The Corporation of the Town of Kearney

AGENDA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Council Chambers
Thursday, October 5, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

A Moment of Silence may be observed, as requested

1. **Call the Meeting to Order**

2. **Approval of Agenda**

3. **Disclosure of Interest**
   [At this time, Members of Council shall declare pecuniary interest, if any, with items on the agenda.]

4. **Delegations/Presentations - Page 3**
   4.1. Gilad Lazarovich – Garbage Bag Allowance and Diapers

5. **Consent List**
   5.1 Council Meeting Minutes September 21, 2023 - **Page 4**
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6. **Items Referred from the Consent List**

7. **Items for Discussion**
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8. **Other Business**

9. **Correspondence for Information**

9.1. KWEF September Newsletter - **Page 33**
9.2. Parry Sound DSSAB CAO's Report - **Page 36**

10. Talk to the Mayor

[This open forum provides members of the public a two-minute opportunity to address the Mayor on matters of public interest. Item discussed during this time will not be included in the Council minutes.]

11. Closed Session

Under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, Council moved into closed session under the following subsections: (2) (d) Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations; and (2) (b) Personal Matters about an identifiable individual.

12. Confirming By-Law

13. Adjournment

Diapers and Transfer station limits

We have a large family, homeschool all our kids, and go through quite a few diapers each week. The current limit of one trash bag per week is very challenging given the number of diapers that our young children go through. We keep the diapers in a separate green bin, which used to be collected as a compostable bag in York region before we moved to Kearney.

We used to be able to dispose of the 2 half bags, one for the regular trash and one for diapers, and only get docked for one bag. That worked well for us, but we were asked to merge these into one. Having to merge the regular trash bag with the diaper related trash bag results in a heavy and unwieldly trash bag.

It would be great if we could dispose of the diaper trash bag without it counting towards our monthly quota. This would work great for families with young children or in families where adult diapers are used.

Thanks! Gilad.

The Corporation of the Town of Kearney

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Council Chambers
Thursday, September 7, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

Council Members Present: Mayor: Cheryl Philip
Deputy Mayor: Michael Rickward
Councillors: Keven Beaucage, Heather Pateman and Jill Sharer

Staff Present: Nicole Gourlay, Clerk Administrator (C-A)
Cindy Filmore, Deputy Clerk (DC)

1. Call the Meeting to Order – the meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm

2. Approval of Agenda
Res. No. 247 – 23 Heather Pateman, Keven Beaucage
BE IT RESOLVED that the Agenda of the Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney of September 21, 2023 agenda, be adopted as circulated
CARRIED

3. Disclosure of Interest - nil

4. Delegations/Presentations
4.1 Muskoka Watershed Council director re: 2023 Muskoka Watershed Report Card

Res. No. 248-23 Heather Pateman, Keven Beaucage
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney thanks the Muskoka Watershed Council for their presentation
CARRIED

Council advised Mr. Ross of the Kearney Watershed Environmental Foundation and provided contact names and email addresses for Mr. Ross.

4.2 Auditors Report & Presentation 2022 Year End

Res. No. 249-23 Michael Rickward, Keven Beaucage
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney thanks Judy Kleinhuis of Grant Thornton for her presentation on the 2022 Audit Report for the Town of Kearney and approves the draft audit report as presented.
CARRIED

5. Consent List
5.1 Council Minutes September 7, 2023 Regular Council Meeting
5.2 Payment Register
5.3 Cloud Permit Cancellation Report
5.4 Transfer Station Report

Res. No. 250-23 Jill Sharer, Keven Beaucage
BE IT RESOLVED that the Consent List from the Regular Council Meeting of Thursday, September 21, 2023 be accepted and that all Recommendations contained therein be adopted as Resolutions of Council.
CARRIED

6. Items Referred from the Consent List - nil

7. Items for Discussion
7.1 Change of Council Meeting Dates for November and December 2023

Res. No. 251-23 Michael Rickward, Keven Beaucage
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney determines that, due to staff and Council scheduling, Council meetings for the month of

November and December shall be changed from November 2nd and 16th to November 9th and from December 7th to December 14th.

7.2 AMCTO Zone 7 Fall Meeting in Sault Ste. Marie

Res. No 252-23 Michael Rickward, Jill Sharer
WHEREAS the Clerk-Administrator is part of the AMCTO Zone 7 Executive and traditionally would attend both spring and fall conferences within the zone;
AND WHEREAS Staff believes that conference and seminar training is vital to continuing education and fresh development of ideas;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Kearney approves the Clerk-Administrator to attend the fall AMCTO Zone 7 Meeting in Sault Ste. Marie from November 1 – 3, 2023 in the amount of $130.00 plus disbursements and accommodations.
CARRIED

7.3 2024 ROMA Attendance

Res. No 253-23 Heather Pateman, Keven Beaucage
WHEREAS the opening of the 2024 ROMA Conference will be happening soon
AND WHEREAS Staff would like direction on which members of Council would like to attend such conferences in the new year to ensure tickets and accommodations are secured in a timely manner,
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Clerk-Administrator and the following members of Council Heather Pateman, Cheryl Philip, attend the 2024 ROMA Conference on January 21-23, 2024
CARRIED

7.4 Janet Dunsmore – Appointment to Recreation Committee

Res. No 254-23 Jill Sharer, Michael Rickward
WHEREAS the Town of Kearney received an application from Janet Dunsmore to sit on the Recreation Advisory Committee
AND BE IT RESOVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney appoints those listed above to sit on the Recreation Advisory Committee.
CARRIED

7.5 King William Transfer Station Report re: MOL order

Res. No. 255-23 Keven Beaucage, Heather Pateman
WHEREAS the Ministry of Labour has issued an order to comply on the King William Transfer Station in spring 2023;
AND WHEREAS Staff have recommended in Staff Report SR-2-23-40 to move forward with a formal quotation process on obtaining formal quotes on compactors, filling in the retaining wall and running electrical as outline in this report at the King William Transfer Station to obtain compliance with the MOL Orders;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOVLED THAT the Council of the Town of Kearney accepts Staff recommendations as outline above and directs Staff to brin back quotes to a future meeting.
CARRIED

7.6 Road Maintenance Agreement Report and Letter from the Municipal Solicitor

Res. No. 256-23 Keven Beaucage, Jill Sharer
WHEREAS the Clerk-Administrator in conjunction with the Muncipal Solicitor has advised Council on the typical procedure that is utilized by municipalities all over Ontario in dealing with municipally owned and privately maintained roads;
AND WHEREAS Staff believes that the mitigation of risk to the municipality should be heavily weighted in consideration of such agreements;
AND WHEREAS Staff has provided recommendations within the report that outlines best practice in the mitigation of risk to the municipality while still allowing for these agreements to proceed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Town of Kearney accepts the Clerk-Administrator's report and directs Staff to develop a template agreement which includes:

- 2 Million Dollars Liability insurance for the business or individual facilitating the maintenance agreement
- Indemnification of the municipality
- Type of use/maintenance
- No creation of interest in the land
- $500 application fee + legal costs related to the application

CARRIED

7.7 Support Resolution Request: Municipality of Magnetawan MTO road closure requirements

Res. No, 257-23 Michael Rickward, Heather Pateman
WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney supports community events including the Kearney Regatta Parade, the Christmas Parade and the Kearney Dogsled Races;
AND WHEREAS due to current legislation and Ministry of Transportation policy an encroachment permit must be obtained to legally traverse and temporarily close a portion of Highway 518 running through the Town of Kearney as it is part of the Route for these events;
AND WHEREAS historically the Town of Kearney has obtained these permits from the Ministry of Transportation without the Ontario Provincial Police being in attendance but aware of the event;
AND WHEREAS the Kearney Fire Department and the Kearney Roads Department are qualified to temporarily close any roads located within the Municipality including a Provincial Highway in case of emergency;
AND WHEREAS due to OPP staffing complements and overwhelming requests from other surrounding communities that may be hositing events on the same day, assigning an Ontario Provincial Police Officer to these Communicty Events has the possiblitity of putting the Community at large at Risk;
AND WHEREAS fulfilling a paid duty request is voluntary and the cost of the paid duty request puts undue financial obligations on the ratepayers of our Municipality and non-profit organizations;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Kearney respectfully asks the Ministry of Transportation to reconsider their policy and legislation regarding having Ontario Provincial Police Officers in attendance at Provincial Highway temporary closures for community events which includes parages in the Almaguin Region and to authorize the OPP to grant the authority for a temporary road closure to a member of the Fire Department and/or Roads Department;
AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Premier Doug Ford, MPP Graydon Smith, MP Scott Aitchson, the Ministry of Transportation and surrounding Municipalities.
CARRIED

8. New Business - nil

9. Talk to the Mayor

10. Closed Session

Res. No. 258-23 Michael Rickward, Heather Pateman
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney at 7:48 pm, moves into closed session under Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, under the following subsections:

(a) Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations
(b) Personal Matters about an identifiable individual

CARRIED

Res. No. 259-23 Heather Pateman, Keven Beaucage
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney reconvenes in Open Session at 9:25 pm
CARRIED

11. Confirming By-law

Res. No. 260-23 Michael Rickward, Jill Sharer

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 2023-53, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its Regular Council Meeting of September 21, 2023 be approved**.**

CARRIED

12. Adjournment

Res. No. 261-23 Keven Beaucage, Michael Rickward

BE IT RESOLVED that the Regular Council Meeting of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney adjourn at 9:30 pm to meet again at 6:00 pm on Thursday, October 5th, 2023 in the Council Chambers, Kearney, Ontario

CARRIED

THE CORPORATION OF THE

TOWN OF KEARNEY

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Mayor

_____

Clerk

TRANSFER STATION COUNCIL REPORT						
Date	**Monday Curbside Pick-up**	**Kearney**	**$**	**Sand Lake**	**$**	**Summary of Kallio's Waste $**
Sept. 12	2	22	0.00	25	27.00	25C
Sept. 15		34	10.00	32	124.00	99C / 25B
Sept. 16		30	7.00	22	355.00	55C /50F/250B
Sept. 17		25	14.00	20	30.00	10F / 20C
Sept. 18 Rcpt. 230102-020		28	0.00	18	125.00	65C / 60B
Sept. 19		30	2.00	24	270.00	100F / 100C / 70B
Sept. 22		40	2.00	21	75.00	
Sept. 23		24	4.00	21	370.00	100C / 270B
Sept. 24		37	2.00	27	185.00	100S / 85C
Sept. 25 Rcpt. 230103-002		28	6.00	18	45.00	45C
TOTALS		298	**47.00**	228	**1606.00**	**Total $ 1,653.00**

COMMENTS

This report covers 2 periods – September 12 – September 25

Attendant: Josh Dresser	Report Date: September 27, 2023

Date Printed
2023-09-27 10:29 AM

Town of Kearney
Accounts Report for September 15, 2023
Batch: 2023-00056 to 2023-00056

Bank Code: AP - GENERAL AP

COMPUTER CHEQUE

Payment #	Date	Vendor Name		Payment Amount
33062	2023-09-15	Algonquin Clean Water Services	F/D & KCC Water Sampling	169.50
33063	2023-09-15	AMO	Conference Mayor Philip	966.15
33064	2023-09-15	Bell Canada	Monthly Phone Bills	807.19
33065	2023-09-15	Bell Canada (Internet)	Monthly Internet	186.10
33066	2023-09-15	Bowman Fuels Ltd.	P/W Vehicle Diesel	3,509.65
33067	2023-09-15	Bradanick Construction Services	KCC Renovations Draw 11	185,448.59
33068	2023-09-15	Burk's Falls Building Ctr Ltd	Lions Park Maintenance Supplies	20.50
33069	2023-09-15	Burk's Falls Home Hardware	F/D Batteries	71.16
33070	2023-09-15	CRA - Receiver General	Source Deductions Sept. 1 - 15	10,731.78
33071	2023-09-15	ClayMar Electric	F/D Air Cylinder Test	223.18
33072	2023-09-15	Clouthier, Matthew	Reimburse Boot Allowance	310.74
33073	2023-09-15	C-MAX Fire Solutions	F/D Annual Pump Test	1,092.71
33074	2023-09-15	Conseil Scolaire Catholique	3rd Qtr Levy French Catholic S.B	1,952.46
33075	2023-09-15	Conseil Scolaire Public	3rd Qtr Levy French Separate S B	827.50
33076	2023-09-15	District Of Parry Sound	DPSMA Fall Meeting	200.00
33077	2023-09-15	Eastholme	3rd Qtr Levy Payment	33,471.00
33078	2023-09-15	Ecovue Consulting Services Inc	Consulting Fees	155.39
33079	2023-09-15	Fetterley's Gas & Convenience	Fleet Gas Aug. 16 - 31	1,164.37
33080	2023-09-15	Fowler Construction	Roads Cold Mix Asphalt	2,065.21
33081	2023-09-15	Freightliner North Bay	P/W New Freightliner	376,290.00
33082	2023-09-15	Gilroy's Tire	P/W Maintenance 2008 Truck	293.80
33083	2023-09-15	Glen Martin Ltd.	KCC Supplies for new Kitchen	486.58
33084	2023-09-15	Leslie Harvie	Admin KMS - Return trip KCH Re:	31.28
33085	2023-09-15	Heran, Frank	Certified Cheque Refund Driveway entrance Deposit	500.00
33086	2023-09-15	Huronia Alarm & Fire Security	KCC Security System Charge	28.25

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COMPUTER CHEQUE

Payment #	Date	Vendor Name		Payment Amount
33087	2023-09-15	Hydro One Networks Inc.	Monthly Hydro	2,043.42
33088	2023-09-15	Jones Motor Lines	Service Town Public Toilets	542.40
33089	2023-09-15	LAS-Local Authority Services	Admin office Supplies	6.72
33090	2023-09-15	LEA-Larocque Elder Architects	KCC Renos Payment 23	5,545.33
33091	2023-09-15	Lewis Motor Sales Inc.	F/D Program ECM on Int.'l 3400	381.94
33092	2023-09-15	Mac Lang Sundridge Ltd	P/U Lube, oil, filter '21 Ram	225.72
33093	2023-09-15	David McKean	Reimburse Meal on testing day	163.60
33094	2023-09-15	Min Of Fin-Ontario	OPP LSR billing July	24,427.92
33095	2023-09-15	Muskoka Springs Inc	F/D & P/U 5 Kids of bottled Water	473.30
33096	2023-09-15	Near North Dist. School Board	3rd Qtr Levy English Public S B	140,096.12
33097	2023-09-15	Nicholls Truck Repair	F/D Safety Truck 314	671.75
33098	2023-09-15	Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic	3rd Qtr Levy English Separate S B	8,692.39
33099	2023-09-15	North Bay/Parry Sound District	October Levy Payment	2,322.99
33100	2023-09-15	Novexco Inc	B/O File Boxes	128.21
33101	2023-09-15	Cheryl Philip	Reimburse Hotel Costs Re: Amo Conference	1,328.71
33102	2023-09-15	Pollard Distribution Inc.	P/U Dustmaster	12,052.94
33103	2023-09-15	PPE Solutions Inc	F/D Cheat Strap Air Pack	995.53
33104	2023-09-15	Reeder Web Design	Dog Sled Website quarterly Fee	126.96
33105	2023-09-15	Rickwards Small Motors Inc	F/D Chainsaw Files	9.02
33106	2023-09-15	Roi, Kathy	Voided - Issued on Wrong account	880.71
33107	2023-09-15	Russell Christie LLP	General legal	3,556.73
33108	2023-09-15	Spectrum Telecom Group Ltd.	F/D Monthly Internet/Tower Rental	325.95
33109	2023-09-15	StarMetroLand Media	Advertising R A Re Oyke	386.01
33110	2023-09-15	Telequip Systems Limited	P/U Monthly Radio Usage	257.07
33111	2023-09-15	Telizon Inc	Monthly long Distance	7.75
33112	2023-09-15	The Engraving Shop	Recreation - Kids Baseball Medals	169.33

Town of Kearney
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COMPUTER CHEQUE

Payment #	Date	Vendor Name		Payment Amount
33113	2023-09-15	Township Of Ryerson	3rd Qtr Payment Fire Training	4,170.40
33114	2023-09-15	Waste Connections of Canada	Trans. Stn Blue box recycling	23,362.67
33115	2023-09-15	Wurth Canada Ltd	General legal Re: Human Resources	174.60

Total Computer Cheque: 854,529.28

Total AP: 854,529.28

Be it resolved that Council has received the 'List of Accounts' report
for Cheques #33062 to #3311 in the total amount of $854,529.28

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The Corporation of the
County of Northumberland
555 Courthouse Road
Cobourg, ON, K9A 5J6

Northumberland County
Council Resolution

SENT VIA EMAIL **September 25, 2023**

Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation
Hon. David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development &
MPP for Northumberland - Peterborough South
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities

Re: Northumberland County Resolution – 'Highway Traffic Act Amendments'

At a meeting held on September 20, 2023 Northumberland County Council approved the following Council Resolution # 2023-09-20-647 adopting the below recommendation from the September 7, 2023 Public Works Committee meeting.

Moved by: Councillor Olena Hankivsky
Seconded by: Councillor John Logel

"**That** the Public Works Committee, having considered the correspondence from the Municipality of St. Charles regarding 'Highway Traffic Act Amendments', recommend that County Council support the correspondence, and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to key stakeholders."

Council Resolution # 2023-09-20-647 **Carried**

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

Sincerely,
Maddison Mather

M. Mather

Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk
Northumberland County

Council Resolution

Moved By O. Hankivsky

Seconded By J. Logel

Agenda Item 10

Resolution Number 2023-09-20 647

Council Date: September 20, 2023

"**That** Council adopt all recommendations from the five Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held September 5, 6, and 7, 2023), ~~with the exception of the following items (referenced from the Standing Committee Minutes), that will be held for discussion~~:

Committee Name	Item #	Description	Held By

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

Recorded Vote Requested by _____
Councillor's Name

Carried _____
Warden's Signature

Deferred _____
Warden's Signature

Defeated _____
Warden's Signature

Public Works Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date:	**September 7, 2023**
Agenda Item:	**7.a**
Resolution Number:	**2023-09-07-629**
Moved by:	J. Logel
Seconded by:	H. Martin
Council Meeting Date:	**September 20, 2023**

"**That** the Public Works Committee, having considered the correspondence from the Municipality of St. Charles regarding 'Highway Traffic Act Amendments', recommend that County Council support the correspondence, and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to key stakeholders."

Carried _____
Committee Chair's Signature

Defeated _____
Committee Chair's Signature

Deferred _____
Committee Chair's Signature

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE

Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 10.4.

Resolution Number 2023-152

Title: Resolution Stemming from May 17, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council (Item 9.1 - Correspondence #16) and the June 21, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council (Item 9.1 - Correspondence #10)

Date: July 19, 2023

Moved by: Councillor Pothier

Seconded by: Councillor Lachance

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles hereby supports the Resolution passed by the City of Cambridge, on May 9, 2023, regarding Highway Traffic Act Amendments;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Ministry of Transportation (MTO); the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH); the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) and all Ontario Muncipalities.

CARRIED

MAYOR

The Corporation of the City of Cambridge
Corporate Services Department
Clerk's Division
The City of Cambridge
50 Dickson Street, P.O. Box 669
Cambridge ON N1R 5W8
Tel: (519) 740-4680 ext. 4585
mantond@cambridge.ca

May 10, 2023

Re: Highway Traffic Act Amendments

Dear Ms. Mulroney,

At the Council Meeting of May 9, 2023, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge passed the following Motion:

WHEREAS speeding on our roads is a major concern in our community,

AND WHEREAS speeding can occur in all areas of our community,

AND WHEREAS barriers and delays to enforcement pose a danger to our community,

AND WHEREAS our municipality has limited resources to implement speed mitigation road design and re-design,

AND WHEREAS our local police service has limited resources to undertake speed enforcement,

AND WHEREAS s.205.1 of the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) provides that Automated Speed Enforcement systems (ASE) may only be placed in designated community safety zones and school safety zones,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the City of Cambridge request that the Ontario Government amend s.205.1 of the HTA to permit municipalities to locate an ASE system permanently or temporarily on any roadway under the jurisdiction of municipalities and as determined by municipalities and not be restricted to only community safety zones and school safety zones;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local area MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities.

Should you have any questions related to the approved resolution, please contact me.

Yours Truly,



Danielle Manton
City Clerk

Cc: (via email)
Steve Clark, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Local Area MPPs
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF MIDLAND

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Midland, ON L4R 1R2
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September 8, 2023

The Senate of Canada
Ottawa, ON
K1A 0A4

Via Email: sencom@sen.parl.gc.ca

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

Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: "Catch and Release" Justice is Ontario

At its September 6, 2023, Regular Council Meeting with Closed Session the Council for the Town of Midland passed the following Resolution:

> *That the Town of Midland send a letter to the Federal and Provincial Governments requesting meaningful improvements to the current state of "catch and release" justice in the Ontario legal system. Police Services across Ontario are exhausting precious time and resources having to manage the repeated arrests of the same offenders, which in turn, is impacting their morale, and ultimately law-abiding citizens who are paying the often significant financial and emotional toll of this broken system; and*
>
> *That this resolution be sent to other Municipalities throughout Ontario for their endorsement consideration.*

Thank you.

Yours very
truly,

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MIDLAND

Sherri Edgar

Sherri Edgar, AMCT
Municipal Clerk
Ext. 2210

CHIEFS REPORT TO COUNCIL

September 28th, 2023.

last report June 30th,2023.

Training

We have had two truck check nights/maintenance practice as well as three tanker shuttle plus all five townships have attained commercial; status tanker accreditation. We have also had hose stream practice and water rescue, driver training, ATV practice and bunker gear/air pack inspections. AS&E written testing has been completed.

Fire Prevention

Ongoing safety messages on our Facebook page, as well as the Town sign. Regatta open houses/ recruit drives with Sparky in attendance.

Equipment

Equipment is running as it should. Tanker 314 is going back for more repairs to assess the ongoing ECM issue. Our new ATV has been put in service and safeties as required.

We have had fifty medical calls two with no response and twenty-two fire calls, some have been false alarms, others involving serious motor vehicle accidents.

Kearney has the OFMEM live fire unit October 11th to 14th; it will be located at the public works yard. Training will be Wednesday, Friday evening and Saturday.

I attend our monthly Chiefs meeting. And calls as required.

Completed a liquor request inspection.

Hall checks, reports, gear checks and paperwork as required.

Kearney Regatta went well with our open house and cooling centre. The fire Department was happy to help.

Kearney won the annual Firefighters Challenge in Burk's Falls on July 8th at the fairgrounds. The Department did a great job.

We also attended the Legion Touch a Truck.

I have been working on the Emergency plan as time permits.

Annual truck pump tests have been completed as well as SCBA flow testing.

The brush at the dump was burned two weeks ago and went well.

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

Stay safe

Sincerely,

Paul Schaefer

Fire Chief

Town of Kearney

COUNCIL RESOLUTION # _____-23

Date: October 5, 2023

MOVED BY:

- ❑ Beaucage, Keven
- ❑ Pateman, Heather
- ❑ Philip, Cheryl – Mayor
- ❑ Rickward, Michael – Deputy Mayor
- ❑ Sharer, Jill

SECONDED BY:

- ❑ Beaucage, Keven
- ❑ Pateman, Heather
- ❑ Philip, Cheryl - Mayor
- ❑ Rickward, Michael – Deputy Mayor
- ❑ Sharer, Jill

WHEREAS the organizers of the Santa's Ski Show 2023 has requested to close Main St. from Lakeview St. to Rain Lake Rd for the parade on November 4th 2023;

AND WHEREAS Staff and Emergency personnel have been notified and have no issues with the closure of the road;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLOVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney approves the closure of Main St. between Lakeview St and Rain Lake Rd on November 4th 2023 for the Santa's Ski Show Parade.

CARRIED ❑_____ **DEFEATED** ❑ _____

Recorded Vote Requested by: _____

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

DRAFT

Staff Report

Staff Report No. SR-2023-41
Date: October 5, 2023
To: Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Members of Council
From: Nicole Gourlay, Clerk - Administrator
Subject: Staff Cell Phone for Business Use

Recommendation:

That Council receive this report and direct the C-A to approve the monthly cell phone disbursement of $30-$50/month to be paid to Employees who are required to be available by cell phone or utilize their cell phone for work purposes.

Background & Analysis:

Since starting at the Town three months ago, the C-A has noticed the need for some Staff to utilize their personal phones for business purposes. Within the Town's current Cell Phone Policy (attached to this report), it does outline that Staff will be paid a disbursement for use of their personal cell phones. The policy doesn't speak to a specific amount per month for a disbursement, but that the total amount be included in the budget for the fiscal year.

The policy mainly outlines how managers' use of personal cell phones will be dealt with. We know most managers will need to have some use of either their personal phones or may require a business phone. There are some non-management Staff that are asked to or its necessary for that individual to use their cell phone for work purposes. The C-A would like to provide those Staff members with a disbursement monthly for the use of their personal cell phone immediately.

Financial Consideration:

At this time, financial consideration would be a maximum of $300/month.

Prepared by: Nicole Gourlay, Clerk – Administrator

COUNCIL RESOLUTION # _____-23

Date: October 5, 2023

MOVED BY:

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WHEREAS Council passed a policy in 2017 regarding Cell Phones;

AND WHEREAS the C-A has written SR-2023-041 requesting the authority to provide a monthly disbursement for Staff that need to use their personal cell phone for work purposes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLOVED THAT the Council of the Town of Kearney provides the authority to the C-A to allot a monthly disbursement to Staff that require the use of their personal cell phones for business purposes and it not exceed $300.00/month in total.

CARRIED ❑_____ **DEFEATED** ❑ _____

Recorded Vote Requested by: _____

Recorded Vote:	For	Opposed
Beaucage, Keven	❑	❑
Pateman, Heather	❑	❑
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Sharer, Jill	❑	❑

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SECTION NAME Health & Safety	SECTION NO.
POLICY Cell Phone Policy	REVIEW DATE:
EFFECTIVE DATE July 14, 2017	REVISIONS
IMPLEMENTATION July 14, 2017	ADMINISTERED BY Clerk Administrator

1. POLICY STATEMENT

The Town of Kearney has a responsibility to all of its employees to provide a safe workplace as well as a responsibility to the public to optimize the public's safety and trust.

The Town of Kearney is committed to ensuring that Town employees possess the proper telecommunication equipment necessary to support Town business.

The Town supports the use of cell phones and other communication devices, as both a convenience and a privilege for legitimate business needs.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Policy is:

2.1 to limit the personal use of cell phones and other communication devices at work; and

2.2 to provide uniform guidelines for the purchase and payment of cellular (cell) phones and other personal communication devices issued to Senior Staff members by the Town, if deemed necessary, to support Town business.

3. SCOPE

This policy applies to all Town Employees regarding the use of Town provided cell phones *as well as* personal cell phones while at work and/or while operating a Town vehicle.

4. DEFINITIONS

Cellular (Cell) Phone is a phone that can make and receive telephone calls over a radio link which allows moving around a wide geographic area by connecting to a cellular network and that can also support a variety of other services such as text messaging, MMS, e-mail and internet access and includes all personal communication devices, Blackberries, text pagers and other wireless devices whether owned by the Company or the individual employee.

Clerk Administrator is the Clerk Administrator of the Town of Kearney

Employee/Staff is a person employed by the Town of Kearney, including any Union or non-Union, regular or temporary, full time or part time, seasonal or casual worker, permanent staff, temporary staff, students, contract employees and paid work placements.

Manager is an employee responsible for a department within a division of the Corporation as defined on the Town's organizational structure.

Personal Calls are defined as calls of a minimal duration and frequency that are essential and cannot be made at another time or from a different telephone and allow the employee to continue working. Examples of personal calls are calls to arrange for unscheduled or immediate care of a dependent, a family situation, a personal emergency, to alert others of an unexpected delay due to a change in work or travel schedule, etc.

Personal Communication Devices are wireless devices such as cellular phones, mobile email devices, pagers, personal digital assistants and other similar devices.

Town is the Corporation of the Town of Kearney.

5. INTERPRETATION

5.1 Any reference to the Policy, to any Statute, or to any section of a Statute, shall, unless expressly stated, be deemed to be reference to the Statute as amended, restated or re-enacted from time to time. Any reference to a By-law or Town Policy shall be deemed to be a reference to the most recent passed Policy or By-law and any replacements thereto.

5.2 Where a Manager is authorized to undertake any act pursuant to this Policy, such act may be undertaken by a Manager's authorized designate.

6. GENERAL CONDITIONS – TOWN OWN CELL PHONES

6.1 Criteria for Issuing Town owned Cell phones

Managers may request a cell phone if the nature of work assigned: limits the ability to use the land line; requires the Manager to be reasonably available outside of normal Office hours; or is critical to the operation of the Town and immediate and timely response is required.

6.2 Service Provider for Town Owned Cell phones

Service provider agreements will be reviewed as deemed appropriate by the Clerk Administrator, in accordance with the Town's Procurement Policy.

6.3 Town Equipment and Purchases

6.3.1 Employees are responsible for the safekeeping and care of their cell phone.

6.3.2 Purchases shall be made through the Clerk's Office.

6.3.3 Cell phones owned by the Town shall be used primarily for business purposes.

6.3.4 <u>Charges and Oversight</u>

Non-business use resulting in plan overages of Town owned cell phones will be reimbursed by the individual employee. Payment to be received by the Town within thirty (30) days of receipt of an Invoice.

6.3.5 <u>Payment and Billing</u>

Monthly mobile service invoices of Town owned Cell phones are received by the Town's Accounts Payable Department.

6.3.6 <u>Personal Calls</u>

Town owned cell phones are to be used primarily for Town business. Personal calls should be limited.

6.3.7 Cell phone Allowance

6.3.7.1 A cell phone allowance may be provided to Managers to compensate for the use of personal cell phone use for Town business in lieu of the employee having a Town cell phone.

6.3.7.2 Managers who receive a cell phone allowance generally include those whose job duties regularly require timely call back, irregular work hours or other job related factors that require the employee to routinely utilize a cell phone to enhance their ability to perform their job duties.

6.3.7.3 Cell phone Allowance Amount

.1 The standard monthly cell phone allowance amount for use of a personal cell phone for Town business shall be determined during Annual Budget considerations.

2. Managers who receive a cell phone allowance are not eligible for reimbursement for further cell phone costs.

6.3.7.4 Payment of Cell Phone Allowance

.1 Approved cell phone allowance will be paid bi-weekly as part of the employee's paycheck and will be subject to all applicable payroll taxes.

.2 This allowance does not constitute an increase to base pay and will not be included in the calculation of percentage increases to base pay due to salary increases, promotions, etc.

.3 Employees receiving a cell phone allowance must, at all times, retain an active phone contract for their personal device while receiving a phone allowance.

.4 Employees receiving a cell phone allowance must provide their current cell phone number to the Town and must immediately notify the Town if the number changes for any reason.

.5 Employees receiving a cell phone allowance are expected to carry the phone on their person both on and off duty and to respond when called for Town business.

.6 Employees receiving a cell phone allowance may choose the cellular service provider and plan design of their choice.

.7 Employees receiving a cell phone allowance shall use their personal cell phone for both business and personal purposes, as needed. Use of the phone in any manner contrary to local, provincial or federal laws will constitute misuse and will result in immediate termination of the cell phone allowance.

.8 If an employee receiving a cell phone allowance changes their personal cell phone contract or if the Town terminates the cell phone allowance for any reason, the employee will bear the cost of any fees associated with said change or cancellation of the personal cell phone contract.

6.4 Publication of Staff Cell phone Numbers

6.4.1 Cell phone numbers shall not be published as a matter of public record.

6.4.2 Cell phone numbers shall be provided to others upon the discretion of the Manager and their immediate supervisor in the interests of keeping Town business moving forward.

7. GENERAL CONDITIONS – PERSONAL CELL PHONES

7.1 Inside Employees

While in the workplace during work hours, employees are expected to focus on work and may not inappropriately use their Cell Phone in the workplace for any inappropriate purposes, including but not limited to:

- Engaging in personal conversations
- Playing games
- Surfing the internet
- Checking e-mail
- Sending or receiving text messages

7.2 Outside Employees

Since the majority of research indicates that Cell Phone use while driving, including using hand-held or voice activated devices, is contributing to injuries and damages while operating vehicles or equipment, the use of Cell Phones or other phone applications while driving is prohibited.

7.2.1 Do not use cell phones on the worksite unless authorized by the Public Works Working Foreperson. This includes talking, texting, e-mailing playing games, etc.

7.2.2 No Town employee shall use a cell phone, including a hands free, hand-held or voice-activated device, while operating any Town equipment or when driving a Town vehicle. Cell phones are to be completely turned off when working to avoid being startled or startling a go-worker and to avoid temptation to answer the call, e-mail or text. Let calls go straight to voicemail for retrieval at a later time, in a safe location.

7.2.3 Never operate a cell phone when fueling vehicles, near flammable fumes or liquid, or in a flammable environment.

7.3 Permitted Uses

7.3.1 While at work, employees may use personal Cell Phones for their personal calls or other activities during their lunch break, coffee break, before work and after work.

7.3.2 Cell phones are to be used in designated safe-work areas such as lunch rooms and offices, away from general work activities.

8. EXCEPTIONS

8.1 Personal matters that require you to have ready access to your cell phone may be approved by your managing supervisor.

8.2 Approvals shall be in writing and subject to a safe access plan.

9. PENALTY

Employees who violate this Policy will be subject to disciplinary measures up to and including dismissal, depending on the circumstances.

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WHEREAS the Town Office with the current furniture is outdated and not functional;

AND WHEREAS the Town wishes to make the Office more open and functional for the increasing number of Staff;

AND WHEREAS Staff have received some quotations on new desks and chairs for the Office Staff, but this was not budgeted for in the 2023 budget;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLOVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney approves the purchase of four new desks and five new chairs in the amount of $10,000.

CARRIED ❑_____ **DEFEATED** ❑ _____

Recorded Vote Requested by: _____

Recorded Vote:	For	Opposed
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Pateman, Heather	❑	❑
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WHEREAS the new 2023 Freightliner Tandem was ordered as is in order to not delay in receiving a vehicle until 2025;

AND WHEREAS Staff were unaware that the truck was not outfitted with the Top Screen to filter the sand when being loaded into the tandem trucks;

AND WHEREAS this amount was not included in the tendered amount approved by Council in Resolution 172-23 or in the 2023 Municipal Budget;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLOVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney approves the purchase of a top screen for the 2023 Freightliner in the amount of $5,000.00 from Gincor.

CARRIED ❑_____ **DEFEATED** ❑ _____

Recorded Vote Requested by: _____

Recorded Vote:	For	Opposed
Beaucage, Keven	❑	❑
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Josh Machesney, City Clerk

September 25, 2023

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

RE: Support for Municipality of Wawa Resolution re: Chronic Pain Treatments

Dear Premier Ford:

This letter will serve to advise that at a meeting of City of Quinte West Council held on September 20, 2023 Council supported the attached resolution from the Municipality of Wawa regarding maintaining OHIP coverage for chronic pain treatments by passing the following resolution:

> "And further that Staff be directed to prepare a letter of support for Item 12.1 (e) Resolution from the Municipality of Shuniah in relation to Support for the Municipality of Wawa regarding Chronic Pain Treatments." **Carried**

We trust that you will give favourable consideration to this request.

Yours Truly,

CITY OF QUINTE WEST

Josh Machesney,
City Clerk

CC: Municipalities of Ontario
Ryan Williams, MP, Bay of Quinte
Hon. Todd Smith, MPP, Bay of Quinte
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health
Hon. Michael A. Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions
Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO)

The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

Moved by:	Seconded by:
Cathy Cannon	

WHEREAS the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons has made a decision that will lead more people who suffer from chronic pain to turn to opioids to alleviate their pain and;

WHEREAS the College is targeting community pain clinics by requiring the use of ultrasound technology in the administration of nerve block injections by licensed physicians. This requirement will increase the time it takes to administer the nerve block and, therefore, reduce the number of patients a physician can see in a day and;

WHEREAS the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) is proposing to reduce coverage for several vital healthcare services, including a drastic reduction in the number and frequency of nerve block injections a patient can receive and;

WHEREAS these changes have been proposed without any consultation with pain management medical professionals or with their patients and;

WHEREAS this cut will force chronic pain clinics to shut down, putting a greater strain on family physicians and emergency rooms and;

WHEREAS with the reduction in the number of nerve bocks being administered, many patients, looking for pain relief, will turn to overcrowded emergency rooms, opioid prescriptions from doctors or opioid street drugs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOVLED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa is requesting that the Government of Ontario maintain OHIP coverage for chronic pain treatments and continue to provide much-needed care for the people of Ontario;

p.2....

The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

AND FURTHERMORE THAT a copy of the resolution be forwarded to all Municipalities of Ontario, local MPs and MPPs, Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Health, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

RESOLUTION RESULT	RECORDED VOTE		
	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

☐ Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk:_____

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL
	Maury Neill

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KWEF
Kearney Watershed Environmental Foundation

Welcome to our September Newsletter

Included in this issue:

- Reflecting on Recent Environmental Success Stories
- Love Your Lake© / NOT Hardening your Shoreline
- Wildfires & FireSmart™ & A Local Wildfire

Reflecting on Recent Environmental Success Stories



Lately, the environmental news we see is often discouraging; it is encouraging to remember that there have been some major accomplishments on the environmental front.

There was an interesting recently published opinion article by Norman Yan, PhD, a retired and highly respected environmental scientist and Bracebridge resident. He is the founder and a current Director of Friends of the Muskoka Watershed, https://fotmw.org.

The article reflected that all is not lost on the environmental front.

There were five lessons that gave hope:

1. Widespread complex environmental damage can be reversed with the patient and persistent application of fact-based knowledge; but
2. The knowledge must be generated through support of environmental science, and
3. The knowledge must be communicated to politicians and policymakers but especially to the public in order to generate the will for action.
4. We all can and should be part of these solutions; so…
5. Play your part; whatever part or place needs your help to leave your children a healthier world than you inherited from your parents.

The full article can be read by following this link: https://www.muskokaregion.com/opinion/rain-in-muskoka-is-40-times-less-acidic-reflecting-on-recent-environmental-success-stories/article_01d186ff-eae2-5a39-8ad8-c845415fdd70.html

Love Your Lake© *A healthy lake starts with healthy shorelines.*

Love Your Lake© is a shoreline evaluation program designed to encourage lakefront property owners to take proactive steps toward improving lake health by creating and maintaining healthier shorelines.

If you are wondering if your shoreline is healthy, Love Your Lake© has as a shoreline self-assessment survey. By answering a few simple questions you'll get lots of helpful tips right away on improving your shoreline health. Here is a link to their survey: https://loveyourlake.ca/self-assessment

In addition, their website, https://loveyourlake.ca/, has numerous resources to help you naturalize your shoreline, including information on invasive species, landscaping for wildlife, permits & approvals, responsible shoreline development, and shoreline restoration, amongst others.

NOT Hardening your shoreline ***Hard shores are dead shores.***

Retaining walls actually cause erosion and do more harm than good. When waves hit a retaining wall, they under-cut the structure, and contribute to its deterioration. A retaining wall also deflects the wave energy to the sides causing erosion problems further along the shoreline and scouring away any sediment and plants near the base of the wall, resulting in exposed shoreline and more erosion.

Letting native growth like alder come back on their own as a vegetative buffer is the best way to go.

Source: Cottage Life and Love Your Lake

Wildfires & FireSmart™

FireSmart™ Canada is a national program that helps Canadians increase neighborhood resilience to wildfire and minimize its negative impacts. With a changing climate, the threat of wildfire has increased significantly for everyone. FireSmart™ Canada has developed practical, effective, and science-based programs that provide you with tools to be better prepared when wildfire occurs, with numerous resources to help protect your home, including construction and landscaping, and:

Tips to Make Your Home & Property Fire Smart:

1. Remove combustible material from under decks
2. Keep a 1.5 metre non-combustible zone around your house and deck
3. Clean and maintain gutters and roofs
4. Keep decks and balconies clear of leaves and debris
5. Keep grass and weeds cut below 10 cm
6. Prune trees to create a 2 metre clearance from the ground
7. Move firewood at least 10 metres away from your home
8. Have a wildfire evacuation plan and prepare an emergency supply kit

https://firesmartcanada.ca

Kearney Fire Permit Regulations

The Town of Kearney **requires** that all property owners and camping visitors ***obtain a fire permit before proceeding with any outdoor fires*** regardless of whether you are burning at home, or at a designated campground. Anyone burning without a permit may be subject to fines.

Three-day and seasonal fire permits are available. Here is a link to further information: https://townofkearney.ca/your-government/administration/fire-emergency-services/fire-rating-and-permits/#:~:text=The%20Town%20of%20Kearney%20requires,may%20be%20subject%20to%20fines.

A Local Wildfire

By Mike Peace, Lynx Lake

Sometime on the weekend of August 26/27 some unknown people entered the uninhabited island on the northwest end of Lynx Lake and apparently lit a small campfire in stone-encircled pit. This island is covered with many mature White Pine and Hemlock trees and because of that, the ground consists of over 30 cm (12") of dried, compacted needles and small branches.

It would appear that the persons responsible made some effort to extinguish their fire, as the charred remains of their wood could be seen inside the ring. ***But...***

On Monday August 28, when investigating the rancid smoke emanating from the island, it was found that the ground itself (leaf/needle litter) was smoldering below the surface. The mentioned stone ring now sat in the centre of a blackened pit about 2 metres, (6.5 feet) across and 25 cm (10 inches) deep with whiffs of smoke rising from the surrounding unburned litter.

We dumped several pails of water soaking the burned area but, being unsure if all the underground fire was extinguished, the Kearney Fire Department were contacted which resulted in a Ministry of Natural Resources crew attending with a portable pump and shovels to soak down the entire area.

Fortunately, there were no high winds which could have ignited the smoldering ground into a full-fledged wildfire or, of equal danger, continued smoldering, which could have spread underground across the entire island, eliminating the minimal nutrient value thus killing it's entire covering of mature trees and becoming a barren scar for decades or longer.

Hopefully those reading of this event will pass on the information to their children, teens and any visitors or renters. Fires should only be lit on barren mineral soil base, in a proper fireplace and in areas where permitted by the owners, and ***always TOTALLY extinguished.***





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All the best to all of you from KWEF. Please remember to take good care of our lakes!

District of Parry Sound
Social Services
Administration Board

Chief Administrative Officer's Report

September 2023

Mission Statement

To foster healthier communities by economically providing caring human services that empower and enable the people we serve to improve their quality of life.

AMO 2023 Annual General Meeting and Conference

From August 21 – 23, more than 2,500 municipal leaders, government officials, public servants, sponsors, exhibitors, and media gathered in the City of London to take part in the 2023 AMO Conference.

This event included the Ministers' Forum and a direct dialogue with 26 provincial Cabinet Ministers on many of the critical issues municipalities, CMSMs and DSSABs are facing. Municipal officials, CMSMs and DSSABs also participated in over 600 delegation meetings, discussing local concerns.

I attended delegations with the Northern Ontario Service Delivers Association (NOSDA). We were able to have direct conversations with the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services and the Ministry of Long-Term Care.

I also attended a multi ministry delegation with the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association and the Northern Ontario Service Delivers Association.

Facebook Pages

A friendly reminder to follow our Facebook pages!

- District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board
- Esprit Place Family Resource Centre
- EarlyON Child and Family Centres in the District of Parry Sound
- The Meadow View

Social Media

Facebook Stats

District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board	FEB 2023	MAR 2023	APR 2023	MAY 2023	JUNE 2023	AUG 2023
Total Page Followers	446	462	471	474	478	490
Post Reach this Period (# of people who saw post)	4,645	7,891	4,460	3,789	4,010	2,249
Post Engagement this Period (# of reactions, comments, shares)	565	757	505	241	692	234

Esprit Place Family Resource Centre	FEB 2023	MAR 2023	APR 2023	MAY 2023	JUNE 2023	AUG 2023
Total Page Followers	128	132	131	131	131	132
Post Reach this Period (# of people who saw post)	75	124	116	29	203	62
Post Engagement this Period (# of reactions, comments, shares)	3	7	71	1	2	1

DSSAB Twitter Stats - https://twitter.com/psdssab

	FEB 2023	MAR 2023	APR 2023	MAY 2023	JUNE 2023	AUG 2023
Total Tweets	7	13	8	8	10	N/A
Total Impressions	158	300	300	291	301	56
Total Profile Visits	57	217	130	137	128	N/A
Total Followers	28	28	27	27	30	31

DSSAB LinkedIN Stats - used primarily for HR recruitment & RFP/Tender postings

Link to DSSAB's LinkedIN page - https://bit.ly/2YyFHlE

	FEB 2023	MAR 2023	APR 2023	MAY 2023	JUNE 2023	AUG 2023
Total Followers	395	399	410	416	434	437
Search Appearances (in last 7 days)	318	308	245	228	281	185
Total Page Views	31	31	30	41	56	33
Post Impressions	828	929	697	546	786	182
Total Unique Visitors	16	17	11	19	25	19

DSSAB in the Community

Throughout the summer, we joined CMHA for several Community Outreach 'pop-up' events in some of the smaller communities in East Parry Sound.

July 12th, Mill May Market in Restoule
This event was attended by the Communications Officer, as well as a member of our Housing Stability team

July 19th, Women's Own Resource Centre in South River
This event was attended by a member of our Housing Stability team

August 2nd, Home Hardware in Magnetawan
This event was attended by the Communications Officer

August 23rd, Hope's "More than a grocery store" Clover Farm in Novar
This event was attended by the Communications Officer, as well as a member of our Housing Stability team



Municipal Presentations

On August 28th, myself and our Communications Officer were pleased to provide the Tri-Council representing the Township of Ryerson, the Village of Burk's Falls & the Township of Armour with a presentation about the DSSAB. This presentation included an overview of the DSSAB's programs and services, and how we can help members of their community. The Tri-Council expressed their appreciation to DSSAB staff for the important work they do. This was part of a series of municipal presentations taking place over the next year.

Licensed Child Care Programs

Total Children Utilizing Directly Operated Child Care in the District
July 2023

Age Group	Fairview ELCC	First Steps ELCC	Highlands ELCC	Waubeek ELCC	HCCP	Total
Infant (0-18M)	0	0	1	1	11	13
Toddler (18-30M)	15	8	15	13	25	76
Preschool (30M-4Y)	18	18	18	46	43	143
# of Active Children	33	26	34	60	79	232

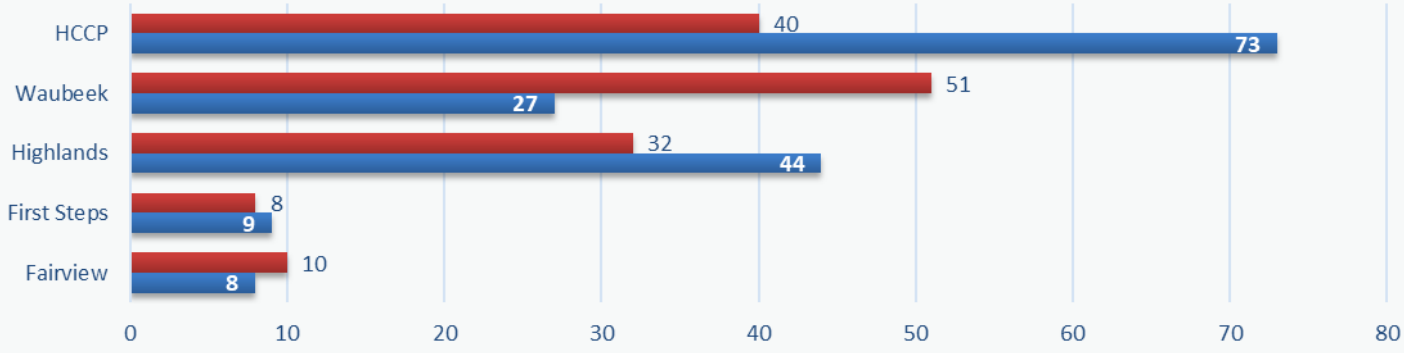
Enrollment numbers remained stable for the summer months. The Licensed Child Care Programs moved their primary programming outdoors and worked with families to prepare for upcoming transitions to older age groupings and junior kindergarten. Staff coverage for summer vacations was challenging but with the support of the ISS and EarlyON teams, we were able to cover ratios.

School Age Programs

July 2023			
Location	**Enrollment**	**Primary Waitlist**	**Secondary Waitlist**
Mapleridge After School	N/A		
Mapleridge Before School	N/A		
Mapleridge Summer Program	13	7	
St. Gregory's After School	N/A		
Sundridge Centennial After School	N/A		
Land of Lakes After School	N/A		
Home Child Care	56	11	2
# of Active Children	76		

Mapleridge Public School licensed summer school age care was fully booked with a small waitlist. We have 2 full-time staff supporting the program and have enrolled children ages 4 – 6 years. The program coordinated with the Powassan GAP for the older aged children.

Directly Operated Child Care Waitlist by Program
July 2023



As shown in the above chart, the blue bar reflects families that are currently seeking care and space is unavailable while the red bar indicates families that have requested a space after December 31, 2023. Waubeek has had the largest increase in waitlist numbers especially families seeking infant care. As of July, there were 14 infants on the Waubeek waitlist, and in January 2024 that number increases to 45.

Inclusion Support Services

July 2023							
Age Group	**EarlyON**	**Licensed ELCC's**	**Monthly Total**	**YTD Total**	**Waitlist**	**New Referrals**	**Discharges**
Infant (0-18M)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Toddler (18-30M)	1	9	10	16	0	0	0
Preschool (30M-4Y)	6	35	41	54	1	1	1
School Age (4Y+)	4	26	30	39	1	0	1
Monthly Total	11	70	81	-	2	1	2
YTD Total	12	78	-	108	30	22	10

Resource consultants continued to support school age children that attended licensed summer child care programs across the district. Support in the EarlyON programs decreased as most community satellite locations closed for the summer months.

EarlyON Child and Family Programs

July 2023		
Activity	**July**	**YTD**
Number of Children Attending	813	4,974
Number of New Children Attending	37	277
Number of Adults Attending	528	3,154
Number of Virtual Programming Events	1	28
Number of Engagements through Social Media	1,955	4,347
Number of Views through Social Media	9,396	58,262

EarlyON facilitators set up community "pop-up" programs where most communities in the district were being visited at outdoor locations. Regular programming activities are being offered.

Funding Sources for District Wide Childcare Spaces
July 2023

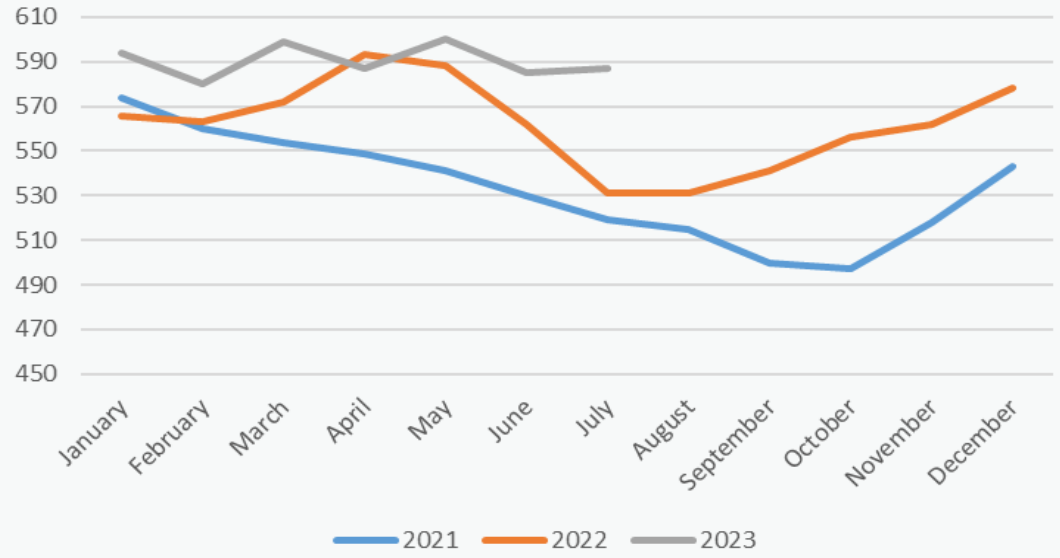
Active	# of Children	# of Families
CWELCC*	110	107
CWELCC Full Fee	186	185
Extended Day Fee Subsidy	10	10
Fee Subsidy	99	77
Full Fee	12	11
Ontario Works	12	9
Total	429	399

Funding Source - New	# of Children	# of Families
CWELCC	8	8
CWELCC Full Fee	3	3
Extended Day Fee Subsidy	7	7
Fee Subsidy	70	51
Full Fee	2	2
Ontario Works	3	3
Total	93	74

Funding Source - Exits	# of Children	# of Families
Fee Subsidy	3	3
Ontario Works	2	1
Total	5	4

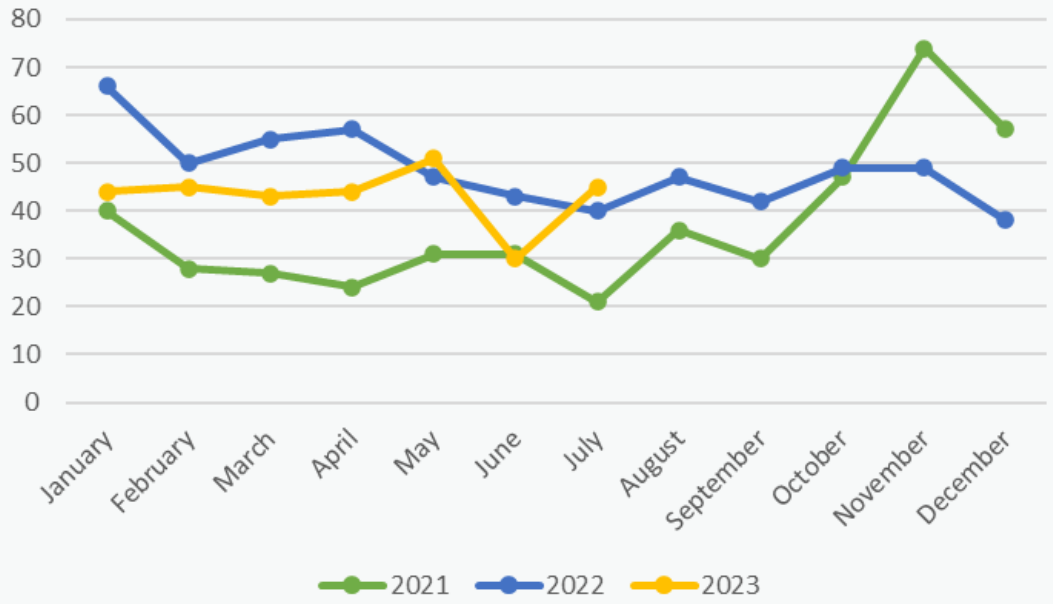
* CWELCC – Canada-Wide Early Learning Child Care; eligible for children 0 - 6

Ontario Works Caseload



Ontario Works Intake - Social Assistance Digital Application (SADA) & Local Office

Ontario Works Applications Received



Ontario Works applications

2 ▼	45
Average received per business day	Received Jul 2023

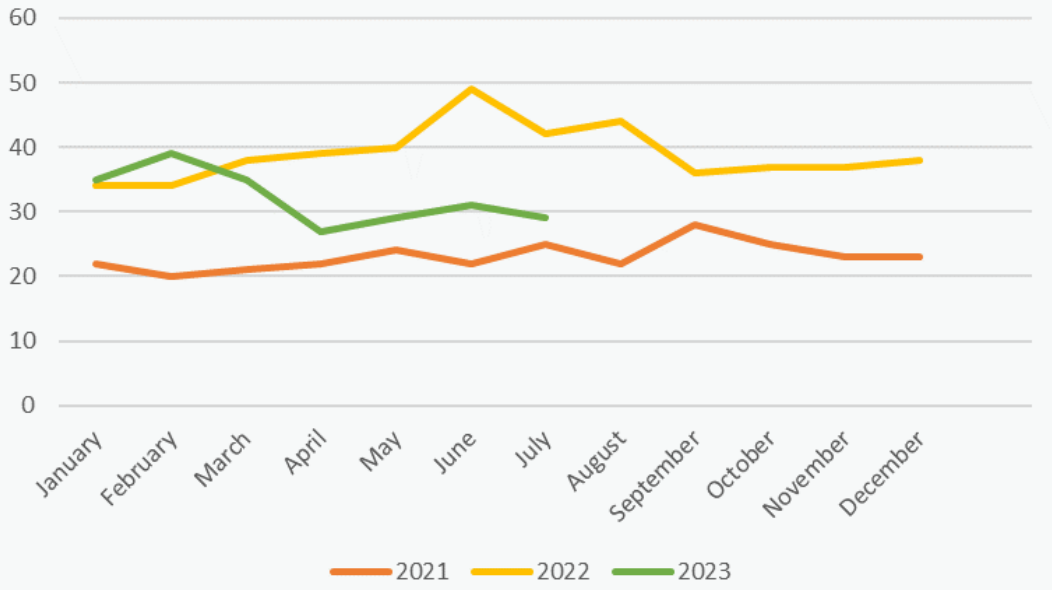
Emergency Assistance applications

1 ▲	30
Average received per business day	Received Jul 2023

Average number of business days from screening to grant

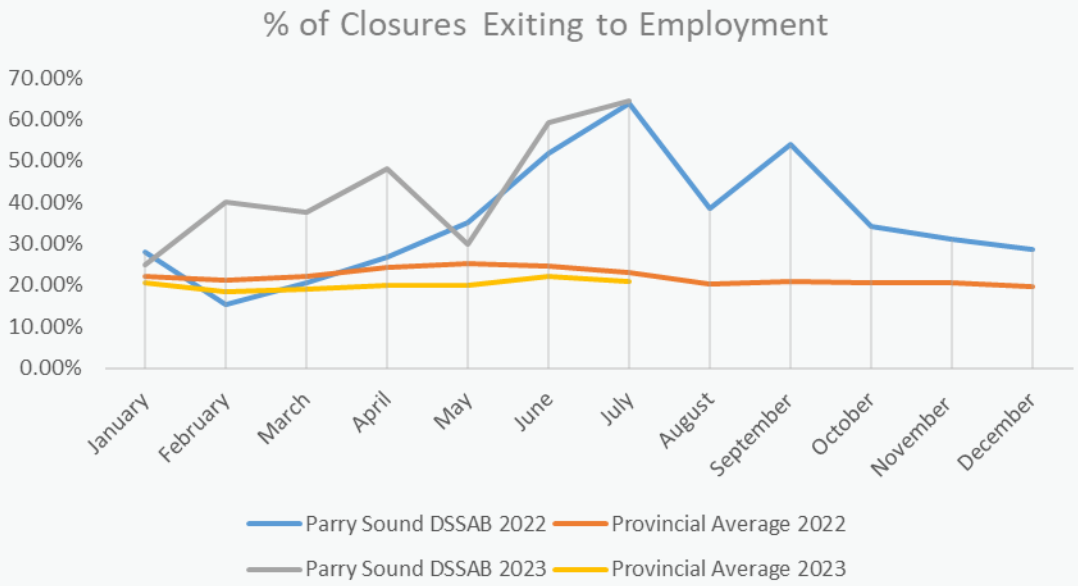
0.9 ▼	0.3 ▼
Ontario Works	Emergency Assistance

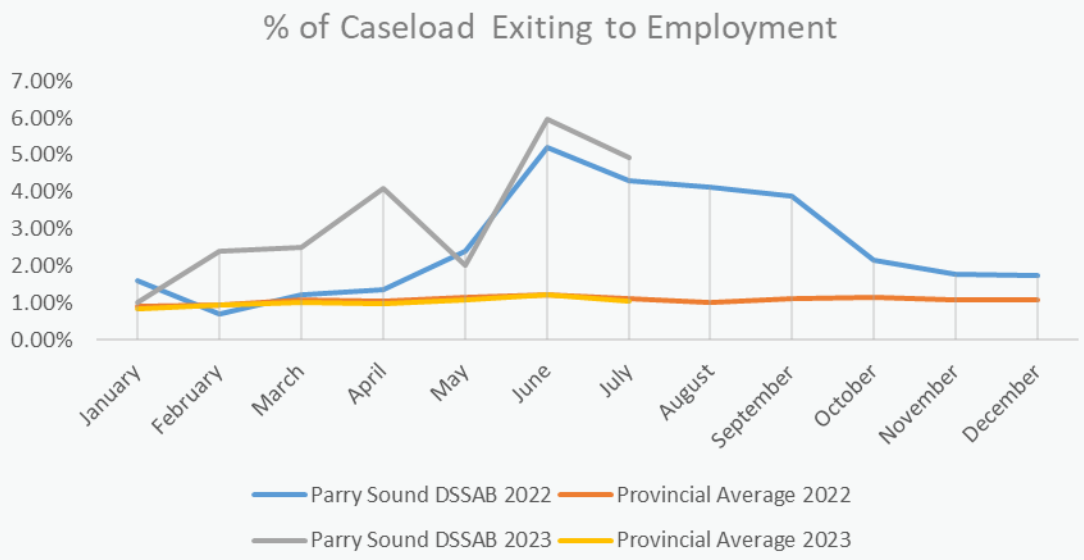
ODSP Participants in Ontario Works Employment Assistance



The OW caseload as of the end of July was **587** (there are 945 beneficiaries in total). We are supporting **29** ODSP participants in our Employment Assistance program. We also have **56** Temporary Care Assistance cases. Intake also remains steady. We had **45** Ontario Works Applications and **30** applications for Emergency Assistance in July which does not indicate a typical summer slowdown.

Employment Assistance & Performance Outcomes





Despite a small decline in our Employment Outcome Performance in May, the program bounced back with a tremendous June and July, where we exceeded our performance from last year and far exceeded the provincial average. We also finished #1 in the Northeast. Additionally, an average of 8.9% of the caseload exited the program over June and July.

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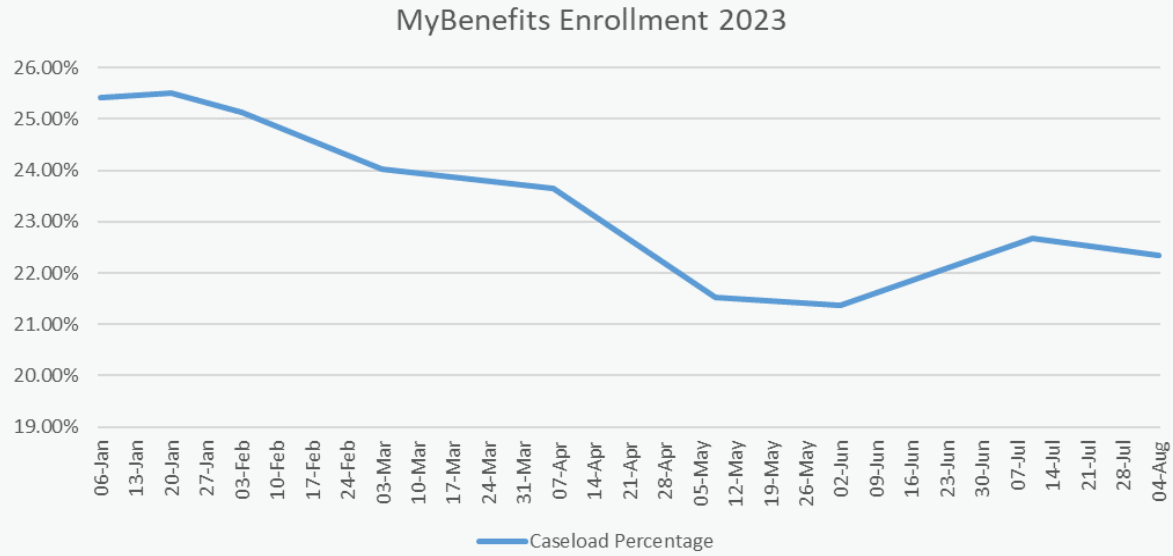

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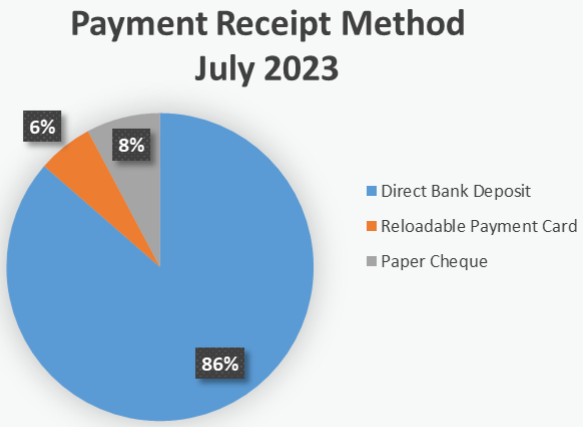

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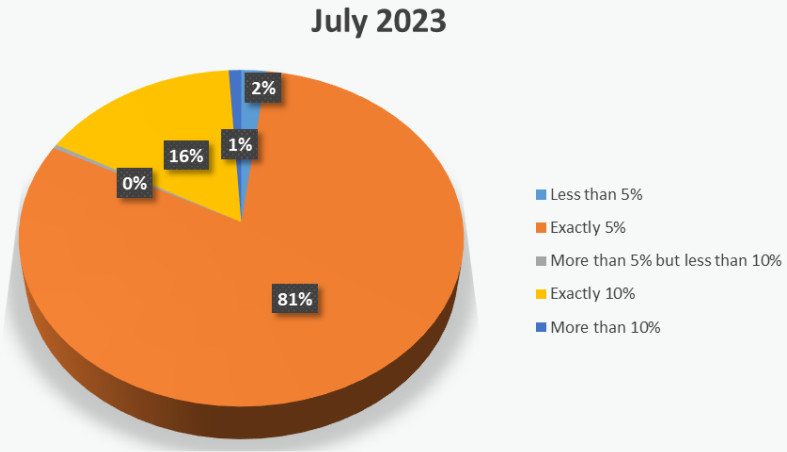

Housing Stability Program - Community Relations Workers

Support

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

July 2023 Income Source	East	West
Senior	6	16
ODSP	11	28
Ontario Works	4	13
Low Income	16	29

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.

July 2023 Income Source	East	West
Senior	13	20
ODSP	11	12
Ontario Works	8	15
Low Income	9	37

Contact/Referrals

July 2023	East	West	YTD
Homeless	1	5	31
At Risk	7	3	52
Esprit Outreach Homeless	1	1	5
Esprit Outreach at Risk	0	3	10
Esprit in Shelter		1	9
Program Total			107

Short Term Housing Allowance

	Active	YTD
July 2023	10	37

Housing Stability: Household Income Sources and Issuance from HPP:

July 2023 Income Source	Total	HPP
Senior	3	$490.32
ODSP	12	$7,408.66
Ontario Works	11	$3,474.06

July 2023 Reason for Issue	Total
Utilities/Firewood	$1,696.73
Transportation	$36.00
Food/Household/Misc	$10,450.93
Emergency Housing	$1,558.63
Total	$13,742.29

Ontario Works: Household Income Sources and Issuance from HPP

July 2023 Income Source	Total	HPP
Senior	1	$412.03
ODSP	7	$3,775.86
Ontario Works	8	$9,469.26
Low Income	3	$308.83

July 2023 Reason for Issue	Total
Rental Arrears	$7,927.40
Utilities/Firewood	$1,000.00
Transportation	$177.32
Food/Household/Misc.	$4,861.26
Total	$13,965.98

By-Name List Data
September 2021– July 2023



Housing Programs

Social Housing Centralized Waitlist Report July 2023			
	East Parry Sound	West Parry Sound	Total
Seniors	42	106	148
Families	123	399	522
Individuals	480	188	668
Total	645	693	1,338
Total Waitlist Unduplicated			440

Social Housing Centralized Waitlist (CWL) 2022 - 2023 Comparison Applications and Households Housing from the CWL											
Month 2022	**New App.**	**New SPP**	**Cancelled**	**Housed**	**SPP Housing**	**Month 2023**	**New App.**	**New SPP**	**Cancelled**	**Housed**	**SPP Housing**
Jan	5			1		Jan	5	1	13		
Feb	9	1	2			Feb	5	1	10		
Mar	12		5	2	1	Mar	6		35		
Apr	12	1	1			Apr	11		17	6	
May	11	1		3		May	13	2	9	2	
June	15		3	2		June	9	1	2	1	
July	13	2	10	1		July	5	1	5	1	
Aug	5		17	2	1	Aug					
Sept	16		10	1	1	Sept					
Oct	14		12	6		Oct					
Nov	12	1	8	3		Nov					
Dec	1			5		Dec					
Total	125	6	68	26	3	Total	54	6	91	10	0

SPP = Special Priority Applicant

- Housing Programs had 5 new eligible applications to the centralized waitlist in the month of July
- 5 applications were cancelled; 2 requested removal, 1 had assets in excess of our asset limits, 1 was removed due to no contact, and 1 was removed due to receipt of COHB funding
- 1 new special priority application was approved
- 1 applicant was housed in July

Parry Sound District Housing Corporation
July 2023

Activity for Tenant and Maintenance Services

	Current	YTD
Move outs	9	24
Move in	2	18
L1/L2 forms	0	5
N4 - notice of eviction for non payment of rent	0	4
N5 - notice of eviction disturbing the quiet enjoyment of the other occupants	2	8
N6 - notice of eviction for illegal acts or misrepresenting income for RGI housing	0	0
N7 - notice of eviction for willful damage to unit	0	1
Repayment agreements	14	49
Tenant Home Visits	33	111
Mediation/Negotiation/Referrals	19	67
Tenant Engagements/Education	23	84

Property Maintenance and Capital Projects
July 2023

Pest Control	8	8 buildings monitored monthly
Vacant Units	15	one-bedroom (11); multiple bedroom (4) (not inclusive of The Meadow View)
Vacant Units - The Meadow View	6	one-bedroom market units
After Hours Calls	14	For June & July - power flickering/fire panel beeping, no hot water, hydro out, washing machine not working, OPP welfare check, security company unable to access lock box, flooding-blockage, tenant lockout, smoke detector beeping, sink leak, main entrance window damaged
Work Orders	136	Created for maintenance work, and related materials for the months of June and July
Fire Inspections		A total of 60 units were inspected for fire safety in the months of June & July

Ongoing Challenges:
Prices of services and materials are inflated. Wait times on certain items remains a challenge.

Esprit Place Family Resource Centre
July 2023

Emergency Shelter Services	July 2023	YTD
Number of women who stayed in shelter this month	15	58
Number of children who stayed in the shelter this month	0	22
Number of hours of direct service to women (shelter and counselling)	114	685
Number of days at capacity	0	73
Number of days over capacity	0	31
Overall capacity %	62%	76%
Resident bed nights (women & children)	378	1,610
Phone interactions (crisis/support)	54	151

Transitional Support	July 2023	YTD
Number of women served this month	14	49
Number of NEW women registered in the program	4	5
Number of public ed/groups offered	0	3

Child Witness Program	July 2023	YTD
Number of children/women served this month	20	82
Number of NEW clients (mothers and children) registered in the program	3	20
Number of public ed/groups offered	3	5