

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON**

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**February 15, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.**

THIS WILL BE AN ELECTRONIC MEETING via ZOOM

**Members of the Public must register** with the Ryerson Township Clerk's Office prior to the meeting for meeting access.

Members of the Public are not permitted in a Closed meeting.

To Members of the Public: If you have trouble with your connection during the meeting, you may notify the Host by e-mail at: [treasurer@ryersontownship.ca](mailto:treasurer@ryersontownship.ca)

**Meeting will be recorded.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

1.1 Attendance: in person and electronic, late attendees

1.2 Announcement: This meeting is being recorded

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

2.1 Adoption of Minutes: February 1, 2022 regular meeting

**3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

**4. DELEGATION AND PRESENTATIONS:** None registered

**5. REPORTS**

5.1 FIRE DEPARTMENT: Staff report & 2022 budget for presentation at Tri-Council (Resolution)

5.2 DEPUTY CLERK: FONOM Conference registration (Resolution), Consent Application B-061/21(Resolution)

5.3 TREASURER: By-law re: Municipal Modernization Program Intake 3 payment transfer agreement (Resolution)

5.4 CLERK: Tri-Council draft agenda: any additions to the agenda, staff report 2022 Municipal Election

5.5 COUNCIL MEMBERS: Joe Vella written report from the virtual Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Conference

**6. BUSINESS ARISING / ACTIVITY LOG**

6.1 Committee appointments (Resolution)

**7. NOTICE OF MOTION**

7.1 Notice of Motion received from Councillor Finley re: Member of Council legal fees

**8. COMMUNICATION ITEMS**

8.1 Correspondence: Madonna Hall re: generators

8.2 General Information Items:

Police 2021 Statistics and 2020 Report

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) updates/newsletter

District Social Services Administration Board 2022 budget and statistics

Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing: Ontario-Municipal Housing

Affordability Summit

Arena Report

Historical Society Report and Budget

Waste Management Report

Joint Building Committee (JBC) January statistics

ROMA Media Release: Mental Health, Addictions, Homelessness, and Executive Summary

International Women's Day

**9. CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

9.1 By-law to confirm the meetings of Council

**10. CLOSED SESSION (not required)**

**11. IMPORTANT DATES**

Tuesday March 1, 2022 Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Monday March 7, 2022 Tri-Council 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday March 15, 2022 Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday April 5, 2022 Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**February 1, 2022**

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held Tuesday February 1, 2022, at 6:03 p.m. This was a hybrid meeting combining electronic meeting via Zoom, phone and in person due to the COVID-19 Pandemic precautions.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor George Sterling called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Attendance was announced, and it was noted that the meeting is being recorded.

Mayor Sterling participated from the municipal office.

Council members attending electronically via Zoom: Penny Brandt, Delynne Patterson, Celia Finley and Joe Vella.

Staff in attendance at the municipal office: Brayden Robinson, Nancy Field, Judy Kosowan.

Public attending by phone or electronically: Brenda Tota, Judy Ransome, Kathy Baker, Madonna Hall, Paul Van Dam, Nieves Guijarro.

Notice of this meeting was posted on the website.

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**R- 14 -22** Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Brandt be it resolved that the minutes from the regular meeting January 18, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Sterling. Absent: Vella due to technical connection difficulty. (Carried)

**3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Councillor Finley declared a pecuniary interest: I, Celia Finley, declare pecuniary interest with respect to: Item 5, Integrity Commissioner's Report. The general nature of the pecuniary interest is: Remuneration for attendance at council meetings.

**4. REPORTS**

BY-LAW: 2021 annual report from By-Law Officer Caitlin Deevey was received.

TREASURER: Council remuneration and expense report for 2021 was received by Council. Council remuneration by-law was adopted.

**R- 15 -22** Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Patterson be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 5-22, being a By-law respecting remuneration and expenses for members of Council and further; That By-Law # 5-22 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2022.

Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Sterling. Absent: Vella: due to technical connection difficulty. (Carried)

DEPUTY CLERK: Consent Application B 056/21 approved by Council.

**R- 16 -22** Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Finley be it resolved Ryerson Township Council approve Consent Application

B-056/21, Concession 13, Part Lot 12, in Ryerson Township. The following conditions will apply:

- If the reference plan or other evidence discloses that either the severed property or the retained property owned by the Applicant contains a deviation road maintained by the Township as a public road, then the Applicant shall survey and transfer such deviation road to the Township as a condition of severance. The area to be surveyed and transferred shall generally be 66 feet in width and centered upon the centre line of the present traveled road. In situations where this is impractical, the Applicant should discuss how this requirement will be fulfilled with the Municipality before the reference plan is finalized.
- As a condition of severance approval, the Applicant shall pay to the Municipality in which the land is located, or otherwise satisfy the requirement for donation of Parkland set out in Section 51.1 of the Planning Act.
- The Township requires one copy of the draft reference plan, and two copies of the Final Reference Plan and one digital copy of the Final Reference Plan.
- That the Townships Consent Administrative Fee and Deposit be paid by the Applicant before finalization of the Consent is given.
- The Township requires that existing access to Highway 520, for both the severed and retained lots currently without MTO permits will be required to apply, in a timely manner, for new MTO access permits to be issued. The Planning Board will be advised in writing that this condition has been met before finalization of the consent is given. It is noted that the MTO has said that no additional access will be permitted to Highway 520 and that the Ministry will only allow the parcels (severed and retained) for residential use.

Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling.  
(Carried)

CLERK: Vaccination Policy Update received by Council and resolution adopted.

**R- 17 -22** Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Vella be it resolved that the CAO/Clerk be directed to amend the COVID-19 Vaccination Policy as per option # One.

Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling.  
(Carried)

COUNCILLORS: Councillor Patterson provided a report on ACED and the survey regarding municipal development related plans. An update report on the Library was received.

Councillor Brandt highlighted the Joint Building Committee (JBC) annual statistics.

## **5. BUSINESS ARISING**

Councillor Finley left the meeting for the discussion on the Integrity Commissioner's report as per the previous declaration of pecuniary interest.

**R- 18 -22** Moved by Councillor Vella, seconded by Councillor Patterson, Whereas Ryerson Township Council has received a report from the Integrity Commissioner Harold Elston, And Whereas the Integrity Commissioner Inquiry Protocol has been considered, And Whereas Section 10.3 states: Upon review of the Report, Council shall pass a resolution stating whether or not it intends to take-action in response to the Report, and if so, what action it will take; Now Therefore Be It Resolved That as per Section 5.7 of the Integrity Commissioner Inquiry Protocol, Ryerson Township Council accepts the Integrity Commissioner's recommendation.

Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Patterson, Vella, Sterling. No: Brandt. Absent: Finley due to declaration of pecuniary interest. (Carried)

Councillor Finley returned to the meeting.



6. **NOTICE OF MOTION**: None received.

7. **COMMUNICATION ITEMS**

7.1 Hilda Tota: correspondence received regarding the Integrity Commissioner's report

7.2 Armour Township: Tri-Council item for agenda regarding tri-council meeting schedule

7.3 Joint Building Committee (JBC) meeting minutes, (Resolution re: Inspector wages)

**R- 19 -22** Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Patterson be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council support resolution # 2022 -008 dated January 20, 2022 from the Joint Building Committee recommending that the Building Inspector wage be increased by \$1.00 per hour effective January 2, 2022, with an additional \$1.00 per hour increase on successful completion of the Large Building exam.

Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling.  
(Carried)

7.4 Town of Bracebridge: request for support of a resolution regarding funding for Sexual Assault Services (Resolution)

**R- 20-22** Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Brandt be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council support resolution number 21-GC-317 dated December 22, 2021 requesting that increased and sustainable provincial funding for Muskoka Parry Sound Sexual Assault Services (MPSSAS) and other sexual assault services centres be supported for priority consideration by the Provincial Government and its agencies.

Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling.  
(Carried)

7.5 Township of Perry re: support for a resolution from Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) Joint and Several Liability.

**R- 21 -22** Moved by Councillor Vella, seconded by Councillor Patterson Whereas municipal governments provide essential services to the residents and businesses in their communities; and Whereas the ability to provide those services is negatively impacted by exponentially rising insurance costs; and

Whereas one driver of rising insurance costs is the legal principle of 'joint and several liability,' which assigns disproportionate liability to municipalities for an incident relative to their responsibility for it; and

Whereas, the Government of Ontario has the authority and responsibility for the legal framework of 'joint and several liability;' and

Whereas the Premier of Ontario committed to review the issue in 2018 with a view to helping municipal governments manage their risks and costs; and

Whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario on behalf of municipal governments has provided recommendations in the source document to align municipal liability with the proportionate responsibility for incidents and capping awards;

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson does hereby support AMO's recommendations; and

Further be it resolved that the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson does hereby call on the Attorney General of Ontario to work with municipal governments to put forward a plan of action to address "joint and several liability" before the end of the government's current term so that municipalities can continue to offer high quality services to their communities.

Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling.  
(Carried)

Information Items

- Armour Township Head of Council change of Title
- Joint Building Committee Year End Statistics
- AMO: Updates
- NDMNRF: Housing news release

**8. CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

**R- 22 -22** Moved by Councillor Finley, seconded by Councillor Vella be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 6-22, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 6 -22 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2022. Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling. (Carried)

**9. ADJOURNMENT:**

**R- 23 -22** Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Brandt, Be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 7:27 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Recorded vote due to electronic meeting: Yes: Brandt, Finley, Patterson, Vella, Sterling. (Carried)

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MAYOR

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CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON**

**LIST OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS**

**FOR COUNCIL MEETING: February 15, 2022**

**Item # 2.1 on Agenda** Moved by Councillor Vella    Seconded by Councillor Finley

Be it resolved that the minutes from the regular meeting February 1, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

**Item # 5.1 on Agenda** Moved by Councillor Brandt    Seconded by Councillor Patterson

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve the amendments to the final 2022 Burks Falls and District Fire Department Budget for presentation at the Tri-Council meeting March 7, 2022.

**Item # 5.2 on Agenda** Moved by Councillor Finley    Seconded by Councillor Brandt

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council authorize \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the in-person Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) Conference in North Bay May 9,10, 11 2022.

**Item # 5.2 on Agenda** Moved by Councillor Brandt, seconded by Councillor Patterson

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approve Consent Application B-061/21, Lot 18 , Concession 4, The following conditions will apply:

- If the reference plan or other evidence discloses that either the severed property or the retained property owned by the Applicant contains a deviation road maintained by the Township as a public road, then the Applicant shall survey and transfer such deviation road to the Township as a condition of severance. The area to be surveyed and transferred shall generally be 66 feet in width and centered upon the centre line of the present traveled road. In situations where this is impractical, the Applicant should discuss how this requirement will be fulfilled with the Municipality before the reference plan is finalized.
- The Township requires one copy of the draft reference plan for review prior to registration, two copies of the Final Reference Plan and a digital copy of the Final Reference Plan.
- As a condition of severance approval, the Applicant shall pay to the Municipality in which the land is located, or otherwise satisfy the requirement for donation of Parkland set out in Section 51.1 of the Planning Act.

- The Township requires that the applicant/agent provide evidence that, with the creeks/steams going through the property and the requirements for minimum setbacks, there is suitable development building areas on the proposed severed lot.
- The Township requires that for any proposed entrance: the Public Works Supervisor will be contacted to inspect the location to determine that a safe location for an entrance can be found. The Planning Board will be advised in writing that this condition has been met, before finalization of the consent is given.

**Item # 5.3 on Agenda** Moved by Councillor Patterson    Seconded by Councillor Finley

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # \_\_\_\_-22, being a By-law to execute a transfer payment agreement for the Municipal Modernization Program Intake 3 and further that; That By-Law # \_\_\_\_-22 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 2022.

**Item # 6.1 on Agenda** Moved by Councillor Patterson    Seconded by Councillor Vella


Be it resolved that Council approve the Council Committee appointments as per the attached list.

**Item # 9.1 on Agenda** Moved by Councillor Vella    Seconded by Councillor Finley

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # \_\_-22, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # \_\_-22 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022.

**Item # 12 on Agenda** Moved by Councillor Brandt    Seconded by Councillor Patterson

Be it resolved that we do now adjourn at \_\_\_\_\_. The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

	<h2>Fire Chief's Report</h2>
To:	Council
From:	Dave McNay, Fire Chief
Date of Meeting:	February 15,2022
Report Title:	New Apparatus
Report Date:	February 9,2022

**What an educational adventure the procurement of a new pumper has turned out to be. We started this journey well over a year ago and even took road trips to look at various styles of mini pumpers, we looked at Sturgeon Falls as well as Nipissing's . We thought we were good to go. I ask for approval from the 3 councils to place the RFP. This was done so we could take possession of the truck in 2022. We never got 1 RFP returned. Being who I am, I started calling suppliers to inquire why? Most of them said lead time was the issue, some even stating that their suppliers are telling them that they won't see cab and chassis till late fall 2022. I had 1 supplier question why I was going with a mini pumper and was it to replace a front line piece of apparatus. I told him it was and the main driving force was the price. He then proceeded to tell me that Fire Underwriters do not recognize Mini-Pumpers as front line apparatus. Fire Underwriters are the folks that dictate our insurance grades. This again opened up another can of worms. I called Fire Underwriters to ask that very question and was told yes and no?? I told them that the truck would come in NFPA and ULC compliant. They told me the issue was that most mini pumpers do not carry all the required equipment to meet the NFPA 1901 standard for pumpers. I assured them we specified NFPA and ULC compliance. He told me if that's the case then there shouldn't be an issue.**

**Rod Harris of Carrier Trucks has been helping me out as he is a book of knowledge on fire apparatus. I had Rod come up to our hall and meet with our team to discuss trucks. He told us that Mini Pumpers do have a place in the fire service but not as a front line pumper. He stated that the Ford 550 and Dodge 5500 cab and chassis's are not heavy enough to take the weight of equipment that needs to be on the apparatus. He said that yes the truck would come in compliant but there wouldn't be any room to add anything else such as spare nozzles, pails of foam, chains, speciality tools etc. He also stated that it probably isn't a good idea to have the**

**truck maxed out on weight sitting on the frame for 20 years. Rod told us he knows a Fire Chief that just took possession of a new Mini Pumper in Durno and he had 15 kgs of weight he could add to the truck when it arrived before it was over loaded. That is not enough room for me to recommend this style of truck and we don't believe this would be a good investment especially over 20 years. So here I am again asking the 3 councils for permission to submit RFP's for a full size pumper to replace our existing 211 Superior Pumper. It is recommended by Rod Harris that we put 12 -18 months lead time for build. He's even saying that they can't hold pricing because of various shortages of components. He says most suppliers are giving rather high quotes just in case. His suggestion is to tell councils to budget around the \$ 550,000.00. He also mentioned that Freightliner has no more 2023 chassis and are taking orders for 2024, therefore it would be a 2024 budget expense.**

**With the lead times for a new pumper being 12-18 months minimum it is highly unlikely that we would take possession this year 2022, or potentially 2023. I'm hoping that council will allow me to pursue a new ¾ ton pick up this year that is in the budget for next year 2023. This vehicle is desperately needed for a people mover and a back up atv trailer puller. Our current pick up would become the FPO vehicle as we had to decommission the FPO vehicle this past year. As stated in a previous report our rescue van can no longer carry people in the back and therefore it can only carry 2 people. A new pick up can carry 5 as well as any equipment off of 219 (rescue). As vehicle prices are quite high I'm hoping we could purchase and upfit the pick up for \$ 100,00.00. We have Rod Harris giving us a price on what we could get for our used apparatus. I'm hoping to have the dollar value before the Tri-council meeting.**

**As always any questions or concerns please stop by for a chat.**

**Dave**



DAVID McNay <chiefbfd@gmail.com>

**Replacement pumper**

1 message

**Rod Harris** <RodHarris@carriercentersev.ca>  
To: DAVID McNay <chiefbfd@gmail.com>  
Cc: Rod Harris <RodHarris@carriercentersev.ca>

Fri, Feb 4, 2022 at 12:37 PM

Hi Dave

Further to our conversation, providing a budgetary price on the new pumper is a bit of a challenge, there are so MANY variables right now.

My best effort is to take the attached;

Brighton sold for \$ 472,500 in 2020

Bayham we just received the order for \$ 548,500 plus HST

We just bid Deseronto ( not awarded yet ) for \$ 513,225 plus HST

I think based on what you have asked me for, I would suggest you go to Council with somewhere around \$ 550,000. By the time you get to them, they give approval and you proceed with the tender process etc, I am quite sure we will be faced with price increase for 2024 chassis ( Freightliner is quoting that now as 2023 orders are full ) and there is apparently another round of EPA engine changes coming so those chassis will be higher.

Not great news I know, but it's the best I can do at the moment. I hope that helps.

With regard to the trade ins;

I should have offers back on Monday, I told them I thought the Rescue was available immediately but the pumper may be 18 months or more.

Could you see if you can get the engine hours on the Pumper. If you press the button on the dash cluster adjacent to the odometer, and cycle through, engine hours should pop up.

Thanks !

Regards

**Rod Harris**  
Emergency Vehicles Sales Specialist

Carrier Centers

	A	B	P	R	S	T	U	V
1	BURK'S FALLS AND DISTRICT FIRE DEPARTMENT							
2	2022 DRAFT BUDGET							
3	February 9, 2022							
4	Account #	Description	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Budget	2021 YTD (Pre-Audit)	2022 Draft Budget	Comments
6	<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>							
7	<b>OPERATING REVENUE</b>							
8	15-321	MVC	11,711	1,940	4,900	2,930	5,500	3-year average
9	15-321-01	Inspections	555	205	400	649	400	
10	15-321-03	Miscellaneous Revenue	10,411	4,994	100	14,363	1,000	Fines, burn permits
11	15-321-04	Air Station	1,200	1,500	2,250	-	-	Dividing actual invoices 4 ways
13	15-621	Fire Transfer from Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	
14	<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE</b>		<b>23,877</b>	<b>8,639</b>	<b>7,650</b>	<b>17,942</b>	<b>6,900</b>	
15								
16	<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>							
17	16-202	Vehicle Expense	39,094	18,384	20,100	19,589	20,100	
18	16-203	Equipment/Comm Repair	16,793	12,690	16,900	12,802	12,600	
19	16-204	Utilities	5,453	4,796	6,000	5,002	6,000	
20	16-205	Telephone	6,038	5,740	5,600	5,460	5,600	
21	16-206	Fire Prevention Supplies	914	-	3,000	3,072	3,000	Supplies, fire rate signs, uniforms
23	16-208	Training	35,463	23,238	37,050	30,050	45,595	
25	16-209	WSIB	7,036	4,794	7,900	7,765	7,750	
26	16-210	Response Wages	57,545	54,804	57,600	46,177	58,800	
27	16-211	Wages & Empl Related Costs	166,413	117,910	174,500	174,928	186,050	
28	16-212	Insurance	20,887	22,257	24,800	24,003	26,400	
29	16-213	Building Repair/Maintenance	2,237	1,683	4,000	8,640	9,780	
30	16-214	Office Expense	3,017	3,110	3,500	3,178	3,500	
34	16-215	Air Station Fill and Maintenance	1,547	1,936	3,000	861	750	
35	16-216	PPE	-	3,438	1,500	1,499	3,500	Gloves, masks, gowns, wipes, washer/dryer
36	16-217	New Equipment/Gear	12,616	34,732	49,660	48,610	31,500	Portable radios, bunker gear, helmets, boots, station wear
37	16-218	Miscellaneous	2,624	422	1,000	840	7,000	\$6,000 volunteer appreciation; \$1,000 other misc
38	16-219	Snow Removal	2,005	1,650	2,200	1,599	2,100	



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1	BURK'S FALLS AND DISTRICT FIRE DEPARTMENT							
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3	February 9, 2022							
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39	16-222	Recharge Fire Extinguishers	333	178	500	614	500	
40	16-223	Radio License	1,522	1,420	1,450	1,514	1,600	Forecasted inflationary increase
41	16-224	Answering Service	1,261	1,261	1,300	1,261	1,300	
42	16-225	Legal	-	-	500	-	-	
43	16-226	Office Space Rental	3,242	3,242	3,242	3,242	3,242	
44	16-229	Audit/Accounting	2,528	2,534	2,600	2,554	2,600	Audit fees \$2,200 per contract + \$400 for external accounting
45	16-247	Smoke/CO Alarms	237	-	-	26	500	
46	16-248	Defib/Medical Supplies	-	-	500	829	500	
47		<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>388,805</b>	<b>320,219</b>	<b>428,402</b>	<b>404,117</b>	<b>440,267</b>	Change in operating expenditures: 2.8%
48								
49		<b>NET OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>364,928</b>	<b>311,580</b>	<b>420,752</b>	<b>386,175</b>	<b>433,367</b>	
50								
51								
52	<b>CAPITAL TRANSACTIONS</b>							
53		<b>CAPITAL REVENUE</b>						
54	15-321-02	Donations (typically received for fire capital assets)	100	40	100	50	100	
56	15-321-03	Miscellaneous Revenue (Capital)	-	-	-	-	50,000	Proceeds from sale of rescue van
57	15-328	Loan Proceeds	-	-	-	-	-	
59	15-621	Transfer from Fire Committee Reserve	24,470	7,500	-	-	-	
60		<b>TOTAL CAPITAL REVENUE</b>	<b>24,570</b>	<b>7,540</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>50,100</b>	
61								
62		<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>						
63	16-221	Capital Purchase	24,470	9,830	12,000	-	310,000	SCBA \$155,000; pickup \$100,000; gear rack \$20,000; seacan/fence \$15,000
66	16-228	Fire Committee Reserve Expense	2,500	-	-	-	-	
68		<b>Debt Repayment</b>						
69	16-212-1	Tanker Loan - interest	7,526	6,811	6,076	6,076	5,318	
70	16-212-2	Tanker Loan - principal	23,561	24,266	24,992	24,992	25,740	

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71								
72		<b>TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>58,057</b>	<b>40,907</b>	<b>43,068</b>	<b>31,067</b>	<b>341,058</b>	
73								
74		<b>NET CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>33,487</b>	<b>33,367</b>	<b>42,968</b>	<b>31,017</b>	<b>290,958</b>	
75								
76		<b>NET EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>398,415</b>	<b>344,947</b>	<b>463,720</b>	<b>417,193</b>	<b>724,325</b>	
77								
78		<b>MUNICIPAL CONTRIBUTIONS</b>						
79	15-621 A	Armour (47.84%)	190,602	165,023	221,844	199,585	346,517	
80	15-621 B	Burk's Falls (28.6%)	113,947	98,655	132,624	119,317	207,157	
81		Ryerson (23.56%)	93,867	81,270	109,252	98,291	170,651	
82			<b>398,415</b>	<b>344,947</b>	<b>463,720</b>	<b>417,193</b>	<b>724,325</b>	

BREAKDOWN OF DRAFT 2022 FIRE BUDGET				
2022-02-09				
Account #	Heading	Item Description	Cost	Total
<b>16-202</b>	<b>Vehicle Expense</b>	Safety Inspection	\$2,800	
		Undercoating	\$1,500	
		Fuel	\$8,600	
		Aerial Test	\$1,700	
		ATV Tracks on & Tires Off	\$1,500	
		Miscellaneous (batteries, tires, lights, etc)	\$4,000	
				<b>\$20,100</b>
<b>16-203</b>	<b>Equip/Comm Repair</b>	Pump test	\$1,250	
		Bunker gear cleaning	\$5,500	
		Annual flow testing	\$1,550	
		Annual Fit testing	\$1,000	
		Maintenance on comm tower	\$300	
		Miscellaneous (radio batteries, etc)	\$3,000	
				<b>\$12,600</b>
<b>16-208</b>	<b>Training</b>			
		Officer training	\$3,350	
		Recruit training	\$2,400	
		Training props/smoke machine	\$2,000	
		OAFC yearly registration/NEFEC (Chief, Deputy Chief, FPO, 1 firefighter)	\$4,000	
		Option for firefighters to attend RTC	\$8,000	
		Regular training night wages = 50 nights, 2.5 hours, 12 FFs @ \$17.23/hr	\$25,845	
				<b>\$45,595</b>
<b>16-210</b>	<b>Response Wages</b>	Honorariums (1 Deputy Chief @ \$2000; 3 Captains @ \$1500; 1 Chief Radio Operator @ \$1500; 3 acting captains @ \$500)	\$9,500	
		Call Wages (based on 2017-2019 average)	\$49,300	
				<b>\$58,800</b>
<b>16-213</b>	<b>Building Maintenance</b>	Cleaning supplies	\$500	
		Contracted cleaning services	\$780	
		Upstairs flooring replacement	\$6,000	
		Unanticipated building repairs	\$2,500	
				<b>\$9,780</b>
<b>16-214</b>	<b>Office Expense</b>	Office cleaning	\$2,000	
		Copier contract	\$1,000	

		Supplies including FPO	\$500	
				<b>\$3,500</b>
<b>16-215</b>	<b>Air Station Fill &amp; Maint</b>	Service contract on new air station (1/4 share)	\$750	
				<b>\$750</b>
<b>16-217</b>	<b>New Equipment/Gear</b>	Coveralls	\$2,500	
		Boots- 5 pairs	\$2,500	
		Portable radios- 7	\$9,800	
		Bunker gear- 2 sets	\$4,000	
		Hats, t-shirts, and station wear	\$3,500	
		Altair 4 gas detector/bump station	\$6,800	
		Hose- 4 lengths 45mm, 4 lengths 65mm	\$2,400	
				<b>\$31,500</b>
<b>16-221</b>	<b>Capital Purchases</b>	Seacan/Fence	\$15,000	
		Gear rack	\$20,000	
		3/4 Tonne Pickup Truck- outfitted	\$100,000	
		SCBA	\$155,000	
		New Fire Hall	\$20,000	
				<b>\$310,000</b>

**Judy Kosowan**

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**From:** FONOM Office/ Bureau de FONOM <fonom.info@gmail.com>  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>Full Delegate Package</b> Includes all meals (2 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 4 breaks, Welcome Reception on Monday and Banquet on Tuesday), Trade Show, all sessions/workshops and a delegate kit.	By April 8 <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>\$400</b>
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<b>Extra Banquet Ticket</b> Any banquet attendee can note special dietary requirements below:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>\$145</b>
<b>(Payable to the City of North Bay)</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>
	<b>HST - 13%</b>	<b>\$</b>
	<b>Final Total</b>	<b>\$</b>

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	<h2>Staff Report</h2>
To:	Council
From:	Deputy Clerk, Nancy Field
Date of Meeting:	February 15, 2022
Report Title:	Consent B-061/21 John Jackson Planner/Neil Murdy
Report Date:	February 9, 2022

**Recommendation:** I would recommend that Council support the application for consent, B-061/21 for Neil Murdy's property located at lot 18, Concession 4, known as 1059 Royston Road of Ryerson Township.

**Purpose/Background:** The subject lands are currently zoned Rural(RU) which permits a single-detached dwelling. There is adequate frontage and lot size to for the retained and the severed lot to meet the minimum requirements for development.

As per the requirements set out in the Provincial Policy Statement there does not seem to be any concerns. It is a compatible land use that promotes a healthy and safe development pattern and I do not believe that the proposed consent will increase any costs or be a burden to the Township.

Schedule B of the Official Plan does include a portion of this area as wetland, noted in the planning report, but the much newer schedules found in the Zoning By-law do not designate any portion of this property as wetland or as Environmentally Protected(EP).

There appears to be enough land to meet the required setbacks from the lot lines and the watercourse to locate a building envelope and the applicant will have to provide evidence to the Township that the lot being created is suitable for development. The Townships Planner has reviewed this proposal and does not believe that an Environmental Impact Study is required for this consent.

**Reference / Documents:** Planning Report P-3132, Application for Consent



B-061/21

**Application for Consent  
Under Section 53 of the Planning Act**

**Note to Applicants:** This application form is to be used if the **SOUTHEAST PARRY SOUND DISTRICT PLANNING BOARD** is the consent granting authority. In this form the term "subject" land means the land to be severed and the land to be retained.

**Completeness of the Application**

The information in this form that **MUST** be provided by the applicant is indicated by **black arrows** on the left side of the section numbers. This information is prescribed in the Schedule to Ontario Regulation 197/96 made under the *Planning Act*. The mandatory information must be provided with the appropriate fee. If the mandatory information and fee are not provided, the Planning Board will return the application or refuse to further consider the application until the information and fee have been provided.

The application form also sets out other information that will assist the Planning Board and others in their planning evaluation of the consent application. To ensure the quickest and most complete review, this information should be submitted at the time of application. In the absence of this information, it may not be possible to do a complete review within the legislated time frame for making a decision. As a result, the application may be refused.

**Submission of the Application**

- One application form is required for each parcel to be severed.
- The application fee.
- 1 original copy of the completed application form and sketch. Measurements are to be in metric units.

**For Help**

To help you understand the consent process and information needed to make a planning decision on the application, refer to the attached "Application Guide Q & A". For more information on the *Planning Act*, the consent process, provincial and local policies, please contact the Secretary/Treasurer of the Southeast Parry Sound District Planning Board at (705) 382-0739.

**1. Applicant Information**

▶ 1.1 Name of Owner(s). An Owner's authorization is required in Section 11.1, if the applicant is not the owner.

Name of Owner(s) Neil Murdy	Home Telephone No. 705-882-1166	Business Telephone No. 705-849-1167
Address 1059 Royston Rd, Burks Falls, ON	Postal Code POA 1C0	Fax No. —

▶ 1.2 Name of the person who is to be contacted about the application, if different than the owner.  
(This may be a person or firm acting on behalf of the owner.)

Name of Contact Person/Agent John Jackson Planner Inc.	Home Telephone No.	Business Telephone No. 705-746-5667
Address 1 Mall Drive Unit 2, Parry Sound, ON	Postal Code P2A 3A9	Fax No.

**2. Location of the Subject Land (Complete applicable boxes in 2.1)**

▶ 2.1 District Parry Sound		Municipality/Unorganized township Ryerson	Former Township
Concession Number(s) 4	Lot Number(s) 18	Registered Plan No. (Subd.)	Lot(s)/Block(s)
Reference Plan No.	Part Number(s)	Parcel No. PCL 2339	Name of Street/Road Royston Road
Street No. 1059	Section or Mining Location No.		

▶ 2.2 Are there any easements or restrictive covenants affecting the subject land?  
 No  Yes If Yes, describe the easement or covenant and its effect.

**3. Purpose of this Application**

▶ 3.1 Type and purpose of proposed transaction (check appropriate box)

Creation of a new lot       Addition to a lot       A Right-of-way       An easement   
 A charge       A lease       A correction of title       Other purpose

▶ 3.2 Name of person(s), if known, to whom land or interest in land is to be transferred, leased or charged.

▶ 3.3 If a lot addition, identify the lands to which the parcel will be added.

**4. Description of Subject Land and Servicing Information (Complete each subsection.)**

4.1 Description		Severed	Retained
	Frontage (m.)	137	266
	Depth (m.)	763	928
	Area (ha. or m <sup>2</sup> )	10 ha	22.8 ha
▶ 4.2 Use of property (i.e. vacant, industrial, commercial, residential, etc.)	Existing Use(s)	Vacant	Residential
	Proposed Use(s)	Residential	Residential
▶ 4.3 Buildings or Structures (include date of construction, type and size of building)	Existing	Vacant	Dwelling
	Proposed	Unknown	Unknown
▶ 4.4 Access (check appropriate space)	Provincial Highway		
	Public Road	X	X
	Name of Authority maintaining road	Municipality (Ryerson)	Municipality(Ryerson)
	Common name of road	Royston Road	Royston Road
	Private Road (describe in Section 4.8)		
	Right of way (describe in Section 4.8)		
	Period of Maintenance: Seasonal		
	:Year Round	x	x
▶ 4.5 Water Supply (check appropriate space)	Water Access (Describe in Section 4.9)		
	Publicly owned and operated piped water system		
	Name of Authority operating and maintaining services		
	Privately owned and operated communal well (Describe in Section 9.1)		
	Privately owned and operated individual well	Proposed	x
▶ 4.6 Sewage Disposal (check appropriate space)	Lake or other water body		
	Other means (Describe in Section 9.1)		
	Publicly owned and operated sanitary sewage system		
▶ 4.6 Sewage Disposal (check appropriate space)	Name of Authority operating and maintaining service		
	Privately owned and operated communal septic system (Describe in Section 9.1)		
	Privately owned and operated individual septic tank	Proposed	x
	Privy		
	Other means (Describe in section 9.1)		

4.7 Other Services (check if the service is available)	Electricity	Proposed	Existing
	School Bussing	X	X
	Garbage Collection		

4.8 If access to the subject land is by private road, or "right of way" as indicated in section 4.4, indicate who owns the land or road, who is responsible for its maintenance and whether it is maintained seasonally or year round.

4.9 If access to the subject land is by water, as indicated in section 4.4, describe the piling and docking facilities to be used and the approximate distance of these facilities from the subject land and the nearest public road.

**5. Land Use** (Maps are available at Municipal Offices for verification)

▶ 5.1 What is the existing official plan designation(s), if any, of the subject land?

Rural

5.2 What is the zoning, if any, of the subject land? If the subject land is covered by a Minister's zoning order, what is the Ontario Regulation Number?

Rural (RU)

5.3 Are any of the following uses or features on the subject land or within 600 metres of the subject land, unless otherwise specified. Please check the appropriate boxes, if any apply.

Use or feature	On the Subject Land	Within 600 metres of subject land, unless otherwise specified (Please check appropriate boxes)
An agricultural operation, including livestock facility or stockyard		
A landfill		
A sewage treatment plant or waste stabilization plant	None	
A provincially significant wetland (Class 1, 2 or 3 wetland)		
A provincially significant wetland within 120 metres of the subject land	N/A	
Flood plain		
A rehabilitated mine site		
A non-operating mine site within 1 kilometre of the subject land		
An active mine site		
An industrial or commercial use, and specify the use(s)		
An active railway line		
A municipal or federal airport		

**6. History of the Subject Land**

▶ 6.1 Has the subject land ever been the subject of an application for approval of a plan of subdivision or consent under the Planning Act?  
 Yes  No  Unknown If Yes and if known, provide the Ministry's application file number and the decision made on the application.

6.2 If the application is a re-submission of a previous consent application, describe how it has been changed from the original application.

▶ 6.3 Has any land been severed from the parcel originally acquired by the owner of the subject land?  
 Yes  No If Yes, provide for each parcel severed, the date of transfer, the name of the transferee and the land use.

6.4 How was the parcel originally acquired by the owner created?  Original township lot  By consent  By plan of subdivision  
 other

7. Concurrent Applications

- 7.1 Is the subject land currently the subject of a proposed official plan or official plan amendment?
7.2 Is the subject land the subject of an application for a zoning by-law amendment, Minister's zoning order amendment, minor variance, consent or approval of a plan of subdivision?

8. Sketch (Use the attached Sketch Sheet) To help you prepare the sketch, refer to the attached Sample Sketch in The 'Application Guide Q & A'.

- 8.1 The application must be accompanied by a sketch showing the following:
- the boundaries and dimensions of the subject land, the part that is to be severed and the part that is to be retained
- the boundaries and dimensions of any land owned by the owner of the subject land and that abuts the subject land
- the distance between the subject land and the nearest township lot line or landmark, such as a railway crossing, bridge, highway, etc.
- the location of all land previously severed from the parcel originally acquired by the current owner of the subject land
- the approximate location of all natural and artificial features on the subject land and adjacent lands that in the opinion of the applicant may affect the application, such as buildings, railways, roads, watercourses, drainage ditches, river or stream banks, wetlands, wooded areas, wells and septic tanks
- the existing use(s) on adjacent lands
- the location, width and name of any roads within or abutting the subject land, indicating whether it is an unopened road allowance, a public travelled road, a private road or a right of way
- if access to the subject land is by water only, the location of the parking and boat docking facilities to be used
- the location and nature of any easement affecting the subject land

9. Other Information

- 9.1 Is there any other information that you think may be useful to the Planning Board, or other agencies in reviewing this application? If so, explain below or attach on a separate page.

10. Affidavit or Sworn Declaration of Applicant(s)

Affidavit or Sworn Declaration for the Information set out in this Application

I/we, John Jackson of the Town of Parry Sound in the District of Parry Sound make oath and say (or solemnly declare) that the information contained in this application is true and that the information contained in the documents that accompany this application is true.

Sworn (or declared) before me at the Town of Parry Sound in the District of Parry Sound this 22nd day of September, 2021

Commissioner of Oaths

Applicant (Signature)

Applicant



11. Authorizations of Owner(s)

11.1 If the applicant is not the owner of the land that is the subject of this application, the written authorization of the owner(s) that the applicant is authorized to make the application must be attached to this application or the authorization set out below must be completed.

Authorization of Owner(s) for Agent to Make the Application

I/we, Neil Murdy, am/are the owner(s) of the land that is the subject of this application for a consent and I/we authorize John Jackson Planner Inc. to make this application on my/our behalf.

Sep. 22/21 Date

Neil Murdy Signature of Owner

Signature of Owner

11.2 If the applicant is not the owner of the land that is the subject of this application, complete the authorization of the owner(s) concerning personal information set out below.

Authorization of Owner(s) for Agent to Provide Personal Information

I/we, Neil Murdy, am/are the owner(s) of the land that is the subject of this application for a

consent and for the purposes of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, I/we authorize as my/our agent for this application, to provide any of my/our personal information that will be included in this application or will be collected during the processing of the application.

Sep. 22/21 Date

Neil Murdy Signature of Owner

Signature of Owner

12. Consent of Owner(s)

Complete the consent of the owner(s) concerning personal information set out below.

Consent of the Owner(s) to the Use and Disclosure of Personal Information

I/we, Neil Murdy, am/are the owner(s) of the land that is the subject of this consent application and for the purposes of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, I/we authorize and consent to the use by or the disclosure to any person or public body of any personal information that is collected under the authority of the Planning Act for the purposes of processing this application.

Sep. 22/21 Date

Neil Murdy Signature of Owner

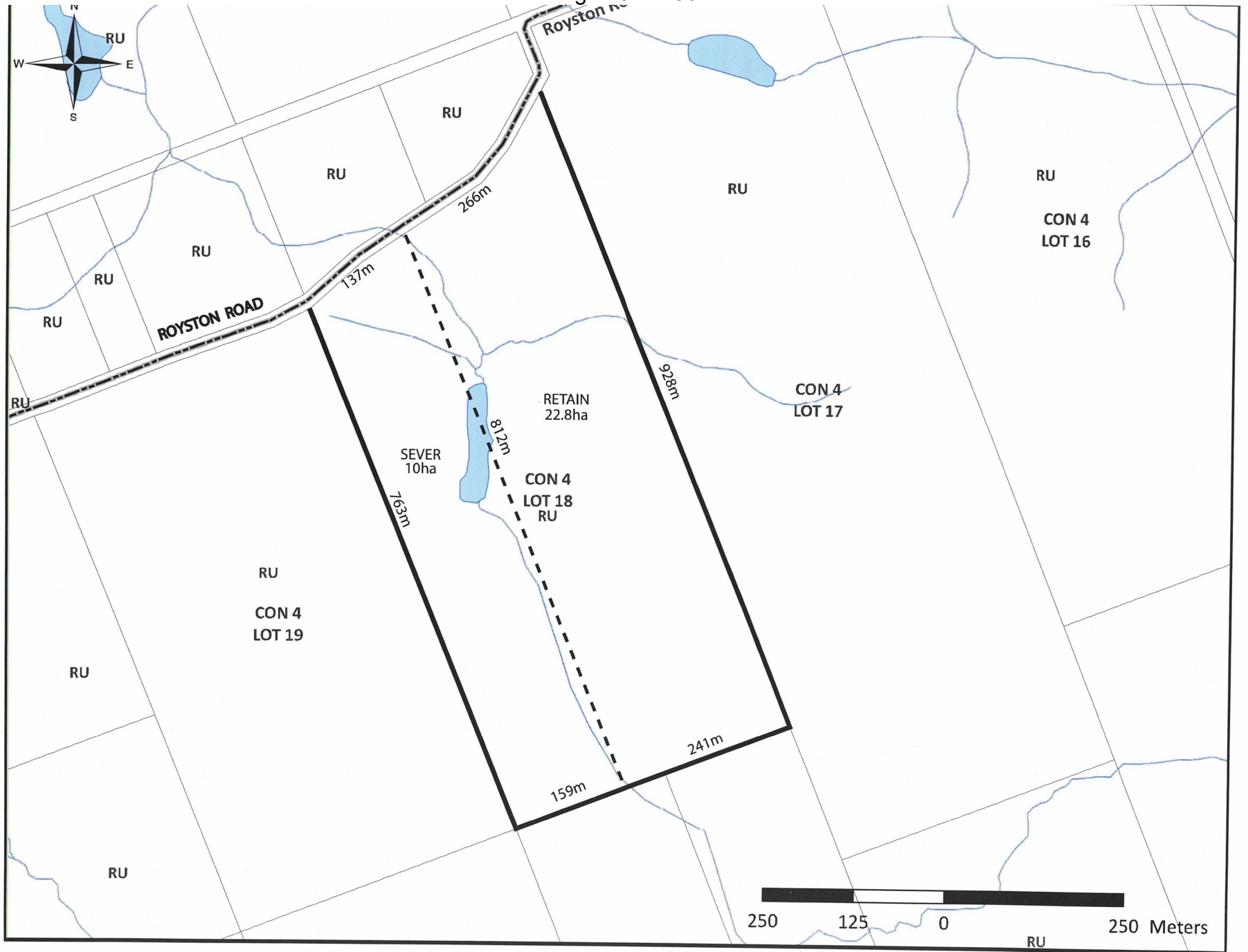
Signature of Owner

Applicants must complete the following check list to ensure that all necessary information is provided (check appropriate box):

- 1 Completed application form including sketch
Current parcel abstract (land title)
Current reference plan of survey or registered plan (if available)
Prescribed application fee, either as a certified cheque or money order, payable to the Southeast Parry Sound District Planning Board.

The Planning Board will assign a File Number for complete applications and this should be used in all communications.

Submit completed application and fee to: SOUTHEAST PARRY SOUND DISTRICT PLANNING BOARD
172 Ontario Street, P.O. Box 269
Burk's Falls, Ontario P0A 1C0



**Planning Report – Murdy – Consent – B-061/21**

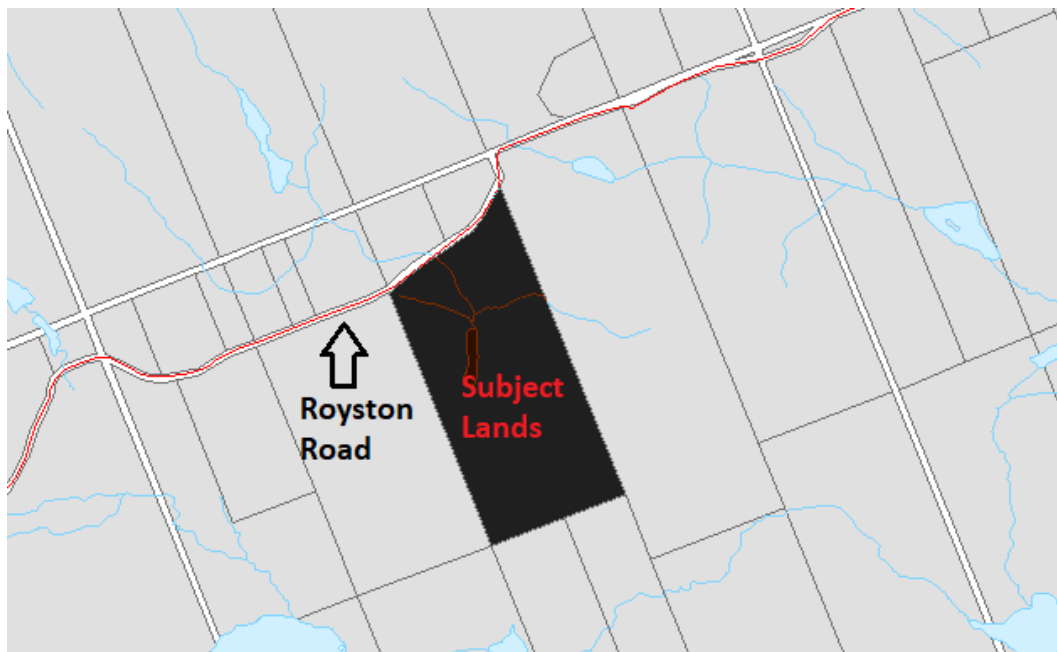
Southeast Parry Sound District Planning Board

**Application**

An application for consent has been submitted to the Planning Board to create one new rural residential lot.

**Location**

The subject lands are located in Part Lot 18, Concession 4 (Pcl. 2339), within the Township of Ryerson. The subject lands are located on the south side of Royston Road.



*Figure 1: Subject Lands*

**Background**

The subject lands are located on Royston Road, a Township road that is maintained year-round. The proposed retained lot is currently occupied by a residential dwelling that is serviced by an on-site septic system and well. The proposed severed lot is currently vacant.

The subject lands are bisected by a watercourse that travels south across the lot. A tributary of the larger watercourse is located within the proposed severed lot in the northeast portion of the lot. The topography of the subject lands is relatively level, considering the size of the lot. The point of highest elevation is located at 340 metres above average sea level. The point of lowest elevation is along the watercourse at 315 metres above average sea level.

Residential development is located in close proximity to Royston Road on nearby lots, on both sides of the public road. Directly to the north of the subject lands, there are two residential lots that are approximately 2.6 hectares and 4 hectares. Directly to the west and east of the subject lands, lots are both large in size, as they do not appear to have been subdivided and are both occupied by residential dwellings.

Table 1: Lot Characteristics

	Severed	Retained
<b>Lot Area</b>	10 ha.	22.8 ha.
<b>Lot Frontage</b>	137 m	266 m
<b>Lot Depth</b>	763 m	928 m
<b>Existing Use</b>	Vacant	Residential
<b>Proposed Use</b>	Residential	Residential

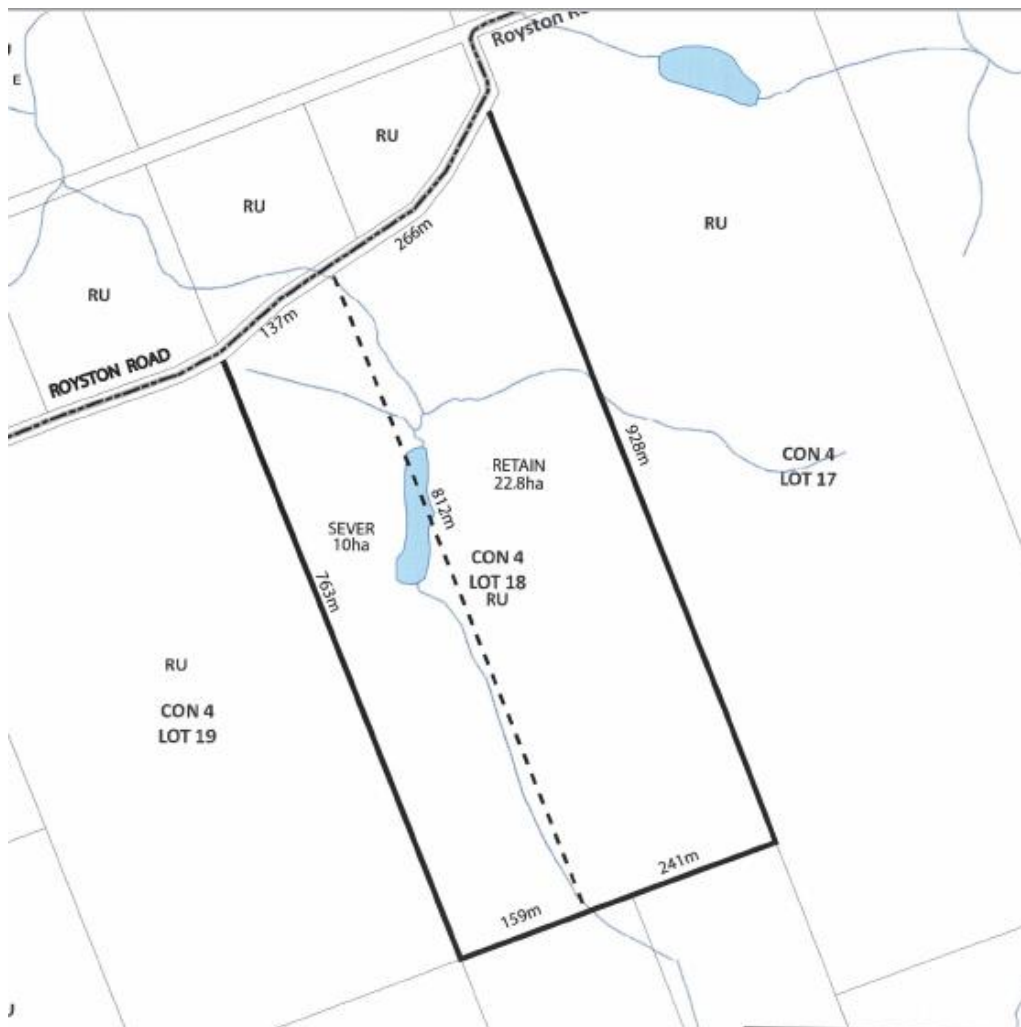


Figure 2: Severance sketch provided by the Applicant



## Official Plan

The subject lands are located within the “Rural” land use designation, as shown on Schedule 'A' - Land Use Designations of the Official Plan. The goals of the policies for the Rural designation are to preserve and promote the rural character of the Township. When considering development within the Rural designation, the impact on the rural character of the area will be considered. Permitted land uses in the Rural land use designation include single detached dwellings.

As per schedule 'B-1' of the Official Plan, the entire proposed severed lot contains wetland areas identified as “Other Wetlands”. Section 5.3.1 of the Official Plan addresses “Other Wetlands.” It is provided that “limited and compatible development may be permitted adjacent to wetlands where the integrity of the wetland can be preserved, however, wetlands should not be viewed as development impediments to be overcome by filling and alteration but rather must be preserved for their values and benefits.” Section 5.3.1 acknowledges that due to the scale of mapping provided in the Official Plan, that wetland delineation is generalized. As such, “development may be permitted in limited circumstances if the development proposal can be supported by evidence that the wetland area is not as extensive as current information suggests. Each development proposal must demonstrate, to the satisfaction of Council, that:

- I. the vegetation type and cover indicate that the property is not seasonally or permanently covered by shallow water nor does it have a water table close to or at the surface;
- II. the elevation of the development site varies significantly from the surrounding property;
- III. the soil is stable;
- IV. the nature and scale of the proposed development will not have a negative impact on existing drainage patterns, nor on fish and wildlife that may be present.

At this time, it is in my opinion that the Planning Board has not been provided adequate information to make a decision that would ensure that the creation of the proposed severed lot would conform to the policies of section 5.3.1 of the Official Plan. The Planning Board may choose to request that the Applicant provide an environmental impact report indicating wetland boundaries as well to determine if the proposed development may have negative impacts on the natural heritage feature. The Planning Board may also choose to request that the Applicant provide a soil stability analysis or geotechnical assessment to determine the suitability of the soils to accommodate development. It is recommended that Planning Board defer a decision on the proposed consent application until such a time that the Planning Board is satisfied that the Applicant has provided adequate information as required by section 5.3.1.

Section 4.1.4 describes the development policies within the Rural designation. In the review of these policies, I am satisfied that:

- The proposed lots meet the minimum lot frontage requirement of 60 meters;
- The proposed lots meet the minimum lot area requirement of 1 hectare;

- I am satisfied that the proposed severance will meet the lot creation policies of section 4.1.4, which address the number of lots that may be created per lot.

Section 4.1.4 also describes design considerations that should be incorporated into lot creation. Such considerations include:

- Lots must maintain the character of the area;
- Physical features of the property are to be maintained;
- Lots to be of adequate size for private services (sewage and water);
- Entrances not to create a traffic hazard;
- The appearance of continuous residential development to be discouraged;
- Mineral aggregate resources are to be conserved, and D-6 Guidelines apply where new development is within the influence area of a pit or quarry.

In review section 4.1.4 of the Official Plan, it is in my opinion that it has not been adequately shown at this time that the physical features of the property are to be maintained based on the identified "Other Wetlands" of Schedule B of the Official Plan.

Section 6.9.1 addresses lot creation by consent. The applicable policy stipulates:

- Council shall establish that a plan of subdivision is not required for the proper and orderly development of the land;
- The intent and purpose of the Official Plan and Zoning By-law must be maintained;
- The lot should be reasonably well proportioned, of regular shape and dimension, and must be of sufficient size and configuration to be serviced by private on-site water and sewage disposal systems;
- The lot must front on an existing year-round publicly maintained Township road except as otherwise permitted in the Shoreline designation;

In a review of section 6.9.1, I have the following comments:

- A plan of subdivision is not necessary;
- Based on policies of section 5.3.1, the approval of the proposed consent will not meet the general intent of the Official Plan;
- The proposed severed lot is reasonably portioned and of regular shape;
- The proposed severed lot and retained lot front on a public road maintained year-round by the Township.

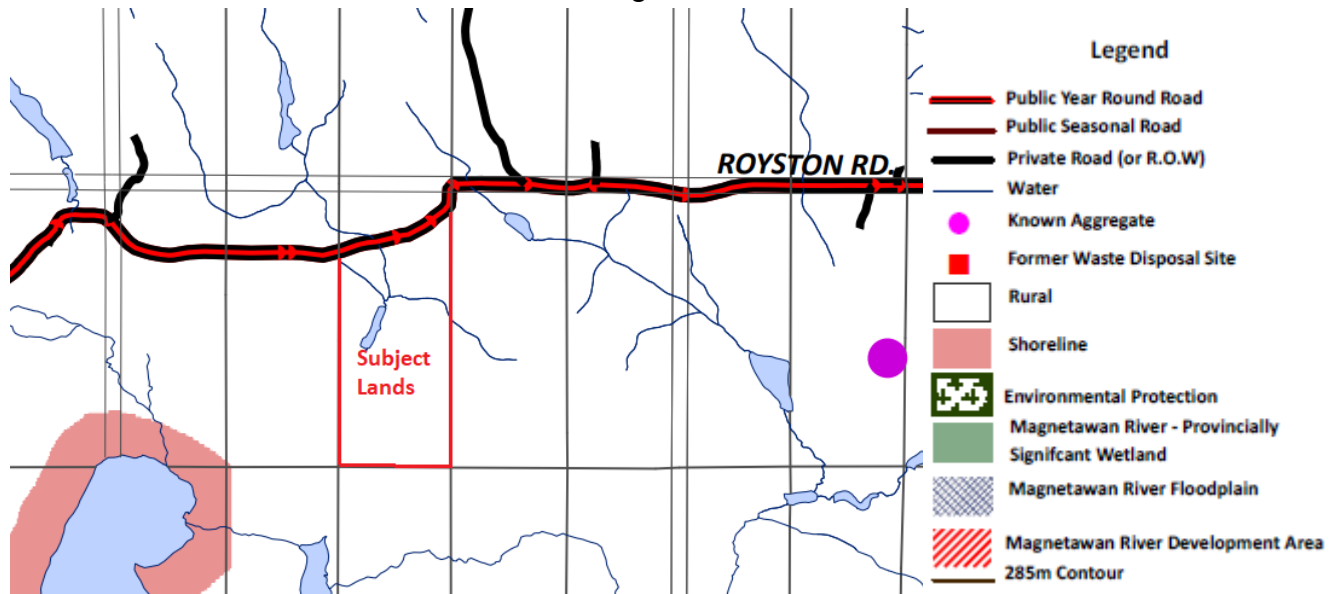


Figure 3: Schedule A of the Official Plan

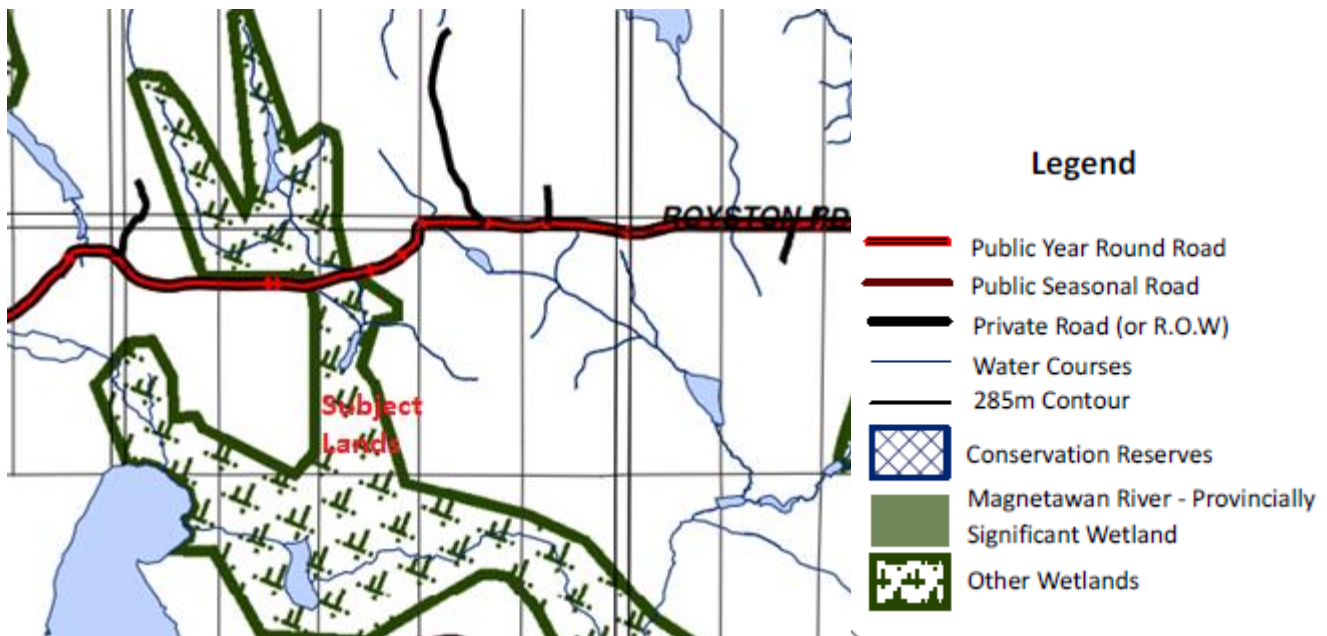


Figure 4: Schedule B of the Official Plan

**Zoning By-law**

The subject lands are currently zoned Rural (RU). Single-detached dwellings are permitted within the RU zone. The minimum frontage for residential lots in the RU zone is 100 meters. I am satisfied that the proposed retained and severed lots will meet this minimum requirement. The minimum lot area for residential lots within the RU zone is 1 hectare. I am satisfied that the proposed retained and severed lots meet this requirement.

As per section 3.26.1 of the Zoning By-law no building or structure shall be set closer than 15 metres to a stream or watercourse.

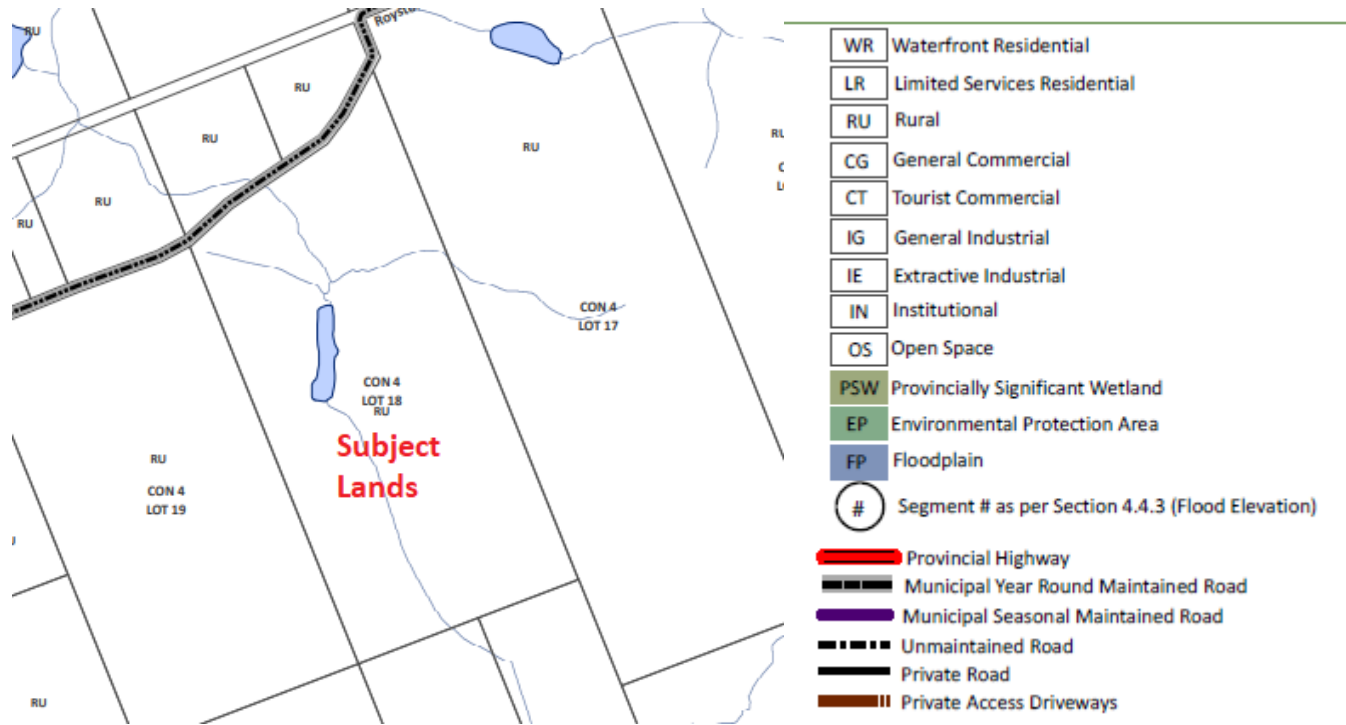


Figure 5: Schedule G4 of the Zoning By-law

### Provincial Policy Statement

The Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 (PPS) sets out land use planning standards that municipal decision-making must be consistent with.

Section 1.1.1 of the PPS states that Healthy, liveable and safe communities are sustained by promoting efficient development and land use patterns which sustain the financial well-being of the Province and municipalities over the long term and by avoiding development and land use patterns which may cause environmental or public health and safety concerns; promoting cost-effective development patterns and standards to minimize land consumption and servicing costs; ensuring that necessary infrastructure and public service facilities are or will be available to meet current and projected needs; promoting development and land use patterns that conserve biodiversity and prepare for the impacts of a changing climate. I am satisfied that the proposed consent will be cost-effective and avoid increasing costs to the Township.

Section 1.6.6.1 states that planning for sewage and water services shall promote water conservation and water use efficiency and shall integrate servicing and land use considerations at all stages of the planning process. Section 1.6.6.4 states where municipal sewage services and municipal water services or private communal sewage services and private communal water services are not available, planned or feasible, individual on-site sewage services and individual on-site water services may be used provided that site conditions are suitable for the long-term provision of such services with no negative impacts.

Section 1.6.6.6 states that planning authorities may only allow lot creation if there is confirmation of sufficient reserve sewage system capacity. The determination of sufficient reserve sewage system capacity shall include treatment capacity for hauled sewage from private individual on-site sewage services. The Planning Board should receive confirmation from the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority that there is an area within each of the proposed severed lots that is suitable for a conventional sewage disposal system (i.e. Class 4)

### **Recommendations**

Having reviewed the Township's Official Plan and Zoning By-law as well as the Provincial Policy Statement, it is in my opinion that the decision on consent application B-061/21 be deferred until such a time that the Planning Board is satisfied that the approval of the proposed severance will conform to the policies of Section 5.3.1 of the Official Plan. The assessment must determine the boundaries of the wetland and the location of a building envelope that ensures an adequate setback from the wetland boundary, and that the building envelope is of sufficient size to accommodate a land area suitable for a residential dwelling and the associated private water and sewage disposal services.

In the case that the Planning Board is provided adequate information to ensure that the approval of this application conforms with Section 5.3.1 of the Official Plan, it is recommended that the approval be subject to the following conditions:

- The Township's Public Works Manager should confirm that a suitable location for a new entrance to the proposed severed lot can be properly constructed to municipal standards along Royston Road;
- The Planning Board receives confirmation from the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority that there is an area within each of the proposed severed lots that is suitable for a conventional sewage disposal system (i.e. Class 4).

Respectfully submitted,



Brady McGlade, MSc (Plan), BES

**Report reviewed and supported by Glenn Tunnock, MCIP, RPP**

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON**

**BY-LAW # \_\_\_\_\_ - 22**

**BEING A BY-LAW TO EXECUTE THE ONTARIO  
TRANSFER PAYMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE MUNICIPAL  
MODERNIZATION PROGRAM INTAKE 3**

WHEREAS Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson wish to enter into an agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing in order to participate in the transfer payment agreement for the Township of Ryerson Public works Digitization;

NOW THEREFORE Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson enacts as follows:

1. That the Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement for the Municipal Modernization Program Intake 3, with Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing the "Province" and the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson, the "Recipient" attached hereto as Schedule "A", be entered into by the Municipality.
2. That the Mayor and the Clerk be authorized to execute all documentation necessary to fulfill the Agreement.

Read a First, Second and Third time,  
Signed and the Seal of the Corporation  
affixed thereto, and finally passed in  
Council this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 2022.

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MAYOR

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CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK

**BURKS FALLS, ARMOUR, RYERSON  
TRI-COUNCIL MEETING - AGENDA**

**Monday March 7, 2022– 7:00 p.m.**

**THIS WILL BE A COMBINED IN-PERSON/ELECTRONIC MEETING**


Armour Ryerson Burks Falls Memorial Arena  
(Upstairs room, elevator available)  
220 Centre Street, Burks Falls, Ontario

Please arrive 15 minutes early, as there is the Arena COVID-19 Protocol to follow.  
**Councillors must advise Ryerson Township if attending electronically, and the contact information will be provided.**

and

**Members of the Public must register** with the Ryerson Township Clerk's Office prior to the meeting for either in person or electronic attendance, so that room capacity can be determined and the electronic contact information can be provided, upon request.

1. Host Municipality, Ryerson Township: Mayor Sterling Welcome and Call the meeting to order
2. Approve Minutes from Tri-Council meeting October 25, 2021 (Resolution)
3. Draft 2022 Budgets & Reports:
  - 3.1 Burks Falls and District Historical Society
  - 3.2 Burks Falls, Armour, Ryerson Union Public Library
  - 3.3 Armour, Ryerson & Burk's Falls Memorial Arena and Community Centre
  - 3.4 TRI R Waste Management
  - 3.5 Burk's Falls & District Fire Department
4. Proposal for Shared Services Advisory Committee or proposal for 4 Tri-Council meetings per year
5. Other Business (if any)
6. Next meeting proposed date: Monday October 31, 2022? (Municipal Election is October 24, 2022) Armour host
7. Adjournment

	<h2>Staff Report</h2>
<b>To:</b>	Ryerson Township Council
<b>From:</b>	Judy Kosowan CAO/Clerk/Deputy Treasurer
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	February 15, 2022
<b>Report Title:</b>	2022 Municipal Election – General Information
<b>Report Date:</b>	February 8, 2022

**Recommendation:**

Received for information purposes.

**Purpose/Background:**

Municipal Election Day is Monday October 24, 2022.

The Township of Ryerson will be using Vote by Mail again for 2022.

The new term of office will be from November 15, 2022 to November 14, 2026.

Nomination Forms and Candidate Guides will be available from the Township Office beginning Monday May 2, 2022.


Nominations Close on Friday August 19, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

No person who proposes to be a candidate may solicit or accept contributions for election purposes or incur campaign expenses until a nomination paper has been filed.

VoterLookUp.ca

Make sure you are on the voters list and that all your information is correct. Visit VoterLookUp.ca provided by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC).



	<h2>Councillor Report</h2>
Name	Joseph Vella
Event	ROMA Conference 2022
Date of Event	24 /25 January 2022
Date of Presentation	14 February 2022

### **Before the Conference Began / Registration**

The 2022 ROMA conference was attended online. Registration was managed by the Ryerson administration. I received numerous correspondence from the OMA prior to the conference and was informed through these that the credentials to join the online conference would be delivered by the end of the day on the Friday before the conference. The first event available through the conference would be on the Sunday – a provincial government affair regarding affordable housing initiatives.

As of Friday evening I had not received my credentials. I contacted OMA on Saturday and someone got back to me. We determined that the credentials had been sent to an incorrect email address, even though I had received correspondence to my correct email address. As of Sunday morning I had still not received my credentials. On contacting them again, I was informed that I would get my credentials on Monday morning 'after they opened'. As such, I was not able to partake in any Sunday programming.

I would recommend that the OMA send correspondence stating which email address they will be sending credentials to prior to the actual email which contains the credentials. In this way any error can be addressed before the conference, both to prevent unintentionally sending credentials to someone not entitled, and to insure that those who should receive credentials have them at the start of the proceedings.

### **Opening of the Conference**

A statement was made by representatives of indigenous peoples in Ontario.

A plea was made to support them as the Ontario Government is contesting a long standing treaty with the Huron people, and asking to let the government know we are opposed to this action and find it unfair. I would expect something from the OMA in this regard. Otherwise we might ask if other councils are following up on this.

### **AMO statement**

The AMO has put an 8 point plan on their website – their strategy regarding the upcoming provincial election. I have copied this below:

1. Commit to a provincial-municipal fiscal framework that is stable, sustainable and affordable for property taxpayers.
2. Acknowledge and support municipal governments as key partners in Ontario's economic recovery and future prosperity.
3. Commit to a comprehensive and integrated response to the environmental, social and economic impacts of climate change.
4. Make social infrastructure, infrastructure and transit investments that build sustainable and competitive communities and support broader participation in the economy.
5. Invest in broadband and connectivity to expand opportunity, access and economic participation in every part of Ontario.
6. Adequately fund the municipally delivered provincial health and human services that underpin the social and economic wellbeing of Ontarians.
7. Implement an integrated response to mental health and addictions.
8. Work with municipalities on innovative approaches to increase the supply of affordable housing.

I believe that the OMA had a strategy here, by presenting their points at the beginning of the ROMA, that the provincial ministers present might address these points. I didn't see that the government strayed from their election messaging at all, even when asked directly with respect to these points.

Provincial ministers from multiple portfolios did spend a lot of time speaking about their broadband aspirations.

An appeal was made at this time to review Municipal liability and a call was made to support their statement – which we recently did support in council.

### **Ministry of Infrastructure Statement**

Mention was made of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund, which provides monies for Bridges, Roads and Broadband. There is a comprehensive website with information on eligibility to this fund.

If we are not taking advantage of this fund, we should be.

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontario-community-infrastructure-fund>

Mention was made about the new affordable housing initiative. There was nothing here for us and much was made about new highways being built in the south.

Independent of ROMA I have seen more information on the results of provincial consultations on affordable housing and there are issues and new policies that we will want to address, however, none of these were alluded to in the ROMA by the provincial delegation.

### **TVO – The Agenda**

An excellent presentation about the municipal complaints process was addressed. This is available on TVO.org as a video.

The Ontario Ombudsman is tasked with investigating Issues surrounding the following:

- Integrity Commissioner actions
- By law enforcement
- Housing
- Roads

We should develop a process that would escalate complaints through our processes and eventually to the Ontario Ombudsman where required.

[Best Practices for Municipal Complaint Processes](#)

### **OMA - Local Authority Services (LAS)**

Through LAS we could possibly receive better rates on group benefits. Have we explored this?

### **MITACS**

Mitacs can connect municipalities to funding and expertise which can facilitate infrastructure projects and broadband. Are we working with these people at all?

### **CoHousing Options Canada**

From Their Website:

Is cohousing right for you?

Cohousing is a planned residential community (or neighbourhood) that combines private homes with shared indoor and outdoor spaces that are designed to support an active, interdependent community life.

Cohousing has a long history in Denmark and is becoming an established community model in the United States and right here in Canada.

***Take our survey and answer questions that will help you think about whether or not Cohousing is right for you.***

These folks have experience and ideas that can help us come up with affordable housing solutions.

Have we done a survey to know how much tenuous accommodation is in the township:

Couch surfing

People living In trailers or with not enough heat

### **MPAC**

MPAC assessments are based on January 1, 2016 values. The municipal levy has been frozen due to COVID.

However – house sale prices overall in Ontario have doubled since 2016 and are up 50% since January 2020. There will be a shock to many residents when the rate is unfrozen. We may have to deal with that as a council.

“ASSESSMENTS DISTRIBUTE TAXES – THEY DON’T DETERMINE THE TAXES PAID”

There was a discussion on electronic application for and submission of building permits as a method of encouraging and streamlining the process.

VOTERLOOKUP.CA is a tool provided by MPAC - our residents should be aware of this.

### **Rural Ontario Institute**

ROI spoke about the high cost and difficulty in getting cyberinsurance.

There are heavy losses associated with the exposure that cyber brings.

***It can take upwards of 6 months to get systems up and running again after a cyberattack.***

Keep this in mind in the rush to modernize.

### **OMA**

The OMA spoke on the power of networking our municipalities to empower them, specifically with respect to getting action from the provincial government on the OMA’s 8 point plan.

### **Municipal Affairs and Housing**

The Minister, Steve Clark, spoke.

Do we have a list of who is experiencing homelessness in our township?

### **Ontario Ministers Forum**

**On rural healthcare** - the social service relief fund was mentioned, but for the most part he referred the problem to Ottawa.

**On child care** – the minister blamed the previous Ontario government for any problems. They are hoping to finalize discussions on joining the federal initiative.

**On Municipalities which house jails** – you get plenty of benefits, so don't expect any funds that might offset increased costs to the municipality.

**On Long term Care issues related to COVID** – he made no commitment to further funding.

**On Joint and several liability** – The ministry does not believe there is a problem but will meet with the insurance board to clear up any misunderstanding.

**On Construction Labour** – there is about 320,000 vacant trades positions daily.

The ministry of municipal affairs and housing is promoting the benefits of working in trades, towards alleviating the shortage. They have some training initiatives as well.

They have asked for an allotment of 18,000 immigrants to help alleviate vacancies in health care and trades.

**On Poverty** – Nothing new.

**On Rental Housing** – Nothing new. A suggestion that Dorms could be used as affordable housing when vacant or there could be some kind of hybrid accommodation.

**Mental Health initiatives** – from the website:

**Roadmap to Wellness** is a guide to building a comprehensive and connected mental health and addictions system that is sensitive to the needs of Ontario's diverse population. It will be a system that people find easier to navigate and where they can access the right level of care to meet their needs. Ontarians will no longer feel lost or unsupported.

To enable this plan, Ontario is investing \$3.8 billion over 10 years to expand existing programs and fill gaps in care with innovative solutions and services. This includes a \$1.9-billion investment from the province, as well as a \$1.9-billion investment from the shared priorities funding agreement with the federal government.

**Roadmap to Wellness** will benefit all Ontarians, including children and youth, Indigenous people, Francophones, first responders, students, individuals who are justice-involved and people experiencing homelessness. It will enable a system that can more effectively respond to everyone's needs, whether they have a mild to moderate mental health issue or are challenged by a serious and significant illness.

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Importantly for municipalities:

There was broad consensus on three key findings:

- Upstream investments in areas such as early intervention, traditionally delivered by community organizations, have one of the highest rates of return of any mental health spending and should be a significant area of focus.
- It is difficult to achieve the integration of primary and acute care, and improve client pathways, if the community sector lags in clinical and data capacity.
- Investing in community-based services is the best way to achieve success in ending hallway health care, as these investments help divert people from the hospital.

The clear takeaway from the consultations was the need to invest in community-based mental health and addictions services.

You can read the full text here: [roadmap to wellness plan](#)

Housing is a priority.

On Seniors –

Do we have a senior activity centre?

Is there Transportation available?

Community grants available up to \$60K. There is a website with examples of projects that have been awarded funds. We could do an educational series to make our population more comfortable with technology to further the modernization objectives – which could be funded through these grants.

Up to \$10k or 25% is available for accessible renovation.

For low income families a grant is available to adapt vehicles for accessibility.

On Women and Domestic violence – \$3.6M Rural new expenditure

On Cannabis Stores – keeping an eye on if regulation of locations is required and looking for municipal input.

On the Shortage of Building Officials – Funds are available through the modernization initiative specifically to fund apprenticeship of CBO's. This is something we need to explore.

On Exotic Animals – It is up to municipalities to put in bylaws to restrict large cats.

On Multiculturalism -

Some time was taken to discuss the advantages of rural multiculturalism. Is racism an issue in our township?

On Paramedic Services – emphasis on modernization of dispatch. Long term care at home can be supported by paramedics coordinated with nurses.

On Climate Change – A priority for the government. A statement was made that the western provinces had increased their emissions while the eastern provinces / Ontario, had decreased their emissions, mostly from municipal programs.

This is an unprecedented opportunity with a \$26 trillion dollar upside.

Particular points to concentrate on:

- Energy efficiency of buildings
- Encourage zero emission vehicles
- Grow the clean energy sector
- Encourage sustainable agriculture
- Energy efficiency retrofits are a driver of job growth

- We need to act now
- The shift to new energy systems starts now
- Do not lock in carbon intensive investment

### **Michael Smither panel**

In the lame duck period approaching the municipal election:

If 75% of council is expected to be replaced then the following council activities are restricted:

- Hiring or dismissal
- Disposition of property
- \$50K Acquisition limit

### **4 Day work week**

Demonstrated increase in efficiency and popular with employees.

### **Building department staffing**

It is now acceptable to do remote inspections with video and photos, specifically a response to the shortage of building officials.

### **Tiny Houses**

The building code has been revised to address tiny houses and inspections related to them. We should review these.

### **OMAFRA**

There is a section on climate change as it relates to road drainage – has the road department reviewed this?

### **Public Engagement**

Mail outs with web links and information are very effective in engaging the public.

*Bang the table* – this is software that was recommended for public engagement and polling.

Set up a table at public works for people to drive in and give feedback.



## **Drainage**

Bylaws can be used to influence the design of drainage systems beyond the engineering specifications for road drainage.

## **Civility in public engagement**

Emphasis on communication and patience to get buy-in using a consistent way of dealing with this across council.

Have a low tolerance to deviation from civil discourse

Have a policy to deal with issues surrounding civil discourse.

## **IESO**

Growing demand for electricity

New sources of supply are required

Pickering Nuclear is to be retired in 10 years.

Natural gas generation is being phased out.

Decarbonization is a high priority

Interested in municipal energy projects

- Increasing efficiency of buildings
- Electrical storage projects ( batteries )
- Renewables ( Solar or Wind )
- Contact the IESO with your ideas for a project in your municipality
- IESO can put you in touch with others in your region/network

## **ROMA Panel**

On Rural population growth – factors which drive growth:

- Housing
- Transit and transport infrastructure
- Jobs
- Broadband

On long term care – expand community paramedicine as a way to allow ageing in place

On the Labour Force – It is ageing. Possibly outmigration is lessening.

On attracting business –

- work to bring the supply chain local to mitigate global supply problems
- Know in advance where industry can build factories or warehouses
- It is crucial that municipalities collaborate
- Airports and seaports
- Smaller homes to attract young people
- Support innovation hubs

On Paramedic services –

- Spawn community programs to allow ageing at home
- Paramedics can perform home visits, do bloodwork, ECG and ultrasound
- Paramedic could see 5 or 6 patients a day
- To help recruit Paramedics, housing needs to be very close to the job due to overtime and on call work

### **AFRA AG/Food and Rural Affairs**

The Ontario wildlife damage compensation program increased from \$20 to \$50 per claim.

(livestock/bee hives killed by predation)

### **Rural Economic Development**

Application for Funding for eligible projects ends on March 7. Information is available on the web site if we want to make a submission.

### **Ministry of Infrastructure**

100% broadband coverage in Ontario promised for 2025.

ICON / OCIF – provincial Community Infrastructure fund – is already winding down. Provides money for roads / bridges / wastewater / Hospitals / Rapid build Long term care and asset management planning. Are we getting any of these funds?

ICIF – federal funds

Using a P3 procurement strategy – provided no Rural examples

Highways – Essex/Leamington

No rail

### **Ministers Conference Day 2**

#### **On affordable housing –**

federal funds have been requested by the provincial government through the *Reaching Home Fund*. They didn't discuss whether the province was funding this at all.

Province guaranteeing 60 day response to applications to reduce costs.

#### **Northern Ontario Heritage Fund –**

Funds up to \$2m / 50% available for broadband, rural infrastructure maintenance and incremental improvements where it attracts investment, community economic development projects

#### **On Climate Change –**

Report should be out at the end of the year with regional recommendations.

Unfortunately the rest of this presentation was ill informed.

#### **Minister of Finance –**

Looking for federal funds to restart economy. Not putting any provincial funds up.

#### **On Drainage re Rail –**

Do we have any rail right of ways in Ryerson? There is a dispute with the railways as the believe the townships are responsible for maintenance of drainage.

#### **On Road Salt –**

Salinity in water bodies – expect guidance in coming months regarding road salt.

### On Long term energy plan –

Blamed the previous government. No other substance here.

### On Gypsy Moths –

Announcement coming on Gypsy Moth control coming.

### On Digital Government initiative -

Digital ID being developed

More services are going Online

Re: Covid – reduce regulatory burden for small business

Birth Certificate is already electronic

Marriage license to go electronic

### On Blue Box / Recycling –

Within 18 months going to a standardized program across Ontario – what does this mean for us?

### On transit –

No development here, concentration is on fare integration between networks to increase convenience.

### On Financial Institutions –

Some concern regarding what we can do to keep financial institutions from leaving our small centres. It was left as a question.

### On WSIB –

WSIB payouts have been reduced by 50% - How exactly was this done?


## **Final Observations**

This was an interesting conference with much useful information provided by the other municipalities and various guests.

The provincial government played a large part in this conference, and I question whether they should have. As this is an election year for the provincial government, I found the ministers spent their time politicking and deflecting. Answers to important questions were not forthcoming.

In election years, I would prefer to see the provincial role purposely attenuated to allow the municipalities more time to acquire useful knowledge, build networks and develop policy positions.

The online format made it impossible to network effectively or at all. This networking is essential to small municipalities to keep us sustainable and to move us forward. I look forward to next year when we might return to the in person format.

	<b>Staff Report</b>
To:	Ryerson Township Council
From:	Judy Kosowan CAO/Clerk/Deputy Treasurer
Date of Meeting:	February 15, 2022
Report Title:	Council Committee Appointments
Report Date:	February 8, 2021

**Recommendation:**

List of Committee Appointments, for Council's decision.

Be it resolved that Council approve the Council Committee appointments as per the attached list.

**Purpose/Background:**

Attached is a copy of the Committee Appointment List for consideration.

## Township of Ryerson 2018 – 2022 Committee Appointments

### Draft For Updating February 15, 2022

#### **Council Committees:**

**Almaguin Community Economic Development (ACED)** Meets monthly: Delynne Patterson, and alternate VACANT \_\_\_\_\_.  
<https://investalmaguin.ca/>

**Almaguin Highlands Health Centre** Meets monthly: VACANT \_\_\_\_\_ and alternate, Delynne Patterson.  
<https://almaguin-health.org/council-members>

**Burks Falls and District Historical Society** Meets monthly: Delynne Patterson, and alternate Penny Brandt.  
<https://www.burksfallsdistricthistoricalsociety.com/>

**Joint Building Committee** Meets monthly: Penny Brandt and alternate VACANT \_\_\_\_\_.

**Burks Falls, Armour, Ryerson Union Public Library Board** Meets monthly: Delynne Patterson and alternate Penny Brandt; public volunteer members: Hilda Tota and Bev Abbott.  
<https://www.burksfallslibrary.com/>

**Town of Parry Sound Municipal Partners Provincial Offences Act Advisory Committee (POA)** Meets twice/year: Penny Brandt and alternate VACANT \_\_\_\_\_.  
<https://www.parrysound.ca/en/inside-town-hall/provincial-offences.asp>

**Regional Recreation Committee:** Meets as Needed – no activity due to COVID-19: VACANT \_\_\_\_\_, and alternate Penny Brandt.  
<https://www.burksfalls.net/my-community/recreation/recreation-programs>

**Road Department Liaison** Meets as needed: Penny Brandt, George Sterling

**Ryerson Recreation Committee** Meets as needed – no activity due to COVID-19: VACANT \_\_\_\_\_, and alternate Penny Brandt.

**SouthEast Parry Sound District Planning Board** Meets monthly: George Sterling and alternate Penny Brandt.

**HR Sub Committee/Task Force** Meets as needed: Delynne Patterson, Penny Brandt.

**East Parry Sound Veterinary Unit** Meets once/year: Penny Brandt.

**Regional Appointments:**

**Parry Sound District Social Services Administration Board (DSSAB):**

TBD by DSSAB and Armour Councillor Jerry Brandt for Area 4 (Kearney, Burks Falls, Armour, Perry, McMurrich/Monteith, Ryerson)  
To view meeting information Ctrl & Click to follow link:

<https://www.psdssab.org/our-agency/dssab-board-information/agendas-and-minutes>

**Eastholme:** George Sterling for Area 4 (Armour, Kearney, Perry, Ryerson)

**District of Parry Sound Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee (EMS):** Cathy Still (Ryerson, Armour, Perry, Burks Falls, Kearney, Magnetawan, McMurrich/Monteith)

To view meeting information Ctrl & Click to follow link: [EMS Advisory Committee Meeting \(parrysound.ca\)](#)

**Health Unit:** Marianne Stickland (Kearney, Burks Falls, Armour, Joly, McMurrich/Monteith, Perry, Ryerson, Strong, Magnetawan)

To view meeting Information Ctrl & Click to follow link: <https://www.myhealthunit.ca/en/about-us/boh-meetings.asp>



## Schedule 'G' - Notice of Motion Form

Notice of Motion of the Township of Ryerson, Procedural By-law,

Member of Council, Celia Finley

Hereby files a Notice of Motion to be included on the Agenda for the Regular meeting of Council, which is scheduled to be held on:

Feb. 15 2022 under the following Agenda heading:

Subject: Payment of legal fees for all members for legal advice and legal defence when threatened or served with any lawsuit arising from members' speech in council or committee or public meetings.

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And which Notice of Motion reads as follows:

Whereas Members of Council must be free to speak openly and honestly on all issues that come before council,

And whereas Council has been requested to consider whether there should be payment of member's legal fees when their words spoken in council or committee meetings have been alleged to be defamatory,

And further that Council has been requested to rule on this matter and the matter of ability insurance for all councillors facing lawsuits arising from remarks made in open council meetings,

And whereas in order to encourage transparency, accountability and the freedom for all to speak in open and honest debate without fear or favour, Council must provide a safe forum,

Now therefore be it resolved that Council will fully cover members' legal fees in this matter, and further, that Council directs the Clerk to make a report on liability insurance for defamation etc. from our Insurers, for Council's deliberation.

**Judy Kosowan**

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**From:** Madonna Hall <madonnahall61@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** February 7, 2022 3:17 PM  
**To:** Judy Kosowan; Nancy Field; Celia Finley; Penny Brandt; Brayden Robinson; George Sterling  
**Subject:** Noise By-Law Draft

Hello All  
sorry Joe Vella no email address.

We the permanent residence of Ryerson Township have had some time to look over the draft of the new noise control By-Law schedule "A"

We are asking to postpone any decisions until we can address some of the flaws that are concerning.

Generators with any time attached are unexceptable, except for power outages, medical emergencies or building permits.

Adding times to unwanted generator sounds is unacceptable and the permanent residents of Ryerson Township just want their peace and quiet back.

Do we understand that for (10) ten hours out of (12) twelve hours in the day, generators are acceptable? "A" 11

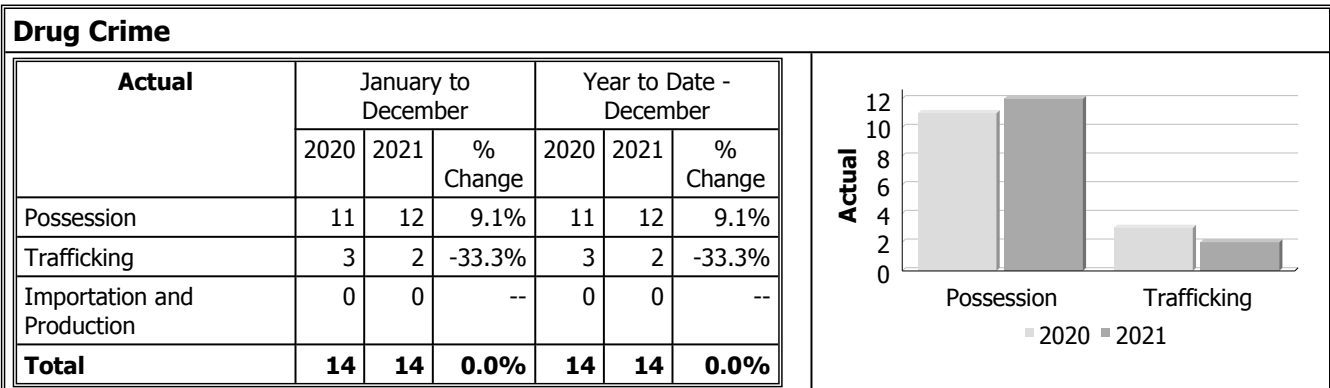
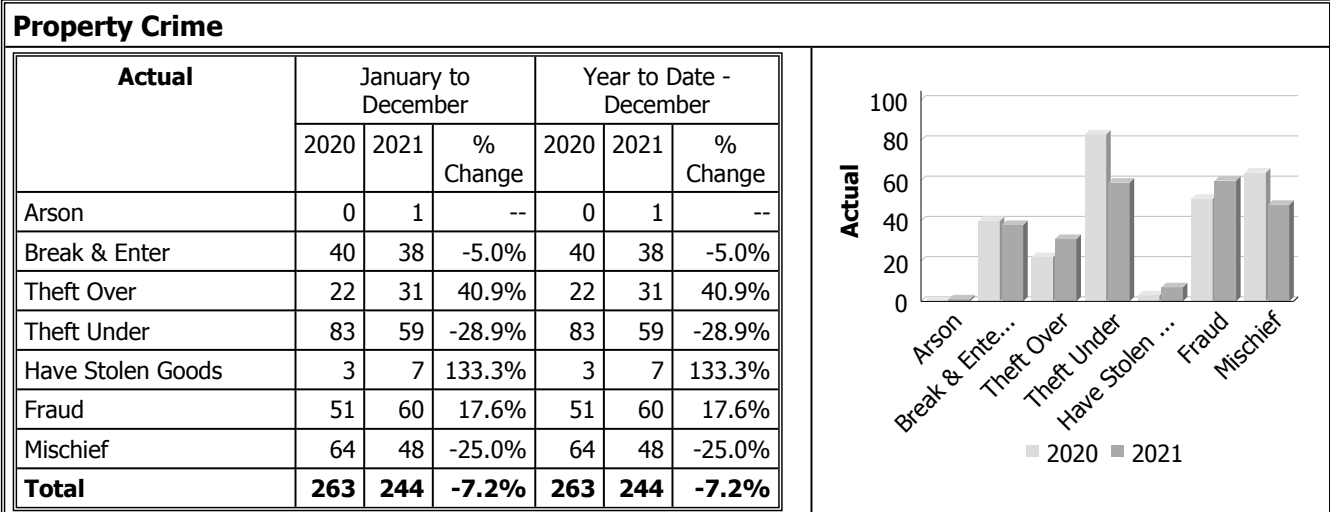
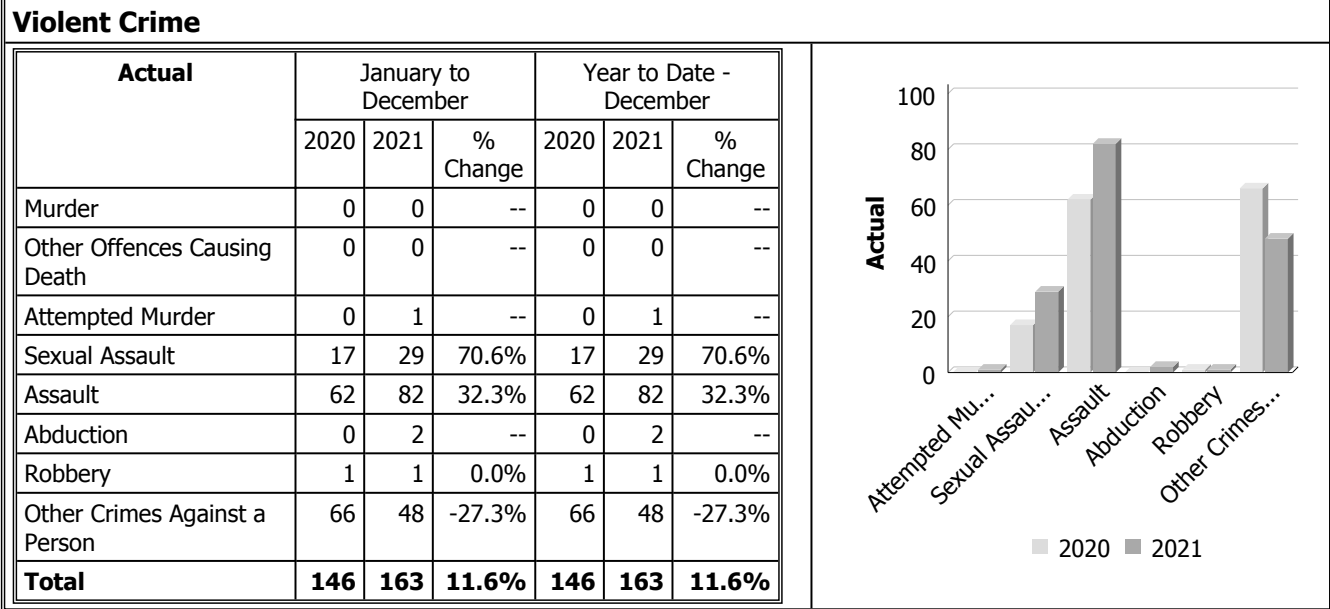
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We are also looking at schedule "A" 5, 9.

We would also like to have a copy of the environmental assessment that was addressed when generators were acceptable for domestic use 24-7.  
We have lost most of the wildlife that was abundant in the area around our homes; moose, deer, fox, bear, birds etc.

We would also like a copy of the By-law officers job description.  
If by-law is not on call or working 24-7, who is the contact if we need to address a concern or complaint?

Thank-you  
Madonna Hall

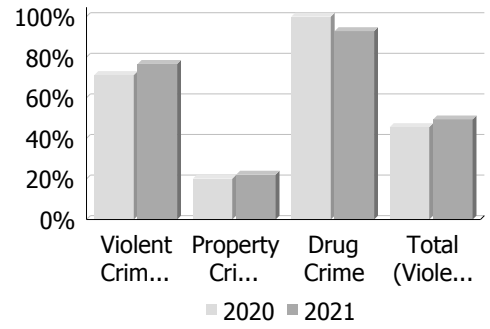
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**Clearance Rate**

Clearance Rate	January to December			Year to Date - December		
	2020	2021	Difference	2020	2021	Difference
Violent Crime	71.2%	76.7%	5.5%	71.2%	76.7%	5.5%
Property Crime	20.2%	22.1%	2.0%	20.2%	22.1%	2.0%
Drug Crime	100.0%	92.9%	-7.1%	100.0%	92.9%	-7.1%
<b>Total (Violent, Property &amp; Drug)</b>	<b>45.6%</b>	<b>49.3%</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>45.6%</b>	<b>49.3%</b>	<b>3.8%</b>



Data contained within this report is dynamic in nature and numbers will change over time as the Ontario Provincial Police continue to investigate and solve crime.

**Data Utilized**

- Major Crimes
- Niche RMS All Offence Level Business Intelligence Cube





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## OUR VISION

Safe Communities... A Secure Ontario

## OUR MISSION

To serve our province by protecting its citizens, upholding the law and preserving public safety.



## OUR VALUES

Serving with  
**PRIDE,  
PROFESSIONALISM  
& HONOUR**

Interacting with  
**RESPECT,  
COMPASSION  
& FAIRNESS**

Leading with  
**INTEGRITY,  
HONESTY  
& COURAGE**

*Always doing the right things for the right reasons*

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2020 Progress Report  
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## Message from the Detachment Commander

I am pleased to present the Almaguin Highlands Detachment 2020 Action Plan Progress Report. This report provides details to the policing services that were provided this past year and it highlights the attention and focus we devoted to address the Almaguin Highlands communities priorities.



The 2020 Progress Report is reflective of the strategic service delivery priorities and commitments that were identified in the 2020-2022 Action Plan.

The OPP also has a new mission statement and new core values. Along with our enduring vision for Safe Communities...A Secure Ontario, they are the basis for every decision we make and every action we take.

Our Mission is to serve our province by protecting its citizens, upholding the law and preserving public safety.

Our Values are:

- Serving with pride, professionalism and honour;
- Interacting with respect, compassion and fairness;
- Leading with integrity, honesty and courage.

Over the next two years, officers and support staff of the Almaguin Highlands Detachment will remain committed to collaborating with our community partners to develop co-response models that focus on prevention, harm reduction and risk intervention strategies to improve the overall well-being of our communities.

We will remain open to and respectful of cultural differences and the ongoing development of skills and knowledge to build mutually effective relationships.

As the Detachment Commander, I will continue to identify opportunities to enhance our frontline officer's experience and support all our members in achieving their professional and personal best, to ensure the best possible policing services are delivered.

With the support and participation of our municipalities and partners, our plan will assist us to attain our shared goal of ensuring the safety and well-being of the citizens of the municipalities within Almaguin Highlands.

Thank you for taking the time to read our progress report for 2020.

Dominic Lalonde  
Staff Sergeant  
Almaguin Highlands Detachment, OPP



## Summary of Commitments

The OPP’s action planning process ensures compliance with the Adequacy and Effectiveness of Police Services Regulation (Adequacy Standards) filed as O. Reg. 3/99 in 1999.

Through analysis and consultation, the following areas of focus were identified for the next three years. These are reflective of local issues; activities will be addressed, monitored and adjusted as needed.

Crime	Roadways, Waterways and Trails	Other
To identify, prevent and deter drug crimes in our communities.	To sustain a continuous and year-round focus on the causal factors of motorized vehicle collisions.	To identify co-response solutions for non-police related demands for service that impact police resourcing.
To ensure Investigative Excellence is evident in all investigations.	Sustained education, prevention and enforcement actions targeting impaired driving by drugs and alcohol.	To develop transfer of care protocols with relevant healthcare facilities.
Victim-centered investigative approach and support for all investigations.		To streamline collision reporting.
To address and prevent crime in our communities.		

## Overview

### Hours (Field Personnel)

**Table 1.1**

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
ADMIN	12,690.00	7,874.50	8,545.00
COURT	1,543.00	2,157.00	1,088.25
CRIME	10,652.50	8,185.00	8,664.00
STATUTES	1,189.00	1,304.25	2,045.50
MUNICIPAL BY-LAWS	25.25	23.25	59.75
OPERATIONAL/SPECIALTY UNIT SUPPORT	7,842.25	8,036.50	8,195.75
PATROL	4,407.00	4,290.00	4,785.75
TRAFFIC	6,247.50	7,777.00	8,237.00
TRAINING	3,579.25	2,922.25	2,126.75
Total	48,175.75	42,569.75	43,747.75

## 2020 Crime Progress Results

To address and prevent crime in our communities.

To identify alternative response solutions for non-police-related demands for service that impact police resourcing in our communities.

Commitment	Progress Status	Progress Update
Victim-centered investigative approach and support for all investigations.	Relevant Activity Underway	<p>Officers participated in a mandatory victim-centered approach training session in relation to sexual assault investigations.</p> <p>Supervisors ensure Victim Services are notified of every violent and traumatic event through the use of a referral tool.</p> <p>Victim Services and the Victim Witness Assistance Program (VWAP) directors are in constant contact with the Detachment Commander to ensure that the appropriate assistance is provided to victims of crime.</p> <p>The Detachment Commander continues to sit on the Victims Services Board.</p>
To ensure Investigative Excellence is evident in all investigations.	Relevant Activity Underway	<p>Officers continue to tackle crime by conducting focus patrols and prevention efforts in targeted areas, utilizing our crime analyst data.</p> <p>Officers also engage with various specialty units such as the OPP's Forensic Identifications Services (FIS) and Scenes of Crime Officer (SOCO) Program for investigative excellence and, as a result, reduce victimization.</p>
To identify, prevent and deter drug crimes in our communities.	Relevant Activity Underway	<p>Frontline and crime officers along with Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) have made significant seizures of illicit drugs and dismantling major grow operations both through traffic stops and criminal investigations. Intelligence gathering and education continue to be at the forefront of our efforts to battle the opioid crisis.</p>
To address and prevent crime in our communities.	Relevant Activity Underway	<p>Intelligence-led Policing continues to be an efficient tool utilized by our criminal investigators and front line officers to monitor offenders out on conditions in our communities and prevent breaches of these conditions, therefore preventing re-victimization.</p> <p>Officers continue to be trained on various investigative techniques and attended several specialized courses.</p>

## 2020 Roadways, Waterways and Trails Progress Results

Highway 11 divides our detachment area and unites Central and Northern Ontario and is well travelled. The Big Four casual factors of deaths and injuries on our roadways, waterways and trails will remain a patrol and enforcement priority; lack of occupant restraint, aggressive driving including speeding, impaired operation and distracted driving.

Almaguin Highlands is also host to a vast system of trails utilized by all-terrain vehicle (ATV) riders and snowmobilers. The abundance of lakes and rivers including the Algonquin Provincial Park waterways bring in numerous canoeists and power boaters alike to our Region. Over the last three years, 30% of the motor vehicle collisions in the Almaguin Highlands area involving personal injuries were related to ATVs or snowmobiles.

Fatalities resulting from motor vehicle collisions are also higher than the previous reporting period, from 0 in 2017 to 2 in 2018 and 3 in 2019.

Statistics show a steady number of impaired driving charges laid in recent years, a contributing factor to personal injury and fatal collisions.

Changing driver's behaviour through education, deterrence and enforcement will be the focus of the Almaguin Highlands Detachment.

Commitment	Progress Status	Progress Update
To sustain a continuous and year-round focus on the causal factors of motorized vehicle collisions.	Relevant Activity Underway	Almaguin Highlands officers participate in all provincial traffic initiatives yearly in an effort to keep the motorists, boaters, snowmobilers and ATV operators safe. Our media officers promote those initiatives and report on the results in an effort to prevent offences and reduce the risk of preventable collisions.  Two additional officers were trained to assist with ATV patrols and respond to remote areas of our detachment.
Sustained education, prevention and enforcement actions targeting impaired driving by drugs and alcohol.	Relevant Activity Underway	Frontline officers utilized Reducing Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) checks in areas identified through experience and data collected, combined with the use of mandatory alcohol screening to successfully continue to take impaired drivers off our roadways, trails and waterways. Officers conduct strategic RIDE checks year round to prevent and deter impaired operations of motor vehicles in all of our communities. A strong partnership with the Regional

		<p>Snowmobile ATV and Vessel Enforcement (SAVE) team permits for more of our detachment area to be covered, deterring the dangerous driving behaviours everywhere in an effort to keep the motoring public safe.</p> <p>Two officers were recently trained in ATV operation to enhance our patrol capability and ability to respond to calls for service in remote areas.</p>
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## 2020 Other Progress Results

Police officers are asked to respond to a multitude of events and occurrences where outside agencies and services can assist in offering long term solutions to the issues at hand. By continuing to develop partnerships and strategies with our community partners, our common goal of providing the best and appropriate service to our citizens will be accomplished.

The establishment of a formal Collaborative Response Model or a Crisis Response Intervention Team to assist persons in mental health crisis or with substance use disorders will be explored for the Almaguin Highlands Detachment area.

Furthermore, the Detachment Commander will participate in the development of the Almaguin Highlands Community Safety and Well Being Plan in cooperation with all involved municipalities.

Commitment	Progress Status	Progress Update
To identify co-response solutions for non-police related demands for service that impact police resourcing.	Relevant Activity Underway	<p>The establishment of a co-response / intervention team for the detachment area is underway for responses to calls for service relating to mental health issues. A strong established partnership with the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) continues to contribute in providing the proper services to the population in need in the form of referrals by officers.</p> <p>The Detachment Commander was trained and can participate in the Parry Sound District Situational Tables as needed to link up individuals identified through calls for service to the appropriate community resources.</p> <p>Officers were introduced and now take part in a new program put in place by the District of Parry Sound Social Services to battle homelessness in our communities.</p>
To develop transfer of care protocols with relevant healthcare facilities.	Relevant Activity Underway	The Detachment Commander is participating in the establishment of a transfer of care protocol with the Muskoka Health Center (Huntsville Hospital) to streamline the intake protocols for patients brought to the hospital by police officers under the Mental Health Act (MHA) authorities.
To streamline collision reporting.	Relevant Activity Underway	<p>No efficiencies have been identified at this time in relation to adopting a different collision reporting system in the Almaguin Highlands Detachment area.</p> <p>Further analysis will occur in this area over the next year.</p>

## Endnotes

### **Table 1.1 Hours (Field Personnel)**

Source: Ontario Provincial Police, Daily Activity Reporting (DAR) System, Business Intelligence (BI) Cube. (2020/03/16)

Note: Based on Total hours of activity reported in DAR under selected Obligated Duty Codes (CCC, Traffic, Patrol, Total) reported to Home Location. The % change is based on last year over previous year.



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## PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Alcohol and Gaming Enforcement	Drug Evaluation and Classification	Provincial Operations Centre
Asset Forfeiture	DNA Coordination	Public Order
Auxiliary Policing/Chaplaincy	Emergency Management	Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems
Aviation/Flight Operations	Emergency Response	Repeat Offender Parole Enforcement
Biker Enforcement	Explosives Disposal	RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere)
Blood Stain Analysis	Federal Firearms Program Delivery	Search and Rescue
Breath Analysis/Drug Recognition	Federal and Provincial Road Safety Countermeasures	Security Assessments and Enquiries
Canine Search, Rescue, Tracking and Detection	Forensic and Identification Services	Surveillance - Electronic and Physical
Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive Response	Fraud, Corruption, Economic/ Financial Crime Investigation	Tactical and Emergency Medical
Child Exploitation Investigation	Hate Crimes/Extremism Investigation	Tactics and Rescue
Civil Litigation File Coordination	Illegal Gaming Investigation	Technological Crime/ Digital Evidence Forensics and Analysis
Civilian Data Entry	Incident Command	Threat Assessment
Collision Reconstruction and Investigation	Indigenous Policing	Traffic Safety
Commercial Vehicles and Dangerous Goods	Information Technology	Training
Communications	Intelligence	Underwater Search and Recovery
Community Policing	Justice Officials and Dignitary Protection Services	United Nations Policing Missions
Community Street Crime Units	Marine, Motorized Snow and Off-road Vehicle and Motorcycle Patrol	Urban Search and Rescue United Nations Policing Missions
Complaint Investigation	Media Relations	Video Forensics
Computer-Aided Dispatch	Missing Persons and Unidentified Bodies	Violent Crime Linkage Analysis
Contraband Tobacco	Offender Transportation	Victim Assistance, Support and Response
Court Case Management	Ontario Sex Offender Registry	Weapons Enforcement
Crime Analysis	Organized Crime Enforcement	Witness Protection
Crime Gun Analysis	Physical Security Services	
Crime Prevention and Community Safety	Polygraph	
Crime Stoppers	Provincial Anti-Terrorism	
Criminal Investigation Services and Major Case Management	Provincial Cybercrime Strategy	
Crisis Negotiation	Provincial Human Trafficking Strategy	
Drug Enforcement		

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The above list corresponds with the *Adequacy and Effectiveness of Police Services Regulation (Adequacy Standards, O. Reg. 3/99)*.

The list further provides an overview of various OPP programs and services but should not be considered complete.





# CONTACT THE OPP

## REACH THE OPP BY PHONE

- Call 9-1-1 for emergencies
- Don't hang up, stay on the line
- Call 1-888-310-1122 for non-emergency calls
- TTY 1-888-310-1133  
(for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Speech Impaired)
- Know your location

## SPEAK WITH AN OFFICER IN PERSON

To arrange to meet an officer at a detachment, go to [www.opp.ca](http://www.opp.ca) to use the Local Detachment Finder and follow the prompts.

## PROVIDE AN ANONYMOUS TIP

- Call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS)
- Visit [www.crimestoppers.ca](http://www.crimestoppers.ca)

## REPORT ONLINE

You now have the option to report select occurrences to police from the convenience of a computer.

Visit [www.opp.ca/reporting](http://www.opp.ca/reporting) to use the Citizen Self Reporting system. Specific incidents can be reported online at your convenience without attending a detachment or waiting for an officer.

You can use this system to report:

- Driving Complaints
- Lost/missing property
- Mischief/damage to property
- Mischief/damage to vehicle
- Stolen licence plate(s) and/or validation sticker
- Theft From vehicle
- Theft

**Do not use this system if this is an emergency! If it is, call 9-1-1.**

9-1-1 is for police, fire, or medical emergencies only.

Every time an accidental or hang-up 9-1-1 call is received, OPP officers are dispatched.

You may be taking police officers away from a real emergency.

## #KnowWhenToCall

If you've dialed in error, stay on the line and speak with the communicator. This will eliminate the need for the emergency operator to call back. As per OPP policy, officers will still be dispatched to ensure you are safe.

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### **In This Issue**

- Proposed updated Standards of Care under *PAWS Act*.
- Inclusive Communities Grant.
- AMO/LAS *Municipal Energy Symposium* March 31 - April 1. Registration open.
- AMO/LAS *Municipal Energy Symposium* - Call for Proposals.
- Keynote confirmed for AMO-LAS *Energy Symposium*.
- ROMA's action plan *Opportunities for Rural Ontario in a Post-Covid World* launched.
- Canoe webinar: Doosan & Bobcat.
- Canoe vendor spotlight: FLO.
- Careers: Georgian Bay and Vaughan.

### **Provincial Matters**

The Ministry of the Solicitor General is proposing updated standards of care for dogs kept outdoors under the PAWS Act. The [consultation](#) is open for comment until March 7, 2022.

Applications are now open for the 2022-23 Inclusive Community Grants program. Funding is available for local projects that will help older residents and people with disabilities participate in community life. The deadline to apply is March 3, 2022. Information and how to apply is found on the government [website](#).

### **Eye on Events**

AMO and LAS are excited to host a virtual *Municipal Energy Symposium* March 31 - April 1. This leading edge event takes a critical look at the intersection of climate change, land use planning and energy post-COP26. Explore examples of how municipalities are planning for the future and what this means to daily operations. Register [here](#).

AMO and LAS are calling on municipalities and partners to showcase initiatives and innovation in addressing municipal energy and climate change at the seminal virtual

*Municipal Energy Symposium*, March 31 - April 1. For more information and to submit your proposal, [click here](#). Deadline for proposals is February 4.

March 31 - April 1, AMO and LAS will hold the in demand *Municipal Energy Symposium*. Keynote Dr. Sarah Burch will explore opportunities in addressing climate change at the local level. [Register today](#).

### **ROMA Matters**

A key event at the 2022 ROMA Conference was the launch of the ROMA Board's action plan for economic and social growth and sustainability in rural Ontario. [Read](#) the ROMA Board's strategies that rethink rural Ontario for today and into the future.

### **LAS**

[Canoe Procurement Group](#) vendors Doosan and Bobcat provide a wide array of equipment from lawn care to loaders to forklifts. Join our webinar on February 9 at 11 am to learn how our Canoe vendors can help you keep your communities beautiful. [Registration is open](#).

Looking to add electric vehicles to your fleet or expand your charging capability? We're pleased to welcome FLO Services Inc. to the [Canoe Procurement Group](#). Their contract includes many solutions from EV charging stations for public or fleets to monitoring systems and maintenance. [Contact Tanner](#) to find out about this and our other 180+ vendors.

### **Careers**

[Chief Administrative Officer - Township of Georgian Bay](#). The CAO is responsible for leadership and general management of the Corporation, acting as key advisor and liaison to Council. Interested candidates email a cover letter and your resume to [Kartik Kumar](#) by February 28, 2022.

[Director & Chief Licensing Officer - City of Vaughan](#). This role is responsible for managing and providing direction of the overall operations and staff of the By-Law & Compliance, Licensing & Permit Services Department. To obtain a detailed Position Profile or to be considered for the position, please contact Kartik Kumar at [careers@lesp.ca](mailto:careers@lesp.ca) by February 11, 2022.

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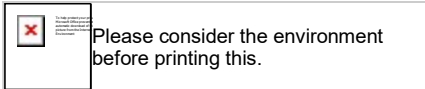
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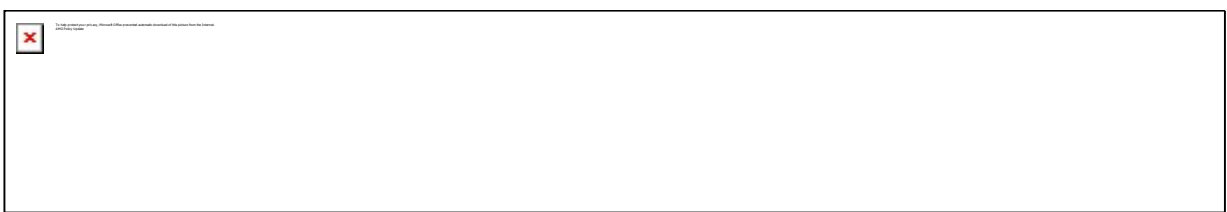


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January 26, 2022

## **AMO Policy Update – Pre-Budget Submission, New Joint & Several Technical Group, Phase 2 CA Regulations, and Provincial Gas Tax Boost**

### **AMO Pre-Budget Submission**

Today, Jamie McGarvey, AMO President, delivered the Association’s Pre-Budget Submission to the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs. His remarks highlighted three key themes for the fiscal year that lies ahead:

1. AMO seeks a provincial budget that continues to address pandemic-related municipal costs with ongoing intergovernmental cooperation and investment.
2. A budget that does not impose new unfunded responsibilities upon municipalities and builds for the future; and
3. A budget that accounts for inflation in cost-share programs, Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund allocations, and provincial payments in lieu of taxes.

His address highlighted growing municipal capital contributions to new hospital construction and the need to re-think funding approaches. The full written submission is [linked here](#). Municipalities are encouraged to re-enforce the above themes in their submissions to the government and note highlighted emerging trends.

### **Municipal Insurance Costs: Joint and Several Liability Technical Review**

Attorney General Doug Downey has asked his Ministry to convene a Technical Working Group on joint and several liability. The Working Group is anticipated to begin work in March and will start by examining suggestions made by AMO. The



announcement responds to recent calls by AMO and municipalities for the government to create a plan to address this long-standing challenge before the end of the Government's mandate.

Municipalities have experienced substantial increases in insurance costs and joint and several liability is one driver of insurance rates long identified by the municipal sector. Other drivers include climate change and the insurance market.

The Working Group will also include insurance industry representation and is a positive step by the Government. While AMO recognizes that a solution is unlikely before the June Ontario election, it is hoped that the discussions will lay the groundwork for action afterward.

## **Phase 2 Regulations of the *Conservation Authorities Act* Posted**

Today, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks posted the [second phase of regulations](#) under the *Conservation Authorities Act*. The posting proposes how the CA programs and services will be paid for, including the municipal levy, the voting mechanism, and other governance and transparency matters.

As part of this consultation, the Ministry is hosting three webinars in February, including one focused for municipalities and municipal associations on February 8th. If you wish to attend a webinar, please register by emailing [ca.office@ontario.ca](mailto:ca.office@ontario.ca) with the subject line "CAA Phase 2 Webinars" and indicate your preferred session date.

AMO will provide comments on the submission which are due in 30 days (February 25, 2022).

## **Ontario Gas Tax Boost**

On January 21, 2020, the Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation [announced](#) that the province will provide an additional \$120.4M in one time funding to top the Ontario Gas Tax for Transit Program in 2021-22. This funding brings the program to \$375.6M for the year and stabilizes it after gas tax revenues decreased during the pandemic.

The Ontario Gas Tax for Transit Program provides two cents for every litre of gasoline sold in the province. The funds are allocated based on transit ridership and can be used to support transit capital and operations. The funds are provided to 107 municipalities and support transit services in 142 communities.

Gas Tax funding stability was recommended by AMO and will provide important supports to municipal transit as the pandemic continues to challenge ridership levels. This funding is in addition to previously announced specialized COVID-19 transit supports by the provincial and federal governments.

Along with the recent [doubling](#) of Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF), Ontario municipalities will be able to plan expenditures to improve important local services.

AMO's [COVID-19 Resources](#) page is being updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to [covid19@amo.on.ca](mailto:covid19@amo.on.ca)

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February 8, 2022

## **AMO Policy Update – Housing Affordability Task Force Report and Call to Re-examine Hospital Capital Funding**

### **Housing Affordability Task Force Report Released**

The province has now released the Housing Affordability Task Force [report](#). It contains the Task Force’s recommendations to increase the supply of market housing to address the housing crisis.

The Task Force report’s recommendations include five main areas to quickly increase the supply of market housing, to meet a goal of adding 1.5 million homes over the next 10 years. These areas include:

- making changes to planning policies and zoning to allow for greater density and increase the variety of housing;
- reduce and streamline urban design rules to lower costs of development;
- depoliticize the approvals process to address NIMBYism and cut red tape to speed up housing;
- prevent abuse of the appeal process and address the backlog at the Ontario Land Tribunal by prioritizing cases that increase housing; and
- align efforts between all levels of government to incentivize more housing.

Additionally, the Task Force report makes other recommendations to increase housing supply over the long-term, including to digitize and modernize the approvals and

planning process, grow the skilled labour workforce, and encourage new pathways to home ownership.

The province will be consulting further with municipal governments, the public, and the housing industry. In the next 10 days, AMO will be submitting our consolidated housing affordability recommendations, as approved by the AMO Board of Directors, to Minister Clark and the province for their consideration on their next steps on housing affordability.

## Call to Re-examine Hospital Capital Funding

AMO's [2022 Pre-Budget Submission](#) included a number of municipal priorities for the upcoming provincial budget including re-examining the local funding of provincial hospitals. The submission highlights the impact of the "local share" capital donations in funding provincial hospital construction and expansion. The "local share" requirements have fiscal implications for municipal governments pressured to fill funding gaps to get hospital projects off the ground. AMO's submission calls on the provincial government to re-evaluate this approach.

If your municipal council would like to add its support, please see the [resolution](#) for your council's consideration.

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***APPROVED January 13, 2022***

**DISTRICT OF PARRY SOUND SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BOARD  
2022 BUDGET  
OVERVIEW**

**OVERVIEW:**

The 2022 budget for the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board (DSSAB) was approved on January 13, 2022 with a 1% increase to the municipal levy from the prior year.

Overall changes to the municipal levy are as follows:

<b>2021 Budgeted Levy</b>	<b>\$6,421,953</b>
OW Program decrease	(21,288)
Child Care decrease	(91,500)
Social Housing increase	82,000
Community Services increase	74,469
Corporate Services decrease	(48,635)
One-time reserve contribution	64,220
Other Reserve Contributions increase	<u>4,954</u>
<b>2022 Budgeted Levy</b>	<b>\$6,486,173</b>

The DSSAB budgets are prepared with two primary goals: minimizing municipal levy fluctuations and maximizing Provincial:Municipal cost sharing arrangements.

Program costs include a general inflationary increase to expenses.

The budget includes adjustments for collective agreement obligations and a CPI increase for non-union staff for the year.

Ontario Works financial assistance costs have been budgeted at the same level as in 2021. It should be noted that the Province is planning to change the definition of disability for the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) to align it with the definition used in federal government benefit programs. This change has the potential of reducing ODSP caseloads and increasing Ontario Works (OW) caseloads across the Province.

The Province is also planning to transform employment services for all job seekers. Included within this is the integration of Ontario Works social assistance employment services into Employment Ontario. At this point in time, we have no way of ascertaining what the impact of this change will be to our operations and whether or not we will be providing these supports for our clients.

Ontario Works program costs have been reduced by \$91,831 due to a redistribution of staffing between our Ontario Works and Homelessness programs, in response to the proposed changes mentioned above. The corresponding decrease to the municipal levy is \$21,288 as per cost sharing guidelines.

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2022 BUDGET  
OVERVIEW and DIRECTION***

Child Care Program costs have decreased by \$137,938 from 2021 to 2022. This is predominantly the result of reducing our child care administration costs due to reductions in related funding from the Province. At the same time, our parent fee revenue will increase as our child care basic rate will be rising \$1 per day. Any parent fee revenue received helps to reduce our municipal levy.

Social Housing program costs have decreased by \$176,391 from 2021 to 2022. However, due to a \$216,261 decrease in federal funding the net result is an increase in the municipal levy of \$82,000. The major decreases in costs are due to the changes in non-profit housing subsidies and debenture payments (two social housing projects reached the end of their operating agreements in 2021). Other operating costs have been reduced where possible to offset this loss in revenue, but with inflation running at over 4% in the Province, costs continue to rise to meet the ongoing repairs and maintenance challenges of our buildings.

Community Services program costs, for our Violence Against Women and Homelessness Programs have increased by \$262,813 with a corresponding increase to the municipal levy of \$74,469. The majority of these costs relate to staffing increases in the Homelessness Program. In order to support people through this program during covid, we have added a team lead and two community relations works to the staffing complement.

Corporate Services costs have decreased by \$16,635. Removal of the one-time cost allocation in 2021 of \$100,000 is offset by inflationary increases to staffing and operating costs. Combined with an increased allocation to the programs, the net result is an overall decrease to the municipal levy of \$48,635.

The Social Assistance Restructuring allocation has been held at the same level as the prior year. We continue our practice of spending the prior year's allocation in the current year. These funds are used to support those in our communities with the most limited resources and include funding for local food banks, the emergency shelter and energy program, community based supports for children and the Transitional Support.

***DISTRICT OF PARRY SOUND SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BOARD  
2022 BUDGET  
OVERVIEW and DIRECTION***

**OTHER ISSUES and CONCERNS:**

Homelessness and Affordable Housing are now recognized as the greatest challenge for municipalities in our District, as well as in the Province. Our Housing department continues to work to identify opportunities to address the housing shortage through the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Programs. Since 2006, investment in our District under these programs has reached \$10,562,173.

The expiration of operating agreements for our non-profit housing providers is an issue of concern. As the operating agreements end, the related federal funding ends. Providers may at that point (if we are in agreement) decide to end their partnership with the DSSAB and convert their housing into market rent units – thereby reducing the social housing stock in the District. We have successfully negotiated continuing agreements with two non-profit programs in the District this year, thereby maintaining the related social housing units for these vulnerable tenants.

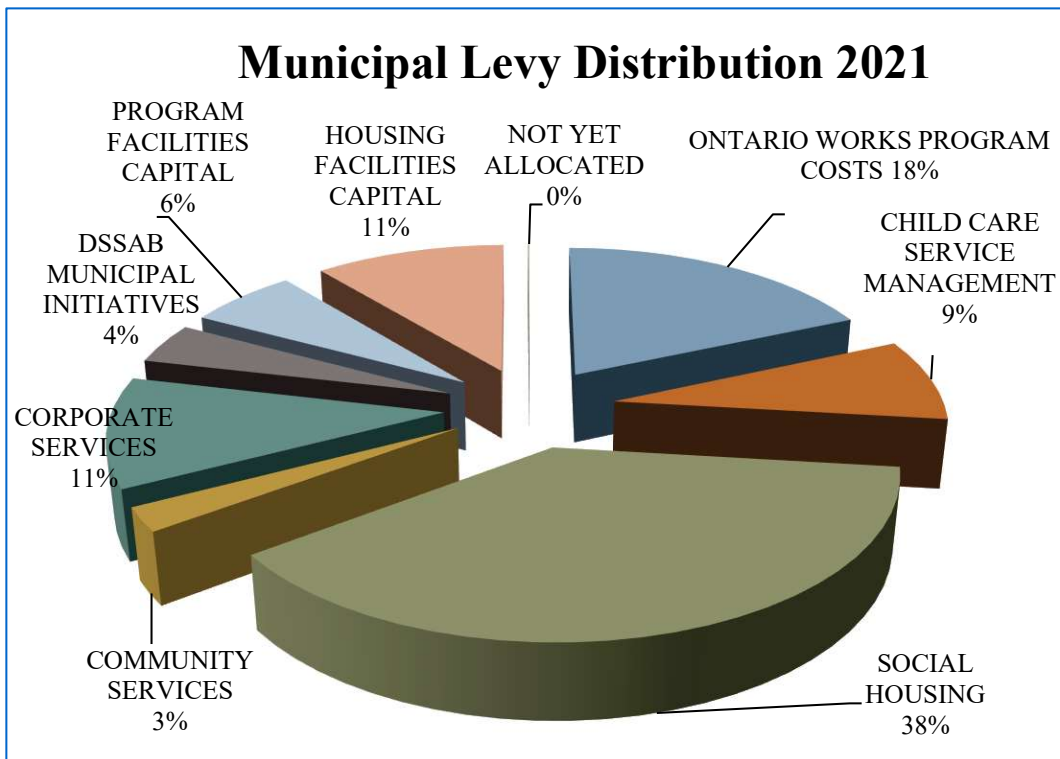
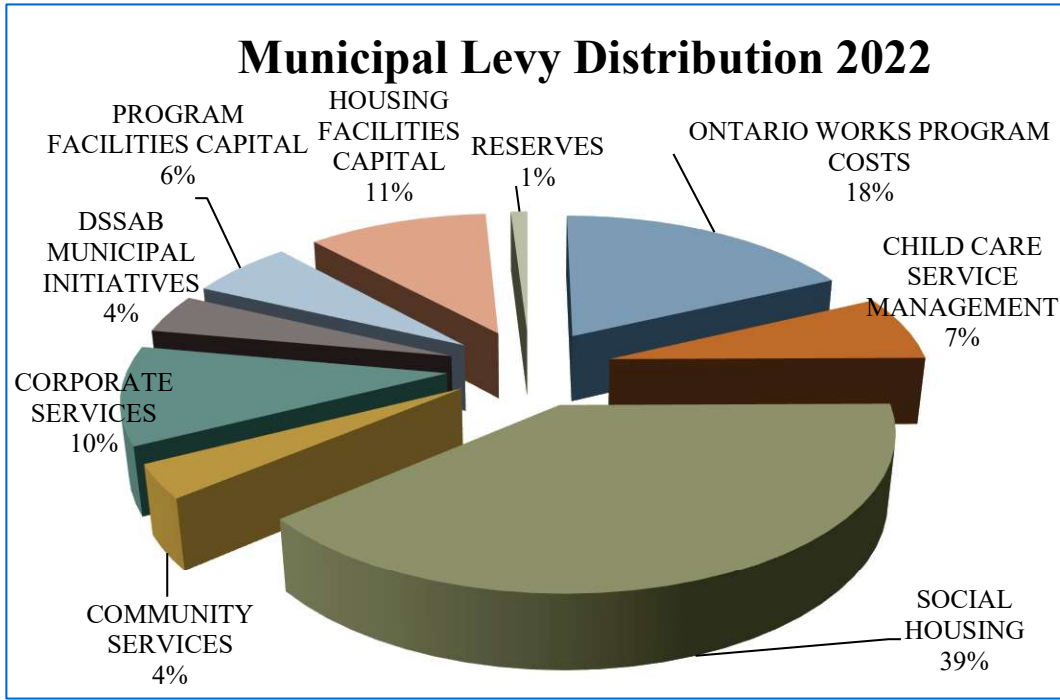
As reported in the past, the Local Housing Corporation buildings were transferred from the Province to the DSSAB without capital reserves. One of our greatest priorities over the years has been to minimize the risk of a potential capital fund deficit for these buildings. Based on our building condition assessments and our capital planning process we have established a consistent funding approach with a yearly contribution of \$800,000 (\$700,000 from the municipal levy and \$100,000 from investment income) to minimize levy variability and formulate funding costs into the future.

Further to this, the Board approved a 1% increase of \$64,220 to the levy as a one-time contribution to reserves. These funds are being held to support the organization with any critical needs that might arise in the future.

**DISTRICT OF PARRY SOUND SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BOARD**  
**2022 BUDGET**  
**MUNICIPAL LEVY**  
**WITH 2021 COMPARISON**

<i>Municipality</i>	<b>2022 Apportionment Percentage</b>	<b>2021 Levy Actual</b>	<b>2022 Levy Actual</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease) to Levy</b>
<i>Armour</i>	2.54%	162,577	164,946	2,369
<i>Burks Falls</i>	0.54%	35,077	35,058	(19)
<i>Callander</i>	3.71%	239,438	240,483	1,045
<i>Carling</i>	6.93%	442,691	449,470	6,779
<i>Joly</i>	0.42%	26,237	26,954	717
<i>Kearney</i>	2.53%	161,645	164,114	2,469
<i>Machar</i>	1.76%	112,135	114,141	2,006
<i>Magnetawan</i>	4.73%	302,958	306,601	3,643
<i>McDougall</i>	5.18%	330,622	336,241	5,619
<i>McKellar</i>	4.47%	286,030	289,815	3,785
<i>McMurrich</i>	1.54%	99,088	100,022	934
<i>Nipissing</i>	2.60%	167,296	168,830	1,534
<i>Parry Sound</i>	4.94%	318,150	320,548	2,398
<i>Perry</i>	3.21%	205,573	207,868	2,295
<i>Powassan</i>	2.25%	144,235	146,079	1,844
<i>Ryerson</i>	1.27%	81,439	82,023	584
<i>Seguin</i>	23.82%	1,529,631	1,544,932	15,301
<i>South River</i>	0.48%	30,476	30,889	413
<i>Strong</i>	1.98%	127,414	128,119	705
<i>Sundridge</i>	0.70%	45,126	45,288	162
<i>The Archipelago</i>	14.12%	909,553	915,568	6,015
<i>Whitestone</i>	4.08%	262,259	264,531	2,272
	<b>93.80%</b>	<b>6,019,650</b>	<b>6,082,520</b>	<b>62,870</b>
<i>Unincorporated</i>	6.22%	402,303	403,653	1,350
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>6,421,953</b>	<b>6,486,173</b>	<b>64,220</b>

**DISTRICT OF PARRY SOUND SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BOARD  
2022 BUDGET  
MUNICIPAL OPERATING LEVY DISTRIBUTION**





**DISTRICT OF PARRY SOUND SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BOARD**  
**2022 BUDGET**  
**OPERATING BUDGET**  
**TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND FUNDING**

	<b>2021 BUDGET</b>	<b>2022 BUDGET</b>	<b>CHANGE</b>
<b>ONTARIO WORKS</b>			
ONTARIO WORKS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE	\$8,262,000	\$8,262,000	0
ONTARIO WORKS PROGRAM	<u>3,093,185</u>	<u>3,001,354</u>	<u>-91,831</u>
	<b>11,355,185</b>	<b>11,263,354</b>	<b>-91,831</b>
<b>CHILD CARE SERVICE MANAGEMENT</b>			
CHILD CARE ADMINISTRATION	400,000	250,000	-150,000
CHILD CARE CENTRE OPERATIONS	5,449,438	5,501,500	52,062
EARLY YEARS	1,052,000	1,037,000	-15,000
INCLUSION SUPPORT SERVICES	600,000	615,000	15,000
INTEGRATED RECEPTION	40,000	0	-40,000
NON DSSAB FEE SUBSIDY	470,000	600,000	130,000
NON DSSAB OPERATING SUBSIDY	390,000	260,000	-130,000
NON DSSAB OPERATING WAGE ENHANCEMENT	100,000	100,000	0
JOURNEY TOGETHER	295,364	295,364	0
PLANNING AND PROJECTS	<u>80,716</u>	<u>80,716</u>	<u>0</u>
	<b>8,877,518</b>	<b>8,739,580</b>	<b>-137,938</b>
<b>SOCIAL HOUSING</b>			
SOCIAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION	742,912	619,803	-123,109
AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM COSTS	29,830	25,200	-4,630
BUILDING OPERATING COSTS	2,556,564	2,712,912	156,348
RENT SUPPLEMENT/HOUSING BENEFIT/HOUSING ALLOWANCE	224,600	187,100	-37,500
NON-PROFIT HOUSING COSTS	<u>812,000</u>	<u>644,500</u>	<u>-167,500</u>
	<b>4,365,906</b>	<b>4,189,515</b>	<b>-176,391</b>
<b>COMMUNITY SERVICES</b>			
VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN PROGRAMS	805,680	828,680	23,000
HOMELESSNESS PROGRAM	431,700	671,513	239,813
EMERGENCY HEATING AND SHELTER	396,000	396,000	0
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING SUPPORT	61,200	61,200	0
HOMEMAKERS PROGRAM	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>0</u>
	<b>1,794,580</b>	<b>2,057,393</b>	<b>262,813</b>
<b>CORPORATE SERVICES</b>			
CORPORATE SERVICES	1,051,135	1,034,500	-16,635
BOARD	<u>60,000</u>	<u>60,000</u>	<u>0</u>
	<b>1,111,135</b>	<b>1,094,500</b>	<b>-16,635</b>
<b>SOCIAL ASSISTANCE RESTRUCTURING FUND</b>	<b>270,000</b>	<b>270,000</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>27,774,324</b>	<b>27,614,342</b>	<b>-159,982</b>
<b>LESS FUNDING FROM OTHER SOURCES</b>			
PROVINCIAL FUNDING	19,084,141	19,075,374	-8,767
FEDERAL FUNDING	802,076	585,815	-216,261
SOCIAL ASSISTANCE RESTRUCTURING FUND	121,200	121,200	0
PARENT FEE REVENUE	1,430,000	1,500,000	70,000
TENANT REVENUE	910,000	910,000	0
INVESTMENT INCOME AND OTHER	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>0</u>
	<b>22,447,417</b>	<b>22,292,389</b>	<b>-155,028</b>
<b>MUNICIPAL FUNDING - OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$5,326,907</b>	<b>\$5,321,953</b>	<b>-4,954</b>
<b>TRANSFERS TO (FROM) RESERVES</b>	<b>(\$4,954)</b>	<b>\$64,220</b>	<b>69,174</b>
<b>MUNICIPAL LEVY FOR OPERATIONS</b>	<b>\$5,321,953</b>	<b>\$5,386,173</b>	<b>64,220</b>

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February 7, 2022

Hello colleagues,

Recently, Premier Ford and Minister Clark met with municipal leaders at the Ontario-Municipal Housing Affordability Summit and the Rural Housing Affordability Roundtable. These conversations provided an opportunity to celebrate and share good work across jurisdictions and identify further opportunities for collaboration as the province and municipalities continue to address housing affordability.

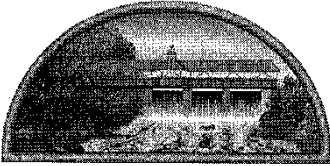
As a follow-up to these insightful conversations, I am sharing the attached message that was sent to your Head of Council or Regional Chair. I welcome further advice about what has worked well in your municipality, and other opportunities to increase the supply and affordability of market housing. Feedback can be sent to [housingsupply@ontario.ca](mailto:housingsupply@ontario.ca) by Friday, February 15, 2022.

These are important conversations as we look forward in further collaborating with municipalities in our work towards increasing housing supply.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K. Manson-Smith".

Kate Manson-Smith  
Deputy Minister



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**ARBFMA Manager's Report Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021**

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

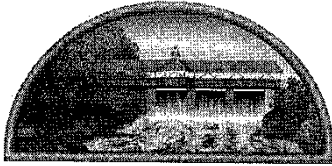
Accept this report as information for discussion.

**Arena Highlights Update**

1. The Christmas public skating schedule is posted, and all skating is offered free to the public. The Recreation Coordinator has received donations from local businesses to sponsor the Free skating offered.
2. The facility needed a major repair to the drains, eye wash station and plumbing fixtures – this was a full day of work to get this accomplished
3. The TSSA issued the registration for the Plate and Frame chiller (Heat Exchanger). This item was addressed by our insurer during an inspection during the Spring of 2021.
4. The Zamboni has also needed a repair and adjustment to the Blade adjustment wheel and blade arms.
5. The Bleachers have been ordered and they are expected to arrive mid to late January. Staff will need to ask Public Works for their help to unload the bleachers when they arrive. The old bleachers will be removed in the spring and replaced with the new set.
6. Every changing COVID-19 continue and as of Dec 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021, staff are required to see passports from all people ages 12 and above. Jan 04<sup>th</sup> 20, it is expected that all entrants into the facility will be required to swipe their QR code before being allowed access into the facility. All user groups will be informed of the COVID-19 protocol updates and changes as they are released.
7. Ice Rentals have been steady but not full. Public skating has had a great community response. Some of our facility rentals have been cancelled or rescheduled because of weather and COVID-19.

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Graham Smith RRFA/CIT  
ARBFMA Manager



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**ARBFMA Manager's Report Jan 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022**


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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Accept this report as information for discussion.

**Arena Highlights Update**

1. The final weeks of December 2021 and the first 4 days of January were quite steady with facility rentals including a few family gatherings that included the ice and hall. The free skating numbers were good but not overwhelming.
2. The COVID-19 passport requirement that started Dec 20<sup>th</sup>, for customers aged 12 and old hurt the Public Skating numbers and skaters were refused entry at the door
3. Staff only experienced 1 day of asking for COVID-19 Passport QR codes that were mandatory as of Jan 04<sup>th</sup> 2022. The process of rechecking all people entering the facility was quite time consuming. The requirement for QR codes for admittance into the ARBFMA in the future will drastically reduce the people who have been using fake COVID-19 passports.
4. The lockdown that started Jan 05<sup>th</sup> 2022 – to save utility expenses during this lockdown staff have raised the ice temperature from 18 to 26 degrees F. The compressor system will run less, thus using less hydro and less water during this lockdown. While continuing to maintain the ice to be ready for a restart, staff will also limit the heat load on the ice surface during the lockdown.
5. During the lockdown staff will be performing the following work
  - Full refinish of the hall floors
  - Dismantle the old bleachers
  - Facility maintenance, organizing, scrubbing, cleaning, and sanitizing
  - Mandatory compressor checks
  - Ice and equipment maintenance
  - Grounds maintenance as required

  
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Graham Smith RRFA/CIT  
ARBFMA Manager

# ARMOUR RYERSON BURKS FALLS

## MEMORIAL ARENA

Capacity Limits and Restrictions as of January 31, 2022

**Arena Ice Surface 50**

**Arena Spectator Seating 18**

**Lobby Spectator Seating 12**

**Arena Dressing Rooms 8**

**Karl Crozier Room Meeting Area 50**

**Karl Crozier Room Bingo 50**

**Karl Crozier Room Social Gathering 10**

**Players will be permitted to bring in a water bottle.**

**Masks must be worn inside the arenas.**

**Masks must be worn for public skating**



### **Vaccine Passports in Effect**

#### *Reopening Ontario Act – Provincial Regulation*

Currently, the Province of Ontario requires proof of vaccination (or medical exemption) and ID in indoor sport and recreational fitness facilities for:

- Effective Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021, All patrons aged 12 and over accessing the facility for any purpose.

### **Vaccine Passports with QR Codes**

#### *Reopening Ontario Act – Provincial Regulation*

Currently, the Province of Ontario requires valid QR code proof of vaccination and ID (or medical exemption) in indoor sport and recreational fitness facilities for:

- Effective Jan. 04<sup>th</sup> 2022, All patrons aged 12 and over accessing the facility for any purpose.

### **Face Coverings**

Every person within an indoor space shall wear a face covering in a manner that covers their mouth, nose and chin during any period when they are in the indoor area. This is subject to exceptions set out in the Regulation. Persons not engaged in athletic, or fitness activity must wear a mask or face covering. More information on the mask requirements is available on Health Unit website.

To ensure Face Coverings are worn facilities are prohibited to serve food and drink and outside food and drink is prohibited

Patrons involved in sport are encouraged and allowed to bring their own water bottles

### **Screening**

Businesses or organizations must operate in compliance with the advice, recommendations instructions issued by the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health on screening individuals.

For patrons

Businesses and organizations must implement passive screening for patrons by posting signs (PDF) at all entrances informing people to screen themselves for COVID-19 before entry.

Active screening is required in accordance with instructions by the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

**ARMOUR RYERSON BURKS FALLS MEMORIAL ARENA - PROOF OF VACCINATION**

Beginning Wednesday, September 22, 2021, all patrons entering the ARBFMA are required to provide proof of identification and proof of being fully vaccinated against COVID 19. This is as per the provincial restrictions outlined in section 2.1 of Schedule 1 of O.Reg.364/20: Rules for Areas at Step 3 and at the Roadmap Exit Step. Should an individual choose not to share this information, then they will not be permitted to enter.

**Please review the following information carefully:**

**Proof of Vaccination must be provided by:**

- All patrons and players who are 12 years of age or older
- All spectators coming to view a game/practice/event who are 12 years of age or older
- All coaches, officials and volunteers who are 12 years of age or older must provide proof of vaccination.

**The following exemptions apply:**

- Children under 12 years of age
- Patrons who provide identification and a written document completed and supplied by a physician (MD) or a registered nurse in the extended class (RNEC, NP) stating that the individual is exempt for a medical reason from being fully vaccinated against COVID 19

**Vaccine Certification Process**

**Beginning Tuesday, January 4, 2022, a QR Code will be the only acceptable form of proof of double vaccination to enter a recreational facility.** You can download your personalized QR code from the provincial website at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/> and click on "Get Your Enhanced Vaccine Certificate". Either an electronic copy (saved to your phone) or a paper copy of the QR Code is acceptable. Onsite staff will scan your QR Code and require a piece of ID prior to allowing you to enter the facility.

Appropriate Forms of Identification:

The identification provided must include the patron's name and date of birth. Appropriate forms of identification include:

- Birth Certificate • Citizenship Card • Driver's License • Health Card • Indian Status Card/Indigenous Membership Card • Passport • Permanent Resident Card

**\*\*The name and date of birth on the QR Code must match the name and date of birth on the piece of identification provided, or the patron cannot enter.**

**Please note: Current capacity limits, patron screening, masking, physical distancing, and collection of patron contact information will continue to be required as previously indicated.**

**Important** • If you or any of your participants test positive for COVID 19, you must notify the arena as well as your instructor/coach immediately. You can contact Graham Smith at [arena@burksfalls.ca](mailto:arena@burksfalls.ca) or Nicky Kunkle at [clerk@burksfalls.ca](mailto:clerk@burksfalls.ca)



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#### Heritage Centres

Watt Century Farm House  
827 Chetwynd Road  
Armour Township

Wiseman's Corner Schoolhouse  
112 Midlothian Road  
Ryerson Township

**January 31, 2022**

## **Annual Report for 2021**

Hello Council members and thank you for this opportunity to provide you with an update on the Burk's Falls and District Historical Society.

### **Watt Century Farm House**

In the fall of 2020 renovation work was started on the upstairs washroom to convert it a storage room. This work continued through the winter of 2021 and was completed in mid-April of 2021. Kendra Kellas, our part-time employee, was rehired in April. We began with installing the shelves in the storage room allowing us to move the many bundles of newspapers, donated by Metroland in 2019, from their temporary location to this permanent location.

Once the newspapers were moved, we began to organize the many artifacts that have been donated over the years. Each artifact was checked for an accession number and a photo or scan done for each item. The archiving of the many donated artifacts is ongoing. Currently there are 5,539 artifacts entered in the accessions records. Donations are also ongoing. Donated late in the fall was a wooden wheelchair and a wooden washing machine which was Patented in 1910, doctor's tools that belonged to Dr. Hallam and Dr. Pocock, and many more items.

In June, volunteers Murray Caldwell and Jerry Brandt installed barn board on the walls inside the garage. Some painting was also done in the garage as well as the floor in the laundry area. Volunteer Jerry Brandt, assisted by Kendra, attached various artifacts onto the garage walls. There are now sections for farming, logging, sporting, tools, and various other items. Inside the farm house the living room got a fresh coat of paint. When the painting was completed, displays of cameras through the years, history boards of Pete the Bear and some pictures were set up.

Upstairs the first bedroom at the top of the stairs was set up with 2 beds, a dresser, 2 cribs and many other smaller artifacts. In the fall of 2021 the second bedroom was cleaned and painting started on the trim and floor. This room is now finished and ready for the donation that is coming in the spring of 2022.

With COVID-19 protocol in place, the Watt Century Farm House Heritage Centre was open to the public Thursday to Sunday for the month of August 2021 and weekends for the month of September through to the first weekend in October. The Farm House had 38 visitors during that time.

### **Wiseman's Corner Schoolhouse**

The Wiseman's Corner Schoolhouse Heritage Centre was not opened for the summer season of 2021. Currently, it is awaiting the installation of a window which was broken and boarded up. Once the window is installed, then cleaning will be done and displays set up. Kendra and I did visit the Schoolhouse over the spring and summer. In the spring we did some weeding and transplanting of plants along the front of the Schoolhouse and drive shed.





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Wiseman's Corner Schoolhouse  
112 Midlothian Road  
Ryerson Township

The Burk's Falls and District Historical Society depends on volunteers. From March 19, 2021 through to January 31, 2022 there was 944.75 volunteer hours logged. However, some volunteers did not log their hours.

The Burk's Falls and District Historical Society is looking forward to opening their doors this summer to show off our new displays. A Heritage Day and Firefighters Challenge is being planned for Saturday, July 9, 2022 - SAVE THE DATE. The Almaguin Fish Hatchery Mobile Trailer will also be on the grounds for everyone to visit. Any COVID protocols will be followed.

The Historical Society has received in the past and still receives today many inquiries from families looking for information about their descendants from this area. We welcome all information that anyone has on early families that settled here.

We thank each municipality for their past contributions and support. The Historical Society respectfully requests a contribution of \$5,000 from each municipality to help with expenses. The Burk's Falls and District Historical Society continues to grow and preserve the local heritage of our area.

Thank you for your time.

Diane Brandt  
President  
Burk's Falls and District Historical Society

November 17, 2021

**BURK'S FALLS and DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**2022 - 2023 BUDGET**

Description	2020-2021 Actuals	2021-2022 Estimate	2022-2023 Estimate	Notes
<b>Revenues</b>				
Surplus	(\$11,097.74)	\$0	\$0	Balance in bank account
Public donations	\$0.00	(\$1,000)	(\$1,000)	
Legion donation	\$0.00	(\$500)	(\$500)	
Municipal grant - Armour	(\$5,000.00)	(\$5,000)	(\$5,000)	Grant requested from Armour
Municipal grant - Ryerson	\$0.00	(\$5,000)	(\$5,000)	Grant requested from Ryerson
Municipal grant - Burk's Falls	(\$5,000.00)	(\$5,000)	(\$5,000)	Grant requested from Burk's Falls
Provincial operating grant	(\$1,545.00)	(\$1,545)	(\$1,545)	Yearly provincial grant
Federal COVID Emergency Support Fund	(\$5,000.00)	\$0	\$0	
Memberships	(\$103.28)	(\$200)	(\$200)	
Sale of books	\$0.00	(\$40)	(\$60)	
Sale of newspapers	\$0.00	(\$10)	(\$10)	
Sale of calendars	\$0.00	(\$5)	(\$5)	
Sale of postcards	\$0.00	(\$5)	(\$5)	
Sale of mugs	(\$5.00)	(\$100)	(\$100)	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	(\$100)	(\$100)	
Summer student grant	\$0.00	(\$6,800)	(\$6,800)	YCW & Canada Summer Grant
Fundraising events	\$0.00	(\$1,200)	(\$1,200)	Heritage Days/Physic Days
Interest	(\$1.57)	(\$9)	(\$9)	
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>(\$27,752.59)</b>	<b>(\$26,514)</b>	<b>(\$26,534)</b>	
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Salaries & Benefits	\$4,529.10	\$13,454	\$14,000	Part time summer employee 2020
Telephone	\$113.00	\$1,500	\$113	
Internet/Website	\$1,180.13		\$1,200	
Grass cutting/snow removal	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	
Office supplies	\$1,316.69	\$1,500	\$1,236	
Accounting	\$141.25	\$200	\$300	
OHS membership	\$60.00	\$60	\$65	
Advertising	\$0.00	\$3,000	\$3,000	
Archival Materials	\$0.00	\$2,000	\$2,000	Framing/frame repairs/supplies
Artifact Purchases	\$0.00	\$0	\$500	
Special events	\$0.00	\$1,000	\$1,000	
Pest control	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	
Maintenance & supplies	\$1,338.84	\$2,000	\$1,500	Paint/shelving/mouse bait/Window Blinds
Insurance	\$834.84	\$1,000	\$1,000	
Book purchases	\$130.00	\$200	\$120	Historical books to sell
Miscellaneous expenditures	\$60.95	\$500	\$400	Casters
Donations	\$75.00	\$100	\$100	Remembrance Day Wreath
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>(\$9,779.80)</b>	<b>\$26,514</b>	<b>\$26,534</b>	
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>(\$17,972.79)</b>			



## TRI R WASTE MANAGEMENT -- ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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### BUDGET & FINANCIAL

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- Amended TRI R Waste Management Budget
  - 15-540-000 – TRI R Govt. Grants Recycling – increased
  - 15-649-001 – TRI R Food Cycler Sales – sale of units for pilot
  - 16-489-503 – TRI R Food Cycler Pilot Project – purchase of units for pilot

### ONGOING BUSINESS

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- Fair Compensation Working Group for Blue Box Transition continues to meet.
- Webinars and Workshops focusing on Post Transition Asset Valuation.
- Working through the details for delivery and startup of our Food Cycler Pilot Project.

### NEW BUSINESS

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- Gray-Hall Productions is stepping out from the collection of LCBO donations at the TRI R Landfill & Recycling Center. This organization thanks the townships for the opportunity to collect these donations and the support they have received for the Jamboree.
- A new group has stepped up and requested the opportunity to collect the donations on behalf of 3133 Algonquin Army Cadets. As the Administrator, I have accepted the request and would appreciate the support by resolution of council.
  - Resolution passed Cadets move in February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022

### BAG TALLY – GATE INFORMATION FINAL TALLY 2021

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BAG TALLY	ARMOUR		BURKS FALLS	RYERSON		TOTAL OF ALL
January to December	19,778	3,883	1,248	10,209	439	35,557
<b>2021 % OF TOTAL</b>	66.544%		3.510%	29.946%		100%
January to December	21,848	1,710	843	10,382	184	34,967
<b>2020 % OF TOTAL</b>	67.372%		2.411%	30.217%		100%
January to December	16,937	1,552	611	8,371	126	25,804
<b>2019 % OF TOTAL</b>	66.875%		2.391%	30.734%		100%



## TRI R WASTE MANAGEMENT -- ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

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### DIVERSION PROGRAMS

Diversion Program	2021	2020	2019
Electronics	20.76 MT = \$3,114	19.40 MT = \$3,664	17.56 MT = \$3,512
Tires	1,301	4,035	556 = \$350
Tubes & Bulbs	2,263	2,196	2,659
Batteries	1,218 lbs	1,528 lbs	1,851 lbs

Product	2021		2020	
	Tonnage MT	Amount	Tonnage MT	Amount
OCC	61.63	\$10,506	58.32	\$6,254
ONP	0	0	22.82	\$114
CONTAINERS	136.15	\$31,679	112.78	\$1,792
<b>Blue Box</b>	<b>197.78</b>	<b>\$42,185</b>	<b>193.92</b>	<b>\$8,160</b>
Scrap Metal	39.00	\$2,123	50.95	\$2,808
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>236.78</b>	<b>\$44,308</b>	<b>244.87</b>	<b>\$10,968</b>

Product	2019		2018	
	Tonnage MT	Amount	Tonnage MT	Amount
OCC	44.55	\$2,502	62.00	\$5,297
ONP	17.07	Stockpiled	25.93	\$259
COMINGLE	107.27	\$5,321	99.70	\$8,940
<b>Blue Box</b>	<b>168.89</b>	<b>\$7,826</b>	<b>187.63</b>	<b>\$14,496</b>
Scrap Metal	11.59	\$1,003	35.67	\$5,041
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>180.48</b>	<b>\$8,829</b>	<b>223.30</b>	<b>\$19,537</b>

**JOINT BUILDING COMMITTEE  
ANNUAL PERMIT SUMMARY  
2022**

Month	No. of Permits	Permit Fees	Project Values	Size (sq.m)
January	1	\$22,435.00	\$1,489,133.00	340
February	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
March	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
April	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
May	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
June	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
July	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
August	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
September	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
October	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
November	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
December	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$22,435.00</b>	<b>\$1,489,133.00</b>	<b>New Construction 340</b>
				<b>Demolitions 0</b>

**JOINT BUILDING COMMITTEE  
ANNUAL PERMIT SUMMARY  
2022**

Month	No. of Permits	Permit Fees	Project Values	SFD'S, Seasonal Dwellings and Multi-Unit Dwellings	
				2021	2022
Burks Falls	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	0
Joly	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	0
South River	0	\$0.00	\$322,000.00	1	0
Machar	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	0
Strong	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	0
Ryerson	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	0
Sundridge	1	\$22,435.00	\$1,489,133.00	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$22,435.00</b>	<b>\$1,811,133.00</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Permit activity at end of January 31, 2021</b>					
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$5,882.00</b>	<b>\$365,000.00</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Permit activity at end of January 31, 2020</b>					
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>\$16,553.00</b>	<b>\$1,124,133.00</b>		<b>1</b>
<b>Difference from previous year</b>					



**NOMA, FONOM, and NOSDA met jointly with government at ROMA to discuss the Mental Health, Addictions, and Homelessness Crisis in the North**

For release: January 26, 2022

The Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and the Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association (NOSDA) jointly discussed the crisis of Homelessness, Mental Health, and the Opioid Crisis with the Provincial Government yesterday at the ROMA Conference. NOMA President Wendy Landry, FONOM President Danny Whalen, and NOSDA Chair Michelle Boileau shared with the six Provincial Ministers, Associate Minister, and two Parliamentary Assistants the experiences in our communities. Danny Whalen commented, **“having the three organizations coming together today with over 20 individuals represented on the call shows just how important this is and the need to address these issues in the North.”**

The three organizations shared with government a research paper written by the Northern Policy Institute titled “Solving the Homelessness, Mental Health and Addictions Crisis in the North”. This paper provided 8 recommendations: provide long-term funding for capital repairs on community-housing units, amend the Health Protection and Promotion Act, 1990 to define a ‘Northern Service Hub’ and provide additional funding to these hubs, establish a joint taskforce to collect data and intelligence on the underlying and systematic retention issues of healthcare professionals in Northern Ontario, support new and existing ‘Housing First’ programs, support new and existing Indigenous culturally sensitive community-housing facilities, establish a ‘Northern Mental Health and Addictions Centre of Excellence’ to address the unique challenges of service and program delivery in Northern Ontario, contract a third-party operator for interfacility patient transfers to relieve the workload of paramedics, and establish mandated Mobile Crisis Intervention Teams in municipalities throughout Northern Ontario.

President Wendy Landry commented **“it is important to take an all of government approach, to manage and find made in the North solutions to the Mental Health and Addictions Crisis”**. Michelle Boileau commented, “we want to work with this government to ensure the right resources are put in the right communities to reach people who need the resources where they live”, further **“above all, we ask that this government recognize municipalities and NOSDA as a partner in our collective efforts to address the growing mental health and addiction challenges.”**

The three organizations shared personal experiences from their own communities to paint a picture of what the mental health, addictions, and homelessness crisis looks like and how it is affecting people in every community across Northern Ontario. We are greatly appreciative of all the hard work and funding the government has given to help those in the North get the support they need but much more work is needed to ensure every person is receiving the best level of service regardless of where they live.

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Executive Summary

Urgent action is required to address the homelessness, addiction, and mental health crisis in Northern Ontario. 2021 homeless enumeration data shows that Sault Ste. Marie, and the Districts of Kenora, Nipissing, and Cochrane have larger homeless populations than the five largest municipalities in Ontario. In fact, Thunder Bay and the District of Cochrane have more than double the homeless populations of Ottawa, Hamilton, and Waterloo, respectively. More astonishing is the growing number of people struggling with opioid addiction in Northern Ontario. Extreme spikes in opioid-related emergency department (ED) visits and deaths in most northern Public Health Units shows 2020 to be the most tragic and deadliest year yet of the opioid crisis. The growing number of people struggling with homelessness and addiction in Northern Ontario strongly indicates that there is also a mental health crisis amongst vulnerable populations. This paper also finds that the mental health crisis is not merely restricted to vulnerable populations in the North, but rather that Northern Ontarians in general are experiencing poorer mental health than Ontarians in the rest of the province.

As the homelessness, addiction and mental health crisis worsens in Northern Ontario, it is clear that current services and programs are not adequately meeting the needs of northern communities. As the ones 'on the ground', municipal governments face tremendous pressure from their tax-bases to solve homelessness, addiction, and mental health issues in their community but are restricted by tight budgets. A collaborative approach ought to be taken by the federal, provincial, and municipal governments in order to solve these issues. In particular, there is opportunity for the provincial government to support existing community-led services and programs which align with commitments already made by the provincial government in the 'Roadmap to wellness'. Provincial support for existing services and programs is an 'easy win' for all levels of government against the homelessness, addiction, and mental health crisis.

This paper identifies eight strategies governments can take to improve the homelessness, addiction, and mental health crisis in Northern Ontario. Those strategies are:

1. Provide long-term funding for capital repairs on community-housing units
2. Amend the *Health Protection and Promotion Act, 1990* to define a 'Northern Service Hub' and provide additional funding to these hubs
3. Establish a joint taskforce to collect data and intelligence on the underlying and systematic retention issues of healthcare professionals in Northern Ontario
4. Support new and existing 'Housing First' programs
5. Support new and existing Indigenous culturally sensitive community-housing facilities
6. Establish a 'Northern Mental Health and Addictions Centre of Excellence' to address the unique challenges of service and program delivery in Northern Ontario
7. Contract a third-party operator for interfacility patient transfers to relieve the workload of paramedics
8. Establish mandated Mobile Crisis Intervention Teams (MCIT) in municipalities throughout Northern Ontario

This paper provides evidence that these strategies are highly effective and economically viable ways to reduce the number of people struggling with homelessness, addiction, and mental health issues in Northern Ontario.



Solving the Homelessness, Addiction and Mental Health Crisis in the North

**Introduction**

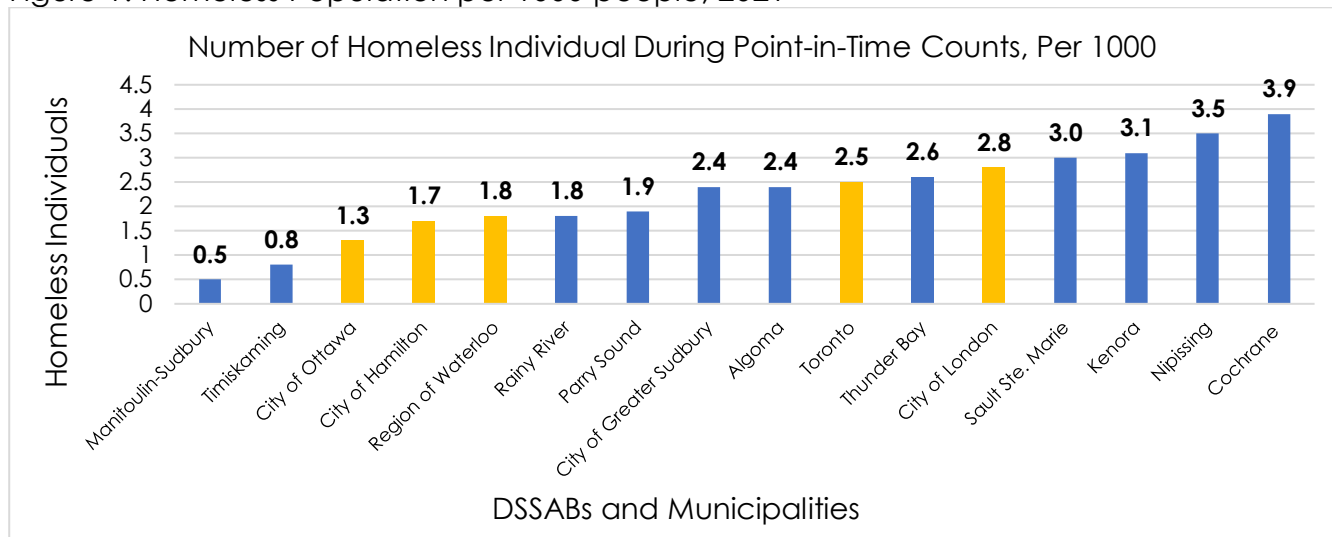
Northern Ontario is experiencing a homelessness, addiction, and mental health crisis. While these issues are not new in the North, significant gaps in health services around homelessness, addiction, and mental health have exacerbated the crisis. The growing number of Northerners suffering from homelessness, addiction, and mental health issues have ignited robust discussions at the provincial and municipal level around strategies to address service gaps. In 2019, the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) published three detailed reports on homelessness, addiction, and mental health in Ontario, outlining recommendations for all levels of government. In March 2020, Ontario's provincial government published the *Roadmap to wellness*, introducing a new plan for the mental health and addiction service system (Government of Ontario, 2021c). Not long after, Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM) published a report calling on provincial and municipal governments to act boldly to address service gaps and vocalized their support for the *Roadmap to wellness* (OBCM, 2021). Later in 2021, Northern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) and Northern Ontario Service Delivery Association (NOSDA) collaborated with municipal governments to draft a multi-ministry delegation package for mental health, addictions, and housing. This flurry of coordinated activity from municipal actors is indicative of the seriousness of the homelessness, addiction, and mental health crisis in the North.

This commentary seeks to further the coordinated efforts of municipal actors by offering timely data that supports highly effective strategies that governments can take to address this crisis. This commentary will start with an overview of the homelessness, addiction, and mental health crisis, followed by a brief explanation of the role and responsibilities of provincial and municipal governments. Roles and responsibilities of provincial and municipal governments will be discussed to provide context for the recommended strategies provided in the third section of this commentary.

## The Homelessness, Mental Health and Addiction Crisis in the North

Section 19.1 of the *Housing Services Act, 2011* requires service managers – or District Social Service Administration Boards (DSSABs) in the North – to conduct detailed enumerations of their homeless populations every two years beginning in 2018. Homeless enumerations offer important insight on the characteristics and needs of homeless populations in specific communities and regions. Figure 1 shows that Sault Ste. Marie and the Districts of Kenora, Nipissing, and Cochrane<sup>1</sup> have higher homeless populations than the five largest municipalities in Ontario. With the largest homeless population in Northern Ontario, the District of Cochrane has more than double the homeless populations in Ottawa, Hamilton and the region of Waterloo.

Figure 1. Homeless Population per 1000 people, 2021<sup>2</sup>



Source: Author's calculations from 2021 enumeration reports from DSSABs and municipalities, and Statistics Canada census district population projections.

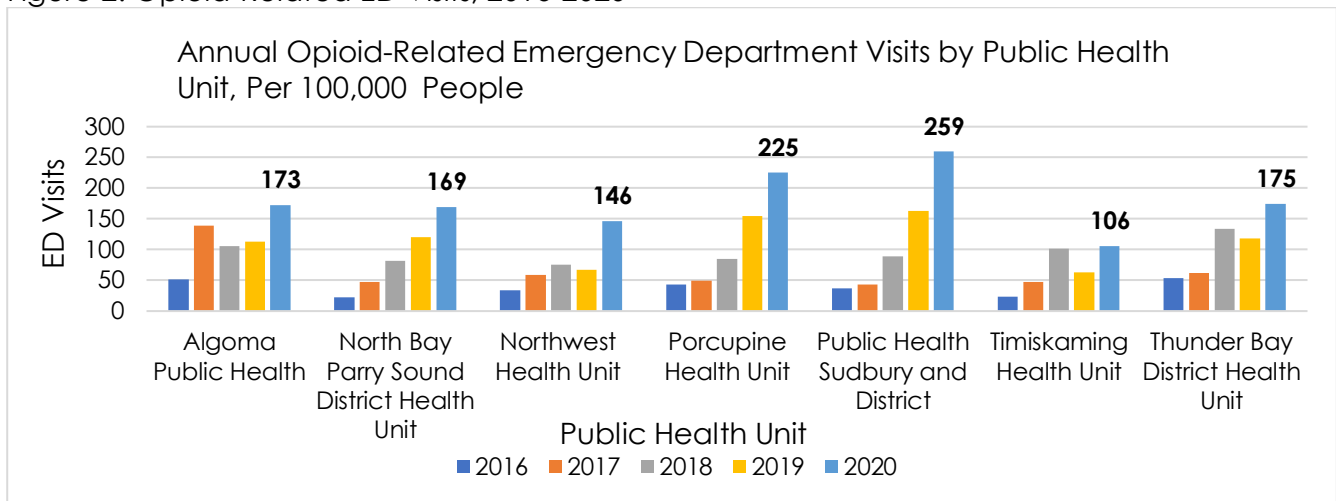
<sup>1</sup>Raw homeless enumeration data was provided by DSSABs and the City of Greater Sudbury. This data did not specify the communities in which homeless enumerations were conducted. Thus, it is assumed that homeless enumeration data represents entire DSSAB service areas. Where DSSAB service boundaries align with Census District boundaries – Cochrane, Kenora, Nipissing, Parry Sound, Rainy River, Thunder Bay and Timiskaming – DSSAB service areas will be referred to as 'the District of'. The service area of Sault Ste. Marie DSSAB will be referred to as simply 'Sault Ste. Marie'. The service area of Sudbury-Manitoulin DSSAB will be referred to as simply 'Sudbury-Manitoulin'. The service area of Algoma DSSAB will be referred to 'the District of Algoma', but notably and unlike the Census District of Algoma, this paper excludes the City of Sault Ste. Marie when referring to 'the District of Algoma'. As Greater Sudbury is a single-tier municipality with a Consolidated Municipal Service Manager, it is referred to as simply 'the City of Greater Sudbury'.

<sup>2</sup> Southern Ontario cities and regions included in Figure 1 were chosen based on available data from 2021 Enumeration Reports at the time of the publication of this paper. 2021 Homeless Enumeration data was unavailable for the district of Thunder Bay.

Moreover, Sault Ste. Marie and Thunder Bay DSSABs – the only two DSSABs that completed a point-in-time (PIT) count in a previous year<sup>3</sup> – reported an astonishing growth of homeless populations within their service area boundaries. Between 2016 and 2018, Sault Ste. Marie reported a 70 per cent increase in the city's homeless population, with a 58 per cent increase between 2018 and 2021 alone. In the District of Thunder Bay, the homeless population increased by 50 per cent between 2016 and 2018.

There is also a growing number of people struggling with addiction in Northern Ontario. As seen in Figures 2 and 3, 2020 was the most tragic and deadly year of the opioid crisis in the last five years. Between 2016 and 2020, opioid-related ED visits increased by an astonishing 695 per cent in the Porcupine Health Unit; 616 per cent in the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit; 522 per cent in the Public Health Sudbury and District, and 355 per cent in Thunder Bay District Health Unit (Public Health Ontario, 2021)<sup>4</sup>. At the lower end of the spectrum, all other northern Public Health Units still more than doubled their 2016 amounts in 2020<sup>5</sup>.

Figure 2. Opioid-Related ED Visits, 2016-2020



Source: Public Health Ontario Interactive Opioid Tool, 2021.

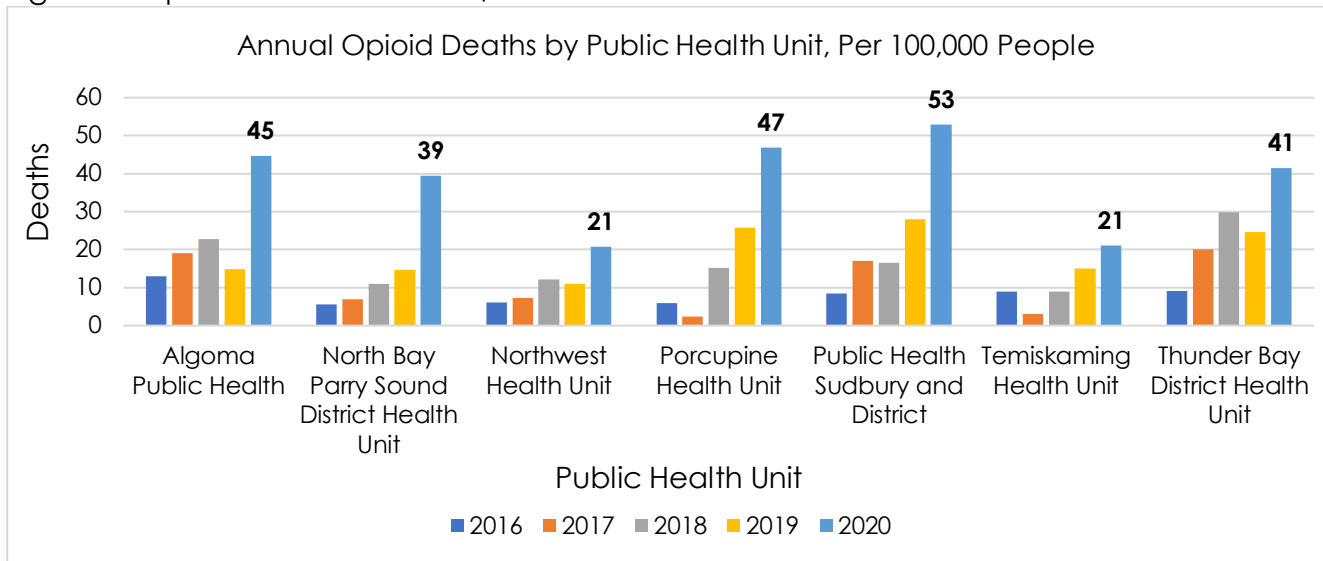
<sup>3</sup> Prior to 2020, municipalities could choose from three methods to conduct their homelessness enumerations: a PIT count, a period prevalence count, or a combination of the two. Due to the logistical challenges of conducting homelessness enumerations in large, sparsely populated districts, most DSSABs opted to conduct period prevalence counts or a combination of the two. According to Employment and Social Development Canada, "results from various communities show that period prevalence counts enumerate between 3 and 10 times as many people as point-in-time counts". Therefore, data collected by period prevalence counts in 2018 is inconsistent with data collected by PIT counts in 2021.

<sup>4</sup> N.B. Public Health Unit have custom service area boundaries that do not align geographically with DSSAB boundaries

<sup>5</sup> While Renfrew County and District Health Unit partially covers territory in Ontario's central, western and northern regions, it has been omitted from this commentary as the majority of the population within this public health unit is situated on territory outside of the political borders of Northern Ontario as defined by the Province of Ontario.

Corresponding with opioid-related ED visits, opioid-related deaths increased significantly in every northern Public Health Unit between 2015 to 2020. Importantly, Figure 3 shows an extreme spike in opioid-related deaths in 2020 compared to 2019. Opioid-related deaths increased by 200 per cent in Algoma Public Health Unit and 168 per cent in North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit **in a single year**.

Figure 3. Opioid-Related Deaths, 2016-2020

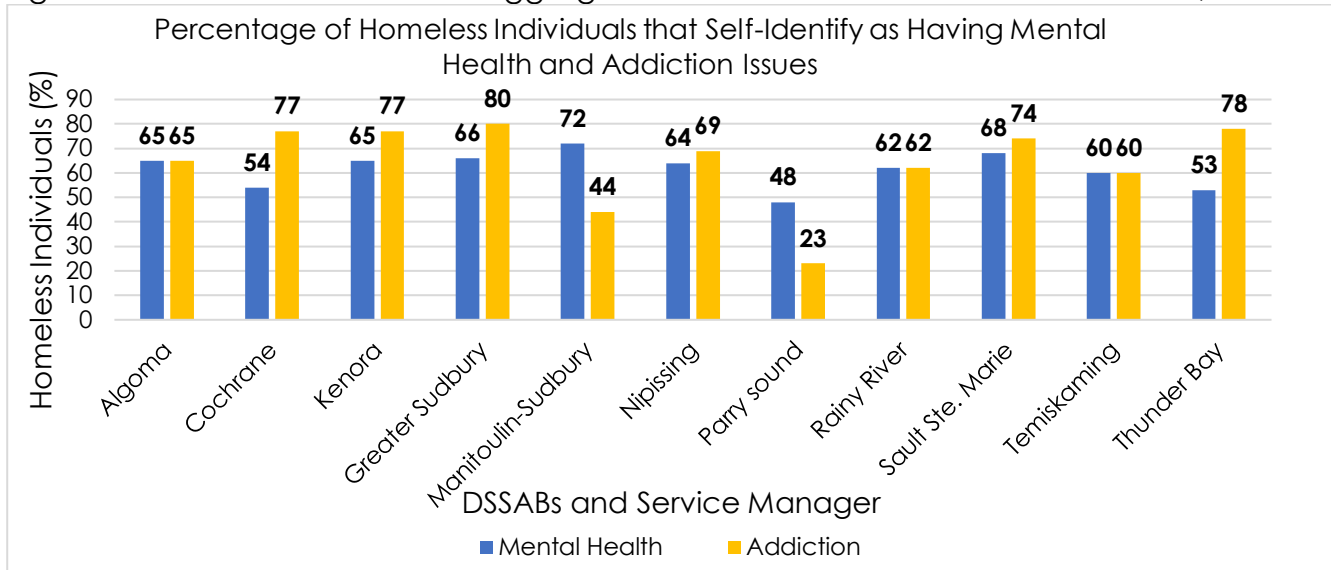


Source: Public Health Ontario Interactive Opioid Tool, 2021.

The growing number of people struggling with homelessness and addiction in Northern Ontario are strong indicators that there is also an ongoing mental health crisis. While mental health issues do not always lead to homelessness or addiction, or vice-versa, an abundance of research literature from organizations such as the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) and the World Health Organization shows homelessness, addiction, and mental health to be interconnected, and part of a larger, multifaceted socio-economic issue. As such, homeless populations are disproportionately affected by mental health and addiction. Figure 4 shows that a staggering 72 per cent of homeless individuals in Manitoulin-Sudbury suffer from mental health issues, followed by 68 per cent in Sault Ste. Marie, and 66 per cent in the City of Greater Sudbury. In the City of Greater Sudbury, 80 per cent of the homeless population suffer from addiction, followed

by 78 per cent in the District of Thunder Bay, and 77 per cent in the Districts of Cochrane and Kenora.

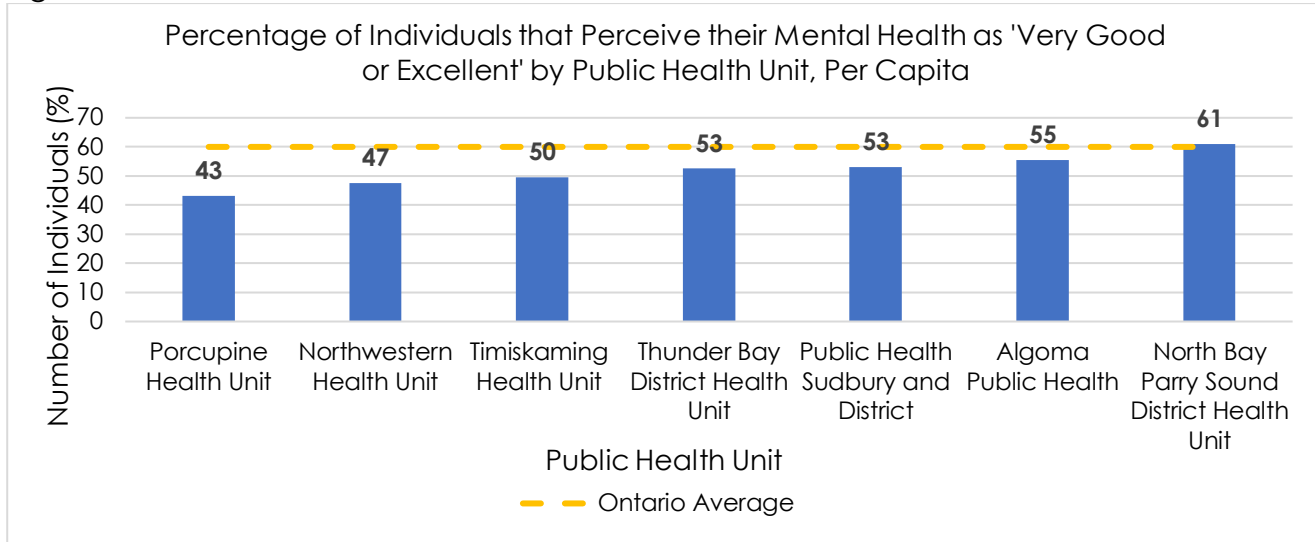
Figure 4. Homeless Individuals Struggling with Mental Health and Addiction Issues, 2021



Source: 2021 enumeration reports from DSSABs and City of Greater Sudbury.

Of course, it must be noted that mental health issues are not merely restricted to homeless individuals, but rather, affect the general population in Northern Ontario. CMHA found that Northern Ontarians self-reported higher rates of depression than the provincial average (CHMA 2009, 2), while Figure 5 shows that the number of Northern Ontarians who perceived their mental health as 'very good or excellent' is below the provincial average, except in North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit. This data suggests there is a need from many community members in the North for mental health services and programs.

Figure 5. Perceived Mental Health of Individuals, 2017-2018



Source: Author's calculations from Statistics Canada health characteristics, two-year period estimates, and Census Profiles, Public Health Units, 2016 Census.

### **The Role and Responsibility of Government**

*The Constitution Act, 1867*, as well as federal and provincial legislation and jurisprudence, define the role and responsibilities of all levels of governments regarding homelessness, addiction, and mental health issues. In terms of homelessness, the *Housing Services Act, 2011* states that the role of the provincial government is to provide general oversight and policy direction for “community-based planning and delivery of housing and homelessness services” (Government of Ontario, 2021b). More specifically, the provincial government is required to “assess current and future local housing needs, plan for local housing and homelessness services to address needs, and measure and report on progress” (Government of Ontario, 2021d). Furthermore, Article 92, Section 7 of the *Constitution Act, 1867* assigns the responsibility of public health to provincial governments. As homelessness, addiction and mental health **all** fall within the domain of public health, provincial governments are responsible for “developing and enforcing legislation, regulation, standards, policies and directories” to solve these issues (Public Health Ontario, 2020).

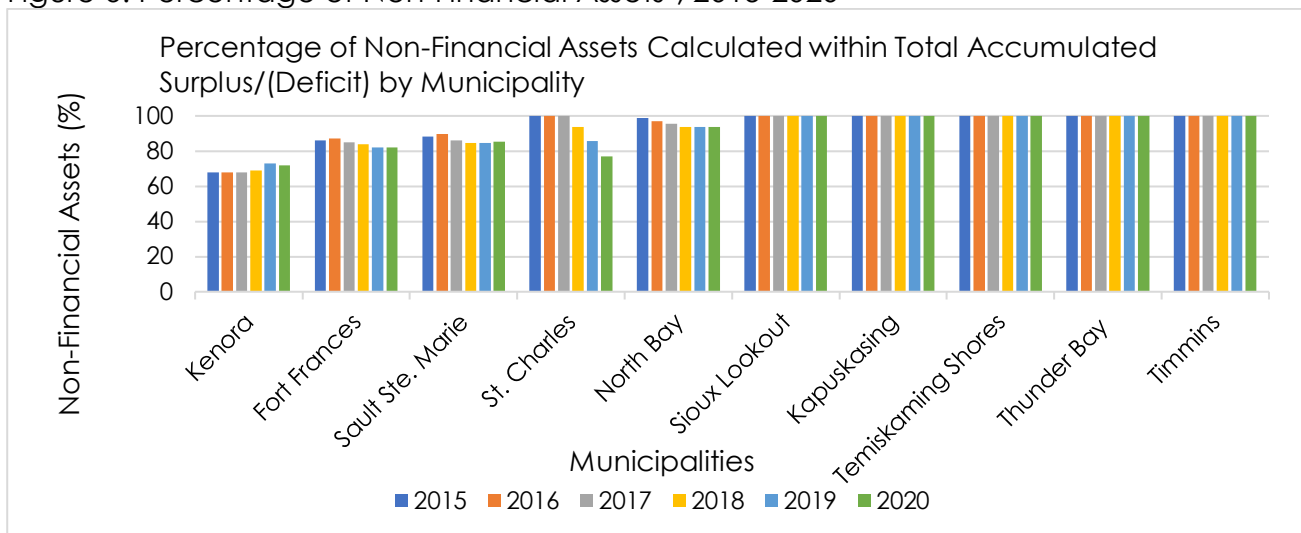
Municipal governments in Ontario play a unique role in community-housing – housing that is owned, operated and subsidized by non-profit organizations, municipal governments or DSSABs for low-income individuals or families (Government of Ontario, 2021a) – compared to the rest of the country. Since community-housing was downloaded from the province in 2001 and 2002, municipal governments act as local planning authorities, administrators of local community housing systems, and funders of housing benefits and rent (Government of Ontario, 2021d). In Northern Ontario, DSSABs – and Consolidated Service Manager in the City of Greater Sudbury – are responsible for the development of housing stock and the delivery of homelessness prevention programs (AMO 2019c, 10). DSSABs must outline their housing strategy in a ten-year housing and homelessness plan, and this plan must include strategies that address the housing needs of communities and that are in-line with provincial priorities (AMO 2019c, 11).

For health care and public health services, the role of municipal governments is as the employer for health services and funding partners to the provincial government (AMO 2019b, 15). Under the *Health Protection and Promotion Act, RSO, 1990*, provincial and municipal governments are required to cost-share the financial burden of health services, with the provincial government covering 75 per cent of service fees and municipal governments covering the remaining 25 per cent (AMO 2019b, 15). Municipal governments also support Public Health Units by providing a local lens to view policies and services (AMO 2019b, 15).

Despite well-defined roles of governments in Canada, as the ones 'on the ground', municipal governments face extraordinary pressure from their tax-bases to solve homelessness, addiction, and mental health issues in their community. Some municipalities have contributed additional funds to address homelessness, addiction, and mental health, but many more municipalities in Northern Ontario do not have the fiscal capacity to do so. Tight budgets leave little – or nothing – left-over for municipalities to spend on additional services and programs.

Figure 6 shows the percentage of non-financial assets accounted for within municipal budget surpluses. Where the percentage of non-financial or physical assets such as hospitals, schools, and community-housing are equal to 100, the municipality is experiencing a major cash deficit as 100 per cent of their surplus represents their physical assets rather than available cash funds. Importantly, Figure 6 shows that many municipalities in Northern Ontario do not have the available cash – despite budget surpluses on paper – to spend appropriately on homelessness, addiction, and mental health.

Figure 6. Percentage of Non-Financial Assets<sup>6</sup>, 2015-2020



Source: Author's calculations of Net Financial Assets, end of year, total non-financial assets, and total accumulated surplus/(deficit) from municipal Financial Information Returns.

Budget shortfall is part of a complex economic issue for many municipalities in Northern Ontario. Rural and remote municipalities do not have the fiscal capacity to generate large amounts of municipal revenue due to small tax bases, nor do they benefit from the efficiency of scale. Furthermore, important factors such as population totals, population density, diminishing subsidies for rural areas and the number of service providers impact the cost-of-service delivery (Rizzuto 2020, 18).

<sup>6</sup> Municipalities represented in Figure 6 were chosen as a representative sample size to describe the general fiscal capacity of municipalities in Northern Ontario



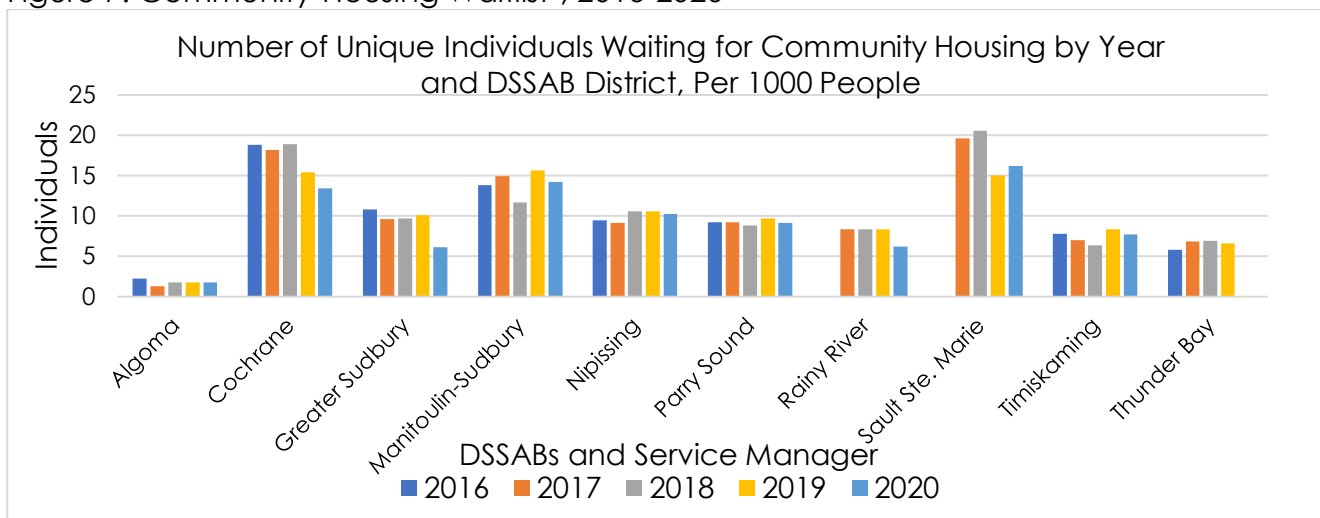
**Service Gaps and Policy Strategies**

The current – and worsening – homelessness, addiction, and mental health crisis in Northern Ontario indicates that existing policies, services, and programs do **not** meet the needs of northern communities. The following section identifies eight evidence-driven strategies that governments can take to improve the homelessness, addiction, and mental health crisis in Northern Ontario.

**1. Community-Housing Waitlists**

A shortage of community-housing has contributed to the growth of the homeless population in Northern Ontario (AMO 2019c, 5). Figure 7 shows long and stagnated waitlists for community-housing in the North.

Figure 7. Community-Housing Waitlist<sup>7</sup>, 2016-2020



Source: Author's calculations from direct outreach to DSSABs and the City of Greater Sudbury, and Statistics Canada Census Division Population Projections for the corresponding years.

Much of the community-housing shortage can be attributed to the depletion of existing stock that is between 40 and 60 years old, and overdue for routine maintenance and repair (AMO 2019c, 23). As DSSABs struggle financially to keep up with the growing

<sup>7</sup> Community-housing waitlist data not available for the District of Kenora.

backlog of capital repairs, much needed community-housing units are left vacant despite the growing demand (AMO 2019c, 24).

The most time-effective and financially responsible way to address the shortage of community-housing in Northern Ontario is by maintaining and repairing the existing housing stock (AMO 2019c, 23). When the province downloaded community-housing to municipalities, however, the transfer was completed without a corresponding transfer of adequate reserve funds for current and projected future capital repairs (AMO 2019c, 24). While DSSABs do not have the fiscal capacity to properly address the backlog of capital repairs, federal and provincial governments do *and should*. Long-term funding for capital repair should be delivered from the federal and provincial governments to DSSABs to address this long-standing problem. Ideally, funding should span over a 10-year period so DSSABs can incorporate their strategy in their 10-year housing and homelessness plans, and provide an update on progress in their 5-year review report (AMO 2019c, 24).

## **2. Migration to Service Hubs**

Service hubs in Northern Ontario face unique challenges in terms of their homeless population: the in-migration of people from surrounding rural and remote communities to access employment, education, and social and health services that do not exist in their community. Removed from their familiar environments and support systems, migrants often find themselves without the financial means to support themselves or return to their communities and, thus, become dependent on emergency shelters and other social services. This in-migration of vulnerable people applies pressure to “the housing stock, the homeless shelters, and the social services as a whole” in service hub communities (KDSB 2014, 8). The Districts of Kenora and Cochrane are particularly impacted by this migration trend as the District of Kenora includes 40 First Nations and a large unincorporated area, while the District of Cochrane includes seven First Nations, three unincorporated areas, and the only railway connection to the James Bay coast. In 2018, Thunder Bay DSSAB reported that 62 per cent of their homeless population within their service boundaries were migrants from surrounding areas (TBDSSAB 2018, 5).

### Case Study: Sioux Lookout

Sioux Lookout, also known as “the Hub of the North”, is a major service hub in the District of Kenora. Sioux Lookout Meno Ya Win Health Centre, a regional hospital and extended care facility, services the towns of Sioux Lookout, Pickle Lake, Savant Lake and 28 First Nations (Meno Ya Win Health Centre, 2021a). Collectively, Meno Ya Win provides health services for a population of 30,000, dispersed over 385,000 square kilometers (Meno Ya Win Health Centre, 2021b). Meno Ya Win and Sioux Lookout's Out of the Cold Emergency Shelter, both which services roughly the same area and communities, are significantly under-resourced for the population size they serve (Municipality of Sioux Lookout 2021, 20). Currently, the William “Bill” George Extended Care Unit operates with 20 beds, amounting to one bed per 1,500 people. In 2019, 768 unique individuals slept at the Out of the Cold Emergency Shelter – amounting to 15 per cent of Sioux Lookout's population – for a total of 5,000-person night stays annually (Municipality of Sioux Lookout 2021, 20). If this ratio was true for Toronto, it would mean 439,500 unique individuals stayed at an emergency shelter in one year, compared to the *actual* amount of 3,876 unique individuals (City of Toronto 2018, 7). Of course, it's not accurate to say 15 per cent of Sioux Lookout's population stayed at the emergency shelter, but rather it was mix of migrants from within the District of Kenora and residents of the town.

To ensure service hubs in Northern Ontario have adequate resources for their service area, an amendment could be made by the provincial government to the *Health Protection and Promotion Act, 1990*. This amendment should define a ‘Northern Service Hub’ and mandate the provincial government to provide additional support to these communities through reserve funds or the like.

### **3. Medical Professionals**

According to a report from CMHA, titled ‘Rural and Northern Community Issues in Mental Health’, Northern Ontarians are disadvantage by “limited availability and access to primary health care, specialists, hospitals and community services and supports” (CMHA 2009, 3). In 2010, the publication date of this report, CMHA identified 34 northern

communities considered by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) to be 'an area of high physician need'. As of December 2021, this list has grown to **163** northern communities, encompassing the **entirety** of Northern Ontario (MOHLTC, 2021). The MOHLTC bases this list on a variety of compelling factors including "long-standing challenges in recruiting and retaining physicians, low health care provider-to-population ratios, travel time to reach service providers, and local demand for services" (CHMA 2009, 3). The scarcity of general physicians in the North acts as a major barrier to the establishment of necessary addiction and mental health services, such as medical detox centres and treatment facilities (Turner, 2021). Northerners struggling with addiction are often sent to treatment facilities in Thunder Bay, Winnipeg or Southern Ontario, separating them from their support systems and setting them up to fail (Turner, 2021).

The European Union faces many similar challenges to Northern Ontario and Canada when it comes to the shortage of health care workers. All member-states expressed serious concern around the sustainability and robustness of their health sectors due to demographic shifts, increased demand for services, an aging workforce, and recruitment and retention of health care workers (JAHWF 2016, 2). To enable strategic planning and informed decision making, the EU established the 'Joint Action Health Workforce Planning and Forecasting' (JAHWF). JAHWF is a three-year project mandated to collect intelligence and data of health sectors in the EU by "monitoring timely data, identifying mobility trends, estimating future skills and competencies that health workers will need, encouraging cooperation to find possible solution on expected shortages, and health workforce planning and forecasting on policy decision making" (Nordic Council of Ministries 2014, 36). By conducting research on the most advanced planning methodologies, JAHWF has enabled two pilot-programs in Italy and Portugal, and a feasibility study in Germany (Health Workforce EU, 2021). The Canadian Federation of Nurses Union have called on the federal government to lead a similar taskforce in Canada to investigate "new staffing models and other pilot projects", and address underlying and systematic retention issues (Yun, 2021).

Additionally, there is opportunity for government and others to support the work of the Northern Ontario School and their work around physician recruitment in Northern Ontario. The Physician Workforce Strategy has the goal of “linking human health resources to Northern Ontario’s needs” (NOSM, n.d.). According to data collected in June 2021, 325 physicians are in demand across Northern Ontario – particularly for family physicians and rural generalists (NOSM, n.d.).

#### **4. Housing-First Programs**

‘Housing First’ is a multidisciplinary homelessness strategy that prioritizes the rapid placement of the most vulnerable individuals and families into housing with no preconditions (Gaetz, Scott and Gulliver 2013, 18). Since gaining popularity in the 1990s, Housing First is now described as a ‘best practice’ for ending homelessness in Canada, the United States and around the world (Homelessness Hub, 2021). In 2008, the federal government committed \$110 million to conduct a four-year, five-city research project on Housing First – the world’s most extensive study on Housing First programs at that time (Mental Health Commission of Canada 2014, 6). Each of the five cities – Vancouver, Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal, and Moncton – focused on specific sub-populations such as individuals struggling with substance abuse in Vancouver and the urban Indigenous population in Winnipeg. Shockingly, the study found that 80 per cent of the 1,000 randomized participants remained housed after one year (Homelessness Hub, 2021). Moreover, a study published by Canadian Homelessness Research Network, the Homeless Hub, and the Government of Canada in 2013 that examined eight Housing First programs in Vancouver, Hamilton, Lethbridge, Victoria, Fredericton, Edmonton, and two in Calgary reported similar findings. The case study in Vancouver found no participants of the program were discharged to the streets within a four-year period (Gaetz, Scott and Gulliver 2013, 67), while the case study in Hamilton found 74 per cent of participants remained housed after six months and 90 per cent of this group remained housed after 12 months (Gaetz, Scott and Gulliver 2013, 80). The case study in Lethbridge revealed 90 per cent of participants remained housed within a 12-month period (Gaetz, Scott and Gulliver 2013, 95), while the case study in Victoria found 73 per cent of participants

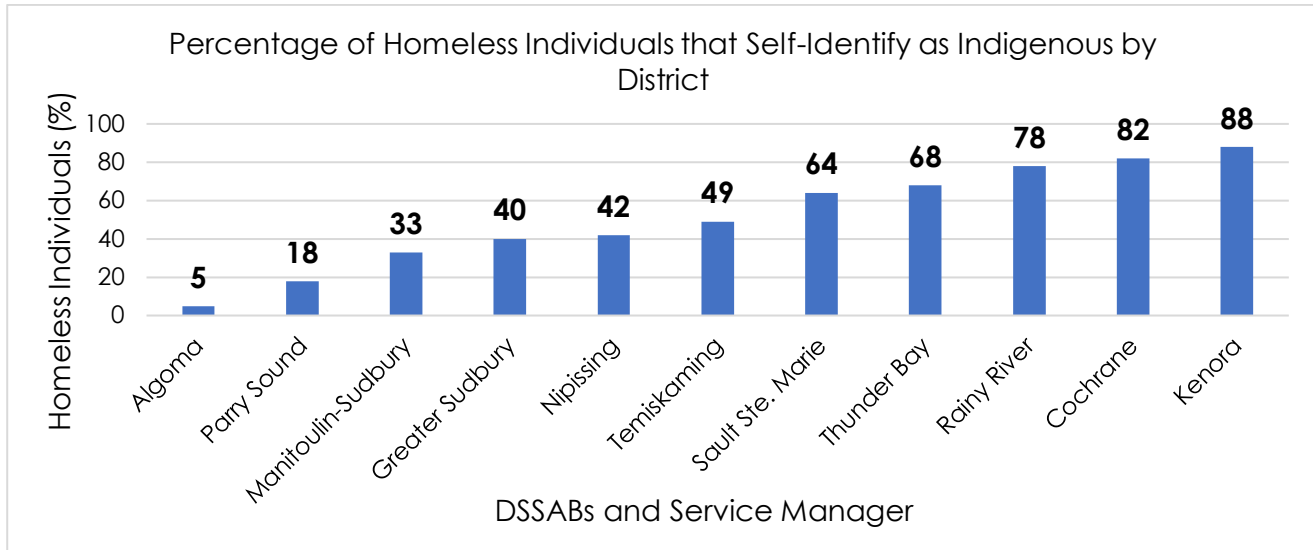
remained housed within a two-year period (Gaetz, Scott and Gulliver 2013, 106). In Fredericton, 93.5 per cent of participants remained housed after 6 months, while 86 per cent of participants remained housed within a 3-year period (Gaetz, Scott and Gulliver 2013, 132). In Calgary, one case study found 92 per cent of participants within a 5-year period remained housed, while the other found 80 per cent of participants remained housed for at least 12 months (Gaetz, Scott and Gulliver 2013, 52).

In October 2020, the federal government launched the Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI) through Canada Housing and Mortgage Corporation (CMHC) to support Housing First programs. The federal government committed \$1 billion in 2020 for 3,000 affordable housing units, with a second round of funding in the 2021-22 federal budget of \$1.5 billion for a minimum of 4,500 affordable housing units. Seven First Nations in Northern Ontario have received \$21 million collectively in funding from the RHI to build 85 new homes, but more communities can be supported. Moreover, RHI funding should support existing Housing First programs in the North, such as Housing Now, a new program established in 2020 by Cochrane DSSAB, in partnership with the Canadian Mental Health Association.

## **5. Culturally Sensitive Community-Housing**

A significant proportion of the homeless population in Northern Ontario self-identify as Indigenous. Figure 8 shows Indigenous people account for over 60 per cent of the homeless population in four Northern Districts and in Sault Ste. Marie. In the District of Kenora, 88 per cent of the homeless population self-identify as Indigenous, followed by 82 per cent in the District of Cochrane, 78 per cent in the District of Rainy River, 68 per cent in the District of Thunder Bay, and 64 per cent in Sault Ste. Marie. Despite Indigenous people accounting for an overwhelming proportion of the homeless population in the North, there is limited culturally-sensitive services and programs to address their specific needs.

Figure 8. Homeless Individuals that Self-Identify as Indigenous, 2021



Source: 2021 Enumeration Reports from DSSABs and City of Greater Sudbury.

To tackle this problem, Kenora District Service Board (KDSB), Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services, North West Local Health Integration Network, Meno Ya Win Health Centre and Nishnawbe-Gamik Friendship Centre collaborated to lead a project that opened a 20-unit community-housing facility in Sioux Lookout. The facility offers culturally sensitive and easily accessible programs and services for Indigenous people (KDSB 2018, 21). This facility has reduced 911 calls to Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) in Sioux Lookout by 90 per cent (Helwig, 2021). A similar project is underway for a new 30-unit facility in the City of Kenora, while discussion between the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board and OAHS have recently begun for another 30-unit facility in Sault Ste. Marie (Helwig, 2021).

These facilities align with the commitments made by the provincial government in the *Roadmap to wellness* to continue to work with Indigenous people and communities to co-developed services and programs that “enable Indigenous clients to access high-quality, culturally appropriate mental health, addictions and well-being services” (Government of Ontario, 2020c). They also align with the goals of the RHI. As such, supporting the existing facilities and the expansion of similar facilities across Northern

Ontario is an 'easy win' for the provincial and federal government in supporting Indigenous people struggling with homelessness, addiction, and mental health issues.

## 6. 'Northern' Mental Health and Addictions Centre of Excellence

In March 2020, the provincial government announced a new action plan to address mental health and addiction in Ontario with a more coordinated approach. The plan, outlined in the *Roadmap to wellness*, introduces the establishment of the 'Mental Health and Addictions Centre of Excellence'. As the "central point of accountability and oversight for mental health and addictions care" in Ontario, the Mental Health and Addiction Centre of Excellence will strive to **standardize** and monitor service delivery, report on performance, and provide support to health professionals (Government of Ontario, 2021c).

Northern Ontario, however, faces unique challenges compared to the rest of the province which must be considered by the provincial government before the establishment of a new standardized and centralized system of care for the province. While the *Roadmap to wellness* addresses many addiction and mental health issues in Northern Ontario, the implementation and delivery of these services must look different in the North for them to be effective. In recognition of the challenges of service delivery due to sparse populations within a large geographical region, there is robust support in Northern Ontario for the establishment of a '*Northern* Centre of Excellence for Mental Health and Addiction'. An engagement process conducted by the Centre for Rural and Northern Health Research and the Thunder Bay Drug Strategy, found that 95 per cent of the 216 participants from within six engagement areas – social services, education, peer, health care, policy and justice – and 65 Indigenous organizations, support the establishment of a 'Northern Centre of Excellence' (Lakehead University 2018, 4). As the *Roadmap to wellness* remains in the development phase, there is an opportunity for the provincial government now to consult with Northern decision makers and reassess the benefits to establishing a 'Northern Centre of Excellence'.



## 7. Inter-Facility Transportation

The opioid crisis is putting severe strain on municipal paramedic services. In the third quarter of 2021, Superior North EMS answered 187 opioid overdose calls – the highest amount ever recorded in the District of Thunder Bay (Public Health Ontario, 2021a). Similarly, the District of Cochrane is projected to surpass last year's total of 269 emergency medical services calls, with a total of 259 call recorded by the end of October 2021 (Porcupine Health Unit, 2021). To add to their workload, paramedics in Northern Ontario are uniquely required to assist in “non-urgent transfers of low-acuity patients between health facilities”, often delaying their response time for emergency calls as resources are extremely limited (AMO 2019a, 6). Inter-facility transfers are a costly expense for municipal governments, and are avoided in other areas of the province through private contracts with private and non-profit operators that are funded by the province (AMO 2019a, 6)

To alleviate the workload of paramedics and solve a long-standing issue in the North, this commentary supports the recommendation made by AMO in their report, 'A Compendium of Municipal Health Activities and Recommendations', to include the provision of a third-party operator for inter-facility patient transfers in Northern Ontario provided and funded by the provincial government. Importantly, this commentary seconds the additional recommendation that only in situations where there is no alternative, should municipal paramedic services be used, and when this occurs, the cost should be reimbursed from the provincial government to municipalities from LHINs (AMO 2019a, 6).

## 8. Mobile Crisis Intervention Teams (MCIT)

Police officers are ill-equipped to handle an increasing number of service calls involving individuals experiencing mental health crises, resulting in a 'revolving door' phenomenon “where police have frequent contact with the same individuals who are often unable to access long-term, appropriate care” (Semple et al 2021, 3). These calls drain police resources due to their frequency and time-consuming nature as police

officers are typically required to remain in ED with individuals apprehended under the *Mental Health Act* until they have been seen by a physician (Semple et al 2021, 4).

The MCIT model, which pairs an experienced mental health professional with a police officer, has been implemented with tremendous evidence-based success in many cities across Ontario and Canada. MCIT models have proven to relieve pressure on police officers and provide better support to people in crisis. A study conducted on the Crisis Outreach and Support Team (COAST) by South Simcoe Police Service (SSPS) in partnership with CMHA and York Support Services Network found the implementation of COAST contributed to fewer apprehensions and significantly more resources provided to people in crisis (Semple et al 2021, 4). Moreover, the study found COAST provided significant economic benefits for SSPS. Reduced call times of patrol officers responding to mental health calls saved \$47.43 **per call** and SSPS also saved on calls where COAST responded compared to patrol officers (Semple 2021, 14). A similar study conducted on the Joint Mobile Crisis Response Team Pilot Project (JMCRT) by Thunder Bay Police Services, Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre and CMHA also found a reduction in the number of apprehensions and less time spent by officers in ED. Since 2018, JMCRT has been successful in diverting 661 people from ED and 131 from police custody (Human Services & Justice Coordinating Committee, 2021).

As part of the \$18.3 million commitment made by the provincial government in 2019 to support Ontario's first responders in the *Roadmap to wellness*, a pilot project for four new mobile mental health and addictions clinics were announced, with one set to open in Northern Ontario on Manitoulin Island. In June 2021, OBCM called on the federal government to establish "a consistent program to be mandated province-wide with the necessary funding" as a viable solution for solving the mental health crisis that has been "tried and tested" with success – a position supported by this paper (OBCM, 2021). Federal, provincial and municipal governments should work collaborative to introduce MCIT in communities across Northern Ontario.

## **Conclusion**

It is clear that current efforts made by governments are not enough to address the worsening homelessness, addiction, and mental health crisis in Northern Ontario. Thus, all levels of government must commit to new strategies for Northern Ontario. The strategies identified in this paper have been proven to be successful in reducing homeless populations and those struggling with addiction and mental health issues with evidence-based data. This data also shows the economic benefits of the suggested strategies. Importantly, the eight strategies align with commitments already made by the federal and provincial government, and therefore, should be supported whole-heartedly and without reservation.

**Appendix A**

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Canadian Mental Health Association (CHMA)  
Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC)  
Crisis Outreach and Support Teams (COAST)  
District Social Service Administration Board (DSSAB)  
Emergency Department (ED)  
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipal Association (FONOM)  
Joint Action Health Workforce Planning and Forecasting (JAHWF)  
Joint Mobile Crisis Response Team Pilot Project (JMCRT)  
Kenora District Services Board (KDSB)  
Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC)  
Mobile Crisis Intervention Teams (MCIT)  
Northern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA)  
Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM)  
Northern Ontario Service Delivery Association (NOSDA)  
Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM)  
Ontario Provincial Police (OPP)  
Point-in-Time (PIT) Counts  
Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI)  
South Simcoe Police Service (SSPS)  
Thunder Bay District Social Service Administration Board (TBDSSAB)

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**From:** Alkins, Melanie (NDMNRF) <Melanie.Alkins@ontario.ca>  
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**Subject:** FW: Join Judith Tait on March 8th @ TBC's International Women's Day Event - Register Now!  
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Good Morning

AS per below, The Business Centre North Bay Parry Sound is SUPER excited to announce their annual INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY EVENT for March 8th 2022 from 7pm to 8pm.

This year the event will be :

Celebrating entrepreneurship, business management and leadership in the small business space, we will be hosting a webinar with JUDITH TAIT (Entrepreneur, Business Coach and Author) to discuss the skills needed to succeed and build a long term career in the industry.

To RSVP to attend this FREE EVENT, visit <https://bit.ly/3rhMnQG>

Please do share with your networks or those that may be interested.

Melanie

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Good morning,

I hope everyone is doing well! As of today, TBC has launched information related to International Women's Day 2022, please share the following information with you network.

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Thank you,

Kennedy Horton

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