



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

July 19, 2024

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Subject:

FW: AMO Policy Update: AMO/OMA Resolution Campaign, SALC Regulations, and Advocacy Updates



AMO Policy Update: AMO/OMA Resolution Campaign, SALC Regulations, and Advocacy Updates

AMO/OMA Joint Resolution Campaign on Physician Shortage

Communities across Ontario have been facing critical health-care challenges, including long waitlists for primary care, shortages of doctors and other health care workers, and emergency room closures. These cracks in Ontario's health care system are impacting economic development, health, and well-being at the local level. AMO and the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) have jointly developed a council resolution ([PDF](#), [Word](#)) urging the provincial government to recognize the physician shortage in your municipality and throughout Ontario. By adopting this resolution, your municipality can play a crucial role in highlighting the urgent need for more healthcare resources and support.

Access to health services will be a key discussion at the AMO Conference in Ottawa from August 18-21. In addition to being a concurrent session on the topic, the OMA will be sponsoring the Rural Caucus Lunch on August 20 and has reserved meeting space at the Fairmont Château Laurier for both August 20 and 21 to meet directly with municipal leaders. To set up a meeting with the OMA, please reach out to Tarun.Saroya@OMA.org (Senior Advisor for Government Relations and Advocacy) to book a 15-30 minute time slot at your earliest convenience.

New Seniors Active Living Centres Act, 2017 Regulations

The [new regulation](#) under the *Seniors Active Living Centres Act, 2017* intends to improve access to the Seniors Active Living Centres (SALC) program for

underserved communities so more older Ontarians have opportunities to stay active and engaged. Municipalities play an important role in supporting SALC programs, however they may not have the budget to support the number of SALC programs needed in their community. The new regulation prescribes additional entities, and combinations of entities, that can make the required 20% funding contribution to better support underserved communities (e.g., Francophone, Indigenous, rural/remote).

The Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility worked with AMO to conduct two focus groups of municipal representatives to inform this regulation, and AMO provided a [submission](#) outlining our support for expanding the entities that can contribute to Seniors Active Living Centres. For more information about the program please contact the Seniors Policy Unit at seniorspolicyunit@ontario.ca

Update on AMO's Advocacy on Provincial Cyber Security Legislation

AMO [submitted comments](#) on Bill 194, the proposed *Strengthening Cyber Security and Building Trust in the Public Sector Act, 2024*. AMO appreciates that the province is as concerned as the municipal sector about the increased number of cyber security threats, but is concerned that a one-size-fits-all solution across the broader public sector could be challenging for municipalities to implement. We will continue to work with the province to ensure that municipal needs are reflected as cyber security regulations are brought forward.

AMO's Advocacy to the Province's Skilled Trades Special Advisor

On June 11, AMO [sent a letter](#) to the Minister of Labour, Immigration and Skills Development regarding the [recently appointed](#) Skilled Trades Special Advisor who has been given a mandate to advise the province on the needs of Ontario's workforce with a focus on manufacturing and automotive industries. AMO's letter emphasizes the urgent need to train, attract and retain workers in the construction trades so municipalities can continue to deliver growth-enabling infrastructure to support housing and economic development.

Madison Zuppa

From: Colin Best <amopresident@amo.on.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, July 3, 2024 11:27 AM
To: Madison Zuppa
Subject: AMO Advocacy on Homelessness Encampments

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AMO Advocacy on Homelessness Encampments

Dear Clerks and Heads of Council of Municipal Governments Across Ontario:

The AMO President and Board is requesting that this letter be shared with all elected council members and administrative heads (i.e., CAO, City Manager) in your municipality. Please post as an information item in your next council meeting agenda.

On behalf of its municipal members, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) is urgently calling for provincial and federal leadership and action to address the growing crisis of homelessness encampments in communities across Ontario.

On July 2nd, AMO released a new policy paper [Homeless Encampments in Ontario: A Municipal Perspective](#) detailing the state of this crisis and evidence-based actions that must be taken.

Municipal governments are at the front lines of the homelessness crisis without the resources or tools to support our residents and communities. We are asking the provincial and federal governments to work collaboratively with each other and municipalities. These are complex issues that require comprehensive responses from all orders of government working together.

For further resources and information, please visit www.amo.on.ca

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Colin Best". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

Colin Best

President, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

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FW: AMO Policy Update: New AMO Advocacy on Homelessness, Opioids, and Water Infrastructure Demonstrate the Critical Need for Social and Economic Prosperity Review



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AMO Continues to Advocate for a Social and Economic Prosperity Review

Earlier this year, AMO and nearly 100 of its members called on the provincial government to commit to a Social and Economic Prosperity Review to fix the broken provincial-municipal fiscal framework. AMO is now calling on the provincial government to commit to this joint review at the 2024 AMO Conference in August.

AMO is pleased to share new tools to support the next chapter of advocacy on this important initiative, including:

- [Updated messaging](#) highlighting the need for action on municipal fiscal sustainability to address the things Ontarians care most about – like housing affordability, healthcare, cost of living and public safety
- [A template letter](#) to provincial Ministers

We hope that you share widely and use this material to engage with fellow council members, MPPs, and community members in communicating why this challenge is urgent, province-wide, and central to Ontario's social and economic prosperity.

Call for Provincial and Federal Action on Homeless Encampments

Nowhere is the need to fix the provincial-municipal fiscal framework more clear than in responding to the homelessness crisis.

While municipalities did not create the homelessness crisis, they are being forced to manage it without the resources or tools to sufficiently respond. Municipalities are often caught balancing the important needs of unsheltered people living in encampments, who deserve to be treated with empathy and respect, and a responsibility to ensure our communities are safe and vibrant places for all residents.

To support conversations at Council, with communities, and with provincial and federal governments, AMO is pleased to share the following resources:

- [Homeless Encampments in Ontario: A Municipal Perspective](#) – This paper illustrates the complex situations municipalities are managing while calling on the provincial and federal governments for leadership and action.
- [Key messages](#) from the AMO paper to help provide context for local discussions.
- [Social media cards](#) to highlight urgent needs like provincial guidance to municipalities on how to manage encampments in an increasingly complex legal landscape.

Call for Provincial Action on the Opioid Crisis

More than 2500 Ontarians died due to opioids in 2023, in communities big and small across the province. Increasingly, divisive rhetoric is distracting from much needed government action and leadership.

AMO collaborated with key partners from the health, justice, business and social services sectors to develop [The Opioid Crisis: A Municipal Perspective](#). This paper seeks to re-focus attention on evidence-based solutions across the four pillars of prevention, treatment, enforcement and harm reduction.

Please also find attached the following resources to understand what this crisis is doing to your community and to call attention to the need to act, including:

- [Local information](#) on opioid deaths in your municipality
- [Key messages](#) from the AMO paper to help provide context for local discussions

- [Social media cards](#) to highlight the need for evidence-based solutions

Water and Wastewater Municipal Services Corporations

Over the next 10 years, Ontario's municipalities are planning to make more than \$250 billion in capital investments to support growth, and replace and renew aging assets, including water and wastewater infrastructure. What role can and should municipal services corporations for water and wastewater play in supporting growth and delivering this critical public service?

AMO and MFOA have developed a [backgrounder](#) for municipalities on municipal services corporations for water and wastewater. This municipal resource includes:

- Facts about MSCs for water and wastewater.
- The benefits, strategic considerations and risks related to governance, finance, and planning.
- Examples of four existing MSCs.

Municipal services corporations won't work for every municipality. AMO firmly believes that to make the best long-term decisions for residents, communities and the economy, decisions around delivering water and wastewater through a municipal services corporation should be led by the municipal sector.

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Board of Health Meeting

MINUTES

Wednesday April 24, 2024 - 5:00 pm

SSM Algoma Community Room | Videoconference

BOARD MEMBERS

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

APH MEMBERS

Dr. John Harding - Public Health Physician
Rick Webb - Director of Corporate Services / Acting CEO
Kristy Harper - Director of Health Promotion & Chief Nursing Officer
Leo Vecchio - Manager of Communications
Leslie Dunseath - Manager of Accounting Services
Tania Caputo - Board Secretary

GUESTS: Eric Pino, Chris Pomeroy - KPMG

REGRETS: Julila Hemphill, Sonia Tassone

1.0 Meeting Called to Order

S. Hagman, welcomed the Board of Health members, read the land acknowledgment, roll call and declaration of interest.

- a. **Land Acknowledgment**
- b. **Roll Call**
- c. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**
No conflicts were declared.

2.0 Adoption of Agenda

RESOLUTION
2024-52

Moved: L. Morrisette
Seconded: S. Trivers

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

CARRIED

3.0 Delegations / Presentations

- a. **Communication Analytics**
L. Vecchio provided an overview of analytics of our online communication opportunities. He spoke about APH communications reflecting local needs, utilizing a variety of communication modalities to ensure effectiveness, taking advantage of existing resources where possible, and complementing national and provincial health communications strategies.

4.0 In-Camera 5:30 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
2024-53

Moved: S. Trivers
Seconded: S. Shoemaker

THAT the Board of Health go in-camera.

CARRIED

5.0 Open Meeting - 6:41 pm

Resolutions resulting from in-camera meeting.

APH Audited Financial Statements

RESOLUTION
2024-56

Moved: L. Morrisette
Seconded: D. McConnell

THAT the Board of Health approves the APH Audited Financial Statements for the period ending December 31, 2023.

CARRIED

APH Audit Findings Report

RESOLUTION
2024-57

Moved: J. Wildman
Seconded: S. Trivers

THAT the Board of Health has reviewed and accepts the Audit Findings Report as presented.

CARRIED

CEO Compensation

L. Dunseath responded to a question about the average increase in this situation noting that the decision is below the average rate.

RESOLUTION
2024-58

Moved: M. Shoemaker
Seconded: D. Graystone

THAT The Board of Health approves that the Director of Corporate Services will receive a 20% incremental increase for assuming the role of Acting CEO during the approximately six-week period of absence of both the permanent MOH/CEO and the AMOH.

CARRIED

6.0 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

RESOLUTION
2024-59

Moved: L. O'Neill
Seconded: J. Wildman

THAT the Board of Health meeting minutes dated March 27, 2024, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

7.0 Business Arising from Minutes

Not applicable.

8.0 Reports to the Board

a. Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer Reports

- i. MOH Report - April 2024
 - Healthy Babies Healthy Children (HBHC) Program
 - Energy Efficiency Projects

R. Webb provided updates on Truth and Reconciliation Action Committee, as well as information on new training for staff, including mental health supports in partnership with the Canadian Mental Health Association. He spoke about engaging with a local firm to conduct a space study to understand our needs in the SSM office. Rick also spoke about engagement in an energy and conservation demand management plan, and conducting a study of our greenhouse gas emissions.

RESOLUTION
2024-60

Moved: L. Morrisette
Seconded: D. Graystone

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

CARRIED

b. Finance and Audit

i. Unaudited Financial Statements ending February 29, 2024.

L. Dunseath provided a summary of the financial statements. Discussion about Healthy Babies, Healthy Children (HBHC) prompted a request for additional information to be provided at the May meeting.

**RESOLUTION
2024-61**

Moved: L. Morrisette
Seconded: S. Trivers

THAT the Board of Health approves the Unaudited Financial Statements for the period ending January 31, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED

9.0 New Business/General Business

a. Briefing Note - Local, Provincial and Federal Restrictions on Nicotine Pouches.

K. Harper presented the briefing note and along with Dr. John Harding provided additional information regarding the danger of these products.

**RESOLUTION
2024-62**

Moved: L. O'Neill
Seconded: D. McConnell

Whereas, nicotine pouches have been approved for sale by Health Canada under the Natural Health Products Regulations, currently being sold by Imperial Tobacco Canada since October 2023; and

Whereas, nicotine pouches do not fall under the federal Tobacco and Vaping Products Act (TVPA) or provincial Smoke Free Ontario Act (SFOA) 2017, and therefore are not regulated under provincial or federal tobacco laws; and

Whereas, the ways in which nicotine pouches are packaged, flavoured, displayed, and promoted make them appealing to youth; and

Whereas, nicotine use poses risks to youth, it is highly addictive and harmful to the developing brain; and

Whereas, Health Canada has identified a regulatory gap and provided a notice of intent to address this gap over concerns of the risks to youth and young adults; and

Whereas, Health Canada has identified a regulatory gap and provided a notice of intent to address this gap over concerns of the risks to youth and young adults; and

Therefore be it resolved that the Board of Health of Algoma Public Health send a letter to Minister of Health of Canada, calling on Health Canada to close the regulatory gaps that allow 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

Be it further resolved that the Board of Health of Algoma Public Health send a letter to the Minister of Health of Ontario, calling on the provincial government to 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.

Be it further resolved that these letters be shared with other Ontario Public Health units.

CARRIED

10.0 Correspondence - requiring action

Not applicable.

11.0 Correspondence - for information

a. alPHa Information Break - April 2024

b. 2023 Chief Medical Officer of Health Annual Report

- c. 2024 alPHa Conference - Please advise the Board Secretary if you would like to attend.
 - d. Letter from Canadian Ukrainian Logistics Division (CULD) to Algoma Public Health regarding the donation of equipment dated April 2024.
- R. Webb provided a list of items scheduled for disposal that were able to be donated instead. A policy exists that relates to asset disposal and will be reviewed at the May Governance Committee meeting to ensure it corresponds with the Board policy.

12.0 Addendum

A resolution from the Municipality of Wawa regarding the Thunder Bay Screen for Life Coach that will no longer be providing service and request that the Ministry of Health fund a pop-up cancer screening clinic in Wawa to provide necessary testing services for eligible patients until such time that services resume. Dated April 16, 2024

13.0 Announcements / Next Committee Meetings:

Governance Committee

Wednesday, May 8, 2024 @ 5:00 pm
SSM Algoma Community Room | Video Conference

Board of Health

Wednesday, May 22, 2024 @ 5:00 pm
SSM Algoma Community Room | Video Conference

Finance & Audit Committee

Wednesday, June 12, 2024 @ 5:00 pm
SSM Algoma Community Room | Video Conference

14.0 Evaluation

Not applicable.

15.0 Adjournment - 7:26 pm

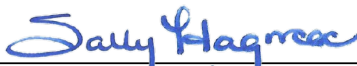
RESOLUTION

2024-63

Moved: M. Shoemaker

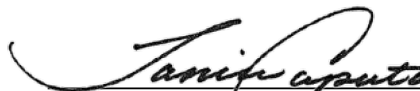
Seconded: D. McConnell

THAT the Board of Health meeting adjourns.


Sally Hagman, BOH Chair

May 22, 2024

Date


Tania Caputo, BOH Secretary

May 22, 2024

Date

Board of Health Meeting
MINUTES
Wednesday May 22, 2024 - 5:00 pm
SSM Algoma Community Room | Videoconference

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Deborah Graystone
Sally Hagman - Chair
Julila Hemphill
Luc Morrisette - 1st Vice-Chair
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Leo Vecchio - Manager of Communications
Leslie Dunseath - Manager of Accounting Services
Tania Caputo - Board Secretary

REGRETS: Donald McConnell - 2nd Vice-Chair

GUESTS: Carla Breton - Manager of Human Resources

1.0 Meeting Called to Order

S. Hagman, welcomed the Board of Health members, read the land acknowledgment, roll call and declaration of conflict of interest.

a. Land Acknowledgment

b. Roll Call

c. Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

- S. Tassone declared a conflict of interest with item 14.a.

2.0 Adoption of Agenda

RESOLUTION

2024-64

Moved: D. Graystone

Seconded: S. Tassone

THAT the Board of Health agenda dated May 22, 2024 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3.0 Delegations / Presentations

a. Public Health Nursing Practice

K. Harper, Director of Health Promotion and Chief Nursing Officer at APH, presented on the unique role of public health nursing practice. She discussed the specific competencies of public health nursing and the workforce at APH, as well as the support structures in place for nursing practice and examples of public health nursing in action.

4.0 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

RESOLUTION

2024-65

Moved: S. Trivers

Seconded: L. Morrisette

THAT the Board of Health meeting minutes dated April 24, 2024, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

7.0 Business Arising from Minutes

- a.** K. Harper provided history on the **Healthy Babies Healthy Children Program**. The HBHC program has been funded at 100% since 1997, but the budget has not kept up with inflation, leading to capacity challenges. Advocacy for increased funding is ongoing. The program requires substantial resources for home visits and travel. Data shows a decline in live births in Algoma since 2013, while early childhood screening rates have remained stable. An updated Community Health Profile is underway.

8.0 Reports to the Board

a. Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer Reports

i. MOH Report - May 2024

- Indigenous Engagement Update

In J. Tuinema's summary he noted that APH received the Outstanding Business Achievement Award for Diversity from the Sault Ste. Marie Chamber of Commerce. We have conducted training sessions and are implementing new policies to promote inclusivity. Our work regarding diversity, equity, and inclusion continues in alignment with our strategic directions.

RESOLUTION**2024-66****Moved:** L. Morrisette**Seconded:** L. O'Neill

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

CARRIED

b. Finance and Audit

i. Unaudited Financial Statements ending March 31, 2024

RESOLUTION**2024-67****Moved:** D. Graystone**Seconded:** S. Tassone

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

CARRIED

c. Governance

i. Governance Committee Chair Report

RESOLUTION**2024-68****Moved:** S. Tassone**Seconded:** L. Morrisette

THAT the Governance Committee Chair Report for May 8, 2024 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

ii. Policy 02-05-020 Travel Policy - Deferred

Staff will review this policy, specifically regarding the authority for travel for the Medical Officer of Health and the Board Chair. The policy will be brought back to the September 2024 Governance Committee Meeting for discussion.

iii. Policy 02-05-088 Stakeholder Communications

RESOLUTION**2024-69****Moved:** D. Graystone**Seconded:** S. Tassone

THAT the Board of Health approve **Policy 02-05-088 Stakeholder Communications** as presented.

CARRIED

iv. Policy 02-05-015 Conflict of Interest

RESOLUTION**2024-70****Moved:** S. Tassone**Seconded:** L. O'Neill

THAT the Board of Health approve **Policy 02-05-015 Conflict of Interest** as presented.

CARRIED

v. Policy 02-05-025 Board Member Remuneration

RESOLUTION**2024-71****Moved:** L. Morrisette**Seconded:** S. Tassone

THAT the Board of Health for approve **Policy 02-05-025 Board Member Remuneration** as presented.

CARRIED

vi. 02-04-030 Procurement Policy - Disposal of assets discussion

The Governance Committee reviewed the Board policy on disposal of surplus goods. Section 9.3 outlines a five-part method for disposal. The Committee confirmed that this policy was followed for the donation of outdated equipment mentioned in a letter from CULD to Algoma Public Health dated April 2024.

9.0 New Business/General Business

Not applicable.

10.0 Correspondence - requiring action

Not applicable.

11.0 Correspondence - for information

- a. alPHa Information Break - May 2024
- b. Letter to the Premier of Ontario, from APH Board of Health regarding Household Food Insecurity dated May 21, 2024.
- c. Letter to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Health , Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions from APH Board of Health regarding Commitment to Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention dated May 21, 2024
- d. Letter to the Minister of Health, Ontario and the Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions Ontario from APH Board of Health regarding Safeguarding our Youth from Nicotine Addiction dated May 21, 2024
- e. Letter to the Minister of Health from APH Board of Health regarding Safeguarding our Youth from Nicotine Addiction dated May 21, 2024

12.0 Addendum

Not applicable.

13.0 In-Camera - 6:41 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
2024-72**

Moved: D. Graystone

Seconded: S. Tassone

THAT the Board of Health go in-camera.

CARRIED

14.0 Open Meeting - 7:01 pm

Resolutions resulting from in-camera meeting:

a. RFP for IT Managed Service Provider

Due to a declared conflict of interest, S. Tassone left the meeting room for the in-camera and open meeting discussion on this matter.

**RESOLUTION
2024-76**

Moved: M. Shoemaker

Seconded: S. Trivers

THAT the terms of the contract proposal by MicroAge be approved by the Board of Health.

CARRIED

b. Briefing Note - CUPE Collective Agreement Settlement and BoH Ratification

**RESOLUTION
2024-77**

Moved: L. Morrisette

Seconded: J. Wildman

THAT the Board of Health ratify the 2024-2027 CUPE Collective Agreement.

CARRIED

c. Briefing Note - Leadership Compensation

RESOLUTION

2024-78

Moved: S. Tassone

Seconded: L. O'Neill

THAT the compensation adjustment for the year 2024-25 for these two groups mirror that proposed within the CUPE tentative collective agreement.

- April 1, 2024 - 2 % increase
- September 30, 2024 - 1 % increase

Note: The benefits plans are different amongst all three groups (CUPE, Non-Union, Leadership) and any benefit enhancements will not exceed the percentage allocation of benefits as awarded to CUPE (.08% of benefit costs)

CARRIED

15.0 Announcements / Next Committee Meetings:

Finance & Audit Committee

Wednesday, June 12, 2024 @ 5:00 pm

SSM Algoma Community Room | Video Conference

Board of Health

Wednesday, June 26, 2024 @ 5:00 pm

SSM Algoma Community Room | Video Conference

16.0 Evaluation

The Board Secretary will send the meeting evaluation.

17.0 Adjournment - 7:04 pm

RESOLUTION

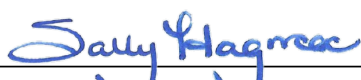
2024-79

Moved: D. Graystone

Seconded: S. Tassone

THAT the Board of Health meeting adjourns.

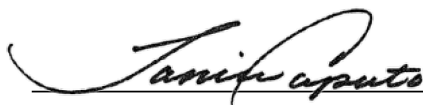
CARRIED



Sally Hagman, Chair

June 26, 2024

Date



Tania Caputo, Secretary

June 26, 2024

Date



June 26, 2024

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Algoma Community Room / Videoconference

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Meeting Book - June 26, 2024, Board of Health Meeting

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Board of Health Meeting AGENDA

Wednesday June 26, 2024 - 5:00 pm
SSM Algoma Community Room | Videoconference

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Leo Vecchio - Manager of Communications
Leslie Dunseath - Manager of Accounting Services
Tania Caputo - Board Secretary

GUESTS: Nicole Lindahl - Manager of Emergency Preparedness and Response
Joesph Clark – Blackstone Energy and Trevor Rising – APH Engineer Consultant (in-camera presentation)

- 1.0 Meeting Called to Order** *S. Hagman*
a. Land Acknowledgment
b. Roll Call
c. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

- 2.0 Adoption of Agenda** *S. Hagman*
RESOLUTION
 THAT the Board of Health agenda dated June 26, 2024 be approved as presented.

- 3.0 Delegations / Presentations**
a. Public Health Emergency Management *N. Lindahl*

- 4.0 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting** *S. Hagman*
RESOLUTION
 THAT the Board of Health meeting minutes dated May 22, 2024, be approved as presented.

7.0 Business Arising from Minutes

- 8.0 Reports to the Board** *J. Tuinema*
a. Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer Reports
i. MOH Report - June 2024
 • APH Annual Report

RESOLUTION

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

- b. Finance and Audit**
i. Finance and Audit Committee Chair Report *L. Morrisette*

RESOLUTION

THAT the Board of Health accepts the Finance and Audit Committee Chair Report as presented.

ii. **Unaudited Financial Statements ending April 30, 2024**

RESOLUTION

THAT the Board of Health approves the Unaudited Financial Statements for the period ending April 30, 2024, as presented. *L. Morrisette*

9.0 New Business/General Business *S. Hagman*

10.0 Correspondence - requiring action *S. Hagman*

11.0 Correspondence - for information

- a. alPHa Information Break - June 2024 *S. Hagman*
- b. alPHa Conference Report - June *D. McConnell*

12.0 Addendum *S. Hagman*

13.0 In-Camera *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.

RESOLUTION

THAT the Board of Health go in-camera.

14.0 Open Meeting *S. Hagman*

Resolutions resulting from in-camera meeting.

15.0 Announcements / Next Committee Meetings: *S. Hagman*

Governance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 11, 2024 @ 5:00 pm
SSM Algoma Community Room | Video Conference

Board of Health

Wednesday, September 25, 2024 @ 5:00 pm
SSM Algoma Community Room | Video Conference

16.0 Evaluation - Annual *S. Hagman*

17.0 Adjournment *S. Hagman*

RESOLUTION

THAT the Board of Health meeting adjourns.

Public Health Emergency Management

Presenter: Nicole Lindahl

Date: June 26, 2024

Overview

- Emergency Management
- Components of Emergency Management Programs
- Public Health and Emergency Management

Strategic Directions



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



Improve the impact and effectiveness of Algoma Public Health programs.



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

Ontario Public Health Standards

Emergency Management

Emergencies can occur anywhere and at any time. Boards of health regularly experience new and emerging events ranging from infectious diseases such as SARS, the H1N1 influenza pandemic, and Ebola virus disease to extreme weather events and environmental hazards such as flooding and forest fires.

Effective emergency management ensures that boards of health are ready to cope with and recover from threats to public health or disruptions to public health programs and services. This is done through a range of activities carried out in coordination with other community partners.

This planning, and its associated activities, is a critical role in strengthening the overall resilience of boards of health and the broader health system. Ministry policy and expectations to support a ready and resilient health system will be outlined separately.

Goal

To enable consistent and effective management of emergency situations.

Program Outcome

- The board of health is ready to respond to and recover from new and emerging events and/or emergencies with public health impacts.

Requirement

1. The board of health shall effectively prepare for emergencies to ensure 24/7 timely, integrated, safe, and effective response to, and recovery from emergencies with public health impacts, in accordance with ministry policy and guidelines.⁵

Emergency Management Guideline, 2024

Ministry of Health
Effective: February, 2024

ISBN 978-1-4868-7720-1(PDF)
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Citation: Ontario. Ministry of Health. Emergency Management Guideline, 2024. Toronto, ON: King's Printer for Ontario, 2024.

Ontario



Emergency Management

- The ultimate purpose of emergency management is to **save lives**, **preserve the environment** and **protect property** and the **economy**.
- The protection of life is of paramount importance.



Emergency Management in Ontario

In Ontario, municipal and ministry Emergency Management Programs are legislated by the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA)¹.

Emergency Management Ontario (EMO) coordinates emergency management programs in the province and ensures the implementation in all municipalities and provincial ministries².

1. Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.9 (2023).

2. Emergency Management Ontario. 2024. Emergency management in Ontario. <https://www.ontario.ca/page/emergency-management-ontario>

Emergency Management Programs

Public Health

Public health emergency management programs must be built to:

- respond to disruptions and emergencies that may affect the health of the public, and/or
- respond to disruptions and emergencies that may affect day-to-day operations of the public health unit, and
- align with municipal, provincial, and health sector partner programs.

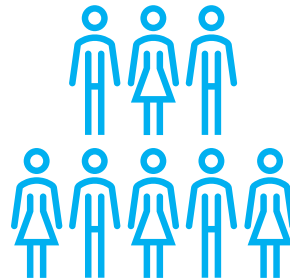
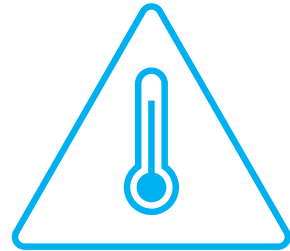
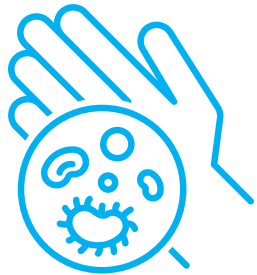
Emergency Management Programs

Algoma Public Health

- The Emergency Management Program is part of **Foundations and Strategic Support Team (FASST)**.
- As a foundational standard, emergency management should be incorporated into every aspect of public health policy and programming.
- Algoma Public Health's emergency management program spans the entire emergency management cycle (**prevention**, **mitigation**, **preparedness**, **response**, and **recovery**).

Emergency Management Programs

Algoma Public Health - Preparedness



- Planning
 - Hazard Identification Risk Assessment (HIRA)
 - Emergency Response Plan (ERP)
 - Continuity of operation and surge planning
- Training
 - Capacity building

Emergency Management Programs

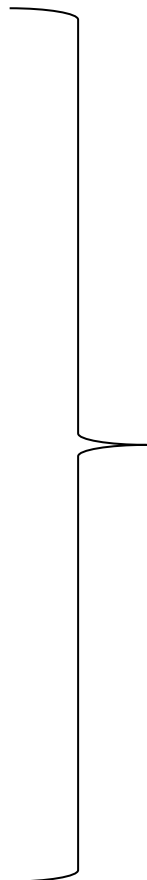
Algoma Public Health - Preparedness



- Exercises
 - Internal
 - Municipal & Partner
 - Provincial
- Collaboration

Emergency Management Programs

Preparedness & Response - Community Engagement & Collaboration



Health sector	Long term care homes	Retirement homes	First responder agencies
Enforcement agencies	Municipalities	First Nation, Métis, and Inuit partners	Childcare settings
Primary, secondary, and post-secondary schools	Workplaces	Community organizations	Congregate living settings
Priority populations	Social services	Air and land border agencies	Correctional facilities
	Emergency management organizations	Provincial organizations or agencies	

Emergency Management Programs

Algoma Public Health - Response



- Incident Response
 - Incidents with public health impacts
 - Incidents impacting operation of APH

Emergency Management Programs

Algoma Public Health - Response

- Emergency Operations Centre
- 24/7 on call program
- Evaluation
 - Debrief/After-Action Review



Next Steps

- Recommendation implementation
- Implementing the new Emergency Management Guideline
- Building and maintaining partnerships in the community
- Continuing to prepare for and respond to incidents with public health impacts





Questions?

Chi-Miigwech. Merci. Thank You.



Algoma
PUBLIC HEALTH
Santé publique Algoma

June 26, 2024

Report of the

Medical Officer of Health / CEO

Prepared by:
Dr. John Tuinema and the
Leadership Team

Presented to:
Algoma Public Health Board of Health

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APH AT-A-GLANCE

Annual Report

We are very pleased to provide both the Board of Health and the public with our annual report for 2023. This report highlights work that we have done in 2023 throughout our communities. Although it is not inclusive of everything we do, we hope that these highlights demonstrate the breadth and depth of the activities we engage in to protect and promote the health of everyone in Algoma. This year's theme is 'Back to Basics'. The global pandemic put a pause on much of public health's important work, which has been an unfortunate setback. 2023 was a year of recovery and reinvigoration as we returned to much of the core work of public health that could not be addressed due to the COVID-19 response. The program data in this report is from 2023, so they do not represent the full scope of our recovery as we enter the second half of 2024, but the early progress is evident and will continue to improve dramatically throughout 2024 and beyond.

Community Health Profile

APH is also getting closer to finalizing the much-awaited Community Health Profile (CHP). This profile will highlight the significant health trends and data for Algoma to help inform planning and action both within APH and for community partners. It is expected to be completed this summer, and we are currently organizing a launch event to kick off the knowledge dissemination phase of the CHP project.

OPHS Review

One pillar of Ontario's plan to strengthen public health is a review of the Ontario Public Health Standards (OPHS). This review is underway, and local public health agencies are being consulted for feedback on one draft OPHS document and 14 draft protocols. After significant review, we submitted our feedback to the ministry and will continue to participate in the ongoing evolution of the OPHS.

Back to Basics

Public Health at Work in Algoma
2023 Report to the Community

A Message from the Board of Health Chair

In 2023, we transitioned from our emergency response to the COVID-19 global pandemic and refocused on restoring our core public health work. This includes population health assessment, health surveillance, health protection, disease and injury prevention, health promotion, as well as emergency preparedness and response.

This report to the community incorporates a public health balanced scorecard approach to capture the work of our programs as we prioritize the health needs of our community. A balanced scorecard approach helps us monitor our programs in four key areas: health status, community engagement, resources and services, and system integration and responsiveness. By using this structured approach, we can effectively measure our progress, identify areas for prioritization, development and improvement, and make informed decisions to grow our workforce, advance partnerships and ultimately enhance health outcomes for everyone in our community.

One highlight from 2023 was our collaboration with Indigenous partners to create a more welcoming, safer, and more culturally humble environment. We included Anishinaabemowin and Illilimowin on our external signage to show respect for the original languages of this land, helping Indigenous clients feel more comfortable accessing public health services. This effort is part of APH's broader Indigenous engagement strategy, focusing on Respect, Commitment, Trust, and Self-Determination, all aimed at the shared goal of Truth and Reconciliation.

This report showcases the breadth of the work we do across the Algoma region to promote and protect community health. As we get back to basics, we remain steadfast in our vision: health for all, together.

Sally Hagman

Chair, Board of Health

Dr. Jennifer Loo

Medical Officer of Health/CEO

2023 Board of Health

Member	Approved By
Sally Hagman (Chair)	Township of Blind River, Township of Spanish, Township of North Shore
Luc Morrisette (1st Vice-Chair / Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee)	City of Elliot Lake
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Julila Hemphill	The Municipality of Wawa, Township of White River, Township of Dubreuville
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Healthy Growth and Development

GOAL: To achieve optimal preconception, pregnancy, newborn, child, youth, parental, and family health.

- Mental health concerns during and post-pregnancy have been increasing in Algoma.
- Alcohol and tobacco use during pregnancy has declined, but gestational cannabis and drug use has risen in the last two years.
- APH works to provide parenting supports and promote resilience and optimal early childhood growth and development.
- Across the program area, there are public health nurses, a registered practical nurse, family support workers, a health promotion specialist and clerical support.



824

live births across
Algoma



47.7

pregnancies per 1,000
females aged 15-49



6.7

deaths per 1,000 live
births



592

calls to consenting new
moms within 48 hours
of new baby being born
across Algoma



198

home visits across
Algoma



89

Healthy Babies Healthy
Children families
who receive ongoing
support



17

community partners that APH
collaborates with to deliver the
Community Action Program
for Children and the Canadian
Prenatal Nutrition Program to
improve the health of pregnant
individuals and support
equitable health outcomes



109

community members
enrolled in the Canada
Prenatal Nutrition
Program

17

Canada Action Program
for Children delivered



13

health equity
focused community
partnerships/outreach
to decrease health
inequities in priority
populations



17

parenting classes
delivered



56

visits with EarlyON
Centres to support
programs



3

community partnership
agreements



6

needs assessments
to engage the public
and partners on future
supports for parents/
caregivers

Healthy Growth and Development

Re-engagement of the Sault Ste Marie and Algoma Child and Family Network Planning Action Table

APH serves as one of the chairs of the Planning Action Table, that brings together **20** community agencies across Algoma that work with children and families to:

1. serve as the reference group for children's issues
2. create an integrated system of support services informed by community and parent engagement
3. enhance existing services and innovative approaches to support healthy child development, early learning and care.

Childcare

- All Star Children's Services
- Elliot Lake Child and Family Centre EarlyON (All Star)
- Blind River EarlyON Child and Family Centre (All Star)
- EarlyON Prince Centre
- Superior Children's Centre/ EarlyON (Wawa)
- Child Care Algoma/EarlyON

Education

- Algoma District School Board (ADSB)
- Conseil Scolaire Public du Grand Nord de l'Ontario
- Conseil Scolaire Catholique Nouvelon
- Huron Superior Catholic District School Board (HSCDSB)

Indigenous

- Nogdawindamin
- Metis Nation of Ontario
- Sault Ste. Marie Indigenous Friendship Centre/EarlyON (SSM IFC)

Municipal

- District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administrative Board
- Sault Ste. Marie Public Library
- Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre
- Algoma District Services Administrative Board

Community Services

- Algoma Family Services
- Community Living Algoma (CLA)
- THRIVE

Health

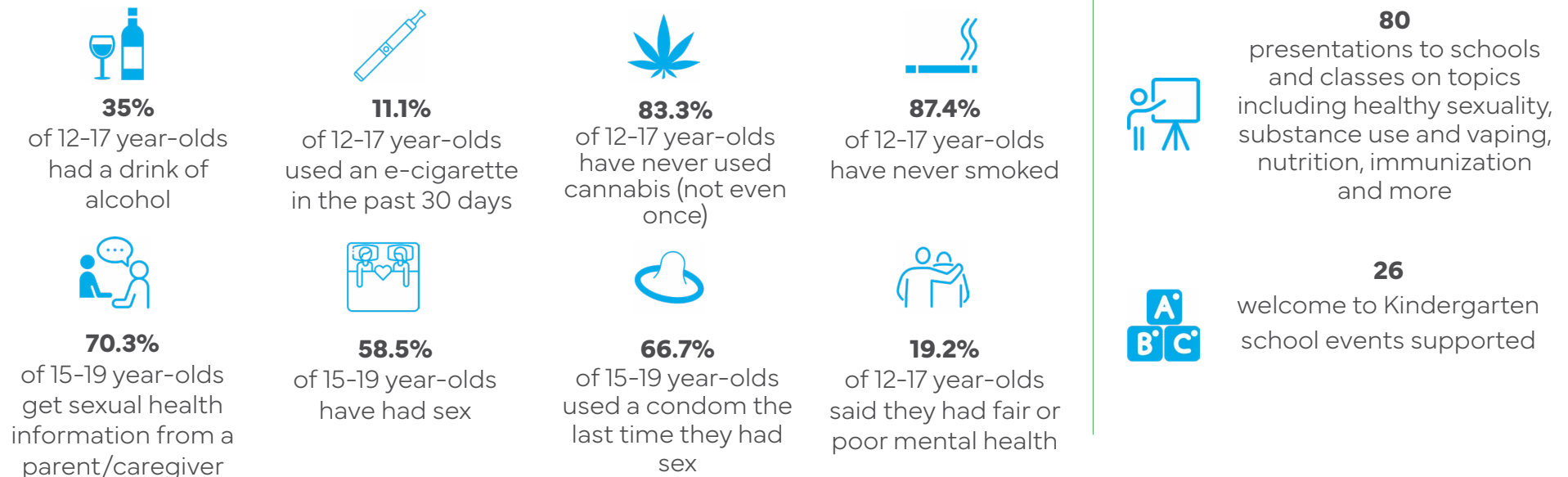
- Algoma Public Health

School Health

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

- APH works to support school communities including parents, schools, school boards, students, and educators in achieving comprehensive school health with a focus on food and nutrition, healthy sexuality, substance use, mental health and resiliency and vaccine confidence
- Across the program area, there are public health nurses, a registered dietitian, a health promotion specialist and clerical support.

Child and youth self reported health behaviours in Algoma



Algoma Youth Wellness Hub (AYWH)



Algoma Public Health has been participating in Algoma Youth Wellness Hub partnership meetings since August 2022. In December 2023, the hub opened its Dennis Street site to youth aged 12 to 25. Staff from School Health and Community Wellness sit on the AYWH Action Team where we are working together to determine how to best support the youth in our community through this initiative.

School Health

Coverage rates for school immunizations (2022-2023 school year). Catch-up clinics continue into 2024.

12-year olds



17-year olds



101

immunization clinics offered in schools across Algoma



6,115

vaccines given in school immunization clinics

Coordination of the Northern Fruit and Vegetable Program



The Northern Fruit and Vegetable Program is a collaborative effort across Northern Ontario. The program provides a minimum of two servings of Ontario grown vegetable and fruits per week from January to June to all elementary students.



Elementary schools participating: **52**
Number of students receiving fruits and vegetables in school two times a week across Algoma: **10,951**
Number of weeks offered in schools: **20**

Relationship with schools

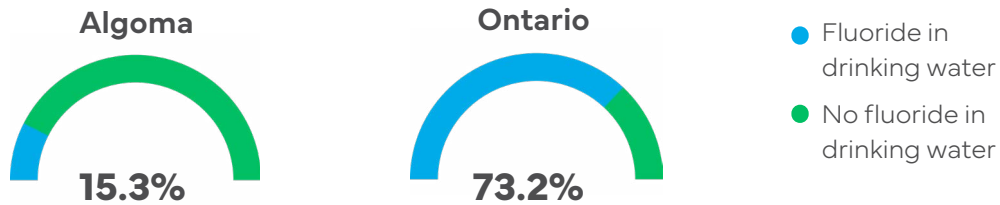
Our relationship with the school communities is a vital characteristic of the School Health program. Public Health Nurses have alignments with each school board and school across the district. We collaborate with these partners to reach the shared goal of improving the health of children and youth through the school setting.

Oral Health

GOAL: To achieve optimal oral health in school-aged children and seniors and reduce the burden of chronic disease.

- Two in every 5 students entering school in Algoma, has current or a history of tooth decay.
- Only 3 in 10 senior residents in Algoma reported having dental insurance coverage.
- APH works to ensure school-aged children and older adults across Algoma have good oral health.
- Across the program area there are registered dental hygienists, dental health educators and clerical support.

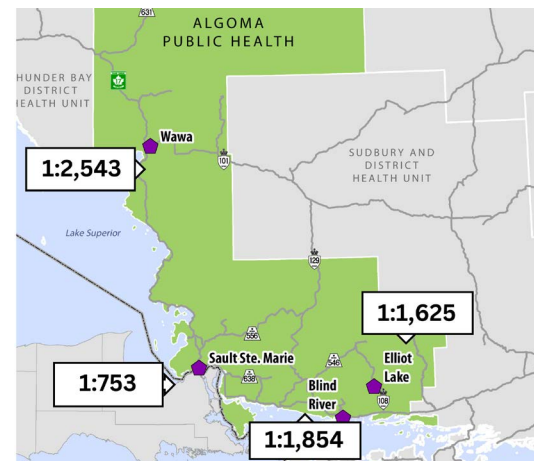
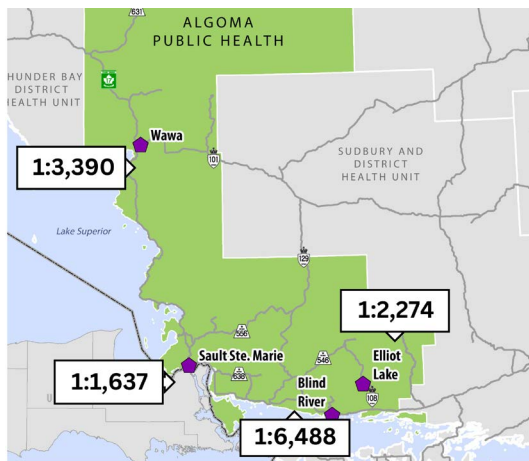
Community Water Fluoridation



In Algoma, Blind River, Elliot Lake and Wawa have access to community water fluoridation (**15.3%** of the population) compared to **73.2%** of Ontarians who benefit from fluoridated water.

In Algoma, on average, there is one dentist for **1,961.4 people**, compared to Ontario where there is one dentist for every **1,230 people**.

In Algoma, on average, there is one registered dental hygienist for every **930 people** compared to Ontario where there is one dental hygienist for every **1,028 people**.



Oral Health



52

elementary schools across the district partner with APH, leading to the successful dental screening of 100% of elementary schools in Algoma



4,312

children had dental screening in a school setting.

Central and East Algoma: 254
Elliot Lake: 192
Sault Ste. Marie: 3,200
North Algoma: 283



165

children enrolled in the Healthy Smiles Ontario (HSO) through school screenings. HSO provides oral health coverage for eligible children



1,038

community members supported with oral health information and system navigation

Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program (OSDCP)



654

seniors accessed care through the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program



197

community members received dentures.

Elliot Lake: 90
Sault Ste. Marie: 104
Wawa: 3



Photo: l - r, Dennis Delguidice, APH dental hygienist

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Being on this program has motivated me with my oral health.

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- Dennis Delguidice
(OSDCP client)

Partnership: Garden River Wellness Centre



Algoma Public Health partners with Garden River Wellness Centre to offer the Children's Oral Health Initiative (COHI). This program offers free, preventative, oral health services and education to children up to 8 years of age; their caregivers; and pregnant people in the community. Services provided by COHI help parents and children learn healthy oral health habits and reduce tooth decay.

Immunization

GOAL: To reduce or eliminate the burden of vaccine preventable diseases through immunization.

- COVID affected coverage rates for childhood immunizations due to interruption of health services and APH continues to support catch up of these vaccines.
- The immunization program at APH works to ensure vaccines in Algoma are safe and effective, that there is high uptake of vaccines in Algoma residents, including priority populations particularly impacted by vaccine preventable disease
- Across the program area, there are public health nurses and clerical support.

Coverage rates for childhood immunizations (7 year olds, 2022-2023 school year) and priority populations



37.4%
Diphtheria,
tetanus, and
pertussis
(DTaP)



37.7%
Polio



38.8%
Mumps



38.8%
Measles



88.2%
Rubella



36.3%
Varicella

● Immunized ● Not immunized



95.5%
of Long-Term Care (LTC)
eligible residents received a fall
COVID-19 vaccine



44.1%
of hospital staff received the flu
vaccine



48.8%
of LTC staff received the flu
vaccine



85
fridge inspections for partners
in Algoma ensure that vaccines
for the community are kept at
the right temperatures



32
pharmacies that participate
in Universal Influenza
Immunization Program
coordinated by APH
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18,000
doses of flu vaccine distributed
1,126
doses of respiratory syncytial
virus (RSV) distributed

Health Protection

Immunization

2023

78 doses of rabies vaccine released



As situations arise, APH works with health partners to protect community members from rabies by releasing vaccine when needed. In the past year, the majority of rabies vaccine was released to be administered to community members following animal bites. The immunization program collaborated closely with public health inspectors to manage these cases effectively. Additionally, some individuals received vaccinations due to occupational requirements or as a precaution for travel, work, or volunteer activities.

10 clinics held in community settings or communities with no APH office

- White River
- Dubreuilville
- Spanish
- St. Joseph Island
- Desbarats
- Thessalon
- Iron Bridge
- Mennonite community (3x)

Partners we work with

- Physicians
- Public Hospitals
- Long-Term Care Facilities
- Retirement Homes
- Health Care Agencies
- Workplaces (Occupational Health)
- First Nations Partners
- Mennonite & Amish Partners
- Correctional Facilities
- Youth Justice Facilities
- Pharmacies
- Municipalities

Immunization School Pupils Act



For the first time in many years, the immunization program has issued notices regarding Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA).

This process was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Initially over 5000 students records were not reported or up-to-date with ISPA requirements.

During the 2022-2023 school year, efforts to obtain records and provide catch up vaccination appointments to thousands of students in Algoma were instated to help make the school environment safer, protecting children from outbreaks due to vaccine preventable diseases. Catch-up clinics continue into 2024.

Adverse Events Following Immunization

To ensure the safety of vaccines, we continually monitor and review any reported adverse events. These reports are reviewed by Public Health Nurses, Medical Officer of Health, Associate Medical Officer of Health and then forwarded to Public Health Ontario.

Based on the review, we provide personalized recommendations to clients on how to proceed with their immunizations.

Chronic Disease Prevention and Well-being

GOAL: To reduce the burden of chronic diseases of public health importance and improve well-being.

- Vegetable and fruit consumption is declining, with only **21.7%** of people in Algoma 12 years old and over consuming vegetables and fruit 5 times a day.
- In Algoma, **52%** of adults 18 and older meet the Canadian Physical Activity Guideline.
- APH works to promote environments that support active living and opportunities for an active life style; and ensure access to safe, affordable and nutritious food across, supporting healthy relationships with food across the lifespan.
- Across this program there are public health nurses , a registered dietitian, a health promotion specialist and clerical support.



7.5%

of 3-17 year olds use active transportation

42.4%

of 18-65 year olds use active transportation



19.4%

of Algoma residents are food insecure

(do not have access to food due to financial constraints)

Measuring Food Affordability in Algoma

Each year, Algoma Public Health conducts the Ontario Nutritious Food Basket (NFB) survey to determine the cost of healthy eating for families and individuals in Algoma.

The 2023 NFB data indicates that the estimated monthly cost of eating for a single individual is **\$423.32** and the estimated monthly cost to feed a sample family of four is **\$1,180.92.**



1

Board of Health resolution issued to support income-based policies to reduce household food insecurity



2

public reports released: Community Partner Interview Report and Food Insecurity Infographic



10

municipalities across Algoma were consulted regarding updates and revisions of their municipal official plans to include "healthy built environment friendly" approaches



12

local, provincial and regional committees to promote community well-being

Chronic Disease Prevention and Well-being

The Community Project Interview

33 community partners from across Algoma to identify current barriers and facilitators (factors that make change easier) that community members face to improve healthy eating and active living (HEAL) behaviours.

Results from this Community Partner Interview Project reinforced the need for public health to work collaboratively with multiple sectors and groups to address the social determinants of health and create supportive environments that make the healthy choice the easy choice.

3 barriers to improving HEAL behaviours identified



Lack of access to transportation



Inadequate income



Food insecurity

3 facilitators for improving HEAL behaviours identified



Organizational resources



Community and social services



Built environment and urban design



Bike to work

The City of Sault Ste. Marie, the Sault Cycling Club and Algoma Public Health partnered to promote this week-long event that encouraged alternative modes of transportation which would be considered “greener” choices and helping to reduce our collective carbon footprint.

While promoting climate change friendly choices, this initiative also promotes increased physical activity, and progressive approaches in municipal planning related to healthy built environments.

Substance Use & Injury Prevention

GOAL: APH works to reduce the harms associated with substance use and injury prevention.

- Algoma experiences higher rates of substance use overall.
- Rate of hospitalization in Algoma due to falls is increasing since 2019.
- Algoma Public Health works closely with a variety of partners, to support the health, wellness, and safety of people who use substances.
- Across the program, there are public health nurses, a registered practical nurse, a health promotion specialist and clerical support.



21.1%

of residents 12 years and older report heavy drinking



407

Emergency Medical Service calls for suspected opioid poisoning



50

opioid related deaths. Opioid related mortality was **3 times higher** in Algoma than Ontario



16.2%

of those aged 20 years and older report smoking daily



The Northeastern Alcohol and Cannabis Team (NEACT)* collaborated to increase the reach of a mocktail campaign supporting Canada's Guidance on Alcohol and Health. Each public health unit contributed in various ways to the campaign, including message development, translation services, recipe sharing and video creation.

*NEACT is comprised of 5 Northern PHUs: Algoma Public Health, Porcupine Health Unit, Public Health Sudbury and Districts, North Bay Parry Sound Health Unit, Timiskaming Health Unit.



121,122 views on 13 mocktails videos promoting alcohol-free alternatives

Falls Prevention

Stay on Your Feet is a regional strategy aimed at improving the quality of life for older adults across northeastern Ontario. APH chairs the local Stay On Your Feet Coalition. Much of the focus was planning and promoting the STAND UP exercise classes for seniors.

The Seniors' Health Advisory Committee is hosted by APH.

Substance Use & Injury Prevention



Publishing peer-reviewed research on Northern Ontario's opioid-related deaths during the COVID-19 pandemic

APH submitted a research manuscript to a peer reviewed journal highlighting Northern Ontario disparities in opioid related deaths. Contributing to the evidence and demonstrating the unique needs of the North can help support advocacy efforts for enhanced programs, services and funding.

We are pleased to announce that the manuscript has been accepted for publication. It will also be featured in a "Special Section on the Public Health Response to the Overdose Crisis in Canada" in an upcoming issue of the Canadian Journal of Public Health.



15

community partner agreements to distribute harm reduction supplies



332,085

harm reduction supplies distributed



15,640

interactions at Needle Exchange Programs across all partner locations in Algoma



42

community partners with naloxone distribution service agreements



12,371

naloxone doses distributed



Toxic Drug Situational Assessment Interviews

The community wellness team has been engaging with community members and partners to better understand the toxic drug situation locally and how to move forward together to protect the wellbeing of people who use drugs and prevent harms related to substance use.

In December 2023, a workshop was organized with community partners to review findings from situational assessment interviews and analyze current strengths, weakness, opportunities, and threats. While the workshop provided valuable insight into the local context, the most invaluable aspect was connecting with partners in-person to listen to each other and ask questions about services and programs.

Health Protection

Infectious Diseases

2023

GOAL: To reduce the burden of communicable diseases and other infectious diseases of public health significance.

- The number of cases of invasive group A streptococcal disease (iGAS) and infectious syphilis are increasing while the rate of chlamydia and gonorrhea infections were lower in 2023 than previous years.
- APH works to support infection prevention and control (IPAC) in our community through monitoring/ surveillance of rates of reportable diseases to inform public health action, case and contact management of reportable diseases, access to testing and treatment for priority populations, inspection of facilities to protect community members and offering support to facilities/partners throughout Algoma in creating environments that prevent infection and outbreaks.
- Across the program, there are public health nurses, public health inspectors, a nurse practitioner, a registered practical nurse, a health promotion specialist, a environmental assistant and program clerical.



44

cases of iGas
(Group A streptococcal disease)



62

new cases of latent
Tuberculosis (TB)



52

cases of Hepatitis C



1

community outbreak of
pertussis (e.g., whooping
cough)
(17 cases from this outbreak)



252

cases of Chlamydia



56

cases of Gonorrhea



44

cases of Syphilis



1,706

low cost/no cost birth control
provided



1,536

Nurse Practitioner services
provided



20,941

condoms distributed

605 diseases of public
health significance were
managed in 2023.
This includes iGAS (Invasive
group A streptococcal
disease), pertussis, varicella
(e.g., chicken pox) and TB.
Some diseases, like latent
TB infections require follow
up by APH for 3 months up
to a year or more.

To support improved access for priority populations, APH's nurse practitioner collaborated with multiple community partners to offer a community clinic to do PAP smear for unattached patients. A Pap smear, also called a Pap test, is a procedure to test for cervical cancer in women.

Health Protection

Infectious Diseases

2023



50

licensed daycares
inspected



204

personal service
settings inspected



66

congregate living
settings inspected

HIV point of care testing offered

HIV testing is offered through a rapid point of care test and can be done anonymously. This approach to testing helps to identify undiagnosed individuals as early as possible to link them to care with hopes for the opportunity to live long, healthy lives and to prevent ongoing infections in our communities through contact management. We offer support, education, and access to medical care for treatment of this infection.

APH Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) Hub

- There are **61** agencies/organizations connected to the IPAC hub.
- APH provided **123** services to individual hub agencies/organizations.
- We engaged in a needs assessment for the IPAC hub to determine community partners needs. **25** agencies/organizations responded and this information was used to guide the IPAC hub community of practice sessions and information sharing in 2023.
- APH held **4** IPAC hub community of practice sessions attended by the following sectors: acute care, long term care, retirement homes, Public Health Ontario, group homes, shelters, corrections, recovery homes).

Outbreak management in facilities

As part of the outbreak management team, we help declare outbreaks in places like long-term care homes, retirement homes, correctional facilities, and treatment centers. We also provide education, supporting these facilities in managing outbreaks effectively



293

cases of human exposure to
animals that were followed up on.
This includes assessment of the
situation and release of rabies
exposure treatment if needed.



72

mosquito traps from 17 sites
across Algoma are processed to
monitor for West Nile Virus (WNV).

There have been **0** cases of WNV
over the last 10 years.



345

ticks processed to monitor for
Lyme disease.

There have been **9** cases of Lyme
disease from 2014-2023.

Health Protection

Food Safety

2023

GOAL: To prevent or reduce the burden of food-borne illnesses.

- From 2019 to 2022, the average rate of food-borne illnesses in Algoma was 32 cases per 100,000 people.
- APH works to support community partners and the public in handling food safely, and respond effectively to mitigate local and emerging risks of food borne illness
- Across the program are there are public health inspectors, a health promotion specialist and clerical support.



58

cases of
foodborne illness
(Salmonella,
Campylobacter, E. Coli)



7

food handler courses
offered



422

food handlers certified



217

special event permits
issued



1,034

inspections for food
premises



2,982

entries in food safety campaign



9,392

views on food safety webpage



Public Health Inspectors (PHI) work diligently to respond to food safety related complaints within a 24-hour time frame.

Following a complaint, PHIs will complete a risk assessment to determine appropriate next steps.

105 food safety complaints responded to.



Home canning, mushroom foraging, fermented foods, backyard chicken coops, home based kitchens, and ghost kitchens have become increasingly popular within the Algoma district, requiring training for both Public Health Inspectors (PHI) and operators to ensure these emerging practices are conducted safely.

4 PHIs were trained to respond to specialty food products and preparation processes.

Safe Water

GOAL: To prevent or reduce the burden of water-borne illnesses related to drinking water.

To prevent or reduce the burden of water-borne illnesses and injuries related to recreational water use.

- From 2019 to 2022, the average rate of water-borne illnesses in Algoma was 13.8 cases per 100,000 people.
- APH works to reduce the incidence of waterborne-illness and protect the public through a multi-barrier approach that includes surveillance/ monitoring of water quality to inform public health action, supporting operators of drinking water systems, and promoting public water safety
- Across the program area there public health inspectors, a health promotion specialist, environmental assistant, clerical support and learners.



4

waterborne illnesses



2

recreational water
advisories issued



49

adverse water quality
incidents responded to



15

drinking water
advisories issued



14

consultations provided
regarding private water
sampling results



38

public spas and pools
inspected



35

public beaches
inspected



1,512

views on interactive
beach map



Drinking Water Advisories

When adverse water quality results are received, public health inspectors collaborate with operators to review the findings, provide education and mitigation strategies, and issue advisories as needed. APH maintains an on-call system to ensure timely responses to water quality concerns and issues.

Safe Water



NOTICE

**THESE WATERS MAY CONTAIN
HIGH LEVELS OF BACTERIA
FOR UP TO 48 HOURS FOLLOWING
HEAVY RAINFALL, HIGH WINDS OR
INCREASED NUMBER OF WATERFOWL.**

**Prevent Swimmer's Itch:
Vigorously towel dry
after swimming.**



For further beach information visit: algomapublichealth.com

Our recreational water safety team sampled beaches throughout the Algoma district, covering more areas than in past years to help keep residents safe during the summer.

Permanent signs are posted at beaches across the district to inform users about current bacteria levels. These signs warn about possible high bacteria counts, caution about current high bacteria counts, and alert users to ongoing issues with water clarity and bacteria levels.

Partners we work with



- Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
- Indigenous Services Canada
- Health Canada
- Public Health Ontario
- Public Health Labs
- Private Labs
- Municipalities
- Lake Associations
- Small Drinking Water System Operations
- Local Aviation companies
- Public Utility companies
- Local Water Treatment companies



Ongoing Collaboration with Public Health Ontario Lab for Accessible Water Sampling

Algoma Public Health has extended a user agreement with Public Health Ontario Lab to support small business operators with accessible water sampling. This partnership supports small business operators by ensuring they have access to a reliable water sampling and shipment program, facilitating ongoing public health and safety.

Health Protection

Healthy Environments

2023

GOAL: To reduce exposure to health hazards and promote the development of healthy built and natural environments that support health and mitigate existing and emerging risks, including the impacts of a changing climate.

- The number of extremely hot days is going up every year and is expected to keep rising by 2030.
- In Algoma, from 2019 to 2023, there were 23.2 emergency department visits for cold-related illnesses per 100,000 people, which is more than the visits for heat-related issues.
- Algoma Public Health (APH) is working to address health risks, monitor climate change data to guide public health actions, and reduce exposure to health hazards through health education.
- Across the program, there are public health inspectors, a health promotion specialist and clerical support.



4

extreme heat events:
3 - Sault Ste. Marie
1 - Wawa



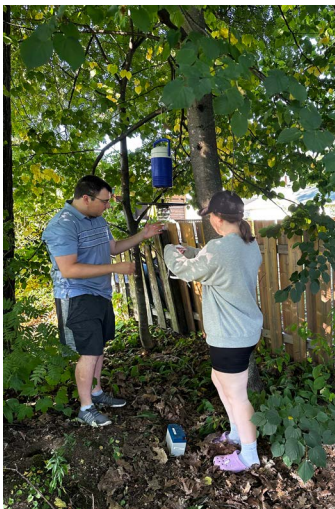
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air quality advisories issued



188

health hazard complaints responded to (e.g., sewage, pests, indoor/outdoor air quality)



Collaboration with Health Canada and Environment and Climate Change Canada to install **Purple Air sensors** in select district locations that do not have access to air quality monitoring. Increased surveillance allows for improved health messaging and informed decision making. Several communities within the Algoma district do not have access to air quality monitoring. Proper air quality monitoring allows for the public to be informed and make appropriate decisions related to their health and the environment.

Through collaboration, three Purple Air sensors were sent to select district locations. Ongoing efforts are in place to explore the potential of additional air quality sensors.



We worked with the University of Toronto on a **research paper** that looked into how people get health information when the air quality is bad. Our contribution focused on the difficulties people in northern regions face when it comes to receiving this kind of information.

2023 Funding of Local Public Health

Municipal Levies <i>District of Algoma</i>	\$ 4,189,216
Public Health Funding <i>Ministry of Health</i>	\$ 14,288,528
Community Health Funding <i>Ministry of Children & Social Services, Ontario Health North East, Algoma Family Services</i>	\$ 1,468,596
Fees, Other Grants & Recoveries	\$ 593,000
Total for 2023	\$ 20,539,341



Financial fact! Did you know...

Local public health is funded by provincial and municipal taxpayer dollars. These dollars come from the same taxpayers.

In 2023, public health programs and services cost Algoma residents **\$182/ person** for the year, or **50 cents/person/day**, based on a 2021 census population estimate of 112,764 for the District of Algoma Health Unit.

Connect with Public Health

Join the Conversation

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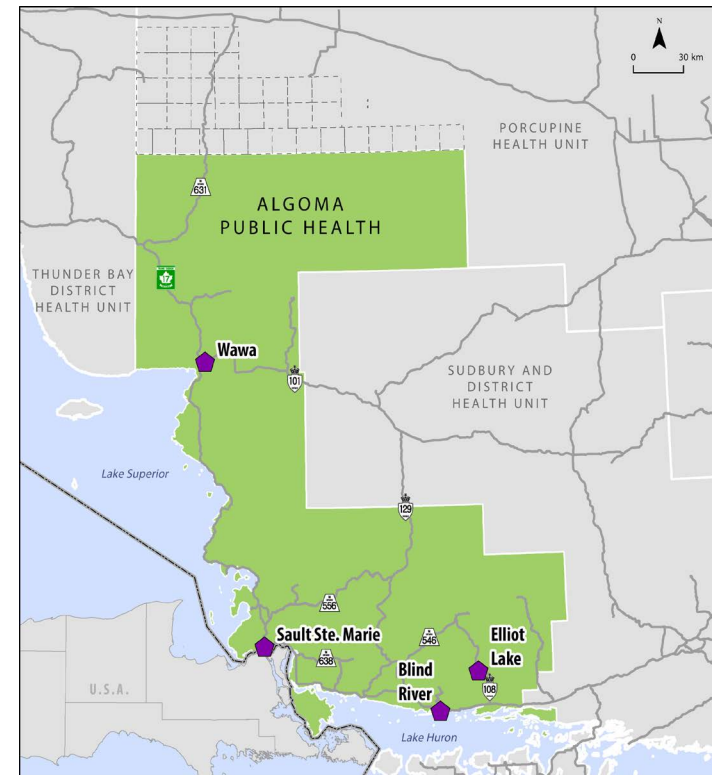
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THANK YOU

Algoma Public Health serves a vast area of over 41,000 square kilometers.

We are grateful for the strong partnerships we have with 21 municipalities, First Nations, Métis, Urban and Rural Indigenous communities, Amish and Mennonite communities, as well as various agencies and organizations across the region.

These collaborations are vital to our mission of promoting and protecting the health of our community and advancing health equity in Algoma.



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A green sign with white text. The word 'Algotha' is in a script font at the top. Below it, 'PUBLIC HEALTH' is in a bold, sans-serif font. At the bottom, 'Santé publique' is in a script font. The sign is set against a blue sky background.

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**Algoma Public Health
(Unaudited) Financial Statements April 30, 2024**

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Algoma Public Health
Statement of Operations
April 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	\$ 2,220,284	\$ 2,220,285	\$ (1)	\$ 4,440,569	0%	100%
Provincial Grants - Cost Shared Funding	2,961,063	3,340,070	(379,007)	10,020,210	-11%	89%
Provincial Grants - Public Health 100% Prov. Funded	785,423	762,267	23,156	2,286,800	3%	103%
Provincial Grants - Mitigation Funding	0	0	-	0	-	-
Fees, other grants and recovery of expenditures	141,973	101,867	40,106	494,600	39%	139%
Total Public Health Revenue	\$ 6,108,743	\$ 6,424,488	\$ (315,745)	\$ 17,242,179	-5%	95%
Expenditures						
Public Health Cost Shared	\$ 5,089,782	\$ 5,019,805	\$ (69,977)	\$ 14,913,154	1%	101%
Public Health 100% Prov. Funded Programs	837,663	789,612	(48,051)	2,329,026	6%	106%
Total Public Health Programs Expenditures	\$ 5,927,445	\$ 5,809,417	\$ (118,028)	\$ 17,242,180	2%	102%
Total Rev. over Exp. Public Health	\$ 181,297	\$ 615,070	\$ (433,773)	\$ 0		

Healthy Babies Healthy Children (Fiscal)

Provincial Grants and Recoveries	\$ 89,011	89,001	10	1,068,011	0%	100%
Expenditures	90,378	89,991	(387)	1,068,011	0%	100%
Excess of Rev. over Exp.	(1,367)	(990)	(377)	0		

Public Health Programs (Fiscal)

Provincial Grants and Recoveries	\$ -	0	-	-	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
Expenditures	40,200	-	(40,200)	-	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
Excess of Rev. over Fiscal Funded	(40,200)	-	(40,200)	-		

Fiscal Programs

Revenue						
Provincial Grants - Community Health	\$ 13,513	\$ 13,513	\$ 0	\$ 262,153	0%	100%
Municipal, Federal, and Other Funding	56,722	56,722	-	114,447	0%	100%
Other Bill for Service Programs	0	0	-	-	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
Total Community Health Revenue	\$ 70,235	\$ 70,235	\$ 0	\$ 376,600	0%	100%
Expenditures						
Brighter Futures for Children	11,047	9,650	(1,397)	114,447	14%	114%
Nurse Practitioner	14,264	13,625	(639)	162,153	5%	105%
Stay on Your Feet	8,644	8,460	(184)	100,000	2%	102%
Total Fiscal Community Health Programs	\$ 33,955	\$ 31,736	\$ (2,219)	\$ 376,600	7%	107%
Total Rev. over Exp. Fiscal Community Health	\$ 36,280	\$ 38,499	\$ (2,219)	\$ (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	1,544,238	1,544,238	0	3,088,475	0%	50%	1,456,828	1,456,828	(0)
Levies District	676,047	676,047	(1)	1,352,094	0%	50%	637,781	637,780	1
Total Levies	2,220,284	2,220,285	(1)	4,440,569	0%	50%	2,094,609	2,094,608	0
MOH Public Health Funding	2,961,063	3,340,070	(379,007)	10,020,210	-11%	30%	2,931,737	2,931,733	4
Total Public Health Cost Shared Funding	2,961,063	3,340,070	(379,007)	10,020,210	-11%	30%	2,931,737	2,931,733	4
MOH Funding - MOH / AMOH Top Up	50,916	52,767	(1,851)	158,300	-4%	32%	60,840	63,100	(2,260)
MOH Funding Northern Ontario Fruits & Veg.	39,134	39,133	1	117,400	0%	33%	39,134	39,133	1
MOH Funding Unorganized	176,800	176,800	0	530,400	0%	33%	176,800	176,800	0
MOH Senior Dental	460,907	460,900	7	1,382,700	0%	33%	417,633	417,633	(0)
MOH Funding Indigenous Communities	32,666	32,667	(1)	98,000	0%	33%	32,666	32,667	(1)
OTF COVID-19 Extraordinary Costs	25,000	0	25,000	0	#DIV/0!	100%	(6,954)	0	(6,954)
Total Public Health 100% Prov. Funded	785,423	762,267	23,156	2,286,800	3%	34%	720,119	729,333	(9,214)
Total Public Health Mitigation Funding	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	0%	0	345,933	(345,933)
Recoveries from Programs	16,044	10,000	6,044	29,600	60%	54%	3,592	3,333	259
Program Fees	15,925	14,867	1,058	45,000	7%	35%	13,167	19,867	(6,700)
Land Control Fees	31,630	27,000	4,630	225,000	17%	14%	22,275	45,000	(22,725)
Program Fees Immunization	29,975	15,000	14,975	45,000	100%	67%	7,122	30,000	(22,878)
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	47,899	35,000	12,899	105,000	37%	46%	67,250	10,928	56,322
Other Revenues	500	0	500	0	#DIV/0!	100%	0	5,000	(5,000)
Total Fees and Recoveries	141,973	101,867	40,106	494,600	39%	29%	113,406	114,128	(722)
Total Public Health Revenue Annual	6,108,743	6,424,488	(315,745)	17,242,179	-5%	35%	5,859,870	6,215,736	(355,865)
Public Health Fiscal April 2024 - March 2025									
Infection Prevention and Control Hub	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	0%			
Total Provincial Grants Fiscal	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	0%	0	0	0

Algoma Public Health
Expense Statement- Public Health
For Four Months Ending April 30, 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	3,342,575	3,382,403	39,828	10,236,247	-1%	33%	\$ 3,350,204	\$ 3,566,365	\$ 216,161
Benefits	934,737	944,437	9,700	2,665,034	-1%	35%	930,550	837,333	(93,217)
Travel	34,521	58,175	23,654	174,526	-41%	20%	41,132	52,933	11,801
Program	454,391	350,232	(104,159)	1,012,197	30%	45%	524,798	421,343	(103,455)
Office	25,064	20,133	(4,931)	60,400	24%	41%	22,347	27,467	5,120
Computer Services	442,343	308,666	(133,677)	926,000	43%	48%	334,126	298,631	(35,495)
Telecommunications	94,575	81,334	(13,241)	244,000	16%	39%	98,664	88,333	(10,331)
Program Promotion	9,388	6,500	(2,888)	19,500	44%	48%	14,256	15,000	744
Professional Development	12,737	17,035	4,298	51,105	-25%	25%	18,836	26,808	7,972
Facilities Expenses	282,344	325,666	43,322	977,000	-13%	29%	375,800	305,998	(69,802)
Fees & Insurance	142,296	162,361	20,065	418,750	-12%	34%	315,005	268,167	(46,838)
Debt Management	152,474	152,474	0	457,421	0%	33%	152,474	152,474	0
	\$ 5,927,445	\$ 5,809,416	\$ (118,029)	\$ 17,242,180	2%	34%	\$ 6,178,192	\$ 6,060,852	\$ (117,340)

Notes to Financial Statements – April 2024

Reporting Period

The April 2024 financial reports include four months of financial results for Public Health programming. All other non-funded public health programs are reporting one month of results from the operating year ending March 31, 2025.

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 April 30, 2024, Public Health calendar programs are reporting a \$434K negative variance – which is driven by a \$118K negative variance in expenditures and a \$316K negative variance in revenue.

Public Health Revenue (see page 2)

Our Public Health calendar revenues are 5% 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, as of the end of April. A catch up payment related to these funds was made on May 15, 2024.

In early January 2024 the Ministry requested public health units to forecast anticipated extraordinary spend on COVID immunization programming for the months of January through March 2024 only. Based on the forecast provided, APH was approved for \$25,000 in one time funding to help address base funding pressures for the first three months of the calendar year. Based on communications to date, there will be no further 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 were also not made available via the 2024 Annual Service Plan (which was due to the Ministry on April 2, 2024). As communicated by the Province, opportunities may become available in year based on ongoing assessments. Public health fiscal one time grant budgets have been updated to reflect this for the 2024/25 fiscal year.

In March 2024, the Ministry confirmed that IPAC Hub funding will continue in the 2024-25 fiscal year and in the years following, with formal planning and funding meetings with individual hubs to be forthcoming in the new fiscal year. This funding has been provided to hubs across the Province in order to enhance IPAC practices in identified congregate care settings. As continued funding has been confirmed, albeit allocations remain pending, APH continues to track activities related to this initiative as a separately 100% funded program outside of base provincial funding.

Public Health Expenses (see page 3)

Travel Expenses

There is a \$24K positive variance associated with travel expenses. This variance is likely timing driven and would expect the trend to vary throughout the year depending on professional development and district travel initiatives planned by public health staff.

Program Expenses

There is a \$104K negative variance associated with programs. This is largely driven by pressures identified within demand for our Ontario Senior Dental program (externally sourced professional services for maintenance, preventative and denture services). We note that APH has requested an increase to base funding totaling \$641K for the 100% funded Ontario Senior Dental program alongside the 2024 Annual Service Plan to fund these identified pressures. We await response to this request, however continue to service our communities based on demand considering conversations with the Ministry where APH has been instructed to continue programming as planned, with funding opportunities to continually be made available to address ongoing pressures.

Computer Services

There is a \$134K negative variance associated with computer services based on the purchase of necessary network server equipment as approved by the Board in February 2024.

Financial Position - Balance Sheet (see page 6)

APH's liquidity position continues to be stable and the bank has been reconciled as of April 30, 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.

Algoma Public Health
Statement of Financial Position
(Unaudited)

	April 2024	December 2023
Date: As of April 2024		
Assets		
Current		
Cash & Investments	\$ 4,807,477	\$ 4,663,966
Accounts Receivable	1,820,766	2,089,635
Receivable from Municipalities	66,646	6,482
Prepaid Expenses	315,751	128,517
<i>Subtotal Current Assets</i>	7,010,640	6,888,600
Financial Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable & Accrued Liabilities	1,256,625	1,402,404
Payable to Gov't of Ont/Municipalities	3,320,636	3,426,716
Deferred Revenue	280,411	280,411
Employee Future Benefit Obligations	2,835,275	2,835,275
Term Loan	3,308,095	3,308,095
<i>Subtotal Current Liabilities</i>	11,001,042	11,252,901
Net Debt	(3,990,402)	(4,364,301)
Non-Financial Assets:		
Building	23,072,474	23,072,474
Furniture & Fixtures	2,145,864	2,145,864
Leasehold Improvements	1,583,164	1,583,164
IT	3,372,128	3,372,128
Automobile	40,113	40,113
Accumulated Depreciation	-13,300,309	-13,300,309
<i>Subtotal Non-Financial Assets</i>	16,913,434	16,913,434
Accumulated Surplus	12,923,032	12,549,133

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All Senior Public Health Managers

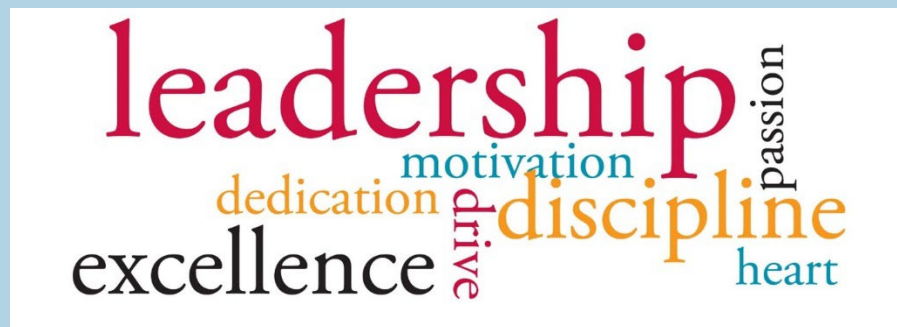
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June 2024 InfoBreak

This update is a tool to keep alPHA's members apprised of the latest news in public health including provincial announcements, legislation, alPHA activities, correspondence, and events. Visit us at alphaweb.org.

Leader to Leader - A Message from alPHA's President (2023-2024) and Executive Director - June 2024



Throughout the past year, alPHA continued to offer active and outstanding support to its members by providing Ontario's Boards of Health, Medical Officers of Health, and Affiliate organizations with a strong and unified voice on issues that affect local public health.

alPHA's [Board of Directors](#), Boards of Health (BOH) Section, Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health (COMOH) Section, and Affiliate organizations actively represent members at a variety of tables and are heard by numerous stakeholders, including government ministries, the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, Public Health Ontario, and Ontario Health. alPHA continues to forge strong alliances with these and other organizations that support the aims of public health.

After more than a year of consultation, and considerable work by staff and volunteers, alPHA's 2024-2027 [Strategic Plan](#) was approved by the Board of Directors on December 12th. Thank you to the membership for your participation in its creation, including at the Fall Symposium on November 24th. The Plan was officially launched at the Winter Symposium on February 16th, representing the culmination of this important work to strengthen local public health. Under the banner of alPHA's Mission: Serving Ontario's local public health agencies for a strong public health system, this new plan aims to convene the leadership of local public health agencies to operate on four core tenants:

- Be the unified voice and a trusted advisor on public health.
- Advance the work of local public health through strategic partnerships and collaborations.
- Support the sustainability of Ontario's local public health system.
- Deliver member services to local public health leaders.

alPHA will continue to ensure members are supported in their role as public health leaders through the Strategic Plan and that members are actively engaged in the association.

Over the past year, alPHA has profiled the importance of public health's upstream focus on prevention, communicated the key role local public health plays in communities, and reinforced the extraordinary value of the work carried out by Ontario's public health

professionals every day. alPHa has been very active in [corresponding](#) with decision-makers on a variety of public health programs, governance and resource matters; developing [public policy submissions, reports and other communications tools](#) meant to reinforce the value of public health, infographics, and videos; and taking positions on topics identified as priorities by its members via alPHa [Resolutions](#). The common theme of public health's return on investment was strong throughout, highlighting the need for the full resourcing of public health programs and services, both routine and emerging. alPHa continues to use these materials as a foundation for advocacy on behalf of its members for a stable, sustainable, , and locally based public health system in Ontario.

In addition, alPHa continues to provide relevant and timely information to members as well as facilitating ongoing discussion among them regarding developments in public health policy. Our e-mail lists, website and [newsletter](#) keep information and discussions going in between regular meetings (over 50 per year) of alPHa's Board and its subcommittees (i.e. alPHa, COMOH Section, BOH Section, Affiliates, and Executive Committees). Communicating with a unified voice for local public health with these and other methods will be especially important in the coming year, as the Province continues with its Strengthening Public Health initiative that includes voluntary mergers, a review of the Ontario Public Health Standards, and a review of the overall funding model for local public health agencies.

Our Annual Conference and Fall & Winter Symposiums are also important opportunities for the true "collective voice" to assemble. alPHa continues to attract high profile speakers to these events, which this year included the 2023 Fall Symposium, the 2024 Winter Symposium, and workshops on human rights in the workplace, risk communication, climate change, and personal resilience. In addition, a workshop was offered in February 2024 to the EAs and AAs who support our members. alPHa continued rebranding of our "Fitness Challenge" to "Workplace Health and Wellness Month" continues to be a success with [additional resources](#) now being made available throughout the year. The response from the membership has been overwhelmingly positive.

alPHA is pleased that each of Ontario's 34 boards of health is a current member in good standing, and this is essential for continued strength and unity. We are all made stronger through the work we do together, and we thank the members for their ongoing commitment to local public health.

Sincerely,

Dr. Charles Gardner
alPHA President (2023-2024)

Loretta Ryan
Executive Director

Please note that this is an excerpt from the 2024 Annual Report.

2024 alPHA AGM, Conference, and Section Meetings



This year's Annual General Meeting and Conference, which took place June 5-7, continued the important conversation on the critical role of local public health in the

province's Public Health System. We want to thank everyone who attended and participated as this event would not have been a success without you!

Updates have been made to the [Resolutions Home Page](#), including the [2024 file collection](#), where you can find the [Disposition of Resolutions document](#). Individual Resolutions can also be found here: [Permitting Applications for Automatic Prohibition Orders under the *Smoke Free Ontario Act, 2017* for Vapour Product Sales Offences \(A24-01\)](#); [Artificial Intelligence for Enhanced Public Health Outcomes \(A24-02\)](#); [A Proposal for a Comprehensive Provincial Alcohol Strategy: Enhancing Public Health through Prevention, Education, Regulation and Treatment \(A24-03\)](#); [Reviewing Provincial Regulatory Needs for Supportive Living Facilities Serving Vulnerable Individuals \(A24-04\)](#); [Early Childhood Food Insecurity: An Emerging Public Health Problem Requiring Urgent Action \(A24-05\)](#); [Compliance with Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act \(ONCA\): Proposed 2024 alPha General Operating By-Law to replace The Constitution of the Association of Local Public Health Agencies \(Ontario\) \(A24-06\)](#); and [Creating a Provincial Strategy for Indigenous Opioid Epidemic Supports & Funding \(A24-07\)](#).

The [Annual General Meeting Report](#), [Annual Report](#), [speakers' biographies](#), and other conference-related materials can be found through individual links and [on the website](#). The [Conference slides](#), [BOH Section Meeting slides](#), and [AMO Update](#) (from the BOH Section Meeting) are also available on the [members' side of the website](#). You will need to log in to view the presentations. Please note, we can only post presentations we receive from the speakers.

Thank you to all the speakers, moderators, and participants. All of you worked extremely hard to make each day a success. Please know the time you took to help plan, speak, moderate, or attend is appreciated.

Additionally, do not forget to fill out the [Conference and AGM survey](#) (attendees only) by Wednesday, June 26, 2024. If you do, you will be entered into a draw for a gift card. Good luck!

A special shoutout goes to Dr. Charles Gardner for chairing the event. Much thanks to the alPha staff who put in many hours into making these events a success: Loretta Ryan, Gordon Fleming, Melanie Dziengo, and Lynne Russell.

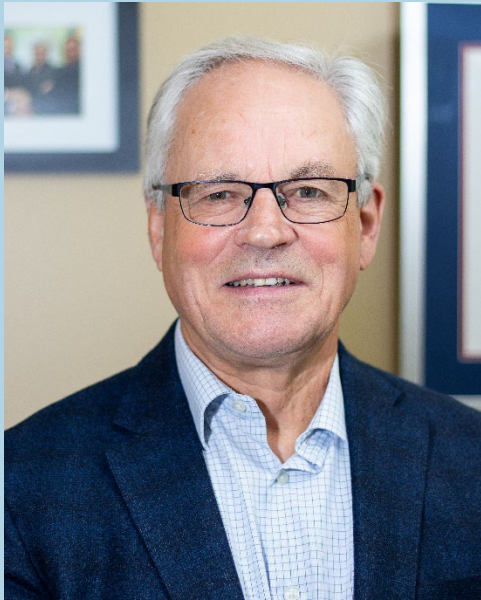
We would also like to take a moment to thank Toronto Public Health for co-hosting the AGM and Conference, and acknowledge the generous support from Mosey & Mosey and BrokerLink. We are also thankful to the Pantages Hotel for providing us with an excellent venue.



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Congratulations to the 2024 Distinguished Service Award recipients!



alPHa would like to honour this year's Distinguished Service Award (DSA) recipients: Doug Lawrance, Dr. Brent Moloughney, Steven Rebellato, and Dr. Robert Hawkins. The Distinguished Service Award reflects the commitment of the Association of Local Public Health Agencies to recognize the significant contributions made to public health in

Ontario by board of health members, health unit staff, and public health professionals. The Award is given to individuals who have demonstrated exceptional qualities of leadership in their own milieu, achieved tangible results through long service or distinctive acts, and shown exemplary devotion to public health at local and provincial levels. Congratulations to our 2024 DSA recipients! Read more about these outstanding individuals [here](#).

2023-2024 alPHA Board of Directors

Thank you to all of the members of the 2023-2024 alPHA Board of Directors. You all worked extremely hard this year, and it did not go unnoticed. You have all continued to position alPHA to be the collective voice of the public health system in Ontario.



The Board oversaw alPHA's activities, which included the following:

- Creation of public policy [submissions](#) and advancement of alPHA [Resolutions](#) on key public health issues. These were supported by the development of additional communication tools including [Public Health Matters infographics and videos](#). Widely shared, these demonstrate the value and return on investment that local public health provides. These resources are useful for our members and in meetings with local councillors, MPPs, and other important stakeholders.
- Successfully launched the [BOH Governance Training Courses](#). These are added to the ever-growing [BOH Shared Resources](#) webpage and support the Board of Health members. The resources can also be used by all of alPHA's members.
- Developed the *Association of Local Public Health Agencies (Ontario) General Operating By-Law No.2* to replace the Constitution to allow alPHA's unique organizational structure to remain legislatively compliant by following the ONCA rules, supporting alPHA's letters patent, and requirements to the Ontario Business Registry.
- Launched alPHA's [2024-2027 Strategic Plan](#). This comes after a year of fulsome engagement of alPHA members in its development.
- Continuing to provide relevant and timely member-focused information to local public health agencies through e-mail, website, social media, and newsletters. *Information Break*, in particular, is a sharable resource that functions as a monthly portal to public health news, Association activities, and events.
- Effectively positioned alPHA to be the voice of Ontario's public health system by holding more than 50 meetings of alPHA's Board of Directors, BOH Section, COMOH Section, Affiliates, and their respective Executive Committees.

Convening the leadership of local public health agencies to:



Be the unified voice
and a trusted
advisor on public
health



Advance the work of
local public health
through strategic
partnerships and
collaborations



Support the
sustainability of
Ontario's local public
health system



Deliver member
services to local
public health
leaders



alPHa's Mission: Serving Ontario's local public health agencies for a strong public health system

Guided by its [Strategic Plan](#), alPHa will continue to work tirelessly leading with one, unified voice representing the public health system across its member constituents in its commitment to influence Ontario's decision-makers to ensure a robust local public health system with ample resources to protect the entire population's health.

Over the past year, we were fortunate to have a Board of Directors who were passionate about public health and were a uniquely qualified and unified voice for public health in Ontario. Thank you to this year's Board of Directors for its excellent leadership!

2024-2025 alPHa Board of Directors



The 2024-2025 alpha Board of Directors was elected on June 7, 2024. The Board of Directors is composed of seven members from the Boards of Health (BOH) Section and seven members from the Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health (COMOH) Section. The balance of the alpha Board of Directors is composed of one representative from each of the seven Affiliate organizations. The Board of Directors meets regularly throughout the year to consider matters of policy, priorities, and governance.

The members of the alpha Executive Committee are:

- Chair/BOH Section Representative, Northwest Region - Trudy Sachowski
- Vice Chair/COMOH Section Representative, Central West Region - Dr. Hsiu-Li Wang
- Past Chair/COMOH Section Representative, Dr. Charles Gardner
- COMOH Section Chair/COMOH Section Representative, North Region - Dr. Lianne Catton
- BOH Section Chair/BOH Section Representative, North East Region - René Lapierre
- Treasurer/BOH Section Representative, Toronto - Abinaya Chandrabalan
- Affiliate Executive Representative/AOPHBA - Cynthia St. John

To learn more about all of the members of the 2024-2025 alPHa Board of Directors, please [click here](#).

Ontario's Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA)



On June 6, at the 2024 AGM, alPHa members unanimously adopted and approved the formal filing of the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (Ontario) General Operating By-Law No.2, relating generally to the conduct of affairs of the Association. This is a pivotal step forward to enhance alPHa governance, due diligence, and accountability to ensure compliance with the Ontario Not-For-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA). By-Law No.2 allows the unique alPHa organizational structure to remain legislatively compliant following the ONCA rules, supporting alPHa letters patent, and the annual updates required to the Ontario Business Registry. This achievement is a significant step forward towards the work ahead to align alPHa policies and procedures, ensuring complete legislative compliance. Sincere thanks to the tireless efforts over the better part of two years to alPHa volunteers, alPHa Chief Executive Officer, Loretta Ryan, alPHa staff, and legal counsel.

Save the date for the alPHa 2024 Fall Symposium, Section Meetings, and Workshops!

**Association of
Local Public
Health Agencies**

**2024 Fall Symposium,
Section Meetings
and Workshops**

Nov. 6-8, 2024



alPHA's Fall Symposium, Section Meetings, and workshops will continue the important conversations on the critical role, value, and benefit of Ontario's local public health system.

On November 8th, participate in online plenary sessions with public health leaders in the morning, followed by BOH Section and COMOH Section meetings in the afternoon.

Attendees will also be invited, at no additional cost, to participate in pre-symposium workshops on November 6th & 7th including an all-day workshop on Artificial Intelligence and Local Public Health Agencies.

Dalla Lana
School of Public Health



Hosted by alPHA with generous support from the University of Toronto's Dalla Lana School of Public Health and Eastern Ontario Health Unit.

Please note that you must be an alPHA member to participate in the Pre-Symposium Workshops, Symposium or Section meetings.

*All events are online.
Registration opens in September (date TBD)
and will cost \$399+HST.*

Save the date for November 6-8, 2024 as we prepare to continue the important conversations on the critical role, value, and benefit of Ontario's local public health system.

On November 8, 2024, we will gather together for plenary sessions with public health leaders in the morning. The BOH Section Meetings and COMOH Section meetings will be held in the afternoon.

This is a unique opportunity to connect with public health leaders from across Ontario. We will delve into shared obstacles and strengthen the future of public health. Expect to gain access to invaluable tools and resources that will empower local public health and their communities. Registration is \$399+HST and the page will open in September.

Ontario Public Health Directory updated again



IMPORTANT: Thank you to all of the members who sent in additional updates. The latest version of the [*Ontario Public Health Directory*](#) has been updated again and is now available on the alPHa website. Please ensure you have the latest version, which has been dated as of **May 24, 2024**. You will have to log into the alPHa website to view the file.

Boards of Health: Shared Resources



A resource [page](#) is available on alpha's website for Board of Health members to facilitate the sharing of and access to information, orientation materials, best practices, case studies, by-laws, Resolutions, and other resources. **In particular, alpha is seeking resources to share regarding the province's Strengthening Public Health Initiative, including but not limited to, voluntary mergers and the need for long-term funding for local public health.** If you have a best practice, by-law or any other resource that you would like to make available via the newsletter and/or the website, please send a file or a link with a brief description to gordon@alphaweb.org and for posting in the appropriate library.

Resources available on the alpha website include:

- [Orientation Manual for Boards of Health](#) (Revised Jan. 2024)
- [Review of Board of Health Liability, 2018, \(PowerPoint presentation, Feb. 24, 2023\)](#)
- [Legal Matters: Updates for Boards of Health](#) (Video, June 8, 2021)
- [The Ontario Public Health Standards](#)
- [Public Appointee Role and Governance Overview](#) (for Provincial Appointees to BOH)
- [Ontario Boards of Health by Region](#)
- [List of Units sorted by Municipality](#)
- [List of Municipalities sorted by Health Unit](#)

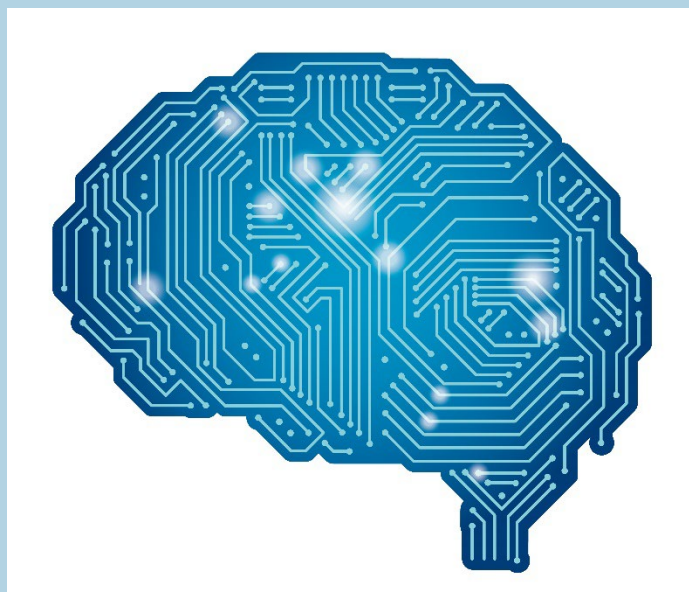
- Obligations of a Board of Health under the Municipal Act, 2001 (Revised 2021)
- Governance Toolkit (Revised 2022)
- Risk Management for Health Units
- Healthy Rural Communities Toolkit
- Map: Boards of Health Types
- NCCHPP Report: Profile of Ontario's Public Health System (2021)
- The Municipal Role of Public Health(2022 U of T Report)
- Boards of Health and Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act

alPHA Climate Change Liaison Report



Climate Change and Health Vulnerability and Adaptation Assessments (CCHVAA) ensure that LPHAs have current, relevant information to address climate health risks in the communities they serve. Updating CCHVAAs account for changing hazards (e.g., wildfire smoke), emerging evidence, evolving data, promising practices, and changes in local community characteristics that influence exposure, sensitivity, and adaptive capacity to climate health hazards. Accordingly, in keeping with the draft OPHS and growing evidence of climate change impact in Ontario, there is a need to ensure that LPHAs develop capacity and resource sharing to assist in conducting and updating CCHVAAs to ensure that adaptations activities are sufficient. To read the report, [click here](#).

alPHa Artificial Intelligence Liaison Report



The integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) into LPHAs has been progressively advancing, with established applications (e.g., chatbots, e-scribe) and dedicated efforts associated with foundational infrastructure (e.g., data governance plans) in place to maximize available technology. This report highlights recent developments and upcoming plans related to AI applications in public health. It focuses on the efforts by alPHa to maximize intelligence and information sharing to increase collective understanding and potential efficiency through AI-development in LPHAs. To read the report, [click here](#).

Artificial Intelligence report available



Statistics Canada's report, *Laying the groundwork for artificial intelligence to advance public health data in Canada*, is now available on their website. Visit: <https://ai4ph-http.ca/report-launch/> and select the "Read the Full Report Here" button to view the report.

A recap of alPHa's Workplace Health and Wellness Month!



alPHa Workplace Health & Wellness



Thank you to everyone who participated in May's [Workplace Health and Wellness Month](#) and for making it a great success! We hope you had an opportunity to start improving your physical and mental well-being.

A huge shoutout goes to Renfrew County and District Health Unit for sharing their Workplace Health and Wellness Month photos on X! Thank you as well to our alPHa Board Members and staff for their strong support of this initiative.

As a reminder, our webpage is full of easy to use tips to help you live better including nutrition, physical health, and mental health articles from various health units. Our infographics, which cover topics such as [caring for your skin in the summer](#) and [healthy eating](#), are also a wonderful way to get the information you need to improve your health and wellness.

Association of Local Public Health Agencies
2024 Workplace Health & Wellness Month

WEEK 1: MOVEMENT



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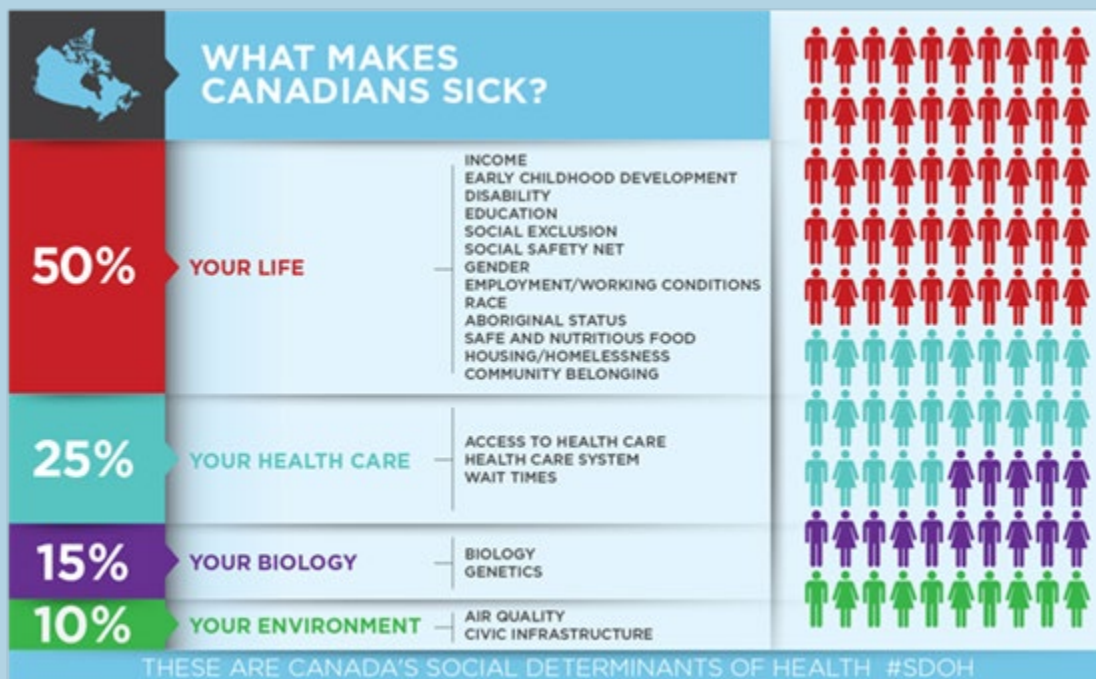


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DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT



Challenges of determining the relative contribution of determinants of health on population health: a Canada perspective



Drs. Mehdi Aloosh and Jessica Hopkins co-authored an article, which was recently released. They investigated the source of a widely cited estimate on the determinants of health and found it lacked supporting evidence. In this article, they called for an end to its use, and urged the adoption of an evidence-based estimate. You can find this article [here](#).

Affiliates update

The logo for Affiliates, featuring the word "Affiliates" in a large, bold, red serif font.

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Association of Public Health Epidemiologists in Ontario

Highlighting the value of opioid monitoring in supporting partnerships

Across Ontario, local public health agencies are trusted partners to prevent opioid-related harms.

Twenty-three public health units participated in a [recent scan of opioid-related information systems](#) conducted by Thunder Bay District Health Unit. The majority (96 per cent) include targeted alerts to service providers, showcasing the value of public health in coordinated action with both health system and community partners.

Innovative approaches include paramedics data access partnerships, integrated tools for reporting unexpected adverse reactions/events, and aberration detection methods to understand the data peaks and valleys in context of ongoing trends.

Checkout the [gallery highlights](#) shared by APHEO members.

Calling all Ontario Boards of Health: Level up your expertise with our NEW training courses designed just for you!



Don't miss this unique opportunity to enhance your knowledge and strengthen local public health leadership in Ontario.

BOH Governance training course

Master public health governance and Ontario's Public Health Standards. You'll learn all about public health legislation, funding, accountability, roles, structures, and much more. Gain insights into leadership and services that drive excellence in your unit.

Social Determinants of Health training course

Explore the impact of Social Determinants of Health on public health and municipal governments. Understand the context, explore Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs, and examine various SDOH diagrams to better serve your communities.

Speakers are Monika Turner and Loretta Ryan.

Reserve your spot for in-person or virtual training now! Visit [our website](#) to learn more about the costs for Public Health Units (PHUs). Let's shape a healthier future together.

Additionally, thank you to all the public health agencies who have shown interest in our BOH courses. alPHa staff are currently coordinating the bookings and are pleased to see the uptake.

BrokerLink Insurance



alPHa members qualify for exclusive insurance discounts with [BrokerLink](https://BrokerLink.ca). Get a quote on car or home insurance, and you could win 1 of 4 cash prizes of \$5,000. Don't miss your chance to save on insurance and win some cash in BrokerLink's Grand Group Giveaway! Visit BrokerLink.ca/alPHa to learn more.

alPHa Correspondence



Through policy analysis, collaboration, and advocacy, alpha's members and staff act to promote public health policies that form a strong foundation for the improvement of health promotion and protection, disease prevention, and surveillance services in all of Ontario's communities. A complete online library of submissions is available [here](#). These documents are publicly available and can be shared widely.

Public Health Ontario



New: Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza A(H5N1) Resources

Public Health Ontario (PHO) has released two new resources in response to the evolving influenza A(H5N1) situation:

- [Rapid Review: Thermal Inactivation of Influenza A\(H5N1\) in Meat](#)
- This rapid review investigates thermal inactivation of influenza A(H5N1) in meat from poultry and beef. This comes in response to increasing concerns about the presence of the virus in U.S. dairy cattle.
- [Rapid Review: Survivability of Influenza A\(H5N1\) in Milk](#)

- This rapid review aimed to assess the survivability of influenza A(H5N1) in milk from dairy cattle that may be infected with the virus.

For more information, visit [PHO's Avian Influenza webpage](#).

Additional Resources

- [Review of "Factors Influencing the Mental Health Consequences of Climate Change in Canada"](#)
- [Mental health indicators using the Canadian Health Survey on Children and Youth](#)
- [Health Behaviours of Ontario Secondary School Students during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- [Synopsis: Review of "Effect of Risk Mitigation Guidance for opioid and stimulant dispensations on mortality and acute care visits during dual public health emergencies: retrospective cohort study"](#)
- Surveillance Reports:
 - [Mpox in Ontario](#)
 - [Measles in Ontario](#)
 - [COVID-19 Wastewater Surveillance in Ontario](#)
 - [SARS-CoV-2 Genomic Surveillance in Ontario](#)
 - [Ontario Respiratory Virus Tool](#)
 - [Respiratory Syncytial Virus Genomic Surveillance in Ontario](#)

Upcoming DLSPH Events and Webinars

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- [Embracing Trust, Interdisciplinarity and Alternative Data to Address Global Public Health Challenges](#) (June 26)
- [How will climate change impact apartment building residents?](#) (July 17)

TRAVAX renewal is here again!



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2024 AGM & Conference

Summary Notes

June 5 – 7, 2024

Toronto, Ontario

Thursday, June 6, 2024

Medicine Bag Workshop – Marc Forgette

Marc explained the significance of the four colours of the medicine wheel teachings, which include the different stages of a person's life and the use of various herbs, including sweetgrass, sage, cedar and tobacco.

He spoke about the difference between cultural appropriation and cultural appreciation. Marc urged people to attend a pow-wow to learn about their local indigenous community and to support small indigenous businesses.

Terminology is important when understanding indigenous peoples. The term indigenous includes First Nations, Inuit and Métis. First Nations are comprised of various tribes or tribal nations across the country. He said that the recent population census notes that Indigenous persons are the fastest-growing component of the population. He believes that this is a result of more Indigenous people feeling comfortable about their ancestry but notes that numerous people are claiming Indigenous status without any proof.

Marc stated that only 13 of the 94 calls to action in the Truth and Reconciliation Report have been completed. Fifteen have yet to begin, 46 are underway, and 20 are completely stalled. He said that recommendation number 80, designating September 30 as National Truth and Reconciliation Day, is now a holiday in the federal civil service. He suggested that Remembrance Day would be a better analogy for people to consider on September 30.

Welcoming Remarks – The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

After welcoming those in attendance and thanking everyone working in health services, the Premier acknowledged that over 2 million Ontario residents are without a family doctor.

While this is not acceptable, he noted that last year Ontario received 1.2 million immigrants which is greater than immigration to both Florida and Texas combined. He also believes that a number of immigrants to other Canadian provinces eventually end up moving to Ontario because of better economic opportunities. This immigration creates enormous healthcare needs and costs.

The Premier suggested that we need to change what and/or how we are doing things. He noted that 80,000 new nurses were added during his term in office, with another 30,000 currently in colleges and

universities. The Premier stated that the healthcare system in Ontario does not have enough funding. He recognized that nine public health boards have voted to merge and restated that no front-line jobs will be lost.

In conclusion, he noted that the public health sector has no bigger fan than he and that we will always have a public health care system in Ontario paid by OHIP, not your credit card.

Update on Public Health Priorities and Initiatives – Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health

Dr. Kieran Moore said that we need to create key performance indicators to help us explain to the public what we do and the importance of our work.

He stated that our immunization programs with our pharmacy partners are going well. He reported that they are working to create a vaccine registry with national and indigenous partners but gave no timeframe as to when this might be in effect. He also said that they are working on a public health digital data platform and encouraging the use of artificial intelligence where appropriate.

Dr. Moore reported that the Ontario Public Health Standards review is underway, a survey has recently been issued, and consultation meetings are being planned. He noted that we need to update our funding formulas to recognize the immigration numbers discussed previously by the Premier.

Combined alPHA Business Meeting and Resolutions Session

The consent agenda including previous AGM minutes, President and Executive Director's report, Boards of Health, Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health and Affiliates reports was approved with little comment.

The 2023 – 2024 audited financial statements were approved, and Chaplin and Company were appointed as alPHA's auditors for the 2024 – 2025 fiscal year.

The following six resolutions (in summary) were presented and approved:

- That the Government of Ontario include automatic prohibition order applications by Public Health Boards for convictions related to vapour product retail sales similar to commercial tobacco sales.
- That the Association of Local Public Health Agencies write to the Ontario Minister of Health to provide background information on the transformational possibilities of artificial intelligence in the future delivery of public health programs and services and call for increased academic investment in data stewardship, AI research, training and development focused on public health applications.
- That alPHA write to the Government of Ontario recommending that a comprehensive alcohol strategy be developed, which includes the following actions: promote comprehensive public education campaigns, strengthen regulations on advertising, increase alcohol taxes, adopt a prevention model and improve access to addiction treatment and support services. It was noted that given the current focus on "Buck a Beer" and alcohol availability in corner stores, a comprehensive alcohol strategy is critical.
- That alPHA urges the Government of Ontario to review the need to regulate unregulated and quasi-regulated residential facilities on a provincial basis. It was also noted that additional funding will be required should public health agencies be given this responsibility.

- That alPHa call on the Provincial Government to optimize early growth and development among families most impacted by food insecurity and health inequities by increasing the Pregnancy and Breastfeeding Nutrition Allowance and the Special Diet Allowance for persons on Ontario Works or the Ontario Disability Support Program and that the Ontario Drug Benefit be expanded to include specialized infant formulas.
- That the Association of Local Public Health Agencies formally adopt a new General Operating By-law consistent with the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act to replace the current Constitution of the Association of Local Public Health Agencies effective October 18, 2024.

The following resolution on the Indigenous opioid crisis was approved by the assembly following comments from a First Nations spokesman who stated that while all sectors of the population are suffering from an opioid crisis, his community of 750 people has seen 45 opiate deaths in the last five years which is similar to other First Nations in the area.

- Resolved that alPHa call on the Provincial Government to create a provincial strategy to provide supports for the indigenous opioid epidemic.

Proposed Voluntary Public Health Unit Mergers

Dr. Lianne Catton, MOH & CEO, Porcupine Health Unit

Dr. Catton said that this merger has a long history dating back to the 1990s. Essentially, they were looking to strengthen their capacity and retain expertise.

Wess Garrod, Chair, Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox & Addington Public Health

Mr. Garrod said that the proposed three-way merger came about as a result of the MOH funding support. The three Boards involved wished to maintain local control and have focused on increasing capacity. He suggested that other boards considering a merger need to focus on organizational culture and trust.

Bonnie Clark, Board Member, Peterborough Public Health

Ms. Clark used the analogy that it is “better to choose your own dance partner.” She said both Boards were looking to increase capacity and depth.

All three speakers stressed that the mergers would only go ahead if adequately funded. Although they have voted to approve the mergers, their applications are currently under review by the Province. They also noted that the funding model after the initial three years of support is currently unknown at this time.

Update on Strengthening Public Health (SPH)

Colleen Kiel, Director, Public Health Strategic Policy, Planning and Communications Branch

Brent Feeney, Director, Accountability and Liaison Branch

They started by saying that the efforts to strengthen public health are focused on three parts: roles and responsibilities, funding, and mergers. They stressed that no additional funding burden will be placed on municipalities and that they will work with their sector partners to identify other merger candidates.

The provincial base funding provided under the 2020 cost share formula has been restored, effective January 1, 2024. This base funding will increase by 1% for each of the next three years. In addition, there is a three-year merger support fund to support change. The Ministry is committed to undertaking a review of the public health funding methodology to ensure a more equitable, sustainable and predictable funding approach that will not put any additional financial burden on municipalities effective January 1, 2026. Focused engagement with key stakeholders will take place throughout June.

Nine LPHA Boards have expressed interest in merging. The Ministry will reengage with these LPHAs and work with sector partners to identify other merger candidates. They will leverage sector relationships (eg. alPHA, AMO) to co-develop a voluntary merger approach including objectives, parameters and accountability mechanisms with time-limited funding supports to facilitate the merger process. Mergers will take effect beginning January 1, 2025.

The Ministry wishes to clarify and strengthen the role of LPHAs by refining, refocusing and re-leveling roles and responsibilities. They will conduct a sector-driven review of the Ontario Public Health Standards against a decision framework. The Ministry will work with partners to identify roles and responsibilities that can be refined or stopped and/or “re-levelled” to a regional or provincial level. The planned release date of the revised OPHS is difficult to confirm at this time, but it will likely be early in the new year. They acknowledge that this makes it difficult for local public health authorities to plan and budget for next year.

The number of Foundational Standards in the draft OPHs will be reduced from 7 to 4. The number of Program standards will be reduced from 9 to 8. The current 43 protocols and guidelines will be reduced to 32 protocols with all guidelines being removed.

The four proposed foundational standards are:

- Population Health Assessment
- Health Equity
- Program Planning, Evaluation and Quality
- Partnership, Collaboration, Coordination and Knowledge Exchange

The eight proposed program standards are:

- Comprehensive Health Promotion
- Emergency Management
- Food Safety
- Health Hazard Management
- Immunization
- Infectious and Communicable Diseases Prevention & Control
- Safe Water
- Substance Use Prevention & Harm Reduction

Two Years In and Two Years Out – What’s in Store at Queen’s Park

Sabine Matheson and John Perenack, Principals, StrategyCorp

They stated that while Premier Ford strongly supports health services in general, his support for local public health agencies is somewhat reserved, given that our annual budget increase for the next three years is only 1% annually. This is consistent with the overall 17% increase since he took office compared to an 18% increase in inflation.

They suggested that Premier Ford’s attention is focused on housing, and he needs to find money to meet housing targets. They believe his approach to LPHAs is that bigger is better and that we should focus on being leaner and support doing things differently.

Generally, they suggested that LPHAs should:

- Talk about what we can achieve, not what we can’t.
- Be more innovative and proactive.
- Not assume that people are going to trust us.
- Sell ourselves on things that people can fact-check.
- Consider doing a community well-being and safety plan as a comprehensive approach to public health.
- With respect to “buck a beer” look for areas where we can make positive change such as developing training for retailers.
- Encourage housing for addicts as a cost-effective treatment.
- Use data to tell the story.

Boards of Health Section Meeting

Friday, June 7, 2024

alPHa Update/Section Business

Carmen McGregor, Chair, BOH section provided an update on the past year’s activities and the minutes of the previous BOH section meeting were approved.

On the Front Lines

Representatives from the Association of Public Health Epidemiologists, the Association of Supervisors of Public Health Inspectors, Health Promotion Ontario and the Ontario Association of Public Health Dentistry provided the following comments:

- We should look at the top 10 achievements of the Center for Disease Control over the past 100 years as ours are similar. We need to promote this.
- LPHA’s got tobacco on the public agenda, now we need to get alcohol on the public agenda. Alcohol is a false economy because although it provides considerable revenues for the government, treatment costs are far greater. We should tell stories that resonate with the community if we want an effective public education program.
- We need to consider how we should adapt to climate change issues.

- We will have access to universal dental care, but we need to focus on prevention as much as treatment.

Hamilton's Proposed Board of Health Structure - Maureen Wilson and Jennifer Vickers-Manzin, City of Hamilton

Their current Board of Health is Hamilton City Council. Earlier this year, City Council approved a series of recommendations to apply to the Province to become a semi-autonomous Board of Health, similar to Toronto and Ottawa. The model being pursued would change the Board composition with the aim of making it more inclusive and representative of the community.

Hamilton Public Health's consultation included a public survey, key informant interviews and meetings, and a community-led public meeting. They considered simply adding an advisory committee to the present Board, changing the membership to include community representatives on the existing Board, or changing the structure and membership of the Board so that it is somewhat separate from the City Council with community representatives.

The third option was chosen, and the Board now has six City Councilors, six public members with a focus on health or lived expertise, and one education representative.

Board Of Health Governance – Monika Turner, Principal Roving Capacity

Monika provided the following comments:

In her opinion, she suggested that the Ministry ignores Boards of Health but is afraid of them.

She is concerned about the move from guidelines to protocols.

She noted that there may be more responsibilities assigned to local Boards with the new Ontario Public Health Standards but without any additional funding. She reminded us that Section 72 of the Ontario Health Protection and Promotion Act makes municipalities responsible for all Board of Health costs.



Sent Via Email

2 July 2024

Hon. Justin Trudeau (Prime Minister of Canada)
Hon. Sean Fraser (Federal Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities)
Hon. Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario)
Hon. Kinga Surma (Ontario Minister of Infrastructure)
Hon. Paul Calandra (Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing)
Scott Reid, MP (Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston)
Mark Gerretsen, MP (Kingston and the Islands)
John Jordan, MPP (Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston)
Ted Hsu, MPP (Kingston and the Islands)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC)
Michel Tremblay Acting President and CEO, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation
All Ontario Municipalities

Re: Frontenac County Council Meeting – June 19, 2024 – Support for the Implementation of Sustainable Infrastructure Funding for Small Rural Municipalities

Please be advised that the Council of the County of Frontenac, at its regular meeting held June 19, 2024, passed the following resolution, being Motions, Notice of Which has Been Given, clause a):

Motions, Notice of Which has Been Given

a) Support for the Implementation of Sustainable Infrastructure Funding for Small Rural Municipalities

Motion #: 114-24 Moved By: Deputy Warden Vandewal
Seconded By: Councillor Leonard

Be It Resolved That the correspondence from Hastings County and the Township of Stirling-Rawdon calling on the Provincial and Federal Governments to implement sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities be received;



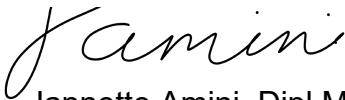
And Further That Council of the County of Frontenac supports the establishment of an intergovernmental working group which would include a member of the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, to develop a plan on how to deal with the impending debt dilemma facing small rural municipalities;

And Further That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister, the Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing Infrastructure and Communities, Romy Bowers, President and CEO of Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Scott Reid, MP, Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston, Mark Gerretsen, MP, Kingston and the Islands, John Jordan, MPP, Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston, Ted Hsu, MPP, Kingston and the Islands, AMO, ROMA, EOWC and all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 613-548-9400, ext. 302 or via email at jamini@frontenacounty.ca.

Yours Truly,



Jannette Amini, Dipl.M.M., M.A. CMO
Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk

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The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh

July 4, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
premier@ontario.ca

Attention: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

Dear Mr. Ford:

**Re: Township of Pelee Support Township of Georgian Bay Resolution
Sustainable Infrastructure Funding for Small Rural Municipalities**

The Council of the Town of Tecumseh, at its regular meeting held June 25, 2024, gave consideration and supported a resolution letter from Township of Pelee, regarding Sustainable Infrastructure Funding for Small Rural Municipalities

At their meeting, Tecumseh Council passed the following resolution:

“Motion: RCM - 145/24

Moved by Councillor Rick Tonial
Seconded by Councillor Alicia Higgison

That the Council of the Town of Tecumseh hereby support the Township of Pelee and Georgian Bay’s resolution calling on the Ontario and Federal Government to implement sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities;

And that small rural municipalities are not overlooked and disregarded on future applications for funding;

And that both the Federal and Ontario Governments begin by acknowledging that there is an insurmountable debt facing small rural municipalities;

And that both the Federal and Ontario Governments immediately commission a Working Group to develop a plan on how to deal with the impending debt dilemma;

And that this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada; The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada; Michel Tremblay Acting President and CEO, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation; The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Kinga Surma, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure; The Honourable Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; MP Dave Epp, Chatham-Kent-Leamington; MPP Trevor Jones, Chatham-Kent-Leamington; Irek Kusmierczk, MP, Windsor-Tecumseh, Andrew Dowie, MPP, Windsor-Tecumseh, AMO, ROMA, FCM, and all Municipalities in Ontario.

Please consider this letter as confirmation of the Town of Tecumseh's support on the above matter.

Yours very truly,



Robert Auger, LL.B.
Director Legislative Services & Clerk

RA/kb
Attachments

1. Township of Pelee Support Township of Georgian Bay Resolution – Sustainable Infrastructure Funding for Small Rural Municipalities
2. Township of Georgian Bay Resolution – Sustainable Infrastructure Funding for Small Rural Municipalities

cc: Mr. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca)
Ms. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure Ontario (kinga.surmaco@pc.ola.org)
Mr. Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities (dominic.leblanc@parl.gc.ca)
Mr. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (paul.calandra@pc.olg.org)
Ms. Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks (andrea.khanjin@pc.ola.org)
Mr. Dave Epp, MP - Chatham-Kent-Leamington (dave.epp@parl.gc.ca)
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May 29, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau

Prime Minister of Canada

justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

**RE: Township of Pelee Support Township of Georgian Bay Resolution
Sustainable Infrastructure Funding for Small Rural Municipalities**

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

Please be advised that at the Township of Pelee's Regular Meeting of Council held on May 28th, 2024, the following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2024 – 77

Moved By: Mayor Cathy Miller

Seconded By: Councillor Michelle Taylor

WHEREAS Ontario's small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including roads and bridges and water wastewater and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities and libraries;

AND WHEREAS in 2018, the Ontario government mandated all Ontario municipalities to develop capital asset management plans with the stipulation that they be considered in the development of the annual budget;

AND WHEREAS small rural municipalities (of 10,000 people or less) are facing monumental infrastructure deficits that cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue alone;

AND WHEREAS the only application approved through the recently awarded Housing Accelerator Fund to a small rural municipality was to Marathon Ontario, who received an allocation of \$1.9 million dollars while over \$1.369 billion going to Ontario's large urban centres, resulting in a 0.2% investment in rural Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Government has committed \$9.1 billion to Toronto alone to assist with operating deficits and the repatriation of the Don Valley and Gardner Expressway;

AND WHEREAS small rural Ontario cannot keep pace with the capital investments required over the next 20 years unless both the Provincial and Federal Governments come forward with new sustainable infrastructure funding;

AND WHEREAS it is apparent that both the Federal and Ontario Governments have neglected to recognize the needs of small rural Ontario;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Pelee hereby support Township of Georgian Bay's resolution calling on the Ontario and Federal Government to implement sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities;

AND THAT small rural municipalities are not overlooked and disregarded on future applications for funding;

AND THAT both the Federal and Ontario Governments begin by acknowledging that there is an insurmountable debt facing small rural municipalities;

AND THAT both the Federal and Ontario Governments immediately commission a Working Group to develop a plan on how to deal with the impending debt dilemma;

AND FINALLY THAT this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada; The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada; Michel Tremblay Acting President and CEO, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation; The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Kinga Surma, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure; The Honourable Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; MP Dave Epp, Chatham-Kent-Leamington; MPP Trevor Jones, Chatham-Kent-Leamington; AMO, ROMA, FCM, and all Municipalities in Ontario.



The Township of Georgian Bay **Resolutions** **Council - 13 May 2024**

Item 12.(a)

Date: May 13, 2024

C-2024-165

Moved by Councillor Stephen Jarvis

Seconded by Councillor Peter Cooper

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Georgian Bay call on the Ontario and Federal Government to implement sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities;

AND THAT small rural municipalities are not overlooked and disregarded on future applications for funding;

AND THAT both the Federal and Ontario Governments begin by acknowledging that there is an insurmountable debt facing small rural municipalities;

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AND FINALLY THAT this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada; Michel Tremblay Acting President and CEO, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation; The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Kinga Surma, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure; The Honourable Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; MP Shelby Kramp-Neuman, Hastings-Lennox Addington; MPP Ric Bresee Hastings-Lennox Addington, AMO, ROMA, FCM, Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus and all Municipalities in Ontario.

☒ Carried ☐ Defeated ☐ Recorded Vote ☐ Referred ☐ Deferred

Recorded Vote:

	For	Against	Absent
Councillor Brian Bocek			
Councillor Peter Cooper			
Councillor Kristian Graziano			
Councillor Allan Hazelton			
Councillor Stephen Jarvis			
Councillor Steven Predko			
Mayor Peter Koetsier			

Peter Koetsier, Mayor



Town of Kearney

COUNCIL RESOLUTION # 2024 - 210

Date: June 20 2024

MOVED BY:

- ☒ Beaucage, Keven
- ☐ Pateman, Heather
- ☐ Rickward, Michael – Deputy Mayor
- ☐ Sharer, Jill

SECONDED BY:

- ☐ Beaucage, Keven
- ☒ Pateman, Heather
- ☐ Rickward, Michael – Deputy Mayor
- ☐ Sharer, Jill

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AND WHEREAS it is apparent that both the Federal and Ontario Governments have neglected to recognize the needs of small rural Ontario;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Kearney hereby support Township of Pelee's resolution calling on the Ontario and Federal Government to implement sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities;

AND THAT small rural municipalities are not overlooked and disregarded on future applications for funding;

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AND THAT both the Federal and Ontario Governments immediately commission a Working Group to develop a plan on how to deal with the impending debt dilemma; and finally

THAT this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada; The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada; Michel Tremblay Acting President and CEO, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation; The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Kinga Surma, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure; The Honourable Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; MP Scott Aitchison, Parry Sound- Muskoka; MPP Graydon Smith, Parry Sound Muskoka; AMO, ROMA, FCM, and all Municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED ☒

DEFEATED ☐

Recorded Vote Requested by: _____

Recorded Vote:	For	Opposed
Beaucage, Keven	☐	☐
Pateman, Heather	☐	☐
Philip, Cheryl – Mayor	☐	☐
Rickward, Michael – Deputy Mayor	☐	☐
Sharer, Jill	☐	☐



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July 10, 2024

Municipality of Tweed
255 Metcalf St
Tweed, Ontario
K0K 3J0

At the Township of Terrace Bay Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday July 2, 2024, the following resolution was passed.

Re: Sustainable Funding for OPP small rural municipalities

Resolution: 207-2024

Moved by: Councillor Gary Adduono

Seconded by: Councillor Rick St. Louis

WHEREAS it is apparent that the Ontario Government has overlooked the needs of small rural Ontario; AND

WHEREAS Ontario's small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including roads, bridges, water/wastewater and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities, libraries and other tangible capital assets:

AND WHEREAS small rural Ontario's operating needs consume the majority of property tax revenue sources; AND WHEREAS small rural municipalities (of 10,000 people or less) are facing monumental infrastructure deficits that cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue alone; *AND

WHEREAS in 2015 the provincial government moved to standardized billing for all non-contract D.P.P. (5.1) locations; AND WHEREAS the Ontario Government has committed \$9.1 billion to Toronto alone to assist with operating deficits and the repatriation of the Don Valley and Gardner Expressway; and \$534 million to Ottawa for the repatriation of Hwy 174; AND WHEREAS the annual cost of the Ontario Provincial Police, Municipal Policing Bureau for small rural non-contract (5.1) municipalities is approximately \$428 million;

AND WHEREAS this annual cost is significantly less than the repatriation costs of the Gardiner Express Way, the Don Valley Parkway and Highway 174 (Ottawa Region) but provides a greater impact to the residents of the Province overall; AND WHEREAS this will afford relief to small rural municipalities for both infrastructure and operating needs while having a minimal impact on the provincial budget; NOW

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Municipality of Tweed call on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities:



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AND FURTHER, that Council direct staff to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford (premier@ontario.ca). Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, MPP for Thunder bay-Superior North, Lise Vaugeois and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca) and at Municipalities of Ontario.

Sincerely,

J. Hall

Chief Administration Officer/Clerk

Sent by Email

July 3, 2024

The Honourable Sylvia Jones
Minister of Health
College Park, 5th Floor,
777 Bay St
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3
sylvia.jones@ontario.ca

Subject: Corr. 18-24
Nicole Martin, CAO/Clerk, Town of Amaranth
Re: Resolution on Water Testing Services for Private Drinking Water

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a Meeting held on June 24, 2024 and adopted the following resolution:

1. That Corr. 18-24 from Nicole Martin, CAO/Clerk, Town of Amaranth, dated May 16, 2024, regarding Resolution on Water Testing Services for Private Drinking Water, be received and endorsed; and,
2. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, M.P.P. Pickering-Uxbridge, Durham Region Public Health, and all Ontario municipalities.

A copy of the original correspondence is attached for your reference.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.420.4660, extension 2019.

Yours truly,



Susan Cassel
City Clerk

Encl.

SC:am

Copy: The Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks;
The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, M.P.P. Pickering-Uxbridge;
Durham Region Public Health
All Ontario Municipalities

Chief Administrative Officer



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May 16, 2024

Sent Via Email

Re: Resolution on Water Testing Services for Private Drinking Water

At its regular meeting of Council held on May 15, 2024, the Township of Amaranth Council passed the following resolution concerning Water Testing Services for Private Drinking Water.

Resolution #: 5

Moved by: G. Little

Seconded by: A. Stirk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Whereas the Ontario Auditor General's annual report on public health from December 2023 indicates that Public Health Ontario is proposing the phasing-out of free provincial water testing services for private drinking water; and

Whereas free private drinking water testing services has played a pivotal role in safeguarding public health, particularly in rural communities, including the entire Township of Amaranth, that rely predominantly on private drinking water; and

Whereas the removal of free private drinking water testing could lead to a reduction in testing, potentially increasing the risk of waterborne diseases in these vulnerable populations; and

Whereas the tragic events in Walkerton, Ontario underscored the critical importance of safe drinking water.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that The Township of Amaranth hereby requests that the Province reconsider and ultimately decide against the proposed phasing-out of free private drinking water testing services.

Further Be It Resolved that this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities, Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks, Minister of Health, Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health Unit, and MPP Sylvia Jones.

CARRIED

Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you require any further information on this matter.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Nicole Martin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Nicole Martin, Dipl. M.A.
CAO/Clerk

CC:
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Minister of Health
Wellington Dufferin Public Health Unit
MPP Sylvia Jones
All Ontario Municipalities



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July 8, 2024

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

Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford,

RE: PUBLIC HEALTH ONTARIO PROPOSES PHASING OUT FREE WATER TESTING FOR PRIVATE WELLS

Please be advised that the Council of the Municipality of Central Manitoulin adopted the following resolution at their meeting of June 27, 2024, regarding the above noted matter;

Resolution # 200-2024

Moved by: Councillor D. Stephens

Seconded by: Councillor Mitchell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Central Manitoulin Council supports the Township of Archipelago's request to the Province of Ontario to reconsider and ultimately decide against the proposed phasing out of free private drinking water testing services;

FURTHER, this resolution is circulated to all Ontario municipalities, the Minister of Health, and Sudbury District Health Unit...Carried

Please contact our office should you require further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Denise Deforge".

Ms. Denise Deforge
CAO/Clerk

cc. Minister of Health sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org
Sudbury District Health Unit sutcliffep@phsd.ca
Ontario Municipalities

~ AT THE HEART OF IT ALL ~



July 3, 2024

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

Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

RE: Support of Resolution – Provincial Regulations Needed to Restrict Keeping of Non-native (“exotic”) Wild Animals

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Leamington, at its meeting held Tuesday, June 25, 2024 enacted the following resolution:

No. C-138-24

That Council for the Municipality of Leamington support the resolution from St. Catharines regarding the need for provincial regulations to restrict the keeping of Non-native wild animals.

Yours Truly,

Abbie Marchildon

Abbie Marchildon, Council and Committee Coordinator

Attached: St. Catharines Resolution

cc: The Hon. Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General
The Hon. Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
Dave Epp, MP
Trevor Jones, MPP
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO)
Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association of Ontario (MLEAO)
All Municipalities of Ontario

April 23, 2024

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

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

**Re: Provincial Regulations Needed to Restrict Keeping of Non-native ("exotic") Wild Animals
Our File 35.11.2**

Dear Premier Ford,

At its meeting held on April 8, 2024, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

WHEREAS Ontario has more private non-native ("exotic") wild animal keepers, roadside zoos, mobile zoos, wildlife exhibits and other captive wildlife operations than any other province; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has of yet not developed regulations to prohibit or restrict animal possession, breeding, or use of non-native ("exotic") wild animals in captivity; and

WHEREAS non-native ("exotic") wild animals can pose very serious human health and safety risks, and attacks causing human injury and death have occurred in the province; and

WHEREAS the keeping of non-native ("exotic") wild animals can cause poor animal welfare and suffering, and poses risks to local environments and wildlife; and

WHEREAS owners of non-native ("exotic") wild animals can move from one community to another even after their operations have been shut down due to animal welfare or public health and safety concerns; and

WHEREAS municipalities have struggled, often for months or years, to deal with non-native ("exotic") wild animal issues and have experienced substantive regulatory, administrative, enforcement and financial challenges; and

WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) and the Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association (MLEOA) have indicated their support for World Animal Protection's campaign for provincial regulations of non-native ("exotic") wild animals and roadside zoos in letters to the Ontario Solicitor General and Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of St. Catharines hereby petitions the provincial government to implement provincial regulations to restrict the possession, breeding, and use of non-native ("exotic") wild animals and license zoos in order to guarantee the fair and consistent application of policy throughout Ontario for the safety of Ontario's citizens and the non-native ("exotic") wild animal population; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support, the Premier of Ontario, Ontario Solicitor General, Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry, MPP Jennie Stevens, MPP Sam Oosterhoff, MPP Jeff Burch, AMO, AMCTO, and MLEAO.

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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cc: The Honourable Michael S. Kerzner, Solicitor General
The Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
Local MPPs
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO)
Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association of Ontario (MLEAO)
All Municipalities of Ontario



SMITHS FALLS

RISE AT THE FALLS

July 4, 2024

Jennifer Tracey, Senior Director
Strategic Communications & Guest Experience

VIA EMAIL ONLY: jtracey@torontozoo.ca

To Whom it May Concern:

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls passed the following resolution at their June 17th, 2024 Council meeting:

Provincial Regulations Needed to Restrict Keeping of Non-Native (“exotic”) Wild Animals

WHEREAS Ontario has more private non-native (“exotic”) wild animal keepers, roadside zoos, mobile zoos, wildlife exhibits and other captive wildlife operations than any other province; and,

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has of yet not developed regulations to prohibit or restrict animal possession, breeding, or use of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals in captivity; and,

WHEREAS non-native (“exotic”) wild animals can pose very serious human health and safety risks, and attacks causing human injury and death have occurred in the province; and,

WHEREAS the keeping of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals can cause poor animal welfare and suffering, and poses risks to local environments and wildlife; and,

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WHEREAS municipalities have struggled, often for months or years, to deal with nonnative (“exotic”) wild animal issues and have experienced substantive regulatory, administrative, enforcement and financial challenges; and,

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) and the Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association (MLEOA) have indicated their support for World Animal Protection's campaign for provincial regulations of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals and roadside zoos in letters to the Ontario Solicitor General and Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry;



SMITHS FALLS

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AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Ontario Solicitor General, Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry, local M.P.P., AMO, AMCTO, and MLEAO.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions and/or concerns.

Yours truly,

Kerry Costello
Town Clerk



Hon. Graydon Smith
Minister of Natural Resources
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July 4, 2024

Association
of Municipalities Ontario (AMO)
VIA EMAIL:
amo@amo.on.ca

RE: Township of Lake of Bays Resolutions regarding Request for Royal Assent of Administrative Monetary Penalty System in the Ontario Building Code Act

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on June 12, 2024 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2024-209:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

That the Consent Agenda items 6.11 listed for June 12, 2024 Council meeting be received; and

That Council direct staff to send a support resolution accordingly.

CARRIED

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,



Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk

CC: All Ontario Municipalities

May 14, 2024

Via email: minister.mah@ontario.ca

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Attention: Paul Calandra
777 Bay Street, 17th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Mr. Calandra:

RE: Request for Royal Assent of Administrative Monetary Penalty System in the Ontario Building Code Act.

The Administrative Monetary Penalty System (AMPS) is an enforcement tool approved by the Provincial Government in August of 2009 and was originally used for parking offences to free up court time and cost.

A large number of municipalities have adopted an AMPS program and have applied AMPS to other Municipal enforcement by-laws as a replacement to the standard Part 1 Provincial Offences Act (POA) ticket system, as it provides the alleged offender with a flexible appeal system and the municipality the ability to apply unpaid penalties on to the property taxes. AMPS frees up valuable Provincial Offences Court time saving the province and the municipalities valuable resources and funds.

AMPS was written into the Building Code Act in December of 2017 however it has not received Royal Assent. AMPS has proven to be a valuable tool for education and enforcement of other Municipal by-laws. On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, we ask that AMPS receive Royal Assent. In doing so this would free up time for Building Officials to conduct their primary job (building inspections) instead of having to attend court normally a full day to hear an appeal to Part 1 ticket, at the same time providing the offender a more streamlined appeal system.

Sincerely,



Carrie Sykes, *Dipl. M.A., CMO, AOMC*,
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk.

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Copy to:

MPP, Graydon Smith
Association of Ontario Municipalities
Association of Municipal Clerk and Treasurers of Ontario
All Area Municipalities



Ministry of Public and
Business Service Delivery
VIA EMAIL:
consumer@ontario.ca

Association of Municipal
Clerk and Treasurers of
Ontario (AMCTO)
VIA EMAIL:
amcto@amcto.com

Township of Puslinch
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July 4, 2024

RE: 6.13 Township of Alnwick Haldimand resolution regarding MFIPPA Modernization

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on June 12, 2024 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2024-210:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

That the Consent Agenda item 6.13 listed for June 12, 2024 Council meeting be received; and

That Council direct staff to send a support resolution accordingly.

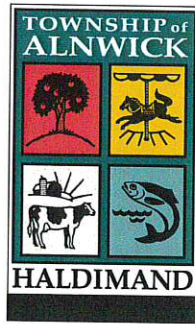
CARRIED

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk

CC: All Ontario Municipalities



May 13, 2024

Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and
Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO)
AMCTO Advocacy Team
(advocacy@amcto.com)

Dear Sir/Madam:

RE: MFIPPA Modernization

This is to advise that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand at their Special Council Meeting on January 25th, 2024, passed the following resolution:

RES:20240125-11

Moved by Deputy Mayor Joan Stover, seconded by Councillor Greg Booth;

"Whereas the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 1990 (MFIPPA) has not been comprehensively reviewed in over 30 years; and

Whereas municipalities consider transparency an important tool for building and maintaining public trust and recognize the importance of continuously improving; and

Whereas municipal administrators need legislation that supports effective local program delivery, is responsive to current technology and reflects its original intent of open and accountable government; and

Whereas MFFIPA presents a number of challenges for municipal staff which can hinder its effectiveness and efficiency when it comes to serving the public; and

Whereas municipalities should have updated legislation that ensures municipal resources are best allocated; increases trust in public institutions through strengthening

accountability, transparency and responsiveness; and addresses the needs of the digital era; and

Whereas the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) has comprehensively reviewed MFIPPA and put forward recommendations in their submission "Looking Ahead: A Proactive Submission to Modernize the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act";

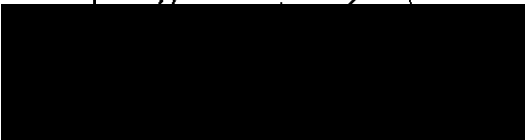
Be it resolved that the Ministry of Public Business and Service Delivery be requested to review MFIPPA and consider recommendations as outlined by AMCTO within their submission, "Looking Ahead: A Proactive Submission to Modernize the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act"; and

Further be it resolved that Council direct the Deputy Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to AMCTO's Advocacy Team, the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and all Ontario municipalities."

CARRIED

We respectfully submit the resolution supporting the review and reform of MFIPPA.

Yours truly,



Yolanda Melburn, Deputy Clerk
Township of Alnwick/Haldimand
905-349-2822 ext. 32
ymelburn@ahthwp.ca

Cc: Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery
All Ontario Municipalities



The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh

July 4, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
premier@ontario.ca

Attention: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

Dear Mr. Ford:

**Re: Township of Pelee Support County of Renfrew Resolution
Rural and Small Urban Municipalities – Affordability of Water and Wastewater Systems**

The Council of the Town of Tecumseh, at its regular meeting held June 25, 2024, gave consideration and supported a resolution letter from Township of Pelee, regarding Rural and Small Urban Municipalities – Affordability of Water and Wastewater Systems

At their meeting, Tecumseh Council passed the following resolution:

“Motion: RCM - 145/24

Moved by Councillor Rick Tonial
Seconded by Councillor Alicia Higgison

That the Council of the Town of Tecumseh supports the County of Renfrew and the Township of Pelee's resolution to:

Advocate to the provincial and federal levels of government to make them aware that rural and small urban water and wastewater systems are financially unsustainable; and Advocate 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 a copy of this resolution be circulated to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable K inga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure (Ontario); the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities (Canada); the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (Ontario), Dave Epp, MP, Chatham-Kent-Leamington; Trevor Jones, MPP, Chatham Kent-Leamington; Irek Kusmierczk, MP, Windsor-Tecumseh, Andrew Dowie, MPP, Windsor-Tecumseh, AMO; ROMA; FCM; and all Municipalities in Ontario.

Please consider this letter as confirmation of the Town of Tecumseh's support on the above matter.

Yours very truly,



Robert Auger, LL.B.
Director Legislative Services & Clerk

RA/kb

Attachments

1. Township of Pelee Support County of Renfrew Resolution – Rural and Small Urban Municipalities, Affordability of Water and Wastewater Systems
2. County of Renfrew Resolution – Rural and Small Urban Municipalities – Affordability of Water and Wastewater Systems

cc: Mr. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca)
Ms. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure Ontario (kinga.surmaco@pc.ola.org)
Mr. Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities (dominic.leblanc@parl.gc.ca)
Mr. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (paul.calandra@pc.olg.org)
Ms. Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks (andrea.khanjin@pc.ola.org)
Mr. Dave Epp, MP - Chatham-Kent-Leamington (dave.epp@parl.gc.ca)
Mr. Irek Kusmierczyk, MP – Windsor-Tecumseh (irek.kusmierczyk@parl.gc.ca)
Mr. Trevor Jones, MPP – Chatham-Kent-Leamington (trevor.jones@pc.ola.org)
Mr. Andrew Dowie, MPP – Windsor-Tecumseh (andrew.dowie@pc.ola.org)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca)
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (roma@roma.on.ca)



THE CORPORATION OF THE
Township Of Pelee

1045 West Shore Road Pelee Island, ON N0R 1M0 Website: www.pelee.org
Tel: 519-724-2931 Fax: 519-724-2470

May 29, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
premier@ontario.ca

DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

**RE: Township of Pelee Support County of Renfrew Resolution
Rural and Small Urban Municipalities – Affordability of Water and Wastewater Systems**

Please be advised that at the Township of Pelee's Regular Meeting of Council held on May 28th, 2024, the following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2024 – 78

Moved By: Councillor Dave DeLellis

Seconded By: Councillor Michelle Taylor

WHEREAS the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) (Section 1.6.6.2) states that municipal sewage services and municipal water services are the preferred form of servicing for settlement areas to support protection of the environment and minimize potential risks to human health and safety and that intensification and redevelopment within these settlement areas should be promoted; and

WHEREAS the PPS (Section 2.2.1 (f)) states that planning authorities shall protect, improve, or restore the quality and quantity of water by implementing the necessary restrictions on development and site alternation to protect all drinking supplies and designated vulnerable areas, and protect, improve, or restore vulnerable surface and ground water, sensitive surface water features and sensitive groundwater features, and their hydrologic functions; and

WHEREAS the PPS (Sections 2.2.1(h) and (i)) states that there is consideration of environmental lake capacity as well as stormwater management practices; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of the Environment, Protection and Conservation (MECP) Procedural Guideline B-1-5 Policy 2 provision states that water quality which presently does not meet the Provincial Water Quality Objectives shall not be further degraded and all practical measures shall be undertaken to upgrade the water quality to the Objectives;



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and

WHEREAS in 2014 the Township of Whitewater Region authorized Jp2gConsultants Inc. to undertake a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for the purpose of evaluating viable options to upgrade the 1979 Cobden Wastewater Treatment Plant. This plant did not meet guidelines for effluent flow into Muskrat Lake and Cobden Wetland being highly sensitive, at-capacity, inland lake, and Provincial Significant Wetland (PSW) and acknowledged as one of the most eutrophic in the province. The plant had ongoing seasonal overflow events, and was operating at maximum capacity; and

WHEREAS in 2018 the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region approved the construction of a new parallel mechanical system that would meet all provincial environmental and regulatory requirements including accommodating future growth. Federal and provincial contributions only covered 50% of the final construction costs, as there was no ability to renegotiate with federal and provincial partners once real costs were known. As a result, the balance of costs (\$6M) was debentured over 30 years at interest rates that are slightly punitive to rural and small urban municipalities; and

WHEREAS in 2019 the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region conducted a Water and Wastewater Rate Study that demonstrated the need for rate increases of over 100% to fund the new wastewater treatment plant construction debenture and the significantly increased operating costs for a parallel mechanical system. Rural and small urban municipalities experience very limited growth as federal and provincial policies heavily support growth in urban centers. As there are no other sources of available operational funding, rural and small urban municipalities are expected to fund the construction and operation of these state-of-the-art systems from existing property owners and nominal forecasted growth; and

WHEREAS in 2023 the Township of Whitewater Region combined water and wastewater rates have risen to almost \$3,000/year for its five hundred and eleven (511) users and are among the highest in the County of Renfrew and across the Province of Ontario. There are similarly high user rates in the Township of Madawaska Valley as a result of Provincial regulations and a small number of users. Other examples of rapidly increasing rates include the Towns of Deep River, Renfrew, Arnprior, Laurentian Hills, and Petawawa, and the Townships of Bonnechere Valley, Laurentian Valley and Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards, where significant upgrades in short periods of time are making rates unaffordable even with an increased number of users.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Pelee support the County of Renfrew's resolution to:



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Advocate to the provincial and federal levels of government to make them aware that rural and small urban water and wastewater systems are financially unsustainable; and Advocate 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.

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January 31, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
premier@ontario.ca

DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

RE: Rural and Small Urban Municipalities – Affordability of Water and Wastewater Systems

Dear Premier Ford,
Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on January 31, 2024, The County of Renfrew passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) (Section 1.6.6.2) states that municipal sewage services and municipal water services are the preferred form of servicing for settlement areas to support protection of the environment and minimize potential risks to human health and safety and that intensification and redevelopment within these settlement areas should be promoted; and

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the County of Renfrew:

Advocate to the provincial and federal levels of government to make them aware that rural and small urban water and wastewater systems are financially unsustainable; and Advocate 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 a copy of this resolution be circulated to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure (Ontario); the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities (Canada); the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (Ontario), Cheryl Gallant, MP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, John Yakabuski, MPP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; AMO; ROMA; FCM; and all Municipalities in Ontario.

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Emon', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Peter Emon, Warden

County of Renfrew

warden@countyofrenfrew.on.ca

cc: Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure (Ontario)
Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities (Canada)
Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (Ontario), Cheryl Gallant, MP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke
John Yakabuski, MPP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
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July 5, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
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DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

Re: Operational Budget Funding

The Council of the Township of Emo, at its regular meeting held May 15, 2024, passed the following resolution.

Resolution No.: 18, May 15, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Teeple

Seconded by: Councillor Whatley

WHEREAS all Ontario municipalities are prohibited from running budget deficits for operating purposes, and;

WHEREAS all Ontario municipalities have similar pressures with respect to aging infrastructure and operating costs for policing, and;

WHEREAS the City of Toronto has recently received Provincial funding to cover a \$1.2 billion-dollar operating shortfall and approximately \$12 million in Federal and Provincial funding for their Police operating budget, and;

WHEREAS the City of Toronto has the lowest tax rates in the Province.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Emo call on the Province of Ontario to treat all municipalities fairly and provide equivalent representative operational budget funding amounts to all Ontario municipalities.

Yours sincerely,



Crystal Gray, Dipl. M.A.

CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

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Tay Valley Township Council Meeting – June 18th, 2024

The Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls Resolution Regarding Basic Income Guarantee.

RESOLUTION #C-2024-06-18

MOVED BY: Rob Rainer **SECONDED BY:** Angela Pierman

“**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township supports The Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls’ Resolution #2024-04-074 regarding Basic Income Guarantee;

WHEREAS, per the 2021 Census of Canada 515 out of 5925 residents of Tay Valley Township (9.1% of the total) lived in low income, based on the Low Income After Tax (LIM-AT) measure;

WHEREAS, of the 515 Tay Valley Township citizens living in low income in 2021, 20 of them were children five years old or younger, 50 of them were children between the ages of 6 and 17, and 150 of them were seniors aged 65 or over;

WHEREAS, the province of Ontario recognizes that the LIM-AT does not include the cost of housing, food, transportation, etc. and therefore set its low income workers tax credit for 2021 at \$30,000 (up to \$38,000) for an individual and \$60,000 (up to \$68,500) for a household, resulting in a total of 790 – 985 residents of Tay Valley Township or 13% -17% identified as being unable to meet their basic living requirements without some government assistance;

WHEREAS, the province of Ontario has recognized the impacts of the costs of inflation (following Covid-19, continued supply chain disruptions due to wars and climate change, and record high profits by companies providing necessities such as food, fuel, and housing) and has increased the low income tax credit eligibility to \$32,500 (up to \$50,000) for an individual and \$65,000 (up to \$82,500) for a household, indicating the economic pressures an increasing number of Tay Valley residents experience;

WHEREAS, the level of income is one of the most important social determinants of health, and relates to many other determinants including education and literacy, healthy behaviours, one's social environment, and employment and work conditions;

WHEREAS, low income is strongly correlated with a wide range of negative health outcomes, including heart disease, cancer, diabetes, and poor mental health, and with shorter life expectancies compared to higher income persons;

WHEREAS, the minimum wage in Ontario and the maximum amounts of financial support available through Ontario Works (OW) and the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) are deeply insufficient to meet the basic needs of full-time minimum wage workers, or of individuals or families drawing OW or ODSP support;

WHEREAS, ongoing, widespread, and rapid changes in labour markets, including due to outsourcing, artificial intelligence, automation, and advance of the "gig" economy, are causing more and more people to be exposed to labour changes beyond their control, adding to their vulnerability to low income;

WHEREAS, basic income is a means by which individuals, families, and whole communities can be less vulnerable to negative changes in health, relationship or family status, and labour markets, and better able to navigate transitions and challenging circumstances;

WHEREAS, basic Income is money distributed to eligible people, regularly, reliably, and without work requirement, and which, absent other income, should meet basic human needs;

WHEREAS, basic income exists in Canada in the form of longstanding programs like the Canada Child Benefit and the Guaranteed Income Supplement for seniors, programs with demonstrated positive impacts on basic income recipients, economies, and our greater society;

WHEREAS, there is need to establish basic income security for working-age adults in Canada who, at present and in general, lack sufficient social protection against low income;

WHEREAS, there is a growing body of evidence that basic income is not a disincentive on the pursuit or retention of employment and that, further, basic income is more likely to support such pursuit or retention given its stabilizing effect in the lives of people;

WHEREAS, the gross cost of a basic income program is reduced to a net cost once various funding options are exercised and the fiscal benefits of basic income are realized (e.g., basic income as a local economic stimulus);

WHEREAS, Canada, one of the wealthiest nations in the world, has the fiscal capacity to support a basic income guarantee for working-age adults;

WHEREAS, the call for basic income in Canada has been and is being made by public health authorities, including the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit per its November 2023 report on food insecurity within the health region;

WHEREAS, the call for basic income in Canada has been and is being made by many other interests, including a growing number of municipalities in Ontario and beyond, and by a range of provincial and federal parliamentarians;

WHEREAS, a 2022 national public opinion poll suggests that six in 10 adults in Canada support the concept of basic income;

AND WHEREAS, Tay Valley Township wishes to add its municipal voice to the call for a basic income guarantee for working-age adults in Canada.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1) Tay Valley Township supports the concept of a basic income guarantee for working-age adults to help combat low income and economic vulnerability within our community;
- 2) Tay Valley Township calls upon the federal and the provincial and territorial governments to collaborate on the design, introduction, implementation, and ongoing evaluation of a national basic income guarantee program for working-age adults;
- 3) The Council of Tay Valley Township directs the Reeve write (a) a letter to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, copy to relevant federal ministers and to Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston MP Scott Reid; and (b) a letter to Ontario Premier Doug Ford; copy to relevant provincial ministers and to Lanark Frontenac-Kingston MPP John Jordan, calling on these orders of government to collaborate on the design, introduction, implementation, and ongoing evaluation of a national basic income guarantee program for working-age adults;
- 4) The Council of Tay Valley Township directs the Reeve to write a letter to each of the Reeve's counterparts in the lower-tier municipalities in Lanark County, encouraging each municipality to also pass a resolution similar to that adopted by Tay Valley Township;
- 5) A copy of this resolution be shared with all other municipalities in Ontario, and with the presidents of the Eastern Ontario Mayors Caucus, the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association, and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities."

ADOPTED



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July 8, 2024

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DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

Re: Request to Province of Ontario for New Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework

The Council of the Township of Emo, at its regular meeting held May 15, 2024, passed the following resolution.

Resolution No.: 17, May 15, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Boven

Seconded by: Councillor Teeple

WHEREAS the 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 income and small business – can't afford to subsidize income re-distribution 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;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Emo calls on 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; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Finance; the Local Member of Provincial Parliament; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO); and all other municipalities.

Yours sincerely,



Crystal Gray, Dipl. M.A.

CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

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The Corporation of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

June 28, 2024

Via Email: david.piccinico@pc.ola.org

Hon. David Piccini M.P.P.
Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development
117 Peter Street
Port Hope, ON
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Dear Minister Piccini:

Re: Regulations for the Importation and Safe Use of Lithium-ion Batteries

I am writing today to bring to your attention a matter of significant importance to the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan, regarding the importation and safe use of lithium-ion batteries.

At the June 17, 2024 Council Meeting the Fire Chief of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan made a presentation to Council on the dangers presented by lithium-ion batteries. The Fire Chief was reporting back from attending the Charged For Life Symposium presented by the Office of the Fire Marshal.

During the presentation, the Fire Chief stressed that the increased importation and use of non-Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) aftermarket batteries is presenting a significant increase in fire and explosion, putting citizens and responding personnel in danger. These after market batteries are not Underwriter Laboratories of Canada (ULC) certified but can be imported into Canada without any associated regulations.

Unlicensed persons and locations can store and modify lithium-ion batteries in our communities without regulations, providing dangerous conditions within a community. Charging these batteries within the home or multi-unit dwellings can result in larger fires with grave results.

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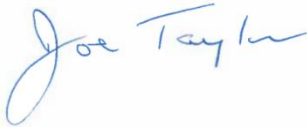
As Canada becomes more aware of Green Energy solutions, these batteries are used more often, increasing the danger to our communities. We support the Ontario Fire Marshal's program to educate citizens on the danger associated with lithium-ion batteries and encourage every municipality to actively promote safe practices for the use of lithium-ion batteries.

We also call upon all levels of government to enact regulations for the importation, sale, storage, and use of non-OEM or ULC certified lithium-ion batteries.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this very critical issue, and I look forward to your prompt consideration and support.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or our Fire Chief if you require any additional information.

Yours truly,
Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "J" and a trailing flourish.

Joe Taylor, Mayor

Cc: MP, Philip Lawrence
All Ontario Municipalities

“Via Email: Premier@ontario.ca”

July 12th, 2024

The Honorable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

Re: Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box for ‘Ineligible’ Sources

This will serve to advise you that Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cochrane, at its regular meeting held Tuesday, July 9th, 2024, passed the following resolution pertaining to the above noted:

“Resolution No. 402-2024

Moved by: Councillor Sylvie Charron-Lemieux

Seconded by: Councillor Marck Recoskie

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 including 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 The Town of Cochrane has approximately 191 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 Town of Cochrane hereby request that the province 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 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 John Vanthof, MPP Timiskaming-Cochrane, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED.”



Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated!

Yours truly,

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COCHRANE



Alice Mercier
Clerk

AM/ed

c.c: Minister of Environment, Conservation, and Parks, Hon. Andrea Khanjin;
Timiskaming-Cochrane MPP, John Vanthof;
Association of Municipalities of Ontario;
Federation of Canadian Municipalities;
All Ontario Municipalities



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE

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MOVED BY:

☐ Thomas Armstrong

☒ Patricia Hull

☐ Paul Kelly

☐ Lynne Paquette

SECONDED BY:

☒ Thomas Armstrong

☐ Patricia Hull

☐ Paul Kelly

☐ Lynne Paquette

Motion #: 7

Resolution #: 7

Date: July 9, 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 not afford to subsidize income re-distribution 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:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Township of Larder Lake requests 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 BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Finance; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

Recorded vote requested: ☐

	For	Against
Tom Armstrong	✓	
Patricia Hull	✓	
Paul Kelly	✓	
Lynne Paquette	✓	
Patty Quinn	✓	

I declare this motion

☒ Carried
☐ Lost / Defeated
☐ Deferred to: _____ (enter date)
Because:
☐ Referred to: _____ (enter body)
Expected response: _____ (enter date)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*

Chair:

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*Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.



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July 12, 2024

Sent via email – chandley@loyalist.ca

Cindy Handley,
Administrative Assistant
Corporate Services Department
Loyalist Township

Re: Resolution regarding solutions to resolve significant financial and budgetary pressures relating to infrastructure development, maintenance and repairs

We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated March 18, 2024, regarding the above-mentioned matter.

The said correspondence was provided to Stratford City Council for their information as part of the April 8, 2024, Council meeting Consent Agenda (CA-2024-049). Council adopted the following resolution:

THAT CA-2024-049, being a resolution from the Loyalist Township regarding solutions to resolve significant financial and budgetary pressures relating to infrastructure development, maintenance and repairs, be endorsed.

Sincerely,

A. Pascual

Audrey Pascual, Deputy Clerk

/mf

cc: Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario municipalities

March 18, 2024

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

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Motion regarding solutions to resolve significant financial and budgetary pressures relating to infrastructure development, maintenance and repairs

Please be advised that at its regular meeting of March 12, 2024, Loyalist Township Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution 2024-49

Moved by Councillor Budarick
Seconded by Councillor Parks

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has agreed to assume responsibility for the Gardiner Expressway and the Don Valley Parkway from the City of Toronto, which will be uploaded to the Province of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS like the City of Toronto, The Corporation of Loyalist Township and all municipalities in the Province of Ontario are experiencing significant financial and budgetary pressures including those related to infrastructure development, maintenance and repairs, and are seeking reasonable solutions to address the same while balancing their financial books;

AND WHEREAS the uploading of municipal highway infrastructure to the Province of Ontario or, alternatively, appropriately increasing the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund to Ontario municipalities will assist municipalities in addressing such financial challenges;

AND BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- a. The Province of Ontario:



- upload from local municipalities the responsibility of and costs associated with the continued construction, operation, and maintenance of major municipally-owned highways throughout the Province of Ontario to the Ontario Ministry of Transportation; or
 - alternatively, if uploading is not the preferred option of the Province and/or local municipality, to appropriately increase the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund to municipalities so as to fairly and equitably allocate resources to Ontario municipalities.
- b. A copy of this resolution be circulated the Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, the Ontario Minister of Transportation; MPP Ric Bresee, Hastings, Lennox & Addington; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; all municipalities in Ontario.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anne Kantharajah".

Anne Kantharajah
Township Clerk

Cc: the Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, the Ontario Minister of Transportation
Ric Bresee, M.P.P., Hastings, Lennox & Addington
Association of Municipalities
All municipalities in Ontario
Jim Hegadorn, Mayor, Loyalist Township
Rebecca Murphy, CAO, Loyalist Township
Councillor Budarick, Loyalist Township
Councillor Parks, Loyalist Township



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July 12, 2024

Sent via email –bthornton@pecounty.on.ca

Ben Thornton,
Council and Committee Coordinator
Prince Edward County

Re: Resolution - Call to Action to Meet the Deadline of an Accessible Ontario by 2025

We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated March 28, 2024, regarding the above-mentioned matter.

The said correspondence was provided to Stratford City Council for their information as part of the April 8, 2024, Council meeting Consent Agenda (CA-2024-055). Council adopted the following resolution:

THAT CA-2024-005, being a resolution from Prince Edward County regarding a call to action to meet the deadline of an accessible Ontario by 2025, be endorsed.

Sincerely,

A. Pascual

Audrey Pascual, Deputy Clerk

/mf

cc: Premier of Ontario
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario municipalities

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