



AGENDA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Council Chambers
Friday, January 8th, 2021 - 1:00 p.m.

NOTE: A Closed Session will commence at the end of the meeting.

1. **Call the Meeting to Order**
2. **Approval of Agenda**
3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**
4. **Delegations/Presentations**
 - (a) **Delegations**
 - (i) **Stephanie Sharp, Planner, Marie Poirier Planning & Associates Inc. re: [Request to place solar panels on Town Road Allowance](#)**
 - (b) **Presentations - Nil**
5. **Minutes**
 - (a) **Adoption of Minutes**
 - (i) **Regular Meeting, [Draft Minutes – December 11th, 2020](#)**
 - (ii) **Special Meeting, [Draft Minutes – December 14th, 2020](#)**
 - (b) **Receive Committee Minutes - Nil**
6. **Committee Resolutions for Consideration - Nil**
7. **Public Meetings (Pursuant to the *Planning Act*) - Nil**
8. **Public Meetings (Pursuant to the *Municipal Act*) - Nil**
9. **Unfinished Business - Nil**
10. **Reports and By-laws**
 - (a) **Building – Nil**
 - (b) **Planning - Nil**
 - (c) **Operations**
 - (i) **Transfer Station Report – [for the period December 4, 2020 to December 22, 2020](#)**
 - (d) **Administration**
 - (i) **Resolution re: Appointment of Selection Team for Planning Consultant**
 - (ii) **[Information and By-law No. 2021-xx](#) re: [Agreement for Fire Department shared Joint Training Officer](#)**
 - (iii) **Resolution re: Funding for Summer Experience Program**
 - (iv) **Resolution re: Authorization to submit application for COVID-19 Technology Adoption Fund.**
 - (e) **Treasury**
 - (i) **Report and Resolution re: [Payment Register](#)**
 - (ii) **By-law No. 2021-xx re: To authorize the levying of Interim Tax Rates**

(f) Fire and Emergency Services

- (i) **Report re:** [Fire Chief, Fire Department Report for Regular Council Meeting on January 8, 2021](#)

(g) Facilities and Buildings – Nil

(h) Council Presentations

- (i) **Mayor Ballantyne discussion re:** Public Access to Town Office; Cashman Creek Bridge update

11. Correspondence

(a) Action Items - Nil

(b) Information Items

- (i) **Regional Fire Department re:** [Notes – December 10, 2020](#)
- (ii) **Kearney Watershed Environmental Foundation re:** [December 2020 Newsletter](#)
- (iii) **Almaguin Highlands Health Centre re:** [Minutes](#) – December 6, 2020; [Key Areas of Focus & Progress](#)
- (iv) **District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board re:** [Monthly Report – December 2020](#)
- (v) **Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce re:** [Update](#)

12. Other Business - Nil

13. Closed Session

Council will enter into a Closed Session for discussion regarding:

- (a)** Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose

14. Business Arising from Closed Session

15. Confirming By-Law

By-Law 2020-xx being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its Special Meeting held on December 14th, 2020; and at its Regular Meeting held on January 8th, 2021.

16. Adjournment



M A R I E P O I R I E R P L A N N I N G
& A S S O C I A T E S I N C .

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December 9, 2020

Town of Kearney
8 Main St
P.O Box 38
Kearney, ON PA0 1M0

Attention: Brenda Fraser, Clerk/Administrator

Dear Ms. Fraser,

**Letter for Delegation
Requesting Council Comments
Pursuant to a License of Occupation
PIN 52157-0506
218 Emsdale Lake Rd**

We are the authorized agent for the above noted property, located in the Town of Kearney, boarding the Township of Perry. We are requesting this letter be put forth as a delegation to council for comments on a future application pursuant to 2016-12 being a *Bylaw to Establish Policy on the Use/Alteration on a Unopened and/or Unmaintained Road Allowance*, to construct and encroach onto the Unopened and Unmaintained Road Allowance, **PIN 52157-0506 (LT)**, adjacent to the subject lands to which a portion of is located in both the Town of Kearney and the Township of Perry. The purpose of the encroachment is to install solar panels which will function as the main energy source for a dwelling on the adjacent private lands being 218 Emsdale Lake Rd. For reference, the proposed location is noted on the attached survey.

Concurrent to this letter, Marie Poirier Planning & Associates Inc. has also submitted a letter of the same nature to the Township of Perry requesting comments from their

council, as the proposed solar panels will also encroach on their portion of the Road Allowance.

As noted above, the proposal is to construct solar panels to support a future dwelling which is to be built on the legally owned lands adjacent to the Road Allowance. The size of the solar panels is yet to be determined; however they are to be for personal use to power a modest cottage and not for commercial purposes or to be sold to the grid.

The subject property has significant natural constraints, and therefore there are limited options for the location of the solar panel(s). To be efficient, solar panels require direct sunlight throughout the day. The proposed location on the Road Allowance is at an optimum elevation, and is also adjacent to the former gravel pit located on the property bordering the western portion of the road allowance such that no physical or natural obstructions to obtaining sunlight all day are present. This allows for the property owners to minimize the amount of tree removal needed, as the existing cleared area will allow for direct sunlight.

The structures will not provide as a substantial obstacle for access to the lake if individuals wish to do so by foot. Additionally, there is a shorter and more direct access point located directly across the bay, as a natural extension of Fischer Lake Lane. Moreover, there are relatively steep slopes located on the road allowance which would make the access to the lake quite difficult and the Road Allowance is not the most appropriate public access to the Lake.

The property owners have explored the idea of extending electricity to their property, however this comes at a significant cost, and requires to removal of a substantial amount of vegetation. The owners wish to develop their land in a way that is respectful to the existing environment, and utilize the space provided to minimize the removal or trees.

As you can see in the attached mapping, most of the land is designated Environment Protection and is part of a valley.

There are many supporting policies that encourage the development of renewable energy as an environmentally friendly alternative to the more common sources of electricity. Below we have highlighted supporting federal, provincial, and municipal initiatives and plans supporting the development of renewable energy.

Federal Initiatives

Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change (2016)

Section 3.1 Electricity

The approach to electricity will include:

- (1) Increasing the amount of electricity generated from renewable and low-emitting sources;*
- (2) Connecting clean power with places that need it;*
- (3) Modernizing electricity systems;*

Provincial Plans and Policy

A Made in Ontario Environment Plan (2018)

The made in Ontario Environment Plan addresses the goals to achieve environmental targets, address climate change, and use energy and resources wisely.

Actions

Conserve energy in homes and buildings to cut costs and reduce emissions

Review the Building Code and support the adoption of cost effective energy efficiency measures that can lower the cost of electricity and natural gas needed to operate buildings. Ontario is currently a leading jurisdiction in Canada when it comes to energy efficiency standards in its Building Code. Today, Ontario's Building Code ensures new homes built after 2017 use 50% less energy to heat and cool than houses built before 2005, resulting in a much lower carbon footprint than older homes.

Provincial Policy Statement

The PPS encourages opportunities to develop renewable energy supply to accommodate the needs of development.

1.6.11 Energy Supply

1.6.11.1 Planning authorities should provide opportunities for the development of energy supply including electricity generation facilities and transmission and distribution systems, district energy, and renewable energy systems and alternative energy systems, to accommodate current and projected needs.

Town of Kearney Official Plan

The Town of Kearney Official Plan promoted energy conservation and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, and the development of alternative energy systems.

1.6.10 Energy Conservation and Air Quality

The Town may promote energy conservation and improved air quality by:

f. promoting design and orientation of subdivisions and developments, which maximize the use of alternative or renewable energy systems, such as solar and wind energy, at appropriate locations.

8.8 Energy Efficiency Programs

Reducing energy use, providing consumers with access to green energy sources and transportation, and developing energy efficient subdivision, street, and building designs are encouraged by this Plan. Attracting new businesses in the energy and environmental services sector to locate in Kearney is another strategy towards promoting energy efficiency.

The Town may explore opportunities for energy retrofits in municipally-owned facilities, as well as additional improvements in energy conserving design. Alternative methods of heating, cooling, and constructing buildings may be promoted as the Town works towards reducing greenhouse gas emissions and meeting established environmental targets.

8.8.1 Programs

1. This Plan supports the continued development of programs to conserve energy and improve energy efficiency across all sectors.

2. Kearney supports the development of alternative energy systems in order to produce clean energy for the Town.

3. This Plan encourages building and landscape design practices that conserve energy and reduce waste, including:

a. utilizing techniques and materials that increase energy efficiency;

*b. siting buildings so as to best exploit the area's **passive solar energy potential**, and utilizing existing natural shade canopies to reduce summer energy use;*

c. designing buildings that meet LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) or equivalent standards.

The policies within the Municipal Official Plan are extremely supportive and encouraging of the development of renewable energy, and the use of energy efficient design in relation to development within the Town of Kearney. The proposed location is ideal, as it will allow for the most direct sunlight, with minimal removal of trees.

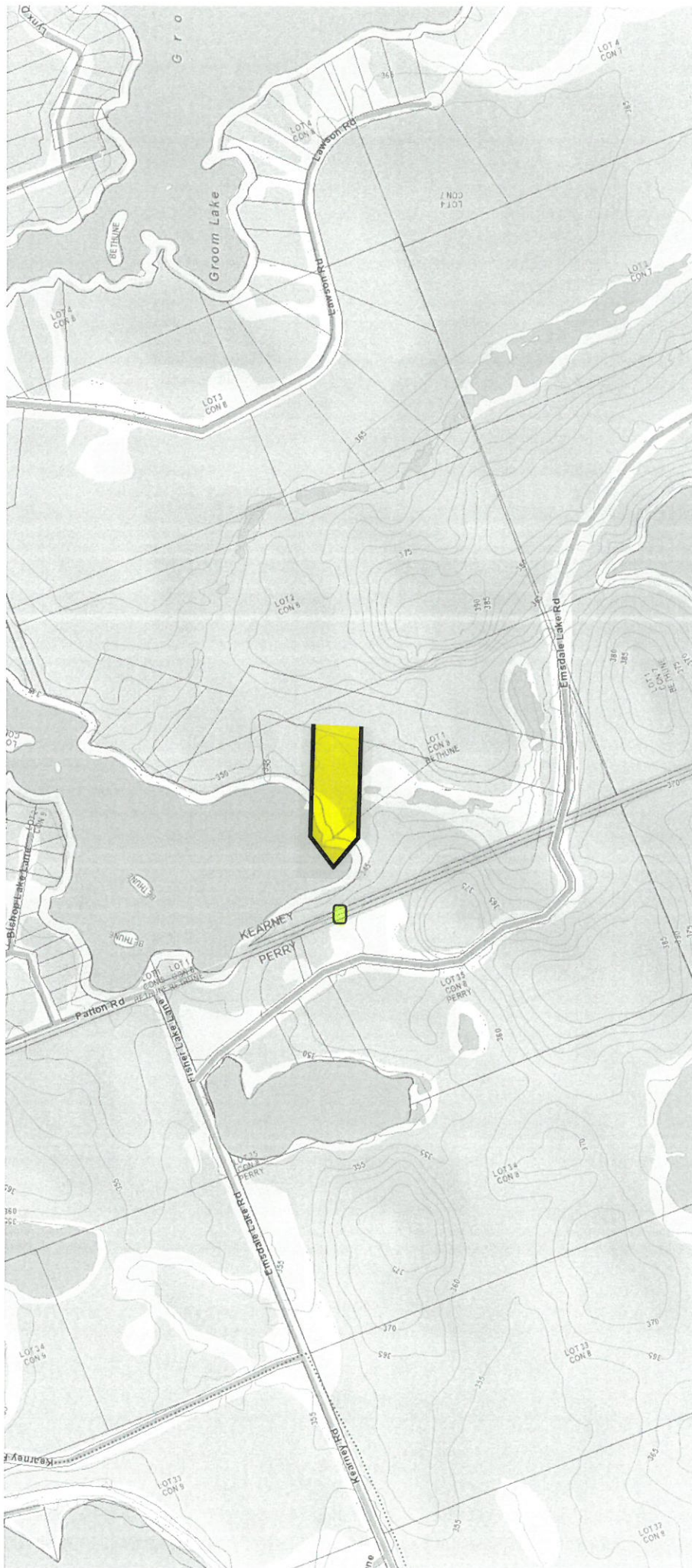
We are requesting council's comments in regard to supporting a future application pursuant to the *2016-12 Bylaw to Establish Policy on the Use/Alteration on an Unopened*

and/or Unmaintained Road Allowance, to permit the encroachment of a solar panel onto the portion of the Road Allowance located within the Town of Kearney. We would appreciate you providing Council with this correspondence and providing us with an opportunity to delegate before them at the earliest convenience. We have attached the survey marking the approximate location for reference.

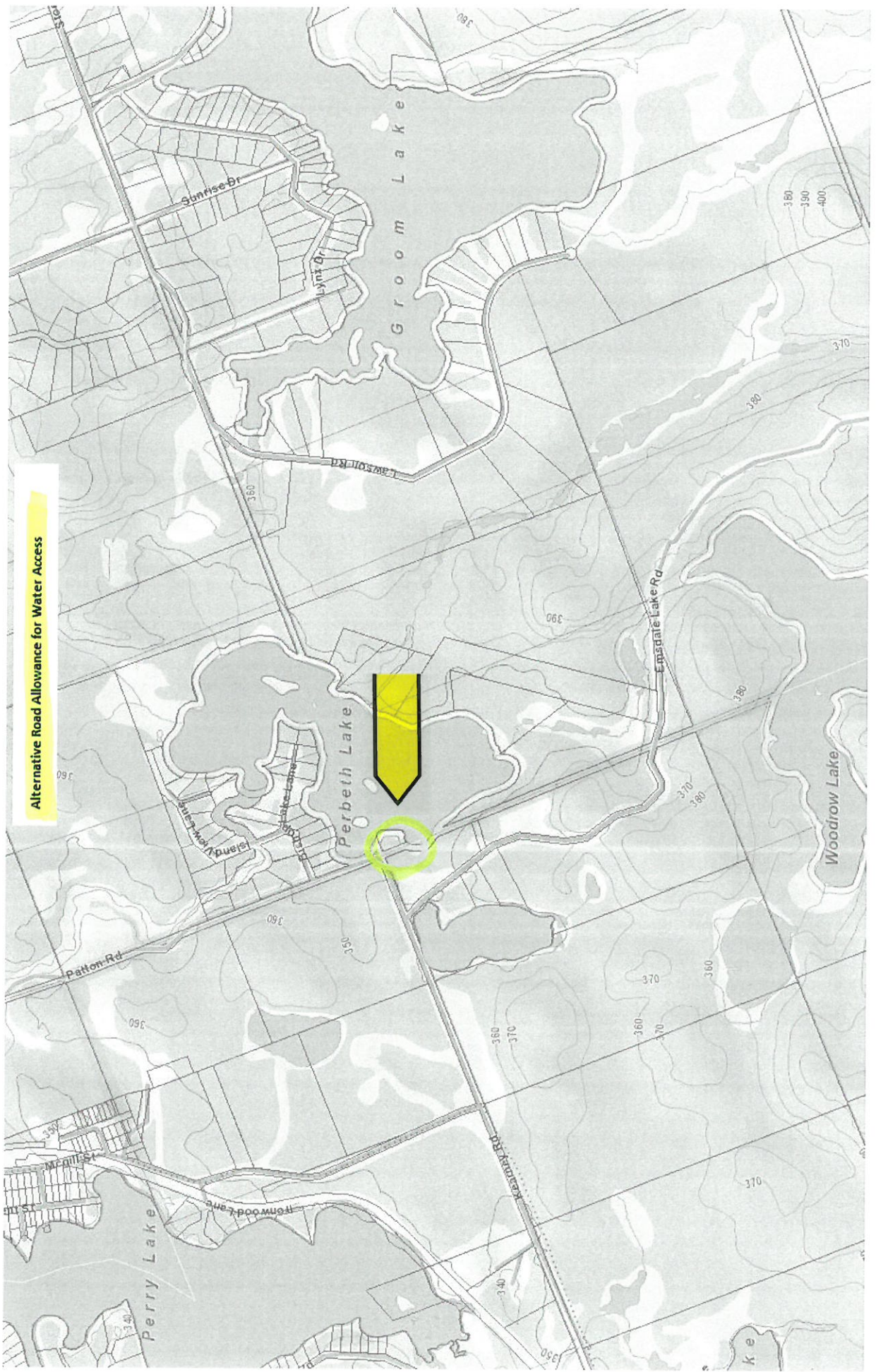
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Steph', is positioned above the typed name.

Stephanie Sharp, *Planner*
Marie Poirier Planning & Associates Inc.



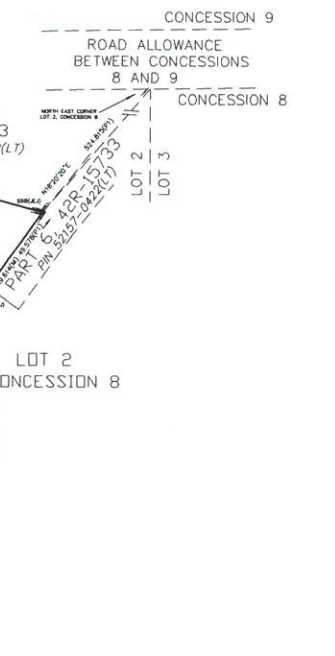
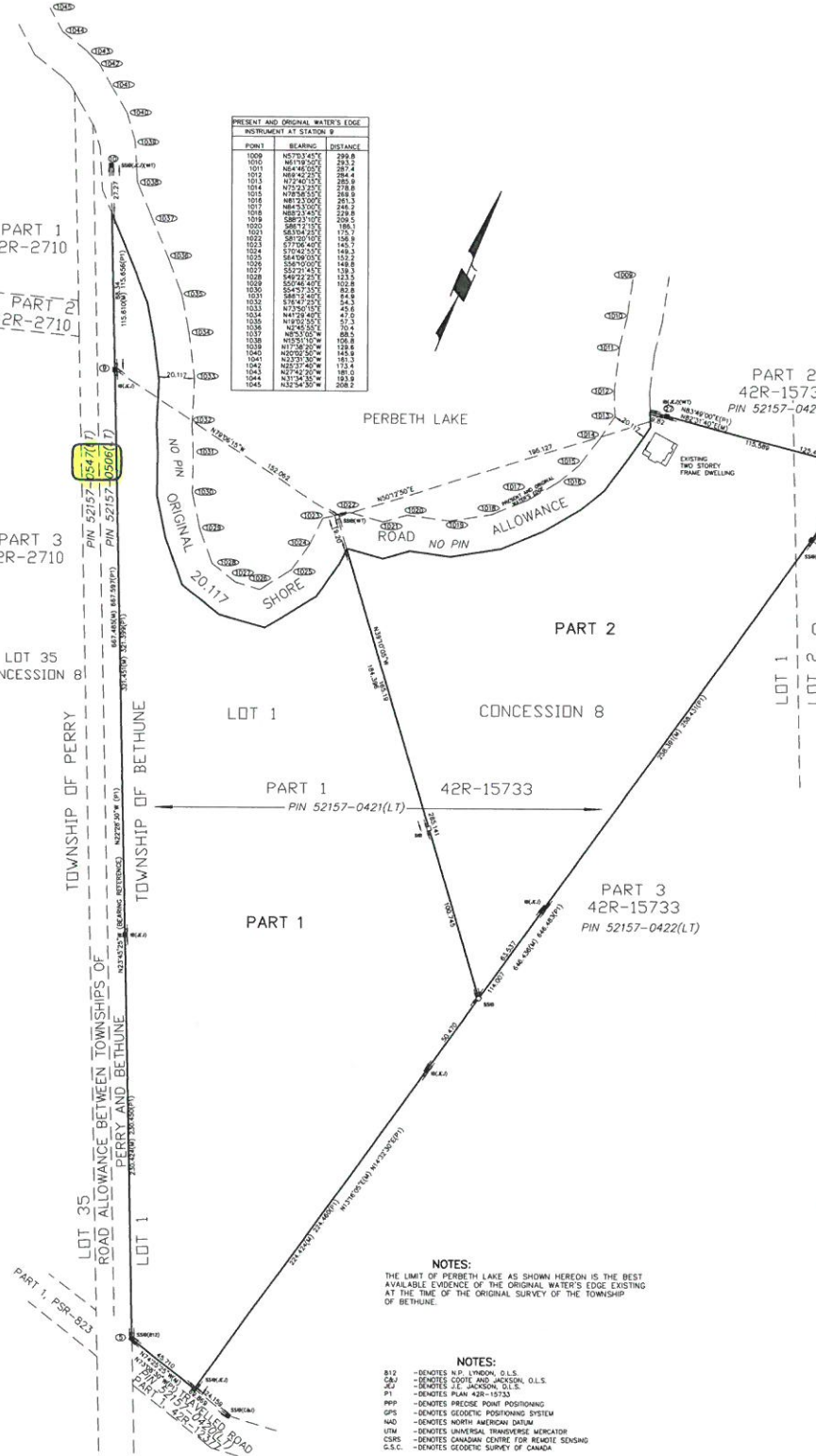
Alternative Road Allowance for Water Access



PLAN OF SURVEY
OF PART OF LOTS 1 AND 2, CONCESSION 8
GEOGRAPHIC TOWNSHIP OF BETHUNE
TOWN OF SYDNEY
DISTRICT OF PARRY SOUND

SCALE 1: 1200 METRES
R.M. McDERMOTT O.L.S.

I REQUIRE THIS PLAN TO BE DEPOSITED UNDER THE LAND TITLES ACT.		PLAN 42R-	
DATE MARCH 20, 2014		RECEIVED AND DEPOSITED	
R.M. McDERMOTT ONTARIO LAND SURVEYOR		REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LAND TITLES DIVISION OF PARRY SOUND '42'	
METRIC DISTANCES AND COORDINATES SHOWN ON THIS PLAN ARE IN METRES AND CAN BE CONVERTED TO FEET BY DIVIDING BY 0.3048.			
SCHEDULE OF PARTS			
PART	LOT	CON	AREA
1	PART OF LOT 1	8	6.9 HA
2	PART OF LOTS 1&2		4.2 HA



COORDINATES CANNOT, IN THEMSELVES, BE USED TO RE-ESTABLISH CORNERS OR BOUNDARIES SHOWN ON THIS PLAN.

OBSERVED REFERENCE POINTS (ORPS) DERIVED FROM GPS OBSERVATIONS USING THE PRECISE POINT POSITIONING (PPP) SERVICE, UTM ZONE 17, NAD83 (CSRS) (1997.0)

BEARING REFERENCE
BEARINGS ARE UTM GRID DERIVED FROM SIMULTANEOUS GPS OBSERVATIONS BY WAY OF PPP ON MONUMENTS "B" AND "C" HAVING A GRID BEARING OF N23°45'28"W, NAD83(CSRS) AND ARE REFERRED TO THE CENTRAL MERIDIAN OF UTM ZONE 17 (89° WEST LONGITUDE) NAD83 (CSRS) (1997.0)

CONVERGENCE NOTE
FOR BEARING CONVERSIONS, A ROTATION OF 1°14'55" COUNTER-CLOCKWISE WAS APPLIED TO PLAN P1 TO CONVERT TO UTM BEARINGS.

POINT ID	NORTHING	EASTING	REMARKS
3	504368.667	440091.410	SSR(B12)
10	504478.584	439792.811	SSR(B12)
27	504210.541	440138.131	SSR(B12)

ALL COORDINATES ARE IN METRES, ARE RELATED TO UTM ZONE 17 (81°W LONGITUDE) NAD83 (CSRS) AND HAVE A RELATIVE ACCURACY TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF A BUREAU AREA BY A 90% CONFIDENCE LEVEL AS PER SEC. 14(2) OF O. REG. 216/10.

DISTANCES
DISTANCES SHOWN ON THIS PLAN ARE HORIZONTAL GROUND DISTANCES AND CAN BE CONVERTED TO GRID DISTANCES BY MULTIPLYING BY A COMBINED SCALE FACTOR OF 0.99983.

NOTES:
THE LIMIT OF PERBETH LAKE AS SHOWN HEREON IS THE BEST AVAILABLE EVIDENCE OF THE ORIGINAL WATER'S EDGE EXISTING AT THE TIME OF THE ORIGINAL SURVEY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BETHUNE.

NOTES:
B12 - DENOTES N.P. LYNDON, O.L.S.
SMB - DENOTES SHORT STANDARD IRON BAR
IB - DENOTES IRON BAR
RMB - DENOTES ROCK BARS ROUND
RIB - DENOTES ROCK BAR
RPF - DENOTES ROCK POST
(D) - DENOTES IRON DUMMIE
(W) - DENOTES ORIGINAL WOUND
M - DENOTES MEASURED
- DENOTES MONUMENT FOUND
D - DENOTES MONUMENT PLANTED

LEGEND

SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE
I CERTIFY THAT:
1) THIS SURVEY AND PLAN ARE CORRECT AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SURVEYS ACT AND THE REGULATIONS MADE UNDER THEM.
2) THE SURVEY WAS COMPLETED ON THE 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2014.
PORT SYDNEY, ONTARIO
MARCH 20, 2014

R.M. McDERMOTT
ONTARIO LAND SURVEYOR

ROBERT M. McDERMOTT SURVEYING LIMITED
ONTARIO LAND SURVEYORS
15-4 SOUTH MARY LAKE ROAD, PORT SYDNEY, ONTARIO
PHONE (705) 365-3196
PORT SYDNEY - ONTARIO
CAD FILE: 2014-05 RMGD D-0252



M A R I E P O I R I E R P L A N N I N G & A S S O C I A T E S I N C .

AUTHORIZATION FOR PLANNING AND BUILDING PURPOSES

To Whom It May Concern:

We, Douglas Waffle, Brenda Richens, Emily Waffle, Lindsay Waffle and Ryan Dhillon registered owners hereby authorize:

Marie Poirier Planning & Associates Inc.
44A King William Street
Huntsville, ON
P1H 1G3

To act on our behalf with respect to planning and building matters related to our property at:

218 Emsdale Lake Road, Pt. Lot1, Con 8, Pt 1 on Plan 42R-15733

Roll Nos.: Kearney 4918 020007 00602 0000
Perry 4914 000002 47802 0000

We also authorize Douglas Waffle to act as applicant and signatory for all planning and building matters as authorized to Marie Poirier Planning & Associates Inc.



Douglas Waffle Date 16/9/20



Brenda Richens Date Sept 16/20



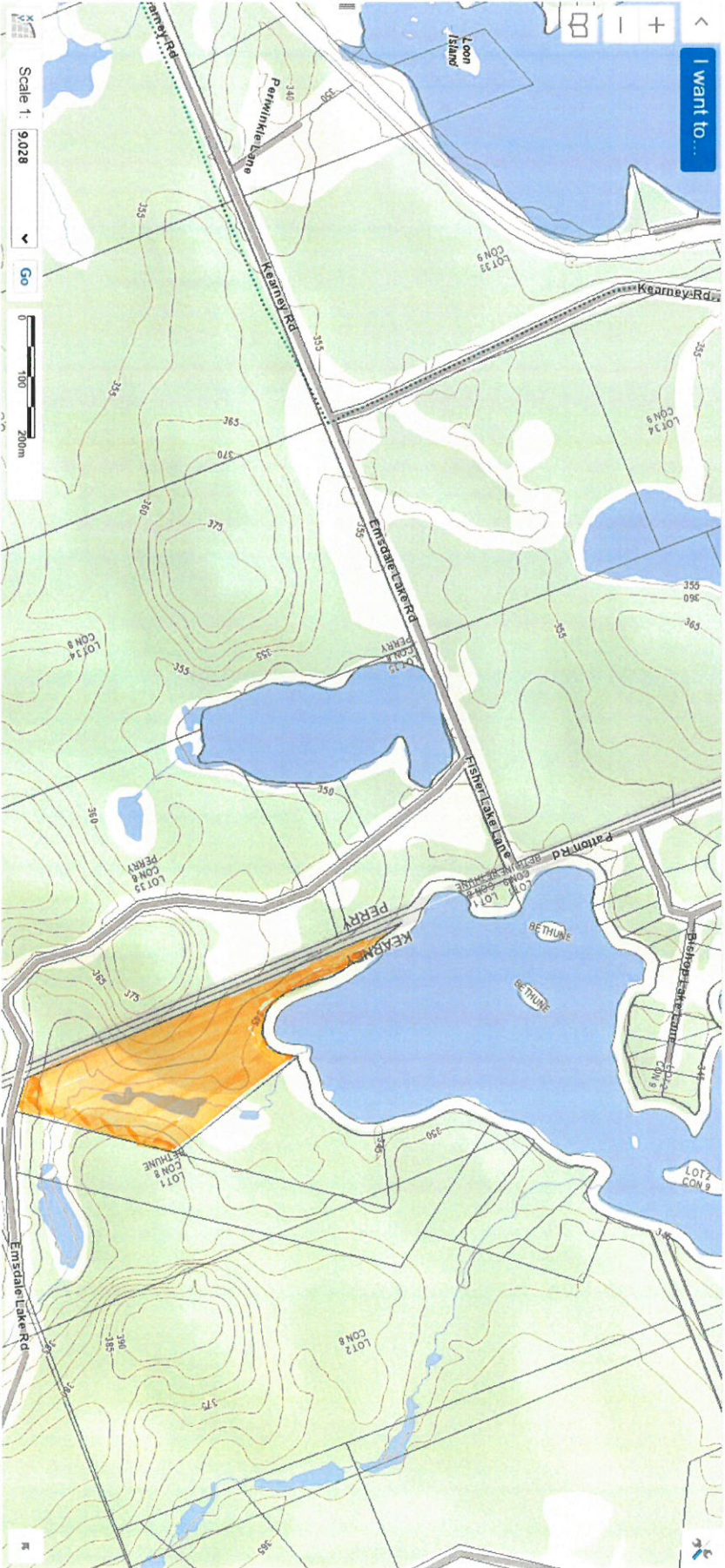
Emily Waffle Date September 15, 2020


Lindsay Waffle Date _____

Ryan Dhillon Date _____

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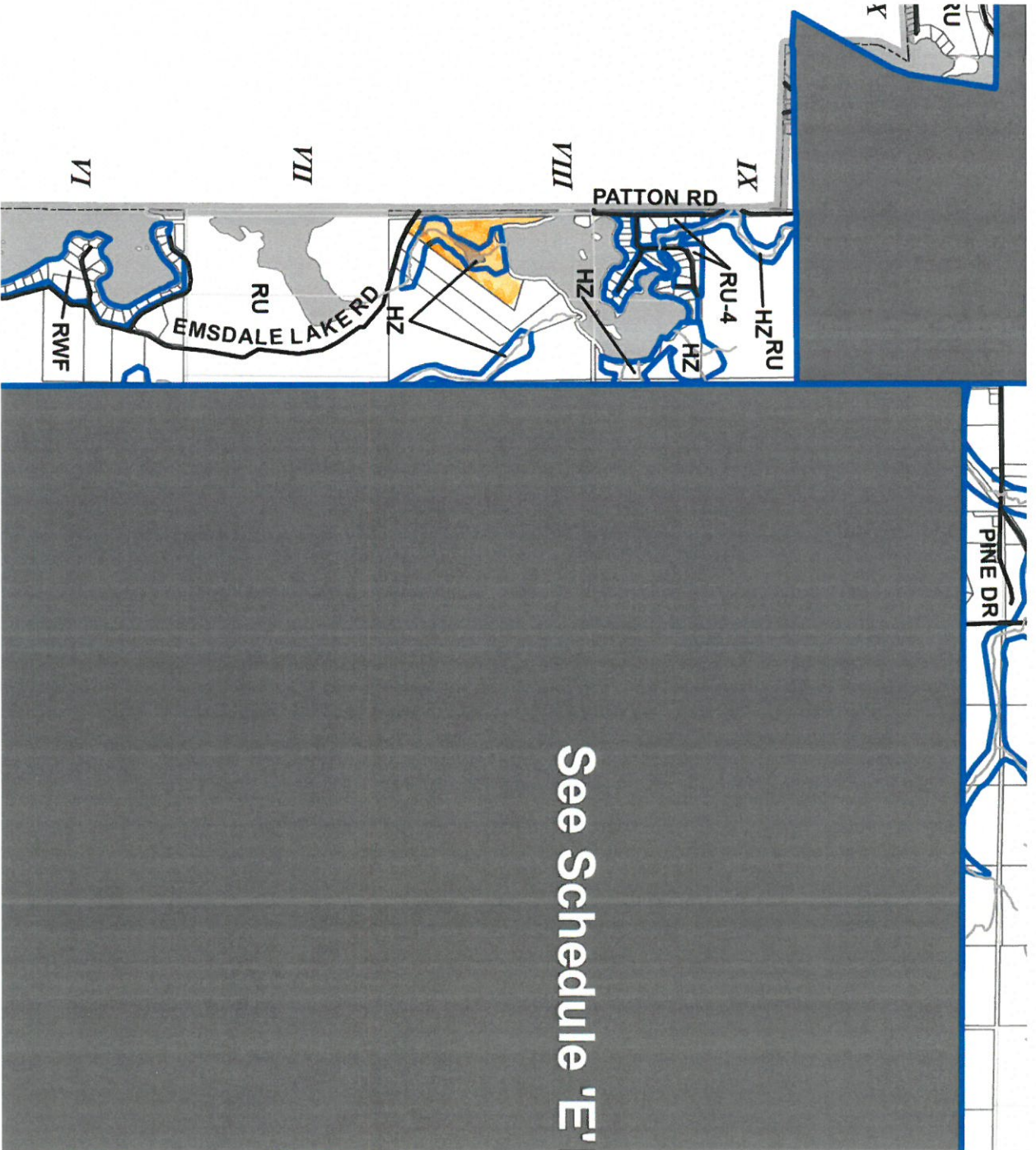
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 Subject Property



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See Schedule 'E'



The Corporation of the Town of Kearney

8 Main Street Box 38 Kearney ON P0A 1M0

MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Council Chambers

Friday, December 11th, 2020

1:00 p.m.

Council Members Present: Mayor Carol Ballantyne
Councillors: Cheryl Philip, Mike Rickward, Liz Stermsek and Paul Ziraldo

Staff Present: Brenda J. Fraser, CAO | Clerk | Treasurer
Keven Beaucage, Deputy Clerk, Deputy Treasurer
Brian Horsman, Chief Building Official

1. **Call the Meeting to Order**

Res. No. 1/11/12/2020 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward

BE IT RESOLVED that the Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney on December 11th, 2020 be declared open and called to order at 1:00 p.m. **CARRIED**

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Res. No. 2/11/12/2020 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward

BE IT RESOLVED that the Agenda of the Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney on December 11th, 2020 be adopted as circulated. **CARRIED**

3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof** – None noted.

4. **Delegations/Presentations**

(a) **Delegations**

(i) **Frank Palmay P.Eng., Structural Design Engineer, Tulloch Engineering re:**

Cashman Creek Bridge Replacement Update

Mr. Palmay commented that the bridge completion date is a little behind schedule as a result of further drilling and more piles being required. Additional crew is being added to gain the time lost with the estimated date to open one lane being January 12th, 2021.

(ii) **Chris Bevan, Kennedy Insurance Brokers Inc. re: Renewal Report for 2021**

Municipal Insurance Policy

Mr. Bevan highlighted key points of our 2021 Municipal Insurance.

(b) **Presentations – Nil**

5. **Minutes**

(a) **Adoption of Minutes**

(i) **Special Meeting**, Draft Minutes – November 5th, 2020

(ii) **Regular Meeting**, Draft Minutes – November 20th, 2020

(iii) **Special Meeting**, Draft Minutes – November 27th, 2020

Res. No. 5(a)(i)-(iii)/11/12/2020 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney approves the Minutes of the Council Meeting(s) as follows:

(i) **Special Meeting**, Draft Minutes – November 5th, 2020

(ii) **Regular Meeting**, Draft Minutes – November 20th, 2020

(iii) **Special Meeting**, Draft Minutes – November 27th, 2020

CARRIED

(b) **Receive Committee Minutes – Nil**

6. **Committee Resolutions for Consideration** - Nil

7. **Public Meetings (Pursuant to the Planning Act)** – Nil

8. **Public Meetings (Pursuant to the *Municipal Act*)** – Nil

9. **Unfinished Business** – Nil

10. **Reports and By-laws**

(a) **Building**

(i) **Discussion and Resolution re:** Kearney Community Centre

Res. No. 10(a)(i)/11/12/2020 Cheryl Philip, Liz Stermsek

WHEREAS a building condition assessment has been completed for the Kearney Community Centre and it has identified that this building is in need of repair/replacement as a result of the existing condition and the need for additional footage;

AND WHEREAS a cost-sharing infrastructure funding program between the federal government, provinces/territories and municipalities has been announced with a submission deadline of December 21, 2020;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney directs Staff to submit an application to the ICIP Infrastructure Funding Program. **CARRIED**

(b) **Planning** – Nil

(c) **Operations**

(i) **Transfer Station Report** – for the period November 13, 2020 to December 2, 2020 – **Report only.**

(ii) **Report and Resolution re:** Engineering for Gazebo at Mirror Bay

Res. No. 10(c)(ii)/11/12/2020 Mike Rickward, Liz Stermsek

WHEREAS Council recently approved the replacement of the gazebo at Mirror Bay;

AND WHEREAS an Engineered design is required for the foundation of the pre-designed structure, for the barrier free ramp, and for the connecting sidewalk;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney accepts the estimate attached hereto and submitted by Kevin Louch, Tulloch Engineering Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$3,800.00 plus HST. **CARRIED**

(d) **Administration**

(i) **Resolution re:** 2021 Municipal Insurance Program renewal

Res. No. 10(d)(i)/11/12/2020 Mike Rickward, Liz Stermsek

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney authorizes renewal of the 2021 Municipal Insurance Policy with Kennedy Insurance Brokers Inc. / Frank Cowan Company, in the amount of \$106,928.00 plus applicable taxes. **CARRIED**

(ii) **Information and By-law No. 2020-xx re:** Contract renewal - Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

Res. No. 10(d)(ii)/11/12/2020 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward

By-Law 2020-54 being a By-law to authorize the execution of an Agreement between the Corporation of the Town of Kearney and the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, be read a first, second and third time and numbered 2020-54 and that the said By-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Seal of the Corporation and be engrossed in the By-law Book. **CARRIED**

(iii) **Resolution re:** 2021 Virtual Roma Conference Registration

Res. No. 10(d)(iii)/11/12/2020 Cheryl Philip, Liz Stermsek

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney authorizes the attendance of Councillor Mike Rickward at the 2021 Virtual Rural Ontario Municipal Conference on January 25th – 26th, 2021. **CARRIED**

(e) **Treasury**

(i) **Report and Resolution re:** Payment Register

Res. No. 10(e)(i)/11/12/2020 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney has received the 'List of Accounts' and has no objections to be noted with regard to Cheques #30259 to #30340 in the total amount of \$246,351.84. **CARRIED**

(ii) **Discussion and Resolution re:** 2021 Penalty and Interest

Res. No. 10(e)(ii)/11/12/2020 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney shall extend the tax relief program put in place by Resolution 10(a)(ii)/03/04/2020 for a further 12 months. **DEFEATED**

(f) **Fire and Emergency Services**

(i) **Report re:** Fire Chief, Fire Department Report for Regular Council Meeting on December 11, 2020 – **Report only.**

(ii) **Resolutions re:** New recruits

Res. No. 10(f)(ii)(a)/11/12/2020 Cheryl Philip, Liz Stermsek

BE IT RESOLVED that, effective immediately, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney accepts Matti Anja to the Kearney Fire and Emergency Services Department, as a volunteer firefighter/first responder, subject to the conditions agreed to in the United Food and Commercial Workers Collective Agreement. **CARRIED**

Res. No. 10(f)(ii)(b)/11/12/2020 Mike Rickward, Liz Stermsek

BE IT RESOLVED that, effective immediately, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney accepts Timothy Brown to the Kearney Fire and Emergency Services Department, as a volunteer firefighter/first responder, subject to the conditions agreed to in the United Food and Commercial Workers Collective Agreement. **CARRIED**

Res. No. 10(f)(ii)(c)/11/12/2020 Mike Rickward, Liz Stermsek

BE IT RESOLVED that, effective immediately, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney accepts Matthew Ferrier to the Kearney Fire and Emergency Services Department, as a volunteer firefighter/first responder, subject to the conditions agreed to in the United Food and Commercial Workers Collective Agreement. **CARRIED**

Res. No. 10(f)(ii)(d)/11/12/2020 Cheryl Philip, Liz Stermsek

BE IT RESOLVED that, effective immediately, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney accepts John Perisic to the Kearney Fire and Emergency Services Department, as a volunteer firefighter/first responder, subject to the conditions agreed to in the United Food and Commercial Workers Collective Agreement. **CARRIED**

(g) **Facilities and Buildings** - Nil

(h) **Council Presentations**

(i) **Mayor Ballantyne, discussion re:** Public Access to Town Office; Exercise Class discussion

Discussion of Council resulted in the decision for Municipal Buildings to continue to remain closed to the public at this time. The Staff report regarding exercise classes to be suspended as a result of current COVID-19 restrictions.

11. **Correspondence**

(a) **Action Items**

(i) **Municipality of Marmora and Lake re:** Request for support of Resolution – Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act

Res. No. 11(a)(i)/11/12/2020 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward

WHEREAS Section 14(4) pf P/Reg 191/11 under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act requires designated public sector organizations to conform to WCAG 2.0 Level AA by January 1, 2021;

AND WHEREAS Council supports the provision of accessible goods and services;

AND WHEREAS our Town provides accommodations to meet any stated accessibility need, where possible;

AND WHEREAS the declared pandemic COVID-19, has impacted the finances and other resources of the Town;

AND WHEREAS the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act contemplates the need to consider technical or economic considerations in the implementation of Accessibility Standards;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney requests that the Province of Ontario consider providing funding support and training resources to municipalities to meet these compliance standards;

AND FURTHER that this Resolution be forwarded to our local MP and MPP. **CARRIED**

(b) **Information Items**

(i) **Regional Fire Department re:** Notes – November 19, 2020 – **Information only.**

(ii) **Kearney Watershed Environmental Foundation re:** November 2020 Newsletter - **Information only.**

(iii) **Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare re:** MAHV Welcomes new Obstetrical Care Providers - **Information only.**

(iv) **East Parry Sound Veterinary Service Committee re: 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes - Information only.**

12. Other Business – Nil

13. Closed Session

Res. No. 13(a)-(b)/11/12/2020 Cheryl Philip, Liz Stermsek

BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 239, (1), (2), (3) and (3.1) of the Municipal Act, c. 25, S.O. 2001, as amended, the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Kearney will convene in Closed Session at 2:05 p.m. for discussion regarding:

- (a) Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.
- (b) Labour relations or employee negotiations

CARRIED

Res. No. 13(c)/11/12/2020 Mike Rickward, Liz Stermsek

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney reconvene in Open Session and report on matters discussed in Closed Session. Closed Session adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

CARRIED

14. Business Arising from Closed Session

Mayor Ballantyne reported on matters discussed in Closed Session.

15. Confirming By-Law

By-Law 2020-xx being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its Special Meeting held on November 27th, 2020; and at its Regular Meeting held on December 11th, 2020.

Res. No. 15/11/12/2020 Liz Stermsek, Cheryl Philip

By-law No. 2020-55, Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its Special Meeting held on November 27th, 2020; and at its Regular Meeting held on December 11th, 2020, be read a first, second and third time and numbered 2020-55 and that the said By-law be signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Seal of the Corporation, and engrossed in the By-law Book.

CARRIED

16. Adjournment

Res. No. 16/11/12/2020 Liz Stermsek, Mike Rickward

BE IT RESOLVED that the Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney adjourn at 3:17 p.m. to meet again at 10:00 a.m. on January 8th, 2021 in the Council Chambers, Kearney, Ontario.

CARRIED

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF KEARNEY**

Carol Ballantyne, Mayor

Brenda J. Fraser, Clerk



The Corporation of the Town of Kearney

8 Main Street Box 38 Kearney ON P0A 1M0

MINUTES

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING Council Chambers Monday, December 14th, 2020 10:00 a.m.

Council Members Present: Mayor Carol Ballantyne
Councillors: Cheryl Philip; Liz Stermsek; and Paul Ziraldo

Staff Present: Brenda J. Fraser, Clerk Administrator
Brian Horsman, Chief Building Official

1. **Call the Meeting to Order**
Res. No. 1/14/12/2020 Liz Stermsek, Paul Ziraldo
BE IT RESOLVED that the Special Council meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney on Monday, December 14th, 2020 be declared open and called to order at 10:01 a.m. **CARRIED**
2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof – None noted.**
3. **Council Discussion and Resolution re: Purchase of Vehicle for Building Department**
Res. No. 3.1/14/12/2020 Liz Stermsek, Paul Ziraldo
WHEREAS on November 20, 2020 Council passed Resolution No. 10(a)(i)/20/11/2020 authorizing the purchase of a 2020 Ram 1500 truck;
AND WHEREAS the truck quoted by the dealer is no longer available;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney does hereby rescind Resolution No. 10(a)(i)/20/11/2020;
AND FURTHER be it resolved that Council authorizes the purchase of a 2020 RAM 1500 truck from Armstrong Dodge at a cost of \$\$44,837.90, HST included. **CARRIED**
4. **Adjournment**
Res. No. 4/14/12/2020 Paul Ziraldo, Liz Stermsek
BE IT RESOLVED that the Special Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney adjourn at 10:03 a.m. to meet again at 10:00 a.m. on January 8th, 2021 in the Council Chambers, Kearney, Ontario. **CARRIED**

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF KEARNEY

Carol Ballantyne, Mayor

Brenda J. Fraser, Clerk

Date	Pick Up	Kearney \$	Sand Lak \$	Notes
04-Dec		66	19	10 5F,5G
05-Dec		64	20	5 5M
06-Dec		52	9	15 5F,10C
07-Dec	30	44	10	5 5F
08-Dec		47	16	10 10C
11-Dec		85	15	20 10F, 10C
12-Dec		44	9	
13-Dec		84	16	
14-Dec	31	54	14	5 5C
15-Dec		58	16	
18-Dec		66	12	
19-Dec		73	13	10 5M, 5C
20-Dec		54	14	
21-Dec	31	64	10	5 5C
22-Dec		66	18	
Total				85

Numbers of visitors continue to decline

Martin Filmore



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December 14, 2020

Re: Cost of RTO Agreement

To all Municipal CAOs/Administrators:

At the Regional Fire Department Committee Meeting on December 10, 2020, an inquiry was raised with respect to the cost of the shared RTO contract as included in the draft agreement. At that time, the Cost of Operation was set forth in the draft agreement as \$95,000.00.

To clarify, there are two agreements that are entered into with respect to the Regional Training Officer; one whereby the participating municipalities agree to jointly procure an RTO, and a second agreement, entered into solely by Ryerson as the administrator of said Shared Service Agreement, to hire Gary Courtice for that role. The original cost provided was intended to be an upset limit, independent of the contract renewal price provided to us by Gary.

That said, the revised agreement being provided to each member municipality has an updated Cost of Operation of \$92,900. This Cost of Operation includes the after-tax payments made to Gary Courtice as well as the \$2,500 expenditure allowance approved at the December 10th meeting, and is broken down as follows:

Contract Price	\$80,000
HST (13%)	<u>\$10,400</u>
Total Contract	\$90,400
Allowance	<u>\$ 2,500</u>
Total Cost of Operation	\$92,900

An updated budget has been enclosed as well. The difference between this budget, and the prior iteration in effect from 2018-2020, is solely the addition of the \$2,500 allowance.

If you have any further questions in this respect, please let me know.

Thank you,

Judy Kosowan
CAO/Clerk/Deputy Treasurer

South East Parry Sound Regional Fire Training Committee
 2021 Draft Budget
 December 14, 2020

	Expenses	2020 Budget	2020 Actual to Nov 30, 2020	2021 Draft Budget
	Administration	2,000	2,000	2,000
	Expense Allowance	-	-	2,500
	Training Program	81,408	74,624	81,408
	Total	83,408	76,624	85,908

		Percentage	Share of 2020 Budget	Share of 2021 Budget
Burk's Falls and District		20%	16,682	17,182
Kearney		20%	16,682	17,182
Magnetawan		20%	16,682	17,182
McMurrich/Monteith		20%	16,682	17,182
Perry		20%	16,682	17,182
			83,408	85,908

THIS AGREEMENT MADE THIS DAY OF , 2020

BETWEEN:

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON
(hereinafter called "Ryerson")
OF THE FIRST PART

AND

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR
(hereinafter called "Armour")
OF THE SECOND PART

AND

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF BURK'S FALLS
(hereinafter called "Burk's Falls")
OF THE THIRD PART

AND

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAGNETAWAN
(hereinafter called "Magnetawan")
OF THE FOURTH PART

AND

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF KEARNEY
(hereinafter called "Kearney")
OF THE FIFTH PART

AND

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PERRY
(hereinafter called "Perry")
OF THE SIXTH PART

AND

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF McMurrich/Monteith
(hereinafter called "McMurrich/Monteith")
OF THE SEVENTH PART

WHEREAS Section 20(1) of the Municipal Act 2001, S.O. 2001 Chapter 25 authorizes municipalities to enter into agreements to jointly provide for matters that each municipality has the authority to provide;

AND WHEREAS the Parties to this municipal agreement have established Fire Departments individually or in concert with other Parties to this agreement and are individually authorized to provide training therefore;

AND WHEREAS the Parties deem it in the best interests of the public to jointly obtain and provide for training to the members of each Fire Department;

NOW THEREFORE this Agreement witnesseth that the Parties hereto covenant and agree as follows:

1. In this Agreement the following words and phrases have the meaning assigned to them below:

"Cost of Administration" means the actual cost of administering the Fire Training Program and contracting with the Service Provider, up to a maximum of 11.11% of the Cost of Operation.

"Cost of Operation" means the amount that the Administrator is required to pay to the Service Provider(s) or to third parties under a contract to provide the Regional Fire Training Program.

"Cost of the Program" means the aggregate of the Cost of Operation, the Cost of Administration and the Cost of Termination.

"Cost of Termination" means any amount which the Administrator is required to pay on behalf of the Parties hereto flowing directly or indirectly from the termination of a contract with a Service Provider, including, but not limited to severance, damages, and legal costs of the Service Provider or the Administrator.

"Regional Fire Training Program" shall mean the joint Fire Department Training Program undertaken by the Parties.

"Service Provider" means person(s) or corporation(s) contracted by the Administrator to plan and carry out the Regional Fire Training Program. James Gary Courtice shall be deemed to have received the approval of the Regional Fire Chief's Committee as a qualified Service Provider with whom the Administrator is authorized to negotiate a contract.

2. The Parties agree to obtain and provide for the joint training of Fire Department staff and agree to share the costs thereof in accordance with Section 9. The Cost of Operation shall not exceed \$92,900.00 per annum unless such amount is increased by the unanimous consent of the Parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Administrator may enter into a contract wherein the Cost of Operation exceeds the foregoing, by an amount no greater than 20%, at the direction of the Regional Fire Training Committee.
3. The Regional Fire Training Program (the "Program") shall be carried out in accordance with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards and the Program Outline set out in Schedule A attached hereto, subject to modifications authorized by the Regional Fire Training Committee and agreed to by the Service Provider.
4. The Corporation of the Township of Ryerson is hereby appointed by the Parties as the Administrator of the said Program. The duties and responsibilities of the Administrator are as follows:
 - (a) To enter into a contract for the provision of the Regional Fire Training Program with one or more Service Providers, which contract shall have a term no longer than the Term of this Agreement. (Such contract to be in the name of the Township of Ryerson);
 - (b) To provide each Party with a draft annual budget for the Regional Training Program for budgeting purposes prior to October 31 and a final budget by February 28 of the subsequent calendar year;
 - (c) To collect from the Parties each Party's share of the Cost of the Program in the proportions specified in Schedule B on a quarterly basis, commencing on the first day of the second month or part thereof following the Commencement of this agreement, and continuing on the first day of every third month thereafter. The Administrator shall invoice the Parties in advance. Payment shall be made within 30 days after invoice. Past due payments shall be charged interest at a rate of 1.5% per month.
 - (d) To pay the Service Provider(s) or others as required by the terms of any contract referenced in subsection (a) above;
 - (e) To interact with any government agency or other third party concerning this Agreement;

- (f) To maintain records as required by Law and/or as it would maintain for its own operations.
- (g) To advise the Parties on a timely basis of any issues involving the contract including:
- Issues affecting the Cost of the Program
 - Any dispute involving the Service Provider
 - Any written recommendation of the Regional Fire Training Committee communicated to the Administrator
 - Any decision by the Administrator to suspend the operation of the program.
5. The Parties hereby establish the "Regional Fire Training Committee", the purpose of which is to:
- (a) authorize increases to the Cost of Operation in accordance with Section 2;
 - (b) work directly with the Service Provider with respect to training, content, scheduling, and other program training matters; and
 - (c) provide specific direction to the Administrator as contemplated in Section 6.
6. The Administrator shall not take any of the following actions without the approval of a majority of the members of the Regional Fire Training Committee expressed in writing and signed by them:
- (a) where the contract with the Service Provider specifies certain times during the term of such contract where the Administrator has the right to continue or end the contract with the Service Provider (such as the end of a probationary period or an annual performance review, and the contract is not required to contain such provisions), a decision to continue with the Service Provider's contract.
 - (b) the termination of an existing Service Provider or the engagement of another Service Provider, but the latter does not apply to the decision by an existing Service Provider to incorporate or to the engagement of James Gary Courtice who is deemed to already be approved.
 - (c) a change in the Regional Fire Training Program (such as adding additional training) that causes the Cost of Operation to increase by less than a factor of 20% above the initial cost of operation.
7. Members of the Committee shall be the fire department Chief or Acting Chief (who is identified in the most current appointment by-law pertaining to each Fire Department). Each Party shall have the authority (or in the case of Armour, Ryerson and Burks Falls all three acting in concert) to designate another person by by-law or resolution to be its member of the Committee in place of the Chief or Acting Chief. Each member of the Committee shall have one vote. Each Party hereto shall forthwith notify the Administrator in writing who its representative is and of any change in representation.
8. The Regional Fire Training Committee may establish its own organization as it sees fit and may meet in person or by telephone or other electronic means, or not meet at all, provided that recommendations on the matters set out in Section 6 must be in writing and signed by a majority of Committee members. Such signed recommendations may be

communicated to the Administrator by email or any other electronic means acceptable to the Administrator.

9. The Parties hereto agree that the Cost of the Program shall be shared in the proportions set out in Schedule B, subject to the following:

Armour, Burks Falls and Ryerson, who jointly operate one of the fire departments, shall divide the share of Cost of the Program assigned to their joint fire department among themselves in accordance with any separate cost-sharing agreement that applies to sharing such costs among themselves and shall be invoiced separately.

10. The Administrator may in its own absolute discretion suspend the operation of the Regional Training Program at any time when the Administrator believes that the training cannot be adequately delivered by the Service Provider for any reason. During such period of suspension the Administrator shall take reasonable steps to minimize the Cost of the Program insofar as the contract between the Administrator and Service Provider allows; and shall attempt to terminate its contract with the Service Provider (on the recommendation of the Regional Fire Training Committee) and replace the Service Provider if it appears that the program cannot be resumed within a reasonable time. If the Program is not resumed within a period of 120 days, this agreement shall be terminated. In the event of a suspension of the Program, this Agreement shall be extended by the number of days of the period of suspension.

11. Each of the Parties shall provide the Service Provider or its employees with:

- (a) any appropriate or required by-law which may be necessary for the Service Provider to carry out its duties and obligations;
- (b) the necessary facilities (where held within a municipality which is a Party hereto), equipment and training supplies, including pens, paper, books, and copies of the lesson/safety plans without charge to the Service Provider to carry out training sessions involving members of its own Fire Department. In addition, each party shall make available the officers of its Fire Department (whose members are receiving training) to participate in such training and to assist the Service Provider in delivering such training.

12. Each Party agrees to indemnify the Administrator and all other Parties, their Councils, officers and employees to the extent of that Party's liability to Pay the Cost of the Program, from any and all future costs, claims, damages or liability arising or resulting directly or indirectly from the provision of the Regional Training Program including, but not limited to, the Cost of Termination.

13. This agreement shall come into effect on the 1st day of January 2021 and shall terminate on the 31st day of December 2023.

14. This Agreement may be amended at any time by the mutual consent of all Parties, after the Party desiring the amendment(s) provides the other Parties a minimum of ninety (90) days written notice of the proposed amendment(s).

15. This Agreement replaces any former Agreement, and the former Agreement shall be considered null and void as of the date of passing of this Agreement.

16. This Agreement shall ensure to the benefit of and be binding upon the successors and assigns of the Parties hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Parties have hereunto affixed the signatures of their duly authorized officers together with their corporate seals.

By Ryerson on the _____ day of _____, 2021

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

Per: _____
George Sterling, Mayor

Per: _____
Judy Kosowan, CAO Clerk-Deputy
Treasurer

By Burk's Falls on the 15th day of December, 2020.

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE
OF BURK'S FALLS

Per: Cathy Still
Cathy Still, Mayor

Per: Nicky Kunkel
Nicky Kunkel, Clerk-Administrator

By Armour on the 8th day of December, 2020.

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

Per: Bob MacPhail
Bob MacPhail, Reeve

Per: John Theriault
John Theriault, Clerk/Treasurer-
Administrator

By Magnetawan on the _____ day of _____, 2021.

THE CORPORATION OF THE
MUNICIPALITY OF MAGNETAWAN

Per: _____
Sam Dunnett, Mayor

Per: _____
Kerstin Vroom, CAO/Clerk

By Kearney on the day of , 2021.

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF KEARNEY

Per: _____
Carol Ballantyne, Mayor

Per: _____
Brenda Fraser, Clerk-Administrator

By Perry on the day of , 2021.

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF PERRY

Per: _____
Norm Hofstetter, Mayor

Per: _____
Beth Morton, Clerk-Administrator

By McMurrich/Monteith on the day of , 2021.

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF
MCMURRICH/MONTEITH

Per: _____
Angela Friesen, Reeve

Per: _____
Cheryl Marshall, Clerk-Treasurer

SCHEDULE A
Description of the Regional Fire Training Program

The Service Provider shall deliver a comprehensive Regional Firefighter Training Program that will bring the member fire departments up to the current provincial and federal standards and help to implement best practices in firefighting.

The Service Provider will deal with the Administrator for administrative purposes and will deal directly with the Regional Fire Training Committee or its members for training organization, content scheduling and evaluation. The Service Provider will attend any meetings of the Regional Fire Training Committee and Council meetings of the member municipalities as requested.

For each training session, the Service Provider will provide the host Fire Chief with a master copy of the lesson plan / safety plan. The Fire Chief will provide the necessary facilities, equipment and training supplies, including pens, paper, books and copies of the lesson plan / safety plan for the firefighters in attendance. The host fire department will also be responsible for keeping general order during meetings and for disciplining firefighters if necessary.

General Service Provider Responsibilities

- Develop / provide all lesson and safety plans to current NFPA / MTO standards and to ensure that departments are in compliance with all relevant legislation
- Schedule and coordinate all training sessions with the in-house training officers and Fire Chiefs
- Maintain and keep all records, stored electronically and in hardcopy. Electronic backups of department records will be provided monthly to each fire department, with a full copy of all records provided monthly to the Administrator. Monthly hardcopies of firefighter records will also be provided to the relevant fire department.
- Conduct regular assessments / evaluations for each firefighter and follow up with progress reports to both the individual and the Fire Chief. Organize assessments and provide statistics by individual firefighter, by department and by region.
- Service Provider must, at a minimum, maintain and stay current with its own and any employee's training certifications held at the time of proposal
- All required lesson topics shall be completed within a period of 18 months or as per the new NFPA requirements and begin again to ensure skills remain consistent with NFPA standards and to the needs of the departments and municipalities
- Develop / improve departmental and regional training policies as required and in collaboration with the Regional Fire Training Committee
- Provide its own Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for each training module
- Protect the health and safety of the Service Provider's workers and the firefighters at all times as per the Occupational Health and Safety Act

Regular Training Meetings

- A minimum of one nightly training session to be held every other week at each of the Burk's Falls, Kearney and Magnetawan fire halls. Perry and McMurrich/Monteith will share training sessions, with the location of the scheduled session to alternate between their fire halls. Each session shall be a minimum two hours or time as required to complete each session
- A firefighter from any department can attend any of the sessions
- Following the specific training plan as laid out, the Service Provider will, at each session, either act as lead instructor or will assist the in-house trainer/facilitator as per the Fire Chief's judgement
- Training sessions should be geared to the season (i.e. portable pump training for grass fires in spring)

Specialty Training Modules

- A minimum of FOUR (4) specialty training modules will be offered per year

- Specialty modules to be delivered on either weeknights or weekends, so long as they do not conflict with regular training nights
- Class size will be maximum of 20 firefighters
- Specialty module topics should include but not be limited to
 - Firefighter Recruitment module in early part of the year (approx. 80-100 hours)
 - Drivers D and Z and evaluations (to MTO standards)
 - Pump Operations
 - Water Ice Rescue
 - Auto Extrication
 - Winter Driving
 - Class A Fire Suppression
 - Company Officer
- Modules offered to be reviewed by the Regional Fire Training Committee after 18 month period

Officer Meetings

- One meeting per month, training the officers in supervisory and leadership skills, location to be decided.

SCHEDULE B
List of Participating Fire Departments

Participating Fire Department	Municipalities Responsible for Paying Its Share of Costs	Percent of Program Cost to be paid
Burks Falls & District Fire Department	Twp. Of Armour, Twp. of Ryerson & Village of Burks Falls*	20%*
Magnetawan Fire Department	Municipality of Magnetawan	20%
Kearney Fire Department	Town of Kearney	20%
Perry Fire Department	Township of Perry	20%
McMurrich/Monteith Fire Department	Township of McMurrich/ Monteith	20%

*NOTE: Armour, Ryerson & Burks Falls are responsible for paying between them 20% of the Costs of the Program, to be split between themselves in accordance with a separate cost-sharing agreement between them.

Town of Kearney
List of Accounts for Approval
As of 2020-12-31
Batch: 2020-00064 to 2020-00068

Payment #	Date	Vendor Name	Reference	Payment Amount
Bank Code: AP - GENERAL AP				
Computer Cheques:				
30341	2020-12-07	<i>D. KIPERCHUK</i>	<i>VOL FIRE FIGHTER 2020 HONORARIUM</i>	<i>142.50</i>
30342	2020-12-07	Lions Children's Christmas	Children's Telethon Donation <i>KCC</i>	100.00
30343	2020-12-08	David McKean	Nov 1/19-Oct 31/20 Honourarium <i>VOL FF</i>	5,872.50
30344	2020-12-11	Abell Pest Control	Dec/20 Pest control <i>KCC</i>	135.70
30345	2020-12-11	ACI-Accelerated Connections	Dec/20 Internet	375.58
30346	2020-12-11	Active Lock & Safe	KCC 3 door keys	341.48
30347	2020-12-11	Bowman Fuels Ltd.	Fire dept furnace fuel + <i>PIW VEH FUEL</i>	4,636.05
30348	2020-12-11	Burk's Falls & District	2020 Donation <i>- COUNCIL</i>	400.00
30349	2020-12-11	Burk's Falls Building Ctr Ltd	KCC light hooks <i>; SUPPLIES</i>	242.82
30350	2020-12-11	CGIS Spacial Solutions	Bldg dept module Nov&Dec	452.00
30351	2020-12-11	DRD Distributing	P/W Ford chain & edges	2,285.88
30352	2020-12-11	Ewart/O'Dwyer	fees <i>- PLANNING CLIENTS</i>	2,170.39
30353	2020-12-11	Martin Filmore	Trans Stn-Kms M Filmore	89.32
30354	2020-12-11	Fisher's Regalia	FD-Pant & shirt	134.19
30355	2020-12-11	Hicks Morley	Legal fees IPC <i>; NEGOTIATIONS</i>	9,060.91
30356	2020-12-11	Huntsville Truck Repair	P/W <i>VEH</i> repair	626.00
30357	2020-12-11	Hydro One Networks Inc.	Dec/20 hydro	2,988.43
30358	2020-12-11	Aaron Lasby	W/books & gloves <i>PIW</i>	298.28
30359	2020-12-11	Macdonald Machining & Ind.Ser.	Repair plow arm <i>PIW</i>	124.30
30360	2020-12-11	Metroland Media	Ads-Tax Sales	641.65
30361	2020-12-11	Mikes Industrial Supply	P/W 2 ball pein hammers	147.60
30362	2020-12-11	Min Of Fin-Ontario	Oct/20 OPP	26,194.00
30363	2020-12-11	Muskoka Auto Parts	Fire Dept - floor Klean <i>; BATTERIES</i>	986.26
30364	2020-12-11	Northern Nerds	KCC sign diagnose problem	192.10
30365	2020-12-11	Novexco	Admin offices supplies	66.42
30366	2020-12-11	Parry Sound Ambulance	FD 2020 Dispatch fee	1,881.96
30367	2020-12-11	Royal Bank Visa	<i>VISA - ALL DEPTS</i>	2,316.25
30368	2020-12-11	Russell Christie LLP	Legal fee-Island Lk pklot <i>; WHITE'S FARM PROPOSAL</i>	8,145.81
30369	2020-12-11	Snap-On Tools	FD-Compressor switch	244.65
30370	2020-12-11	Spectrum Telecom Group Ltd.	FD-dispatch radio down	661.05
30371	2020-12-11	Telequip Systems Limited	P/W Dec/20 radio airtime	169.50
30372	2020-12-11	Waste Connections of Canada	Metal Admin acct fee <i>- TRANS STN</i>	6,748.66
30373	2020-12-11	D.M. Wills Assoc.Ltd	Landfill Closure-monitor	565.00
30374	2020-12-14	Armstrong Dodge	2020 Dodge Ram 1500-Bldg Dept	44,837.90
30375	2020-12-22	2110966 Ont Ltd	Entrance deposit refund	500.00
30376	2020-12-22	2586581 Ontario Ltd.	HST refund-Tax Sale	4,526.21
30377	2020-12-22	APC Auto Parts Centres	FD-battery unit 310	256.25
30378	2020-12-22	Township Of Armour	2020 Jt Audit Com.Comm	153.84
30379	2020-12-22	Carol Ballantyne	Nov 6-Dec 10/20 kms <i>- COUNCIL</i>	129.60
30380	2020-12-22	Baseline Towing	KCC/Parks veh-towing	242.95
30381	2020-12-22	Keven Beaucage	Bldg Dept Kms K Beaucage	38.57
30382	2020-12-22	Bell Mobility Inc.	P/W cell phones-Dec/20	77.97
30383	2020-12-22	Bell Canada	Dec/20 phone	714.77
30384	2020-12-22	Bickley Ford Sales	KCC Parks veh-starter etc	1,378.84
30385	2020-12-22	Mike Brown	<i>PIW 2020 EMPLOYEE EXP</i>	50.61
30386	2020-12-22	Conseil Scolaire Catholique	2020 4th Q School Brd	1,973.81

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30387	2020-12-22	Conseil Scolaire Public	2020 4th Q <i>SCHOOL BRD</i>	783.27
30388	2020-12-22	Fastenal Canada	P/W shop towels	65.20
30389	2020-12-22	Fetterley's Gas & Convenience	Vehicle fuel <i>ALL DEPTS</i>	793.19
30390	2020-12-22	Fowler Construction	P/W roads rip/rap	759.14
30391	2020-12-22	Ross Gattozzi	Vehicle kms Dec 10-17/20 <i>P/W</i>	123.54
30392	2020-12-22	GIN-COR	P/W plow wing arm	216.07
30393	2020-12-22	Macdonald Machining & Ind.Ser.	P/W truck sand screen	3,276.27
30394	2020-12-22	Min Of Fin-Ontario	Sept/20 OPP	27,633.00
30395	2020-12-22	Moore Propane Ltd.	P/W propane	663.46
30396	2020-12-22	Stephen Mulligan	FD-Santa parade sleigh <i>CHRISTMAS BEGINS IN KEARNEY</i>	226.00
30397	2020-12-22	Municipal Planning Services	Planner-Heise LPAT	1,991.63
30398	2020-12-22	Muskoka Auto Parts	Vehicle parts <i>P/W CHEV</i>	53.86
30399	2020-12-22	Near North Dist. School Board	2020 4th Q School Brd	134,815.29
30400	2020-12-22	Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic	2020 4th Q School Brd	9,040.45
30401	2020-12-22	Northern Nerds	KCC LED sign repairs	570.09
30402	2020-12-22	Novexco	Admin office supplies	72.59
30403	2020-12-22	Leonard Peacock	Bldg Dept Magnetic signs <i>-VEHICLE</i>	140.00
30404	2020-12-22	Rickwards Small Motors Inc	FD-pump mounts	345.53
30405	2020-12-22	Russell Christie LLP	SRA-legal fees <i>? TAX SALE FEES</i>	10,810.05
30406	2020-12-22	Sands Canada Inc./Angus	1st Response supplies	158.15
30407	2020-12-22	Silver Screen Printing	KCC- 12 hoodies <i>KCC COMMITTEE</i>	351.88
30408	2020-12-22	Jamie Smith	Kms Dec 12/20 East Lake <i>TRANS STN</i>	46.40
30409	2020-12-22	Telizon Inc	Dec/20 phone long dist.	7.18
30410	2020-12-22	Township Of Ryerson	FD-Radio console & s/ware	2,388.23
30411	2020-12-22	Tulloch Engineering Inc	Eng Serv-Cashman Bridge	11,009.35
30412	2020-12-22	ULINE Canada Corp	P/W garage bulbs	404.82
30413	2020-12-22	Municipality of Magnetawan	<i>20</i> 19/20 CBO Service McM/Monteith	14,276.26

Total for AP: 355,196.96

+ 142.50
355,339.46

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Be it resolved that Council has received and have no objections to be noted for Cheque #30341 - # 30413 in the amount of \$ 355,339.46.

Mayor

Clerk/CAO/Treasurer

CHIEFS REPORT

January 4th, 2021.

Happy New Year

Training

We have had a truck check night, auto extrication practice, and a clean the firehall night. There has been extra dispatch practice as well as officer practice. Following all precautions possible during training.

As well I am keeping Firefighters up to date on the ever changing COVID19 updates.

Fire Prevention

We are keeping our Facebook page as current as possible. As well as answering public inquiries and safety messages on Hunters Bay Radio.

Equipment

All equipment is running well at this time and in service. The Expedition went in for repairs, the part was warranty but not labor. I also picked up the valve we had in Toronto for repair. The battery in 310 was also replaced.

I have been working on the budget, as well attended a council meeting.

The shelving units have been picked up.

We have had two chief's meetings.

I am working on the SIR reports for the Fire Marshall.

We have had three medical calls, stand by for a possible structure fire. As well we were on standby for one medical call and one possible C/O alarm that Burks Falls attended the C/O alarm was a false alarm.

I am participating on COVID 19 information calls, when available.

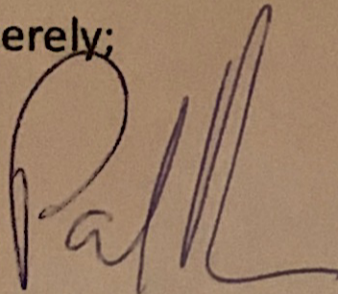
We also assisted Burks Falls in their Santa Claus parade, as well filling a outside skating rink in Katrine for Armour Township.

We also hosted our own Santa Claus parade through Kearney as well as Kearney's annual lighting Santa's runway in a very COVID friendly event complete with a cookie and hot chocolate drive thru.

I can be reached on my cell at 705 571 3761 or at the Firehall or via email.

Stay Safe

Sincerely;

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul Schaefer". The signature is stylized with a large, looped 'P' and a long, sweeping underline.

Paul Schaefer

Fire Chief, Town of Kearney

REGIONAL FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE

NOTES

December 10, 2020

The meeting was held at the Armour Ryerson & Burk's Falls Memorial Arena on December 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Bob MacPhail, Township of Armour
Rod Ward, Township of Armour
Norm Hofstetter, Township of Perry
Margaret-Ann MacPhail, Township of Perry
George Sterling, Township of Ryerson
Delynne Patterson, Township of Ryerson
Sam Dunnett , Municipality of Magnetawan
Tim Brunton, Municipality of Magnetawan
Brad Kneller, Municipality of Magnetawan
Angela Friesen, Township of McMurrich/Monteith
Dennis Banka, Township of McMurrich/Monteith
Carol Ballantyne, Town of Kearney
Cathy Still, Village of Burk's Falls
John Wilson, Village of Burk's Falls

Staff: John Theriault, Township of Armour
Beth Morton, Township of Perry
Melinda Torrance, Township of Perry
Dan Marshall, Township of Perry
Brayden Robinson, Township of Ryerson
Nancy Field, Township of Ryerson
Dave McNay, Township of Ryerson
Ken Stevenson, Township of Ryerson
Joe Cremer, Township of Ryerson
Joe Readman, Municipality of Magnetawan
Cheryl Marshall, Township of McMurrich/Monteith
John Ross, Township of McMurrich/Monteith
Paul Schaefer, Town of Kearney
Josh Desilva, Town of Kearney

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and Reeve MacPhail welcomed everyone and thanked them for participating. This is an informal meeting to discuss options for the creation of a Regional Fire Department and the continuation of the Regional Fire Training Program and no decisions will be made here. Some members of Council are here as interested parties and not taking part in the discussions. Therefore, no Council meetings are taking place.

Acknowledgment

Because of COVID-19 and the fact that the Food Bank has less space this year, the 2020 Firefighter Food Drive was going to be cancelled. The firefighters in our region organized and held the food drive and found space to keep the food collected. Reeve MacPhail thanked the firefighters for their dedication and help in putting together the 2020 Firefighter Food Drive and making it a success.

Business:

Regional Fire Training Program

Reeve MacPhail asked the municipalities present what their preference for a costing formula is for the renewal of the Regional Training program. The responses were as follows:

Armour – renew for three years with equal shares per Fire Department

Perry – renew for three years with equal shares per Fire Department

Ryerson – renew for three years with equal shares per Fire Department

Magnetawan – renew for three years with equal shares per Municipality

McMurrich/Monteith – renew for three years with equal shares per Municipality

Kearney – renew for three years with equal shares per Municipality

Burk's Falls – renew for three years with equal shares per Fire Department

The Committee discussed the advantages, disadvantages and fairness of each option and agreed to renew for three years with the cost being shared equally between each Fire Department. The Committee also requested that an amendment be included in the contract to take out the maximum contract amount included in the agreement and replace it with the exact price of the contract and add an article to allow the contractor to claim \$2,500 of expenses every year, above the price of the training contract.

Regional Fire Department

The Committee discussed each municipality signing an agreement which would include the following:

1. Regional Training Program – Each municipality would agree to be part of the Regional Training Program and pay their share of the program.
2. Mutual Aid – Each municipality would agree to be part of the Mutual Aid Agreement by which municipalities help each other whenever there is a fire call.
3. Minimum Standards – Each municipality would have to agree that their fire department would follow all the minimum standards for equipment, training and levels of firefighters. The Training Officer pointed out that based on the regulations this needs to be done by each department anyway, so putting it on paper would only confirm that each fire department is willing to follow the regulations.

Business cont'd:

4. Standardization of Equipment – Each municipality would agree that the equipment used in each fire station would be interchangeable so that every firefighter would have the training to use the equipment no matter what fire station the firefighter was from. The Training Officer pointed out that this was already started and that the fire departments had started purchasing the same brand of equipment.
5. Making Equipment Purchases Based on Regional Needs – Each municipality would agree that before their fire department purchases or replaces a piece of equipment they would meet with all of the other fire departments and decide together what was needed as a region so that the region would have the adequate amount of equipment in the right fire station to be the most efficient. Again, the Training Officer pointed out that this is something that the fire departments are presently trying to do.

The Committee agreed on the following plan:

1. Reeve MacPhail will create a draft agreement which would state the five principles listed above.
2. The draft would then be sent to the Fire Chiefs for discussion and revision.
3. The revised draft would then be sent to a Municipal Clerk for revision and addition of the legal language needed.
4. The final draft would be emailed to all of the participating municipalities for discussion with their Councils. The email would include a deadline for comments, concerns and amendments to be received.
5. When all comments, concerns and amendments are received, a meeting of the Regional Fire Department Committee will be called and the Committee will discuss and approve a final draft to be sent back to all participating municipalities for final approval.

Other Business

The Committee discussed the proposed live burn structure which would be funded by the municipalities. The Fire Chiefs advised the Committee that the cost of this facility has increased and that the project, at this time, is on hold.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

The next meeting will be scheduled when the final draft of the agreement for a Regional Fire Department is ready to be discussed by the Committee.



Welcome to our December Newsletter

Included in this issue:

- Update: Town of Kearney's New Zoning Bylaw
- Changes to Ontario Conservation Authorities
- Squirrels

Update: Town of Kearney's New Zoning Bylaw

As mentioned in our September newsletter, the Town of Kearney has been reviewing their Zoning By-law. There was a Virtual Public Meeting held on September 26, 2020. KWEF presented at that meeting. Here is a link to our presentation: https://bit.ly/KWEF_Zoning_Bylaw.

At its October 30th meeting, the Town of Kearney agreed to a number of revisions to the Draft Zoning Bylaw. Islands will all be labelled as "Open Space", and the increased setback for Residential Waterfront lots will be 30 metres. Revisions to other sections of the new Bylaw were also decided. Interested residents can listen to recordings of these meetings on the Town website.

Changes to Ontario Conservation Authorities

by Karen Parsons

Conservation Ontario, <https://conservationontario.ca> represents Ontario's 36 Conservation Authorities, which are local watershed management agencies, mandated to ensure the conservation, restoration and responsible management of Ontario's water, land and natural habitats through programs that balance human, environmental and economic needs.

In late November, the Ontario Government introduced Bill 229 titled "*Protect, Support and Recover from COVID19 Act*"; this bill passed into legislation on December 8. Buried in Schedule 6 of this bill were measures that allow for a process by which developers, and others, can bypass conservation authorities and receive permits for development directly approved by the province. The "Minister Zoning orders" can force conservation authorities to issue permits, even if they go against the conservation authority's mandate to protect people, infrastructure and the environment. Since the changes to the Conservation Authorities Act were part of an omnibus budget bill, there was little public consultation.



The provincial government sees these changes as limiting red tape, strengthening oversight and accountability of the Conservation Authorities (CA), however, environmental groups, many cities and Indigenous groups see the amendments as opening the door to taking away the CA's power to protect wetlands, etc. The Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Canadian Environmental Law Association, the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association, the Suzuki Foundation, and many others had asked that Schedule 6 become separate legislation.

The chair of Doug Ford's "Greenbelt Council," former PC MP David Crombie, and six other members (half of the Council) suddenly resigned in November to protest the changes to conservation authorities. Crombie called the changes "disastrous, and "high-level bombing" that "needs to be resisted." They also recommended making Schedule 6 separate legislation that could be revised and tabled, - *after* consultation with Ontarians.

Environmental groups fear the amendments will severely limit the role of the province's conservation authorities, tip the balance in favour of the development industry and undermine efforts to keep protected green space, farmlands, and wetlands from private development.

There are also amendments that roll back the Conservation Authorities' powers to enter onto privately owned land to investigate permit applications and compliance.

Ontario's 36 different Conservation Authorities are responsible for regulating the province's watersheds. They are best positioned to protect wetlands, endangered species, valley lands, etc. because they are the agencies with the greatest expertise in watershed protection and watershed management.

The Conservation Authorities Act sets out prohibited activities that include development in areas that could be unsafe for development because of natural processes associated with flooding or erosion, and interference with, or alterations to, watercourses, wetlands, etc.

Many municipal governments rely on their local conservation authority to help communities understand, look after and enjoy the natural environment and to increase residents' and businesses' awareness of flood and erosion hazards that can threaten people, property and infrastructure or shorelines.

The Conservation Authorities Act is a made-in-Ontario solution for managing renewable natural resources and protecting people and property through a prevention-first approach that is built around the management of watersheds.

For more information on this issue, please follow these links:

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/david-crombie-ontario-environment-1.5830385>

<https://conservationontario.ca/members/about/latest-news>

If readers would like to provide feedback on this issue to our elected officials, here are two email addresses that can be used: normmillermp.ca, and correspondence.premier.gov.on.ca



Squirrels

by Doris Villemaire

Since we have had our first heavy snowfall in Muskoka/Parry Sound, all of us are preparing... or are already prepared for the long winter ahead. All of our wildlife knows enough to get ready well ahead of time. Some birds migrate, some animals hibernate, and many birds and animals hide caches of food for the winter months. I have a familiar trail that I walk through daily and was surprised to come upon this huge pile of pine cones that seemed to appear overnight. It was about 5 feet long by 2 feet wide. It certainly was quite a cache brought there by a red squirrel!



The photo might show that some were already eaten cones, all chewed up and discarded. But squirrels are smart enough to leave lots for future use in winter.

You may hear the squirrels and not see them, but they're keeping a watchful eye. If another squirrel comes near that cache, a major fight will be carried on.

Red and grey squirrels eat pine cones and leave characteristic 'cores' and piles of stripped scales under conifer trees. I have seen the hairy woodpeckers jam pine cones into crevices in rough bark of a tree to make it easier to get the seeds out later. Squirrels also sometimes store mushrooms in the fork of a tree.

Squirrels have a distinctive way of eating pine cone seeds—from the bottom up, rather than top down. In the fall, they bury pine cones to eat later on. This load of cones is still on top of the ground so I'll see later if it gets buried. Probably no, as squirrels know exactly where they put their cache under the snow. Smart little devils!

"A squirrel is just a rat with a cuter outfit." Sarah Jessica Parker
I love to hear from my readers. donspond@gmail.com



All the best to all of you from KWEF.
Have a safe and enjoyable holiday season
Please remember to take good care of our lakes!

AHHC – Key Areas of Focus & Progress – December 2020

This summary provides the information related to the key areas of Focus and Progress as outlined in June 2019 for the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre (AHHC) committee...



<p>Ontario Health Team Application</p>	<p>High-Speed Internet Throughout Almaguin Highlands</p>	<p>Attract & Retain Healthcare Professionals</p>	<p>Coordinate Healthcare Services to Serve Entire Region</p>
<p>Communicate the specific healthcare needs of the entire Almaguin Highlands through an application for an Ontario Health Team (OHT). The goal is to provide a voice and local decision-making regarding healthcare services in our region.</p>	<p>Ensure that high-speed internet, a key component in the future of healthcare delivery, is available to every resident of the Almaguin Highlands. The goal is to help level the playing field and ensure our residents can access future healthcare options.</p>	<p>Deliver excellent healthcare to our region through continuous efforts to both attract new professionals and retain the ones we have. The goal is to build an exceptional team of healthcare professionals, working together across the region.</p>	<p>Advocate for new and expanded healthcare services and help influence decisions which protect our region. The goal is to maintain an eye on continually meeting the healthcare needs of our community.</p>

Progress: Items in red and bolded below are new this month...

- **Currently updating our Ontario Health Team (OHT) application, for completion by end of February 2021**
- **Providing update on the OHT application, status and next steps to the Burk's Falls Family Health Team board in December 2020**
- **Took part in ROMA session and follow-up meeting regarding further strategies for moving high-speed connectivity forward**
- **Met with ACED director to determine other possible ways AHHC can assist in ensuring high-speed services are top of mind**
- **Assisted the Burk's Falls FHT with a physician visit in mid November (November 16/17)**
- **Attended Magnetawan Council meeting on November 4 to request assistance with on-going municipal funding**
- Reviewing potential upgrades and improvements to building
- Worked with EMS to secure mobile COVID testing, to be housed at the AHHC
- Investigating potential "Wellness Centre" to set up one-day-a-month 'vitals clinic' in COVID office through paramedicine program
- Raised awareness of AHHC activities through a number of recent news articles



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Minutes: December 6th, 2020 Via Zoom

Present: Marianne Stickland, Dennis Banka, Rod Ward, Cathy Still, Norm Hofstetter, Tom Bryson, Carol Ballantyne

Regrets: Barbara Marlow, Brad Kneller and Lyle Hall

Guests: Kevin MacLeod (Joined 11:05am Executive Director BFFHT),

Secretary: Erica Kellogg

Call to order at 11:00am by Chair Rod Ward.

1. 2020-027 Moved by Cathy Still and Seconded Marianne Stickland
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre Committee adopt the minutes from November 6th, 2020 as circulated. Carried.

2. Delegations: None at this time

3. Resolutions to be passed:

2020-028 Moved by Tom Bryson and Seconded Marianne Stickland

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre Committee instruct the Secretary to explore plaque options for the naming of the "Bruce Campbell Board Room" to acknowledge Bruce Campbells exceptional service and dedication along with the advocacy of health care services for Almaguin Highlands communities. Carried

(Kevin MacLeod joined the meeting)

4. Items for Discussion

- a) M.Stickland presented to the Committee the draft Power Point Presentation for the December 9th, BFFHT delegation discussing the OHT application. Members along with K. MacLeod noted some revisions that will be made prior to the delegation. M.Stickland will provide K. MacLeod with a copy of the *Ontario Health Team; Digital Health Playbook* as work continues on the OHT application. At the time of this meeting, no new dates have been established for OHT submissions.

Moving forward, information will need to be gathered to continue to move the application forward, information such as; current services along with service gaps and the patient declaration of values. E. Kellogg commented the Village of Burk's Falls has created a list of services in Almaguin for the Community Wellbeing and Safety Plan that could be shared with M. Stickland to expedite the collection of data.

- b) R.Ward and C.Still provided feedback regarding the November 16/17, 2020 community tour for physician recruitment. The tour along with the dinner went well, the physician responded positively to the event, although no commitment has been given regarding establishing a practice. Recruitment efforts continue.
- c) Discussion regarding a request to the Village of Burk's Falls to allow the Committee to name the AHHC boardroom the 'Bruce Campbell Boardroom' resulted in a resolution from the Village to support such efforts. The Secretary was authorized to begin exploring plaque options to mark the naming.
- d) The financial statement was received with no comments.
- f) In other business, R. Ward informed the Committee of a recent article online from *The Bay*, which Tim Withey, Councilor for the Town of Hunstville and District of Muskoka expressed the need to remove 'Muskoka' from the Simcoe-Muskoka Health Unit geographic region, suggesting they join the Northern Health Unit. R.Ward commented he sent an email to Withey regarding the article. R.Ward commented that Roma has provided material to municipalities on how to become more involved regarding highspeed internet for rural communities. R.Ward will be meeting with a contact from Roma next week.

Resolution: 2020-28 Moved by Dennis Banka and Seconded by Tom Bryson

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Almaguin Highlands Health Centre adjourn at 12:01pm to meet again on January 8th, 2021 at 11:00am at the Almaguin Highlands Health Centre Board room. Carried.



Chief Administrative Officer Monthly Report

December 2020

Mission Statement

“We are committed to the provision and promotion of services that assist individuals in attaining an optimum quality of life and that contribute to the well-being of the community.”

ADMINISTRATION - Tammy MacKenzie, CAO

Snow, snow everywhere!

With this snow comes the indication of the start of the holiday season. It has always been a busy time of year but this year is going to feel different. With us all staying home or close to it we have more of an opportunity to get back to the basics of the holiday season.

Our staff have really embraced our COVID-19 precautions and despite some days being daunting they have really “stepped forward” to keep our community safe. We should be proud of their response and I thank them.

With COVID there have been various announcements of funding opportunities. One that comes to the forefront is the Government of Canada’s Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI) through CMHC. A \$1 billion program to help address urgent housing needs of vulnerable Canadians, especially in the context of COVID-19, through the rapid construction of affordable housing. The initiative provides capital contributions (upon signing a funding agreement with CMHC) under two streams to expedite the delivery of affordable housing. The RHI will:

- Support the creation of up to 3,000 new permanent affordable housing units
- Cover the construction of modular housing, as well as the acquisition of land, and the conversion/rehabilitation of existing buildings to affordable housing
- Aim to commit all funds before March 31, 2021, and ensure housing is available within 12 months of agreements

RHI will deliver funding under two streams, each containing \$500 million in available funds. Under the first stream, RHI will expedite funds to pre-identified municipalities with the highest level of renters in severe housing need and people experiencing homelessness. For the second stream, an application portal will be open to municipalities, provinces and territories, Indigenous governing bodies and organizations, and non-profit organizations where applications will be prioritized based on the strength of the application

I am pleased to share that through a letter of support (included in the Board package) we are able to assist Parry Sound Affordable Housing Development Corporation with their application to secure a capital contribution from the Rapid Housing Initiative funding stream. We are aware that our district is a “small fish in a big pond” however their application is strong and I wish them all the best.

The Province of Ontario tabled a record \$182 billion provincial budget. As a result of the pandemic, this budget was delivered later in 2020 and covers the 2020-21 fiscal year. Another provincial budget is expected in March of 2021, that will cover the 2021-22 fiscal year. The timing meant that many measures in the budget were announced previously. OMSSA has prepared an initial summary of the budget which I find helpful. You can access it here https://omssa.com/news_manager.php?page=22029

Child Care staff are very excited to be introducing HiMama, a Canadian app designed to enhance communication with child care families. Child Care Programs including Home Child Care will have the capability to send parents documentation/photos/video clips about their child's day, activities, developmental skills, sleep and eating habits and other details of the day through the HiMama app directly to parents' phones, tablets or computers. This information will be shared daily with each family at a time when parents do not have access to in-person discussions with the child care program staff. The app will also allow information "blasts" to be sent to all parents of children currently in attendance at a program. These "blasts" may include newsletters, program notices (e.g. emergency closures), reminders, etc. Likewise, parents will have the capability to alert staff if the child is going to be absent from the program. The app is secured and password protected to ensure confidentiality and once parents receive the invitation from the app developers they will have to register and sign a user acknowledgement form before they can download the app and begin using it. Currently, staff are involved in training with the HiMama developers and are hoping to have the required technology up and running by January.

As this is the last report of the year I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board and staff for their perseverance in a year of COVID-19. I don't believe any of us would have thought that 2020 would have developed as it did. Despite this being a challenging year, DSSAB has tackled each test with the kindness and the professionalism that hold true to our core values. As uncertain as the coming year will be, I am confident that we will continue to band together to "weather the storm" of COVID-19.

As we embark on our 2021 year of exploration and growth a quote comes to mind "And the day came when the risk to remain tight in a bud was more painful than the risk it took to blossom." –Anais Nin. I personally look forward to us "blossoming" in 2021 and feel blessed to have joined this capable and competent organization.

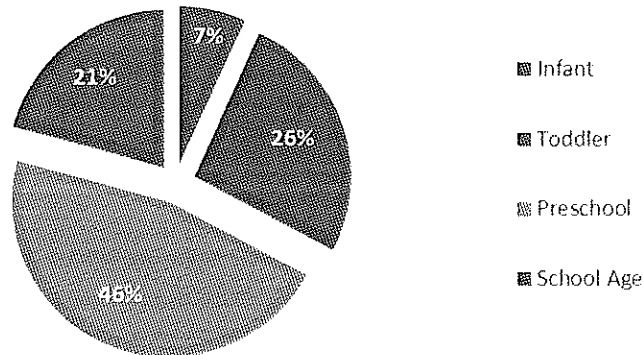
Happy Holidays!

DIRECTLY OPERATED CHILD CARE PROGRAMS - Brenda Wiltshire, Manager

Licensed Child Care Programs

Total Children Utilizing Directly Operated Child Care in the District November 2020						
Age Group	Fairview ELCC	First Steps ELCC	Highlands ELCC	Waubeek ELCC	HCCP	Total
Infant (0-18m)	0	0	3	4	10	17
Toddler (18m-30m)	8	13	6	15	23	65
Preschool (30m-4y)	17	12	19	32	36	116
School Age (4y-12y)	21	0	0	0	33	54
# of Active Children	46	25	28	51	102	252

PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN BY AGE GROUP



DIRECTLY OPERATED CHILD CARE WAITLIST BY PROGRAM

Fairview First Steps Highlands Waubeek HCCP



The Ministry of Education has published a revised set of Child Care Re-Opening Guidelines for all the child care programs. We are still required to pre-screen all children as they enter the programs, ensure that children and staff stay in specific cohorts, and we will be maintaining the enhanced cleaning protocols. There continues to be an overall increase in enrollment with the largest demand for care being with the toddler age group. Wait lists are also continuing to see a growth.

Inclusion Support Services

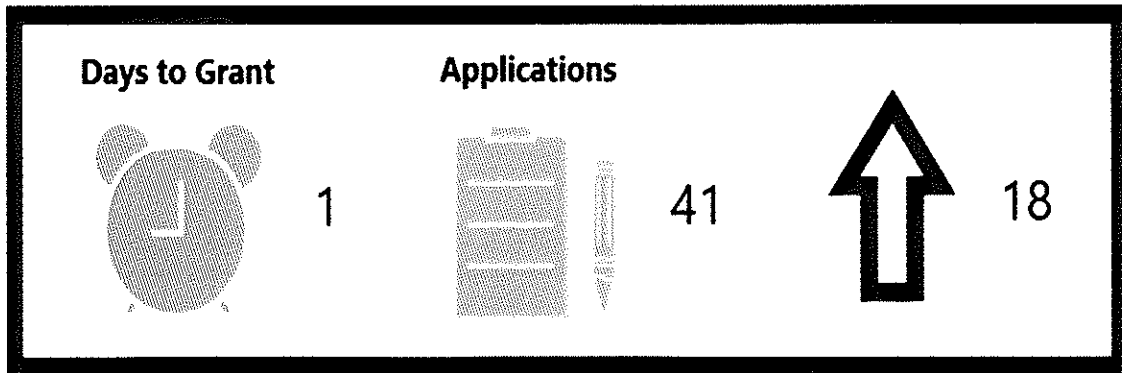
Inclusion Support Services Stats for October 2020						
Age Group	EarlyON	Licensed Early Learning & CCC's	Total	Waitlist	New Referrals	Discharges
Infants (0-18m)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Toddlers (18m-30m)	1	4	5	1	1	0
Preschool (30m-4 y)	12	21	33	7	5	4
School Age (4y+)	17	10	27	1	0	6
TOTAL	30	35	65	9	6	10

EarlyON Child and Family Programs

EarlyON Child and Family Centre for October 2020		
Activity	October 2020	Year to Date
Number of Children Attending	68	2,508
Number of New Children Attending	34	146
Number of Families Visiting	27	1,892
Number of New Families Visiting	26	130
Number of Virtual Programming Events	27	174

The EarlyON program continues to operate in-person programming by pre-booking only, 3 days a week in South River, Burk's Falls and Parry Sound. We currently have a capacity limit of 10 people plus the facilitator and families are screened before they enter the programs. Facilitators continue to support families virtually offering a variety of activities, as well, the EarlyON program is offering activity kits that parents may sign up for and they are delivered to an agreed upon location in each community.

Applications October 2020



**Data from the Social Assistance Performance Report and Tracking Impacts of COVID-19 report

We saw a sharp increase in OW and Emergency Assistance applications received in October. This is the most we have received since the start of the Pandemic. We will continue to monitor the impacts on the caseload as we move into the winter months as well as the impacts of CRB, SADA and Centralized Intake.

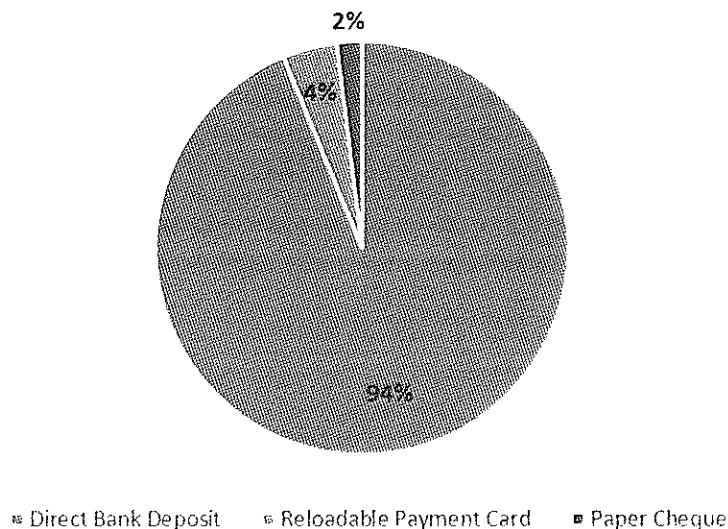
MyBenefits

We are now at **13.05%** of the caseload registered with the MyBenefits web service.

DBD Enrollment

We remain steady with **94%** of the caseload registered for Direct Bank Deposit.

Payment Receipt Method - October 2020



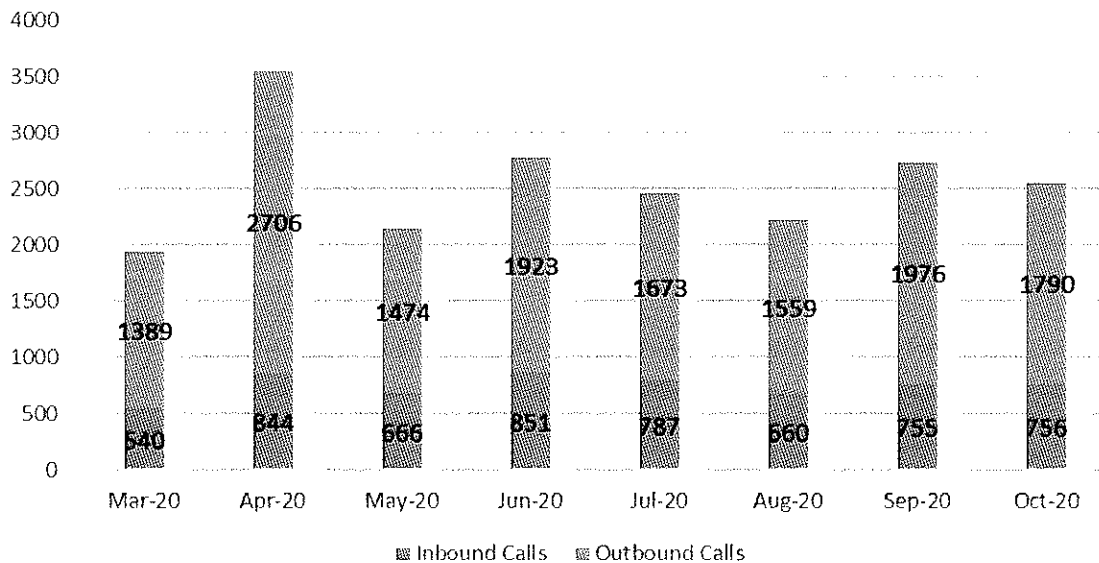
CHPI Spending - Social Assistance

	Community Homelessness Prevention (CHPI) Applications October 2020	Amount Spent	Community Homelessness Prevention (CHPI) Applications October 2019	Amount Spent
Parry Sound	OW-8 ODSP-1	\$7,010.89	OW-7 ODSP-6	\$5,611.99
South River	OW-8 ODSP-10	\$14,559.39	OW-7 ODSP-3	\$9,683.97
TOTAL	OW-16 ODSP-11	\$21,570.28	OW-14 ODSP-9	\$15,295.96

Once again, our CHPI spending for Social Assistance recipients was up from September. We saw an increase in clients served as well. This is also a significant increase from the same point last year. Requests include support for rental arrears, heating costs, moving expenses, home repairs and maintenance.

Ontario Works Call Volume Statistics

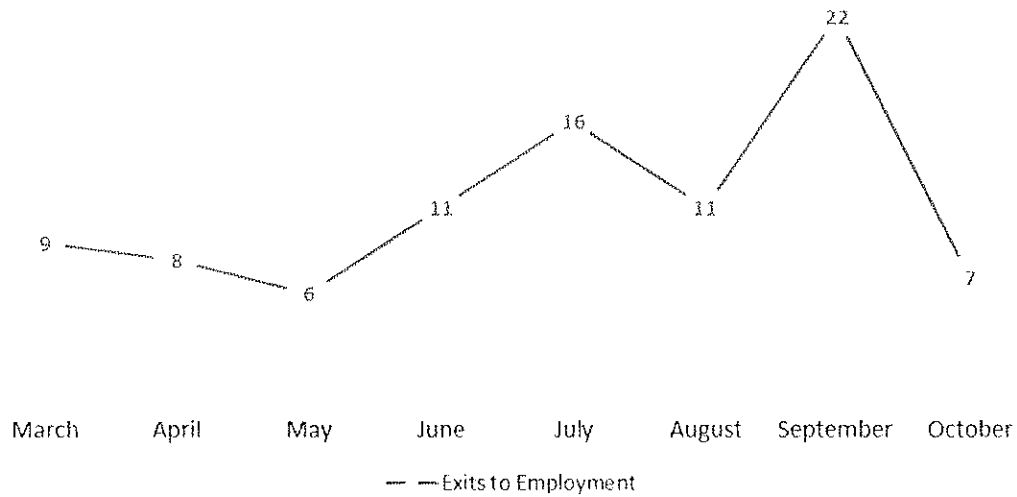
Ontario Works Call Volume



Call volume to OW Caseworkers remains steady in October. This totaled approximately 263 hours in call time. This does not include other interactions such as texting or email.

Employment

EXITS TO EMPLOYMENT



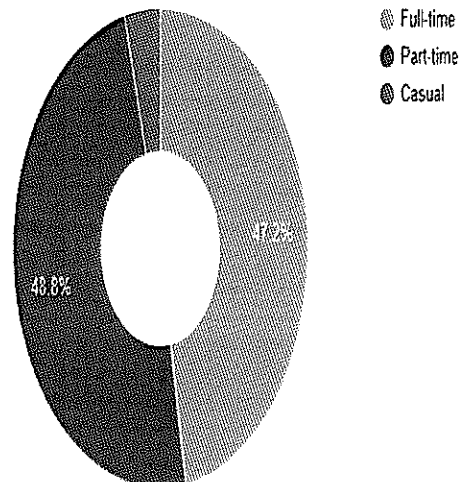
**Data from the Social Assistance Performance Report

In October, we had 31 people exit Ontario Works and 7 of those were to Employment (22.6%). The other main reason for exits were due to other Income from other Benefits like the CRB. As well, this is typically a time when seasonal employment begins to end and people begin to return to the Ontario Works Case-load.

EMPLOYED CLIENTS BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS

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Status	Clients
Full-time	60
Part-time	62
Casual	5
Summer / Student	0
Volunteer	0



**Data from Fiit Case Management Tool

Employment Outcomes



Quarter



Average % of Terminations Exiting to Employment

35.93

Goal: 51.77 (-30.6%)
2020

Average % of Caseload Exiting to Employment

2.73

Goal: 4.64 (-41.03%)
2020

Average % of Monthly Employment Earnings per Case

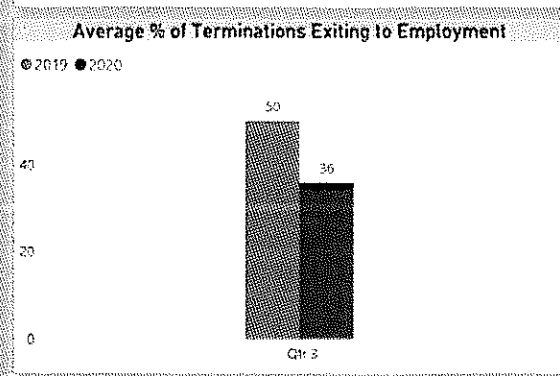
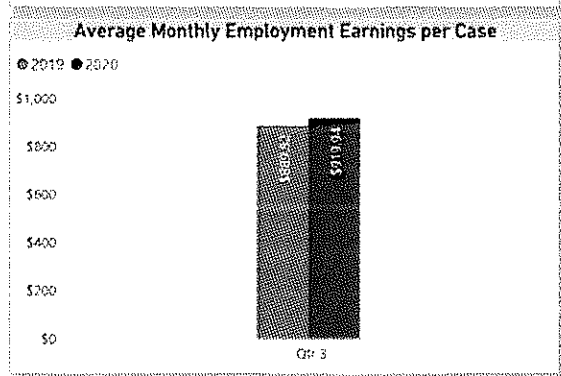
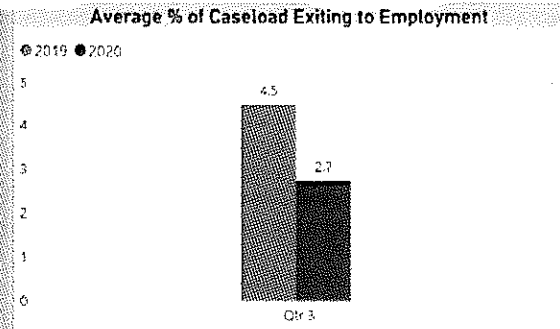
\$919.94

Goal: 916.52 (+0.37%)
2020

Average % of Caseload with Employment Earnings

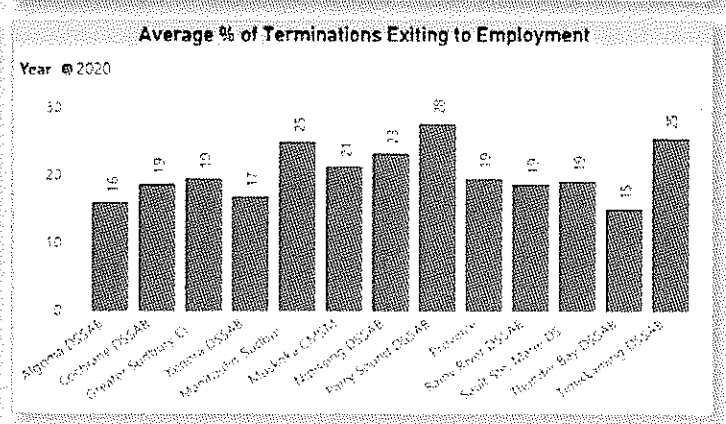
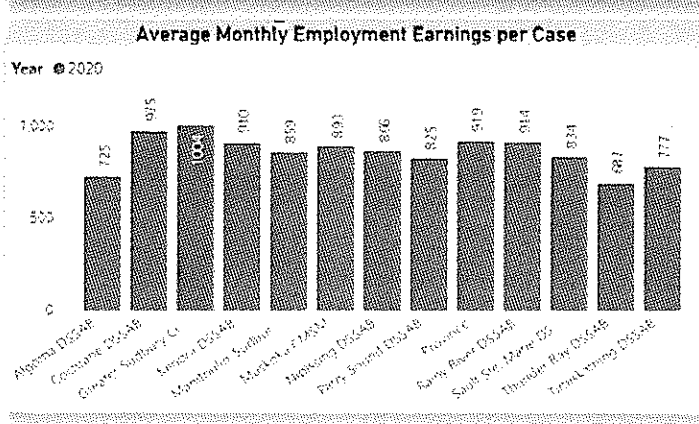
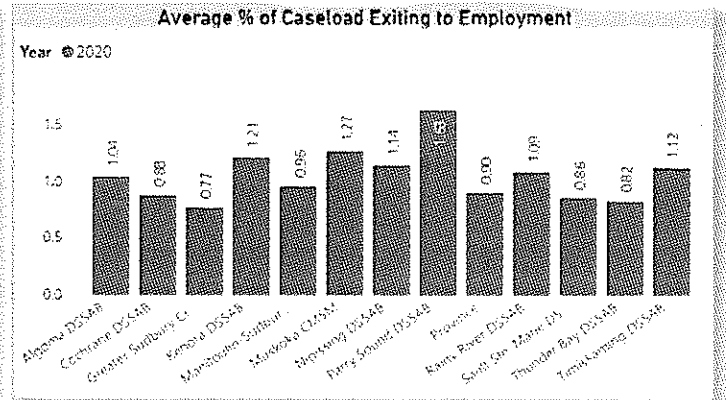
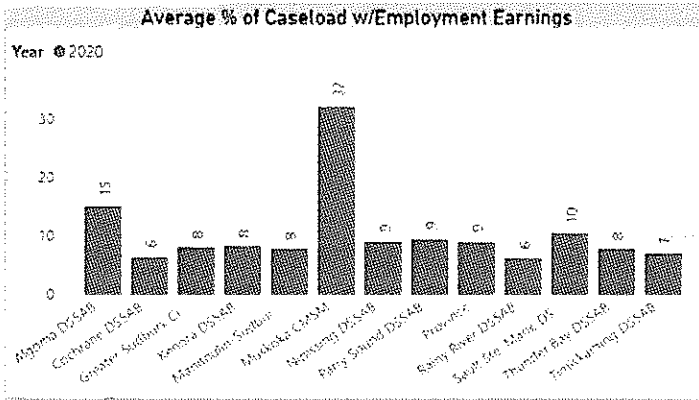
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Goal: 19.43 (-55.23%)
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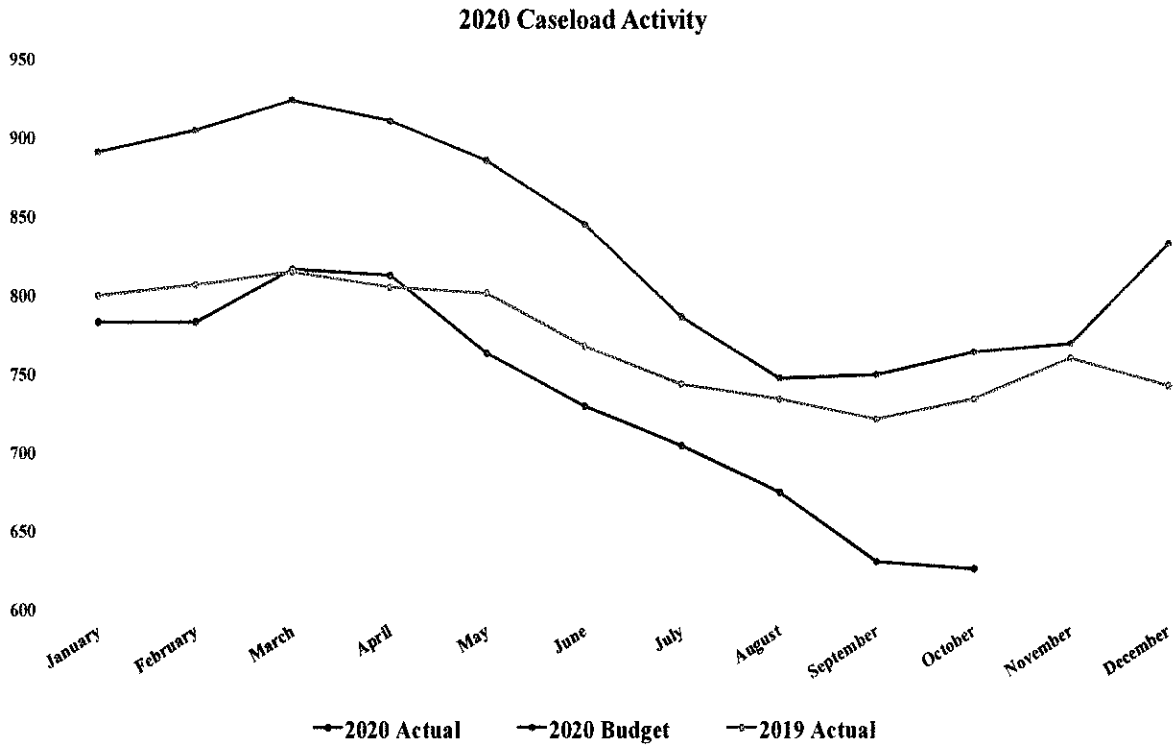


Month

Multiple selections



COVID-19 has impacted our Employment Outcomes in 2020 through the 3rd Quarter due to Federal financial supports and the re-adjustment of the local economy. We have made continued growth as the pandemic has progressed. But as you can see we are well above provincial averages in most areas and are either at or near the top in comparison with our Northern partners.

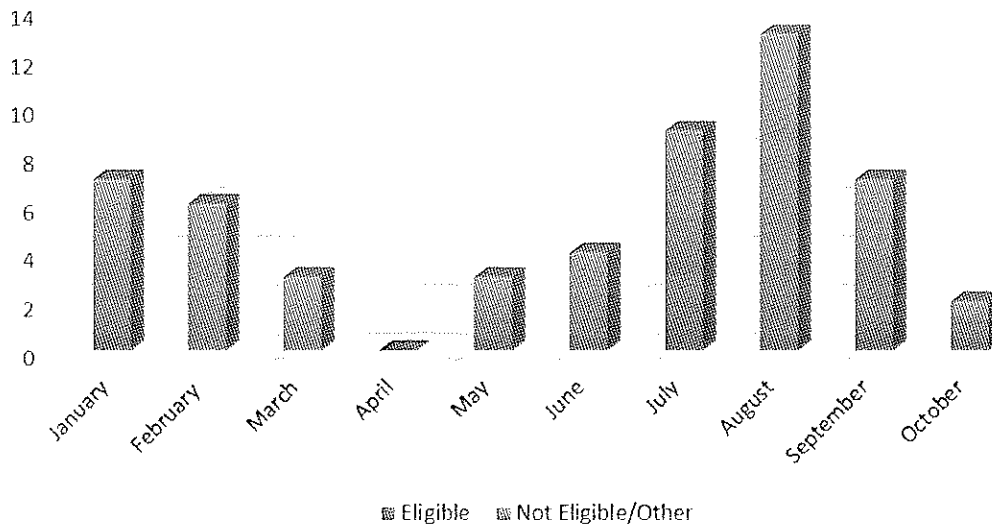


LEGEND	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
2020 Actual	783	783	817	813	763	729	704	674	630	625		
2020 Budget	891	905	924	911	886	845	786	747	749	764	769	833
2019 Actual	800	807	815	805	801	768	743	734	721	734	760	742

CHILD CARE SERVICE MANAGEMENT - Jeff Degagne, Manager

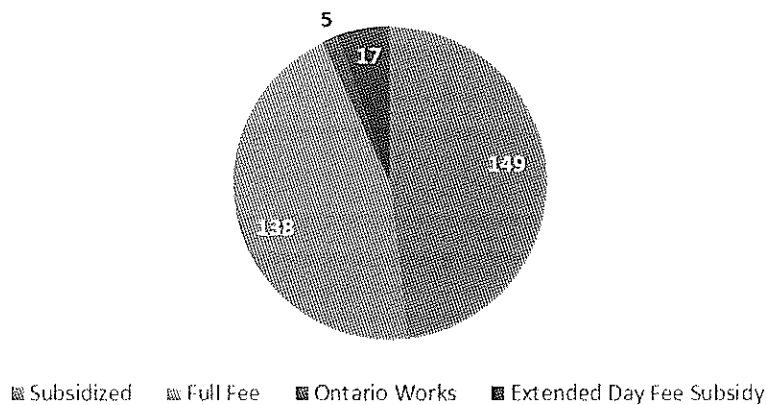
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2020 OLAF Fee Subsidy Applications



Child Care Fee Subsidy Statistics for October 2020

Total Children by Funding Source in District



HOUSING & INTEGRATED SERVICES - Pam Nelson, Manager

Housing Programs

Social Housing Centralized Waitlist Report - October 2020			
	East Parry Sound	West Parry Sound	Total
Seniors	8	83	91
Families	79	318	397
Individuals	268	203	471
Total	355	604	959
Total Waitlist Unduplicated			405

Community Housing Centralized Waitlist (CWL) 2019-2020 Comparison Applications and Households Housed from the CWL											
Month 2019	New App	New SPP	Cancelled	Housed	SPP Housed	Month 2020	New App	New SPP	Cancelled	Housed	SPP Housed
Jan	15		4	1		Jan	6	1	6	5	0
Feb	10		3	7	1	Feb	15		11	3	
Mar	9	1	1	1		Mar	10				
Apr	16		2	1		Apr	3		5	4	
May	13		1	2	1	May	1		8	2	
June	4	3	4	1		June	1		3		
July	4	1	5	2	1	July	5		13	2	
Aug	9		14	3	1	Aug	10		6	2	
Sept	10		1	3		Sept	4	2	6	3	1
Oct	6		2	3		Oct	7	1	11	3	
Nov	9		1	1		Nov					
Dec	9		8			Dec					
Total	105	5	38	25	4	Total	62	4	69	24	1

**** SPP = Special Priority Applicant****

- ◆ New apps include one applicant who is overhoused
- ◆ Two cancellations were due to Offers of Accommodation unable to contact applicant with information on file
- ◆ Three cancellations were applicants who requested to be removed from the waitlist
- ◆ One applicant was removed due to income in excess
- ◆ Three applicants were removed due to no contact
- ◆ Two applicants were removed due to notification that they had passed away

Homeless Prevention Program - Community Relations Workers

For the month of October 2020

Support

All services performed, provided, or arranged by the Homelessness Prevention Program staff to promote, improve, sustain, or restore appropriate housing for individuals active with the Homelessness Prevention Program, periodically within the month, not requiring intense case management.

Income Source	East	West
Senior	6	7
ODSP	13	26
Ontario Works	2	8
Low Income	12	24

Intense Case Management

Intense Case Management involves the coordination of appropriate services and the provision of consistent and on-going weekly supports, required by the individual to obtain and sustain housing stability.

Income Source	East	West
Senior	7	8
ODSP	10	18
Ontario Works	1	10
Low Income	8	18

Contact/Referrals

	East	West	YTD
Homeless	2	4	31
At Risk	1	7	65

Short Term Housing Allowance

Month	Active	YTD
October	8	26

Household Income Sources and Issuance from CHPI

Income Source	Total	CHPI
ODSP	3	\$1,983.16
Low Income	16	\$7,115.22

Reason for Issue	Total
Utilities/Firewood	\$1,629.34
Transportation	\$283.35
Food/Household/Misc.	\$1,531.37
Emergency Housing	5,654.32

Call Volume

Community Relations Workers Calls

October 2020	Incoming Calls	Outgoing Calls	Total
CRW's (3)	89	401	490

*this does not include communication through textbase/email with clients

Assessment Case Workers

October 2020	Incoming Calls	Outgoing Calls	Total
South River	163	275	438
Parry Sound	168	300	468

Reception

October 2020	Incoming Calls	Outgoing Calls	Total
South River	376	87	463
Parry Sound	1,010	320	1,330

HOUSING OPERATIONS - Sharon Davis, Manager

Esprit Place Family Resource Centre

Emergency Shelter Services	October 2020	Year to Date (2020)
Number of Women who stayed in shelter this month	12	58 Number of women who stayed in the shelter this year who were unique to the shelter
	Those new to the shelter this year: <input type="text" value="7"/>	
	Those who have stayed and had prior stays in the year: <input type="text" value="1"/>	
	Those who have stayed and were carried over from last month: <input type="text" value="4"/>	
Number of Children Active in program this month	2	11
Number of New Admissions (Children) (unduplicated)	2	16
Direct Service Hours to Women (Shelter and counselling)	70	706
Resident Bed Nights (Women & Children)	155	1,315
Occupancy Rate	50%	43%
Days at capacity	0	21
Days over-capacity	0	7
Phone Interactions (crisis/support)	82	610

Outreach Services		
	October 2020	Year-to-Date 2020
Number of Women Served this Month	16	108
Number of Women Registered in the Program	4	51
Number of Public Ed/Groups Offered	0	4

Transitional Support		
	October 2020	Year-to-Date 2020
Number of Women Served this Month	6	59
Number of Women Registered in Program	3	36
Number of Public Ed/Groups Offered	0	0

Child Witness Program		
	October 2020	Year-to-Date 2020
Number of Children Served this Month	13	57
Number of Children Registered in Program	2	20
Number of Public Ed/Groups Offered	0	1

Due to COVID-19, admission into the shelter is strictly based upon a woman who is actively fleeing a violent situation to include victims of human trafficking. Screening for COVID-19 is completed upon intake. The use of local motels is utilized for isolation, and physical distancing where appropriate. Support is provided to all women placed in motel stays, and will be counted as a "New Admission".

Capacity in the shelter has been reduced from 10 women to 5 based on physical distancing capacity.

Parry Sound District Housing Corporation

Activity for October 2020		Year-to-Date
Move outs	0	29
Move ins	4	46
L1 Forms	0	11
N4 – Notice of eviction for non payment of rent	2	6
N5 – notice of eviction for disturbing the quiet enjoyment of the other occupants	0	6
N7 –notice of eviction for willful damage to unit	0	3
(COVID) Wellness Checks	40	
Pest Control	8 buildings/monthly check	
Paramedicine	8 buildings to include seasonal flu vaccine clinics	
Tenant Home Visits	8	

Capital and Maintenance

During the month of October the following Capital/Maintenance projects were completed:

- Floor replacement at Mapleview (new vinyl throughout the main floor)
- Septic system replacement - Dublin Street in South River now complete
- Magnetawan walkways and outdoor patio replacement now complete
- Callander ramp/walkways concrete poured (shaping up nice to be finished soon)



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18th of November 2020

Dear Valued Chamber Member,

There is no better time for businesses to band together in the Almaguin Highlands. This year has certainly presented a wide range of unique challenges for many. There has been no shortage of tough choices, uncertainty and rapid, often unpredictable, change.

The Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce (AHCC) Board has been working enthusiastically to respond to the needs of businesses. As you may have already seen, the Chamber along with our members and advertisers were able to overcome significant challenges and put out our sought after Almaguin Highlands Community Guide. It was an even greater success than we had anticipated.

Together with regional partners, we helped to connect consumers and retailers during lockdown efforts with the 'Almaguin Delivers' subsidy program; provided financial relief for businesses to purchase protective equipment and increased their digital marketing efforts; helped provide information about supportive resources and funding opportunities. With great excitement we secured a grant through FEDNOR. The grant enabled us to partner with Almaguin Community Economic Development (ACED) to enable businesses during the early part of December 2020 and January 2021 with the Shop Local/Support Local Almaguin campaign. This grant also meant that we were in a position to further support businesses financially who chose to advertise with us in the Guide.

Throughout the year, the AHCC Board has worked to maintain valuable relationships with our local municipal partners so that our business community is top-of-mind as decisions are made. These success stories are a testament to what we can accomplish when we work together in support of one another.

Finally, the AHCC has applied for funding to support the hiring of an intern in 2021. We are thrilled at not only the new local job opportunity but also the much-needed support an intern will bring our businesses and board. We are also in the process of redefining our social media and website to better serve and promote Almaguin businesses and community members.

As a personal thank you for renewing in 2021 we are pleased offer our members 2020 pricing and have preemptively included a 2021 membership sticker for you to proudly display.

I look forward to tackling next year with you along with our dedicated board members.

Yours sincerely

Dulcie Pascoe

President

Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "DP", is positioned to the right of the typed name and title.



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2020 AHCC Partnership Projects Overview

Almaguin Community Economic Development (ACED) is pleased to celebrate another great year of partnerships and collaboration with the Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce. Without a doubt, 2020 has presented some unprecedented challenges to our businesses and local economy. Throughout the year, the partnership between the Chamber, ACED and many other supportive partners made significant impacts to individual businesses and the entire regional business community. This brief summary, while not all inclusive, is meant to highlight and celebrate some of the projects that were designed and deployed collaboratively to provide relief and support to our businesses.

'Almaguin Delivers' Subsidy Program

Almaguin Delivers was designed to help keep residents safe by helping businesses offset the costs of providing delivery during business closures. The AHCC administered partnership funds from municipalities, NECO and the Parry Sound Muskoka Community Network.

Funds Dispersed to Businesses: \$5500
Total Subsidy Claims: 590



Digital Main Street

Digital Mainstreet is a program that the Chamber, through its partnership with ACED, has been able to offer to businesses across Almaguin. A digital transformation grant of \$2,500 is available to eligible businesses through the program, as well as the Digital Service Squad specialists to provide businesses free one-on-one assistance for online training.

Cost of the Project: \$20 000*
**including staff time*



Almaguin Digital Advancement Program (in progress)

The ADAP Program was offered in partnership with ACED and NECO to provide businesses with up to \$1,000 micro grants to support digital marketing efforts.

Funds Dispersed to Businesses: \$15,000
Projected Results: 21 businesses supported



Almaguin Protective Equipment Program

The APEP Program was offered in partnership with ACED and NECO to provide businesses with up to \$500 to support the purchase of protective equipment and sanitation supplies.

Funds Dispersed to Businesses: \$10,000

Final Results: 24 businesses supported

Almaguin Agriculture and Culinary Stakeholder Engagement

Through the ACED Department, in partnership with FedNor, the AHCC was able to support the development of an Agriculture and Culinary Stakeholder Engagement Report. The report highlights key actionable items that will support the growth and development of agricultural and culinary businesses as well as agri-food tourism promotion and partnership development.

Cost of the Project: \$12,800

Almaguin Highlands Regional Brand Strategy

The Brand Strategy is still in the stakeholder engagement phase of the project. The Brand Strategy will guide regional efforts to market and promote Almaguin as a destination for tourism, business investment and quality lifestyle.

Cost of the Project: \$32,500

In closing...

ACED is extremely grateful to have the Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce as partners in the economic growth and success of the Almaguin Highlands Region. As the partnership between organization grows, so too does our capacity to take on new and exciting projects that bring measurable value to the region's business community. On behalf of the ACED Board and Department, thank you for being great partners in the overall economic wellbeing of our amazing region.

Sincerely,

David Gray,
Director of Economic Development

ALMAGUIN HIGHLANDS CHAMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

October 30th, 2020

INCOME:

Renewals and Advertising	\$ 34,575.25
Chamber commission	\$ 962.45
Interest earned	<u>\$ 270.87</u>
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE:	\$ 35,808.57

DISBURSEMENTS:

Jan31/20	Green Moose Media	\$ 3,870.00
Mar2/20	Township of Armour (ACED)	\$ 1,210.64
May15/20	Township of Armour (ACED)	\$ 2,500.00
May15/20	Wild Apricot	\$ 3,300.35
June 1/20	Stan Darling Insurance	\$ 1,750.68
June6/20	Township of Armour (ACED)	\$ 2,500.00
June11/20	Discovery Routes Trails Organization	\$ 80.00
July20/20	Green Moose Media	\$ 5,494.30
Sept15/20	Township of Armour	\$ 4,613.00
Sept15/20	McLaren Graphics	\$ 13,474.12
Sept25/20	Angela Legere (Zoom)	\$ 824.90
	Kawartha Service Charge	<u>\$ 34.70</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS TO DATE:		\$ 39,652.69

Balance forward as at January 1st, 2020	\$ 28,197.54
plus total income	\$ 35,808.57
less total disbursements	<u>\$ 39,652.69</u>
BANK BALANCE AS AT October 30th, 2020	\$ 24,353.42

Prepared by :

Barbara Belrose, Treasurer

Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce



Almaguin Highlands

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Agenda AHCC 2020 Annual General Meeting

Topic: Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce's Zoom

Time: Nov 30, 2020 06:00 PM America/Toronto Join Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85141256093?pwd=cTNRSjUvMXpJVTgvdY9Qc0t1MjNqUT09>

Meeting ID: 851 4125 6093 Passcode: 208923 Dial in +1 647 558 0588

*Attendance by Prior appointment only – Please contact our offices to book.
Sundridge Arena; Monday November 30th, 2020 at 6:00 PM*

*An AGM package has been sent via email, and the total package by Canada Post.
Should you not have received the package either by post or email please contact
Dulcie via TEXT 705 644 4579 or Kate 705 493 7350*

- Welcome
- Approval of Agenda – New business should be identified at this time
- Indemnify Directors
- Presentation and Approval of Minutes from last AGM
- Presentation and Approval of Financial Statements (Barb Bellrose)
- Presentation and Approval of By-law Amendments (if applicable)
- President's Report (Dulcie Pascoe)
- New Business – only as identified at the start of meeting
- Thank you to Past Directors
- Board of Directors Elections
- Welcome to New Board of Directors
- Adjournment



**PROXY FORM – ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING 2020**

Proxy forms **must** be received via email, fax or hand delivered to Proxy Holder. Proxy Holder to present to appointed secretary at AGM.

Proxy Holder to notify the secretary prior to the meeting called to order how many proxies are held.

The undersigned _____ hereby appoints

_____ or failing him/her
_____ as the proxy of the undersigned to
attend, vote at, and act at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Members of the Almaguin Highlands
Chamber of Commerce (AHCC) to be held on November 30, 2020 and any adjournments thereof, in the same
manner to the same extent and with the same power as if the undersigned was present at the said meeting or
such adjournments thereof, subject only to the following:

- Voting Member to insert any restrictions, limitations or instructions as to the manner in which the vote
in respect of which this proxy is given to be dealt with.

Motion #1: Approval of Agenda

For _____ Against _____ Proxy Holder decides _____

Motion #2: Approval to Indemnify Directors

For _____ Against _____ Proxy Holder decides _____

Motion #3: Approval of Minutes from Last AGM

For _____ Against _____ Proxy Holder decides _____

Motion #4: Approval of Financial Statements

For _____ Against _____ Proxy Holder decides _____

Motion #5: Approval of By-law Amendments (if applicable)

For _____ Against _____ Proxy Holder decides _____

Motion #6: If election NOT necessary, acceptance of nominees as Directors by acclamation

For _____ Against _____ Proxy Holder decides _____

Motion #7: If election necessary, accept Dulcie Pascoe as election Chairperson

For _____ Against _____ Proxy Holder decides _____

Motion #8: If election necessary, accept volunteer scrutineers

For _____ Against _____ Proxy Holder decides _____

Elections: If election necessary, election of nominees for Director positions (12 positions)

..... Proxy Holder decides _____

Motions from the floor

..... Proxy Holder decides _____

The undersigned hereby revokes all proxies previously given.

Dated the _____ day of _____ 2020.

Signature: _____ Name: _____

Business or Stakeholder Group: _____