meant that provincial governments have had insufficient time to establish their own regulatory frameworks to respond to the sale of these products, with the exception of British Columbia and Quebec. On March 20, 2024, Health Canada issued a public advisory to (a) use authorized nicotine pouches only as directed for quitting smoking, and (b) avoid unapproved nicotine pouches in Canada. As Health Canada works to create a regulatory framework, the SWTCAN continues to express its support for the implementation of federal and provincial regulations targeting the retail sale and promotion of flavored nicotine pouches, and other nicotine-containing products that have not yet been proven effective as cessation aids. Specifically:

- that the federal government takes swift action to close the regulatory gap that permits the sale of nicotine pouches and other nicotine-containing products that have not yet been proven effective as cessation aids to individuals under 18 years of age; and,
- that the provincial government consider taking action to embed restrictions on the flavouring, sale, display, and promotion of nicotine pouches and other nicotine-containing products under the *Smoke-free Ontario Act, 2017*.

To provide the necessary time for provincial governments to work with Health Canada to respond to this emerging nicotine delivery device, the SWTCAN further recommends that Health Canada reclassify nicotine pouches as a prescription product or enact a suspension and temporary moratorium on the approval and sale of all nicotine pouches until appropriate regulatory measures are in place.

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Nicotine is a highly addictive substance, with substantial evidence documenting the adverse effect of nicotine on the developing brains of youth and young adults. The Middlesex-London Health Unit and the public health units within SWTCAN remain committed to working collaboratively with our school, municipal, provincial, and federal partners to prevent nicotine dependence, to promote cessation, and to protect communities through the promotion and enforcement of health protective policies.

The Middlesex-London Board of Health reviewed further information, which has been attached to this letter (Report No. 16-24 and Appendix A).

Sincerely,



Matthew Newton-Reid
Board Chair



Dr. Alexander Summers MD, MPH, CCFP, FRCPC
Medical Officer of Health



Emily Williams BScN, RN, MBA, CHE
Chief Executive Officer

Cc: Ontario Boards of Health
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Ontario Minister of Health
Arielle Kayabaga, Member of Parliament, London West
Karen Vecchio, Member of Parliament, Elgin-Middlesex-London
Lianne Rood, Member of Parliament, Lambton-Kent-Middlesex
Lindsay Mathysen, Member of Parliament, London-Fanshawe
Peter Fragiskatos, Member of Parliament, London North Centre
Teresa Armstrong, Member of Provincial Parliament, London-Fanshawe
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Terence Kernaghan, Member of Provincial Parliament, London North Centre
Peggy Sattler, Member of Provincial Parliament, London West

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MIDDLESEX-LONDON BOARD OF HEALTH

REPORT NO. 16-24

TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Health

FROM: Dr. Alexander Summers, Medical Officer of Health
Emily Williams, Chief Executive Officer

DATE: 2024 March 21

**RECOMMENDATION FOR PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL RESTRICTIONS ON
NICOTINE POUCHES**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Health:

- 1) Receive Report No. 16-24 re: "Recommendation for Provincial and Federal Restrictions on Nicotine Pouches" for information;
- 2) Endorse the Windsor-Essex County Board of Health Resolution Report, attached as [Appendix A](#); and
- 3) Direct staff to submit a letter to Health Canada on behalf of the seven public health units in southwestern Ontario, attached as [Appendix B](#).

Report Highlights

- Health Canada authorized nicotine pouches containing 4 mg of nicotine under the *Natural Health Products Regulations*, raising concerns nationwide due to their accessibility, marketing, and appeal to youth.
- The Windsor-Essex County Board of Health Resolution Report, attached as [Appendix A](#), calls for swift federal action to curb sales to those under 18 years of age and calls for provincial restrictions on the flavoring, sale, display, and promotion of nicotine pouches under the *Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017*.
- Health Unit staff prepared a letter for submission to Health Canada on behalf of the seven public health units in southwestern Ontario, attached as [Appendix B](#), endorsing the Windsor-Essex County Board of Health Resolution Report.

Current Landscape of Nicotine Products in Canada

Nicotine pouches made by Imperial Tobacco Canada Ltd. were officially authorized for sale by Health Canada as a natural health product on July 18, 2023, under the *Natural Health Products Regulations* as nicotine replacement therapy and a smoking cessation aid. Each package contains 10 or 24 pouches, and each pouch contains up to 4 milligrams of nicotine. The amount of nicotine in a cigarette can vary, depending upon the brand (11.9 to 14.5 mg of nicotine); however, those who smoke will only absorb 1 to 1.5 mg of nicotine from a single stick. This means that one pouch may contain nicotine that is the equivalent of up to 4 cigarettes.

The classification of nicotine pouches as a natural health product allowed the pouches to fall beyond the scope of the federal *Tobacco and Vaping Products Act (TVPA)* and the provincial *Smoke-Free Ontario Act (SFOA)*, 2017, which regulate the marketing, retail sale and display, and public use of commercial tobacco and vaping products. Presently, in Ontario, nicotine pouches are available for purchase at convenience stores and gas stations, displayed alongside candy, chips, and gum. The pouches come in colourful packaging and in a variety of sweet and fruity flavours, which are particularly appealing to younger consumers. Large video advertisements and branded display units promote the pouches as a quitting aid, while the producers of these products continue to manufacture and market commercial tobacco and vaping products. The spectrum of available nicotine products is growing as the tobacco industry capitalizes on gaps in the current regulatory framework.

Reaction and Regulatory Approaches Across Canada

Due to nicotine's highly addictive nature and its adverse effects on the developing brains of youth and young adults, the approval by Health Canada [sparked significant concern](#) among health organizations across Canada. The advertising of nicotine pouches is governed federally; however, where these products can be sold, including age and advertising restrictions at retail, rest with provinces and territories. Youth-friendly advertising, substantial marketing and distribution strategies, and flavoured nicotine products that lack age restriction regulations are a local public health concern. Retailers are reporting that they are challenged to keep the different brands of nicotine pouches and gum produced by the tobacco industry in stock across Middlesex-London, and packaging is being littered in schools and in parks.

Until recently, Québec was the sole Canadian province with a regulatory framework limiting the sale of nicotine replacement therapy products, including nicotine pouches to pharmacies. However, on February 7, 2024, British Columbia enacted regulation to restrict the sale of nicotine pouches to behind the counter at pharmacies, requiring consultation with a pharmacist prior to purchase. At the time of drafting this report, no additional measures have been taken by other provinces.

Next Steps

In January 2024, the Windsor-Essex County Board of Health passed a resolution report, attached as [Appendix A](#), calling for immediate federal and provincial regulatory action. The Resolution Report calls on the federal government to take swift action to address the regulatory gap allowing nicotine pouch sale to individuals under 18 years of age. Furthermore, the resolution calls on the provincial government to regulate the retail sale of nicotine pouches under the *Smoke-free Ontario Act, 2017*. An endorsement letter was prepared by Health unit staff on behalf of the Southwest Tobacco Control Area Network (i.e., the seven public health units in southwestern Ontario), attached as [Appendix B](#). With Board of Health direction, the letter would be submitted to Health Canada and copied to the Ontario Ministry of Health.

This report was prepared by the Social Marketing and Health System Partnerships Team.



Alexander Summers, MD, MPH, CCFP, FRCPC
Medical Officer of Health



Emily Williams, BScN, RN, MBA, CHE
Chief Executive Officer

This report refers to the following principle(s) set out in Policy G-490, Appendix A:

- The Substance Use and Injury Prevention Standard (requirements 2 and 3) as outlined in the [Ontario Public Health Standards](#)
- The [Tobacco and Vaping Products Act](#)
- [The Smoke-free Ontario Act, 2017](#)
- The following goal or direction from the [Middlesex-London Health Unit's Strategic Plan](#):
 - Our public health programs are effective, grounded in evidence and equity.

This topic has been reviewed to be in alignment with goals under the Middlesex-London Health Unit's [Anti-Black Racism Plan](#) and [Taking Action for Reconciliation: An Organizational Plan](#), specifically ensuring the use of culturally appropriate language.



Windsor-Essex County Health Unit Board of Health

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION REPORT

Steps toward Limiting Nicotine Addiction in Youth;

Local, Provincial, and Federal Restrictions on Nicotine Pouches

Date: Thursday, January 18th, 2024

ISSUE/PURPOSE

The recent availability of Nicotine Pouches under the brand name “Zonnic” has triggered widespread concern from health organizations across Canada, including the Canadian Cancer Society, Heart and Stroke, and the Canadian Lung Association, who have issued calls for immediate federal action to regulate their sale to youth (von Stackelberg, 2023). Health Canada has approved the products under their *Natural Health Products* designation as a Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) which can be used to quit smoking. Each package contains either 10 or 24 pouches with each pouch contains up to 4mg of nicotine, the equivalent of up to 2 cigarettes (Marsh, 2023).

Nicotine is highly addictive and has permanent adverse effects on the developing brains of youth and concerns regarding the nicotine pouches are rooted in their marketing and distribution approach being attractive to young people. An approach which includes attractive colours and targeted promotions, fruity flavouring which includes sweeteners, and a lack of regulations which makes it legal for children and youth to purchase these products. The similarities in purpose, advertising, and the range of flavors offered by nicotine pouches relative to the already popular vaping products poses a significant risk of sparking a trend comparable to rapid uptake of vaping amongst youth.

BACKGROUND

Nicotine pouches were approved for sale in Canada on July 18, 2023 as a *Natural Health Product*. The nicotine pouches are currently outside the scope of the federal *Tobacco and Vaping Products Act* (TVPA) and the provincial *Smoke-free Ontario Act (SFOA) 2017* which regulate tobacco and vaping products by restricting their advertisement, display, and public use. As a result, the nicotine pouches are currently being sold at convenience stores and gas stations, placed alongside items such as candy and chips. The pouches are sold in vibrant packaging and various sweet and fruity flavours which are attractive to younger populations.

The recent growth in popularity of vaping products serves as an example of the importance of moving quickly to mitigate the risk of these new products (University of Waterloo & Brock University, 2023). Although research on the health effects of using nicotine pouches is still emerging, the effects of using oral NRTs include mouth ulcers, mouth and throat soreness, and coughing (M. Jackson et al., 2023). For youth and young adults who develop a dependence on nicotine, lasting negative impacts on the cognitive abilities, growth, and development can also occur (Stein et al., 1998; Ren & Lotfipour, 2019). Most concerning, given the highly addictive nature of nicotine, dependence can lead to further use of vaping product, tobacco products, or other drugs (Leslie, 2020).

The Windsor-Essex County Health Unit (WECHU) has consistently engaged businesses, school administrators, students, parents, and municipalities to inform these groups about the health consequences of tobacco and vaping

and has worked closely with them to develop policies, and enforce provincial regulations pertaining to smoking and vaping in public areas. The WECHU is committed to working closely with these same partners to better understand the best ways to keep residents, in particular young people, safe from these products however, until such time that a regulatory framework is established at the federal and provincial levels it is possible that the uptake of these products in Windsor and Essex County will escalate in a similar manner to vaping products.

PROPOSED MOTION

Whereas, Health Canada has approved Nicotine Pouches for sale under a *Natural Health Product* designation which does not provide restrictions on advertising or sale to minors; and

Whereas, there is no evidence to demonstrate the efficacy of Nicotine pouches as a smoking cessation aid; and

Whereas, the emergence of nicotine pouch products produced by Imperial Tobacco Canada, under the brand name “Zonnic” has occurred rapidly without the same regulations applied to other nicotine products; and

Whereas, the marketing and accessibility of Zonnic Pouches raises concerns regarding its appeal to youth populations; and

Whereas, the Nicotine Pouches fall outside existing provincial regulations on tobacco and vaping products; and

Whereas, there are significant concerns regarding the risks to youth and young adults who do not smoke and parallels between nicotine pouch use and vaping.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Windsor-Essex County Board of Health strongly encourages the federal government to take immediate action to close the regulatory gap that permits the sale of nicotine pouches to people under the age of 18; and

FURTHER THAT, the Windsor-Essex County Board of Health strongly encourages the province of Ontario to take immediate action to embed restrictions on the flavouring, sale, display, and promotion of nicotine pouches under the provincial *Smoke-free Ontario Act, 2017*; and

FURTHER THAT, the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit works closely with local municipalities to review tobacco/vape-free public place bylaws to include additional nicotine products; and

FURTHER THAT, the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit works closely with local schools and boards to update policies to ensure products like nicotine pouches, and other emerging products that are tobacco or nicotine related are prohibited on school property.

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March 25, 2024

Via Email:

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
premier@ontario.ca

Re: Memorandum from H. Ellis, Council and Committee Coordinator, dated February 2, 2024 re: Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee Request that Council Support the Ontario Energy Board's Decision to end the Gas Pipeline Subsidy

Please be advised that at its meeting held on March 18, 2024, the Council of the Town of Whitby adopted the following as Resolution # 50-24:

Whereas residents are struggling with energy bill increases and need relief; and,

Whereas natural gas is no longer the cheapest way to heat homes because electric heat pumps are now much more efficient, can provide all heating needs even in cold climates, and result in far lower energy bills compared to gas heating; and,

Whereas natural gas is methane gas, which is a fossil fuel that causes approximately one-third of Ontario's GHG emissions, and must be phased out because it is inconsistent with all climate targets, while heat pumps result in the lowest GHG emissions and are consistent with a zero-carbon future; and,

Whereas the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) decided to end a subsidy for methane gas pipelines to be built in new construction developments, effective 2025, finding that this would lower energy bills for existing gas customers and improve affordability for new homebuyers, but this decision is at risk of being overturned by the provincial government; and,

Whereas the OEB decision will help lower energy bills and encourage heating systems that are consistent with climate targets and plans; and,

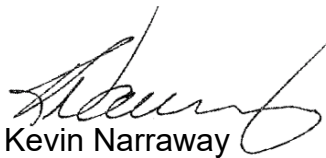
Whereas the construction of new methane gas pipelines, which have 60-year lifetimes, should not be subsidized because they are inconsistent with the Town's climate targets and will result in higher carbon emissions, higher energy bills, higher future decarbonization retrofit costs to phase out fossil fuel heating, and a

continued financial drain as dollars leave the province to pay for fossil fuels extracted in other jurisdictions.

Now therefore, be it resolved:

1. That the Town of Whitby expresses its support for the decision of the Ontario Energy Board to end the gas pipeline subsidy and ask the Ontario Government to allow the decision to stand; and,
2. That this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford; the Minister of Energy, Todd Smith; the Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; the Associate Minister of Housing, Rob Flack; President of AMO, Colin Best, the Region of Durham, and all local Ontario municipalities requesting support of the proposed changes.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Klein, Director, Strategic Initiatives at 905-430-4338.



Kevin Narraway
Sr. Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk

Copy: C. Harris, Director, Legislative Services/Town Clerk – clerk@whitby.ca
S. Klein, Director, Strategic Initiatives – kleins@whitby.ca

Honourable Todd Smith, Minister of Energy
Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Honourable Rob Flack, Associate Minister of Housing
Colin Best, President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario
A. Harras, Regional Clerk, Regional Municipality of Durham
All Ontario Municipalities

Good afternoon,

Please see the resolution below that was passed by the Council of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith at their Regular meeting held March 5, 2024 supporting the Municipality of St. Charles calling on the Provincial Government to fully fund the Municipal Equipment Operator Course in 2024 through the Skills Development Fund.

Resolution 2024-89

Moved by: Dan O'Halloran

Seconded by: Terry Currie

Be It Resolved that council supports Resolution 2024-043 from Municipality of St. Charles calling on the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades to fully fund the Municipal Equipment Operator Course in 2024 through the Skills Development Fund. Carried

Best regards,

Cheryl Marshall,
Clerk/Treasurer
Township of McMurrich/Monteith
P.O. Box 70, 31 William Street
Sprucedale, Ontario P0A 1Y0
Phone: 705-685-7901 Fax: 705-685-7393
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Subject: Re: MSC Res. 2024-043 - Potential Municipal Equipment Operator Course

Good Afternoon:

At its Regular Meeting of Council held February 21, 2024, the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles passed the following Resolution 2024-043.



Council Resolution Form

Date: 21 Mar 2024 No: Resolution No.63-24
Moved By: Councillor Tripp Disposition: CARRIED.
Seconded by Councillor Popkie
Item No: 12.3

Description: Funding for the 2024 Municipal Equipment Operator Course

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, municipal public works departments from across the Province of Ontario provide invaluable services to our communities ensuring the health and safety of all residents;

AND WHEREAS, if it was not for our municipal public works employees from across the Province of Ontario maintaining our public roads systems, our communities would not be able to function as emergency personnel could not respond to calls, school buses could not get our children to school, residents would not be able to get to work, school or appointments and many more basic functions would not be able to happen;

AND WHEREAS, municipal public works departments are already feeling the impacts of a labour shortage, which will only be exasperated over the next three to five years, which will cause levels of service municipalities are able to provide to ensure the health and safety of our residents to decrease;

AND WHEREAS, there is currently no provincial-wide course that properly trains potential municipal public works employees, specifically relating to municipal heavy equipment.

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the Township of Greater Madawaska supports the work of the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors to develop a Municipal Equipment Operator Course to address this issue;

Recorded Vote Requested by:

.....n/a.....

	Yea	Nay
J. Levesque	_____	_____
T. Popkie	_____	_____
L. Thomson	_____	_____
R. Tripp	_____	_____
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MAYOR

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:

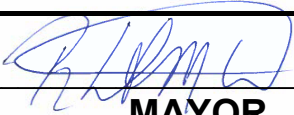
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abstained from discussion and did not vote

AND THAT, the Township of Greater Madawaska calls on the Province of Ontario’s Ministry of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades to fully fund the Municipal Equipment Operator Course in 2024 through the Skills Development Fund;

AND THAT, a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades David Piccini, MPP John Yakabuski, the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Recorded Vote Requested by:		
.....n/a.....		
	Yea	Nay
J. Levesque	_____	_____
T. Popkie	_____	_____
L. Thomson	_____	_____
R. Tripp	_____	_____
R. Weir	_____	_____



MAYOR

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:
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abstained from discussion and did not vote

Terrace Bay
Regular Council - 02 Apr 2024

Item a)

Date: April 2, 2024

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Moved by 
Seconded by 

WHEREAS municipal public works departments from across the Province of Ontario provide invaluable services to our communities ensuring the health and safety of all residents;

AND WHEREAS, if it was not for our municipal public works employees from across the Province of Ontario maintaining our public roads systems, our communities would not be able to function as emergency personnel could not respond to calls, school buses could not get our children to school, residents would not be able to get to work, school or appointments and many more basic functions would not be able to happen;

AND WHEREAS, municipal public works departments are already feeling the impacts of a labour shortages, which will only be exasperated over the next three (3) to five (5) years, which will cause the levels of service that municipalities are able to provide to ensure the health and safety of our residents to decrease;

AND WHEREAS, there is currently no provincial-wide course that properly trains potential municipal public works employees, specifically relating to municipal heavy equipment;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay supports the work of the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors to develop a Municipal Equipment Operator Course to address this issue;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay calls on the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development to fully fund the Municipal Equipment Operator Course in 2024 through the Skills Development Fund;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades, David Piccinni; our local Member of Provincial Parliament; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS); and all Ontario Municipalities.

☒ Carried ☐ Defeated ☐ Recorded Vote

Recorded Vote:

	Yes	No
Mayor Paul Malashewski		
Councillor Gary Adduono		
Councillor Chris Dube		
Councillor Bert Johnson		

Councillor Rick St. Louis			



 Mayor



March 22nd, 2024

The Honourable Lisa Thompson
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
11th Floor
77 Grenville St.
Toronto, ON M5S 1B3

RE: Township of Adelaide Metcalfe – Request to Increase Tile Drain Loan Limit

Dear Minister Thompson,

On March 18, 2024, the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe Council approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS farm drainage is of paramount importance in Ontario due to its significant impact on agricultural productivity and sustainability. Effective drainage systems help mitigate waterlogging, control soil moisture levels, and enhance soil structure, thereby optimizing growing conditions for crops;

WHEREAS improved drainage also facilitates timely field operations, reduces erosion, and minimizes nutrient runoff, contributing to environmental conservation efforts;

WHEREAS Ontario's diverse agricultural landscape, where weather variability is common, well-maintained drainage systems play a crucial role in ensuring stable yields, economic viability, and long-term resilience for farmers across the Province;

WHEREAS the Tile Loan Drainage Act, R.S.O 1990, c. T.8 allows for the borrowing of money for the purpose of constructing drainage works;

WHEREAS the maximum annual limit for these loans, unchanged since 2004, is currently set at \$50,000.

WHEREAS costs for Tile Drainage has increased markedly since 2004;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe requests that the Province through the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) consider increasing the maximum annual Tile Loan limit to a minimum of \$100,000.

AND THAT this resolution be circulated the Honourable Lisa Thompson – Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and all Ontario municipalities.

Your consideration of Council's request is appreciated.

Kind regards,

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Michael Barnier
Clerk & Manager of Legislative Services
Township of Adelaide Metcalfe
mbarnier@adelaidemetcalfe.on.ca

Cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
All Ontario Municipalities



Northumberland County

Council Resolution

SENT VIA EMAIL

March 25, 2024

Hon. Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario)
Hon. Michael Parsa (Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services)
Hon. Paul Calandra (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing)
Hon. Sylvia Jones (Minister of Health)
Hon. David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development and
MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ontario Municipal Social Services Association
Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus
All Ontario Municipalities

Re: Northumberland County Resolution – County of Prince Edward ‘Review of Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program Financial Assistance Rates’

At a meeting held on March 20, 2024 Northumberland County Council approved the following Council Resolution # 2024-03-20-190 adopting the below recommendation from the March 6, 2024 Social Services Committee meeting.

Moved by: Councillor Robert Crate

Seconded by: Councillor Scott Jibb

“**That** the Social Services Committee, having considered the correspondence from the County of Prince Edward regarding 'Review of Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program Financial Assistance Rates', recommend that County Council support this correspondence and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), the Honourable Michael Parsa (Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services), the Honourable Paul Calandra (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing), the Honourable Sylvia Jones (Minister of Health), the Honourable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development and MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association, the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, and all Ontario municipalities.”

"Council Resolution # 2024-03-20-190

Carried

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at matherm@northumberland.ca or by telephone at 905-372-3329 ext. 2238.

Sincerely,
Maddison Mather



Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk
Northumberland County

Council Resolution

Moved By Crate

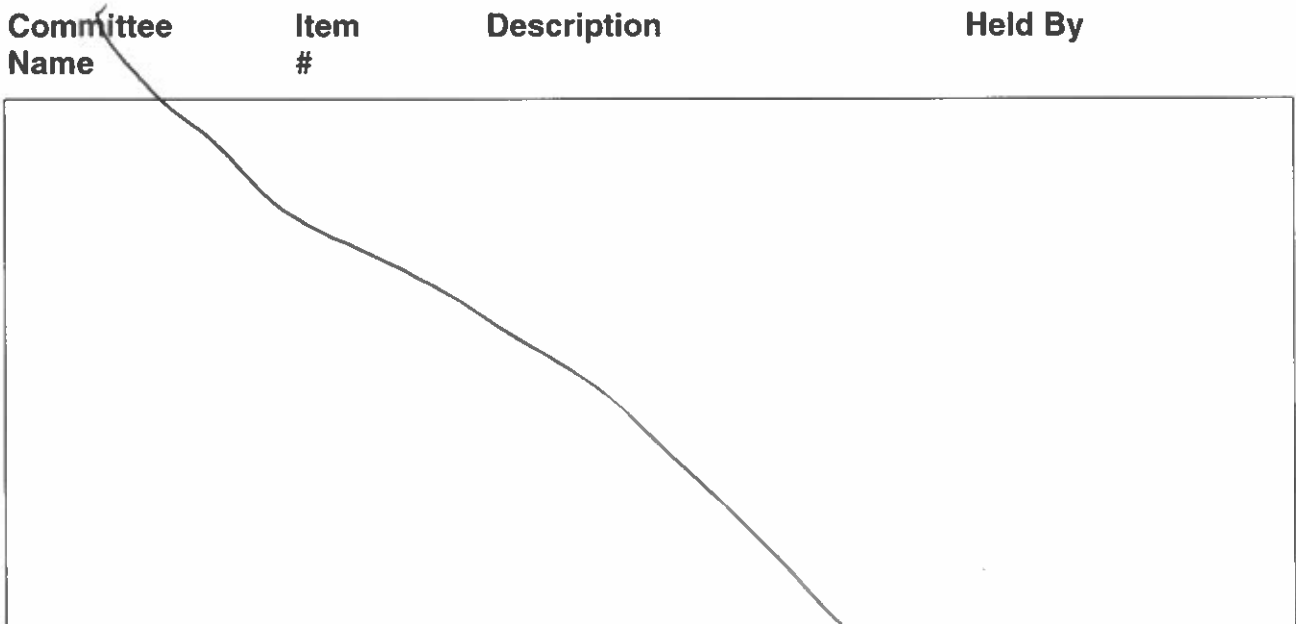
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Item 10

Resolution Number
2024-03-20- 110

Seconded By Gibb

Council Date: March 20, 2024

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"That Council adopt all recommendations from the four Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held March 5 and 6), ~~with the exception of the following items (referenced from the Standing Committee Minutes), that will be held for discussion:~~

Committee Name	Item #	Description	Held By
			

And Further That the items listed above and held for separate discussion each require a separate resolution."

Recorded Vote
Requested by _____
Councillor's Name

Carried [Signature]
Warden's Signature

Deferred _____
Warden's Signature

Defeated _____
Warden's Signature

Social Services Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date: March 6, 2024

Agenda Item: 7.a

Resolution Number: 2024-03-06- 159

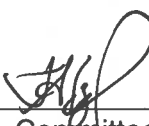
Moved by: O. Hankivsky

Seconded by: B. Ostrander

Council Meeting Date: March 20, 2024

"**That** the Social Services Committee, having considered the correspondence from the County of Prince Edward regarding 'Review of Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program Financial Assistance Rates', recommend that County Council support this correspondence and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), the Honourable Michael Parsa (Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services), the Honorable Paul Calandra (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing), the Honourable Sylvia Jones (Minister of Health), the Honorable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development and MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association, the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, and all Ontario municipalities."

Carried _____



Committee Chair's Signature

Defeated _____

Committee Chair's Signature

Deferred _____

Committee Chair's Signature

February 16, 2024

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of February 13, 2024 the following resolution regarding support for a review of the Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program Financial Assistance Rates was carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-81

DATE: February 13, 2024

MOVED BY: Councillor Roberts

SECONDED BY: Councillor Hirsch

WHEREAS poverty is taking a devastating toll on communities, undermining a healthy and prosperous Ontario, with people in receipt of Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program being disproportionately impacted;

WHEREAS the cost of food, housing, medicine, and other essential items have outpaced the highest inflation rates seen in a generation;

WHEREAS people in need of social assistance have been legislated into poverty, housing insecurity, hunger, poorer health, their motives questioned, and their dignity undermined;

WHEREAS Ontario Works (OW) Financial Assistance rates have been frozen since 2018 (\$733 per month);

WHEREAS Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) benefit rates have been increased by 6.5 per cent as of July 2023 to keep up with inflation, however even with the increase, ODSP rates still fall below their value in 2018 (\$1,376 when adjusted for inflation) and significantly below the disability-adjusted poverty line (\$3,091 per month)

WHEREAS OW and ODSP rates do not provide sufficient income for a basic standard of living and, as a result, hundreds of thousands of people across Ontario who rely on these programs live in poverty;

WHEREAS the poverty risk profile for Prince Edward County created by Vital Signs states that 10.1% - 13.5% of County residents are living on low income;

WHEREAS designated Service Managers are doing their part, but do not have the resources, capacity, or tools to provide the necessary income and health related supports to people experiencing poverty; and

WHEREAS leadership and urgent action is needed from the Provincial Government to immediately develop, resource, and implement a comprehensive plan to address the rising levels of poverty in Ontario, in particular for those on Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Programs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Prince Edward County joins the Town of Orangeville to calls on the Provincial Government to urgently:

- a) At least double Ontario Works and ODSP rates and index rates to inflation, answering calls already made by “Raise the Rates” campaign and the “Income Security Advocacy Centre”;
- b) Commit to ongoing cost of living increases above and beyond the rate of inflation to make up for the years they were frozen;
- c) Commit to jointly working between the Ministry of Children, Community, and Social Services and the Ministry of Health on the best methods of assessing client needs and then matching those in need to the services they require;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services, the Minister of Health, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association, Prince Edward Lennox and Addington Social Services, the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Hirsch, and Marcia Wallace, CAO

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Catalina Blumenberg
Clerk
Prince Edward County
332 Picton Main Street
Picton, Ontario
K0K 2T0

SENT VIA EMAIL: clerks@pecounty.on.ca

RE: Town of Goderich Resolution – Review of the Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program Financial Assistance Rates

Dear C. Blumenberg,

Please be advised of the following motion passed at the Monday, March 18, 2024, Goderich Town Council Meeting:

Moved By: Councillor Segeren

Seconded By: Councillor Kelly

WHEREAS poverty is taking a devastating toll on communities, undermining a healthy and prosperous Ontario, with people in receipt of Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program being disproportionately impacted;

WHEREAS the cost of food, housing, medicine, and other essential items have outpaced the highest inflation rates seen in a generation;

WHEREAS people in need of social assistance have been legislated into poverty, housing insecurity, hunger, poorer health, their motives questioned, and their dignity undermined;

WHEREAS Ontario Works (OW) Financial Assistance rates have been frozen since 2018 (\$733 per month);

WHEREAS Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) benefit rates have been increased by 6.5 percent as of July 2023 to keep up with inflation, however even with the increase, ODSP rates still fall below their value in 2018 (\$1,376 when adjusted for inflation) and significantly below the disability-adjusted poverty line (\$3,091 per month);

WHEREAS OW and ODSP rates do not provide sufficient income for a basic standard of living and, as a result, hundreds of thousands of people across Ontario who rely on these programs live in poverty;

WHEREAS designated Service Managers are doing their part, but do not have the resources, capacity, or tools to provide the necessary income and health-related supports to people experiencing poverty; and

WHEREAS leadership and urgent action is needed from the Provincial Government to immediately develop, resource, and implement a comprehensive plan to address the rising levels of poverty in Ontario, in particular for those on Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Programs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Goderich requests the Provincial Government to urgently:

1. At least double Ontario Works and ODSP rates and index rates to inflation, answering calls already made by “Raise the Rates” campaign and the “Income Security Advocacy Centre”;
2. Commit to ongoing cost of living increases above and beyond the rate of inflation to make up for the years they were frozen;
3. Commit to jointly working between the Ministry of Children, Community, and Social Services and the Ministry of Health on the best methods of assessing client needs and then matching those in need to the services they require;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services, the Minister of Health, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association, Huron County Social and Property Services, the Western Ontario Wardens Caucus, and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 519-524-8344 ext. 210 or afisher@goderich.ca.

Yours truly,



Andrea Fisher

Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
/ar

cc. Premier Doug Ford premier@ontario.ca
Hon. Paul Calandra Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org
MPP Lisa Thompson, Huron–Bruce lisa.thompsonco@pc.ola.org
Hon. Sylvia Jones Sylvia.Jones@pc.ola.org
Association of Municipalities of Ontario resolutions@amo.on.ca
Ontario Municipal Social Services Association dball@omssa.com
Huron County Social and Property Services
Western Ontario Wardens Caucus
Ontario Municipalities



Council Resolution Form

Date: 21 Mar 2024 No: Resolution No.61-24
Moved By: Councillor Popkie Disposition: CARRIED.
Seconded by Councillor Thomson
Item No: 12.1

Description: Cemetery Transfer/Abandonment Administration & Management Support

RESOLUTION:

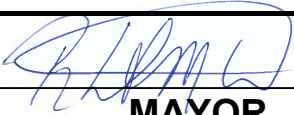
That Council support the resolution passed by the Council of Tay Township during their December 20, 2023 Council Meeting regarding the Provincial Cemetery Management Support Request, including that the Province through the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO) consider several points of concern to assist municipalities with the growing concern of cemetery transfers;

And furthermore, that a copy of this resolution and a copy Tay Township's resolution be circulated to the Honourable Todd McCarthy, Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery, Jim Cassimatis, BAO Interim CEO/Registrar, John Yakabuski, MPP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Recorded Vote Requested by:

.....n/a.....

	Yea	Nay
J. Levesque	_____	_____
T. Popkie	_____	_____
L. Thomson	_____	_____
R. Tripp	_____	_____
R. Weir	_____	_____


MAYOR

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:

.....n/a.....

Disclosed his/her/their interest(s), vacated he/her/their seat(s),
abstained from discussion and did not vote

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Received December 21, 2023
C-2023-442

December 21, 2023

Hon. Todd McCarthy
Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery
5th Floor
777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

sent via email Todd.McCarthy@pc.ola.org

Dear Hon. Todd McCarthy,

Re: Provincial Cemetery Management Support Request – Tay Township

Tay Township Council passed the following resolution during the December 20, 2023 Council Meeting regarding the Provincial Cemetery Management Support Request:

Whereas under the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA), when a cemetery is declared abandoned by a judge of the Superior Court Justice, the local municipality within whose geographic boundaries the land of the cemetery is located, becomes the owner of the cemetery with all the rights and obligations in respect of the cemetery and the assets, trust funds and trust accounts related to it that the previous owner or operator possessed;

And Whereas over the last decade, there has been an increase in the number of churches and local cemetery boards initiating processes to transfer ownership or abandon their owned and operated cemeteries to the local municipality due to such issues as high maintenance costs, inaccuracy of records, lack of financial and human resources to effectively operate and maintain the cemetery, increased regulatory processes regarding training, selling of interment rights, financial operation of the care and maintenance fund, etc.;

And Whereas municipalities experience the same issues and pressures that churches and local boards experience with the operation and maintenance of cemeteries within its jurisdiction, and additional transfers of cemetery lands only compound the burden on municipal taxpayers;

And Whereas cemeteries are important infrastructure where the reasonable costs for interment rights, burials, monument foundations, corner stones and administration charges do not sufficiently support the general operation of cemeteries;

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And Whereas the interest earned from the care and maintenance fund(s) of a cemetery do not provide adequate funding to maintain the cemetery with the rising costs of lawn and turf maintenance contracts and monument restoration;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Tay requests that the Province through the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO) consider the following to assist municipalities in this growing concern of cemetery transfers:

- Amending the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA), to have the Province, through the BAO, identified as the default owner and operator of a cemetery when it is abandoned;
- Provide annual funding (based on the number of cemeteries a municipality owns and operates) to municipalities to assist with the maintenance of inactive and active cemeteries;
- Provide free training opportunities for municipalities regarding cemetery administration; and,
- Investigate and support the design of universal cemetery software for use by municipal cemetery operators that can be offered at an affordable cost;

And that this resolution be circulated to the Hon. Todd McCarthy, Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery, Jim Cassimatis, BAO Interim CEO/Registrar, MPP Jill Dunlop and all Ontario municipalities.

Sent on behalf of Tay Township Council.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katelyn Johns".

Katelyn Johns, MPPA
Municipal Clerk

Cc: Jim Cassimatis, BAO Interim CEO/Registrar, Hon. Jill Dunlop, Minister of Colleges and Universities/MPP, and all Ontario municipalities.

Terrace Bay
Regular Council - 18 Mar 2024

Item a)

Date: March 18, 2024

CR78-2024

Moved by
Seconded by



WHEREAS as a past attendee of combined conferences, it makes great sense for the OGRA & ROMA conferences to be returned to a combined conference effort, not only financially for the municipality but also for availability for participation of members of Council and staff; and

WHEREAS these conferences afford a vital opportunity for delegations with members of our provincial parliament, returning to a combined conference provides a better respect to their availability and participation; and

WHEREAS during the 2019 OGRA conference AGM a resolution was passed regarding the re-establishment of an annual combined conference for both OGRA & ROMA; and

WHEREAS it is understandable that little movement has happened since the resolution at the 2019 OGRA conference AGM was passed, due to delays of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS not all persons who wish to attend can do so in person, that a hybrid participation option be considered for the sessions;

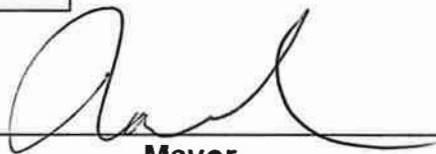
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Terrace Bay call upon both the ROMA & OGRA boards to re-establish a combined OGRA & ROMA annual conference.

FURTHERMORE that this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister Paul Calandra, MPP Vaugeois and be circulated to Municipalities of Ontario; as required.

☒ Carried ☐ Defeated ☐ Recorded Vote

Recorded Vote:

	Yes	No
Mayor Paul Malashewski		
Councillor Gary Adduono		
Councillor Chris Dube		
Councillor Bert Johnson		
Councillor Rick St. Louis		



Mayor



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Township of Clearview
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March 27, 2024

Honourable Arif Virani
Minister of Justice & Attorney General
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

Sent by Email

RE: Township of Clearview Endorsement of Bill C-63 in the House of Commons

Please be advised that Council of the Township of Clearview at its meeting held on March 25, 2024, passed the following resolution in support of the endorsement of Bill C-63 in the House of Commons:

Moved by Councillor Dineen, Seconded by Councillor Broderick, Whereas The Canadian Federal Government has drafted Bill C-63, The Online Harms Act, currently in front of Parliament and has had its first reading; and,

Whereas Bill C-63 requires that online tech companies and social media platforms remove child pornography and other dangerous content within 24 hours once the operator identifies the content, while also mandating the following duties:

- Duty to protect children;
- Duty to act responsibly;
- Duty to remove egregious content; and,

Whereas The Canadian Federal Government proposes to establish a "Digital Safety Commission" and nominate an "independent" Ombudsperson to proactively circumvent potential harms on behalf of Canadians; and,

Whereas online tech companies and social media platforms need to adhere to existing Criminal Laws; and,

Whereas online tech companies and social media platforms need to be held accountable to keep platforms safe from predators targeting children and other vulnerable Canadians and to protect them from bullying, hate, extremism, violence, discrimination, self harm, exploitation and sexual extortion that can lead to the most dire of consequences; and,

Whereas Clearview Township, as all Canadians, endeavours to foster safe homes, communities, schools and public spaces;

Be It Resolved That the Mayor and Council of Clearview Township endorse the passing of Bill C-63 in the House of Commons and the establishment of a "digital safety commission" and nomination of an "independent" Ombudsperson; and,

That a copy of this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; Terry Dowdall, MP; The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada and The Honourable Arif Virani, Minister of Justice & Attorney General of Canada. Motion Carried.

Sincerely,



Sasha Helmkey-Playter, B.A., Dipl. M.A., AOMC

Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

cc: Right Honourable Prime Minister Justin Trudeau
Simcoe Grey MP Terry Dowdall
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Ontario Municipalities

Terrace Bay
Regular Council - 04 Mar 2024

Item a)

Date: March 4, 2024

CR59-2024

Moved by 
Seconded by 

WHEREAS current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life

WHEREAS nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year

WHEREAS municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation

WHEREAS unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure

WHEREAS municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and addressing the mental health and addictions crises

WHEREAS inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity

WHEREAS property taxpayers – including people on fixed incomes and small businesses – can't afford to subsidize income re-distribution programs for those most in need

WHEREAS the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities

WHEREAS municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario

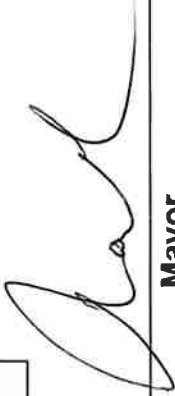
AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca); Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (minister.mah@ontario.ca); the Minister of Finance (minister.fin@ontario.ca); and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca).

☒ Carried ☐ Defeated ☐ Recorded Vote

Recorded Vote:

	Yes	No
Mayor Paul Malaschewski		

Councillor Gary Adduono			
Councillor Chris Dube			
Councillor Bert Johnson			
Councillor Rick St. Louis			



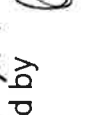
 Mayor

Terrace Bay
Regular Council - 20 Feb 2024

Item d)

Date: February 20, 2024

CR39-2024

Moved by 
Seconded by 

WHEREAS the Council of Prince Edward County (PEC) passed the following resolution at their January 16, 2024 regular meeting:

WHEREAS By-Law 3256-2013, being a By-Law to Establish, Maintain, and Operate a Fire Department established service level standards for the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward Fire Department;

AND WHEREAS apparatus and equipment are directly tied to the delivery of fire protection services authorized by Council in By-Law 3256-2013, and a safe, reliable and diverse fleet is required to serve operational needs;

AND WHEREAS fire Apparatus is governed by industry best practices, the application of law and recognized industry partners, including the Ontario Fire Service Section 21 Guidance Notes, National Fire Protection Association Standards, The Occupational Health and Safety Act, and Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS);

AND WHEREAS Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS) is a provider of data, underwriting, risk management and legal/regulatory services focusing on community fire-protection and fire prevention systems in Canada, establishing apparatus replacement schedules based on safety and risk mitigation practices;

AND WHEREAS on November 16, 2023, Council, received report FD-06-2023 regarding asset Management - Fire Apparatus Fleet Report and noted the budgetary pressures of meeting FUS replacement schedules;

AND WHEREAS no provincial funding is available for new fire trucks, yet, small and rural municipalities must meet the same standards set by FUS as larger municipalities for fire equipment, including additional pressure to move fire trucks out when they reach a specific age, even though they can still meet the safety regulations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of Prince Edward County direct the Mayor to draft a letter to MPP Minister Todd Smith requesting a meeting to discuss the life span of fire apparatus, specifically pertaining to the replacement of fire trucks due to insurance requirements; and

THAT the Mayor draft a letter to FUS requesting the creation of a new community fire-protection and fire prevention insurance system that does not put all municipalities under the same umbrella, with distinct categories for rural and urban municipalities;

THAT this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing requesting a response on this matter within 30 days of receipt; and

THAT this resolution be shared with all 444 municipalities in Ontario, The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), The Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO), and The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC).

AND WHEREAS the Township of Terrace Bay supports the resolution and initiative of Prince Edward County;

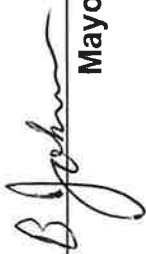
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution of support be sent to Premier Doug Ford, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;

THAT this resolution of support be shared with all 444 municipalities in Ontario, The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), The Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO), The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) and, the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association

☒ Carried ☐ Defeated ☐ Recorded Vote

Recorded Vote:

	Yes	No
Mayor Paul Malashewski	☒	☐
Councillor Gary Adduono	☐	☐
Councillor Chris Dube	☐	☐
Councillor Bert Johnson	☐	☐
Councillor Rick St. Louis	☐	☐


Mayor

Resolution in Support of the Expansion of the Life Span of Fire Apparatus.

RESOLUTION #C-2024-03-20

MOVED BY: Korrine Jordan

SECONDED BY: Andrew Kendrick

“WHEREAS, the Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township support Prince Edward County’s resolution regarding Expansion of the Life Span of Fire Apparatus;

AND WHEREAS, By-Law No. 2012-042, being a By-Law to Establish and Regulate the Fire Department (Drummond/North Elmsley Tay Valley Fire Rescue) established service level standards for the Drummond/North Elmsley Tay Valley Fire Rescue;

AND WHEREAS, apparatus and equipment are directly tied to the delivery of fire protection services authorized by Council in By-Law No. 2012-042, and a safe, reliable and diverse fleet is required to serve operations needs;

AND WHEREAS, fire Apparatus is governed by industry best practices, the application of law and recognized industry partners, including the Ontario Fire Service Section 21 Guidance Notes, National Fire Protection Association Standards, The Occupational Health and Safety Act, and Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS);

AND WHEREAS, Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS) is a provider of data, underwriting, risk management and legal/regulatory services focusing on community fire-protection and fire prevention systems in Canada, establishing apparatus replacement schedules based on safety and risk mitigation practices;

AND WHEREAS, no provincial funding is available for new fire trucks, yet, small and rural municipalities must meet the same standards set by FUS as larger municipalities for fire equipment, including additional pressure to move fire trucks out when they reach a specific age, even though they can still meet the safety regulations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Reeve send a letter to FUS requesting the creation of a new community fire-protection and fire prevention insurance system that does not put all municipalities under the same umbrella, with distinct categories for rural and urban municipalities;

THAT, this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing requesting a response on this matter within 30 days of receipt;

AND THAT, this resolution be shared with all 444 municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FMC), the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) and the Eastern Ontario Wardens’ Caucus (EOWC).”

ADOPTED



March 28, 2024

Via Email

Re: Support for the Province to Expand the Life Span of Fire Apparatus

The City of Owen Sound's Corporate Services Committee, at its meeting held on February 8, 2024, considered correspondence from the County of Prince Edward respecting support for the Province to expand the life span of fire apparatus, specifically pertaining to the replacement of fire trucks due to insurance requirements. As a result, Resolution No. 2024-46 CR-240208-008 was carried:

"THAT in consideration of correspondence provided for information purposes listed on the February 8th Corporate Services Committee agenda, the Corporate Services Committee recommends that City Council request that the Mayor send a letter in support of the Prince Edward County resolution to the 444 municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO), the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC), Premier Doug Ford, Rick Byers, Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound MPP, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, and Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing."

Owen Sound City Council at its meeting held on February 26, 2024, considered the [minutes](#) of the Corporate Services Committee meeting held on February 8, 2024, and passed Resolution No. R-240226-014:

"THAT the minutes of the Corporate Services Committee meeting held on February 8, 2024 be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved."

A safe, reliable, and diverse fleet of fire apparatus is required to serve the operational needs of all our communities.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Ian C. Boddy
Mayor

cc: 444 Municipalities in Ontario
Owen Sound City Council
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC)
Premier Doug Ford
Rick Byers, Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound MPP
The Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training &
Skills Development
Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Bonnie Crombie, Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party
Marit Stiles, Leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party
Mike Schreiner, Leader of the Ontario Green Party

Terrace Bay
Regular Council - 20 Feb 2024

Item a)

Date: February 20, 2024

CR37-2024

Moved by 
Seconded by 

WHEREAS the following resolution was passed by Council of the City of Greater Sudbury on December 5, 2023: CC2023-303:

WHEREAS in 2015 the City of Greater Sudbury (the "City") entered into a contract with a contractor experienced in road construction projects to complete a project on Elgin Street in the City's downtown core;

AND WHEREAS the contract provided that the contractor would be the constructor for the project as that term is defined in the Occupational Health and Safety Act (the "Act");

AND WHEREAS an employee of the constructor operating a grader on the project struck and killed a pedestrian;

AND WHEREAS the City was charged with offences under the Act as the constructor and the employer;

AND WHEREAS after being acquitted at trial and on appeal, the Ontario Court of Appeal, in a decision issued on April 23, 2021, found the City to be liable for contraventions of the Construction Regulations as an employer as it employed quality control inspectors to monitor the quality of work on the project from time-to-time;

AND WHEREAS the Supreme Court of Canada, in a decision issued on November 10, 2023, was evenly divided 4-4 on the issue resulting in dismissal of the City's appeal;

AND WHEREAS the consequence of this decision is that municipalities in Ontario, as well as all other owners of property in the province, who wish to undertake construction, are subject to being charged and convicted as an employer for offences in relation to project sites for which they have no control and have, in accordance with the Act, contracted with an entity to assume plenary oversight and authority over the work on such site as the constructor;

AND WHEREAS the potential of an owner being charged as an employer as that term is defined in the Act in circumstances where it has engaged a constructor disregards and renders meaningless the owner-constructor provisions contained in the Act and presents an unacceptable level of increased risk and confusion for owners and contractors throughout the province;

AND WHEREAS the City believes that the safety of workers is paramount however the safety of workers on construction projects in Ontario is not increased by placing liability on parties that do not have control of and are not responsible for the conduct of the work on such sites;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the City of Greater Sudbury requests that the province amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act to clarify the definition of "employer" to exclude owners that have contracted with a constructor for a project;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this motion be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, France Gelinas, MPP for Nickel Belt, Jamie West, MPP for Sudbury, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Ontario's Big City Mayors, Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario, Northern Ontario Large Urban Mayors, the Council of Ontario Construction Associations, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce and all Ontario municipalities.

AND WHEREAS the Township of Terrace of Terrace Bay supports the City of Greater Sudbury's request that the province amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act to clarify the definition of "employer" to exclude owners that have contracted with a constructor for a project;

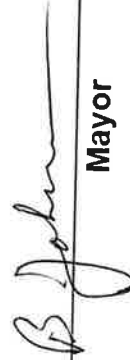
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Terrace Bay also requests that the province amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act to clarify the definition of "employer" to exclude owners that have contracted with a constructor for a project;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this motion be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Lise Vagueois, MPP for Thunder Bay Superior North, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Ontario's Big City Mayors, Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario, Northern Ontario Large Urban Mayors, the Council of Ontario Construction Associations, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce and all Ontario municipalities.

☒ Carried ☐ Defeated ☐ Recorded Vote

Recorded Vote:

	Yes	No
Mayor Paul Malashewski	☒	☐
Councillor Gary Adduono	☐	☐
Councillor Chris Dube	☐	☐
Councillor Bert Johnson	☐	☐
Councillor Rick St. Louis	☐	☐


Mayor

Terrace Bay
Regular Council - 04 Mar 2024

Item b)

Date: March 4, 2024

CR60-2024

Moved by Gary Adduono
Seconded by Chris Dube

WHEREAS access to natural gas is important to residents and businesses in our community for affordability and reliability

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Energy Board's (OEB) decision on Phase 1 of the Enbridge Gas 2024 rebasing application, issued on 21 December 2023, has concerning implications including putting into question the future access to natural gas that support of economic development, affordable housing growth, and energy reliability in communities such as the Township of Terrace Bay;

AND WHEREAS Ontario is growing and access to affordable energy to support this growth for homes and businesses is crucial, as is a measured approach to energy transition as not having access to natural gas will stifle economic growth and put housing and energy affordability at risk;

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: THAT the Township of Terrace Bay supports a measured approach to Ontario's energy transition;

Terrace Bay
AND FURTHER, that the Municipality of ~~Tweed~~ recognizes that there may not be enough electricity available to replace the energy provided by natural gas and meet the increased demand from electrification;

AND FURTHER, that natural gas must continue to play an integral role in meeting the energy needs of Ontario;

Terrace Bay
AND FURTHER, that the Municipality of ~~Tweed~~ supports the work the Government of Ontario has done to date, including the Natural Gas Expansion Program and Electrification and Energy Transition Panel's call for a clear policy on the role of natural gas to secure access to affordable energy;

AND FURTHER, that this resolution be circulated to the President of AMO, Colin Best, Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Hon. Todd Smith, the Minister of Energy, Lise Vaugeois, Member of Provincial Parliament for Thunder Bay - Superior North, all regional municipalities as significant actors to ensuring the need for natural gas in Ontario as part of a measured approach towards energy transition, and submitted to municipalaffairs@enbridge.com

☒ Carried ☐ Defeated ☐ Recorded Vote

Recorded Vote:

	Yes	No
Mayor Paul Malashewski		
Councillor Gary Adduono		
Councillor Chris Dube		

Councillor Bert Johnson			
Councillor Rick St. Louis			



Mayor

March 28, 2024

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of March 26, 2024 the following resolution regarding support for 'a call to action' to meet the deadline of an Accessible Ontario by 2025 was carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-151

DATE: March 26, 2024

MOVED BY: Councillor MacNaughton

SECONDED BY: Councillor Pennell

WHEREAS the Accessibility for Ontarians With Disabilities Act (AODA) is ground-breaking legislation, created to help people with disabilities fully participate in society, bring them to the table in crafting regulations, and build mechanisms to enforce standards;

WHEREAS Rich Donovan, an expert in accessibility issues, was appointed as the Independent Reviewer of the Act in 2022, and in his 2023 legislative review declared a crisis as a necessary catalyst to get Ontario back on track for accessibility;

WHEREAS at least 2.9 million Ontarians currently live with a disability, representing at least 22% of the consumer base and the workforce, but due to barriers, Ontarians with disabilities are too often falling short of their full potential;

WHEREAS the AODA aims to develop, implement and enforce standards related to goods, services, accommodation, employment and buildings before Jan. 1, 2025, and municipalities, as the level of government closest to the people are at the front lines, developing, implementing and enforcing these standards without meaningful guidance on its implementation and/or enforcement by the Province;

WHEREAS people with disabilities and advocates, including Prince Edward County's Accessibility Advisory Committee, note the slow pace of current and previous Ontario governments in implementing the AODA and there are growing concerns there will be no renewed push to keep accessibility issues at the forefront after 2025;

WHEREAS Prince Edward County is dedicated and committed to creating a welcoming environment so that all people may have equitable access to programs, goods, services and facilities, but making investments to achieve the AODA

standards has been challenging given the lack of consistent and stable funding for municipalities to remove accessibility barriers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Prince Edward County strongly encourages action on the part of the Provincial Government to urgently:

- a) create a "Municipal Accessibility Fund" for municipalities to develop, implement and enforce AODA standards related to goods, services, accommodation, employment and buildings. Such a fund could be modeled after the Canada Community-Building Fund or the Ontario Cannabis Legalization Implementation Fund on a per household basis;
- b) to commit to working with municipalities to implement the Donovan Review immediate crisis recommendations;

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor write a letter in support of this resolution to the Minister of Seniors and Accessibility, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Seniors and Accessibility, the Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services, the Minister of Health, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor MacNaughton, Councillor Pennell, and Marcia Wallace, CAO



TOWN OF SHELburne

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

No. 08

Date: 3/25/24

Moved: Councillor Benotto

Seconded by: Councillor Wegener

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Shelburne encourages all levels of government to eradicate all forms of racism especially Islamophobia and antisemitism, and that this motion be sent to our MP and MPP and all municipalities.

CARRIED, W. Mills

Requested Vote to be Recorded

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Yes

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No

Yea

Nay

Mayor Mills

☐☐

Deputy Mayor Hall

☐☐

Councillor Benotto

☐☐

Councillor Fegan

☐☐

Councillor Guchardi

☐☐

Councillor Sample

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Councillor Wegener

☐☐



March 28, 2024

Larry Brock, MP Brant
108 St. George Street, Suite #3
Brantford, ON N3R 1V6

Sent via email: larry.brock@parl.gc.ca

Will Bouma, MPP
96 Nelson Street
Suite 101
Brantford, ON N3T 2X1

Sent via email: will.bouma@pc.ola.org

To whom it may concern:

Please be advised that Brantford City Council at its meeting held March 26, 2024 adopted the following:

12.6.13 Home Heating Sustainability

WHEREAS home heating energy costs is a major and onerous burden for Seniors and those with limited or fixed incomes; and

WHEREAS the cost of natural gas to heat homes continues to climb due to many factors such as inaccurate meter readings, inflation, delivery and customer charges, carbon tax, among others, causing financial strain for many citizens; and

WHEREAS 3.8 million households in Ontario currently use natural gas for home heating, representing about 70 per cent of Ontario households; and

WHEREAS the carbon tax charged on heating bills is highly dependent on the amount of natural gas used and accounts for 20-25% of the utility bill; and

WHEREAS Canadians have no choice but to heat their homes throughout the winter; and

WHEREAS no citizen should have to choose between putting food on the table or heating their homes; and

WHEREAS the carbon tax is increasing as of April 1, 2024 to \$0.15 per cubic meter for natural gas, and the carbon tax rebate for homeowners is also increasing; and

WHEREAS Ontario homeowners can now expect to receive \$1,120 annually for the rebate on average and the rebate will be renamed to the Canada Carbon Rebate; and

WHEREAS starting on January 1, 2024, both SaskEnergy and SaskPower removed the federal carbon tax from home heating, resulting in savings for approximately 98 per cent of Saskatchewan families by exempting them from carbon tax on home heating oil; and

WHEREAS the Canadian government has implemented new measures to help Atlantic Canadians lower their energy bills by making the average heat pump free to help low- to median-income Canadians switch to cleaner fuel and incentivizing the switch to heat pumps with \$250 upfront payments; and

WHEREAS the Canadian and Ontario governments have discontinued grant and rebate programs for Ontarians to retrofit their homes to be energy efficient such as Ontario's green home-retrofit rebate program, the ecoENERGY home retrofit program, and the Canada Greener Homes Grant, making it difficult for homeowners to reduce their reliance on natural gas.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Federal Government exclude home heating from the federal carbon tax to reduce the burden on citizens, as has been done in Saskatchewan; and
- B. THAT the Federal and Provincial Governments reinstate home energy retrofit rebate and grant programs to help Brantford residents retrofit their homes to be more energy efficient and provide barrier-free options for switching to less carbon-intensive fuel sources to lower their utility bills and avoid the carbon tax; and
- C. THAT the Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of this resolution to The Federal Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, The Honourable Steven Guilbeault, The Provincial Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, The Honourable Andrea Khanjin, The City of Brantford Member of Parliament, The Honourable Larry Brock, The City of Brantford Member of Provincial Parliament, The Honourable Will Bouma, and to each municipality in Ontario; and
- D. THAT the Mayor of the City of Brantford request that this resolution be added as an agenda item for consideration by the Ontario Big City's Mayor Caucus.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours truly,



Chris Gauthier
City Clerk, cgauthier@brantford.ca

cc Federal Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, Honourable Steven Guilbeault
Provincial Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Honourable Andrea Khanjin
All Ontario Municipalities

April 3, 2024

Julie Kirkelos
Town Clerk
Town of Lincoln
4800 South Service Rd.
Beamsville, ON L0R 1B1

Sent via email: jkirkelos@lincoln.ca

**Re: Urgent Need for Increased Funding for Museums and Libraries
Our File 35.11.2**

Dear Ms. Kirkelos,

At its meeting held on March 18, 2024, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

That Council endorse Sub-Item 2, Resolution from the Town of Lincoln regarding Urgent Need for Increased Funding for Libraries and Museums

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at extension 1524.



Kristen Sullivan, City Clerk
Legal and Clerks Services, Office of the City Clerk
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Encl. Resolution from the Town of Lincoln regarding Urgent Need for Increased Funding for Libraries and Museums



4800 SOUTH SERVICE RD
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905-563-8205

February 28, 2024

SENT VIA EMAIL: Premier@ontario.ca

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

Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

RE: Town of Lincoln Council Resolution – Urgent Need for Increased Funding to Libraries and Museums in Ontario

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Council Meeting held on February 26, 2024, passed the following motion regarding an Urgent Need for Increased Funding to Libraries and Museums in Ontario:

Resolution No: RC-2024-23
Moved by Mayor Easton; Seconded by Councillor Mike Mikolic

WHEREAS the provincial funding for public libraries is currently based on population levels from 25 years ago, which fails to reflect the substantial growth and changing needs of our communities. The Town of Lincoln Council wishes to draw your attention to the "Overdue" report of 2023 from the Canadian Urban Council, which emphasizes the pivotal role libraries play in various aspects of community life, including knowledge distribution, culture, health, reconciliation, belonging, and our democracy; and

WHEREAS libraries, situated at the heart of our communities, serve as multifaceted institutions catering to diverse needs. They provide essential services such as access to culture and information, refuge for those experiencing domestic violence, election information centers, job search facilities, health clinics, language learning centers for newcomers, and spaces for educational and community events. Despite their vital role, public libraries in Ontario have not seen an increase in provincial funding for over 25 years, leading to a decrease in the value of the province's investment by over 60%; and

WHEREAS the Town of Lincoln Council urges the Provincial Government to

consider increasing provincial funding for Ontario's public libraries to address critical shared priorities and community needs. While over 90% of library funding comes from local municipal governments, provincial operating funding is crucial for providing stability to library budgets, especially in times of inflation, technological changes, and increasing demands on libraries as community hubs; and

WHEREAS the Town of Lincoln Council would like to bring to the Provincial Government's attention the pressing need to increase the funding envelope for the Community Museum Operating Grant (CMOG). The Town of Lincoln currently receives \$25,000 annually, the maximum amount through this grant, but the funding envelope has remained stagnant for over 15 years. This limitation hampers the ability of community museums to offset increasing operational expenses, impacting their role in preserving and promoting local stories, attracting cultural tourists, supplementing school curriculum, and contributing to vibrant and vital communities; and

WHEREAS the Lincoln Museum and Cultural Centre is a community hub critical to the health and vibrancy of our community. An increase in CMOG funding will enable our museum to continue its valuable service to the community, creating a sense of place, attracting cultural tourists, and preserving local stories that define our unique identity; and

WHEREAS Cultural institutions, particularly museums, play a vital role in shaping and preserving our community's identity. They contribute to tourism, social participation, senior well-being, skill-building, and learning. As the largest government funder for most of Ontario's smaller museums, municipalities create value in their communities through the work of these institutions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Lincoln Council urges the Provincial Government to support increasing funding to both public libraries and community museums. Recognizing these institutions as national assets and strategically investing in their potential will contribute significantly to renewing post-pandemic social cohesion, economic well-being, and community resilience; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to the Province, the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Niagara Region, the 12 Local Area Municipalities in Niagara and all municipalities of Ontario for endorsement.

CARRIED

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,



Julie Kirkelos

Town Clerk

jkirkelos@lincoln.ca

JK/dp

Cc: Premier of Ontario
Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ann-Marie Norio, Clerk, Niagara Region
Local Area Municipalities
All Ontario Municipalities



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April 3, 2024

SENT VIA EMAIL: Premier@ontario.ca

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

Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

RE: Town of Lincoln Council Resolution – Extension of Bill 23 Timelines regarding Heritage Registry Lists

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Council Meeting held on March 25, 2024, passed the following motion regarding the Extension of Bill 23 Timelines regarding Heritage Registry Lists:

Resolution No: RC-2024-33
Moved by Mayor Easton; Seconded by Councillor Lynn Timmers

WHEREAS subsection 27(16) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* stipulates that any non-designated heritage property listed on the municipal register of properties as of December 31, 2022 shall be removed from the municipal register on or before January 1, 2025, if the council of the municipality does not give a notice of intention to designate the property under subsection 29(1) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* on or before January 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS since January 1, 2023, municipal staff and members of the Heritage Advisory Committee have been diligently working to: review the municipal heritage register; research the heritage value and interest of listed (non-designated) properties; review and research the heritage value and interest of non-designated properties; determine which properties should potentially be designated in accordance with the provisions of Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*; and take all required steps to designate such properties; and

WHEREAS the above-noted work involving 247 listed properties in the Town of Lincoln is extremely time-consuming and cannot be completed by December 31, 2024, with the limited municipal resources available.

WHEREAS the Heritage Advisory Committee on March 14, 2024 provided support to extend the January 1, 2025 deadline for five years to January 1, 2030 to continue efforts required to designate properties.

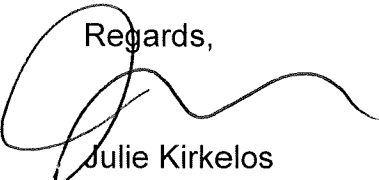
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Lincoln authorize the Mayor to promptly send a letter to Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, and Michael Ford, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, requesting that Subsection 27(16) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* be amended to extend the above-noted deadline for five years from January 1, 2025 to January 1, 2030; and

FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to forward this resolution to all municipalities in Ontario seeking support of the ACO correspondence.

CARRIED

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,



Julie Kirkelos
Town Clerk
jkirkelos@lincoln.ca

JK/dp

Cc: Premier of Ontario
Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism
All Ontario Municipalities



AMANDA FUSCO

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April 5, 2024

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

Dear Premier Ford:

This is to advise that City Council, at a meeting held on March 18, 2024, passed the following resolution regarding the Ontario Heritage Act:

"WHEREAS The More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 (Bill 23) received Royal Assent on November 28, 2022. As part of this omnibus Bill, several changes were implemented to various pieces of legislation, including but not limited to, The Planning Act, The Development Charges Act, The Conservation Authorities Act, and The Ontario Heritage Act; and,

WHEREAS subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act stipulates that any non-designated heritage property listed on the municipal heritage register of properties as of December 31, 2022 shall be removed from the municipal register on or before January 1, 2025, if the council of the municipality does not give a notice of intention to designate the property under subsection 29(1) of the Ontario Heritage Act on or before January 1, 2025; and,

WHEREAS since January 1, 2023, municipal heritage planning staff and members of the municipal heritage committee (Heritage Kitchener) in this municipality have been diligently working to: review the municipal heritage register; research the heritage value and interest of listed (non-designated) properties; review and research the heritage value and interest of non-designated properties; contact owners of such properties; determine which properties should potentially be designated in accordance with the provisions of Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act; and take all required steps to designate such properties; and,

WHEREAS the above-noted work involving approximately 228 properties listed properties in this municipality is extremely time-consuming and cannot be completed by December 31, 2024 with the current resources available given other competing interests including reviewing and supporting new housing development proposals; and,

WHEREAS given the volume of work required, on February 7, 2023 the Kitchener Heritage Committee Work Plan 2022-2014 was endorsed with an objective of reviewing and designating only 80 properties by January 1, 2025 given the time constraint imposed; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Kitchener call on the Province to amend Subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act to extend the above-noted deadline for five years from January 1, 2025 to January 1, 2030, and that a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Michael Ford, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, the Honorable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance; and John Ecker, Chair, Ontario Heritage Trust. That is also be circulated to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Provincial MPPs, Municipal councils across the province, the Architectural Conservatory of Ontario (ACO), as well as the Waterloo Region branch of the ACO.”

Yours truly,



A. Fusco
Director of Legislated Services & City Clerk

Cc: Honourable Michael Ford, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism
Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
John Ecker, Chair, Ontario Heritage Trust
Colin Best, President, Association of Municipalities Ontario
F. Leslie Thompson, President, Architectural Conservatory of Ontario (ACO)
Marg Rowell, President, Waterloo Branch of the Architectural Conservatory of Ontario
Ontario Members of Provincial Parliament
Ontario Municipalities

Terrace Bay
Regular Council - 02 Apr 2024

Item c)

Date: April 2, 2024

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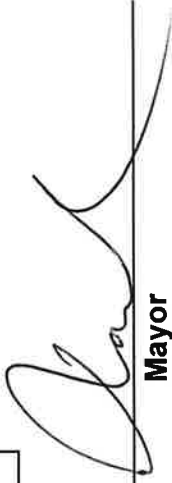
Moved by 
Seconded by 

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Terrace Bay supports the request of the Township of Amaranth in calling upon the Province of Ontario to treat all municipalities fairly and provide equivalent representative operational budget funding amounts to all Ontario municipalities.

☒ Carried ☐ Defeated ☐ Recorded Vote

Recorded Vote:

	Yes	No
Mayor Paul Malashewski		
Councillor Gary Adduono		
Councillor Chris Dube		
Councillor Bert Johnson		
Councillor Rick St. Louis		


Mayor



The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

Resolution

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
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Toronto ON M7A 1A1

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April 8, 2024

RE: Correspondence from the Township of Perry regarding a Request to the Province to
Amend the Blue Box Regulation

Please be advised that the Town of Cobourg Council, at its meeting held on March 27, 2024, passed the following resolution:

THAT Council receive the correspondence from the Township of Perry regarding a Request to the Province to Amend the Blue Box Regulation for information purposes; and

FURTHER THAT Council support the recommendation of the Township of Perry and send a copy of the support letter to the Premier of Ontario, AMO and member municipalities.

Sincerely,

Kristina Lepik
Deputy Clerk/Manager, Legislative Services

Enclosure.

cc. AMO
All Ontario Municipalities



Township of Perry

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February 26, 2024

Via Email

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office
Room 281, Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford,

**RE: Request to the Province to Amend Blue Box Regulation for
'Ineligible' Sources**

At their last regular meeting on Wednesday February 21, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry supported the following:

"Resolution #2024-52

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Jim Cushman

Whereas under Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box producers are fully accountable and financially responsible for their products and packaging once they reach their end of life and are disposed of, for 'eligible' sources only;

And Whereas 'ineligible' sources which producers are not responsible for include businesses, places of worship, daycares, campgrounds, public-facing and internal areas of municipal-owned buildings, and not-for-profit organizations, such as shelters and food banks;

And Whereas should a municipality continue to provide services to the 'ineligible' sources, the municipality will be required to oversee the collection, transportation, and processing of the recycling, assuming 100% of the costs;

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue

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Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources;

And further that Council hereby request the support of all Ontario Municipalities;

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, the Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka, and to all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried."

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bm', is positioned above the typed name of the signatory.

Beth Morton
Clerk-Administrator

BM/ec

c.c. Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka
All Ontario Municipalities

April 11, 2024

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of April 9, 2024 the following resolution regarding seeking support for the Province to amend Ontario Regulation 39/121: Blue Box for 'ineligible' sources.

RESOLUTION NO. **2024-179**

DATE: **April 9, 2024**

MOVED BY: **Councillor Engelsdorfer**

SECONDED BY: **Councillor Braney**

WHEREAS under Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box producers are fully accountable and financially responsible for their products and packaging once they reach their end of life and are disposed of, for 'eligible' sources only;

WHEREAS 'ineligible' sources which producers are not responsible for include businesses, places of worship, daycares, campgrounds, public-facing and internal areas of municipal-owned buildings, and not-for-profit organizations, such as shelters and food banks

WHEREAS should a municipality continue to provide services to the 'ineligible' sources, the municipality will be required to oversee the collection, transportation, and processing of the recycling, assuming 100% of the costs;

WHEREAS Prince Edward County has approximately 600 or more "non-eligible" sources that will not be provided service from the Producer Responsibility Organization after transition begins.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Prince Edward County joins the Municipality of Chatham-Kent in their appeal to the Provincial Government to amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, Todd Smith, Bay of Quinte MPP, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the

Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, Quinte Waste Solutions, and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Engelsdorfer, and Marcia Wallace, CAO

Monday, April 8, 2024

Michael de Rond
Clerk
Town of Aurora
100 John West, Box 1000
Aurora, Ontario
L4G 6J1

SENT VIA EMAIL: mderond@aurora.ca

RE: Town of Goderich Resolution – Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Code of Conduct

Dear M. Rond,

Please be advised of the following motion passed at the Monday, March 18, 2024, Goderich Town Council Meeting:

Moved By: Councillor Thompson

Seconded By: Councillor Kelly

WHEREAS all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace;
and

WHEREAS municipal governments, as the democratic institutions most directly engaged with Ontarians need respectful discourse; and Whereas several incidents in recent years of disrespectful behaviour and workplace harassment have occurred amongst municipal members of councils across Ontario; and

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

WHEREAS municipal Codes of Conduct are helpful tools to set expectations of council member behaviour; and

WHEREAS municipal governments have limited abilities in their toolkit to adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct; and

WHEREAS the most severe penalty that can be imposed on a municipal member of council is the suspension of pay for 90 days, even when egregious acts are committed and substantiated; and

WHEREAS AMO has called on the government to table and pass legislation that reflects the following recommendations:

- 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;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Town of Goderich supports the call of action the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has submitted to the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them, in consultation with municipal governments; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That the legislation encompasses the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's letter of recommendations which includes options for enforcing compliance by council members with municipal Codes of Conduct such as;
 - 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 o Prohibit a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Hon. Lisa Thompson, MPP Huron-Bruce, and the Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and Ontario municipalities.

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CARRIED

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 519-524-8344 ext. 210 or afisher@goderich.ca.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrea Fisher".

Andrea Fisher
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
/ar

cc. Premier Doug Ford premier@ontario.ca
Hon. Paul Calandra Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org
MPP Lisa Thompson, Huron–Bruce lisa.thompsonco@pc.ola.org
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Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Matthew Pearson
Chair
Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee
71108 Morrison Line
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SENT VIA EMAIL: mpearson@bmross.net

RE: Recommended Phase-Out of Free Well Water Testing in the 2023 Auditor General's Report

Dear M. Pearson,

Please be advised of the following motion passed at the Monday, March 18, 2024, Goderich Town Council Meeting:

Moved By: Councillor Segeren
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Noel

That the Town of Goderich direct a letter to Minister Lisa Thompson requesting that the province not proceed with the recommended phase-out of free private well testing in Ontario;

And Further That area municipalities, the Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, other Source Protection Committees, and local health units be forwarded the letter and asked for their support.

CARRIED

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 519-524-8344 ext. 210 or afisher@goderich.ca.

Yours truly,



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cc. Premier Doug Ford premier@ontario.ca
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Moved by: Councillor Campbell

Resolution No.: 2024-40

Seconded by: Councillor Humphries

April 2, 2024

WHEREAS current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life;

AND WHEREAS nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year;

AND WHEREAS municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation;

AND WHEREAS unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and addressing the mental health and addictions crises;

AND WHEREAS inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity;

AND WHEREAS property taxpayers – including people on fixed incomes and small businesses – can't afford to subsidize income redistribution programs for those most in need;

AND WHEREAS the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities;

AND WHEREAS municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration;



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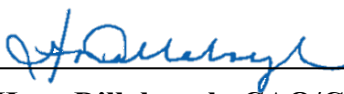
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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Horton requests the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion is sent to the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford; the MPP, John Yakabuski; and all municipalities in Ontario.

X CARRIED



Hope Dillabough, CAO/Clerk



Association of Municipalities Ontario resolutions@amo.on.ca

Hon. Doug Ford premier@ontario.ca

Hon. Todd Smith Todd.Smithco@pc.ola.org

MPP Bob Bailey bob.baileyco@pc.ola.org

municipalaffairs@enbridge.com

(sent via e-mail)

April 12th, 2024

Re: Energy Transition

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, at its meeting on April 10th, 2024, passed the following motion supporting the resolution from Terrace Bay regarding Energy Transition.

Motion #12

Moved by Councillor Mike Vasey

Seconded by Councillor Alex Boughen

That Council support correspondence item 'j' from Terrace Bay regarding Energy Transition.

Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at eflynn@plympton-wyoming.ca.

Sincerely,

Ella Flynn

Executive Assistant – Deputy Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

Cc: All regional Municipalities

Terrace Bay
Regular Council - 04 Mar 2024

Item b)

Date: March 4, 2024

CR60-2024

Moved by

Gary Adduono

Seconded by

[Signature]

WHEREAS access to natural gas is important to residents and businesses in our community for affordability and reliability

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Energy Board's (OEB) decision on Phase 1 of the Enbridge Gas 2024 rebasing application, issued on 21 December 2023, has concerning implications including putting into question the future access to natural gas that support of economic development, affordable housing growth, and energy reliability in communities such as the Township of Terrace Bay;

AND WHEREAS Ontario is growing and access to affordable energy to support this growth for homes and businesses is crucial, as is a measured approach to energy transition as not having access to natural gas will stifle economic growth and put housing and energy affordability at risk;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: THAT the Township of Terrace Bay supports a measured approach to Ontario's energy transition;

AND FURTHER, that the Municipality of ~~Tweed~~ ^{Terrace Bay} recognizes that there may not be enough electricity available to replace the energy provided by natural gas and meet the increased demand from electrification;

AND FURTHER, that natural gas must continue to play an integral role in meeting the energy needs of Ontario;

AND FURTHER, that the Municipality of ~~Tweed~~ ^{Terrace Bay} supports the work the Government of Ontario has done to date, including the Natural Gas Expansion Program and Electrification and Energy Transition Panel's call for a clear policy on the role of natural gas to secure access to affordable energy;

AND FURTHER, that this resolution be circulated to the President of AMO, Colin Best, Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Hon. Todd Smith, the Minister of Energy, Lise Vagueois, Member of Provincial Parliament for Thunder Bay - Superior North, all regional municipalities as significant actors to ensuring the need for natural gas in Ontario as part of a measured approach towards energy transition, and submitted to municipalaffairs@enbridge.com

☒ Carried

☐ Defeated

☐ Recorded Vote

Recorded Vote:

	Yes	No
Mayor Paul Malashewski		
Councillor Gary Adduono		
Councillor Chris Dube	Page 143 of 146	

Councillor Bert Johnson		
Councillor Rick St. Louis		



Mayor

April 12, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
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DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

Dear Premier Ford,

Re: Motion regarding Affordability of Water and Wastewater Rates

Please be advised that at its regular meeting of April 9, 2024, Loyalist Township Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution 2024-77

Moved by Councillor Willis
Seconded by Councillor Parks

WHEREAS a resolution passed by the County of Renfrew regarding the unaffordability of rural and small urban water and wastewater systems has been circulated to all municipalities in Ontario; and

WHEREAS due to the typical geography of rural Ontario, it is not unusual for smaller municipalities to be responsible for several treatment facilities; and

WHEREAS the costs associated with the operations, upkeep and upgrade of a number of treatment facilities and other infrastructure to meet provincial regulations in both environmental and financial planning capacities for smaller urban centers, which typically has a much lower population density per total kilometers of water and sewer as compared to larger municipalities, is a significant financial burden on system users for this essential necessity;



NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of Loyalist Township supports the County of Renfrew's request to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to examine if the unaffordability of water and wastewater system operational costs is systemic provincially and nationally;

AND THAT if the unaffordability is determined to be systemic, provincial and federal governments appropriately fund an assistance program for smaller municipalities with financial oversight of drinking water and wastewater systems;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure; the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Ric Bresee, MPP Hastings - Lennox & Addington; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Rural Ontario Municipal Association; and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Motion carried.

Sincerely,

Anne Kantharajah
Township Clerk
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cc: the Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
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Jim Hegadorn, Mayor, Loyalist Township
Rebecca Murphy, CAO, Loyalist Township
Councillor Willis, Loyalist Township
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