

# TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH GLENGARRY REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL AGENDA

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council convene to Closed Session at \_\_\_\_\_ pm to discuss the following item(s) under Section 239 (2) of The Municipal Act S.O. 2001:

(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees

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## TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH GLENGARRY

#### **SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

## June 27, 2024, 5:00 p.m. Electronic Meeting

- PRESENT: Mayor Lachlan McDonald Deputy Mayor Martin Lang Councillor Stephanie Jaworski Councillor Sam McDonell Councillor Trevor Bougie
- STAFF PRESENT: Acting CAO & Fire Chief Dave Robertson Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture Sherry-Lynn Harbers GM of Infrastructure Sarah McDonald Acting Clerk Kimberley Casselman

GM Finance/ Treasurer Kaylyn MacDonald

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

#### Resolution No. 2024-209

Moved by Deputy Mayor Lang Seconded by Councillor Jaworski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the June 27th, 2024 Special Council Meeting of the Township of South Glengarry now be opened at \_\_5:03\_\_\_\_ pm

CARRIED

## 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#### Resolution No. 2024-210

Moved by Councillor McDonell Seconded by Councillor Jaworski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of South Glengarry approve the agenda as  $\bullet$  presented or as  $\circ$  amended.

CARRIED

- 3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- 5. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS
  - 5.1 AMP Presentation
- 6. ACTION REQUESTS
- 7. BY-LAWS
- 8. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 9. CONSENT
- 10. CLOSED SESSION
- 11. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

## Resolution No. 2024-211

Moved by Councillor Jaworski Seconded by Councillor Bougie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2024-43, being a by-law to adopt, confirm and ratify matters dealt with by resolution be read a first, second and third time, passed, signed and sealed in open council this 27th day of June, 2024.

CARRIED

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

## Resolution No. 2024-212

Moved by Deputy Mayor Lang Seconded by Councillor McDonell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of South Glengarry adjourn to the call of the chair at \_5:44\_\_ pm.

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk

## TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH GLENGARRY

## **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

## July 2, 2024, 7:00 p.m. Electronic Meeting

- PRESENT: Mayor Lachlan McDonald Deputy Mayor Martin Lang Councillor Stephanie Jaworski Councillor Sam McDonell Councillor Trevor Bougie
- STAFF PRESENT: GM Building, By-law & Enforcement Joanne Haley Acting CAO & Fire Chief Dave Robertson Director of Water & Waste Water Dillen Seguin Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture Sherry-Lynn Servage GM of Infrastructure Sarah McDonald Deputy Clerk Kayce Dixon GM Finance/ Treasurer Kaylyn MacDonald

Acting Clerk Kimberley Casselman

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

#### Resolution No. 2024-213

Moved by Deputy Mayor Lang Seconded by Councillor Bougie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the July 2nd, 2024 Council Meeting of the Township of South Glengarry now be opened at \_\_7:05\_\_\_\_ pm

## CARRIED

#### 2. O CANADA

## 3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Mayor McDonald and Councillor McDonell declared pecuniary interest with item 7.C. Acceptance of Peanut Line Option Analysis Report due to owning property adjacent to the Peanut Line.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Item 10.A. Resolution - Infrastructure in Small Municipalities (North Glengarry) was pulled from the consent agenda.

#### Resolution No. 2024-214

Moved by Councillor Jaworski Seconded by Councillor McDonell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of South Glengarry approve the agenda as  $\circ$  circulated or • amended.

CARRIED

## 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

## Resolution No. 2024-215

Moved by Deputy Mayor Lang Seconded by Councillor McDonell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the following meetings be adopted as circulated:

- Special Meeting Minutes: June 17th, 2024
- Previous Meeting Minutes: June 17th, 2024

CARRIED

- 5.1 Special Meeting Minutes June 17th, 2024
- 5.2 Previous Meeting Minutes: June 17th, 2024

## 6. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

6.1 Application for Dispensation from Water/Sewer Fee Hook-Ups (JH)

Administration was asked to return with a report to council.

## 7. ACTION REQUESTS

7.1 South Beech Subdivision and Subdivision Agreement Approval (JH)

## Resolution No. 2024-216

Moved by Deputy Mayor Lang Seconded by Councillor Jaworski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Staff Report 2024-079 be received and that the Council of the Township of South Glengarry recommends to the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry's Director of Planning and Economic Development Services to issue final approval for the Draft Plan of Subdivision known as South Beech Street Subdivision, legally described as Part of Lot L, Concession 1 Front, in the geographic Township of Charlottenburgh, now in the Township of South Glengarry, County of Glengarry, authorizes administration to clear the Township draft plan conditions and authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute the Subdivision Agreement.

CARRIED

7.2 Summerstown Estates Parkland (SH)

## Resolution No. 2024-217

Moved by Councillor McDonell Seconded by Councillor Jaworski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Staff Report 2024-076 be received and that the Council of the Township of South Glengarry allocate the recommended parcel of parkland as outlined in the report.

CARRIED

## 7.3 Acceptance of Peanut Line Options Analysis Report (SH)

Mayor McDonald and Councillor McDonell withdrew themselves from the discussion.

Administration was directed to increase the signage on the Peanut Line.

#### Resolution No. 2024-218

Moved by Councillor Bougie Seconded by Councillor Jaworski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff report 2024-075 be received and that the Council of the Township of South Glengarry accept the Peanut Line Options Analysis Report completed by WSP for future considerations.

CARRIED

7.4 Procurement 2024-07 Supply of Standby Generators (DR)

#### Resolution No. 2024-219

Moved by Councillor McDonell Seconded by Councillor Jaworski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Staff Report 2024-077 be received and that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of South Glengarry award RFP 2024-07 to Delhey Electric in the amount of \$63,856.98 and furthermore that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign any relevant documents.

CARRIED

#### 8. BY-LAWS

8.1 Funding Agreement for the Renewed Canada Community-Building Fund, 2024-2034

#### Resolution No. 2024-220

Moved by Councillor Bougie Seconded by Councillor McDonell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Staff report 2024-074 be received and that bylaw 2024-44 being a by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a municipal funding agreement with the Association of Ontario Municipalities for the administration of the Canada Community-Building Fund be read a first, second and third time, passed, signed and sealed in Open Council this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2024.

CARRIED

## 9. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

9.1 SUPPORT RESOLUTION: Royal Assent of AMPS in Building Code

#### Resolution No. 2024-221

Moved by Deputy Mayor Lang Seconded by Councillor McDonell

The Administrative Monetary Penalty System (AMPS) is an enforcement tool approved by the Provincial Government in August of 2009 and was originally used for parking offences to free up court time and cost. A large number of municipalities have adopted an AMPS program and have applied AMPS to other Municipal enforcement by-laws as a replacement to the standard Part 1 Provincial Offences Act (POA) ticket system, as it provides the alleged offender with a flexible appeal system and the municipality the ability to apply unpaid penalties on to the property taxes. AMPS frees up valuable Provincial Offences Court time saving the province and the municipalities valuable resources and funds.

AMPS was written into the Building Code Act in December of 2017 however it has not received Royal Assent. AMPS has proven to be a valuable tool for education and enforcement of other Municipal by-laws.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Township of South Glengarry support the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, and ask that AMPS receive Royal Assent. In doing so this would free up time for Building Officials to conduct their primary job (building inspections) instead of having to attend court normally a full day to hear an appeal to Part 1 ticket, at the same time providing the offender a more streamlined appeal system.

CARRIED

## 10. CONSENT AGENDA

## Resolution No. 2024-222

Moved by Deputy Mayor Lang Seconded by Councillor Jaworski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the items listed on the Consent Agenda.

CARRIED

## 10.1 RESOLUTION - Infrastructure in Small Municipalities (North Glengarry)

Administration has been requested to bring this resolution back in the form of a support resolution for the next meeting. Moved by Councillor Bougie.

## 11. CLOSED SESSION

## Resolution No. 2024-223

Moved by Councillor Bougie Seconded by Councillor Jaworski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council convene to Closed Session at \_\_7:45\_\_\_\_ pm to discuss the following item(s) under Section 239 (2) of The Municipal Act S.O. 2001

(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;

Specifically: HR Matter

(c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;

Specifically: a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land

CARRIED

## Resolution No. 2024-224

Moved by Deputy Mayor Lang Seconded by Councillor Jaworski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council rise and reconvene at \_\_9:10\_\_\_ pm into open session without reporting.

CARRIED

## Resolution No. 2024-225

Moved by Councillor Jaworski Seconded by Councillor Bougie

BE IT RESOLVED that Administration be directed to carry out all actions as specified in the Closed Session minutes.

CARRIED

#### 11.1 HR Matter

11.2 A proposed or pending disposition of land

## 12. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

## Resolution No. 2024-226

Moved by Councillor Jaworski Seconded by Deputy Mayor Lang

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2024-45, being a by-law to adopt, confirm and ratify matters dealt with by resolution be read a first, second and third time, passed, signed and sealed in open council this 2nd day of July, 2024.

CARRIED

## 13. ADJOURNMENT

## Resolution No. 2024-227

Moved by Councillor Jaworski Seconded by Councillor Bougie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of South Glengarry adjourn to the call of the chair at \_\_\_9:11\_\_\_\_\_ pm.

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk



STAFF REPORT

| PREPARED BY:  | Dillen Seguin – Director of Water/Wastewater |
|---------------|--|
| PREPARED FOR: | Council of the Township of South Glengarry   |
| COUNCIL DATE: | July 15, 2024                                |
| SUBJECT:      | Request to Waive W/WW Impose Fees            |

## BACKGROUND:

- 1. On July 2, 2024, Council received a delegation from Paul Sydruk and Scott Fourney to request that Council waive both the impose fee and connection fee for a new Masonic Lodge in Lancaster (located on Maple Street).
- The impose fee of \$10,506 was determined and set in accordance with Schedule 'E' of <u>By-law 105-2021</u>. It is noteworthy that the Township has <u>not</u> exercised it's right to annually adjust impose fees for inflation and this fee was last adjusted in 2009.
- 3. The impose fee is used to pay for infrastructure related to both water and sewer within the respective systems; meaning, it forms part of the 'Water Reserves' which allow for current and future operations and maintenance.
- 4. The connection fee of \$825 offsets the <u>direct</u> expenditures related to the new connection, which includes the cost to purchase a water meter and a few personhours to install / inspect.
- 5. Council requested that a staff report be brought back to the next meeting for their consideration of the fee waiver request.

## ANALYSIS:

- 6. This development would be considered low usage for the water and wastewater systems, as occupant meetings would only occur one to two times per week.
- 7. By waiving the impose fee for this development, the Lancaster water and wastewater reserves would be impacted for future work.
- 8. If Council were to consider waiving fees that would typically be paid by the landowner, a donation via Council (from the General Reserves to the Lancaster

Water Wastewater Reserve) would be in order. This is the approach taken in 2016 for a Habitat for Humanity development (<u>Staff Report 49-16</u>)

9. Administratively, waiving fees is not recommended. However, if Council considers a fee waiver, then Administration recommends waiving the Impose fee (\$10,506 via donation from Council) and maintaining the Connection fee (\$825 to applicant) to cover the direct costs to the Lancaster Water / Wastewater System.

#### IMPACT ON 2024 BUDGET:

10. The impact on the 2024 budget could include a transfer of \$10,506 from the general reserve to the Lancaster Water / Wastewater Reserve to offset an impose fee waiver, should Council determine that a fee waiver is granted.

#### ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN:

N/A

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Staff Report 2024-080 be received and that the Council of the Township of South Glengarry directs Administration to

collect both the impose fee (\$10,506) and connection fee (\$825)for the Masonic Lodge development in Lancaster, Ontario from<br/>the applicants.

not collect the impose fee (\$10,506) for the Masonic Lodge<br/>development in Lancaster, Ontario from the applicants; collect<br/>the connection fee (\$825) from the applicants; and transfer<br/>\$10,506 from the General Reserve to the Lancaster Water /<br/>Wastewater Reserve to offset the impose fee waiver.

Recommended to Council for Consideration by: Acting CAO Dave Robertson Paul D. Syrduk

**Professional Corporation** BARRISTERS, SOLICITORS, NOTARIES P.O. Box 9 10 Oak Street Lancaster, Ontario K0C 1N0

June 24, 2024

# VIA EMAIL VIA HAND DELIVERED

Township of South Glengarry 6 Oak Street PO Box 220 Lancaster, Ontario K0C 1N0

## Attention: Ms. Joanne Haley General Manager- Planning, Building & Enforcement

Dear Ms. Haley:

## Re: Lancaster Lodge Number 207 G.R.C Ancient Free and Accepted Masons Application for Dispensations from Water/Sewer Fee hook-ups

Please consider this letter to be our request to be put on the agenda for July 2, 2024 Council meeting with respect to giving a presentation to have the water and sewer hookup fees as described by Mr. Seguin, attached hereto, waived on the basis of being a nonprofit community minded fraternal organization and having limited resources for the construction of the new Lodge in the Village of Lancaster on Maple Street. This will enable the Lancaster Masonic Lodge to continue the tradition that has existed in the area for well over 150 years giving back to the community through its members.

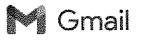
With the help of the Township we have already been able to jump many hurdles in the past year to get to where we are in a position to obtain a building permit and construct the building.

We can advise that much of the work done from a legal, designing, and construction preparation has been done on a voluntary basis. In addition we have secured a grant from the Federal Government to assist us. The benefit of a Waiver of the water and hook-up charges would be a further giant step in reaching our goal.

We look forward to making the presentation before Council on July 2, 2024 and thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Yours very truly Paul D. Syrduk PDS:tm

Encl.



Re: Proposed Masonic Lodge

1 message

Paul Syrduk <paulsyrduk@gmail.com> Tue, Jun 18, 2024 at 3:47 PM To: Dillen Seguin <dseguin@southglengarry.com> Cc: Joanne Haley

Thanks Dillon; Much appreciated.

Paul D. Syrduk Professional Corporation

**Barristers, Solicitors, Notaries** 

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Fax: 613-347-7118

On Tue, Jun 18, 2024 at 3:34 PM Dillen Seguin <dseguin@southglengarry.com> wrote: Hi Paul,

Thank You for the quick confirmation.

Erica,

For this type of use with no additional residential units attached to the building, please charge the minimum of 1 impost fee at the rate for Lancaster of \$10,506.00 (Water/Sewer)

For the connection fee, please charge the \$825.00 for inspection fees and the water meter cost.

Thank You,

## **Dillen Seguin**

Director of Water/Wastewater Operations T: 613-931-3036 F: 613-931-3340 dseguin@southglengarry.com



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STAFF REPORT

S.R. No. 2024-081

| PREPARED BY:  | Dave Robertson, Fire Chief                         |
|---------------|--|
| PREPARED FOR: | Council of the Township of South Glengarry         |
| COUNCIL DATE: | July 15, 2024                                      |
| SUBJECT:      | Procurement 2024-08 Williamstown Fire Station Roof |

Replacement

#### BACKGROUND:

- 1. Procurement 2024-08, being a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the replacement of the roof system at the Williamstown Fire Station, closed on June 26th, 2024.
- 2. The 2024 budget has allocated funds totalling \$175,000 to complete the work.

#### ANALYSIS:

- 3. The specifications of the project were to replace the existing asphalt roof system with a similar roofing system.
- 4. The Township received bids from seven (7) suppliers.

| Supplier             | Price              |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| Amherst Roofing      | \$243,495.00 + HST |
| Flynn Canada         | \$240,363.20 + HST |
| Proteck Roofing      | \$142,350.00 + HST |
| CMG Innovation       | \$148,206.25 + HST |
| French Brothers      | \$169,043.52 + HST |
| Seamless Sheet Metal | \$287,500.00 + HST |
| Simluc Contractors   | \$136,898.00 + HST |

- 5. All submissions met the requirements of the RFP.
- Based on the Evaluation Matrix provided in the RFP, it is recommended that the Township award the project to Simluc Contractors with a score of 98 points and a bid price of \$136,898.00. Simluc has committed to a September 26<sup>th</sup> completion date.

#### IMPACT ON 2024 BUDGET:

7. The preferred submission values are all within the departmental budgeted funds for these projects.

## ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN:

Goal 2: Invest in Infrastructure and its sustainability.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Staff Report 2024-081 be received and that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of South Glengarry award RFP 2024-08 to Simluc Contracting as per their submission of \$136,898.00 + HST, and furthermore that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign any relevant documents.

Recommended to Council for Consideration by: Acting CAO Dave Robertson



STAFF REPORT

| PREPARED BY:  | Kaylyn MacDonald, Treasurer/GM of Finance  |
|---------------|--|
| PREPARED FOR: | Council of the Township of South Glengarry |
| COUNCIL DATE: | July 15, 2024                              |
| SUBJECT:      | Glen Cairn Lodge Request for Donation      |

## BACKGROUND:

- 1. On June 17, 2024, a delegation representing Lancaster and District Non-Profit Housing (Glen Cairn Lodge) board members, staff and tenants attended the regular meeting of Council and provided information about their place in Ontario's social housing portfolio as senior housing with 26 units geared to income and below market rate.
- 2. The delegation expressed frustration with the reliability of the hydro network serving Lancaster and that their facility is frequently experiencing outages lasting hours to days. The delegation outlined their intention to install a generator to provide backup power for common areas, heat and light in hallways, their kitchen, and mechanical room. The delegation requested a donation to support their purchase of a backup generator.

## ANALYSIS:

- 3. The estimate to purchase and install the generator was noted by the delegation as approaching \$30,000. Project manager Mary-Ann Danaher confirmed that COCHI funds to assist with the generator purchase and installation have been budgeted by Cornwall Housing Services (approximately \$6,000) as well as a grant from a retired Ontario teacher's federation (approximately \$4,000). Any funding shortfall to install the generator will come from the Glen Cairn Lodge capital reserves, however, any assistance the Township might provide would be very welcome as annual capital needs continue to strain their reserve funds.
- 4. As a non-profit entity, Glen Cairn Lodge would qualify for a grant under the Township's Grants and Donations policy. As of the writing of this report, \$1,878.45 remains unallocated from the 2024 budget. Council may opt to provide these remaining funds to the Lodge. Alternatively, Council may authorize a transfer of additional funds from the General Reserve or make a funding commitment from 2025's Grants and Donations budget. It should be noted that as our <u>policy</u> does not permit retroactive grants for projects, this route would be an exception.

## **IMPACT ON 2024 BUDGET:**

Limited funds remain in the Grants and Donations budget

## **ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN:**

4 – Improve quality of life in our community.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Staff Report 2024-083 be received and that Council opts to

- A) Donate \$1,878 to the Glen Cairn Lodge for the purchase of a generator
- B) Provide a donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_\_ transferred from the General Reserve
   C) Commit to a donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_\_ in 2025's Grants and Donations budget to support Glen Cairn Lodge's future capital needs.
- D) Receive and file this report.

**Recommended to Council for Consideration by:** Acting CAO Dave Robertson



STAFF REPORT

S.R. No. 2024-079

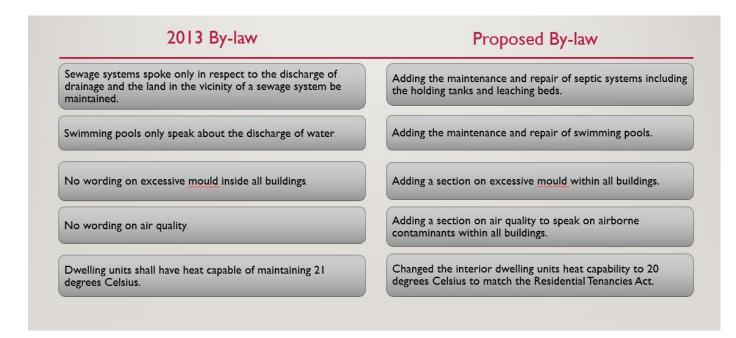
| PREPARED BY:  | Pat Marion, Manager of Municipal Law Enforcement and Joanne Haley, GM- Planning, Building and Enforcement |
|---------------|---|
| PREPARED FOR: | Council of the Township of South Glengarry  |
| COUNCIL DATE: | July 15, 2024   |
| SUBJECT:      | Property Standards By-Law   |

## BACKGROUND:

- 1. A Property Standards By-Law includes provisions and regulations that determine a set of minimum requirements and standards for the maintenance and occupancy of buildings, structures and properties located within a municipality.
- South Glengarry's current Property Standards By-law was approved by Council in March of 2013. As the By-Law is 11 years old, it was time to modernize the bylaw to remove provisions that no longer were required or were not being enforced and to introduce provisions that would assist administration when responding to property standard complaints.
- 3. Property standard complaints make up approximately 25% of the complaints filed on an annual basis. Examples of complaints files are, tenants complaining about unsafe buildings, derelict structures, pest infestations, mould etc.

## ANALYSIS:

- 4. The authority to enact a Property Standards By-Law comes from both the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001 c. 25 and the Building Code Act, 1992.
- 5. The proposed by-law has been modified to include additions and alterations to help regulate properties and structures within the Township. Below explains the main differences between the 2013 and the proposed Property Standards By-Law and the attached is a detailed summary comparing the current and proposed by-law:



 On June 17<sup>th</sup> Council completed first and second reading of the proposed Property Standards By-Law. This staff report is recommending third and final reading; if approved by Council this by-law will be in effect upon approval.

## IMPACT ON 2024 BUDGET: N/A

## ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN:

Goal #3- Strengthen the effectiveness and efficiency of our organization.

Goal #4- Improve the quality of life in our community

Goal #5- Improve internal and external communications

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Staff Report 2024-079 be received and that By-law 2024-39 being a by-law to prescribe standards for the maintenance and occupancy of property within the Township of South Glengarry knowns as the Property Standards By-Law, be read a third and final time passed, signed, and sealed in Open Council this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.

Recommended to Council for Consideration by: Acting CAO Dave Robertson

# THE CORPORATION OF THE

# TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH GLENGARRY

BY-LAW 2024-39

## FOR THE YEAR 2024

#### BEING A BY-LAW FOR PRESCRIBING STANDARDS FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND OCCUPANCY OF PROPERTY WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH GLENGARRY, AND TO REPEAL BY-LAW 09-13

**WHEREAS** section 5(3) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, provides that a municipal power shall be exercised by by-law;

**AND WHEREAS** Section 15.1(3) of the Building Code Act, 1992, S.O. 1992, c 23 provides that the council may pass a by-law with respect to prescribing standards for the maintenance and occupancy of property, and requiring property that does not conform with the standards to be repaired and maintained with the standards or the site to be cleared of all buildings, structures, debris or refuse and left in graded levelled condition;

**AND WHEREAS** Sections 15.2 and 15.8 of the Building Code Act, 1992 provide inspection and enforcement authorities for a by-law made under section 15.1 of the Act;

**AND WHEREAS** section 15.4 of the Building Code Act, 1992 provides authority for a municipality to cause repairs or demolition of a property where an order made under section 15.2(2) of the Act is not complied with and the order has been deemed confirmed or confirmed or modified by a property standards committee or judge of the Superior Court of Justice, and further provides that the municipality shall have a lien on the land for the amount of the repair or demolition, which shall have priority lien status under the Municipal Act, 2001;

**AND WHEREAS** The offence and penalty provisions for contraventions are as set out in section 36 Building Code Act, 1992;

**AND WHEREAS** Section 391 (1) of the Municipal Act, 2001 provides that a municipality impose fees or charges on persons:

- a) For services and activities provided or done by or on behalf of it; and
- b) For costs payable by it for services or activities provided or done by or on behalf of any other municipality or any local board;

**AND WHEREAS** The corporation of the Township of South Glengarry deems it desirable to enact the following By-law for prescribing standards for the maintenance and occupancy of all property within the municipality and prohibiting the use of such property that does not conform to the standards; and for requiring any property to be repaired and maintained so as to comply with said standards as described herein or to be cleared of all buildings and structures, rubbish, debris and the lands left in a graded level condition;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of South Glengarry enacts that all property owners within the Township are required to comply with the following minimum standards of occupancy:

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## **PART 1 – DEFINITIONS**

## 1. Definitions

The following definitions shall apply for the purposes of this by-law:

- 1.1 **Accessory Structure** means a detached, subordinate building that:
  - a) Is devoted exclusively to a use normally incidental to the main use of the property;
  - b) Is not used for human habitation;
  - c) Is on the same lot as the main building.
- 1.2 **Alteration** means (as applying to a building) a change from one major occupancy class or division to another, or to a structural change such as an addition to the area and height, or the removal of part of a building, or any change to the structure such as the construction, cutting into or

removal of any wall, partition, column, beams, joist, floor, or other support, or a change of the fixtures and equipment.

- 1.3 **Apartment Building** means a building containing more than four dwelling units, each unit having access from an internal corridor system.
- 1.4 **Appliances** include a fridge, freezer, stove, dishwasher, clothing washer or dryer.
- 1.5 **Balcony** means an external balustrade platform and includes both upper and lower surfaces.
- 1.6 **Basement** means that portion of building below the first storey.
- 1.7 **Barrier** means a structure intended to block, obstruct, or prevent access to an area or sound, whether constructed of wood, metal, concrete, or other type of material.
- 1.8 **Building** means as defined in the Building Code Act.
- 1.9 **Building Code** means the Ontario Regulation 332/12, as amended, or other regulations made under section 34 of the Building Code Act.
- 1.10 **Building Code Act** means the Building Code Act c.23, as amended.
- 1.11 **Business Day** means a day from Monday to Friday inclusive, other than a holiday as defined in section 87 of the Legislative Act 2006, S.O. 2006, c.21, Schedule F.
- 1.12 **Certificate of Compliance** means a written opinion of property compliance with the standards contained in this By-law issued under Section 15.5 (1) of the Building Code Act.
- 1.13 **Chief Building Official** means the Chief Building Official for the Township of South Glengarry appointed or constituted under section 3 or 4 of the Building Code Act and their designate.
- 1.14 **Clerk** means the Clerk for the Township of South Glengarry.
- 1.15 **Commercial Container** means a dumpster, commercial roll-off or other similar receptacles,
  - a) Used for the storage and collection of garbage, refuse, trade *waste*, construction *waste*, demolition *waste* or other similar materials; and
  - b) Designed to permit it being emptied by a forklift packer or similar *vehicle*.

- 1.16 **Committee** means the Property Standards Committee of the Township of South Glengarry established under this by-law in accordance with section 15.6 of the Building Code Act, 1992, as amended, or as substituted from time to time.
- 1.17 **Construction Fence** means a temporary fence erected on or around a property or a portion of a property to protect a site where construction or demolition is occurring or is contemplated to occur.
- 1.18 **Contaminant** means any solid, liquid, gas, odour, heat, sound, vibration, radiation, or combination of any of them resulting directly or indirectly from human activities that causes an adverse effect.
- 1.19 **Corporation** means the Corporation of the Township of South Glengarry.
- 1.20 **Council** means the Council of the Township of South Glengarry.
- 1.21 **Dwelling** means a building or structure or any part of which is, or is intended to be, used for the purpose of human habitation, and includes a building that is or would be intended to be used for such purposes except for its state of disrepair.
- 1.22 **Dwelling Unit** means a suite operated as a house keeping unit, used, or intended to be used by one or more persons usually containing cooking, eating, living, sleeping, and sanitary facilities.
- 1.23 **Fence** means a freestanding structure, screen, wall or *barrier* except a structural part of a building erected at grade used wholly or partially to screen from view to enclose or divide a yard or other land, to mark or substantially mark the boundary between adjoining land restricting ingress to or egress from a property, providing security or protection to property and includes swimming pool enclosures, privacy screens, retaining walls, noise attenuation walls, or other combination of fencing components which form a continuous *barrier* for the same purpose and includes any structure constructed of open wire mesh, boards on boards, pickets, rail or lattice type construction, whether of wood, metal, masonry, or a combination thereof or other material.
- 1.24 **Fire Code** means Ontario Regulation 213/07 under the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997, S.O. 1997, c. 4.
- 1.25 **Floor area** means the space on any storey of a building between exterior walls and required firewalls, including the space occupied by interior walls and partitions, but not including exits, vertical service spaces and their enclosing assemblies.

- 1.26 **Floor Covering** means any surface used to cover the basic floor or subflooring construction, including carpet, vinyl, tile, laminate, and hardwood.
- 1.27 **Grade** means the average level of proposed or finished ground adjoining a building at all exterior walls.
- 1.28 **Ground Cover** means organic or non-organic material applied to prevent soil erosion such as concrete, flagstone, gravel asphalt, grass, or other landscaping.
- 1.29 **Guard** means a protective *barrier*, with or without openings through it, that is around openings in floor or at the open sides of stairs, landings, balconies, mezzanines, galleries, raised walkways or other locations to prevent accidental falls from one level to another.
- 1.30 **Habitable room** means any room in a *dwelling unit* used or lawfully used or intended to be lawfully used for living, sleeping, cooking, or eating purposes.
- 1.31 **Inoperable Vehicle** means a motor *vehicle* as defined by the Highway Traffic Act R.S.O. 1990 Chapter H.8 as amended, that is not in good repair and is incapable of being operated on a highway. It includes a *vehicle* that does not display a valid *vehicle* permit license plate issued under the Highway Traffic Act, as amended.
- 1.32 **Lands** means grounds and vacant lot(s) exclusive of buildings.

#### 1.33 **Landlord** Includes:

(a) The owner or other person permitting occupancy of a dwelling or *dwelling unit*.

(b) The heirs, assigns, personal representatives, and successors in title of a person referred to in clause (a) above, and

(c) A person, other than a tenant occupying a rental unit, who is entitled to a possession of the building and who attempts to enforce any of the rights of a landlord under a tenancy agreement, including the right to collect rent.

- 1.34 **Last known address** means the address which appears on the assessment roll of the municipality, or the address as provided in writing to the Town by the owner.
- 1.35 **Lot** means a parcel of land, described in a deed or other document legally capable of conveying land, or shown as a block on a registered plan of subdivision.

- 1.36 Means of egress includes exits and access to exits and means a continuous path of travel provided for the escape of persons from any point in a building or in a contained open space to

  (a) a separate building
  (b) an open public throughfare or
  (c) an exterior open space that is protected from fire exposure from the building and that has access to an open public throughfare.
- 1.37 **Non-Residential Property** means a property not occupied, in whole or in part, for the purpose of human habitation.
- 1.38 **Occupancy** means the use or intended use of a building or part of a building for the shelter or support of persons, animals, or property.
- 1.39 **Occupant** means any person or persons over the age of eighteen (18) years residing at a property.
- 1.40 **Officer** means a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer appointed by the Township of South Glengarry and assigned the responsibility of administering and enforcing this by-law.
- 1.41 **Owner** includes:

(a) the registered owner of the property

(b) the person, for the time being, managing or receiving the rent from a building on the property, whether on the person's own account or as agent or trustee of any other person, or who would receive the rent if the building on the property were let

(c) an occupant of a building on the property, and

(d) a lessee or occupant of the property who, under the terms of a lease is required to repair and maintain the property in accordance with the standards for the maintenance and occupancy of property.

- 1.42 **Person** means an individual, corporation, unincorporated association, or partnership.
- 1.43 **Pests** means rodents, *vermin*, and/or injurious insects.
- 1.44 **Property** means a building or structure or part of a building or structure, and includes the *lands* and premises appurtenant thereto and all mobile homes, mobile buildings, mobile structures, outbuildings, fences, and erection and includes vacant property thereon whether heretofore or hereafter erected, and is divided into:
- 1.45 **Refuse and Debris** includes garbage of any kind and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, includes rubbish, inoperative *vehicles* and mechanical equipment, automotive and mechanical parts, appliances,

furnaces, heater or fuel tanks, furniture, table *waste*, paper, cartons, crockery, glassware, cans, garden refuse, earth or rock fill, material from construction or demolition projects or old clothing.

- 1.46 **Repair** means the provisions of such facilities and the making of additions, or *alterations* or the taking of such action as may be required so that the property shall confirm to the standards established in this by-law.
- 1.47 **Retaining wall** means a wall designed to contain and support fill which has a finished grade higher than that of adjacent *lands*.
- 1.48 **Sanitary sewage** means liquid or water borne *waste*, of in industrial or commercial origin or, of domestic origin including human body *waste*, toilet or other bathroom *waste*, and shower, tub, culinary, sink, and laundry *waste* or liquid or water borne *waste* discharged from a public pool to drain.
- 1.49 **Sewage system** means the sanitary sewage system or storm sewage system of the Township of South Glengarry, or a private sewage disposal system approved by the Chief Building Official or the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.
- 1.50 **Shipping container** means a container with strength suitable to withstand shipment, storage, and handling. Shipping containers range from large reusable steel boxes used for intermodal shipments to corrugated boxes.
- 1.51 **Stagnant water** means motionless water, not flowing in a stream or current, also known as standing water. Water shall be deemed to be "stagnant" if the structure, excavation, ruts, or depressions are capable of holding standing water for more than four (4) consecutive days.
- 1.52 **Structure** means anything constructed or erected, either permanent or temporary, the use of which requires location on the ground or attachment to something having location on the ground, and includes but is not limited to play structures, sheds, gazebos, trailers, and fishing huts.
- 1.53 **Township** means the Corporation of the Township of South Glengarry.
- 1.54 **Unsafe condition** means any condition that could be hazardous to the health and safety of persons in the normal use of the property or premise, or persons whose access to the property or premise has not been reasonably prevented.
- 1.55 **Vacant building** means a building or part of a building that is not used by an owner or is not occupied by an occupant.

- 1.56 **Vacant lot** means a property that does not have a building or structure on it.
- 1.57 **Vehicle** means a motor *vehicle*, trailer, boat, motorized snow *vehicle*, mechanical equipment and any *vehicle* drawn, propelled, or driven by any kind of power, including muscular power.
- 1.58 **Vermin** means a mammal, bird, or insect injurious to humans, game or crops including but is not limited to rats, mice, moles, ants, cockroaches, silverfish, fleas, bugs, bedbugs, lice or anything else that may be considered by the Officer.
- 1.59 **Waste** means a substance or material that is unusable or unwanted and includes but is not limited to:
  - a) Rubbish, garbage, brush, litter, debris, bottles, cans, packing materials, paper, clothing, bulk waste, recyclable materials
  - b) Food scraps, bones, and organic waste
  - c) Human or pet excrement
  - d) Appliances and parts of such appliances designed for interior use
  - e) Indoor furniture and household effects
  - f) Exterior furniture that becomes dilapidated
  - g) Dilapidated landscape or garden features such as awnings, marquees, canopies, pergolas, trellis, lattice, statues, and benches
  - h) Broken or discarded material
  - i) Inoperable machinery or mechanical equipment, or parts thereof, or other objects or parts thereof
  - j) Parts of *vehicles* not packaged for immediate shipment, including worn automobiles tires, used oil, and automotive parts
  - k) Articles, things, matter or effluent or any part thereof derived from or made or consisting of: agricultural, animal, vegetable, paper, lumber or wood products, or mineral, metal, or chemical products are used, manufactured, or otherwise processed
  - I) Material resulting from construction, demolition, repair, or renovation projects including soil or rock fill
  - m) Piping, ducting, tubing, conduits, cable, wire and fittings or related accessories not packaged for immediate shipment
  - n) Waste lumber
  - o) Items in an unsightly condition
  - p) Torn or cut branches or twigs, leaves, yard waste, stumps, and similar vegetative waste, or
  - q) Without restricting the foregoing, any unused or unusable material that by reason of its state, condition, or excess accumulation:
    - i. Has been cast aside, discarded, or abandoned, whether of any value or not

- ii. Has been used up, in whole or in part, whether of any value or not, or
- iii. Has been expended or worn out, in whole or in part, whether of any value or not

1.60 **Yard** means any open, uncovered, unoccupied space appurtenant to a building

#### PART 2 – APPLICATION AND INTERPRETATION

#### 2. Application and interpretation

- (1) This By-law applies to all *property* in the *Township* of South Glengarry.
- (2) For the purpose of this By-law, unless otherwise stated to the contrary, the provisions prescribed shall be held to be the minimum standards for the promotion of the public health, safety, comfort, convenience, and general welfare and are not intended to detract from the standards found in any other applicable by-laws or legislation.
- (3) The *owner* of any *property* which does not conform to the standards prescribed in this By-law shall *repair* and maintain the *property* to conform to the standards or the *property* shall be cleared of all *buildings*, *structures*, or *waste* and left in a *graded* levelled condition.
- (4) This By-law does not apply to matters which, in the opinion of the Manager of Municipal Law Enforcement are minor in nature.

#### PART 3 - PROHIBITIONS

#### 3. **Prohibitions**

- (1) No *person* shall use or occupy, or permit the use or *occupancy*, or consent to the use or occupation of any *property* that does not conform to the standards prescribed in this By-law.
- (2) No *owner* shall fail to maintain their *property* in conformity with the standards prescribed in this By-law.
- (3) No *owner* shall fail to comply with an Order issued by an *Officer* under this Bylaw.
- (4) No *person* shall remove from any *property* any sign, notice, order, or placard placed thereon pursuant to section 15 of the Building Code Act or this By-Law.

(5) Where applicable, every *owner* shall obtain a *building* permit prior to making *repairs*.

# PART 4 – REPAIRS

#### 4. Repairs

- (1) All *repairs* and maintenance of *property* required by the standards prescribed by this By-law shall be carried out in a manner accepted as good workmanship in the trades concerned, and with materials suitable and sufficient for the purpose and that are free from defects.
- (2) The requirement that *repairs* be made in a manner that is accepted as "good workmanship" includes ensuring that the component *repaired* can perform its intended function and finishing the *repair* in a manner reasonably compatible in design and colour with adjoining decorative finishing materials and are suitable and sufficient for the purpose that they were intended for.
- (3) The *owner* of *property* shall *repair*, maintain, and keep the *property* in accordance with the standards of this by-law, and take immediate action to eliminate any *unsafe conditions*.

# PART 5 STRUCTURAL SYSTEM

#### 5. Structural system

(1) A *building*, and every structural system or component serving a part thereof, shall be capable of sustaining its own weight together with the loads that may be imposed by the use and *occupancy* therein and by natural causes such as snow and wind.

# 6. Doubt as to Structural Condition

(1) If, in the opinion of an *officer*, there is doubt as to the structural condition of a *building* or *structure* or parts thereof, an *officer* may issue an order that such a *building* or *structure*, or parts there of, be examined by a professional engineer licensed to practice in Ontario, at the *owner*'s sole expense, and that a written report, which may include drawings for any recommended remedial work with recommended timelines, be provided to an *officer*.

# 7. Engineer's Report Acceptance

- (1) An *Officer* may accept the findings contained in the engineer's report pursuant to subsection 6(1), provided that the *officer* is satisfied that all deficiencies have been identified and appropriately dealt with by the report.
- (2) Upon completion of all the work required by the engineer's report, a further report prepared by the professional engineer shall be submitted to the *officer* certifying that all the work proposed in the written report has been completed and is in accordance with all applicable legislation.
- (3) No structural element may be added, removed, *repaired*, or modified in any manner until a required permit has been obtained from the *Chief Building Official*.

# PART 6 - CONDITION AND MAINTENANCE OF LANDS AND YARDS

#### 8. Maintenance of yards

- (1) All *lands* and *yard* shall be kept clean and free from:
  - a) Rubbish, garbage, brush, *waste*, litter, trade *waste* and other debris;
  - b) Objects or conditions that may create a health, fire, or accident hazard.
  - c) Dilapidated *buildings*, *structures* or vegetation such as trees which may be hazardous to the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the area or that encroach on an adjacent *property*;
  - d) Inoperable vehicles.
  - e) Accumulation of material, wood, debris or other objects that create an unsafe or unsightly condition out of character with the surrounding environment or are deleterious to the neighbouring environment;
  - f) Trees, hedges, bushes, vines and shrubs which are dead, decayed, damaged, or that encroach onto adjacent *property* including municipal roads, streets, sidewalks and pathways; and
  - g) Rock, stumps, fill, construction *waste* or other such materials that originate on another *property* or location unless the deposited material is continuously kept level or covered on a weekly basis in such a way that it does not disrupt or change the drainage of the original site.
- (2) Where there is a disagreement with the *officer*'s directive between the *officer* and the *owner* with respect to what must be removed in the case of decayed, diseased, or damaged trees, shrubs, hedges or bushes, a certified arborist shall be required, and their opinion shall be final.

- (3) All *yard*s shall be kept clean and free from:
  - a) Damaged or dilapidated landscape or garden features such as awnings, marquees, canopies, garden furniture, pergolas, trellis, lattice, statues, and benches;
  - b) Rodents, *vermin*, insect *pests* and other *pests* and from any condition which may encourage the infestation of harbouring of such *pests*;
  - c) Domestic animal excrement to an excessive level to create a public nuisance to your neighbours;
  - d) Construction bins unless they are actively being used in connection with the construction or demolition of a *building* or *structure*.
- (4) No *person* shall leave *lands* or *yards* after an excavation in an excavated condition for longer than 30 days. All land shall be *graded* and left in a level condition unless the *person* can demonstrate to an *officer* the necessity of not leveling the land.
- (5) No *owner* shall permit *stagnant water* to accumulate on a *property* in any depression or equipment or items. Where there is any accumulation of *stagnant water* in any depression, excavation or equipment, the *owner* or *occupant* of the land shall remove standing water by draining it or other means to eliminate it.
- (6) Section 6.5 does not include any storm water retention ponds, landscaped ponds or natural watercourse or manmade canals.
- (7) Recreational travel trailers shall be complete with closing doors, windows, etc., and kept in a condition that would not require *repairs* to make them fit for travel on any highway as defined in the Ontario Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. as amended.
- (8) No *vehicle* or trailer shall be used for the storage of garbage, rubbish, *waste*, debris, inoperable equipment, materials, *appliances*, or similar items and *appliances* such as refrigerators, stoves, and freezers shall not be used as places of storage.
- (9) No non-commercially built covered trailers, fish huts, or similar handmade *structures* shall be stored in driveways or exterior or front *yards* on residential properties. They may be stored on residential properties if:
  - a) They are weather resistant and constructed and maintained with suitable materials; protected by paint, preservatives, or other weather-resistant materials to prevent water leakage into the *structure*; and
  - b) They are stored 1.2m (3.94ft) from rear and interior *lot* lines.
- (10) No accessory structure or structure shall be erected closer than 1.2m (3.94ft) to any interior side *lot* line, rear *lot* line, or *structure*, and shall be subject to the requirements of the Ontario *Building* Code.

- (11) No boat or vessel shall be stored in any *yard* long-term, unless it is placed on a licensed trailer in an operable condition that would allow for its immediate removal.
- (12) The occupant of a residential property may repair one (1) vehicle in the driveway, which is the occupant's own vehicle, provided the vehicle is being actively repaired.
- (13) Where a recreational *vehicle* trailer is parked in a driveway, such *vehicle* shall not be used for living or sleeping accommodation for longer than 30 days by any *person* and in no event shall such living and sleeping accommodation be leased or rented.
- (14) No brush or logs shall be permitted to be stored in a *yard* for longer than three (3) weeks.
- (15) Firewood, *building* materials, garden equipment and materials shall be stored in a rear or side *yard* only, provided that such storage:
  - a) Does not exceed 10% of the yard area in which it is stored;
  - b) Shall be neatly piled and shall not constitute a hazard
  - c) Shall not be stored between the front wall of the *building* and the street line; and
  - d) Adheres to all required *yard* setbacks prescribed in the *Townships* Zoning By-law.

#### 9. Plantings

- (1) Hedges, shrubs, plantings, or trees shall be maintained in a manner that does not:
  - a) Obstruct the safety of the public
  - b) Obstruct the safety of vehicular or pedestrian traffic;
  - c) Partially or wholly conceal or interfere with the use of any hydrant or water valve; and
  - d) Overhang upon any pavement, sidewalk or travelled portion of any street or highway

#### 10. Unsafe conditions

(1) Notwithstanding another provision of this By-law, any condition on or within a *property*, in the opinion of the *officer*, which may pose or constitute an undue or unreasonable danger, hazard or risk to the health and safety of any *person*, place or thing shall be abated or removed by the *owner* or *occupant* thereof.

#### 11. Unprotected Wells, Holes, Cavities

(1) Unprotected wells, holes, or cavities over one meter (600mm) in depth shall be filled or safely covered.

# 12. Retaining Walls

(1) All *retaining walls*, screen walls, and ornamental walls shall be constructed of durable material and shall be maintained in a structurally sound condition.

#### 13. Storm Water Run-Off, Sump Pump and Sewage Discharge

- (1) Storm water run-off, which includes drainage from a roof and sump pump, shall be drained from the grounds of a *property*, and any area below exterior *grade* in a manner that is suitable to the configuration of the *property*, so as to prevent excessive ponding, erosion or the entrance of water into a *building* or *structure*.
- (2) Sump pump discharge lines shall be designed, provided, and maintained to prevent discharge water run-off from ponding onto the *Township's* Road allowance.
- (3) Sanitary Sewage shall be discharged into a sewage system.

#### 14. Fences

- (1) *Fences* shall be capable of performing safely the function for which they were constructed.
- (2) All fences shall be:
  - a) Maintained in a state of good *repair*;
  - b) Protected by deterioration by the application of paint or other suitable protective material of uniform colour and construction using a material that is inherently resistant to such deterioration and compatible with surrounding finished;
  - c) Constructed using suitable materials and designed and erected in a work like manner and maintained so as to not appear in an unsightly condition; and
  - d) Free of any condition that would render the *fence* to be dangerous.

#### **15.** Swimming Pools

- (1) All swimming pools, wading pools, ponds, and any appurtenance thereto, including *fences* and gates, shall be maintained in good *repair*.
- (2) All swimming pools *fences* and enclosures shall comply with the *Townships* Pool Enclosure By-law.

- (3) Swimming pools shall be kept free from *stagnant water* and any other *unsafe condition*.
- (4) Swimming pools and any accessory or parts thereof which are not operated shall be removed or fitted with suitable cover so as to prevent visual blight, the entrance of elements, or the infestation of *vermin*, *pests*, or insects.

# PART 7 – INTERIOR MAINTENANCE STANDARDS

#### 16. Lighting

- (1) Lighting fixtures, lamps, and their supports and connections shall be maintained in a safe and complete condition, without visible deterioration and in good working order.
- (2) Standby lighting shall be provided at floor level in exits and corridors used by the public for safe passage.
- (3) Lighting as required by the *Building Code* shall provide and be maintained to allow for an adequate level of lighting so that the use normally carried out in such areas can be undertaken safely.

#### 17. Heating, Mechanical, and Ventilation

- (1) Heating, ventilating and mechanical systems, including stoves, heating *appliances*, fireplaces, chimneys, fans, pumps, filtration, and other equipment provided to supply heat, air conditioning, ventilation or other services shall be properly maintained and in good working order.
- (2) Ventilation shall be provided to, maintained, and operated in all rooms and spaces within a *building* so as to prevent accumulations of heat, dust, fumes, gases, including carbon monoxide, vapours and other *contaminant*s which may create a fire, explosion, toxic hazard or other hazard.
- (3) Every bathroom, restroom, or toilet room shall be provided with either a natural or mechanical ventilation system in accordance with the *Building Code* which shall be maintained in good working order

#### 18. Heating

(1) Every *dwelling unit* shall be provided with a heating system capable of maintaining a room temperature of 20 degrees Celsius at 1.5 meters above the floor level in all *habitable rooms*, bathrooms and toilet rooms shall be maintained in good working order.

- (2) Heating shall be available in all *dwelling units* from September 01 until June 15 of the next year.
- (3) No room heater shall be placed that may cause a fire hazard to walls or any other equipment or to impede the free movement of *persons* within the room where the heater is located.
- (4) No *dwelling unit* shall be equipped with portable heating equipment as the primary source of heat.

# 19. Air Conditioners and Water-Cooled Equipment

- (1) Air Conditioners shall be equipped with adequate devices for the prevention of condensation drainage on to entrance areas, sidewalks or pathways and shall be maintained in a safe mechanical and electrical condition.
- (2) Cooling water from water-cooled equipment shall not be discharged on driveways, walkways, or other areas used for pedestrian or vehicular traffic, or in such manner that it may cause damage to the walls, foundations, or other parts of a *building*.
- (3) The discharge of cooling water from all water-cooled equipment shall be made to a proper drainage system and shall be connected in accordance with all applicable governmental regulations.

# 20. Walls, Floors, and Ceilings

- (1) Interior walls, floors, and ceilings of a *building* or *structure* shall be maintained:
  - a) In a state of good *repair* and free from holes, large cracks, broken plaster and loose or broken masonry;
  - b) In a clean sanitary condition, which is reasonable considering the use or operation; and
  - c) Free from cracked and broken glass in door panels, glass screens, and windows.
- (2) Interior claddings and finished of walls and ceilings shall be maintained in a safe and sanitary condition, in a state of good *repair* free from holes, mould, loose and broken boards, torn, damaged, decayed, leaks, deteriorating or missing materials.
- (3) In addition to the requirements of subsection 35(1), floors and *floor coverings* in all *buildings* shall be maintained in a state of good *repair*, and free from all warped or decayed boards, large cracks, depressions, protrusions, deterioration, or other defects.
- (4) All interior walls must be painted or finished in a good, maintained condition.

(5) The floors of room in which plumbing fixtures are installed shall be maintained reasonably impervious to water and in such a condition as to permit easy cleaning.

#### 21. Stairs, Handrails, Guards

- (1) All stairs, porches, decks, landings, treads, risers, fire escapes or other similar *structures* shall have *guards* or handrails which shall be maintained in good *repair* and shall be capable of supporting all loads to which they be reasonably be subjected.
- (2) All *guards* and handrails shall be installed and maintained in accordance with the *Building Code* so as to afford reasonable protection against accident or injury to any *person* in or on a *property*.

#### 22. Means of Egress

- (1) Every *floor area* intended for *occupancy* shall be provided with a direct *means of egress* in accordance with the *Building Code*.
- (2) All *means of egress* and exits shall be maintained in a state of good *repair* and free from objects, obstructions, or conditions that restrict the accessibility of such *means of egress* and exits.
- (3) Every *dwelling unit* shall have access so as to provide a safe, continuous and unobstructed exit from the interior of the *building* to the exterior at the street or *grade* level.

#### 23. Electrical

- (1) All electrical fixtures, switches, receptacles, and connections thereto shall be maintained in a safe and complete condition, and in good working order, with appropriate covers installed.
- (2) An adequate supply of electric power shall be always available in all parts of every occupied *dwelling unit* except where the lease makes the tenant responsible for the supply of electricity and where the supplier has discontinued the service because of arrears in payment.
- (3) No owner or occupant shall disconnect or cause to be disconnected or permit to be disconnected any service or utility providing light, heat, refrigeration, water or cooking facilities for a dwelling unit occupied by a tenant except for such a reasonable period of time as may be required for the purpose of repairing, replacing or altering such service or utility.

# 24. Plumbing

- (1) All plumbing, drainpipes, water pipes, plumbing fixtures and *appliances*, and every connecting line to the *sewage system* shall:
  - a) be maintained in good *repair*, free from leaks or defects
  - b) be protected from freezing
  - c) be connected to the sewage system through water sealed traps and
  - d) be kept in a clean sanitary condition

#### 25. Pest Prevention

- (1) Every *property* shall be kept free of rodents, *vermin*, and injurious insects at all times, and methods used for exterminating rodents and injurious insects shall be in accordance with any applicable legislation.
- (2) Openings and holes in a *building* containing rental units, including chimneys, windows, doors, vents, holes for pipes and electrical fixtures, cracks, and floor drains, that might permit the entry of rodents, *vermin*, injurious insects, birds, or other *pests*, shall be screened, or sealed as appropriate.

#### 26. Mould

- (1) Any extensive accumulation of mould shall be immediately cleaned and removed by the *owner* of the *building*.
- (2) No *person* shall occupy, or permit the *occupancy* of a *building*, or portion thereof, where an extensive accumulation of mould exists which could pose a health concern to any *person* who occupies the *building*, or portion thereof.
- (3) Any condition in a *building*, including but not limited to water penetration, humidity, or inadequate ventilation, which relate to the creation and growth of mould, shall be *repaired*, or removed by the *owner* of the *building*.
- (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this By-law, section 26 (1) and 26 (2) shall not apply if, in the opinion of the *officer*, the presence of mould is minor in nature and relates to the general maintenance and/or lifestyle.

# 27. Air Quality

- (1) All *buildings*, or part thereof, shall be maintained in good *repair* as to be kept free from accumulation of airborne *contaminant*s that may pose a health concern to any *person*.
- (2) No *person* shall occupy, or permit the *occupancy* of, a *building* or part thereof, where a high concentration of airborne *contaminants* exist which may pose a health concern to any *person* who occupies the *building* or part thereof.

(3) Notwithstanding any provision of this By-Law, this section shall not apply if, in the opinion of the *officer*, the presence of airborne *contaminant*s is minor in nature and relates to general maintenance and/or lifestyle.

#### 28. Miscellaneous

- (1) Every *dwelling unit* shall contain at least the following:
  - a) a toilet;
  - b) a kitchen sink;
  - c) a washbasin ; and,
  - d) a bathtub or shower or a combination of thereof.
- (2) A washroom in a unit shall be an enclosed space and shall have:
  - a) a water-resistant floor;
  - b) water resistant walls in a tub surround and a shower;
  - c) a door which can be secured from the inside and can be opened from the outside in an emergency; and,
  - d) an artificial light fixture which is maintained
- (3) No toilet or urinal shall be located in a room used for or intended to be used for sleeping or preparing or consuming or storing food.
- (4) Hot water shall be provided to a sink, basin, bathtub and shower by safe equipment operated to provide water at a temperature of not less than 43 degrees Celsius and not more than 49 degrees Celsius.
- (5) An adequate and safe supply of potable water shall be provided at all times.
- (6) A residential *property* shall be insulated to minimize heat loss, air infiltration and moisture condensation on the interior surfaces of the walls, ceilings, and floors.
- (7) Piped plumbing and drainage systems and appurtenances in a residential *property* shall be maintained free from leaks, defects or obstructions and adequately protected from freezing.

# PART 8 EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE STANDARDS

#### 29. Driveways, Ramps, Safe Passage

- (1) All driveways, ramps, walkways, steps, *building* entrances, parking areas and surface paths shall be:
  - a) maintained in good *repair* in a hole free condition and free of any settlements that might cause tripping; and,
  - b) maintained in a condition so as to afford safe passage by pedestrians and *vehicles* in inclement weather, including the removal of snow and ice; and,

- c) Adequately *grade*d and drained to prevent excessive ponding of water; and,
- d) Be surface treated with asphalt, concrete, interlocking brick, similar hardscaped surface, gravel, or other material sufficient to provide stability, prevent erosion, and be usable in all seasons.

#### 30. Doors and Windows

- (1) Windows, doors, and *basement* cellar hatchways shall be maintained in good *repair*, weather-tight condition to prevent drafts or leakage and protected by suitable material to prevent the entry of *vermin* into the *building*.
- (2) Doors, door frames, window frames, sashes, casings, and weather stripping that have been damaged or show evidence of decay or other deterioration shall be painted, *repaired*, or replaced.
- (3) All exterior openings for doors or windows shall be fitted with doors or window that are capable of being opened and closed easily, and being locked unless, in the case of windows, the windows were manufactured to be fixed or that they have been permanently sealed and the room has adequate ventilation.
- (4) The following items shall be *repaired* or replaced in all *buildings*:
  - a) Missing or broken glass;
  - b) Missing or defective door hardware;
  - c) Missing or defective window hardware.
- (5) All windows in a *dwelling unit* designed to be opened shall be fitted with screens to effectively prevent the entrance of *vermin* and shall be maintained in good *repair*.
- (6) Every opening in an exterior wall which is not protected by a door or window shall be screened with wire mesh, metal grill, or otherwise suitably protected to prevent the entry of *vermin*, rodents, or other *pests*.
- (7) Garage doors shall be:
  - a) Kept in good repair and structurally sound;
  - b) Kept free from holes and cracks;
  - c) Able to open and close without impediment;
  - d) Able to open manually if there is an interruption in power or if there is a mechanical failure;
  - e) Kept free from cracked or peeling paint or any other damaged exterior finishing.
- (8) Garage doors equipped with an automatic closing mechanism shall be equipped with an operational sensory device to detect any *person*, *vehicle*, animal, or object when crossing its path so that it may prevent harm.

# 31. Foundations

- (1) A foundation wall, *basement*, cellar or crawl space floor, slab on *grade*, exterior wall and roof shall be structurally sound, weather tight and damp-proofed and shall be maintained so as to protect against deterioration caused by the elements, fungus, mould, dry rot, rodents, *vermin*, or injurious insects.
- (2) The foundations, walls (including exterior walls) columns, beams, floors, roof slabs and balconies of all *buildings*, including ancillary *buildings* such as parking garages and *accessory structure*, shall be maintained.
  - a) In a state of good repair;
  - b) Free from decayed, damaged or weakened sills, beams, piers, posts, or other supports;
  - c) Free from cracked, broken or loose stucco or cracked or broken masonry;
  - d) Free from defective or deteriorated wood or metal siding or trim;
  - e) Free from loose or unsecure objects;
  - f) In a manner so as to prevent the entry of moisture into the *building* and;
  - g) In a manner so as to prevent settlement of the *building*.

#### 32. Exterior Walls

- (1) The exterior walls and their components shall be maintained in good *repair*, so as to prevent their deterioration due to weather or *vermin*, and shall be so maintained in good *repair* by.
  - a) Painting, restoring, or *repairing* of the walls coping or flashing; or
  - b) The waterproofing of joints and of the walls themselves.
- (2) Patching and *repairs* to exterior walls shall be made with the same or visually similar material and shall blend with the existing adjacent material or the whole shall be painted or clad to form a solid appearance with the surrounding surface.
- (3) Appropriate measures shall be taken to remove any unsightly makings, stains, or other defacement, including graffiti, occurring on an exposed exterior surface and, where necessary, to restore the surface as nearly as possible to its original condition.
- (4) All exterior surfaces shall be maintained of materials which by themselves or when treated provide adequate protection from the weather.

# 33. Roofs

- (1) The roof of a *building* including the fascia, soffit, cornice flashing, and coping shall be maintained or free from conditions causing or contributing to leaks or being detrimental to the appearance of the *building*.
- (2) Roofing materials or components which have been damaged or show evidence of rot or deterioration shall be *repaired* or replaced.

- (3) Every roof shall be maintained free from dangerous accumulations of snow or ice or both and they shall be removed as soon as possible from the roofs of *buildings*.
- (4) Where eaves troughing, roof guttering and down piping is provided, it shall be maintained in good *repair* to be watertight and securely fastened to the *building* at all times.
- (5) All soffit and fascia components of a *building* shall be secured and maintained in good *repair* and properly painted or otherwise treated and protected by paint, preservatives, or other weather-resistant materials.
- (6) Every roof shall be maintained so that roof decks and related *guards* are in a good state of *repair*.
- (7) Every chimney, smoke flue, gas vent stack, aerials, satellite dishes, lighting arrestors and other roof *structures* and their supporting members shall be maintained in a safe condition, maintained plumb and in good *repair* so as to be:
  - a) Free from loose or missing brock, mortar and loose or broken capping;
  - b) Free from loose or rusted stanchions, braces and attachments;
  - c) Free from fire or accident hazards;
  - d) Clear of obstructions;
  - e) Free from open joints
- (8) No roof drainage shall be discharged on an entranceway, walkway, stair or neighbouring *property*, on onto any impervious road allowance or in such a manner that it will penetrate or damage the *building* or *structure*.

#### 34. Accessory Structures

- (1) *Accessory Structures* shall be kept in good *repair* and in accordance with the *Townships* Zoning By-law.
- (2) Where an *accessory structure* harbours insects, *vermin*, or rodents, all necessary steps shall be taken to eliminate such insects, *vermin*, or rodents and to prevent reoccurrence.
- (3) Temporary *structures* shall be maintained in a condition that allows them to function for what they were designed to do and shall be kept in good repair.
- (4) The exterior of any *accessory structure* shall be weather resistant and constructed and maintained with suitable and uniform materials; protected by paint, preservatives, or other weather-resistant materials to prevent water leakage into the *structure*.

(5) All sea containers, *shipping containers*, or similar *structures* shall be maintained in good condition and shall be painted to blend in with their surroundings.

# 35. Exterior Lighting

- (1) Lighting fixtures, lamps and their supports and connections shall be maintained in a safe and complete condition, without visible deterioration and in good working order.
- (2) Outdoor lighting shall be placed and maintained, or have a *barrier* placed and maintained, so as to prevent or block direct illumination of the interior of a *dwelling* or *dwelling unit* on adjoining *property* regardless of whether such *dwelling* or *dwelling unit* has or may have shades, drapes or other interior window coverings.
- (3) Sensor activated lighting shall not be triggered by activity off the *property*.
- (4) Lighting as required by the Ontario *Building Code* shall provide and be maintained to allow for an adequate level of lighting so that the use normally caried out in such areas can be undertaken safely.

# PART 9 ADDITIONAL STANDARDS FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES

# 36. Additional Standards for Non-Residential Properties

- (1) In addition to the general standards for all properties set out in Part 6 of this Bylaw, *owner*s of non-residential properties shall also comply with Part 09 of this By-law.
- (2) Every *owner* of a *non-residential property* shall provide containers for the disposal of *waste*.
- (3) In a multi-tenant *building*, no *owner* or *occupant* or anyone acting on behalf of an *owner* or *occupant*, shall disconnect or cause to be disconnected, any service or utility providing light, heat, refrigeration, water or cooking facilities to a tenant or lessee, except for such reasonable period of time as may be required for the purpose of *repairing*, replacing, or altering such service or utility.
- (4) A person liable for rates for gas, water, steam, electric power, fuel oil, or other service utility, who fails to pay such rates with the result that the gas, water, steam, electric power, fuel, oil or other service or utility is disconnected or shut off, removed or discontinued, shall be deemed to have caused or permitted such disconnection, shutting off, removal, or discontinuance.

- (5) All *means of egress* for non-residential properties shall be maintained free from all obstructions or impediments and provided with clean, clear, unobstructed, and readily visible exit signs for every exit.
- (6) Openings in exterior walls, other than doors and windows, shall be effectively protected by suitable materials to prevent entry of rodent's *vermin* and injurious insects unless it can be shown, to the satisfaction of the *Officer*, that the implementation of this section would adversely affect the normal operations in a *non-residential property*.

# 37. Interior Walls, Ceilings, and Floors

- (1) Interior walls, floors, and ceilings of a *non-residential property* shall be maintained:
  - a) Free from health, fire and accident hazards;
  - b) In a state of good *repair* and free from holes, large cracks, broken plaster, and loose or broken masonry;
  - c) In a clean and sanitary condition which is reasonable considering the use or operation; and
  - d) Free from cracked or broken glass in door panels, glass screens and windows.
- (2) Cracked or broken glass in door panels, glass screens, and windows as outlined in section

37 (1)(d) shall be replaced with glass or other material approved by an officer.

- (3) Plaster *repairs* made to the walls and ceilings of non-residential properties shall be completed in a workmanlike manner and each *repair* shall be finished to match the existing wall or ceiling.
- (4) Glazed doors, windows and other transparent surfaces shall be kept in a reasonably clean condition.
- (5) Interior doors and door frames including automatic door closers and all necessary hardware shall be maintained in a state of good *repair* to ensure the proper operation and integrity of the door.

#### 38. Plumbing, Drainpipes, and Water Pipes

(1) Plumbing fixtures shall be provided and maintained in accordance with the requirements of all applicable governmental regulations.

- (2) All plumbing drainpipes, water pipes, and plumbing fixtures and every connecting line to the *sewage system* shall:
  - a) Be maintained in a state of good *repair*; and,
  - b) Be free from leaks and defects.

(3) All water pipes, drainpipes and appurtenances thereto shall be protected from freezing.

# PART 10 VACANT AND/OR DAMAGED BUILDINGS

# 39. Vacant Buildings

- (1) If any *building* is unoccupied, the *owner* or the agent shall protect every such *building* against the risk of fire, accident, or other hazard and shall effectively prevent the entrance thereto of all unauthorized *persons*.
- (2) The *owner* or agent of a *vacant building* shall board up the *building* to the satisfaction of the *officer* by covering all openings through which entry may be obtained with at least 12.7mm (0.5inch) weatherproof sheet plywood securely fastened to the building and painted a colour compatible with the surrounding walls.
- (3) If a *building* remains vacant for a period of more than ninety (90) days, the *owner* or agent thereof, shall ensure that all utilities serving the building are properly disconnected or otherwise and secure the *building* to prevent accidental or malicious damage to the *building* or adjacent *property*, but this provision shall not apply where such utilities are necessary for the safety or security of the *building*.

# 40. Vacant Lands

- (1) Vacant land shall be maintained to the standards as described in part 6 of this By-law.
- (2) Vacant land shall be *grade*d, filled, or otherwise drained so as to prevent recurrent ponding of water.

# 41 Damaged Buildings or Structures

- (1) If a *building* or *structure* is damaged by fire, storm, or by other causes:
  - a) Immediate steps shall be taken to prevent or remove a condition which might endanger *persons* in, on or near the *property*, *building*, or *structure*;
  - b) The aforesaid *building* or *structure* shall be properly supported and barricaded until the necessary demolition or *repair* can be carried out; and,

- c) The aforesaid *building* or *structure* shall be demolished or *repaired*
- (2) Defacements by smoke or by other similar causes on the exterior walls and surfaces of

The *buildings* or *structures*, or of the remaining parts of the *building* or *structures*, shall be removed and defaced areas refinished in a work like manner.

# PART 11 DEMOLITION

#### 42. Demolition

- (1) Where a *building*, *accessory structure*, *fence*, or other *structure* is demolished, the *property* shall be cleared of all rubbish, *waste*, refuse, masonry, lumber, wood, and other materials and left in a *grade*d leveled condition.
- (2) Where a *building*, *accessory structure*, *fence*, or other *structure* is being demolished, every precaution shall be taken to protect the adjoining *property* and members of the public. The precautions to be taken include the erection of *fences*, barricades, covered walkways for pedestrians and any other means of protection necessary for the protection of the adjoining *property* and members of the public.

# PART 12 ENFORCEMENT

#### 43. Inspection

- (1) An *officer* may, upon producing proper identification, enter upon any *property* at any reasonable times without a warrant for the purpose of inspecting the *property* to determine:
  - a) Whether the *property* conforms with the standards prescribed in this bylaw; or,
  - b) Whether an order under the *Building Code Act* has been complied with.
- (2) The owner or occupant of a property shall:
  - a) Comply with all standards prescribed in this by-law;
  - b) Comply with any final and binding order of the officer;
  - c) Produce documents or things requested by the *officer* for inspection as relevant to the *property* or any part thereof;
  - d) Allow the removal of such documents or things for the purpose of making copies, provide information or assist in the collection of information from other *persons* concerning a matter related to the *property* or part thereof;
  - e) Allow entry by the *officer* or such *person*s as needed to carry out an inspection or test or in aid thereof;

- f) Permit examination, tests, sampling or photographs necessary for the purpose of an inspection or in aid thereof; and
- g) Provide at their expenses when requested, reports, tests and samples as are specified in an order, all as may aid or assist in the carrying out of an inspection and determination of compliance with this by-law and the relevant portions of the *Building Code Act*.
- (3) The *Township* may charge the *owner* of a *property* a fee or charge pursuant to the rates

and fees schedule to conduct an inspection, including increased fees for multiple inspections.

(4) Where an *officer* has reasonable grounds to believe that an offence has been committed by a *person*, the *officer* may require the name, address, and proof of identity of that *person*, and the *person* shall supply the required information.

# 44. Orders

- (1) An *officer* who finds that a *property* does not conform to any of the standards prescribed in this by-law may make an order:
  - a) Stating the municipal address or the legal description of the *property*;
  - b) Giving reasonable particulars of the *repairs* to be made or stating that the site is to be cleared of all *buildings*, *structures*, debris or refuse and left in a *grade*d and levelled condition;
  - c) Indicating the time for complying with the terms and conditions of the order and giving notice that, if the *repair* or clearance is not carried out with that time, the municipality may carry out the *repair* or clearance at the *owner*'s expense; and,
  - d) Indicating the final date for giving notice of appeal from the order.

# 45. Service

- (1) An order shall be served on the *owner* of the *property* and such other *persons* affected by it, as the *officer* determines, and a copy of the order may be posted on the *property*.
- (2) A notice or order required by this by-law to be served in accordance with subsection 45(1) may be served:
  - a) In *person*;
  - b) By email to the last known email address of the *person* to whom service is required to be made; or
  - c) By registered mail sent to the *last known address* of the *person* whom notice is to be given or to that *person*'s agent for service.

- (3) A notice or order served in accordance with subsection 45(2) is considered to be served:
  - a) On the fifth day after the day of mailing if served by registered mail;
  - b) On the day of sending if served by email, unless the document was sent after 5:00pm, in which case service shall be deemed to have been made on the following day.
- (4) An order may be registered in the proper land registry office and, upon such registration, any *person* acquiring any interest in the land subsequent to the registration of the order shall be deemed to have been served with the order on the day on which the order was served and, when the requirements of the order have been satisfied, the *clerk* of the *Township* shall forthwith register in the proper land registry office a certificate that such requirements have been satisfied, which shall operate as a discharge of the order.

# 46. Property Standards Committee

- (1) A property standards *committee* shall be established and composed of not fewer than three members appointed by *Council*.
- (2) Three members of council, or employees of the municipality or local board thereof, shall constitute and thereby be appointed as members of the *property* standards *committee*.
- (3) The term of office for members shall be the term of *Council* (four years).
- (4) The members of the *committee* shall elect one of themselves as chair, and when the chair is absent through illness or otherwise, the *committee* may appoint another member as acting chair.
- (5) A majority of the members of the *committee* constitutes a quorum for transacting the *committee*'s business.
- (6) The members of the *committee* shall make provisions for a secretary for the *committee*.
- (7) The secretary shall keep on file the records of all official business of the *committee*, including records of all applications and minutes of all decisions respecting those applications.
- (8) The *committee* may, subject to subsection 15.6(8) of the *Building Code Act*, 1992, adopt its own rules of procedure and any member may administer oats.

(9) The *committee* shall give notice or direct that notice be given of the hearing of an appeal to such *persons* as the *committee* considers advisable.

#### 47. Appeals

- (1) An *owner* or *occupant* who has been served with an order may appeal the order and who is not satisfied with the terms or conditions of the order may appeal to the *committee* by sending a notice of appeal, including the grounds for an appeal and the applicable fee set out in Schedule "A" by registered mail to the secretary of the *committee* within fourteen (14) days after being served with the order.
- (2) An order that is not appealed within the prescribed time shall be deemed to be confirmed.
- (3) The *committee* shall hear appeals pursuant to section 15.3 of the *Building Code Act*.

#### 48. Hearing

- (1) The secretary of the *committee*, in receipt of the notice of appeal, shall
  - a) Determine the date, place and time of the hearing of the appeal which shall take place not less than seven (7) days and not more then thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of the aforesaid notice;
  - b) Give notice in writing, via registered mail, of the date, place and time of the hearing referred to in Section 47(1)(a) to:
    - i. The appellant;
    - ii. Any other interested *persons* who the *committee* consider should receive notice.
- (2) The *committee* shall hold the hearing referred to in section 47(1) at the date, place and time set out in the notice.
- (3) The *committee* may adopt its own rules and procedures.
- (4) The applicant may appear with or without counsel at the hearing to present the appeal.
- (5) The *Township* may be represented at the hearing by its counsel who is entitled to reply to the appeal presented on behalf of the applicant.

#### 49. Failure to Comply with an Order

- (1) If an order is not complied with in accordance with the order as deemed confirmed or as confirmed or modified by the *committee* or a judge of the Superior Court of Justice, the *Township* may cause the *property* to be *repaired*, cleaned, cleared up or demolished. As the case may be.
- (2) For the purposes of section 49(1) of this by-law, employees or agents of the *Township* may enter the *property* at any reasonable time, without a warrant, in order to *repair*, clean, clear or demolish the *property*.
- (3) The *Township* or a *person* acting on its behalf is not liable to compensate the *owner*, *occupant*, or any other *person* by reason of anything done by or on behalf of the *Township* in the reasonable exercise of its powers under section 49(1) of this by-law.
- (4) The *Township* shall have a lien on the land for the amount spent on the *repair*, cleaning, clearing or demolition under section 49(1) of this by-law and the amount shall have priority lien status as described in S.1 of the Municipal Act, 2001.

#### 50. Emergency Provisions

(1) If upon inspection of a *property*, the *Officer* is satisfied there is nonconformity with the standards prescribed in this by-law to such extent so as to pose an immediate danger to the health or safety of any *person*, the *officer* may make an order in accordance with section 15.7 of the *Building Code Act* containing particulars of the non-conformity and requiring remedial *repairs* or the work to be carried out immediately to terminate the danger.

# 51. Certificate of Compliance

- (1) An *officer* who inspects a *property* and is of the opinion that the *property* is in compliance with the standards established by this By-law may issue a *certificate of compliance* to the *owner*.
- (2) Where an *owner* requests a *certificate of compliance* and where, having inspected the *property*, an *officer* is of the opinion that the *property* is in compliance with the standards established by this By-law, the *officer* shall issue a certificate to the *owner*, upon payment of the required fee.

# PART 13 OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

#### 52. Offences and Penalties

- (1) A *person* who fails to comply with an order, direction or other requirement made under the Act and this By-law is guilty of an offence.
- (2) A *person* who fails to comply with an order made under this By-law is guilty of an offence, and on conviction, in addition to the penalties set out in subsections 52(3) and 52(4), is liable to a fine of not more than \$10,000 per day for every day the offence continues after the time given for complying with the order has expired.
- (3) Every *person* who is convicted of an offence is liable to a fine of not more than \$50,000, for a first offence and to a fine of not more than \$100,000 for a subsequent offence.
- (4) Every *corporation* who is convicted of an offence is liable to a fine of not more than \$500,000 for the first offence and to a fine of not more than \$1,500,000 for a subsequent offence.
- (5) An offence is a subsequent offence if there has been a previous conviction under the *Building Code Act*.

# PART 14 GENERAL

# 53. Validity

- (1) Where a provision of this By-law conflicts with the provisions of another by-law that is in force in the municipality or provincial or federal legislation, the provisions that establish the higher standards to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the general public prevails.
- (2) It is declared that if any section, subsection or part or parts thereof be declared by any court of law to be bad, illegal, or ultra vires, such section, subsection, part or parts shall be deemed severable, and all parts hereof are declared to be separate and independent and enacted as such and shall remain in effect until repealed.
- (3) This by-law shall come into force and take effect upon its passing.
- (4) That By-law 09-13, being a bylaw prescribing Property Standards for the *Township* of South Glengarry is hereby repealed in its entirety.

#### 54. Transitional Rules

(1) After the date of passing of this by-law, By-law No. 09-13, as amended, shall apply only to those properties in which a notice or order to comply has been issued prior to the date of passing of this by-law, and then only to such properties, until such time as the work required by such order has been completed or any enforcement proceedings with respect to such order has been completed, including any demolition, clearance, or *repair* carried out by the *Township* shall have been concluded.

# **READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME IN OPEN COUNCIL ON JUNE 17, 2024**

# READ A THIRD AND FINAL TIME, PASSED, SIGNED, AND SEALED IN OPEN COUNCIL THIS 15th DAY OF JULY, 2024.

MAYOR

CLERK

Schedule 'A' Corporation of the Township of South Glengarry By-law No. 2024: Property Standards By-law Service Use and Activity Charges

| ltem | Service or Activity fee   | Fee                           |
|------|---|-------------------------------|
| 1.   | Issuing a Property Standards Order  | \$50.00                       |
| 2.   | Subsequent Orders   | \$350.00                      |
| 3.   | Appeal Property Standards Order   | \$150.00                      |
| 4.   | Attend hearing of the Property Standards Committee                                | \$150.00                      |
| 5.   | Officer Attendance on site during clean-up and/or remedial work (Minimum 2 Hours) | \$75.00/hr.                   |
| 6.   | Registering an Order on Title<br>(Fee plus Legal Fees)                            | \$250.00                      |
| 7.   | Discharging and Order on Title<br>(Fee plus Legal Fees)                           | \$250.00                      |
| 8.   | Title Search  | \$40.00<br>+ Legal fees       |
| 9.   | Certificate of Compliance   | \$50.00                       |
| 10.  | Re-Inspection Fee<br>(Per Inspection)   | \$75.00                       |
| 11.  | Administration Fee – Cost of work + Administration Fee                            | 30 % to a<br>max<br>\$1000.00 |

# THE CORPORATION OF THE

# TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH GLENGARRY

# BY-LAW 2024-39

# FOR THE YEAR 2024

# **PROPERTY STANDARDS BY-LAW – SUMMARY OF CHANGES**

This document has been drafted to summarize the changes made to the proposed Property Standards By-Law (By-Law 2024-39). The following sections include changes made to the structure of the By-Law, content revisions, and new policies added.

# INTRODUCTION

- A new statement of intent / purpose has been added to introduce the new By-Law.
- Existing citations of the Municipal Act and Building Code Act have been re-written to be more encompassing of the By-Law's scope and powers.
- Certain citations have been re-written to become more specific regarding what powers are used by this By-Law and where, in provincial legislation, these powers come from.
- A new Table of Contents has been added, in order to accommodate the new content additions.

# PART 1 – DEFINITIONS

- A number of definitions have been added due to the new content being added in this updated By-Law.
- Some existing definitions have been updated, either to be expanded upon, or to become more concise in their language.
- In total, the number of definitions has increased from twenty-six to sixty individual definitions.

# PART 2 – APPLICATION AND INTERPRETATION

• This section was added to replace the "Scope" section of the original By-Law.

#### PART 3 – PROHIBITIONS

• This section was added to clearly detail what persons and property owners are prohibited from doing (in regard to this By-Law).

#### PART 4 – REPAIRS

• This section was added, taking some existing information from other sections of the original By-Law to keep them in one, structured location.

#### PART 5 – STRUCTURAL SYSTEM

• The majority of sections and policies on structural security have been coalesced into one section for ease-of-access.

#### PART 6 – CONDITION AND MAINTENANCE OF LANDS AND YARDS

- A new mechanism for appealing decisions regarding decaying foliage has been added.
- New and existing policies on yard maintenance have been coalesced into on section for ease-of-access.
- A new section on swimming pools has been added.

#### PART 7 – INTERIOR MAINTENANCE STANDARDS

- New and existing policies on interior maintenance have been coalesced into on section for ease-of-access.
- A new "miscellaneous" section has been added to contain policies not suitable for other sections.

# PART 8 – EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE STANDARDS

• Existing policies from the "Exterior Property Areas" section of the original By-Law have been moved here, alongside other exterior maintenance standards, for ease-of-access.

# PART 9 – ADDITIONAL STANDARDS FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES

 This section has been reworked to better fit the overall scope of the section, and its contents from the original By-Law have been moved to the appropriate, new sections. This section now contains only policies that fall within the theme of "standards for non-residential properties".

# PART 10 – VACANT AND/OR DAMAGED BUILDINGS

• Only minor edits have been made to this section, regarding word choice and formatting.

# PART 11 – DEMOLITION

• This section has been created to contain demolition policies, which were originally within the "vacant-damaged-demolition" section of the original By-Law. The sections have now been separated for clarity.

# PART 12 – ENFORCEMENT

- This section reworked to include new policies, and updated language surrounding by-law enforcement.
- New policies / language include topics such as orders, the serving of orders, and the establishment of the Property Standards Committee.

# PART 13 – OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

• This section has been created to contain penalty and offence policies, which were originally within the "Administration and Enforcement" section of the original By-Law. The sections have now been separated for clarity.

#### PART 14 – GENERAL

• This section has been created to contain general policies relating to the introduction of this By-Law itself, which were originally within the "Administration and Enforcement" section of the original By-Law. The sections have now been separated for clarity.



# STAFF REPORT

# S.R. No. 2024-082

**PREPARED BY:** Joanne Haley, GM- Planning, Building and Enforcement

**PREPARED FOR:** Council of the Township of South Glengarry

COUNCIL DATE: July 15, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Champagne and Co. Zoning By-Law Amendment-Proposed Wedding Venue

#### BACKGROUND:

#### Site Location:

1. Part of Lot 4, Concession 8, in the geographic Township of Charlottenburgh, now in the Township of South Glengarry, County of Glengarry, located at 20189 Beaupre Road.



# **Owner/Applicant:**

2. Caitlin Champagne-Colette & Jamie Lepine

When the application was filed, the owners of the subject property were Lori McEvoy and Michel Corriveau. The owners at that time appointed Caitlin Champagne-Cholette as the agent of the application/process. The ownership of the property changed in November 2023 to Caitlin Champagne-Cholette and Jamie Lepine. For this report, any reference to the owner, agent or the applicant means Caitlin Champagne-Cholette and Jamie Lepine.

#### **Description of Site and Surroundings:**

3. The subject property is located on the north side of the Township's municipal road, Beaupre Rd. The entire property is approximately 54.13 acres in area, the portion of the property that is subject to the proposed zoning amendment is approximately 8.5 acres in area which is located on the narrow portion at the southern end of the property as indicated in the image in section 1 of this report.

The lands subject to the proposed amendment currently contain a single detached dwelling and several accessory structures that are used for residential and farming purposes.

The surrounding lands to the east, south, and west are characterized as residential and hobby farms containing single detached dwellings, farmland, and livestock (horses). The lands to the north of the area subject to the proposed amendment are primarily vacant or treed lands, the area bordering the Beaudette River is zoned Natural Hazard (HZ) and/or Provincially Significant Wetlands (PSW).

#### Summary of Proposed Zoning Amendment:

On October 5, 2023, the Township accepted the zoning amendment application; said application was deemed complete on the same day. The purpose of this Amendment is to rezone the subject property from Rural to Rural Exception - Twenty (RU-20) to permit a proposed full service and turn key wedding and event venue (place of assembly) with options to also permit accessory accommodations on the subject property.

This requested amendment also proposes to amend Part 2 – Definitions of Zoning By-Law 38-09 to add the following definition in alphabetical order:

Accessory accommodation: means a building or structure to be used for the purpose of sleeping accommodation on a temporary basis as an accessory use to a primary use on the same lot. Accessory Accommodations may include cabins but does not include recreational vehicles, mobile homes, or camping trailers.

And to amend Part 3 – General Provisions to add the following provisions:

3.1 (12) Accessory Accommodation:

(a) No Accessory Accommodation may be established as the primary use on a lot

(b)Accessory Accommodations shall be located on the same lot as the primary use to which it is related.

(c) Accessory Accommodations may include cabins but does not include recreational vehicles, mobile homes, or camping trailers.

(d) Alternative Accommodations shall conform to the Ontario Building Code.

(e) If plumbing facilities are installed to serve the Accessory Accommodations, they shall be serviced with an approved on-site sewage system as per the Ontario Building Code.

(f) All accessory buildings used for Accessory Accommodations shall be included in the Maximum Lot Coverage.

All other applicable provisions of Zoning By-law 38-09, as amended, shall continue to apply.

# ANALYSIS:

# Planning Rationale:

# Planning Policy Framework:

- 4. This application is subject to the following policy framework:
  - a. The Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) 2020
  - b. The United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Official Plan (OP)
  - c. The Township of South Glengarry's Zoning By-Law
  - d. NPC-300 MECP Environmental Noise Guidelines

# **Provincial Policy Statement**

5. The Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) 2020 provides policy direction on matters of provincial interest relating to land use planning and development. This policy provides for appropriate development, while protecting resources of provincial interest, public health and safety and the quality of the natural and built environment. All land use planning decisions must be consistent with the PPS. The PPS policies that apply to this proposed zoning amendment are as follows:

| PPS 2020 | Compliance   | Rationale for adherence   |
|----------|--------------|---|
| Section  | √ or X       |   |
| 1.1.1    | √            | The proposed amendment promotes efficient development<br>that avoids land use patterns that may cause<br>environmental or public health concerns and does not<br>require the expansion of existing public infrastructure in the<br>area.  |
| 1.1.4    | ✓            | The proposed amendment promotes the efficient use of<br>rural infrastructure and would permit a use that would<br>diversify the economic base and provide employment<br>opportunities while leveraging cultural and natural assets<br>to promote tourism by offering an event space exposing<br>guests from outside of South Glengarry to local resources<br>and culture. |
| 1.1.5    | √            | The proposed amendment will permit "other rural land<br>uses" as permitted by the 2020 PPS while promoting<br>recreational economic opportunities that are compatible<br>with the rural landscape and can be supported by existing<br>municipal services.   |
| 1.2.6    | √            | The proposed development has been demonstrated to be<br>capable of meeting standards of provincial environmental<br>noise guidelines (NPC-300), depending on final plans,<br>mitigation measures may be required but have been<br>demonstrated to be effective at meeting the NPC-300<br>standards.   |
| 1.7.1    | √            | The proposed amendment supports long term economic prosperity by promoting opportunities for economic development by permitting a commercial wedding venue in the rural lands promoting recreation and tourism with South Glengarry.  |
| 2.1.8    | ✓            | Development is proposed on lands adjacent to significant<br>woodlands however the proposed development is very well<br>beyond 120 meters from the significant woodlands<br>therefore no environmental impact assessment was required<br>under the standards set out in the SDG Counties Official Plan<br>or the 2020 PPS.   |
| 2.5.1    | $\checkmark$ | Mineral aggregate resources (Bedrock) are identified in the area however the subject property and surrounding area  |

| has already seen widespread low density residential      |
|--|
| development leaving limited opportunities for extractive |
| uses.  |

# Official Plan Designation

6. The United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Official Plan (SDG OP) sets out goals and objectives for development in the County for the next 20 years (2017-2037) including regard for the social, economic, and natural environment of the County. This Plan establishes a policy-driven framework for land use planning for the County and its six municipalities. All land use planning decisions must be consistent with the SDG OP. The SDG OP policies that apply to this proposed zoning amendment are as follows:

| SDG OP Designation: Rural District |                      |   |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|---|
| SDG OP<br>Section                  | Compliance<br>√ or X | Rationale for adherence   |
| 3.4.6                              | ✓<br>✓               | The proposed amendment would permit a recreational<br>commercial use as permitted in the Rural District and the<br>necessary matters regarding traffic, adverse impacts of<br>noise, traffic, impacts on surrounding uses, have been<br>assessed and evaluated to ensure that impacts can either<br>meet regulatory standards or be mitigated to do so. |
| 3.5                                | ✓                    | Recreational and resort commercial uses serving tourism<br>and leisure industries are permitted uses within the Rural<br>District and the proposed amendment will add the<br>permitted use of a wedding venue as a recreational<br>commercial use serving the leisure industry.   |
| 3.5.1                              | √                    | The subject property is of adequate size with adequate<br>frontage to access the property and provide for the<br>proposed development along with any necessary private<br>services necessary to support it while providing adequate<br>buffering and screening to meet NPC-300 standards and<br>promoting a more complete community.                    |
| 3.5.2                              | ✓                    | The proposed amendment would permit a commercial use<br>within a residential area and compatibility with surrounding<br>uses has been assessed and accounted for as discussed<br>throughout this report.  |

|                     |              | Provisions for firefighting and other emergency vehicle will<br>be made as necessary under the Ontario Building Code<br>standards as the proposed development proceeds to<br>obtaining a building permit should the amendment be<br>approved.   |
|---------------------|--------------|---|
|                     |              | Natural heritage features (significant woodlands) are not<br>expected to be impacted by the proposed development as<br>construction is only proposed beyond 120 meters from any<br>mapped natural heritage features, limited clearing is<br>proposed, and the subject land does not directly contain<br>any areas recognized as significant woodlands.  |
| 5.4                 | $\checkmark$ | Although bedrock resources are present in the area around<br>the lands subject to the proposed amendment have<br>historically seen low density residential development<br>resulting in an environment limiting opportunities for<br>extractive uses.  |
| 5.5.2<br>&<br>5.5.7 | $\checkmark$ | The subject property contains significant woodlands and<br>provincially significant wetlands (PSW) however the area<br>of land subject to the proposed zoning amendment does<br>not. Because the proposed development is very well<br>beyond 120 meters from the significant woodlands and the<br>PSW, an environmental impact assessment was not<br>required in accordance with section 5.5.2 5.5.7 of the SDG<br>Counties Official Plan |

# Zoning By-Law:

7. The area subject to the proposed amendment is currently zoned Rural (RU) in the Township's Zoning By-Law 38-09.

8. The Township's Zoning By-Law 38-09 conforms to the United Counties Official Plan and is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS), 2020.

# Public Consultation:

9. The proposed Amendment was circulated to the neighbouring property owners within 120 metres of the proposed site; it was also advertised in the Standard Freeholder and a notice of public meeting was physically posted on the property visible from Beaupre Road, the sign was knocked down, likely due to inclement weather, and planning staff reposted it

once they became aware of its absence. A public meeting was held on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023. There were 39 members of the public and the two property owners in attendance at the public meeting. 53 letters/written comments were received from the public with 11 in support and 42 in opposition of the proposed amendment, this also includes a petition containing 107 signatures, many who signed the petition do not live in the subject area. The 42 letters opposing the proposed amendment represents 22 individuals as many members of the public submitted comments or inquiries multiple times throughout the process.

Through public consultation, a number of concerns were raised largely pertaining to increased traffic, poorly built or undermaintained road, increased noise, additional litter, impacts on wildlife and livestock, intoxicated guests of the proposed venue, lighting cast into neighbouring properties, political corruption, reduced property values, lack of municipal government understanding of the community, unsuitability of the subject property for the proposed use, inadequate parking on site, an existing adequate supply of venues within a reasonable range, pests attracted by the venue, fire hazards, inadequate groundwater quality and quantity, non-compliance with section 1.1.4.1 and 3.4.6(9) of the 2020 PPS, public urination, inadequate notification of the public, property damage, trespassing, increased insurance costs and taxes, inadequate drainage, and a reduction in privacy.

South Glengarry Planning staff have carefully reviewed and considered all comments submitted. The most concerning comments pertained to traffic, parking, environmental, nuisances and noise. In an effort to investigate these concerns, additional information was requested and reviewed.

# Traffic:

South Glengarry Infrastructure staff have confirmed that Beaupre Road does not have a traffic speed issue and there is plenty of reserve capacity for future traffic- see attached report.

# Parking:

The area of the subject property proposed to be rezoned is an 8.5 acre portion located at the southern end of the subject property. This allows for adequate space to meet parking requirements for wedding guests, employees and the owners personal parking.

# Environmental:

While there are natural heritage features present on and adjacent to the applicant's property, the area subject to the proposed amendment does not contain any mapped natural heritage features. The subject area is adjacent to significant woodlands to the west however the

proposed use/development is located well beyond 120 meters from the significant woodlands therefore no environmental impact assessment was required under the standards set out in the SDG Counties Official Plan or the 2020 PPS.

#### Nuisances:

Impacts by additional lighting installed by the venue, litter, public urination, and public intoxication are currently regulated by the Township's Nuisance Bylaw and The Property Standards Bylaw and should the need for enforcement arise township staff will respond accordingly.

# Noise:

The possibility of increased noise was a concern that was noted by various members of the public during the public consultation process. Because of this, the property owner was requested to obtain an environmental noise study and to submit it to the Township for review. On November 8, 2023, the Township's Engineering firm on retainer, Ainley and Associates was consulted to develop terms of reference for the study to ensure that all items that needed to be studied, modelled and investigated would be included in the report. The property owner received 4 proposals from different qualified companies, the Township's engineer reviewed the proposals to ensure that the terms of reference would be followed.

The property owner retained "State of the Art Acoustik Inc." to prepare the noise study, the property owner also retained Menard- Robertson Custom Homes and Renovations Inc. to commence the design of the proposed wedding venue. This allowed the noise specialists to work with the designer to recommend noise mitigation measures in the design of the building. State of the Art Acoustik completed an Environmental Noise Assessment Report dated May 24, 2024. The report was submitted to the Township on June 17, 2024. Ainley and Associates peer reviewed the report and provided comments to the Township on June 28, 2024. A copy of the report including minor revisions as requested by Ainley and Associates, Township staff, and the applicant was provided on July 9, 2024.

A summary of the Environmental Noise Assessment Report is as follows:

- An environmental noise model was created based on the proposed location of the wedding venue and the uses of the subject property.
- The model was populated with all potential scenarios for this property using either provided or approximate acoustic data.

- The environmental noise impact of the proposed wedding venue has been assessed assuming the worst-case scenario noise conditions
- The assessment determined that the proposed wedding venue will require acoustical mitigation to comply with the Ministry of Environment, Culture and Parks (MECP) NPC-300 (Noise Pollution Control) guidelines
- The proposed Wedding venue will be located a minimum of 210 meters setback from Beaupre Road.
- Mechanical equipment should be located within the designated area and enclosed by acoustic barriers as detailed in the noise assessment report.
- The loudspeakers must adhere to the location, orientation, quantity and maximum volume guidelines provided in the noise assessment report.

If this zoning amendment is approved, the property owner has agreed to enter into a development agreement that will also be required to be approved by Council. This development agreement will include the recommendations, details and guidelines included in the Noise Assessment Report as well as other development requirements. The reason why Administration is requiring a development agreement is, this property and the Rural Zone is not subject to the Township's Site Plan Control By-Law. The Ontario Planning Act does not permit conditional zoning which is why the requirement of the development agreement is not contained in the attached amending zoning by-law however, it is contained within the proposed resolution.

Letters provided in support of the proposed amendment raised points regarding the quality of the applicant's work, a lack of wedding venues in the proposed style in the community, employment opportunities with the venue, economic growth promoted by the venue, demand for additional venues in the area, and increased tourism.

10. The Ontario Planning Act requires all complete zoning Amendment applications to be processed and a decision to be made within 90 days of receipt of a complete application. This process will not be completed within the prescribed timeframe as a decision will be made on day 284.

Based on the input received, both in writing and in person, at the public meeting from members of the public, Administration deemed it necessary to obtain more information prior to brining this report to Council with a recommendation to approve or deny the proposed amendment. Although the timeline of 90 days has been well surpassed, the time in between the public meeting and this report being brought to Council has been used to gather additional information to ensure that traffic, noise, and other concerns raised by members of the public could be addressed appropriately.

11. If approved, an approximately 8.5-acre portion of the subject property will be rezoned from Rural to Rural Exception - Twenty (RU-20) to permit a proposed full service

and turn key wedding and event venue (place of assembly) with a minimum setback of 210 meters from the front property line, with options to also permit accessory accommodations on the subject property.

Part 2 of Zoning By-law 38-09 will have the following definitions added in alphabetical order:

Accessory accommodation: means a building or structure to be used for the purpose of sleeping accommodation on a temporary basis as an accessory use to a primary use on the same lot. Accessory Accommodations may include cabins but does not include recreational vehicles, mobile homes, or camping trailers.

And Part 3 of Zoning By-law 38-09 will be amended to add the following provisions:

3.1 (12) Accessory Accommodation:

(a) No Accessory Accommodation may be established as the primary use on a lot(b)Accessory Accommodations shall be located on the same lot as the primary use to which it is related.

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(e) If plumbing facilities are installed to serve the Accessory Accommodations, they shall be serviced with an approved on-site sewage system as per the Ontario Building Code.

(f) All accessory buildings used for Accessory Accommodations shall be included in the Maximum Lot Coverage.

All other applicable provisions of Zoning By-law 38-09, as amended, shall continue to apply.

12. This proposed Zoning By-Law amendment is being recommended to be approved by Council as it is consistent with the PPS, 2020 and it conforms to the United Counties Official Plan.

13. Council also has the option to defer the application. Applications may be deferred if Council requires additional information, further staff review, or other reasons. Should Council wish to defer the applications, reasons for the deferral and direction to Staff will be required so that Staff can prepare an updated Staff Report for future consideration.

14. Council also has the option to refuse the applications. Should Council wish to refuse the applications, reasons for the refusal are required including a written explanation of the refusal.

#### IMPACT ON 2024 BUDGET: N/A

#### ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN: N/A

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Staff Report 2024-082 be received and that Council adopt Bylaw 2024-47, being a by-law to amend by-law 38-09, to rezone an 8.5 acre portion of the subject property legally described as Part of Lot 4, Concession 8, in the geographic Township of Charlottenburgh, now in the Township of South Glengarry, County of Glengarry, located at 20189 Beaupre Road (PIN # 671160128) from Rural to Rural Exception - Twenty (RU-20) to permit a proposed full service and turn key wedding and event venue (place of assembly) with a minimum setback of 210 meters from the front property line, with options to also permit accessory accommodations on the subject property, be read a first, second and third time, passed, signed and sealed this open Council, and that Council directs administration to prepare a development agreement to address the noise mitigation and other development requirements.

Recommended to Council for Consideration by: Acting CAO Dave Robertson

#### THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH GLENGARRY BY-LAW 2024-47 FOR THE YEAR 2024

#### BEING A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW 38-09, THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING BY-LAW FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH GLENGARRY

**WHEREAS** pursuant to the provisions of Section 34 of the *Planning Act,* R.S.O. 1990, as amended, Council of the Municipality may enact by-laws regulating the use of lands and the erection of buildings and structures thereon;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Township of South Glengarry deems it advisable to amend by-law 38-09, a by-law that regulates the use of land and the use and erection of buildings and structures, as thereinafter set forth;

#### NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH GLENGARRY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

**THAT** the area affected by this by-law is an 8.5 acre portion of the lot legally described as Part of Lot 4, Concession 8, in the geographic Township of Charlottenburgh, now in the Township of South Glengarry, County of Glengarry, located at 20189 Beaupre Rd. as indicated on Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this by-law.

**THAT** the affected area located at Part of Lot 4, Concession 8, in the geographic Township of Charlottenburgh, now in the Township of South Glengarry, County of Glengarry, located at 20189 Beaupre Rd. (PIN # 671160128) be rezoned from Rural to Rural Exception - Twenty (RU-20) to permit a proposed full service and turn key wedding and event venue (place of assembly) with a minimum setback of 210 meters from the front lot line with options to also permit accessory accommodations on the subject property.

**THAT** Part 2 – Definitions of Zoning By-law 38-09 is amended to add the following definition in alphabetical order:

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**THAT** Part 3 – General Provisions of Zoning By-law 38-09 is amended to add the following provisions:

3.1 (12) Accessory Accommodation:

(a) No Accessory Accommodation may be established as the primary use on a lot

(b)Accessory Accommodations shall be located on the same lot as the primary use to which it is related.

(c) Accessory Accommodations may include cabins but does not include recreational vehicles, mobile homes, or camping trailers.

(d) Alternative Accommodations shall conform to the Ontario Building Code.

(e) If plumbing facilities are installed to serve the Accessory Accommodations, they shall be serviced with an approved on-site sewage system as per the Ontario Building Code.

(f) All accessory buildings used for Accessory Accommodations shall be included in the Maximum Lot Coverage.

All other applicable provisions of Zoning By-law 38-09, as amended, shall continue to apply.

- **1. THAT** all other applicable provisions of by-law 38-09, as amended, shall continue to apply.
- 2. **THAT** this by-law shall come into force and effect and take effect pursuant to the provisions of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, as amended.

#### READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME, PASSED, SIGNED AND SEALED IN OPEN COUNCIL THIS 15th DAY OF JULY 2024.

MAYOR: CLERK:

#### BY-LAW 2024-47 EXPLANATORY NOTE

The purpose of this Amendment is to rezone the subject property from Rural to Rural Exception - Twenty (RU-20) to permit a proposed full service and turn key wedding and event venue (place of assembly), with a minimum setback of 210 meters from the front property line, with options to also permit overnight accommodations on the subject property.

And to amend Part 2 – Definitions to add the following definition in alphabetical order:

Accessory accommodation: means a building or structure to be used for the purpose of sleeping accommodation on a temporary basis as an accessory use to a primary use on the same lot. Accessory Accommodations may include cabins but does not include recreational vehicles, mobile homes, or camping trailers.

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#### Schedule "A"



Lands to be zoned to Rural Exception Twenty (RU-20)

This is Schedule "A" to By-law 2024-47 Adopted this 15th day of July, 2024

Township of South Glengarry

Mayor

Clerk



#### **Beaupre Road Traffic Conditions (2023)**

#### Background

A Public Meeting was held on Monday November 6, 2023 concerning the <u>Proposed Amendment</u> to the Township of South Glengarry's Zoning By-law 38-09. The amendment would rezone a property on Beaupre Road from Rural to Rural Exception and permit a proposed full service and turn key wedding and event venue with an option to also allow overnight accommodations.

Following the Public Meeting, it was requested that Infrastructure Services prepare a brief memorandum of the existing traffic conditions along Beaupre Road.

Beaupre Road is a rural local road located between County Road 34 and Frog Hollow Road providing land access. The Township had conducted a traffic survey along the road during August 2023 and a subsequent speed survey following the Public Meeting.

#### Traffic Survey

The August 2023 traffic survey included data collection from two sites and is summarized in the table below.

#### Table 1. Traffic Survey Summary

| Beaupre Road    | West Section                  | East Section                 |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Count Location  | 120m east of Frog Hollow Road | 200m west of County Road 34  |
| AADT            | 113 vehicles / day            | 192 vehicles / day           |
| Classification  | 79 (69%) Passenger vehicles   | 175 (91%) Passenger vehicles |
|                 | 34 (31%) Heavy vehicles       | 17 (9%) Heavy vehicles       |
| Peak Hour       | 4:00-5:00pm                   | 5:00-6:00pm                  |
| Peak Hour Total | 10 vehicles                   | 19 vehicles                  |

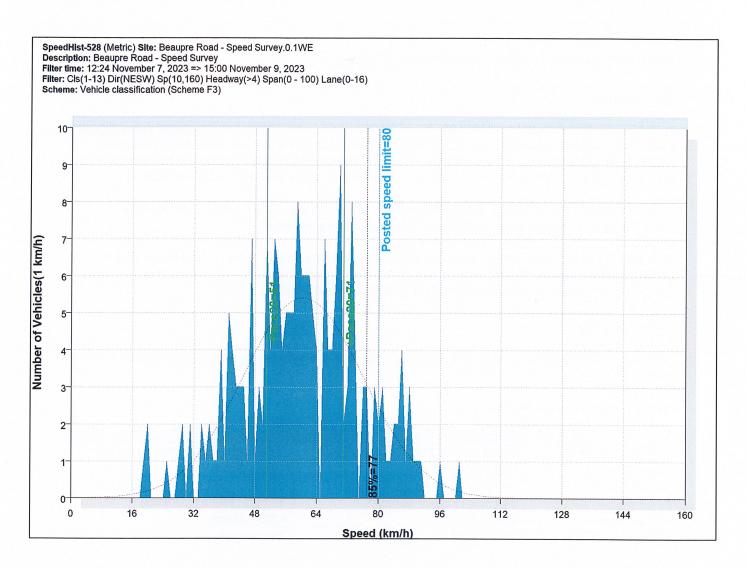
#### Speed Survey

The November 2023 speed survey included data collection near the mid-point of this segment of Beaupre Road. The data collected as part of the speed survey is summarized in the following table and graph.

#### Table 2. Speed Survey Summary

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Vehicles Counted                  | 213 vehicles         |
| Posted Speed Limit                | 80 km/h              |
| Vehicles Exceeding                | 25 vehicles (11.74%) |
| Maximum Speed                     | 101.4 km/h           |
| Average Vehicle Speed             | 60 km/h              |
| 85 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Speed | 77 km/h              |





#### **Results**

The traffic and speed surveys provide the following insights into traffic operations on Beaupre Road:

- Traffic appears to be commuter trips, with a nearly equal number of westbound and eastbound vehicles.
- Access to and from Beaupre Road is favoured from County Road 34 (192 vpd vs 113 vpd).
- The peak hour of the day includes fewer than 20 vehicles traveling along the roadway.
- Most vehicles are travelling below the posted 80 km/h speed limit with an 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed of 77 km/h.

Considering the data collected and Canadian best practices, Beaupre Road is operating as intended. It is not considered to have a traffic speed issue and there is plenty of reserve capacity for future traffic.

Infrastructure Engineering • Roads • Waste • Water



Seconded by

#### **Resolution Number**

| Title: | SUPPORT RESOLUTION - Infrastructure Small Rural Municipalities (North Glengarry) |
|--------|--|
| Date:  | Monday, July 15, 2024  |

Moved by Councillor Bougie

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

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

WHEREAS small rural municipalities are facing monumental infrastructure deficits that cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue alone; and

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

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

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

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

AND THAT both the Federal and Ontario Governments immediately commission a Working Group that includes a member of the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, to develop a plan on how to deal with the impending debt dilemma;

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

CARRIED

TIED

DEFEATED

POSTPONED

Mayor Lachlan McDonald

#### **INFORMATION REPORT**

|  | <b>REPORT TO:</b> | Council of the Township of South Glengarry               |
|--|-------------------|--|
| SOUTH Solution Solution Solution Solution Solution Solution Solution Frances Collice Heartband | MEETING DATE:     | July 15, 2024  |
|  | SUBJECT:          | Upcoming Recreation Equipment Purchases                  |
|  | PREPARED BY:      | Sherry-Lynn Harbers, GM of Parks, Recreation and Culture |

#### SOCCER GOAL FRAMES

The Township currently maintains 16 sets of permanent steel frame soccer goals, either within municipal parks, or UCDSB properties.

The Township is currently entered into an agreement with the Upper Canada District School Board (UCDSB) regarding the maintenance of the sport fields at Char-Lan District High School and Williamstown Public School. The current agreement was established in 2018 and will be reviewed/renewed in 2028.

Currently, the Township does not pay fees for the use of the sport fields, and any soccer field bookings that take place on the mentioned properties are completed through Township administration. Proper insurance is supplied to the UCDSB for all rentals.

The UCDSB is responsible for the grass cutting, while the Township is responsible for lining of the fields, as well as the maintenance and replacement of capital items (soccer goals, bleachers, lighting systems, etc.). The installation of soccer goals must meet the OSBIE and UCDSB installation guidelines. If the maintenance is not completed and/or the Township does not comply with the agreement, the UCDSB can remove any such capital items at the Township's expense.

Several soccer goals at both schools have required repairs over the last couple of years. The Township and UCDSB has been working together to identify the goals that should be replaced for the safety of both school and program participants. The following goals have been identified to be replaced.

- 3 sets of 24' X 8' goals
- 2 sets of 10' X 5' goals

To comply with the UCDSB requirements for equipment, the UCDSB will be issuing the procurement for these items, however, as per the agreement, the Township will be responsible for funding these items. Based on quotes received through the UCDSB, it is expected that these items will cost approximately \$35,000. Administration has been made aware that the items will be procured in 2024. These items have not been included in the 2024 budget; however, the Minor Sports Program Reserve Fund currently has \$72,481.

#### **BLEACHERS**

The Township currently maintains approximately 14 bleachers within municipal parks by painting annually and replacing boards as needed. Administration will be researching costs and options for aluminum bleacher replacements at high use sites, and sites that are requiring more repairs. Aluminum bleachers are typically what organizations are upgrading to when requiring replacements. They are assembled with an anchoring system however can be moved easily if needed. They are also more durable and easier to maintain than wooden structures.

#### **PICNIC TABLES**

The Township currently maintains approximately 40 picnic tables across municipal parks and facilities by painting and replacing boards as needed. As picnic tables need to be replaced, they have been replaced with recycled plastic picnic tables, either A frame or accessible hexagon frames. The recycled plastic picnic tables are a heavier frame, which results in less damage (dropping into the water, flipping upside down, removal of boards, etc.), and they are easier to maintain and have a longer life cycle. Operationally, the department will continue to repair as needed and replace as necessary.











# SOUTH J

# Departmental Q2 Reports

# July 15th, 2024























## SOUTH JE GLENGARRY

# Fire Services

Dave Robertson



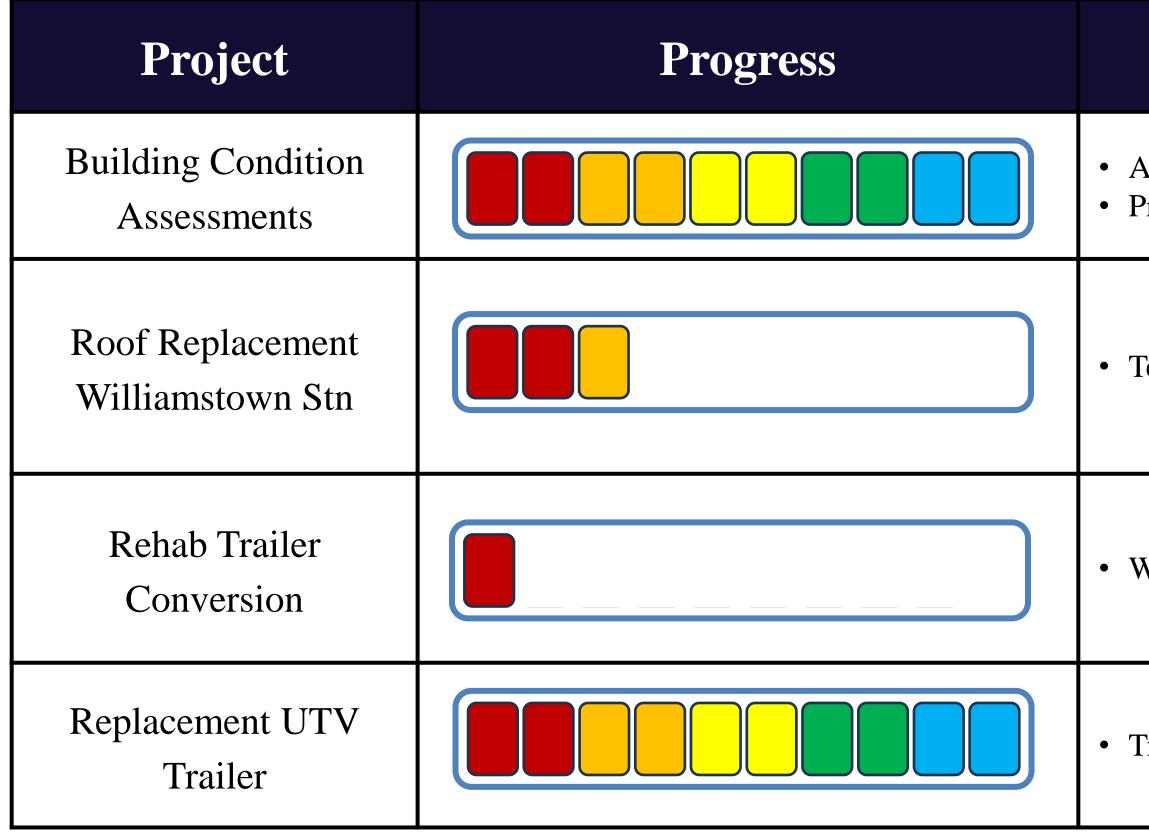
















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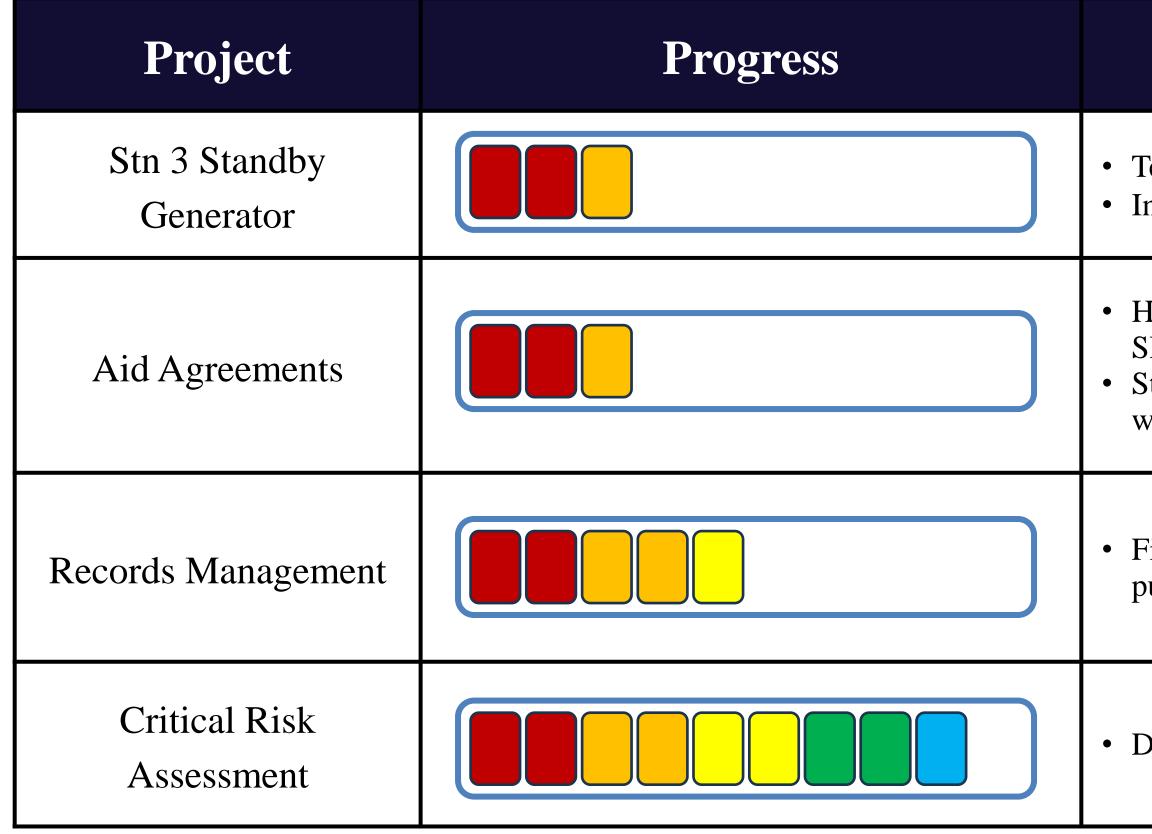
• Assessments Completed • Presentation on April 2, 2024

• Tender awarded in July

• Work on rehab (enclosed) trailer conversion in Q2

• Trailer is now in service

# FIRE: PROJECTS & INITIATIVES







### Notes

• Tender awarded July 2<sup>nd</sup> • Installation being scheduled

• Hazardous Materials Response Agreement with SDG and Cornwall • St. Lawrence River Marine Response Agreement with Cornwall and Akwesasne

• First Due Records Management Program has been purchased and it is in the on-boarding stage

• Draft received and under review

# FIRE: PROJECTS & INITIATIVES

# **Administration Highlights**

- Planning for the Apr. 8th Solar Eclipse
- Attended the ON Fire Chief Conference, Queens Park • Advocacy Day, Strategic Planning Event, and SDG Municipal Summit
- NRCan Earthquake Monitor installed at Lancaster • Station
- Implementing a new inventory system on all apparatus to ensure operational readiness

# **Operations Highlights**

- Assisted with the Raisin River Canoe Race, Optimist Bike
- Safety events
- Annual Pumper truck testing
- SDG Paramedic response protocols program change
- review as it relates to Fire Medical tiered response





# FIRE: ADMINISTRATION & OPERATIONS

# **Station Training**

- **Rescue Scenarios**  $\bullet$
- Industrial Facility Fire Tactical Operations •
- Ice Water Rescue •

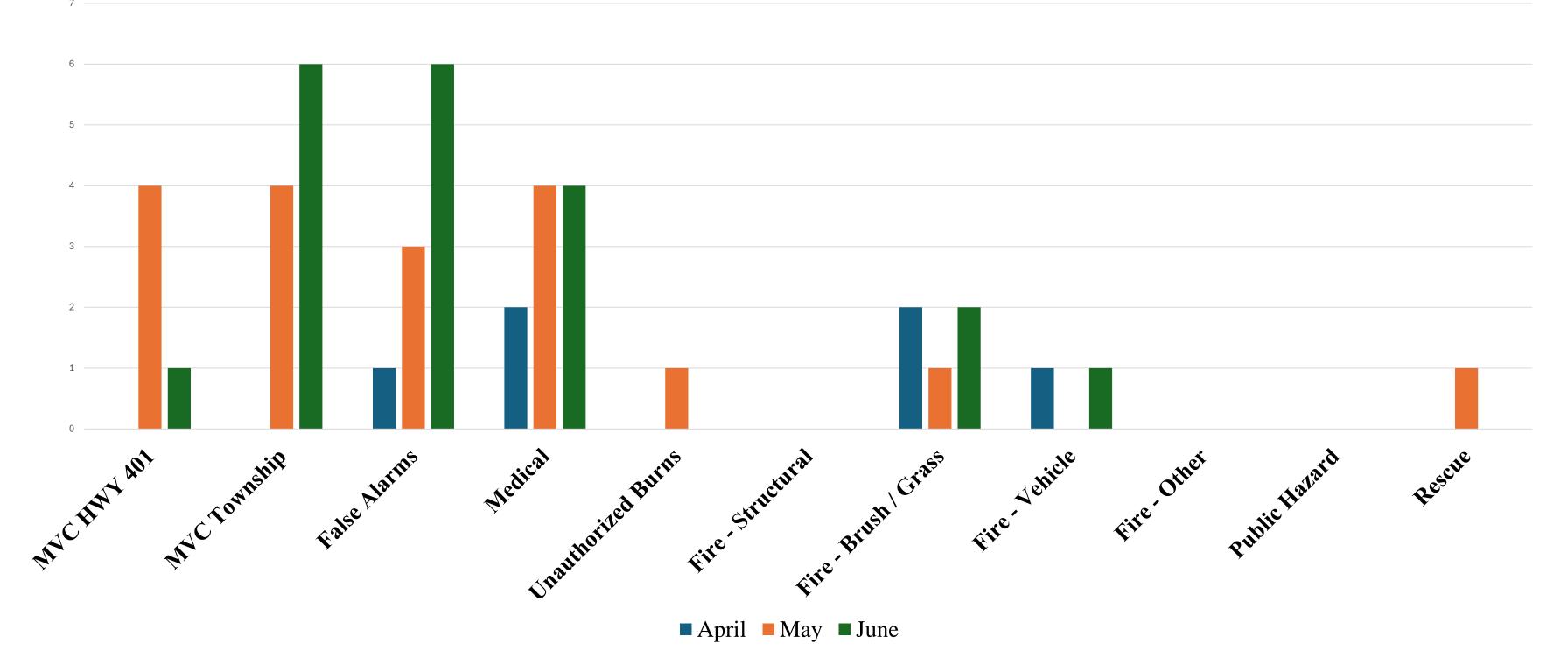
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# **Certification Progress**

- NFPA 1001 Firefighter I Course completed •
- NFPA 1072 HazMat Ops Course 24-1 completed •
- 4 Staff completed RPAS (Drone) Certification •



## 2024 Q2 Fire Responses





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## FIRE RESPONSES













# Finance

Kaylyn MacDonald













# Highlights

## **Regional Activities**

- Eastern Ontario Treasurers' Meeting
- SDG Treasurers' Meeting
- SDG Municipal Summit
- AMCTO Annual Conference

#### Committees

OMTRA Education Committee Meeting

## Training

- MFOA Budget Workshop (Kingston)
- First Aid / CPR Level 'C' completed by three Finance staff
- Onboarding and training of new Finance staff

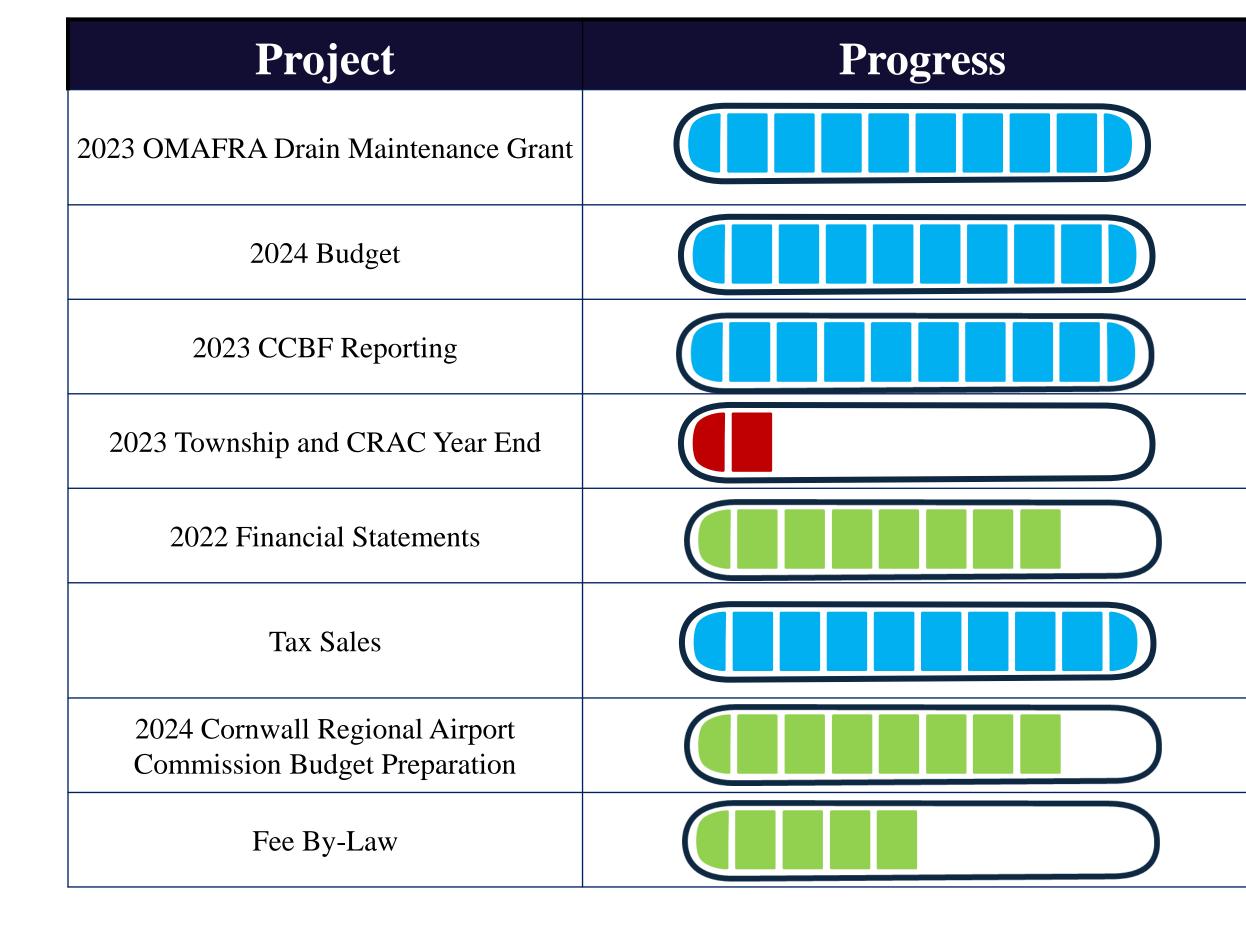


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## FINANCE







#### Notes

Applied for grant funding of \$27,845 based on over \$120k of municipal drain maintenance completed in 2023

Revisions circulated for review and by-law passed on May 21, 2024

#### Complete

#### Underway

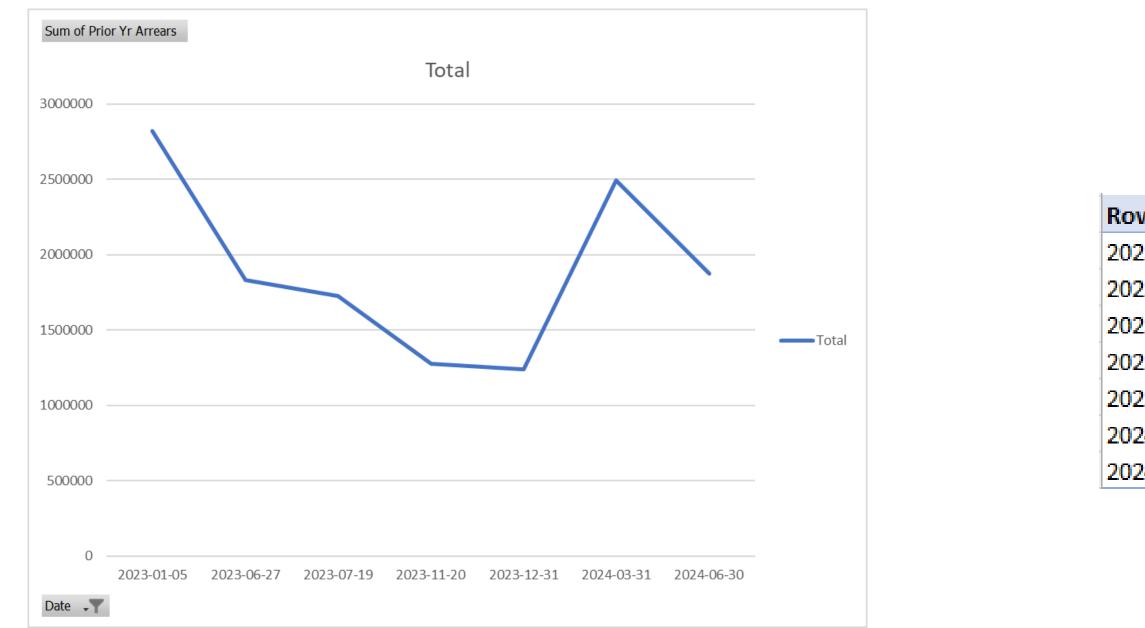
Provided additional information to auditors (April), awaiting completed statements

Conducted Tax Sale May 1<sup>st</sup> for 3 files, all files are now considered closed and payments made into court.

Scheduled

Underway and actively being worked on

# FINANCE: Q2 FINANCIAL REPORTING



Prior year tax arrears for taxes older than 2 years are trending downwards compared to the same period of 2023, however, an increase in arrears is evident in unpaid 2023 taxes. Tax arrears notices were sent on June 19th to all taxpayers in arrears.

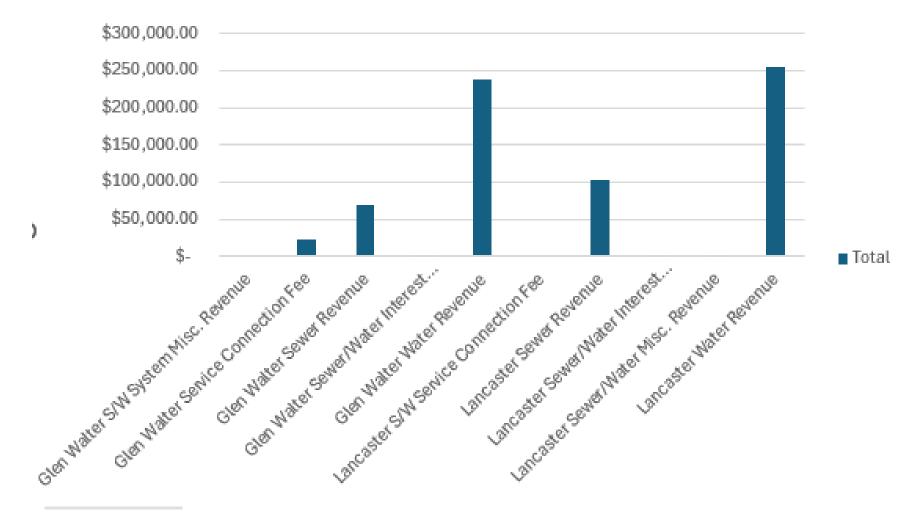




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| 23-01-05   | \$        | 2,822,328.65 |
| 23-06-27   | \$        | 1,833,072.06 |
| 23-07-19   | \$        | 1,727,506.49 |
| 23-11-20   | \$        | 1,274,019.52 |
| 23-12-31   | \$        | 1,235,928.41 |
| 24-03-31   | \$        | 2,494,435.91 |
| 24-06-30   | \$        | 1,870,842.52 |

# FINANCE: Q2 PRIOR YEAR TAX ARREARS

- Accounts Payable YTD Paid Report: \$13,537,379.05
- Water and Wastewater YTD Revenues:







# FINANCE: YTD FINANCE STATS

#### Water and Wastewater YTD Revenues











# SOUTH GLENGARRY Infrastructure Services

**Q2 Report** 













# **Highlights**

## Training

- First Aid / CPR Level 'C'
- TJ Mahony Road School
- CS Anderson Road School
- DWQMS Audits for Leadership

## **Committees of Council**

Environment Committee Meetings (May and June)

## **Regional Activities**

- Eastern Ontario Truck Rodeo (always fun)
- 2024 Municipal Public Works Trade Show
- SDG Summit (Presentations on Regional Waste Management and Asset Rationalization)







# South Glengarry – Draft Road Classifications



# **INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES**

## **Good Roads Conference (April 2024)**







# INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

| Project   | Progress | Notes                                |
|---|----------|--------------------------------------|
| 2023 Carry Fwd<br>Sabourin / Anderson Resurfacing |          | Complete                             |
| Second Line Road Resurfacing                      |          | Scheduled                            |
| Glen Road Resurfacing                             |          | Complete                             |
| Tyotown Wall Removal                              |          | Underway                             |
| North Branch Road Resurfacing                     |          | Scheduled                            |
| 30018, Concrete Repairs                           |          | Scheduled                            |
| 30044, Expansion Joint Replacement                |          | Scheduled                            |
| 30054, Structure Evaluation                       |          | Not Started<br>(Summer 2024 Project) |
| 30003, Closure                                    |          | Complete                             |





## INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES, CAPITAL

| Project   | Progress | Notes                         |
|---|----------|-------------------------------|
| 2023 Carry Fwd<br>Streetlight Conversion – Ph 2 |          | Complete                      |
| 2024 Road Needs Study                           |          | In-Progress                   |
| Active Transportation and Trails Plan           |          | Invitational Workshop (April) |
| GW Expansion EA                                 |          | On Hold                       |
| GW Water Tower Design and<br>Construction       |          | Design In-Progress            |
| GW / L / GV<br>Collection System Rehabiliation  |          | Issued for Procurement        |
| GV Portable Generator                           |          | Issued for Procurement        |





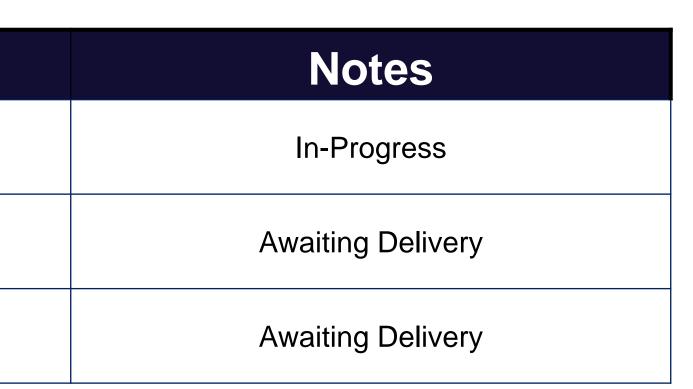
# INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES, CAPITAL

| Project             | Progress |
|---------------------|----------|
| Grader              |          |
| Tandem w/ Equipment |          |
| One-Tonne Pick-up   |          |



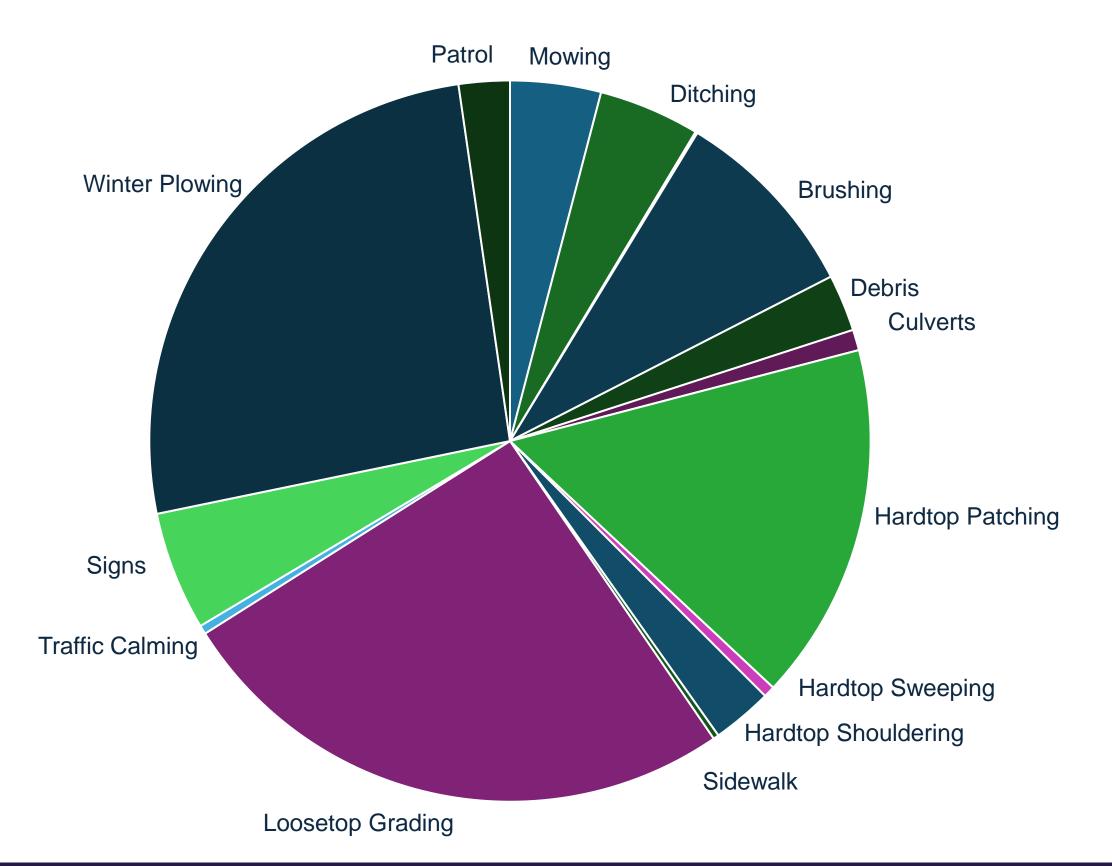






# INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES, CAPITAL

## **Roads Staffing Allocation**





# INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES: ROADS Q1/2

# Permitting



## **Glen Walter**

- Filter media addition
- Collection system spot repairs
- Turbidity upgrades
- Hypo line replacement
- Hydrant flushing and maintenance
- Valve maintenance
- Intake and effluent inspections

## Redwood

- Hydrant flushing and maintenance
- Valve maintenance

## **MECP** Inspections

• Three (3) facilities



- Hydrant flushing and maintenance • Valve maintenance Intake and effluent inspections Overflow at lagoon

- **Green Valley**  Lagoon samples • New pump station level controller
- Annual lagoon discharge (April)

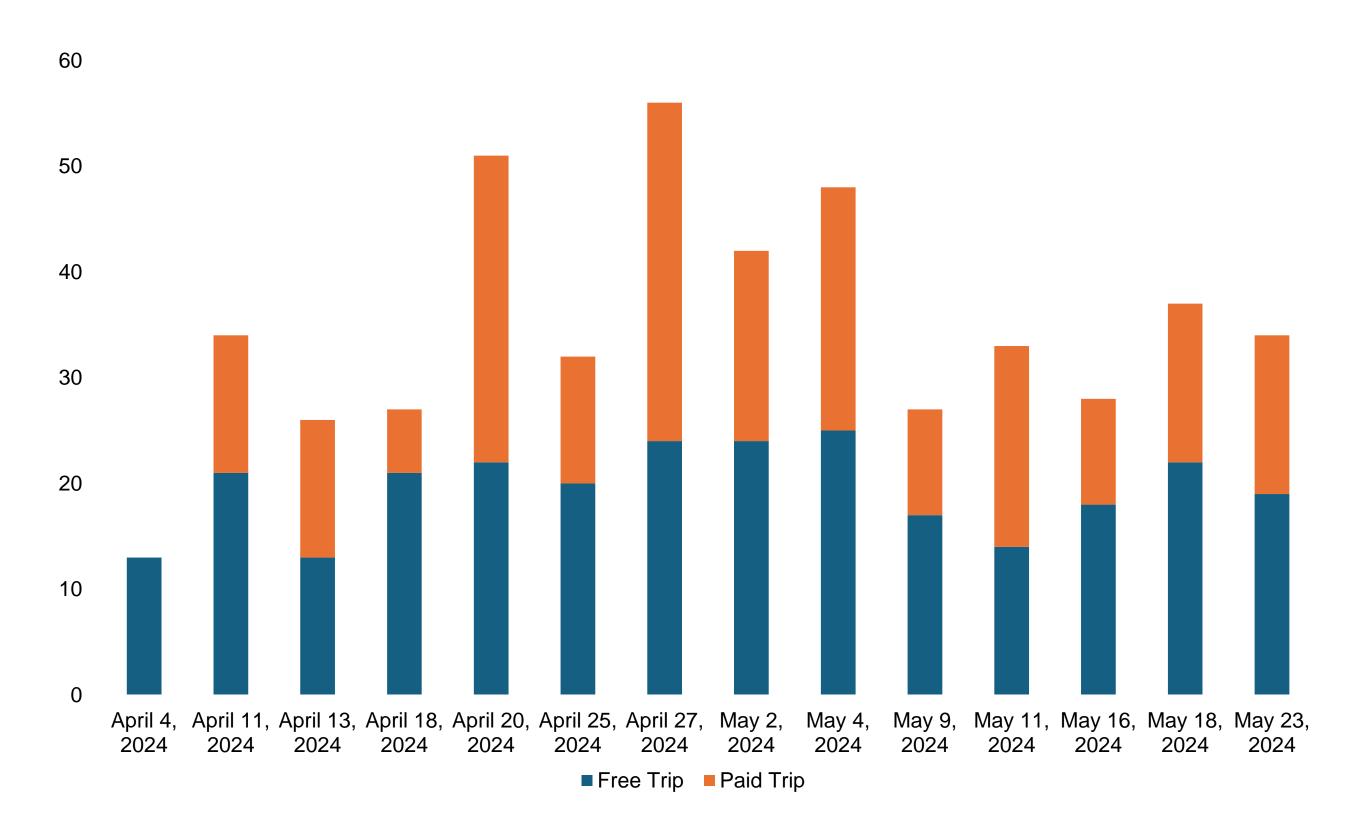
## **Services**

## SOUTH Glengarry

• One (1) service install Two (2) service leaks fixed

## **INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES: WATER Q2**

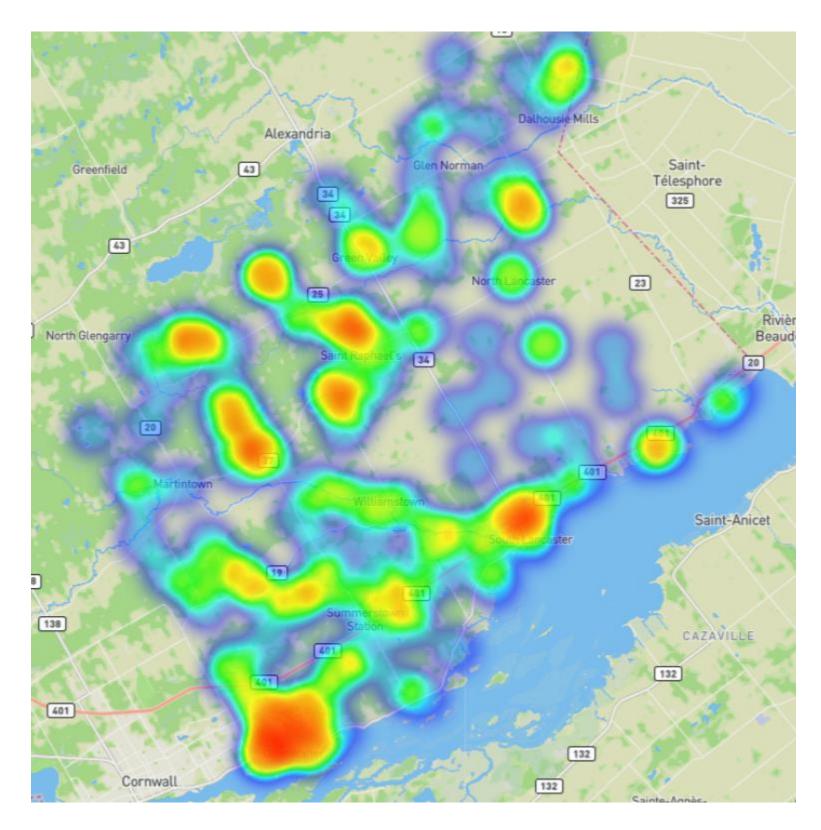
## Landfill: North Lancaster (April, May), Beaver Brook (June, missing)



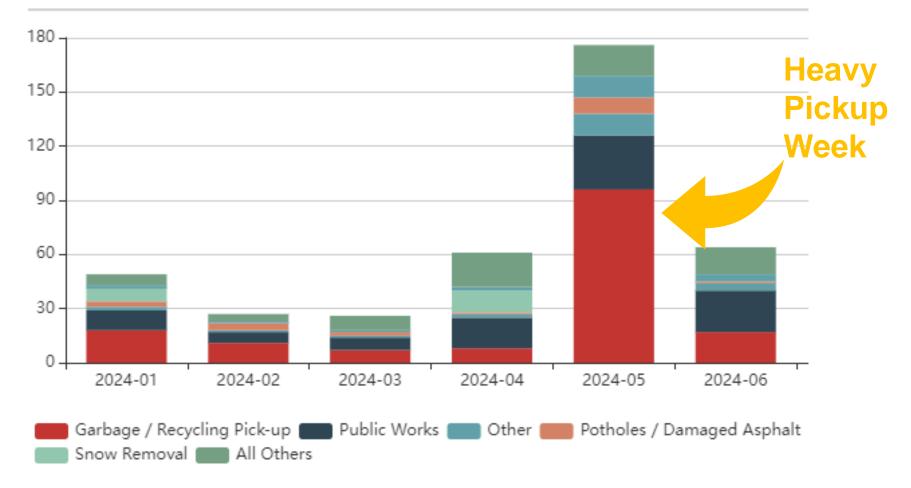


# INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES: WASTE Q2

# Customer Service (E11): January – June 2024













#### **Over 400 concerns / requests** received and logged this year!

#### Case Volume by Category (Open/Closed)

# **INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES**

# **Q2 Special Projects**



#### **Digital Road Patrol**



**Implemented** digital road patrol software to assist with reporting compliance with the Minimum Maintenance Standards for Municipal Highways (O. Reg. 239/02)



Enrolled in the **new** emissions and safety inspection program for heavy-duty diesel commercial, light-duty and passenger motor vehicles.

Timely registration provided the Township with a free tablet for use with the DriveON program.





#### **DriveON Enrolment**



#### **Collection System Spot** Repair

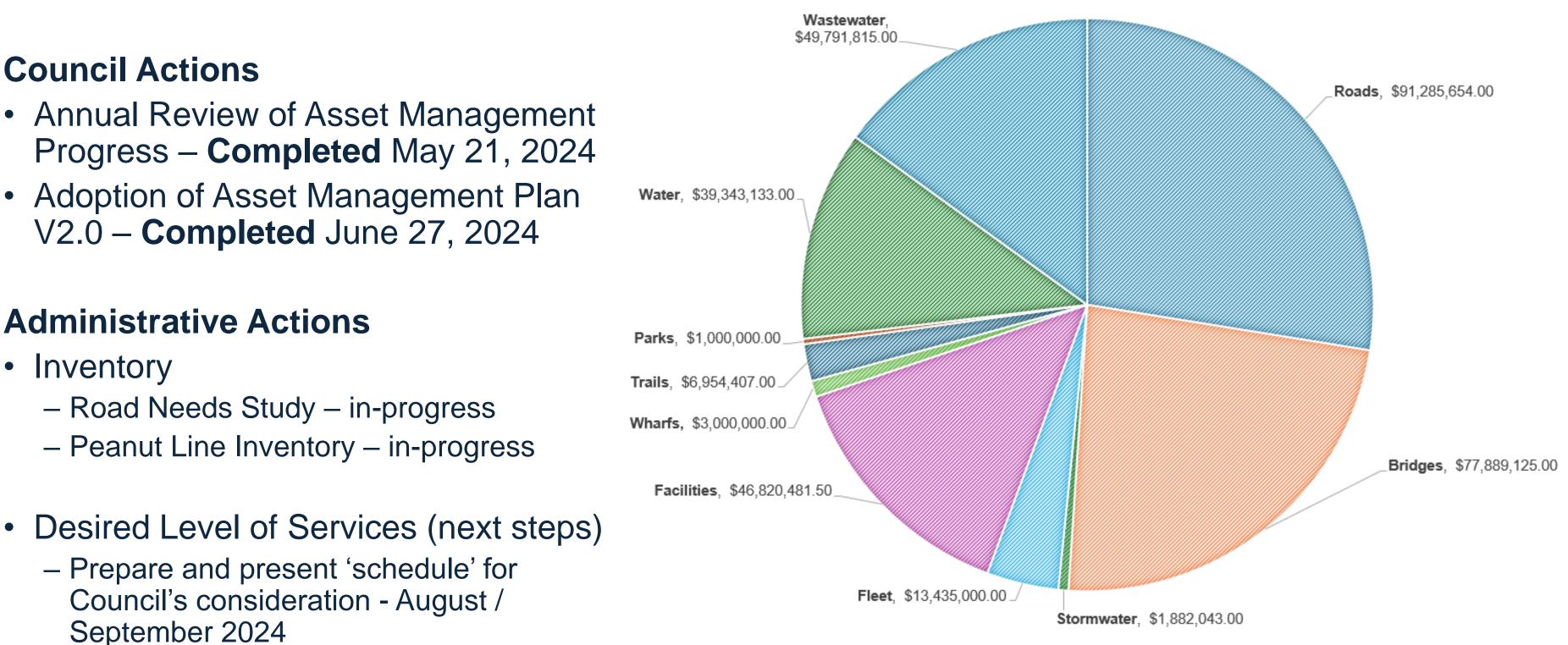


Completed spot repairs on the Glen Walter wastewater collection system.

Spot repairs were **digless** and performed with minimum disruption to customers.

# INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

### **Asset Management**







### **INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES**

### **Council Requests**

| ID      | Reference                   | ltem  | Status                 |
|---------|-----------------------------|---|------------------------|
| 2021-01 | Council Mtg<br>Oct 4, 2021  | Traffic Calming Policy  | On Hold                |
| 2022-02 | Council Mtg<br>Jun 6, 2022  | Berish Purcell Agreement Drain  | On Hold                |
| 2022-02 | Council Mtg<br>Dec 5, 2022  | Wharf Assets<br>10-year maintenance and rehabilitation plan (SR 193-2022)             | Underway<br>(AMP V2.0) |
| 2023-01 | Council Mtg<br>June 5, 2023 | Public Equipment on Private Road  | On Hold                |
| 2024-01 | Council Mtg<br>Feb 5, 2024  | Undertake Asset Rationalization for Municipal Roads and Bridge<br>Assets (SR 2024-13) | Ongoing                |
| 2024-02 | Council Mtg<br>Feb 20, 2024 | Vessel Restriction Regulation<br>Notify Transport Canada (SR 2024-24)                 | Complete               |
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### **INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES**













# Corporate Services

Kayce Dixon





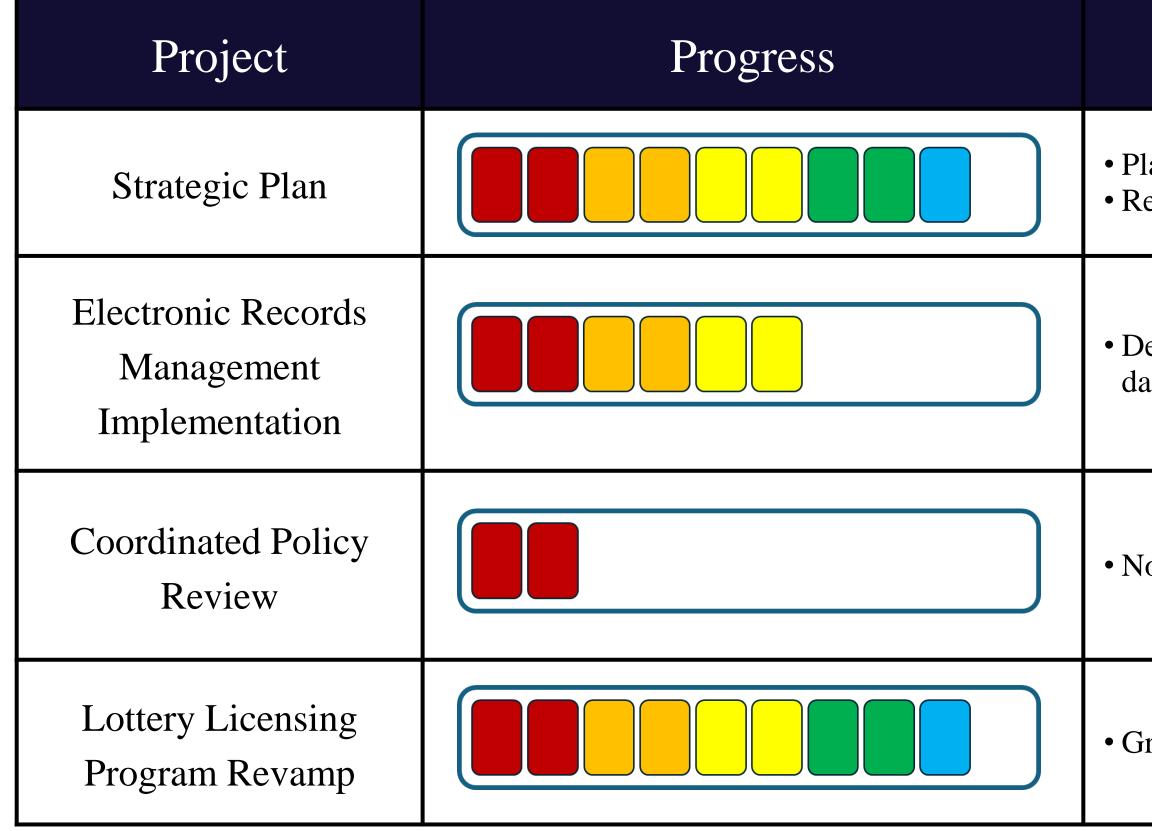
















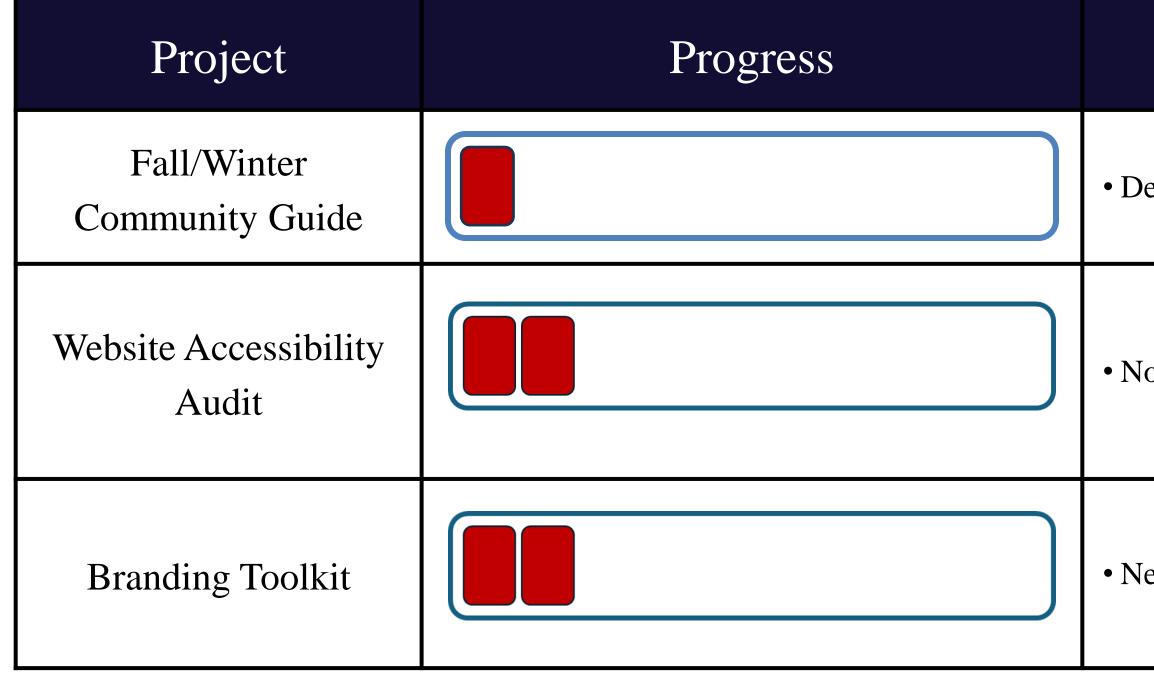


• Planning sessions complete • Report under review

• Decision to change organization structure to a dataset/folder model

• No progress to report

• Group information session planned for September







• Departments contacted to start planning content

• No progress to report

• New PowerPoint template being tested

# CAO

- Research/meetings regarding Cornwall Regional Airport partnership.
- Meetings with area CAOs regarding corporate matters of • mutual interest and sharing models.
- Strategic Planning sessions with Council and senior staff.

-Report in review and employee input being attained in July.

# CLERK







- •Began preparation for Fall/Winter Community Guide.
- •Completed and submitted insurance renewal package.
- •Organization of strategic planning.
- •Summer student onboarding preparation.

## CS: OPERATIONS & ADMINISTRATION

# **Ongoing Recruitment**

- CAO
- **Recreation Facility Operator** •
- **Roads Manager** •

## **Vacancies Filled**

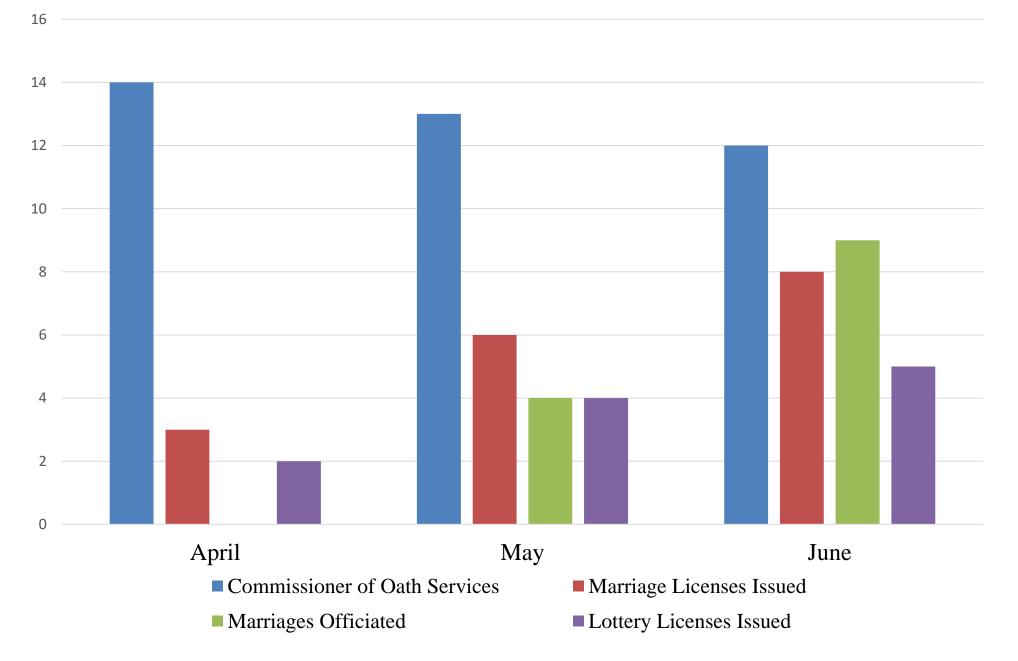
- GM Finance/Treasurer •
- Finance Clerk •
- **Financial Analyst** •





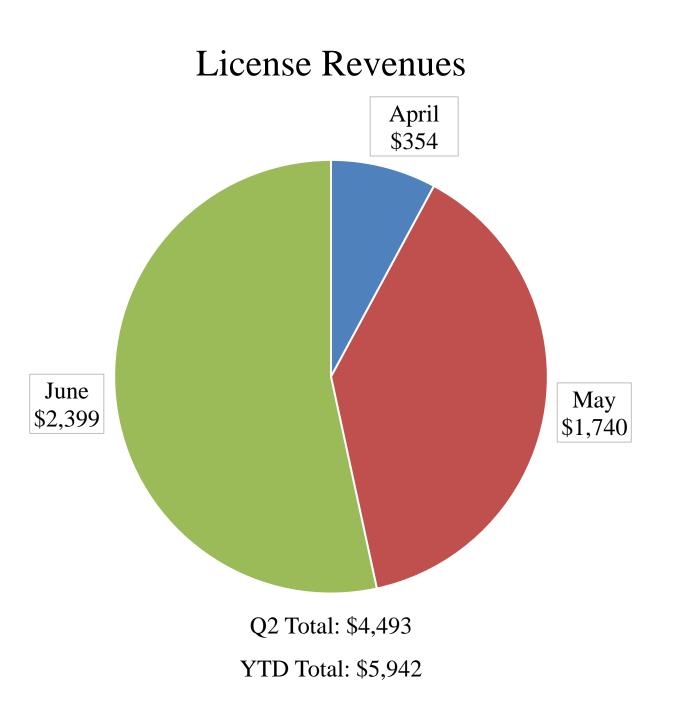
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### **Public Services Rendered**

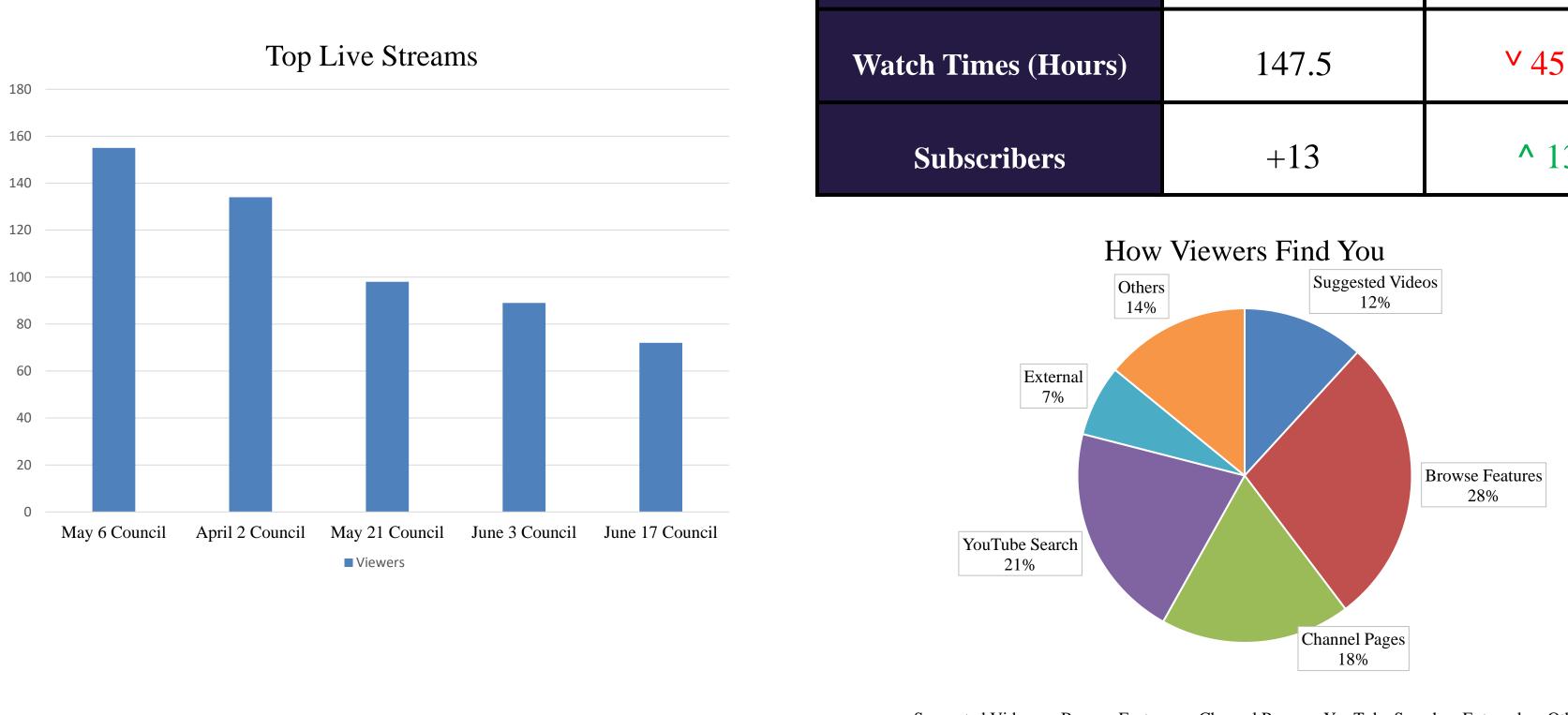








### **OPERATIONS: CORPORATE SERVICES**



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# **CS: COMMUNICATIONS - YOUTUBE**

### Posts with Highest Reach 35,000 30,000 **Total Reac** 25,000 **Content Intera** 20,000 15,000 **Profile Vis** 10,000 **Total Net Foll** 5,000 0 **Bear Sighting County Road 34 Cemetery Road New Deputy Fire** Stop Up & Close **Bridge Closure Chief Introduction Kinloch Road Railroad Crossing**





Closure

| ch     | 87,951 | ^ 239.4%       |
|--------|--------|----------------|
| action | 4,735  | ^ 137.9%       |
| sits   | 229    | <b>^</b> 94.1% |
| lowers | 6,100  | ^ 154          |

### CS: COMMUNICATIONS - FACEBOOK

### **Notable Social Media Campaigns:**

- Pulse of the Township Survey
- May is Mental Health Awareness Month
- Recruitment
  - Recreation Facility Operator
  - CAO
  - Finance Clerk
- Active Transportation Survey
- Emergency Preparedness Week 2024
- Tick & Lyme Disease Safety
- Burn Permit Reminders



It's okay to not be okay!

Now is a great time to check in on yourself and your loved ones

Mental health is important at every age and mental illness can impact anyone!

South 👽 Glengarry







May 5-11, 2024 Remember to be prepared and know your risks!

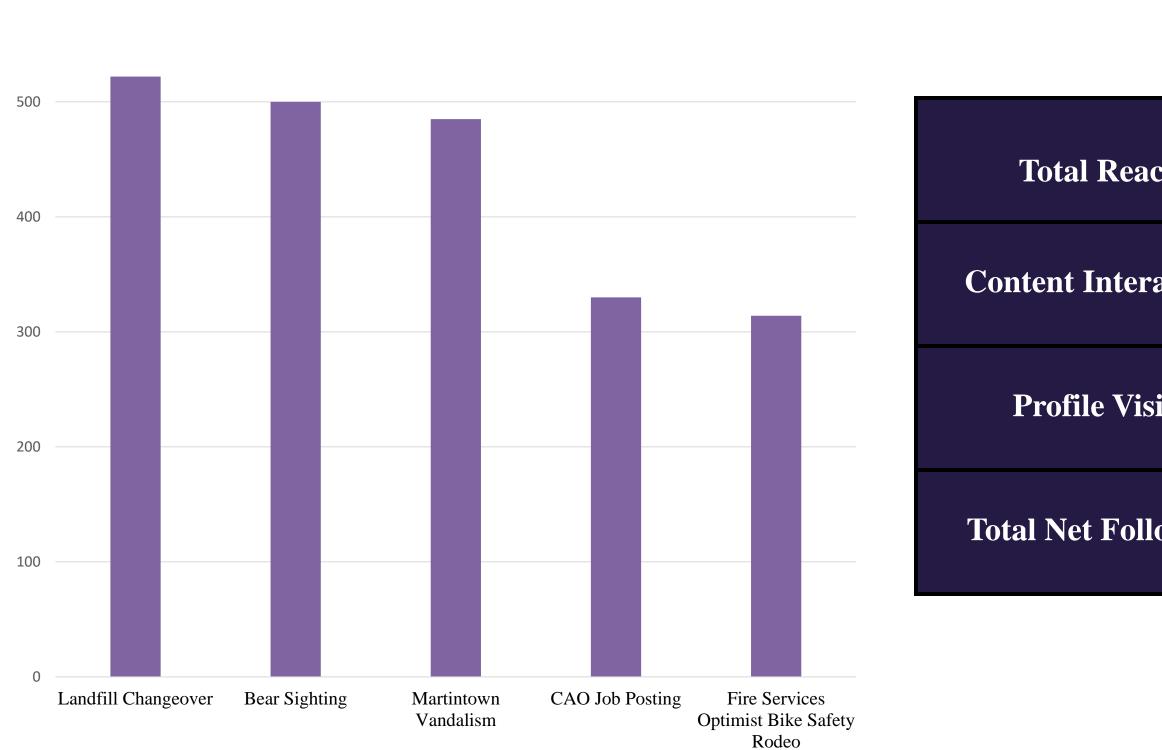


#EPWeek2024 #ReadyforAnything



### CS: COMMUNICATIONS - FACEBOOK

### Posts with Highest Reach





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| action | 292   | ^ 183.5%       |
| sits   | 229   | <b>^</b> 94.1% |
| lowers | 1,320 | <b>^</b> 14    |

### CS: COMMUNICATIONS - INSTAGRAM











# SOUTH JUIN GLENGARRY Parks, Recreation, & Culture

Sherry-Lynn Harbers





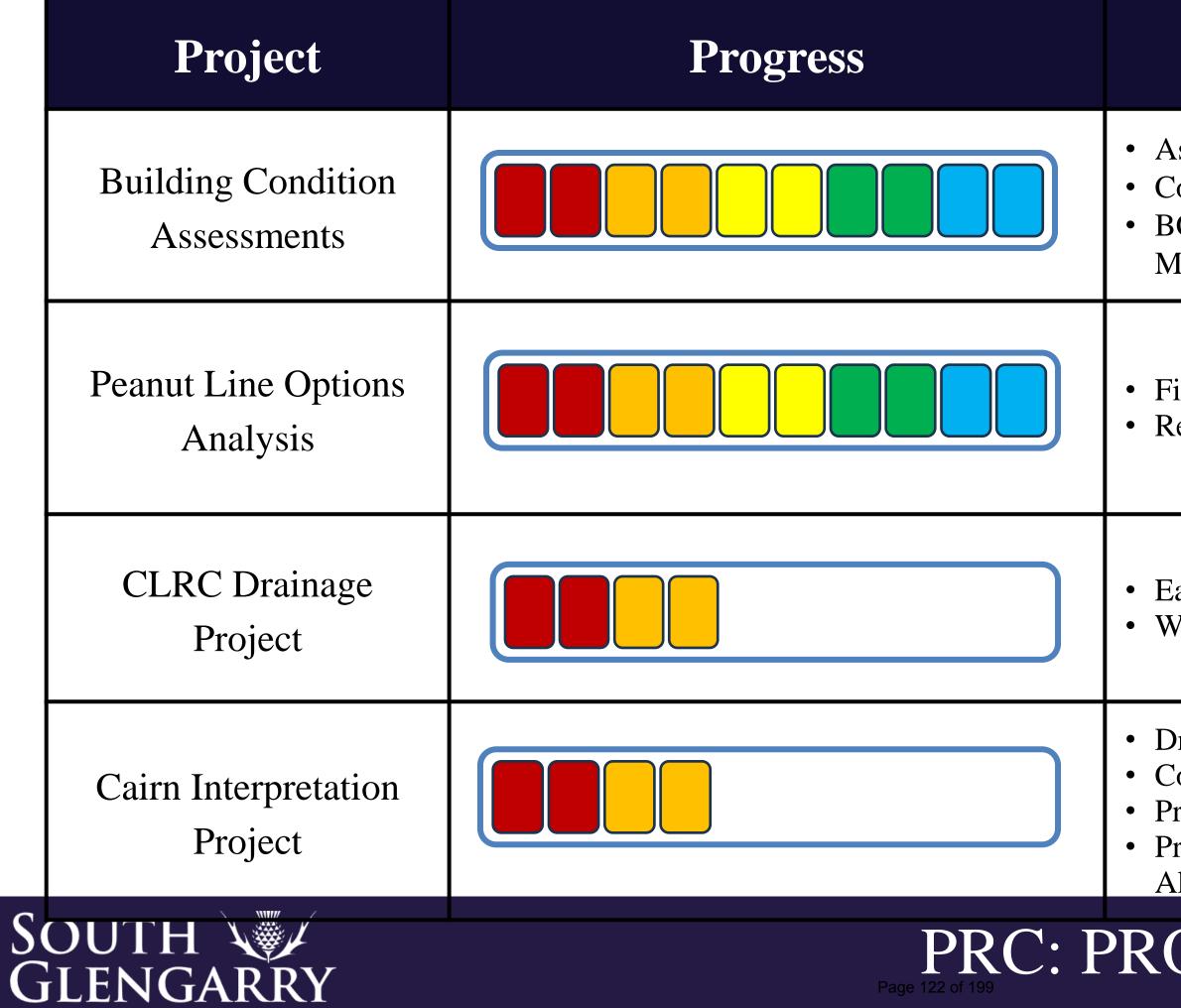










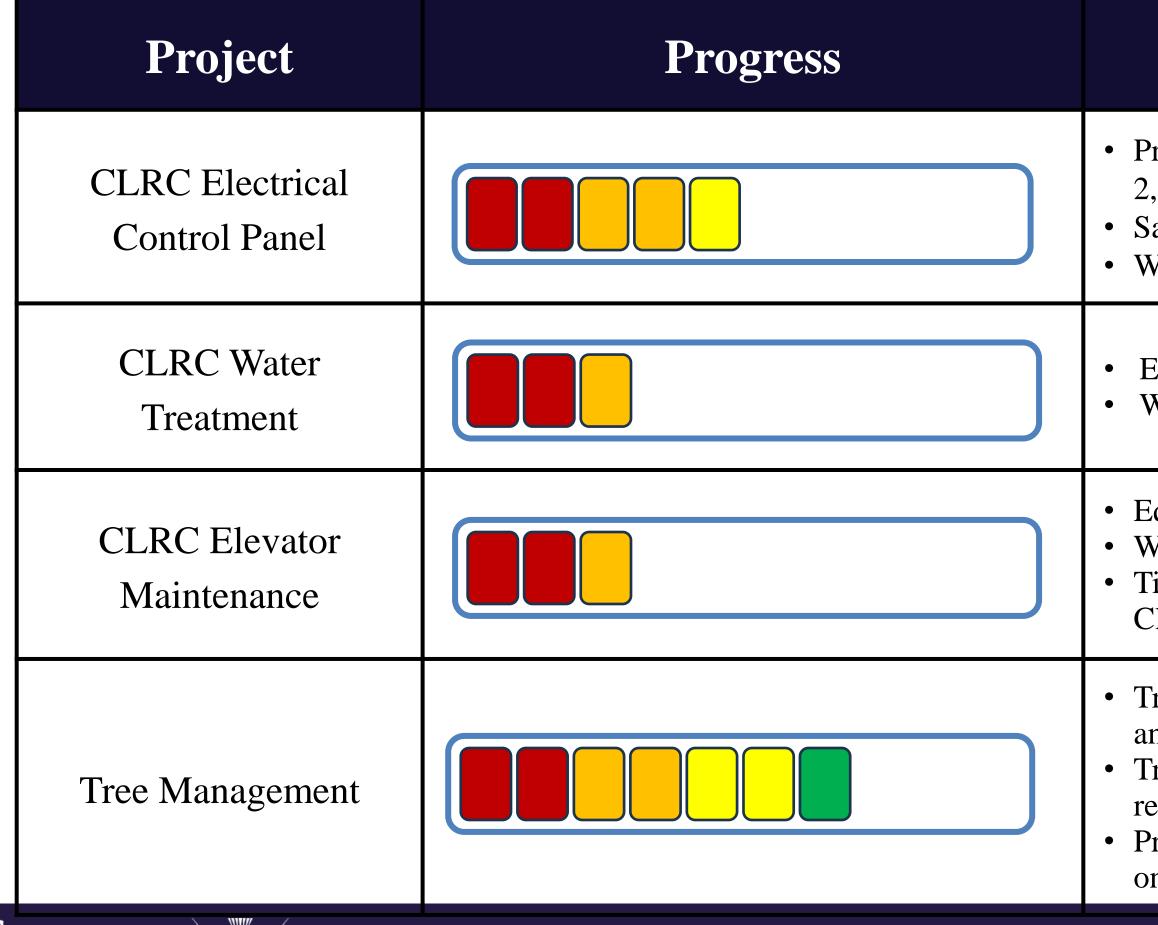


Assessments Completed
Council Presentation on April 2, 2024
BCA Reports implemented into Asset Management Plan

Final acceptance of report – July 2, 2024
Report to be used for future considerations

Easement Agreement in progressWork is planned to be completed in 2024

Draft RFP for consultation services completed
Consultation services to be completed in 2024
Project to be implemented in 2025
Project is in coordination with Mohawk Council of Akwesasne and Parks Canada





• Project awarded to CIMCO Refrigeration at April 2, 2024 Council Meeting • Save on Energy Funding application started • Work to be completed in Q3

Equipment ordered • Work to be completed in Q3

• Equipment ordered • Work to be completed in Q3 • Timeframe communicated with Boys and Girls Club

• Tree planting event at Glen Gordon with RRCA and UCDSB - June 21, 2024 • Tree removal and monitoring as needed for remainder of 2024 • Procurement awarded through Inf. Services for ongoing maintenance

| Project                              | Progress |  |
|--------------------------------------|----------|--|
| Lan-Char Medical<br>Centre Generator |          | <ul> <li>Pro Mo</li> <li>Mo</li> <li>To</li> </ul> |
| Jack Danaher Park<br>Well            |          | • W  |
| Secure Canteen<br>Contractor         |          | <ul> <li>Te to</li> <li>Co</li> </ul>              |
| Sponsorship<br>Agreements            |          | • Aş<br>Ju   |



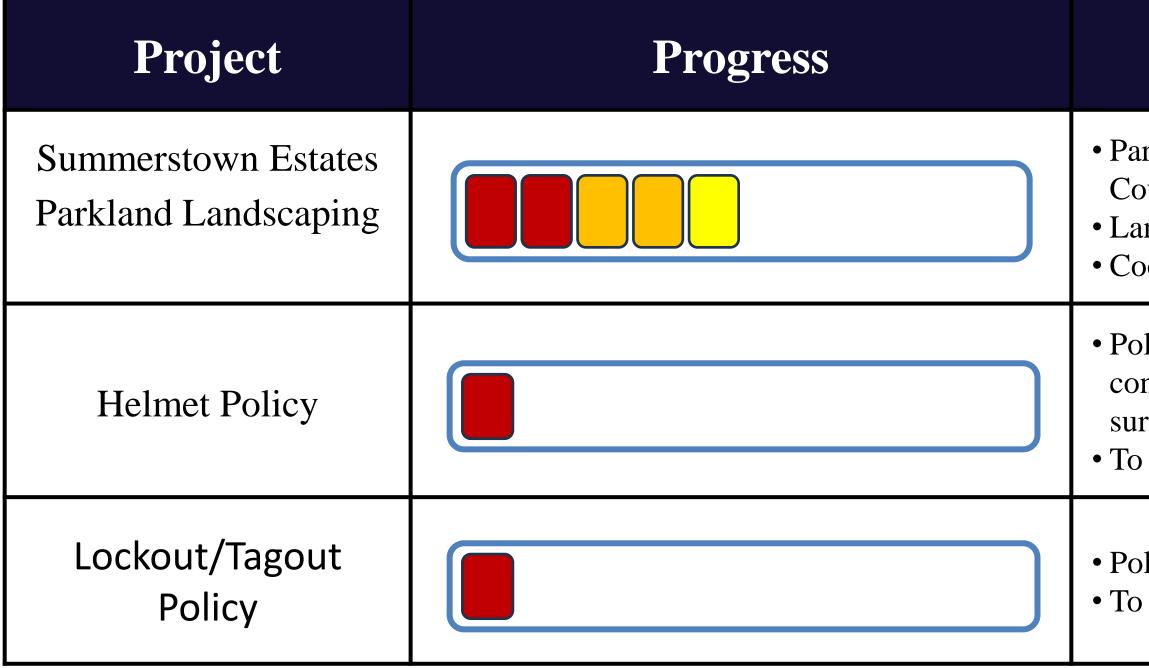


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Work to be completed in Q3

ender awarded at June 3, 2024 Council Meeting o Snack Shack Canteen Contractor to start October 14, 2024

greements for 2024/2025 ice season accepted at une 17, 2024 Council Meeting







• Parkland allocation determined at July 2, 2024 Council meeting • Landscaping to begin in 2024 • Coordinating with community group representative

• Policy will be developed that will require staff and contractors performing any maintenance on the ice surface to wear a helmet.

• To be developed in Q3

• Policy established in 2022 • To be reviewed and renewed in Q3

# **Administration Highlights**

- Minor Sport Registration and program operations
- Pre-Season Convenor meeting Char-Lan Minor Soccer
- Inclusive Community Grant Grant Application Submitted
- Cairn Island Interpretation Site Working Group •
- Leased Property research and market rate analysis
- Post ice season meetings with organizations
- Active Transportation and Trails Plan Community Workshop
- Grass Mowing Contracts and Site Visits
- Meeting with GNWL Museum Board re; site maintenance and operations
- Non-Core Asset information for Asset Management Plan
- UCDSB Annual Community Planning and Partnership Meeting
- Parks and Recreation Ontario Annual General Meeting

# **Administration Highlights**

- SDG Municipal Summit  $\bullet$

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# Training

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Lancaster Optimists Appreciation Event Meeting with Skate Ontario/Char-Lan Skating Club re; potential program opportunities Enabling Accessibility Fund – Press Release Issued

Attended the Parks and Recreation Ontario Conference April 16 to April 19, 2024 Completed Asset Management Levels of Service

Workshop hosted by KPMG

First Aid/CPR completed by all departmental staff

# PRC: ADMINISTRATION & TRAINING

# **Operations**

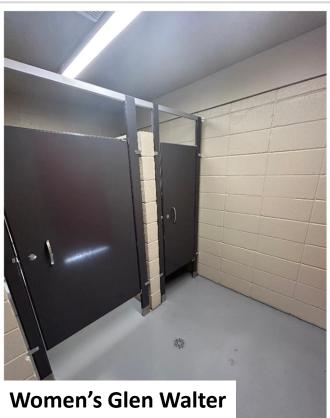
- Post ice season arena maintenance
- Tennis/Pickleball Courts pressure washing and prepare for season
- Opening of outdoor washroom sites, painting and repairs of Glen Walter Washrooms
- Resurface and prepare baseball diamonds and soccer fields
- Splash Pad Replace Solenoids
- Splash Pad EOHU Inspection and Opened May 24
- Lancaster flower box installs
- Arena Dressing Room Upgrades
- Solar Eclipse Event Monitoring and Clean Up of Public Spaces

### **Support**

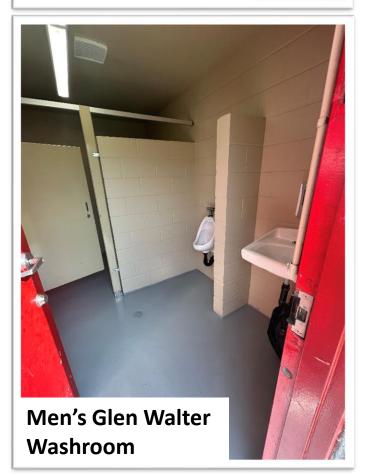
- Raisin River Canoe Race
- Char-Lan Rock Concert
- Glengarry Mental Health Initiative Soccer Tournament
- Canada Day Smithfield Park and Martintown **Community Centre**







Washroom



### **PRC: OPERATIONS**

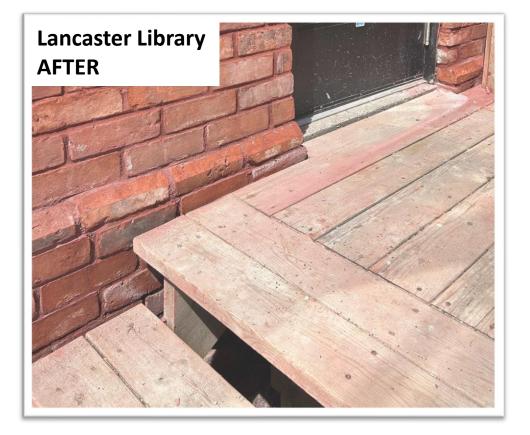
# Operations

- Repair soccer goals at Williamstown Public School
- Addressing ongoing vandalism (Glen Walter Park, Martintown Community Park, Wharf)
- Lancaster Legion site visit Generator installed
- Window repair and shade replacement Tartan Hall
- Coordinating with Glengarry Brigade re; changes i.e. updated in ice logo, scheduling, etc.
- Purchase of new shuffleboard court for Martintown Community Centre
- Accessible ramp repairs Glen Walter Park & GNWL Museum
- EOHU Kitchen Inspections Jack Danaher, GNWL Museum, Tartan Hall, Green Valley, North Lancaster, Paul Rozon
- Brick repairs GNWL Museum and Lancaster Library

### Lancaster Library BEFORE

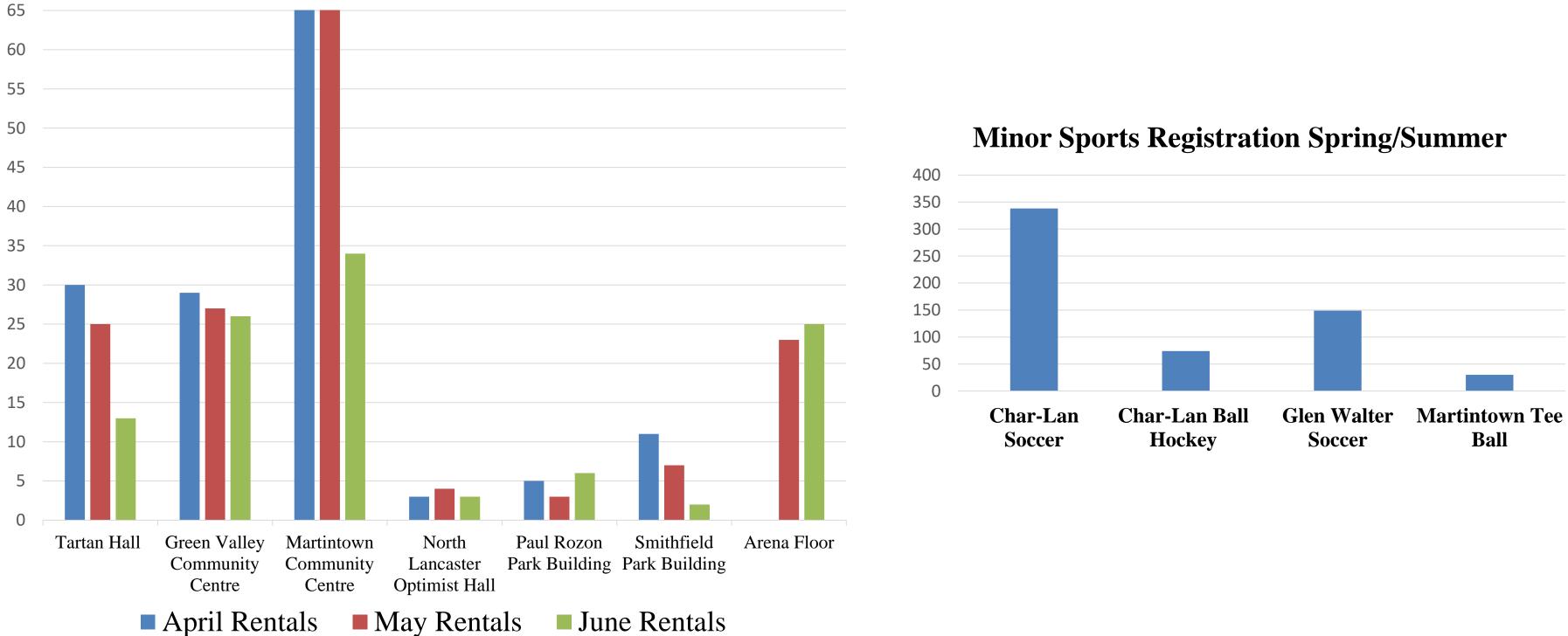






## PRC: OPERATIONS

### **Community Centre Rentals**







### PRC: FACILITIES AND PROGRAM STATS











# South GLENGARRY Planning, Building, & Enforcement

Joanne Haley













| Project                            | Progress |                    |
|------------------------------------|----------|--------------------|
| New Comprehensive Zoning By-law    |          | Comme              |
| Heritage Master Plan               |          | Not Co             |
| Township Industrial Park           |          | Comple             |
| Subdivision Manual                 |          | Comme<br>2024      |
| Update Site Plan Control By-law    |          | Not cor<br>Manual  |
| Update Grading and Drainage By-law |          | Not cor<br>Subdivi |
| GIS- Various mapping projects      |          | Some c             |





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nenced, working with Infrastructure Services- to be completed in

ommenced- to updated following the completion of the Subdivision

ommenced- to be updated following the completion of the vision Manual

commenced, more to be completed 2024

| Project  | Progress |                    |
|--|----------|--------------------|
| Update Planning SOP's  |          | Comme              |
| Township Owned Land- Disposition of<br>Land in Lancaster Heights |          | Comme              |
| Update Severance Policies  |          | Comme              |
| New Property Standards By-Law                                    |          | Comme<br>quarter   |
| Red Grant  |          | Comme              |
| Economic Development Strategic Plan                              |          | Not con<br>the Cor |
| 2024 Business and Community Awards<br>Gala                       |          | Comme              |





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| Project   | Progress |        |
|---|----------|--------|
| Investigate and Review Old Building<br>Permit Files                           |          | Comme  |
| Closing Old Building Permit Files   |          | Comme  |
| Develop SOP to reduce Building Permit<br>Deposits to standardized the process |          | Not Co |
| Review Building Permit Deposits and commence to reduce deposits               |          | Comme  |







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### Permit Applications By Type, Year to Date (Jan 1 – Jun 30)

| Application Type                          | Number |  |
|---|--------|--|
| Minor Variance                            | 13     |  |
| Consents                                  | 9      |  |
| Site Plan Control                         | 8      |  |
| Zoning By-law Amendment                   | 10     |  |
| Subdivisions / Vacant Land<br>Condominium | 3      |  |
| Official Plan Amendment                   | 3      |  |
| Part Lot Control                          | 1      |  |





### Status

2 Ongoing, 11 Completed (Approved)

5 Conditionally Approved, 7 Ongoing

Ongoing

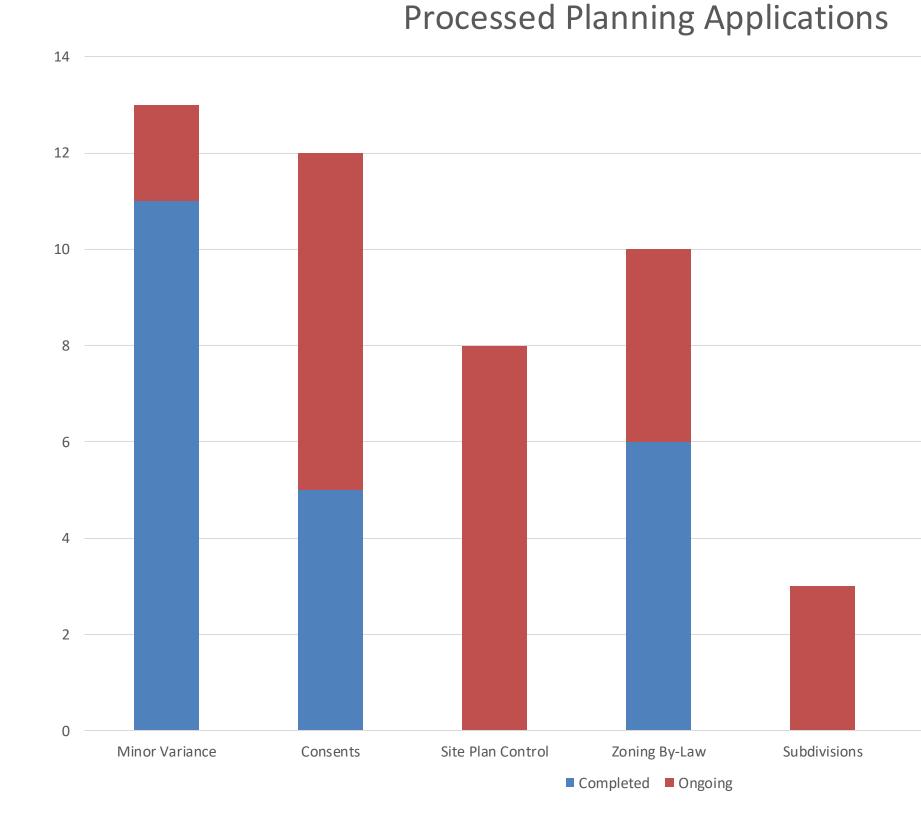
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2 Ongoing, 1 Completed (Approved)

1 Completed (Approved)

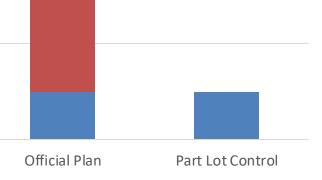
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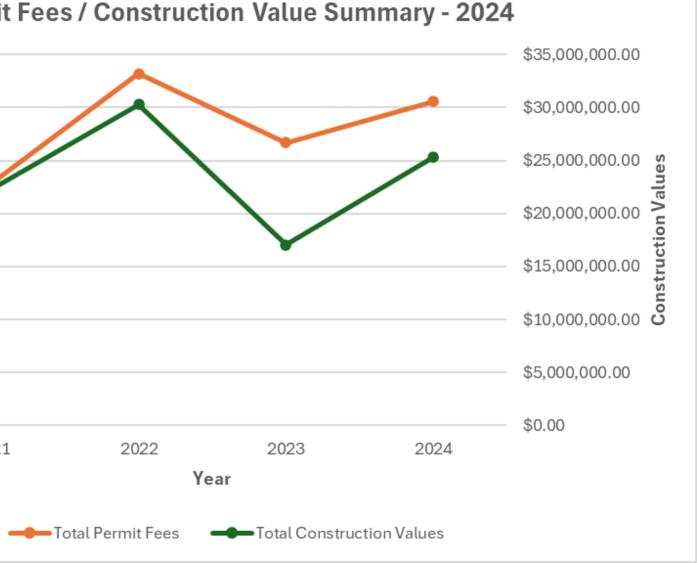
### **Building Permit Applications, Year to Date**

| For Period: January 1st -       | Issued Permits  |                 |                 |                 |                          | Permit   |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------|----------|
| June 30th<br>Construction Class | 2021            | 2022            | 2023            | 2024            | \$350,000.00             |          |
| Institutional                   | 0               | 1               | 0               | 3               |                          |          |
| Commercial                      | 3               | 8               | 4               | 4               | \$300,000.00             |          |
| Agricultural                    | 7               | 6               | 8               | 9               |                          |          |
| Residential                     |                 |                 |                 |                 | \$250,000.00             |          |
| New Dwelling                    | 28              | 30              | 16              | 19              | Ś                        | <b>*</b> |
| Addition/Renovation             | 27              | 14              | 19              | 15              | \$200,000.00             |          |
| Accessory Buildings & Other     | 23              | 26              | 28              | 25              | ait                      |          |
| Water/ Sewer                    | 14              | 11              | 5               | 4               | <b>b</b><br>\$150,000.00 |          |
| Wood Stove                      | 0               | 1               | 0               | 0               |                          |          |
| Demolition                      | 5               | 3               | 10              | 8               | \$100,000.00             |          |
| On-site Sewage Systems          | 46              | 29              | 9               | 33              | \$50,000.00              |          |
| Tents                           | 3               | 4               | 10              | 3               | φ50,000.00               |          |
| Swimming Pool                   | 15              | 21              | 13              | 11              | \$0.00                   |          |
| Solar Panels                    | N/A             | N/A             | N/A             | 1               | ÷                        | 2021     |
| TOTAL                           | 171             | 154             | 122             | 134             |                          |          |
| Total Construction Value        | \$22,285,257.41 | \$30,273,704.73 | \$17,059,966.88 | \$25,312,421.71 |                          |          |
| Total Permit Fees               | \$229,106.19    | \$332,066.77    | \$266,819.10    | \$305,810.01    |                          |          |

\*Total permit fees include administrative performance deposits

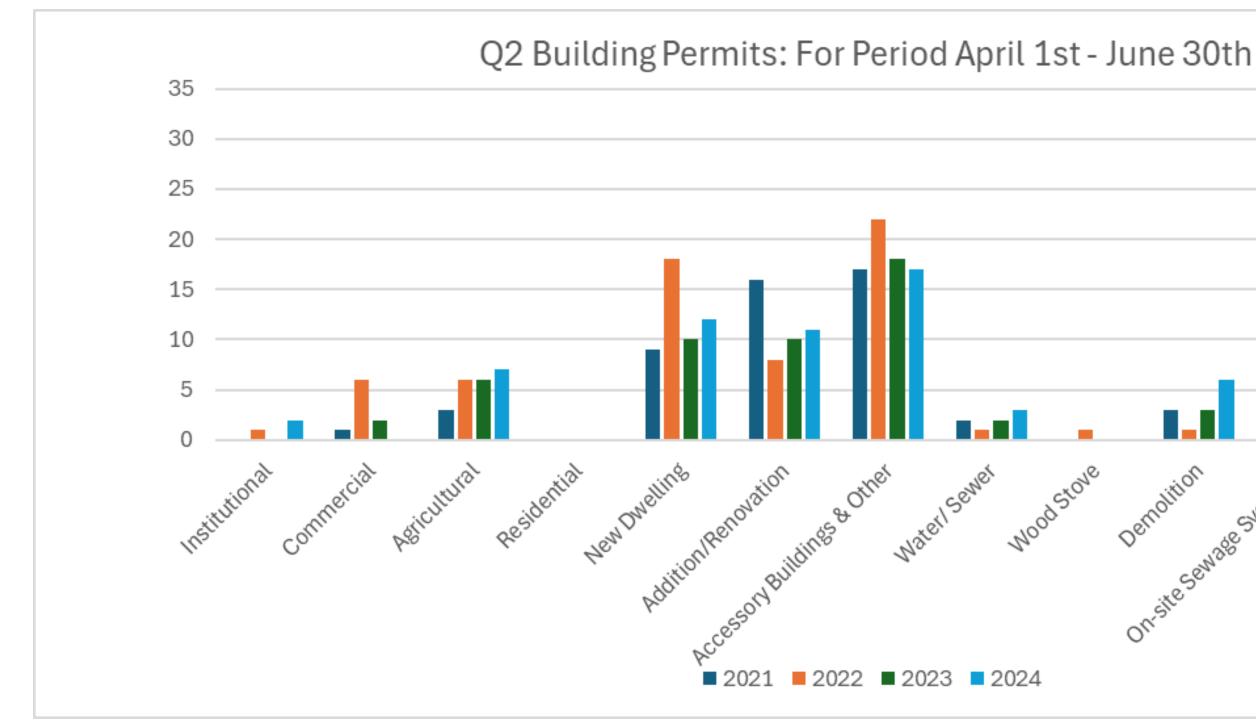






### it Fees / Construction Value Summary - 2024

# **PBE: OPERATIONS - BUILDING**







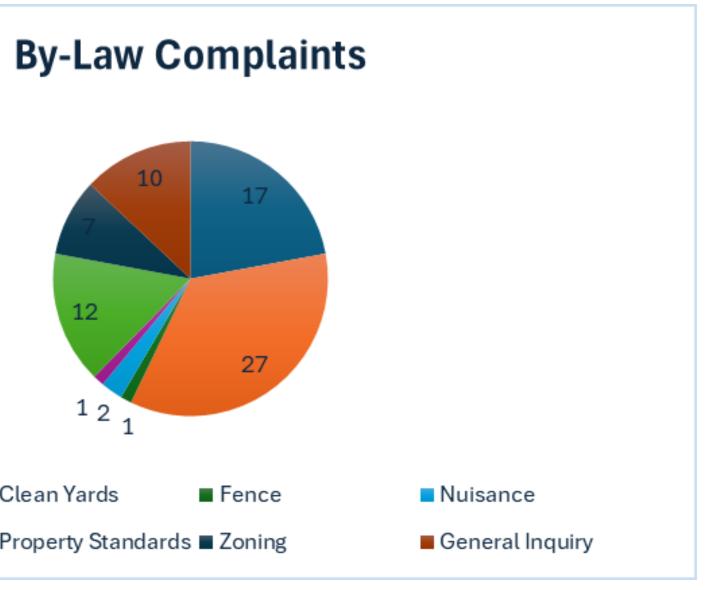
# Tents Swimming Pool SolarPanels On-site Servage Systems

## **PBE: BUILDING PERMITS**

| Complaint          | Number |                          |
|--------------------|--------|--------------------------|
| Animal Control     | 17     |                          |
| Clean Yards        | 27     |                          |
| Fence              | 1      |                          |
| Nuisance           | 2      |                          |
| Pool Enclosure     | 1      |                          |
| Property Standards | 12     | Animal Cont Pool Enclose |
| Zoning             | 7      |                          |
| General Inquiry    | 10     |                          |







### **PBE: OPERATIONS - ENFORCEMENT**

### **Total Number of Complaints per Year**

| 2019 | 150 |
|------|-----|
| 2020 | 152 |
| 2021 | 149 |
| 2022 | 176 |
| 2023 | 226 |







### **PBE: OPERATIONS - ENFORCEMENT**

| Projects   | Status  |
|--|---|
| RED Grant (Business and Development website and planning tool updates) | Complete, under buc<br>to funder June end.                    |
| 2024 Business and Community Awards Gala                                | Date set, all vendors<br>solicitation started. N<br>August 9. |
| Community Activator Grant-Public Murals                                | Approval notice rece<br>commence after mee<br>TBD)            |





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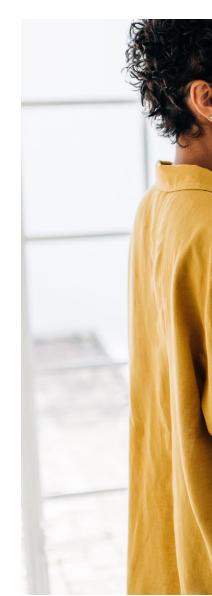
s secured. Sponsorship Nomination period July 2 to

ceived. Project to eting with funder (Date

### **PBE: OPERATIONS - EC DEV**

# Networking & Development

- Events
  - Attend SDG Affordable Housing Summit
  - Attend Employer Seminar Recruit & Retrain •
  - Attend Business Sisters Networking Event •
  - Full-day Community Ec. Dev 101 Training •
  - Host SDG Ec. Dev. Working Group •
  - New Business Launch: Globocam Opening •
- Meetings •
  - Meetings with Ottawa Development Firm •
  - Meet with Development Lead (Lancaster
- Enbridge •
  - Meeting Re: Expansion
  - Meeting Re: Future Green Fuel •







## **PBE: OPERATIONS - EC DEV**

### **Survey for 2023 LED Streetlight Project**

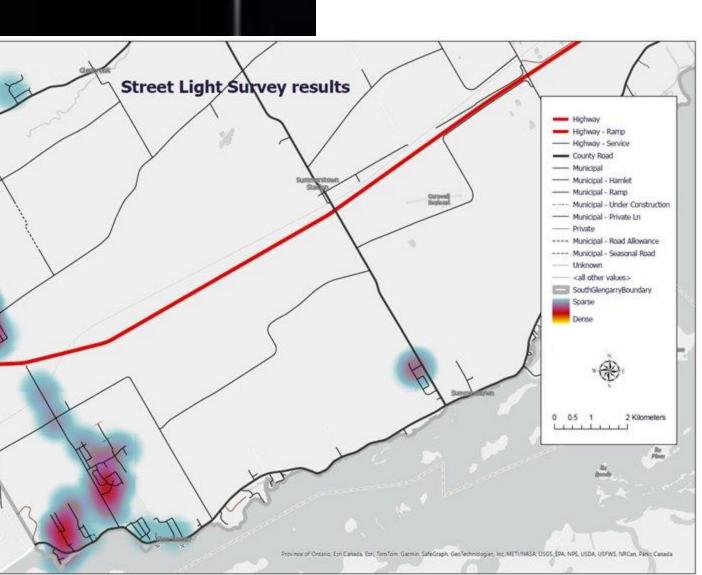
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| 1.Do you live near<br>the area where LED<br>streetlights were<br>recently installed?* | 0                                   | $\mathbf{X}$ |
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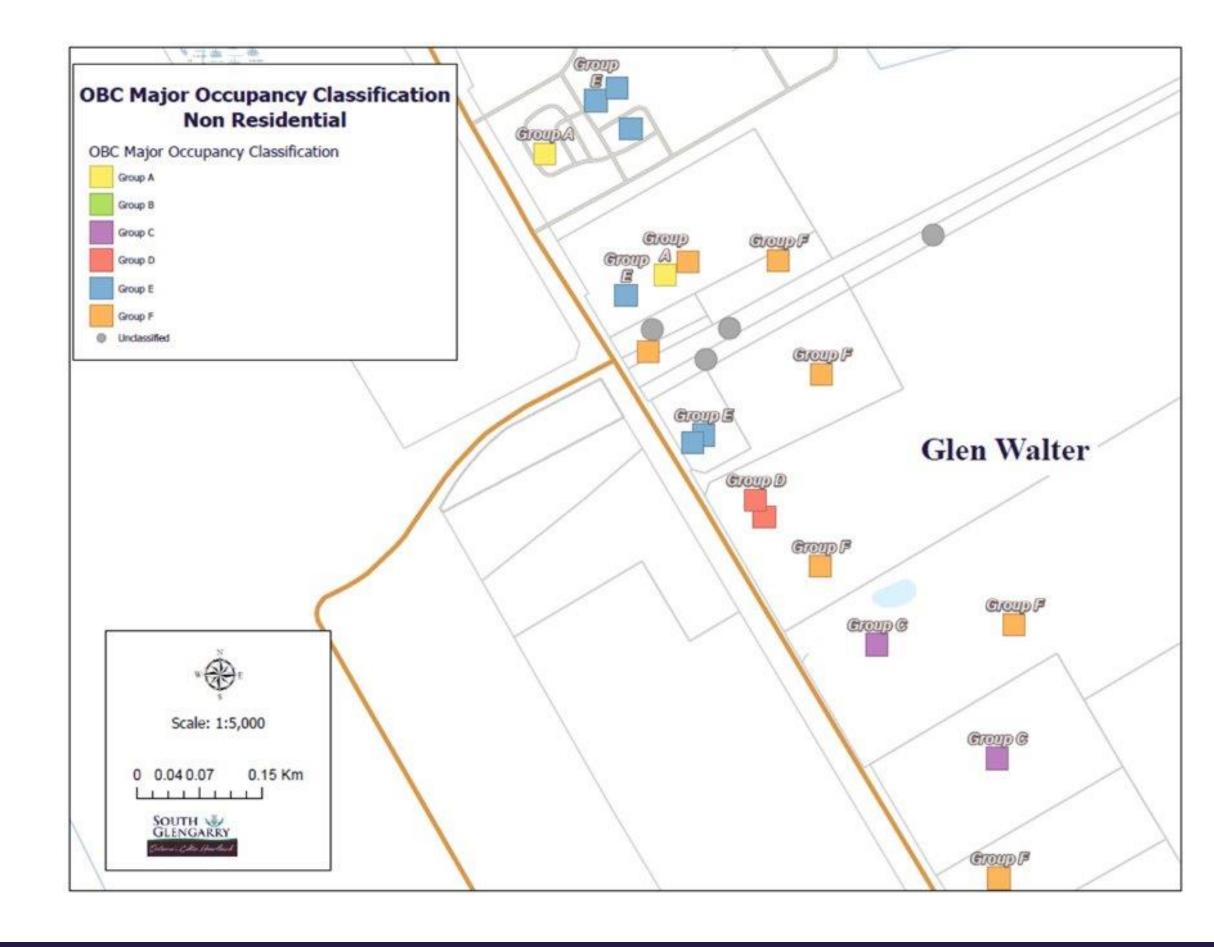
Township of South Glengarry - STREETLIGHT Survey



# **PBE: OPERATIONS - GIS**



### Map of OBC Occupancy **Classifications for non-residential** uses located in Glen Walter







# **PBE: OPERATIONS - GIS**

- Attended meetings to prepare for solar eclipse
- Solar Eclipse occurred April 8<sup>th</sup>

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- Participated in Emergency Preparedness Week
- Monitored daily reports from the PEOC



# PBE: OPERATIONS - EMERGENCY PLANNING



#### **MEMORANDUM**

| То:      | Township of South Glengarry Council, CAO, and Clerk         |
|----------|---|
| From:    | Lisa Van De Ligt, Team Lead, Communications and Stewardship |
| Date:    | July 2, 2024  |
| Subject: | RRCA Board of Directors meeting highlights (June 20, 2024)  |

The Raisin Region Conservation Authority (RRCA) Board of Directors consists of eight representatives from the RRCA's five member municipalities: City of Cornwall and Townships of North Glengarry, South Glengarry,

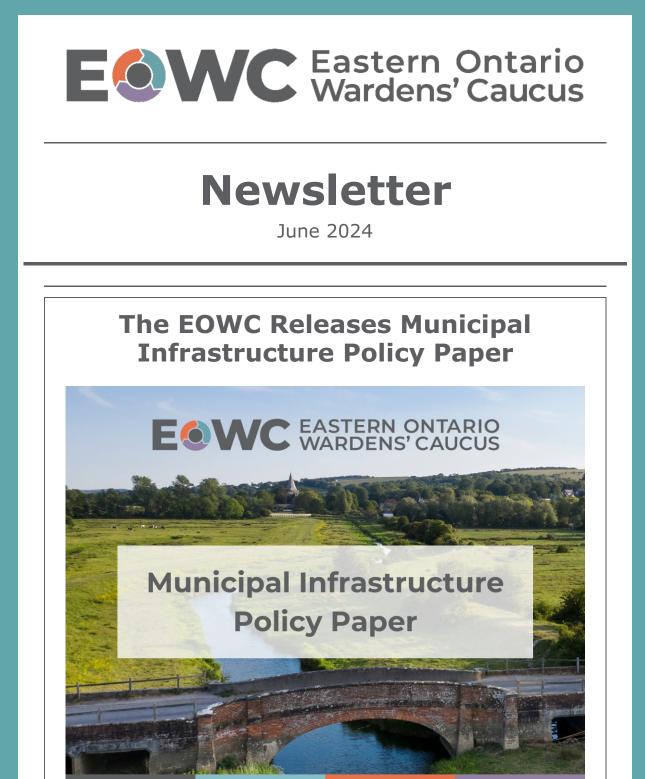
South Stormont, and North Stormont,

Following every Board meeting, councils, CAOs and clerks of the RRCA's five member municipalities are sent meeting highlights and the date of the next meeting. The RRCA Board meets monthly (except for July, August, and December, unless a special meeting is called).

#### June 20, 2024 RRCA Board of Directors Meeting Highlights:

- Approved minutes from the May 16, 2024 meeting can be found at http://www.rrca.on.ca/governance.
- Board held a Source Protection Authority meeting where the Board appointed a new Raisin-South Nation Source Protection Committee member.
- Board appointed Alison McDonald, the RRCA's new General Manager, as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Authority.
- Board appointed representatives to various committees.
- Board awarded contracts for ALUS project establishments.
- Board approved the submission of three funding applications to the provincial government to support water and erosion control infrastructure projects:
  - Alexandria Dam Channel Erosion Protection Study (North Glengarry)
  - Alexandria Dam Masonry Repair (North Glengarry)
  - Martintown Dam Inspection (South Glengarry)
- Board approved the submission of two additional funding applications to support agriculture stewardship outreach and projects.

#### Next RRCA Board meeting date: September 19, 2024



Under its number one strategic priority of infrastructure, the EOWC has released the regional <u>2024 Municipal Infrastructure Policy Paper</u>.

This paper covers key infrastructure data and recommendations from across the region. The information will support Eastern Ontario's municipal policy and program advocacy, applications for government funding, and future partnerships around infrastructure that will help enable the region's prosperity and housing for all.

Additionally, the paper will shape the advocacy initiatives as part of the infrastructure priority in the <u>EOWC's 2024-2027 Strategic Plan</u>.

Find the news release here. Page 146 of 199



### **The EOWC Delivers Strategic Plan**



The EOWC has released the <u>2024-2027 Strategic Plan</u>. Through collaboration and consolidated feedback among representatives of member municipalities, the EOWC identifies three strategic priorities that will guide its decision-making and advocacy focus for the next three years:

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Infrastructure investment

• Housing for all

#### • Health care access

"Reliable infrastructure systems and facilities to foster growth, a range of housing options that are affordable and meet the needs of all people, and access to health care services are critically important to people living, raising families, and building businesses in Eastern Ontario," says EOWC Chair Peter Emon. "This strategic plan is a blueprint for ensuring that we all work together to ensure those needs are met for residents of rural Eastern Ontario, now and into the future."

Read the <u>news release here</u>.

**Download the Full Plan** 

### **Recent Events**



### **Eastern Ontario Housing Summit**

The EOWC was pleased to attend and be a key partner at the <u>Eastern</u> <u>Ontario Housing Summit</u> in partnership with the Ontario Home Builders' Association on May 28, 2024 in the City of Ottawa.

With representation from over 35 municipalities, and attendance by MPs, MPPs, housing sector experts, and home builders from Eastern Ontario, the event was a true success representing cross-sector collaboration.

The EOWC is proud of the ongoing partnership we have built with Eastern Ontario Home Builders. Special thanks to Eastern Regional Chairs Glenn Evans and Pierre Dufresne.

Special thanks to all who attended our 'Housing in Smaller Municipalities' panel, which explored:

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• The EOWC's regional housing and infrastructure advocacy,

presented by Chair Peter Emon and Manager Meredith Staveley-Watson;

- The County of Frontenac's municipal communal services corporation, presented by CAO Kevin Farrell;
- The All-Together Housing non-profit-private-public partnerships to create socially inclusive and economically diverse communities, presented by All-Together President, Bob Cottrell, and Springdale Development President, Philip Spry.



#### The EOWC Attends Peterborough Day at Queen's Park

The EOWC attended Peterborough Day at Queen's Park, led by our Vice-Chair, Bonnie Clark, Warden of Peterborough County, and hosted by MPP Dave Smith!

We were pleased to be showcased alongside the Peterborough County and City of Peterborough as part of the region's innovative businesses and organizations. We shared our <u>2024-2027</u> <u>Strategic Plan</u> and had meaningful conversations around priorities with the many Ministers, MPPs and provincial staff in attendance.



### The EOWC Board of Directors Meeting at Base 31

The EOWC was pleased to host our Board of Directors meeting at Base 31 in Prince Edward County in May to discuss regional priorities.

EOWC members enjoyed touring Base 31 as a world-renowned cultural tourism destination right here in Eastern Ontario. We were especially impressed with the museum display of the Lancaster bomber from the Second World War!

### **EOWC Advocacy**



### The Federation of Canadian Municipalities launches Municipal Growth Framework

The FCM just launched a paper championing a new Municipal Growth Framework to help Canadian Municipalities address our most pressing national challenges – aging infrastructure, climate change, public safety, housing and homelessness.

The EOWC fully supports the call for all levels of government to come together and negotiate a bold new Municipal Growth Framework. Learn more <u>here</u>.

**Visit our Website** 

### **EORN Update**



#### What's new with EORN?

The Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN), the Government of Canada, the Government of Ontario, and Rogers Communications recently announced that Rogers 5G mobile services are now available in 21 communities across Eastern Ontario. Forty-two new cell towers and four additional upgrade Page 150 rof 199 are completed, and now offer Rogers 5G mobile services to residents, businesses and visitors.

Learn more and see if Rogers 5G mobile services are available in your area <u>here</u>.

### **Upcoming Events**



#### **AMO Annual Conference**

The <u>Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference</u> will return to the City of Ottawa from August 18 – 21, 2024. This year's conference includes a celebration of AMO's 125th anniversary. The EOWC looks forward to meeting with provincial officials, networking with the 444 municipalities represented, and advocating for issues and solutions related to our strategic priorities.

### **Connect With Us on LinkedIn and X**



#### About the EOWC

The EOWC is a regional non-profit organization representing 13 upper and single-tier municipalities across Eastern Ontario. The EOWC supports and advocates on behalf of 103 municipalities and nearly 800,000 residents. The EOWC covers an area of approximately 50,000 square kilometers from Northumberland County to the Québec border.

The EOWC has gained support and momentum by speaking with a united voice to champion regional municipal priorities and work with government, business leaders, the media, and the public.

Visit the EOWC's website at **<u>eowc.org</u>**.

### **Connect with the EOWC**

2024 Chair, Warden of Renfrew County, Peter Emon Page 151 of 199 2024 Vice-Chair, Warden of Peterborough County, Bonnie Clark Manager of Government Relations and Policy, Meredith Staveley-Watson

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# **Board Update**



# South Mountain Friends celebrate 20th anniversary

The Friends of the South Mountain Library celebrated their 20th anniversary this year. To commemorate the occasion and thank the Friends for their numerous contributions to the Library, a plaque of appreciation was presented to the group at June's Library board meeting. The plaque will hang in the South Mountain Branch.

For the past 20 years, the Friends of the South Mountain Library have been strong advocates for library services in their community. The group formed due to a potential closure of the South Mountain Branch and raised an astounding \$108,000 for the building the library resides in today. Since its opening, the Friends raised an additional \$20,000, outfitting the Branch with numerous improvements such as a kitchen, projector, and area rugs.

Due to diminishing fundraising needs, the Friends voluntarily revoked their CRA charitable status and donated their remaining funds. The Library purchased a TV and gaming set-up and a coffee/tea station with the funds for patrons to enjoy.

The Friends added that they will continue to work closely with library staff so the facility remains the heart of their South Mountain community.

# SDG Library goes fines-free

In a move to provide more equitable and accessible service, SDG Library has eliminated overdue library fines as of June 25, 2024 and forgiven all existing fines.

SDG Library joins over 100 libraries across Ontario alone in transitioning to a fine-free system. Library fines can be a significant expense to those with low or no income and are shown to cause people to stop using the library.

Anyone with existing fines will have the amount removed from their account. In 2022, SDG Library removed late fines from its children's material.

"The decision from our Board means more people across SDG Counties will have access to reading and educational materials, with no fines restricting their ability to read, watch, or listen to the items in our collection," said Rebecca Luck, director of library services. "A big thank you goes out to staff and the Board for their vision of a fines-free library system."

An exception to the fines-free movement is interlibrary loan materials, which are materials borrowed from other libraries in Ontario. Fees for lost and damaged items will also remain in effect.

Although the change means no late fines will be accrued, the Library asks that items be returned on time so that others may enjoy them as well.

Reminders by email and/or phone will continue to be sent to borrowers.

#### MAY-KER MONTH: Programs engage SDG

To introduce SDG Counties residents to the technology available for public use at the Finch MakerLab, the MakerLab hosted creative programs throughout May. Over four weeks, patrons designed tote-bags, crafted mugs, and more. All 80 potential slots were full, with a 94% attendance rate. Compared to April, May saw a 54% increase in bookings and visits over April.



#### Annual Report distributed

SDG Library's Annual Report is now available to be read online! As of July 6, the Annual Report will be accessible at all branches. The 8-page document highlights the successes of the Library in 2023, including a 20% increase in cardholders and a 24% increase in circulation.

#### NEXT MEETING: September 13, of Class at Maxville Branch





June 25, 2024

#### Re: 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day, October 24, 2024

To Ontario mayors and councils,

We are writing to ask that you and your council proclaim and participate in Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day on Thursday, October 24, 2024. This day recognizes the commitment, skills and hard work of Early Childhood Educators (ECEs) and staff who work with young children. Each year, the day is proclaimed by the Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care (OCBCC), the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), municipalities and school boards across Ontario, and is marked by hundreds of child care centres, unions, and allies.

### This year's Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day theme is WORTH MORE, as part of our continuing campaign for decent work and pay for the early years and child care workforce!

To fulfil the promise of the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care system we need to ensure high quality spaces for every family who needs it. We have seen how affordable child care is life-changing for many families, but we need to make that possible *for all*. To make that vision a reality we need to expand access to child care by building new programs – but most importantly we must ensure that we retain, re-attract and recruit ECEs and child care workers with decent work and fulfilling careers to lead these vital, educational programs.

### We will be sharing these messages on Appreciation Day and we need your help to make it happen by making an official proclamation.

If your council does not issue official proclamations, there are many alternative ways for your municipality to participate in celebrating this important day:

- Organize a public announcement;
- Flag raising or purple light display;
- Display our posters and distribute our buttons; and
- Organize events and contests for the day or have councilors or the mayor participate in events hosted by child care centres.

A sample proclamation and document outlining additional ways to recognize this important day is attached.

We would love to acknowledge municipalities who choose to celebrate child care workers and ECEs across Ontario on October 24, 2024. Please let us know how your municipality is participating in the appreciation day and we will add you to our list of proclamations and celebrations.

Please direct any correspondence on proclamations and/or celebration activities to the attention of Carolyn Ferns, by mail: Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care, PO Box 73034 Wood Street PO Toronto, ON M4Y 2W5, or by email at: <u>carolyn@childcareontario.org</u>.

Thank you for your consideration.

Monno

Christa O'Connor President, OCBCC

Fred Hele

Fred Hahn President, CUPE Ontario Division





Le 25 juin 2024

### Objet : la 24<sup>e</sup> Journée d'appréciation des éducatrices et éducateurs et des travailleuses et travailleurs de la petite enfance, le 24 octobre 2024

Aux maires et aux conseillers municipaux de l'Ontario,

Par la présente, nous vous demandons à vous et à votre Conseil municipal de proclamer et de célébrer la Journée d'appréciation des éducatrices et éducateurs et des travailleuses et travailleurs de la petite enfance, le 24 octobre 2024. Cette journée reconnaît l'engagement, les compétences, le travail acharné et le dévouement des éducateurs et éducatrices de la petite enfance (ÉPE) et du personnel qui travaillent avec les jeunes enfants. Chaque année, la journée est proclamée par la Coalition ontarienne pour de meilleurs services éducatifs à l'enfance (COMSÉE), le Syndicat canadien de la fonction publique (SCFP), les municipalités et les conseils scolaires de l'Ontario. Elle est célébrée par des centaines de garderies, de syndicats et d'alliés.

Cette année, le thème de la Journée d'appréciation des éducatrices et éducateurs et des travailleuses et travailleurs de la petite enfance est MÉRITENT MIEUX ! Cela s'inscrit dans le cadre de notre campagne permanente en faveur de conditions de travail et de salaires décents pour les ÉPE et les travailleurs et travailleuses en garderie.

Pour tenir la promesse en ce qui concerne un système pancanadien d'apprentissage et de services de garde d'enfants, nous devons garantir des places de qualité à toutes les familles qui en ont besoin. Nous avons constaté que des services de garde d'enfants abordables changent la vie de nombreuses familles et nous devons faire en sorte que cela soit possible pour *tous(toutes)*. Pour que cette vision devienne réalité, nous devons élargir l'accès aux services de garde d'enfants en créant de nouveaux programmes. Mais, nous devons surtout nous assurer que nous retenons, attirons à nouveau et recrutons des ÉPE et des travailleurs et travailleuses en garderie avec un travail décent et une carrière épanouissante pour gérer ces programmes éducatifs essentiels.

#### Nous diffuserons ces messages lors la Journée d'appréciation. Veuillez nous aider en faisant une proclamation officielle.

Même si votre Conseil municipal n'émet pas de proclamation officielle, il y a de nombreuses façons de participer er de célébrer cette importante journée, par exemple :

- Organiser une annonce publique.
- Levée de drapeau ou un affichage lumineux violet.
- Apposer nos affiches et distribuer nos macarons.
- Organiser des événements et des concours pendant la journée ou encore vous assurer que les conseillers municipaux et le maire participent à des activités organisées par les garderies.

Vous trouverez ci-joints un exemple de proclamation ainsi que des documents faisant ressortir d'autres manières de reconnaître cette importante journée.

Nous tenons à reconnaître les municipalités qui célébreront les ÉPE et les travailleurs et travailleuses en garderie, à l'échelle de l'Ontario, le 24 octobre 2024. Veuillez nous informer de la façon dont votre municipalité participera à cette Journée et nous l'ajouterons à notre liste de proclamations et de célébrations.

Veuillez faire parvenir toute correspondance touchant les proclamations et/ou activités de célébration à l'attention de Carolyn Ferns, par la poste à la Coalition ontarienne pour de meilleurs services éducatifs à l'enfance, Boîte postale 73034, Wood Street PO, Toronto (Ontario) M4Y 2W5 ou par courriel à *carolyn@childcareontario.org*.

Nous vous remercions de l'attention que vous porterez à la présente.

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**Christa O'Connor** Présidente de la COMSÉE

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Fred Hahn Président de la division de l'Ontario du SCFP Page 155 of 199

### 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day

### October 24, 2024

### **Proclamation**

**Whereas** years of research confirms the benefits of high-quality early learning and child care for young children's intellectual, emotional, social and physical development and later life outcomes; and

Whereas child care promotes the well-being of children and responds to the needs of families and the broader community by supporting quality of life so that citizens can fully participate in and contribute to the economic and social life of their community; and

**Whereas** trained and knowledgeable Registered Early Childhood Educators are the key to quality in early years and child care programs – in licensed child care, Early ON programs, child life programs, and full-day kindergarten;

**Whereas** Registered Early Childhood Educators and child care workers will be vital to the success of the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care system;

**Therefore, Be It Resolved** that October 24, 2024 be designated the 24<sup>th</sup> annual "Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day" in recognition of the education, dedication and commitment of child care workers to children, their families and quality of life of the community.

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### 24<sup>e</sup> Journée d'appréciation des éducatrices et éducateurs et des travailleuses et travailleurs de la petite enfance

### Le 24 octobre 2024

### **Proclamation**

Attendu que des années de recherche viennent confirmer les avantages des services de garde d'enfants de haute qualité pour le développement intellectuel, émotionnel, social et physique des jeunes enfants et leurs résultats ultérieurs dans la vie; et

**Attendu que** les services de garde d'enfants favorisent le bien-être des enfants et pourvoient aux besoins des familles et de l'ensemble de la communauté en soutenant la qualité de vie afin que les citoyens et citoyennes puissent participer et contribuer pleinement à la vie économique et sociale de leur communauté; et

Attendu que les éducateurs et éducatrices de la petite enfance et les travailleurs et travailleuses en garderie formé(e)s et compétent(e)s sont la clé de la qualité des programmes d'apprentissage et de garde d'enfants; et

Attendu que les éducateurs et éducatrices de la petite enfance et les travailleurs et travailleuses en garderie agréé(e)s seront essentiel(le)s à la réussite du Système d'apprentissage et de garde des jeunes enfants pancanadien,

**Il est donc résolu que** le 24 octobre 2024 soit désigné comme la 24<sup>e</sup> Journée d'appréciation des éducatrices et éducateurs et des travailleuses et travailleurs de la petite enfance en reconnaissance de l'éducation, du dévouement et de l'engagement des travailleurs et travailleuses en garderie envers les enfants, leurs familles et la qualité de vie de la communauté.



July 2, 2024

# Homeless Encampments in Ontario:

## **A Municipal Perspective**



### Introduction

As homelessness escalates in its scope, visibility, and complexity, communities in Ontario are seeing a rise in homeless encampments. In 2023, at least 1400 homeless encampments existed in Ontario's communities.<sup>1</sup> Their existence is not unique to large urban centres and can now be found in all types of communities including urban, small town, rural, and northern Ontario.

Encampments are the latest expression of a homelessness crisis decades in the making. These encampments are a tragic result of cracks in the foundations of our housing, health, and social systems and are a public policy failure by successive provincial and federal governments. A lack of intergovernmental cooperation and integration of effort, and insufficient supply of affordable housing have compounded matters.

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

Concrete solutions to this crisis are needed now. Provincial and federal governments need to take responsibility for the policy decisions that have led to this crisis and take a leadership role in finding solutions. This must include substantial new investments and policy changes to address the root causes of homelessness, stave off the growth in encampments, and connect people already living in encampments with the supports they need right now.

This abdication of leadership has meant that municipalities and citizen groups are increasingly looking to the courts for guidance. This leads to adversarial approaches and increases complexity in a way that puts us farther behind. Municipalities need clear guidance from the provincial government regarding how to address encampments when resource realities and the rights of groups and individuals appear to be at odds.

In a province as prosperous as Ontario, homeless encampments cannot be the best we can do for our residents, communities, and businesses. We know we have the capacity to solve this problem. All that we need is the resolve.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>AMO Survey of Municipal Service Managers and DSSABs, December 2023

### Ontario Municipalities Are Committed to Meeting Rights Obligations

Municipalities have long understood the critical importance of housing in the health, safety, and well-being of individuals and families.

Ontario's municipalities are also fully committed to meeting all their obligations under the *Charter* and the *Ontario Human Rights Code*. But in the context of substantial growth in needs and declining resources, interpretations of what these obligations are, and how to meet them are increasingly at odds.

In responding to homeless encampments, many municipalities are following guidelines provided by experts in rights-based approaches<sup>2</sup>, including the importance of:

- Meaningfully engaging with individuals living in encampments, including ongoing good faith discussions with as many encampment residents as possible to understand concerns and provide supports;
- Exploring viable alternatives to encampment evictions or removals, such as offering alternative housing solutions like tiny homes, shelters, rent supplements or relocating encampments from dangerous or inappropriate sites;
- Supporting encampment residents' access to essential services, such as drinking water, waste management, and sanitation facilities;
- Respecting encampments residents' belongings; and
- Working with encampment residents and police forces to develop and implement encampment safety protocols.

Many municipalities across Ontario have implemented innovative approaches to encampments that have improved circumstances for both encampment residents and the broader community.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Shift Municipal Engagement Guidance, Homeless Encampments – <u>The Shift</u>, 2023

### Case Study 1:

Municipality A – a regional municipality – found an alternative to a large encampment on municipal land. There were health and safety risks resulting from fires, pests, unsanitary conditions and serious criminal activity and unsanitary conditions. To protect the residents and to prevent further damage to the property, the upper tier municipality worked with a lower tier municipality and participating community partners to find an interim housing solution. A supervised transitional housing site was established on municipal land with 50 cabins to provide temporary shelter. On-site services help residents meet basic needs, connect to services and permanent housing options. These efforts are complemented by a new Council-approved and funded plan to end chronic homelessness.

Case Study 2:

Municipality B – a northern municipality with a large Indigenous population – implemented a protocol to manage encampments on public property with an explicit commitment to a rights-based approach. It requires that the municipality exhaust options for engaging with and moving each individual to a safer indoor space before encampment removal is considered. Respect for and protection of Indigenous rights is a key commitment. The protocol outlines the roles and responsibilities of various municipal players, centering the provision of services around the principles of housing first and the safety of encampment and broader community residents. The local District Social Services Administration Board collaborates to provide support services such as outreach, emergency shelter and housing help assistance.

Case Study 3:

Municipality C – a large municipality – focused on a human rights-based outreach to meet the basic needs of high acuity unsheltered homeless individuals through an innovative service hub and mobile depot model. This approach was implemented within the context of a Whole of Community System Response, building upon a robust existing emergency shelter and housing supports system and provision of new mental health and addictions services plus 600 highly supportive housing units. Encampment health and safety review protocols are in place to guide municipal staff and community partners when supporting and managing encampments in a way that balances the public and private interests of public spaces while allowing for temporary shelter. This includes identifying situations where encampments are able to remain with supports and situations where they are restricted or significant interventions including removal are required. It also sets out rules for inhabitants of encampments to ensure health and safety (e.g. limiting the size and not allowing open fires or combustibles). These protocols also allow for identification of any challenges, unmet needs and/or resources required to respond to and support social and health service care planning.

But almost five years out from the beginning of the pandemic, many municipalities with long-term encampments are experiencing an erosion of community will, trust and buyin for solutions. Tensions arise between individual and community obligations when municipalities respond to encampments. There is often a lack of consensus between what encampment residents need, what community members want, what human rights advocates are calling for, and what municipalities believe they must do to fulfill their roles and responsibilities to all residents.

Some people living in encampments refuse offers of shelter or housing options, opting to continue living in an outdoor encampment for various reasons. There are situations when it is necessary to re-locate and/or remove encampments and find other alternative options.

It is not a sustainable, long-term solution for municipalities to allow the normalization of encampments. Municipalities need to act in the best interests of the homeless and their communities to find other solutions.

### **Municipalities Need Flexibility to Respond to Complexity**

Municipalities recognize the challenging circumstances that lead people to end up in encampments. These community members have complex needs that municipalities do their best to meet, with the same respect, dignity, and compassion afforded to all municipal residents.

But municipal responsibilities go beyond supporting encampment residents. Municipal governments are responsible for ensuring community health and safety through public health, by-law enforcement, paramedicine, fire, and policing services.

Homeless encampments are mostly unplanned environments without the infrastructure and amenities to make them healthy and safe places for the inhabitants residing there. As a result, the proliferation of homeless encampments can result in substantial risks to both encampment residents and the broader community.

This is why municipalities have by-laws to prohibit certain activities on properties that may cause personal injury or damage to the lands. This often includes bans on camping and erecting unauthorized structures. Municipalities are also obligated to exercise powers under the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act* to remove or reduce an immediate threat to life. Municipally-led public health agencies work to prevent transmission of infectious diseases, while municipal police forces must enforce the Criminal Code to ensure public safety.

Meeting all these obligations in a way that respects everyone's rights and needs is not always straight forward, and frequently requires significant judgement as situations can quickly become complex:

### Case Study 1:

Municipality X – a mid-sized city with a significant student population – had a significant encampment in a major public park for over two years. At its largest, the site housed over 100 residents and included many unsafe structures. Violence and illegal activity, including fentanyl trafficking, became common place as policing became dangerous and ineffective. Numerous serious fires created threats to life and inflicted major damage. Outreach workers continued to provide health and support services and repeatedly offered alternative housing options to all individuals in the encampment. While many residents were successfully transitioned into housing, a number refused to leave unsafe structures.

Case Study 2:

Municipality Y – a large upper tier municipality – experienced an encampment of approximately 50 people established on municipal land used to support public transit. The municipality quickly mobilized intensive community social service resources and incurred significant costs to provide security and regular site clean-up. Despite efforts to meet the needs of residents, it was determined that the conditions at the encampment, including fires, pests, unsanitary conditions, and serious criminal activity posed a risk to health and safety as well as damage to the land, so removal was sought. Alternative shelter and housing solutions to the encampment were provided, including 50 new transitional housing units.

### Case Study 3:

Municipality Z – a northern urban community – had many encampments in parks, roads and private property. After an encampment resident tragically died after creating a fire inside their tent, municipal fire services educated residents about how to stay warm in a safe manner, but the risks remained. Municipal law enforcement officers work together with social services staff first to connect with the residents to seek a resolution. The approach is open, transparent, and outlined publicly in a municipal protocol. In addition, a guidance document was developed by a third-party expert in homelessness service delivery planning. There is an emphasis on finding solutions through housing and other support services to resolve encampment situations. Council is going further to implement a plan to end chronic homlessness by 2030. Municipal governments across Ontario experience challenges ensuring the health and wellness of inhabitants of encampments. First responders such as paramedics are often called in response to emergency situations or to provide community paramedicine services. Encampment inhabitants have had serious health conditions including life threatening ones. People have been hospitalized and, in a few cases, even died. Health risks come from extreme weather exposure, carbon monoxide poisoning, fires, and from smoke inhalation because of the use of heating and cooking devices within tents and other structures. Others have suffered from frostbite, resulting in amputations of fingers and toes.

In many of these circumstances, removal of encampments was deemed necessary to preserve the safety of both the residents of the encampments and the broader community.

Municipalities understand that alternative shelter options must be identified before removing encampments. They understand that in some circumstances, the ongoing existence of an encampment might be the best option – regardless of implications for others' access to parks, manageable safety concerns, or impacts on businesses and community quality of life. They understand the need to educate their staff, officials, and the broader public on the rights that all residents have.

However, a categorical ban on encampment removals under any circumstance or a sense that enforcement does not have a role in encampments management simply doesn't reflect the complex situation in which Ontario finds itself. Pretending otherwise does a disservice to the many dedicated municipal staff and officials who find themselves trying to rectify an untenable situation.



### Federal and Provincial Government Leadership Is Needed Now

Municipalities have an important role to play contributing to solutions to homelessness and supporting those in encampments. But the scope of action and investment required to adequately address encampments far outstrips municipal fiscal capacity and jurisdiction.

### **Provincial Action Required**

Progress on encampments depends primarily on action and leadership from provincial government to address the root causes of homelessness, namely:

Growing Income Insecurity: Across the province, a growing number of Ontarians can no longer afford the basic necessities of life. In Ontario, 45% of tenant households spend 30% or more of their total income on shelter. This is the highest rate across the country. By 2025, approximately 160,000 households will spend more than 50% of their income on rent, putting their housing at risk and increasing the likelihood of them becoming homeless. Food bank use in Ontario has skyrocketed, increasing 42% over the past 3 years alone. One-third of these visitors were using food banks for the first time, including growing numbers of workers.<sup>3</sup> When people can't afford to pay rent and feed themselves and their families, they aren't able to work, take care of their kids, or contribute to the community. Despite recent increases to the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) rates, in real terms ODSP and Ontario Works

Social Assistance – Currently, because they do not have shelter costs, people who are homeless are not entitled to receive shelter benefits. This means that homeless people on ODSP/OW receive around \$500/\$400 less per month than the average monthly rates (\$1308/\$733). Amending OW and ODSP policies to provide the shelter allowance to homeless individuals is a key way that the province can make progress on homelessness.

rates have never been lower, having not kept up with inflation for decades. Outdated and overly complicated rules keep people in poverty. Increasing social assistance rates and transforming social assistance to better help people to get back on their feet and fully participate in the economy will be a critical part of making progress on homeless encampments.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Feed Ontario – The Hunger Report (2022).

Insufficient supply of deeply affordable housing: Deeply affordable housing includes a range of approaches – from government-owned buildings, to rent subsidies, to nonprofit housing and co-operative developments — to provide housing for individuals who are unable to afford market rents. It is a smart way to invest tax dollars in community well-being and economic prosperity by providing people with dignity, opportunity, and a better quality of life. The wait list for government subsidized housing assistance in 2018 was 215,000 people. According to recent Canada Housing Renewal Association study, an additional 143,225 units of deeply affordable community housing is needed in Ontario by 2030 just to meet the OECD average.<sup>4</sup>

Most social housing stock in Ontario has been made possible by past significant federal and provincial investments, primarily between the 1960s and 1990s. However, provincial commitment has been limited since downloading responsibility for social housing to municipalities in the 1990s. Ontario remains the only jurisdiction in Canada where social housing is a municipal responsibility. Each year, municipalities spend approximately \$1 billion in connection with provincial housing programs.<sup>5</sup> During the pandemic, many municipalities invested in additional deeply affordable housing assistance to meet demand. Property taxpayers, including people on fixed incomes, cannot support the kinds of investments needed to keep up with demand.

**The National Housing Strategy** lays a good foundation for action. However, the recent temporary federal-provincial disagreement on the proposed Ontario provincial action plan put over \$350 million in NHS funding at risk, highlighting a fundamental lack of intergovernmental alignment and the overall disconnect between community housing needs, targets, and resources. There is a need to fundamentally re-think the way that community housing is funded in Ontario. Collaboration and integration of effort to a shared commitment to end homelessness is absolutely required.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Deloitte, Canadian Housing and Renewal Association and Housing Partnership Canada: <u>The Impact of</u> <u>Community Housing on Productivity</u>, 2023.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Financial Accountability Office of Ontario – Ontario's Housing and Homelessness Programs (2021)

Inadequate Approach to Mental Health and Addictions: Ontario is also experiencing a mental health and addictions crisis that intersects with and contributes to homelessness. People with poor mental health are more vulnerable; homelessness exacerbates mental illness – a tragic and costly cycle. Approximately 30-35% of those experiencing homelessness and up to 75% of women experiencing homelessness struggle with mental illnesses.<sup>6</sup> Ontario's Roadmap to Wellness program was a step forward in addressing mental health and addictions challenges in Ontario. But progress has been slow, waitlists for addictions treatment programs remain far too long, and government action has not focused enough on people with complex social needs and the importance of integrating health and social supports. Inconsistent access to mental health and addictions services across the province results in gaps for many rural and northern communities that prevent progress on homelessness.

#### Supportive Housing -

Supportive Housing is deeply affordable housing with on-site supports that helps individuals achieve housing stability, preventing a return to homelessness, especially for people with mental health conditions and addictions. Significantly more supportive housing units are need urgently. Estimates of the shortfall of units in 2017 range from between 30,000 to 90,000.7



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> www.homelesshub.ca/about-homelessness/topics/mental-health#:~:text=People%2520with%2520mental%2520illne ss%2520experience,experiencing%2520homelessness%252C%2520have%2520mental%2520illnesses

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>Wellesley Institute – <u>Supportive Housing in Ontario: Estimating the Need</u> (2017)

It will take years to reverse the systemic issues created by decades of policy choices made by successive provincial governments. In the interim, provincial leadership and investment is required to:

- **Expand the emergency shelter system:** Emergency shelters already under strain are ill-equipped to respond to increasing demands driven by growing numbers of asylum-seekers and sky-rocketing rents.
- Establish Homeless Encampment Guidance: Provincial guidance is urgently needed to ensure an appropriate and consistent approach to encampments in a complex and evolving legal and policy landscape. The abdication of leadership by the provincial government and resulting adjudication by the courts is costly and slow, creating unclear and unrealistic expectations, and feeding divisions at the community level. Establishing and reinforcing principles and parameters at a provincial level, consistent with the statutory obligations, will allow municipalities to focus on what they do best providing services to citizens aligned with local needs and circumstances without the impossible task of reconciling provincial policy choices at odds with group or individual rights.
- **Cost-match federal encampment funding:** The 2024 Federal Budget announced an additional \$250 million in dedicated funding to addressing encampments with a call out to provinces and territories to cost match this investment. The provincial government must heed this call and provide the matching funds.

#### **Federal Government**

AMO applauds important demonstrations of federal government leadership on nonmarket housing and homelessness, including the 2018 National Housing Strategy, the 2019 Reaching Home Initiative, and most recently elements of the 2024 Canada's Housing Plan, including the Affordable Housing Fund, the Rapid Housing Initiative and the Rental Protection Fund.

Sustained, concerted, significant action across all governments is needed, however, to truly make progress. The federal Parliamentary Budget Officer has <u>determined</u> that the funding is still insufficient to meet the target of reducing chronic homelessness by 50%. This will require additional investments of \$3.5 billion a year across Canada. This is 7 times the current funding level. Recent federal-provincial disagreements in the context of the National Housing Strategy highlight the need for stronger inter-governmental collaboration on community housing and homelessness across all three orders of government.

AMO supports the federal Housing Advocate's call for a federally-led National Encampments Response Plan. This Plan must, however, preserve municipal flexibility and respect provincial (and in turn, municipal) heads of power, jurisdiction and rights. This is necessary to meet broader responsibilities and respond to specific circumstances effectively. It cannot include recommendations from the federal Housing Advocate's report such as a ban on forced removals in any circumstances.

### How Can Municipalities Navigate in the Interim?

While provincial and federal action is urgently required, municipal governments are responding to immediate needs in their community that cannot be delayed by insufficient support from other orders of government.

An evolving legal landscape and the proliferation of guidance from different sources about how municipalities should respond to homeless encampments can create challenges for municipalities and service partners trying to assess options.

Individuals do not have a right to camp anywhere they choose on public lands, at any time. Nor do those who decline appropriate alternative shelter options have a right to continue to reside in encampments.

Municipal governments must implement solutions that are effective, appropriate, feasible, practical, and in compliance with Ontario and Canadian law including but not limited to human rights legislation. For example, in contrast to some guidance, municipal police forces cannot be ordered by municipal councils to stop enforcing the Criminal Code by decriminalizing drug use in encampments. Municipal police forces also cannot abdicate their public safety responsibilities, which is incompatible with suggestions to fully de-centre policing as a municipal response.

Some guidance has stated categorically that municipalities must stop all removals on public lands, going beyond current legal obligations. The Shift's <u>Homeless Encampments:</u> <u>Municipal Engagement Guidance</u> was developed in collaboration with municipalities, housing and health experts and provides helpful and practical advice.

While each municipality faces unique facts and circumstances that require independent legal assessments and advice, considering these key factors as they make hard decisions about the best options for their communities can help municipalities to mitigate legal risks:

#### • Alternative shelter options for individual encampment residents are critical:

Removing encampments from public lands when there is no alternative shelter space for encampment residents has been found to violate the *Charter* right to life, liberty and security of the person. Alternative shelter options include spaces in emergency shelters or alternative tenting locations, among others. It is not the case that municipalities must demonstrate capacity for all homeless individuals within a municipality to clear an encampment, but it is important that each individual in the encampment under consideration for removal have a specifically identified shelter option.

- Location of alternative shelter options: An important factor in whether alternative shelter locations are appropriate is their accessibility to services such as food banks, health services, or sanitation facilities that provide the basic necessities of life. Ways to enable access to these services such as public transit or mobile service delivery options should be considered.
- **Public use of occupied space:** How public lands where encampments have arisen are designated for use is an important factor. Encampments located in major parks that are heavily accessed by the public are different from encampments located on empty lots. The degree to which the presence of an encampment impedes public use of space may be a relevant factor, particularly from a public safety perspective.
- Protected groups and homeless encampments: The Ontario Human Rights Code prohibits actions that discriminate against people based on protected grounds like race, disability, and sex in social areas that include housing and services.
   Because of the over-representation of groups such as Indigenous people, people with mental health and substance use conditions, or gender-diverse individuals in homeless encampments, there is an elevated risk that actions related to homeless encampments can create or exacerbate disadvantage based on prohibited grounds.

Ultimately, municipalities should be:

- Assessing risk to the unsheltered homeless, community residents and the municipality and identify actions to mitigate them.
- Assessing compliance of planned actions with the *Charter* and the *Ontario Human Rights Code* by consulting legal counsel.
- Providing outreach to people living in homeless encampments and engaging them about solutions about their individual circumstances.
- Engaging and developing solutions with people with lived experience of homelessness to ensure the proposed approach is appropriate and responsive to the needs and experiences of people experiencing homelessness.
- Focusing on the needs of and appropriately engaging Indigenous People in the community, given their over-representation in the homeless population, must inform the response.

### Conclusion

Homeless encampments are the most recent symptom of much deeper system failures that are compromising the foundations of our social and economic prosperity.

It's time for the provincial and federal governments to play a leadership role in solving this crisis and addressing the root causes of homelessness.

Ontario's municipalities are ready to work with provincial and federal partners to end both homeless encampments and chronic homelessness in Ontario.



**Disclaimer:** This document is not to be construed as the provision of specific legal advice for local situations. Municipalities and organizations should seek legal counsel's advice on questions regarding compliance with applicable laws. This document does not attempt to comprehensively cover every possible situation that may arise with encampments and is timely at the date of its publication. Municipal governments should endeavour to keep apprised of developments in law, and to learn from each other what works and what does not with the circumstances of their local situation.

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June 26, 2024

The Corporation of the Township of Harley 903303 Hanbury Rd New Liskeard, ON P0J 1P0

Please be advised that at the Regular Meeting of Council on June 25, 2024, the Town of Cobalt adopted the following resolution:

THE CORPORATION OF THE

**TOWN OF COBALT** 

# RESOLUTION No. 2024-125MOVED BY:Councillor WilcoxSECONDED BY:Councillor Starchuk

**WHEREAS** the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) establishes accounting standards for the public sector which must be followed by all Ontario municipalities;

**AND WHEREAS** the Municipal Act, 2001, section 294.1 states that a municipality shall, for each fiscal year, prepare annual financial statements for the municipality in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for local governments as recommended, from time to time, by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada;

**AND WHEREAS** PS3280 is a new accounting standard covering asset retirement obligations (ARO) that was approved by PSAB in March 2018;

**AND WHEREAS** the standard must be applied by all public sector entities who prepare their financial statements under PSAB, including all Canadian municipalities;

**AND WHEREAS** many small municipalities do not have accountants or engineers on staff to complete the ARO obligations and this major accounting changes will force small municipalities to hire consultants to complete this work and cause a significant financial burden to municipalities;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt supports the resolutions from the Township of Harley, Coleman Township, Township of Larder Lake, Township of Casey, Township of Hudson & Township of Kerns and hereby calls upon the province of Ontario to provide financial assistance to municipalities to complete the ARO;

**AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), the Timiskaming Municipal Association (TMA), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) and all municipalities within the District of Timiskaming.

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Kind Regards,

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<sup>51</sup> CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF WEST NIPISSING

Council - Committee of the Whole

| Resolution # | 2024-147   |
|--------------|--|
| Title:       | Resolution seeking support re: Champlain Bridge Rehabilitation |
| Date:        | June 4, 2024   |

| Moved by:    | Councillor Georges Pharand |
|--------------|----------------------------|
| Seconded by: | Councillor Roch St. Louis  |

**WHEREAS** the Champlain Bridge, located on the King's Highway 17, west of the Town of Sturgeon Falls in the Municipality of West Nipissing is integral infrastructure to the Trans-Canada Highway network and also serves as a connecting link to Highway 64;

**AND WHEREAS** Highway 17 is a critical link in the Trans-Canada highway network, with Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADT) of over 14,000 travelers;

**AND WHEREAS** the majority of the traffic is provincial traffic, using the Trans-Canada highway for transporting goods and services in Ontario which, if shut down or restricted, would result in a 123km detour.

**AND WHERERAS** in 2021 an agreement was entered into between the Municipality and the Ministry of Transportation for the design of the rehabilitation or replacement of the Champlain Bridge, which design indicated that the bridge should be replaced at the anticipated cost of \$30,000,000.

**AND WHEREAS** Municipality of West Nipissing does not have the financial resources to undertake a project of this magnitude without assistance;

**AND WHEREAS** the Province has previously recognized the financial burden placed on municipalities, forced to maintain Provincial Infrastructure, by removing the burden of the Don Valley Parkway, and the Gardner Express Way from the City of Toronto;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT** the Province of Ontario recognize the Champlain Bridge as critical provincial infrastructure and assume responsibility for its replacement;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** if the assumption of the Bridge by the province cannot be undertaken, that the Province provide financial and operational assistance to the Municipality of West Nipissing for the undertaking of the replacement of the Champlain Bridge;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** all northeastern municipalities served by the Highway 17 as well as the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA), Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) be requested to support the Municipality of West Nipissing's request by submitting letters of support to the Ministry of Transportation.

CARRIED



#### CORPORATION DE LA MUNICIPALITÉ DE NIPISSING OUEST

**Council - Committee of the Whole** 

| Résolution # | 2024-147   |
|--------------|--|
| Titre:       | Résolution demandant de l'aide pour la réfection du pont Champlain |
| Date:        | le 4 juin 2024   |
|              |  |

| Proposé par: | Councillor Georges Pharand |
|--------------|----------------------------|
| Appuyé par:  | Councillor Roch St. Louis  |

**ATTENDU QUE** le pont Champlain, situé sur la route royale 17, à l'ouest de la ville de Sturgeon Falls dans la municipalité de Nipissing Ouest, fait partie intégrante de l'infrastructure du réseau routier transcanadien et sert également de lien avec la route 64 ;

**ET ATTENDU QUE** la route 17 est un lien essentiel du réseau routier transcanadien, avec un trafic journalier annuel moyen (TJAM) de plus de 14 000 voyageurs ;

**ET ATTENDU QUE** la majorité du trafic est provincial, utilisant la route transcanadienne pour le transport de biens et de services en Ontario qui, s'il est fermé ou restreint, résulterait en un détour de 123 km.

**ET ATTENDU QU**'en 2021, une entente a été conclue entre la municipalité et le ministère des Transports pour la conception de la remise en état ou du remplacement du pont Champlain, laquelle a indiqué que le pont devrait être remplacé au coût prévu de 30 000 000 \$.

**ATTENDU QUE** la municipalité de Nipissing Ouest n'a pas les ressources financières nécessaires pour entreprendre un projet de cette envergure sans aide ;

**ET ATTENDU QUE** la province a déjà reconnu le fardeau financier imposé aux municipalités, forcées d'entretenir l'infrastructure provinciale, en retirant à la ville de Toronto le fardeau de la promenade Don Valley et de la voie express Gardner ;

IL EST DONC RÉSOLU QUE la province de l'Ontario reconnaisse que le pont Champlain est une infrastructure provinciale essentielle et qu'elle assume la responsabilité de son remplacement ;

**IL EST EN OUTRE RÉSOLU QUE** si la province ne peut assumer la responsabilité du pont, qu'elle fournisse une aide financière et opérationnelle à la municipalité de Nipissing Ouest pour le remplacement du pont Champlain ;

IL EST EN OUTRE RÉSOLU QUE toutes les municipalités du nord-est desservies par la route 17 ainsi que l'Association des municipalités de l'Ontario (AMO), l'Association des municipalités rurales de l'Ontario (ROMA), l'Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) et la Fédération des municipalités du Nord de l'Ontario (FONOM) soient priées d'appuyer la demande de la municipalité de Nipissing Ouest en soumettant des lettres d'appui au ministère des Transports.

ADOPTÉ



June 27, 2024

Association of Municipalities of Ontario 155 University Ave | Suite 800 Toronto, ON M5H 3B7

Sent via email: resolutions@amo.on.ca

#### Re: Green Roads Pilot Project Our File 35.72.3

To Whom it May Concern,

At its meeting held on June 24, 2024, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

WHEREAS St. Catharines has declared a climate emergency, recognizing the urgent need to address and mitigate the impacts of climate change on our community and environment; and

WHEREAS alternatives to traditional road surfacing materials exist, including green roads technologies that are more sustainable and environmentally friendly; and

WHEREAS bioresin is a natural alternative that can be used to support road surfacing, providing a more sustainable option that reduces our reliance on petrochemical-based products; and

WHEREAS many secondary roads in St. Catharines require resurfacing, presenting an opportunity to explore and implement innovative and sustainable road surfacing solutions; and

WHEREAS Good Roads, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) have presented alternatives for municipal road restoration that include sustainable and environmentally friendly materials and methods; and

WHEREAS other municipalities, such as Centre Wellington, have entered into a similar pilot project using bioresin and other sustainable materials, demonstrating a commitment to innovation and environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS implementing pilot projects using bioresin on city roads can provide valuable data and insights into the feasibility, performance, and environmental benefits of this alternative material; and



WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has established the Green Municipal Fund which includes new funding for pilot projects to test innovative and ambitious technologies to improve environmental outcomes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that St. Catharines City Council directs staff to investigate the feasibility and potential benefits of using bioresin on City road works; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff investigate other alternative construction materials and methods for road works that minimizes the City's carbon footprint and are more environmentally sustainable; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff prepare a report on the findings, no later than Q3 2024, including potential costs, benefits, and environmental impacts of using bioresin or other sustainable construction materials or methods for road works, and if feasible, a list of City streets where a pilot project may be considered in accordance with the City's procurement policy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the FCM to encourage the exploration and adoption of sustainable road surfacing alternatives.

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

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Donna Delvecchio, Acting City Clerk Legal and Clerks Services, Office of the City Clerk :sm

cc: all Ontario Municipalities



CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT TELEPHONE 613-968-6481 FAX 613-967-3206

### City of Belleville

169 FRONT STREET BELLEVILLE, ONTARIO K8N 2Y8

May 16, 2024

Todd Smith, MPP Prince Edward Hastings 5503 Hwy 62 S., Phase 1, Unit #4 Belleville, ON K8N 4Z7

via e-mail: Todd.Smithco@pc.ola.org

Ric Bresee, MPP Hastings-Lennox&Addington 8 Dundas St. W Napanee, ON K7R 1Z4

via e-mail: Ric.Bresee@pc.ola.org

Dear Minister Smith and Minister Bresee:

#### RE: City of Belleville Healthcare Resolution in Support of Family Doctors New Business 10. Belleville City Council Meeting, May 13, 2024

This is to advise you that at the Council Meeting of May 13, 2024, the following resolution was approved.

"WHEREAS, the Province of Ontario is responsible for providing quality health care to all residents of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS, Family medicine is the backbone of the healthcare system and providing timely access to a primary health care provider for everyone in the Province is essential and should be the Provincial Government's highest priority;

AND WHEREAS, the shortage of family physicians across the province has reached a crisis point where millions of Ontario residents do not have a family doctor and hospitals, emergency rooms and clinics are overloaded by the health care needs of Ontario residents;

AND WHEREAS, studies have shown that without access to a primary care provider, patients end up with poorer health outcomes and it costs the health care system more;

AND WHEREAS, the Province of Ontario could address this issue quickly and efficiently by increasing wages paid to family physicians and lessening the administrative burden all family doctors face with managing practices;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Province of Ontario take immediate action to ensure family physicians are properly compensated with immediate fee increases and that the administrative burden now being experienced by family doctors be reduced so they have more time to see their patients;

AND FURTHER THAT, the City Clerk forward Council's resolutions resulting from Council's approval of these recommendations to premier Doug Ford, Health Minister Sylvia Jones, MPP Todd Smith, MPP Ric Bresee, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and to the municipal Clerks of Ontario's municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT Council request a direct response from the MPPs within 30 days."

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Matt MacDonald Director of Corporate Services/City Clerk

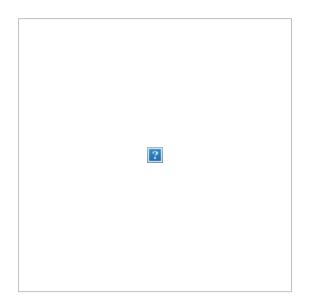
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Pc: Premier Doug Ford Health Minister Sylvia Jones AMO Municipal Clerks of Ontario

| From:    | Kimberly Moran and Colin Best            |
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| То:      | Kayce Dixon                              |
| Subject: | AMO/OMA Joint Health Resolution Campaign |
| Date:    | Tuesday, July 9, 2024 12:00:13 PM        |

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Dear Heads of Council and Clerks,

Communities across Ontario have been facing critical healthcare challenges, including long waitlists for primary care, shortages of doctors and other healthcare workers; and emergency room closures. These cracks in Ontario's health care system are impacting economic development, health, and well-being at the local level.

In response, the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) are working collaboratively to advocate for a better healthcare system for Ontario's residents and communities.

We have jointly developed the attached draft council resolution (Appendix A - Also in <u>PDF</u> and <u>Word</u> Versions), urging the provincial government to recognize the physician shortage in your municipality and the rest of Ontario. By adopting this resolution, your

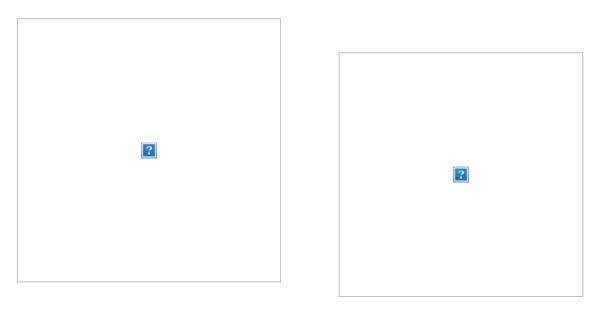
municipality can play a crucial role in highlighting the urgent need for more healthcare resources and support.

AMO is excited to welcome everyone to Ottawa for our annual conference from August 18-21, 2024. We are pleased to inform you that the OMA will be participating at this year's conference. Along with sponsoring the Rural Caucus Lunch on August 20, the OMA has reserved meeting room at the Fairmont Château Laurier for both August 20 and 21 to meet directly with municipal leaders. During these meetings, we would like to hear what you are seeing on the ground and discuss opportunities to work closer with you. We believe that collaboration between Ontario's doctors and all 444 municipalities is essential in addressing the healthcare needs of your community.

To set up a meeting with the OMA, please reach out to <u>Tarun.Saroya@OMA.org</u> (Senior Advisor for Government Relations and Advocacy) to book a 15-30 minute time slot at your earliest convenience.

We look forward to your positive response and to working together towards a healthier future for all Ontarians.

Yours sincerely,



Kimberly MoranColin BestCEO, Ontario Medical AssociationAMO President

## Appendix A:

WHEREAS the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being de-rostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the

next five years; and

WHEREAS it has becoming increasingly challenging to attract and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University says communities in northern Ontario are short more than 350 physicians, including more than 200 family doctors; and half of the physicians working in northern Ontario expected to retire in the next five years; and (Northern Ontario only)

WHERAS Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, and paramedicine.

WHEREAS the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77 in 2008 to 65 percent in 2022; and

WHEREAS per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada, and

WHEREAS a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the province;

• NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of (the name of municipality) urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in (name of municipality) and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care.

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Good Afternoon,

At its meeting held on June 12, 2024, Hamilton Board of Health/City Council approved the following resolution as part of the Public Health Committee Report 24-005 (June 3, 2024):

# 10. Resolution to Declare the City of Hamilton a "No Paid Plasma Zone" (Item 11.1)

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton supports voluntary blood and plasma donation and aims to protect our public collection system,

recognizing the importance of blood donation as a public good;

WHEREAS, Canada's tainted blood crisis resulted in the loss of approximately 8,000 lives and the subsequent Royal Krever Commission recommended Canada operate a fully voluntary, non-remunerated blood and plasma donation system;

WHEREAS, within Ontario's healthcare system blood donations are viewed as a public resource;

WHEREAS, the integrity of the of the public, voluntary donor system must be protected;

WHEREAS, in Ontario, the Voluntary Blood Donations Act, stipulates that it is against the law for private companies to pay donors and for donors to receive payment for their blood or plasma;

WHEREAS, paid plasma collection schemes are known to target and exploit the most vulnerable members of communities; and

WHEREAS, this resolution reaffirms the principles of voluntary, non-remunerated blood and plasma donation and aims to protect the integrity of Canada's public blood system and the integrity of blood donors.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the City of Hamilton designates itself a "Paid-Plasma Free Zone" and declares that private for-profit blood collection companies are not permitted to operate in the city;
- (b) That the City of Hamilton resolves to protect marginalized and vulnerable populations from exploitation resulting from for-profit plasma collection by advertising financial payment for the sale of their blood-plasma; and
- (c) That a copy of this resolution be sent to Canadian Blood Services, federal, provincial and territorial Ministers of Health, Grifols pharmaceuticals, and all Ontario Municipalities requesting that they respect the City of Hamilton as a "Paid-Plasma Free Zone" and support only voluntary Blood and plasma collection.

Kind regards,

## **Matt Gauthier**

Legislative Coordinator Office of the City Clerk Corporate Services | City of Hamilton 71 Main Street West, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Hamilton ON L8P 4Y5 Hamilton

### Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting Council Meeting

Resolution No.229Iitle:Councillor P. ValiquetteDate:Tuesday, April 23, 2024



Moved byP. ValiquetteSeconded byJ. Palmateer

WHEREAS it is apparent that the Ontario Government has overlooked the needs of small rural Ontario; AND WHEREAS Ontario's small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including roads, bridges, water/ wastewater and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities, libraries and other tangible capital assets;

AND WHEREAS small rural Ontario's operating needs consume the majority of property tax revenue sources;

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

AND WHEREAS in 2015 the provincial government moved to standardized billing for all non-contract J.P.P. (5.1) locations;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Government has committed \$9.1 billion to Toronto alone to assist with operating deficits and the repatriation of the Don Valley and Gardner Expressway; and \$534 million to Ottawa for the repatriation of Hwy 174;

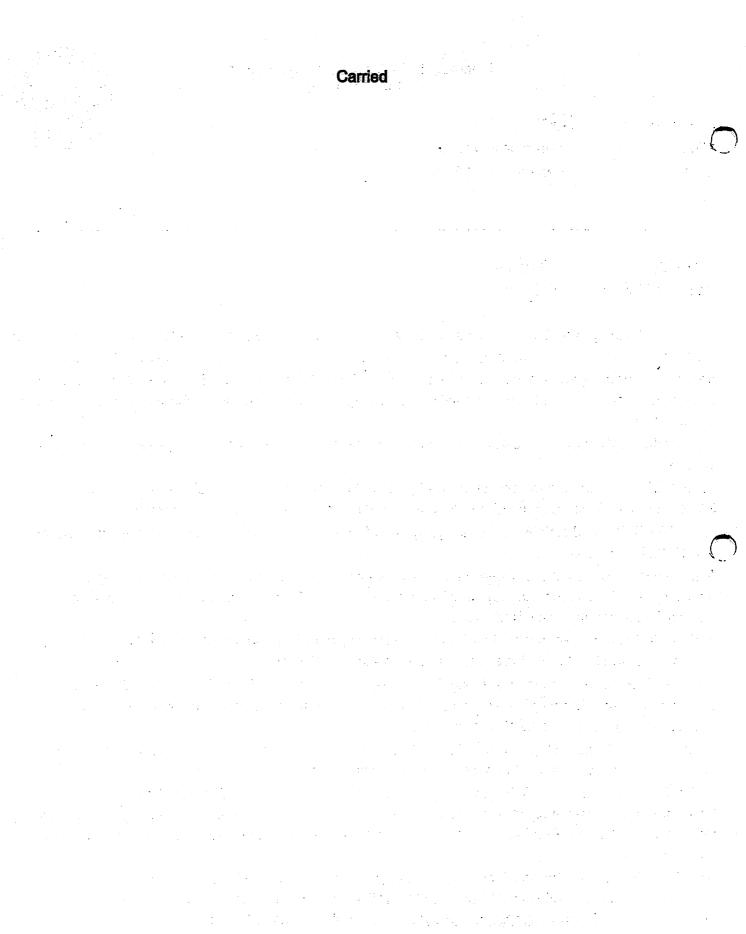
AND WHEREAS the annual cost of the Ontario Provincial Police, Municipal Policing Bureau for small rural non-contract (5.1) municipalities is approximately \$428 million;

AND WHEREAS this annual cost is significantly less than the repatriation costs of the Gardiner Express Way, the Don Valley Parkway and Highway 174 (Ottawa Region) but provides a greater impact to the residents of the Province overall;

AND WHEREAS this will afford relief to small rural municipalities for both infrastructure and operating needs while having a minimal impact on the provincial budget;

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

AND FURTHER, that Council direct staff to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford (premier@ontario.ca), Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca) and all Municipalities in Ontario.



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# The Corporation of the **Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan**

June 28, 2024

Via Email: <u>david.piccinico@pc.ola.org</u>

Hon. David Piccini M.P.P. Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development 117 Peter Street Port Hope, ON L1A 1C5

Dear Minister Piccini:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours truly, Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

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Joe Taylor, Mayor

Cc: MP, Philip Lawrence All Ontario Municipalities





#### MUNICIPALITÉ DE CASSELMAN ORDRE DU JOUR RÉUNION ORDINAIRE

### **Réunion Ordinaire**

| No. du point à l'ordre du jour: | 15.1.1.   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| No. du point                    | 2024-134  |
| Titre:                          | Geneviève Lajoie - Autonomie des offices de protection de la nature |
| Date:                           | le mardi 7 mai 2024   |
|                                 |   |

| Proposé par: | Genevieve Lajoie |  |
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| Appuyé par:  | Paul Groulx      |  |

ATTENDU QUE le ministère des Ressources naturelles et des Forêts (MNRF) a proposé des modifications réglementaires en vertu de la Loi sur les offices de protection de la nature, telles que détaillées dans l'affichage n°019-8320 sur le Registre de l'environnement de l'Ontario, qui accordent au ministre des Ressources naturelles et des Forêts des pouvoirs sans précédent pour i)

empêcher un office de protection de la nature de délivrer un permis et décider d'une demande de permis à la place de l'office de protection de la nature, et ii) réviser une décision de permis d'un office de protection de la nature à la demande d'un requérant, comme l'a notifié Jennifer Keyes, directrice de la planification et du développement des ressources :

directrice de la planification et du développement des ressources ;

ET ATTENDU QUE ces changements menacent de minimiser l'expertise, l'autonomie et les connaissances locales des offices de protection de la nature, mettant en péril la gestion efficace des ressources naturelles de l'Ontario, comme l'indique la lettre de Geneviève Lajoie, maire de la Municipalité de Casselman et membre dévouée du conseil d'administration de la Conservation de la Nation Sud ;

ET ATTENDU QUE les modifications proposées peuvent conduire à des développements qui compromettent la qualité de l'eau, la santé publique et la biodiversité, et ignorent le rôle essentiel des autorités de conservation dans les stratégies d'adaptation au climat, les droits et les connaissances des populations autochtones, ainsi que la durabilité environnementale et économique ;

QU'IL SOIT RÉSOLU QUE la Municipalité de Casselman soit solidaire, exprimant sa profonde inquiétude et son opposition aux changements réglementaires proposés en vertu de la Loi sur les offices de protection de la nature ;

QU'IL SOIT RÉSOLU que la Municipalité de Casselman soutienne l'appel à respecter les principes d'intégrité scientifique, d'expertise locale et de participation de la communauté aux efforts de conservation, en plaidant pour l'autonomie des autorités de conservation afin de protéger notre environnement contre les décisions qui favorisent le développement au détriment de l'intégrité environnementale ;

ET QU'IL SOIT EN OUTRE RÉSOLU QUE la Municipalité de Casselman encourage toutes les municipalités de l'Ontario à se joindre à cet appel en appuyant la lettre adressée au MRNF par la mairesse Geneviève Lajoie, et à demander au MRNF de reconsidérer les changements réglementaires proposés en faveur de la gestion de l'environnement, de la confiance du public et des droits des générations futures.





#### MUNICIPALITY OF CASSELMAN AGENDA REGULAR MEETING

**Regular Meeting** 

| Agenda Number:           | 15.1.1.  |
|--------------------------|--|
| <b>Resolution Number</b> | 2024-134   |
| Title:                   | Geneviève Lajoie - Autonomy of Conservation Authorities in Ontario |
| Date:                    | Tuesday, May 7, 2024   |
| Title:                   | Geneviève Lajoie - Autonomy of Conservation Authorities in Ontario |

| Moved by:    | Genevieve Lajoie |
|--------------|------------------|
| Seconded by: | Paul Groulx      |

WHEREAS the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) has proposed regulatory changes under the Conservation Authorities Act, as detailed in posting #019-8320 on the Environment Registry of Ontario, which grant the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry unprecedented powers to i) prevent a conservation authority from issuing a permit and decide on a permit application in the place of the conservation authority, and ii) review a conservation authority permit decision at the request of an applicant, as notified by Jennifer Keyes, Director, Resources Planning and Development Policy Branch;

AND WHEREAS these changes threaten to undermine the expertise, autonomy, and localized knowledge of conservation authorities, risking the effective stewardship of Ontario's natural resources, as articulated in the letter from Genevieve Lajoie, Mayor of Casselman and dedicated board member of the South Nation Conservation;

AND WHEREAS the proposed changes may lead to developments that compromise water quality, public health, and biodiversity, and ignore the critical role of conservation authorities in climate adaptation strategies, indigenous rights and knowledge, and environmental and economic sustainability;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of Casselman stands in solidarity, expressing deep concern and opposition to the proposed regulatory changes under the Conservation Authorities Act;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipality of Casselman supports the call to uphold the principles of scientific integrity, local expertise, and community input in conservation efforts, advocating for the autonomy of conservation authorities to protect our environment from decisions that favor development at the expense of environmental integrity;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Municipality of Casselman urges all Ontario municipalities to join in this call by supporting the letter addressed to the MNRF by Mayor Genevieve Lajoie, and to advocate for the MNRF to reconsider the proposed regulatory changes in favor of environmental stewardship, public trust, and the rights of future generations.



# THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATTAWAN

| DATE   | June 13, 2024              | Resolution No.          | 2024 - 078              |
|--|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| MOVED BY   | Councillor L               | EMAIRE                  |                         |
| SECONDED BY  | Councillor                 | HATE                    |                         |
| BE IT RESOLVED th  | nat the Corporation of the | Municipality of Mattawa | an, supports Resolution |
| No. 2024/05/184 received from the Municipality of Callander, which calls on Premier Doug       |                            |                         |                         |
| Ford to promptly resume the assessment cycle to ensure the stability and predictability of     |                            |                         |                         |
| property taxes while the Ontario Government conducts its review of the property assessment and |                            |                         |                         |
| taxation system, or responds with an alternative method for every municipality in Ontario to   |                            |                         |                         |
| achieve fair taxation.   |                            |                         |                         |
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| Councillor Lemaire   |                            |                         |                         |





31 May 2024

Premier Doug Ford premier@ontario.ca

RE: Urging the Government to Promptly Resume Assessment Cycle

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Callander passed the following resolution at its Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, May 28, 2024.

### Resolution No. 2024/05/184:

7.4(c) WHEREAS the assessment cycle is an essential process for maintaining the fairness and predictability of property taxes in our province;

AND WHEREAS the pause in the reassessment cycle has created uncertainty and instability in property taxation, impacting both residential and commercial property owners;

AND WHEREAS the government has delayed an assessment update again in 2024, resulting in Ontario's municipalities continuing to calculate property taxes using 2016 property values;

AND WHEREAS both current and outdated assessments are inaccurate, increase volatility, and are not transparent;

AND WHEREAS frequent and accurate reassessments are necessary to stabilize property taxes and provide predictability for property owners, residents, and businesses alike;

AND WHEREAS the staff at the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation would benefit from further skills enhancement and training in assessments, recognizing the importance of ensuring accurate evaluations for 100% of our municipality;

AND WHEREAS the Government has announced a review of the property assessment and taxation system with a focus on fairness, equity, and economic competitiveness, and therefore further deferring new property assessment; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Callander hereby calls upon the Premier to promptly resume the assessment cycle to ensure the stability and predictability of property taxes while the Government conducts its review of the property assessment and taxation system, or respond with an alternative method for every municipality in Ontario to achieve fair taxation;

AND THAT all Municipalities in Ontario and their constituents are encouraged to apply pressure to the Premier, daily, weekly, and monthly, to resolve the situation before it causes undo stress to everyone in the Municipality;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, the relevant provincial authorities, the Association of Municipality in Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, and all municipalities in Ontario for their consideration, to make proper changes as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Thank you,

Cindy Pigeau Municipal Clerk

Copy to: Association of Municipalities of Ontario Rural Ontario Municipalities Association Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities Municipal Property Assessment Corporation All Ontario Municipalities

> The Corporation of the Municipality of Callander 280 Main Street North, P.O. Box 100, Callander ON POH 1H0 Telephone: 705-752-1410 Facsimile: 705-752-3116 www.mycallander.ca info@callander.ca

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### The Town of The Blue Mountains Council Meeting

Date:

Councillor Ardiel Notice of Motion Re: Ride-Sharing Services Monday, June 3, 2024

| Moved by:    | Councillor Ardiel      |
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| Seconded by: | Deputy Mayor Bordignon |

WHEREAS the Town of The Blue Mountains faces challenges related to limited access to transportation, and there exists a pressing need for a ride-sharing service to address transportation gaps within our community; AND WHEREAS Rideshare services are increasingly relied upon by seniors, students, visitors and tourists, and residents looking for safe, affordable, convenient, and reliable ways to travel;

AND WHEREAS the standardization and consistency of regulations across municipalities, particularly in Ontario, can improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the regulatory framework;

AND WHEREAS transferring the responsibility of ride-share regulations and licensing to the provincial level would contribute to a more streamlined and uniform governance structure, while eliminating associated red tape and unnecessary administrative costs;

THEREFORE BE it RESOLVED THAT the Town of The Blue Mountains Council hereby expresses its support for the migration of ride-share regulations and licensing from the municipal level to the provincial level;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Town of The Blue Mountains Council formally requests the Government of Ontario to initiate the transfer of responsibilities in the interest of creating a more coherent and standardized regulatory framework for ride-sharing services across the province;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT that copies of this motion be distributed to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation; the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable David Piccini, Member of Provincial Parliament for Northumberland-Peterborough South; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and all Ontario municipalities, including Grey County

| <b>YES: 6</b>                          | NO: 0                                       | CONFLICT: 0       | ABSENT: 1       |  |  |
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| The motion is Carried                  |   |                   |                 |  |  |
| YES: 6                                 |   |                   |                 |  |  |
| Mayor Matrosovs<br>Councillor McKinlay | Deputy Mayor Bordignon<br>Councillor Porter | Councillor Ardiel | Councillor Hope |  |  |
| NO: 0                                  |   |                   |                 |  |  |
| CONFLICT: 0                            |   |                   |                 |  |  |



June 28, 2024

Colin Best President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

Sent via email: amopresident@amo.on.ca

Dear Colin Best:

Please be advised that Brantford City Council at its meeting held June 25, 2024 adopted the following:

## 12.2.7 Support for the Decision of the Ontario Energy Board to End the Gas Pipeline Subsidy

WHEREAS residents are struggling with energy bill increases and need relief; and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS the construction of new methane gas pipelines, which have 60-year targets and will result in higher carbon emissions, higher energy bills, higher future decarbonization retrofit costs to get off fossil fuel heating, and a continued financial drain as dollars leave the province to pay for fossil fuels extracted in other jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS the City of Brantford declared a climate emergency in 2019; and

WHEREAS transforming buildings by supporting actions that improve their energy efficiency aligns with the goals outlined in Brantford's Climate Change Action Plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the City of Brantford EXPRESS its support for the decision of the Ontario Energy Board to end the gas pipeline subsidy and RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS that the Ontario Government allow the decision to stand; and
- B. THAT this resolution BE CIRCULATED to the President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Colin Best; Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford; Minister of Energy, Todd Smith; Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy all Ontario Municipalities, The Honourable Marit Stiles, Leader of the Official Opposition, and The Honourable Bonnie Crombie, Leader of Ontario Liberal Party.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours truly,

Chris Gauthier City Clerk, <u>cgauthier@brantford.ca</u>

cc Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario Honourable Todd Smith, Minister of Energy Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance Honourable Marit Stiles, Leader of the Official Opposition Honourable Bonnie Crombie, Leader of Ontario Liberal Party All Ontario Municipalities To the Township of South Glengarry,

We would like to thank the township for supporting an active lifestyle in our community. Through the grants made available the Lancaster & District Curling club was able to make an investment in club equipment to reduce the barriers to community groups who wish to use our space.

Through the grant process we were able to purchase new brooms that have replaced our 20 year old ones that get used on the ice surface during our Learn to Curl sessions, community rentals and school groups. We also invested in 90 new grippers to ensure we have the safety equipment for all participants. The final item we purchased was assistive devices to ensure that members of a variety of different mobilities could participate and that there were even less barriers to taking part in this sport program within our community.

We would like to thank the Township of South Glengarry in supporting our club.

Thanks, Nigel Carlisle

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President Lancaster & District Curling Club

## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH GLENGARRY BY-LAW NUMBER 2024-46 FOR THE YEAR 2024

## BEING A BY-LAW A BY-LAW TO ADOPT, CONFIRM AND RATIFY MATTERS DEALT WITH BY RESOLUTION.

**WHEREAS** s.5 (3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, provides that the powers of municipal corporation are to be exercised by its Council by by-law; and

**AND WHEREAS** it is deemed expedient that the proceedings, decisions and votes of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of South Glengarry at this meeting be confirmed and adopted by by-law;

# NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH GLENGARRY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. **THAT** the action of the Council at its regular meeting of July 15th, 2024 in respect to each motion passed and taken by the Council at its meetings, is hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed, as if each resolution or other action was adopted, ratified and confirmed by its separate by-law; and;
- 2. **THAT** the Mayor and the proper officers of the Township of South Glengarry are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the said action, or to obtain approvals where required, and except where otherwise provided, The Mayor and the Clerk are hereby directed to execute all documents necessary in that behalf and to affix the corporate seal of the Township to all such documents.
- THAT if due to the inclusion of a particular resolution or resolutions this Bylaw would be deemed invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction then Section 1 to this By-law shall be deemed to apply to all motions passed except those that would make this By-law invalid.
- 4. **THAT** where a "Confirming By-law" conflicts with other by-laws the other bylaws shall take precedence. Where a "Confirming By-law" conflicts with another "Confirming By-law" the most recent by-law shall take precedence.

# READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME, PASSED, SIGNED AND SEALED IN OPEN COUNCIL THIS 15th DAY OF JULY 2024.

MAYOR:

**CLERK:**