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1. Call to Order			
Resolution Numb	er: 2024-360		
Moved By: Cound	cillor		
Seconded By: Cou	uncillor		
	IT RESOLVED THAT this Octo .m. and note quorum has	ber 29, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council be ca s been achieved.	lled
Discussion:			
Results:			
Recorded Vote:			
Member of Council Grant Latimer Manson Moreton Mayor Gould	In Favour	Opposed  Composed  Compose	
2. Approve Agend	<u>la</u>		
Resolution Number	er: 2024-361		
Moved By: Co	uncillor		
Seconded By: Co	uncillor		
	IT RESOLVED THAT the Count the agenda as circulated	cil for the Corporation of the Municipality of Ca l.	lvin
Discussion:			
Results:			
Recorded Vote:			
Member of Council Grant Latimer Manson Moreton Mayor Gould	In Favour	Opposed  Compared  Compare	

#### 3. Declarations of Disqualifying Interest (Pecuniary)

4. Approve Mir	nutes		
Resolution Nur	mber: 2024-36	52	
Moved By:	Councillor		
Seconded By:	Councillor		
		Гнат the minutes for th ted and circulated.	ne Regular Council Meeting of October 15,
Discussion:			
Results:			
Recorded Vote	:		
Member of Council Grant Latimer Manson Moreton Mayor Gould		In Favour	Opposed  □ □ □ □ □ □

#### 5. Delegations

#### 6. Consent Agenda Items for Information Purposes

Resolution Number: 2024-363

Moved By: Councillor

Seconded By: Councillor

Now Therefore Be it Resolved That Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin hereby receive the Consent Agenda items as follows,

#### Correspondence for Information:

- 1. Ontario Forest Industries Association's 2025 Ontario Budget.
- 2. News Release-Ontario Government is proposing restrictions/changes. Link: <a href="https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/1005176/ontario-fighting-gridlock-and-making-life-easier-for-drivers?s=09">https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/1005176/ontario-fighting-gridlock-and-making-life-easier-for-drivers?s=09</a>
- 3. Concerns with the Transport and Deposition of Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (NORM) at the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area (ALTMA).
- 4. AMO Land Use Planning Training for Elected Officials.
- 5. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit -Sept 25, 2024, Approved Minutes
- 6. Municipality of St. Charles, Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan, Municipality of Callendar- Urging the Government to Promptly Resume Tax Assessment Cycle.
- 7. Support for Resolution, Municipality of St. Charles and Municipality of Wawa-Support Ontario's Forest Sector.
- 8. Support for Resolution, Municipality of St. Charles and the City of St. Catherines-Green Roads Pilot Project.
- 9. Support for Resolution, Town of Blue Mountains-Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program.

Item # -Consent	: Agenda Item to be bro	ught forward to the next re	gular meeting of Council
Discussion:			
Results:			
Recorded Vote:			
Member of Council	<u>In Favour</u>	Opposed	
Grant			
Latimer			
Manson			
Moreton			
Mayor Gould	П	П	

#### 7. Administrative Matters

Moreton

Mayor Gould

# 7.1 CAO Report INFORMATION: 2025 Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) 2025 allocation.

7.1.1 To Accept the	e CAO Report			
Resolution Numbe	r: 2024-			
Moved By: Cou	Noved By: Councillor			
Seconded By: Cou	ncillor			
receive and accept		or the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin ct 21, 2024, titled, INFORMATION: 2025 Ontario 5 allocation.		
Discussion:				
Results:				
Recorded Vote:				
Member of Council Grant Latimer Manson Moreton Mayor Gould	<u>In Favour</u>	Opposed  □ □ □ □ □		
7.2 Fire Chief Repo	<u>rt-</u>			
7.2.1 To Accept the	Fire Chief Report			
Resolution Number	r: 2024-			
Moved By: Cou	ncillor			
Seconded By: Cou	ncillor			
	T RESOLVED THAT Council ets the Fire Chief report.	for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calv	'in has	
Discussion:				
Results:				
Recorded Vote:				
Member of Council Grant Latimer Manson	<u>In Favour</u>	Opposed  □ □ □		

7.3 Mattawa Legion Remem	ibrance Day Service		
Resolution Number: 2024-			
Moved By: Mayor Gould			
Seconded By: Councillor			
Whereas the Mattawa Legion will host a R	emembrance Day Service in Nove	mber,	
		nt the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin at this om the Mattawa Legion at a cost of under \$110.	
Discussion:			
Results:			
Recorded Vote:			
Member of Council Grant Latimer Manson Moreton Mayor Gould	In Favour	Opposed  C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C	
8. Business Arising from Prev 8.1 Support Kettle Creek Cor		: Phasing out free water testing	
8.2 CAO Report-Bonfield Pub	olic Library Services Agi	<u>reement</u>	
8.2.1 To Accept the CAO Rep Resolution Number: 2024-	<u>oort</u>		
Moved By: Councillor			
Seconded By: Councillor			
		orporation of the Municipality of Calvin has up: Bonfield Public Library Services	
Discussion:			
Results:			
Recorded Vote:			
Member of Council Grant Latimer Manson Moreton	In Favour	<u>Opposed</u> □  □  □	

Mayor Gould

#### 8.2.2 By-Law 2024-63 Bonfield Public Library Services Agreement Resolution Number: 2024-Moved By: Councillor Seconded By: Councillor Whereas by Resolution 2024-328, Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin directed staff to enter into an Agreement with the Bonfield Public Library for the 2025 fiscal year and request from the Province that as a result of the Agreement, Ontario Library Service Grant funds be directed to the Bonfield Public Library, And whereas, the granting of these funds is conditional upon Ontario Library Services (OLS) receiving and accepting a fully executed Library Service Agreement between the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin and the Bonfield Public Library for the balance of 2024-25 fiscal year, and for the 2025-26 fiscal year, with renewal and cancellation options, effective the date it is fully executed by both parties, That Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin hereby accept the CAO's recommendation to enter into a library services agreement with the Bonfield Public Library, the terms and conditions outlined in the Agreement presented to Council this 29th day of October 2024 and attached hereto. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin hereby approves this By-Law 2024- 63 to be read, enacted and passed this 29th day of October 2024. 1. That the Mayor and CAO are designated as the Signing Officers and are authorized to execute on behalf of the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin. 2. That the attached Agreement be hereto and form part and parcel of this By-Law. 3. That any other By-law inconsistent with this By-Law is hereby repealed. 4. This By-Law shall be enacted and in effect upon the signing thereof. Discussion: Results: Recorded Vote: Member of Council In Favour Opposed Grant Latimer Manson Moreton Mayor Gould 8.3 Mattawa Police Services Board-Revised 2024-25 Budget and Workplan Resolution Number: 2024-Moved By: Councillor Grant

**Whereas** Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin received correspondence dated Oct 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from the Mattawa Police Services Board, correspondence which includes the Board's revised 2024-25 budget and work plan,

Seconded By: Councillor

And whereas since receipt of this correspondence, it has been brought to the Board's attention that the Board must obtain its own liability insurance policy, one which would cover elected Officials who represent their Councils on this Board, an expense not considered in this revised budget,

And whereas our CAO has confirmed this to be the case with our insurer,

**Now therefore be it** resolved that Council accepts the revised budget as notional recognizing there may be additional costs to support unforeseen expenses such as insurance. Staff is directed to pay levies charged to the Municipality including its share of any amendments to the budget presented.

charged to the Municipality including its share of any amendments to the budget presented.				
Discussion:				
Results:				
Recorded Vote:				
Member of Council Grant Latimer Manson Moreton Mayor Gould	In Favour  □ □ □ □ □	<u>Opposed</u> □  □  □  □		
8.4 CAO Report-Emergency N	Management Ontario a	nd Annual Tabletop Exercise		
8.4.1 To Accept the CAO Report Resolution Number: 2024-	<u>ort</u>			
Moved By: Councillor				
Seconded By: Councillor				
		orporation of the Municipality of Calvin has ncy Management Ontario and Annual		
Discussion:				
Results:				
Recorded Vote:				
Member of Council Grant Latimer Manson Moreton	In Favour	Opposed  □ □ □ □		

8.4.2 Emergen Resolution Nu		nt Ontario and Annual	Tabletop Exercise-Training Date	
Moved By:	Councillor			
Seconded By:	Councillor			
	ncy Management C Il personnel who w		day, regional table top exercise, one which requires the	
And whereas the	re will be no backup	o for this staff to attend to tele	phones or in-person visitors,	
		nce Emergency Management ( ce closure on the training date	Ontario confirms the training date, that public notice be	
Discussion:				
Results:				
Recorded Vote	:			
Member of Council Grant Latimer Manson Moreton Mayor Gould		In Favour	Opposed  Compared to the compa	
8.5 Public Wor	8.5 Public Works Superintendent Report-Road Use Agreements			
8.5.1 To Accept Resolution Nur		orks Superintendent Re	<u>eport</u>	
Moved By:	Councillor			
Seconded By:	Councillor			
			orporation of the Municipality of Calvin has ent Report titled, Road Use Agreements.	
Discussion:			÷.	
Results:				
Recorded Vote	:			
Member of Council Grant Latimer Manson Moreton Mayor Gould		In Favour  □ □ □ □ □ □	Opposed  Compared to the compa	

#### 8.5.2 Recommendations

Resolution Number: 2024-

Moved By: Councillor

Seconded By: Councillor

WHEREAS resolution 2024-98, passed and carried at the Council meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 resolved that in the absence of any process, policy or by-law that outline the circumstances under which Council will receive or consider requests for seasonal road use or maintenance agreements for municipal roads not maintained all year long by the Municipality, that staff be directed to research and bring forth to Council before August 2024, guidelines and policies which would establish formal processes and conditions under which the Council might consider such requests, it is understood this research will be comprehensive and will necessitate staff collaboration with our insurer, planner of record and legal department,

**AND WHEREAS** in the absence of a Public Works Superintendent the time allowed to produce such guidelines was extended into October, 2024;

**AND WHEREAS** the Public Works Superintendent in collaboration with the CAO has investigated the issuance of road use maintenance agreements on seasonal roads,

**AND WHEREAS** the Zoning By-Law 2022-19 and the East Nipissing Planning Board Official Plan provides direction that shall not permit residential development on a street that is not maintained year-round by a public authority;

**AND WHEREAS** mention for exceptions of road use agreements in the Official Plan and Zoning By-Law creates ambiguity for the East Nipissing Planning Board, the Chief Building Official and the Council of the Municipality of Calvin;

**THEREFORE,** the Public Works Superintendent recommends to Council to apply for a Zoning Amendment and an Official Plan amendment to remove language in the East Nipissing Planning Board Official Plan and the Comprehensive Zoning By-Law 2022-19 for the Municipality of Calvin to remove the language to allow road use agreements for providing future residential development on seasonal, unassumed or private roads;

**AND FURTHERMORE,** that existing road use agreements be amended to provide less exposure of risk to the Municipality and be reviewed by the Municipal Lawyer;

**AND FURTHERMORE,** the Council directs staff to seek cost/benefit analysis of assuming the "seasonal roads" that have residential development for year-round maintenance;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Council of the Municipality of Calvin accepts this recommendation.

Discussion:		
Results:		
Recorded Vote:		
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Member of Council	<u>In Favour</u>	<u>Opposed</u>
Grant Latimer		
Manson		
Moreton		
Mayor Gould		
8.6 Public Works Superin	tendent Report-Be	aver Management
8.6.1 To Accept the Report Resolution Number: 2024-		
Moved By: Councillor		
Seconded By: Councillor		
		orporation of the Municipality of Calvin has ent Report titled, Beaver Management.
Discussion:		
Results:		
Recorded Vote:		
Member of Council	<u>In Favour</u>	Opposed
Grant		
Latimer		
Manson Moreton		
Mayor Gould		
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#### 8.6.2 Recommendations

Resolution Number: 2024-Moved By: Councillor

Seconded By: Councillor

WHEREAS the Public Works Superintendent discussed the need for the need for a Beaver Dam and Nuisance Beaver By-Law at the Council meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024;

AND WHEREAS the Public Works Superintendent with consultation of the CAO, has prepared a draft By-Law for the purpose of discussion for Council and that changes were made as a result of that discussion;

**AND FURTHERMORE**, the Public Works Superintendent recommends to Council to adopt the By-Law and that the By-Law be forwarded to Provincial Offences Office for approval of set fines.

and that the By-Law be forwarded to Provincial Offences Office for approval of set fines.				
In Favour	Opposed			
	In Favour			

#### 8.6.3 By-Law 2024-64 Management of Beavers and Beaver Dam Policy

Resolution Number: 2024-

Moved By: Councillor

Seconded By: Councillor

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 10(1) and 10(2) of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, the "Municipal Act" authorizes a single-tiered municipality to provide any service or thing that the municipality considers necessary or desirable for the public, and a single tiered municipality may pass by-laws respecting the following matters; Public Assets of the municipality acquired for the purpose of exercising its authority under this act or any other act, the health and safety and well being of persons, protection of property including consumer protection and animals;

AND WHEREAS Sections 8(3)(4) and 31(1) of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997, S.O. 1997,c.41, as amended, authorizes a person or the agent of a person, to damage or destroy a beaver dam to protect the person's property, and if a person believes on reasonable grounds that wildlife is damaging or is about to damage the person's property, the person may, on the person's land, (a) harass the wildlife for the purpose of deterring it from damaging the person's property; or (b) capture or kill the wildlife. 1997, c.41, s.31(1);

AND WHEREAS Section 80(1)(2) of the Drainage Act, TR.S.O. 1990, cD.17 as amended from time to time, beaver dams constructed on private property and the damage they may cause due to

flooding, breaches and related hazards to drainage are the responsibility of the private property owner;

AND WHEREAS Part XIV, Sections 425 to 447.9 of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c.25 as amended, gives the authority to a municipality to enforce its by-laws including the issuance and enforcement orders, rights of entry, rights of remedial action and the right to recover its costs; and further Section 446 (3) The municipality may recover the costs of doing a matter or thing under subsection (1) from the person directed or required to do it by action or by adding the costs to the tax roll and collecting them in the same manner as property taxes;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin believes it to be in the public interest to regulate and control flooding that may be caused by beaver dams in order to protect public infrastructure and the health and safety of the public;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin hereby approves this By-Law 2024- 64 to be read, enacted and passed this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024.

- 1. That the Mayor and CAO are designated as the Signing Officers and are authorized to execute on behalf of the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin.
- 2. That the attached Agreement be hereto and form part and parcel of this By-Law.
- 3. That any other By-law inconsistent with this By-Law is hereby repealed.
- 4. This By-Law shall be enacted and in effect upon the signing thereof.

Discussion:		
Results:		
Recorded Vote:		
Member of Council	In Favour	Opposed
Grant		
Latimer		
Manson		
Moreton		
Mayor Gould		

Moved By: Councillor
Seconded By: Councillor
WHEREAS during the Regular Meeting on September 24, 2024, Council received, discussed and considered the CAO and Chief Building Official Reports relating to building inspection fees, an amendment to By-Law 2019-027,
AND WHEREAS Council decided during this meeting to increase the fees by 5% rounded to the nearest \$5 except for new buildings and building without a permit by Resolution 2024-325,
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council has received the Draft By-Law with the agreed fee increase, approves the changes, and directs staff to proceed as previously directed to promote a public consultation regarding the proposed revised building inspection service fees.
Discussion:
Results:
Recorded Vote:
Member of Council  Grant  Latimer  Manson  Moreton  Mayor Gould  In Favour  Opposed  □  □  □  □  □  □  □  □  □  □  □  □  □

8.7 Amendment to By-Law 2019-027 Building Procedures, Permits and Fees

Resolution Number: 2024-

8.8 CAO/Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC) report to Council – Emergency Management Program Committee & Municipal Emergency Control Group Updates

#### 8.8.1 To Accept the CAO/CEMC Report Resolution Number: 2024-Moved By: Councillor Seconded By: Councillor Now Therefore Be it Resolved THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin has received and accepts the CAO/Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC) report to Council – Emergency Management Program Committee & Municipal Emergency Control Group Update, dated October 23, 2024, as presented. Discussion: Results: Recorded Vote: Member of Council In Favour Opposed Grant Latimer Manson Moreton Mayor Gould 8.8.2 EMP Committee Recommendation Resolution Number: 2024-Moved By: Councillor Seconded By: Councillor Now Therefore Be it Resolved THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin accepts the Emergency Management Program Committee's recommendation that the Municipality of Calvin have its own emergency management plan, planning committee and control group with persons employed by Calvin dedicated to these committees and to the Municipality of Calvin, And furthermore, that the Mayor action the communication of this item to neighboring municipality(ies). Discussion: Results: Recorded Vote: Member of Council In Favour Opposed Grant

Latimer

Manson

Moreton

Mayor Gould

#### 8.8.3 EMPC Designations

Resolution Number: 2024-Moved By: Councillor Seconded By: Councillor Now Therefore Be it Resolved THAT That Council for the corporation of the Municipality of Calvin designate the following persons/positions, to the Emergency Management Program Committee (EMPC): Head of Council Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC) Public Works Supervisor Fire Chief And that the CEMC act as the Chairperson for this committee (backup: CAO). And furthermore, that the following be named to the Emergency Management Control Group (MECG): Head of Council (backup: Deputy Mayor) CAO acting as Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) Commander (backup: CEMC) CEMC (backup: citizen W. Moreton) Municipal Labourer acting as Emergency Information Officer (EIO) (J. Daniel) - (backup: Deputy Clerk) Administration Assistant acting as Finance Coordinator (backup: Landfill Attendant1 D. Albright) Deputy Clerk acting as Scribe (backup: Landfill Attendant1 D. Albright) Public Works Supervisor (backup: Associate to the Public Works Supervisor) Fire Chief (backup: Deputy Fire Chief)

And furthermore, that 1355 Peddlers Dr. be named as the Municipality of Calvin's Emergency Operations Centre and as the Emergency Reception Area.

Submitted by:	Julie Daniel, CEMC  Donna Maitland, CAO		
Discussion:			
Results:			
Recorded Vote	e:		
Member of Council Grant Latimer Manson Moreton		In Favour	Opposed  □ □ □
Mayor Gould			

#### 9. Agencies, Boards, Committee Reports & Minutes

#### 9.1 North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority

Board Member-Councillor Moreton.

#### 9.2 East Nipissing Planning Board

Board Member-Councillor Grant.

#### 9.3 Physician Recruitment

Board Member-Mayor Gould.

#### 9.4 OPP Detachment Board

Board Member-Councillor Grant.

#### 10. Closed Meeting

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Resolution Nun	nber: 2024-
Moved by:	Councillor
Seconded by:	Councillor

Now Therefore Be it Resolved That,

Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin hereby move into closed session at \_\_\_\_\_p.m. to discuss, Pursuant to s.239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 to discuss;

- Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality (s. 239 (2) (d))
- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal employees (s.239(2)(b).

Discussion:		
Results:		
Recorded Vote:		
Member of Council	<u>In Favour</u>	Opposed
Grant		
Latimer		
Manson		
Moreton		
Mayor Gould		

#### **10.2**- Return to Open Session Resolution Number: 2024-Moved by: Councillor Seconded by: Councillor Now Therefore Be it Resolved That, That Council for the Municipality of Calvin return to Open Session at \_\_\_\_\_p.m. and report that it received and discussed information of the following nature: Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality (s. 239 (2) (d)) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal employees (s.239(2)(b). Results: Recorded Vote: Member of Council In Favour Opposed Grant Latimer Manson Moreton Mayor Gould 11. Confirmatory By-Law By-Law # 2024-65 Resolution Number: 2024-Moved By: Councillor Seconded By: Councillor Now Therefore Be it Resolved That By-Law 2024-65 being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council be approved. Results: Recorded Vote: In Favour Member of Council Opposed

Grant

Latimer

Manson

Moreton

Mayor Gould

12. Adjournment						
Resolution Number: 2024-						
Moved By: Councillor						
Seconded By: Councillor						
Now Therefore Be IT Resolved That Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin now be adjourned @ p.m.						
Results:						
Recorded Vote:						
Member of Council	In Favour	Opposed				
Grant						
Latimer						
Manson						
Moreton						
Mayor Gould						

Official Meeting Minutes as recorded for the October 29, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council to be approved at the next Regular Meeting of Council.



Absent: Councillor Manson

## Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin

Regular Meeting of Council Resolutions/Minutes

Date: October 15, 2024

Attendance: Mayor Gould, Deputy Mayor Bill Moreton, Councillor Grant, Councillor Latimer, CAO Donna Maitland, Public Works Superintendent Ann Carr and Deputy Clerk Teresa Scroope.

Guest: Antoine Boucher 1. Call to Order Resolution Number: 2024-337 Moved By: Councillor Grant Seconded By: Councillor Moreton Now THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this October 15, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council be called to order @ \_6:00\_p.m. by Mayor Gould who indicates that quorum has been achieved and that Councillor Manson is absent. Furthermore, whereas Mayor Gould's unpaid medical leave of absence is set to expire on Oct 31st, he has determined himself to be well enough to return to Mayoral duties effective this Council meeting and ending to his leave of absence. However, for this meeting, as Councillor Moreton has prepared to chair today's meeting, Mayor Gould wishes to pass the chair of this entire meeting over to Councillor Moreton. Discussion: Results: Carried Recorded Vote: Member of Council In Favour Opposed Grant Latimer Manson Moreton Mayor Gould П 2. Approve Agenda Resolution Number: 2024-338 Moved By: Mayor Gould Seconded By: Councillor Grant Now THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin hereby approves the agenda as circulated. Discussion: Results: Carried Recorded Vote: Member of Council In Favour Opposed Grant Latimer Manson Moreton Mayor Gould 

3. Declarations of Pecuniary or Conflict of Interest-Yes-Councillor Grant -Item # 7.9.2-Beaver Dam By-Law.						
4. Approve Minutes						
Resolution Number: 2024	l- 339					
Moved By: Councillor Gran	nt					
Seconded By: Cou	incillor Latimer					
Now Therefore Be it Resolv	/ED THAT the minutes for th	e Regular Council Mee	ting of September 24, 2024, be approved as presented and circulated.			
Discussion: Mayor Gould a	abstained as he was not in	attendance for the Sep	otember 24, 2024, Meeting.			
Results: Carried						
Recorded Vote:						
Member of Council Grant Latimer Manson Moreton Mayor Gould	In Favour	<u>Opposed</u>				
5. Delegations-0						
6. Consent Agenda Items f	or Information Purposes					
Resolution Number: 2024	- 340					
Moved By: Mayor Gould						
Seconded By: Cou	ncillor Latimer					
Now Therefore Be it Resolv	ED THAT Council for the Co	rporation of the Muni	cipality of Calvin hereby receive the Consent Agenda items as follows; ,			
Staff Reports for Information:						
<ol> <li>CAO Report to Council-Fire Protection Grant</li> <li>Correspondence for Information:         <ol> <li>North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit-June 26, 2024, Minutes-Attached.</li> <li>Roma/AMO Annual Conference-East Ferris Resolution in support.</li> <li>2025 OPP Annual Billing Statement-Municipality of Calvin.</li> <li>Ontario Deposit Return Program</li> <li>AMO-Healthy Democracy Forum Oct 19-20, 2024, Toronto</li> <li>Kettle Creek Conservation Authority-Phaseout of free water testing 2023 General Report</li> <li>AMO Report Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF)</li> </ol> </li> <li>Link: 2023 Annual Report - Part Lpdf (buildingcommunities.ca)</li> </ol>						
8. Support for Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM) Solve the Crisis Campaign Link: Take Action - Solve Ontario's Homelessness Crisis (solvethecrisis.ca)						
#6-Consent Agenda Item to be brought forward to the next regular meeting of Council Oct 29, 2024.						
Discussion:	Discussion:					
Results: Carried						
Recorded Vote:						
Member of Council Grant Latimer Manson Moreton Mayor Gould	In Favour	Opposed				

#### 7. Administrative Matters 7.1 Bridge Report-Antoine Boucher Resolution Number: 2024-341 Moved By: Mayor Gould Seconded By: Councillor Latimer Now THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin hereby receive the Bridge Report from Mr. Boucher. Discussion: Results: Carried Recorded Vote: Member of Council In Favour Opposed Grant Latimer Manson Moreton Mayor Gould 7.2 CAO Report Aggregate Resources Act-License Fee 7.2.1 To Accept Report Resolution Number: 2024-342 Moved By: Councillor Grant Seconded By: Mayor Gould Now Therefore Be it Resolved That the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin has received and accepts the CAO Report titled Aggregate Resources Act-License Fee. Discussion: Results: Carried Recorded Vote: Member of Council In Favour Opposed Grant Latimer Manson Moreton Mayor Gould 7.2.2 Aggregate Resources Act-License Fee Disbursement Resolution Number: 2024-343 Moved By: Mayor Gould Seconded By: Councillor Grant

Whereas the Aggregate Resources Act and its regulations require aggregate operators to pay fees related to the extraction of aggregate materials.

And Whereas 61% of the fees collected are allocated to the municipality in which the sites are located and Whereas the Aggregate Resources Act does not direct how municipalities spend these funds, the intent of the fee sharing arrangement was initiated to assist municipalities with road maintenance and other administrative matters related to the management of local aggregate resources,

Now therefore be it resolved that the receipt of these fees be allocated to the roads department capital reserve fund.

Discussion:

Results: Carried

Recorded Vote:

Member of Council	In Favour	Opposed				
Grant Latimer						
Manson						
Moreton						
Mayor Gould						
7.3 By-Law 2024-60-2025 OPP P	rimary Public Safety A	nswering Point Servic	te (PPSAP Agreement)			
Resolution Number: 2024- 344						
Moved By: Councillor Grant						
Seconded By: Councillo	r Latimer					
WHEREAS Bell Canada has enter Reporting Service (PERS), and w	ed into agreements wi hich authorizes the 9-1	ith the 9-1-1 Authorit -1 Authority to delive	y to provide the 9-1-1 Authority with a 9-1-1 Public Emergency er 9-1-1 services using NG 9-1-1 technology;			
AND WHEREAS it is the obligation Point serves the territory in which	on of the 9-1-1 Authorit ch the 9-1-1 Authority	ty under its agreemer operates;	nt with Bell Canada to ensure that a Primary Public Safety Answering			
AND WHEREAS the 9-1-1 Author operation of the Primary Public	rity is permitted under Safety Answering Point	its agreement with B ;	ell Canada to contract with a third party for the management and			
AND WHEREAS the 9-1-1 Authority wishes to contract with the OPP for the management and operation of the Primary Public Safety Answering Point, which is or is expected during the term of this Agreement to transition from being delivered by PERS to being delivered using NG 9-1-1 technology;						
AND WHEREAS the 9-1-1 Authority confirms its adherence to this Agreement by executing it, as provided for herein, and providing the OPP with a certified copy of the resolution or by-law authorizing it entering into this Agreement;						
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVE enacted and passed this 15 <sup>th</sup> day	ED, Council of the Corp of October 2024.	oration of the Munic	ipality of Calvin hereby approves this By-Law 2024-60 to be read,			
1. That the Deputy May	or and CAO are design	ated as the Signing O	fficers and are authorized to execute on			
	ation of the Municipalit					
2. That the attached Ag	reement be hereto and	form part and parce	el of this By-Law.			
	v inconsistent with this					
4. This By-Law shall be e	enacted and in effect up	pon the signing there	eof.			
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XDeputy May	or x	CAO				
Discussion:						
Results: Carried						
Recorded Vote:						
Member of Council	In Favour	Opposed				
Grant						
Latimer Manson						
Moreton						
Mayor Gould						

Moved By: Mayor Gould						
Seconded By:	Councillor Grant					
	nip of Bonfield has extended an November 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 @ 10:45 a		orporation of the Municipality of Calvin, to attend Remembrance Day rsvp,			
	resolved that by way of forward ng agenda, will attend the servi		esolution, they be informed that Mayor Gould having received the details ity's representative.			
Furthermore, direct	staff to purchase a wreath for t	he maximum purcha	ase amount of \$100.			
Discussion:						
Results: Carried						
Recorded Vote:						
Member of Council Grant Latimer Manson Moreton Mayor Gould	In Favour	<u>Opposed</u>				
7.5 CAO Report-Rura	l Ontario Municipal Association	n (ROMA) 2025 Confe	<u>'erence</u>			
7.5.1-To accept Repo	<u>ort</u>					
Resolution Number:	2024-346					
Moved By: Councillo	Moved By: Councillor Latimer					
Seconded By: Councillor Grant						
Whereas Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin has received the CAO report dated Oct 7, 2024, entitled "Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) 2025 Conference"						
Now therefore be it resolved that: Council provide direction to the CAO to register 2 senior staff, specifically, the CAO and Public Works Superintendent and Mayor Gould, to attend full conference days.						
Discussion:						
Results: Carried						
Recorded Vote:						
Member of Council Grant Latimer Manson Moreton Mayor Gould	In Favour	<u>Opposed</u>				

7.4 Remembrance Day Township of Bonfield

Resolution Number: 2024-345

Moved By: Mayor Gould							
Seconded By:	Councillor Grant						
Whereas Mayor Goo at the Mattawa Mus	d was approached by the Mattawa Museum's Curator to assist with the creation of a permanent Calvin community display tum, and whereas there are no costs to the Municipality associated with the creation of the display,						
Now therefore be it such, his participation	esolved that Council for the Municipality of Calvin approves of Mayor Gould's participation in this endeavour and that as a be subject to the remuneration by-law.						
Discussion:							
Results: Carried							
Recorded Vote:							
Member of Council Grant Latimer Manson Moreton Mayor Gould	In Favour Opposed						
7.7 Chief Building Of	icial Report						
7.7.1 Building Repor	7.7.1 Building Report-September						
Resolution Number: 2024-348							
Moved By: Councillor Grant							
Seconded By: Councillor Latimer							
WHEREAS, the Chief Building Official has provided a Building Department report for Council AND THAT Council accept the report for September as provided.							
Discussion:							
Results: Carried							
Recorded Vote:							
Member of Council Grant Latimer Manson Moreton Mayor Gould	<u>In Favour</u> <u>Opposed</u>						

7.6 Mattawa Museum Calvin Community Display

Resolution Number: 2024-347

7.8 CAO Report 7.8.1 2023 and 2024 Fiscal Year Audit Services Resolution Number: 2024-349					
Moved By: Councillor	Grant				
Seconded By:	Mayor Gould				
Whereas Council has	received and considered the CA	O report "2023 and 202	4 fiscal year audit services",		
	esolved that Council for the Mulit services for fiscal years 2023		by authorizes the CAO to enter into a service agreement with BDO		
Discussion:					
Results:					
Recorded Vote: Carrie	d				
Member of Council Grant Latimer Manson Moreton Mayor Gould	In Favour	Opposed			
7.9-Public Works Department Report					
7.9.1 To accept the report					
Resolution Number: 2	024- 350				
Moved By: Mayor Goo	ld				
Seconded By:	Councillor Latimer				
WHEREAS, the Public provided.	Works Superintendent has provi	ided a Public Works Dep	partment report for Council AND THAT Council accept the report as		
Discussion:					
Results: Carried					
Recorded Vote:					
Member of Council Grant Latimer	In Favour	<u>Opposed</u>			

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Moreton Mayor Gould

Resolution Number: 2024- 351							
Moved By: Mayor Gould							
Seconded By: Councillor Latimer	Seconded By: Councillor Latimer						
WHEREAS the Public V purpose of flood contr Council meeting on Se	ol as well as the need f	discussed the need for a lic for a Beaver Dam and Nuis	enced trapper to be hired for the ance Beaver By-Law at the				
AND WHEREAS the Pu Law for the purpose of			he CAO, has prepared a draft By-				
			Council to permit the Public ced trapper for the purpose of				
Discussion:							
Results: Carried							
Recorded Vote:							
Member of Council Grant Latimer Manson Moreton Mayor Gould	In Favour Oppose	<u>cd</u>					
8. Business Arising from Previous Council Meetings 8.1 CAO Report-Procedural By-Law 8.1.1 Amendment to Procedural By-Law 2024-49 Resolution Number: 2024- 352							
Moved By: Mayor Gould							
Seconded By: Councillor Latimer							
WHEREAS, the CAO has provided specifically 1.8 Council Package b		mmendation to amend the definitio	n area of the Procedural By-Law 2024-49				
"Council Package" means a copyrequire prior to a Meeting."	y of the Agenda, Closed Meet	ing Agenda, Reports and all other	information that Members				
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Council approves of the CAO report with recommendations and directs staff to proceed with the changes to amend By-Law 2024-49 with the minor change.							
Discussion:							
Results: Carried							
Recorded Vote:							
Member of Council Grant Latimer Manson Moreton	In Favour Oppose	<u>d</u>					

Mayor Gould

7.9.2 Management of Beavers and Beaver Dam By-Law

Grant

Latimer

Manson

Moreton

Mayor Gould

#### 9. Agencies, Boards, Committee Reports & Minutes 9.1 North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority Board Member-Councillor Moreton, next meeting mid-November. 9.2 East Nipissing Planning Board-0 Board Member-Councillor Grant. 9.3 Physician Recruitment Board Member-Mayor Gould, next meeting Oct 22, 2024. 9.4 OPP Detachment Board Board Member-Councillor Grant, at the last meeting the Board agreed to redo the calculation based on the population, not CVA, other municipalities would all have to support the budget with a change to calculation. 10. Closed Meeting-0 11. Confirmatory By-Law By-Law # 2024-61 Resolution Number: 2024-353 Moved By: Mayor Gould Seconded By: Councillor Grant Now Therefore Be it Resolved That By-Law 2024-61 being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council excluding Closed Meeting Agendas and Minutes be approved. Results: Recorded Vote: Carried <u>In Favour</u> Member of Council Opposed Grant Latimer Manson Moreton Mayor Gould 12. Adjournment Resolution Number: 2024-354 Moved By: Councillor Grant Seconded By: Mayor Gould Now Therefore Be it Resolved That Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin now be adjourned @ 7:10 p.m. Results: Recorded Vote: Carried Member of Council In Favour Opposed

Official Meeting Minutes as recorded for the October 15, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council to be approved at the next Regular Meeting of Council.

#### Agenda Item # 6-CONSENT AGENDA-October 29,2024

#### Correspondence for Information:

- 1. Ontario Forest Industries Association's 2025 Ontario Budget.
- 2. News Release-Ontario Government is proposing restrictions/changes. Link: <a href="https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/1005176/ontario-fighting-gridlock-and-making-life-easier-for-drivers?s=09">https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/1005176/ontario-fighting-gridlock-and-making-life-easier-for-drivers?s=09</a>
- 3. Concerns with the Transport and Deposition of Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (NORM) at the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area (ALTMA).
- 4. AMO Land Use Planning Training for Elected Officials.
- 5. North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit -Sept 25, 2024, Approved Minutes
- 6. Municipality of St. Charles, Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan, Municipality of Callendar- Urging the Government to Promptly Resume Tax Assessment Cycle.
- 7. Support for Resolution, Municipality of St. Charles and Municipality of Wawa-Support Ontario's Forest Sector.
- 8. Support for Resolution, Municipality of St. Charles and the City of St. Catherines-Green Roads Pilot Project.
- 9. Support for Resolution, Town of Blue Mountains-Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program.

Item # -Consent Agenda Item to be brought forward to the next regular meeting of Council

#### **Deputy Clerk**

From:

CAO

Sent:

October 16, 2024 1:04 PM

To:

Deputy Clerk

Subject:

Consent, next meeting: Ontario Forest Industries Association's 2025 Ontario Budget

Recommendations

**Attachments:** 

FONOM Resolution, To Support Ontario's Forest Industry in the 2025 Ontario

Budget.pdf; 24-25\_OFIA\_pre-budget-final-jan08\_2023.pdf

Email content below and attached.

Thanks!

From: FONOM Office/ Bureau de FONOM <fonom.info@gmail.com>

Sent: October 16, 2024 10:25 AM

Subject: Ontario Forest Industries Association's 2025 Ontario Budget Recommendations

Good morning

Please forward this to your Mayor, Councils, and Senior Management.

Recognizing how vital the Forestry Industry is to the economy in Northern Ontario and the whole of Ontario, FONOM asks your council to consider bringing this Resolution forward at your Municipality. I have attached a Draft Forestry Resolution for your consideration and a copy of the OFIA Budget submission.

Happy to answer any questions.

Talk soon, Mac.

Mac Bain
Executive Director
The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities
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North Bay, ON, P1B 9E5
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#### To Support Ontario's Forest Industry in the 2025 Ontario Budget

WHEREAS, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) recognizes how vital the Forestry Industry is to the Economy in Ontario;

WHEREAS, the success of the forest sector is critical to the economic and social prosperity of Ontario communities, employing 137,000 people;

WHEREAS, the forest industry has invested over \$3.8 billion in Ontario since 2018;

WHEREAS, Ontario has an opportunity to market global investment in the bioeconomy, similar to critical minerals and electric vehicle manufacturing, and become a leading international jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, over the last 20 years, the North American pulp and paper sector has seen a significant rationalization in production capacity, with investment dollars going to competing international jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, in the last year, Ontario has seen three pulp, paper, and containerboard mills idle or close, negatively impacting communities and the solid wood mills that depend on these facilities as markets for mill by-products and pulpwood;

WHEREAS, U.S. tariffs on softwood lumber are expected to double in 2025, to approximately 30%;

WHEREAS, Ontario should work with federal colleagues to pursue a softwood lumber settlement that works in the best interests of Ontario lumber producers and advocate for a financial backstop;

WHEREAS, Ontario has an opportunity to procure greater amounts of energy (i.e., electricity, heat, fuels, biochar, etc.) from forestry by-products and forests to assist in heavy industry decarbonization and Ontario's forecasted electricity demands;

WHEREAS, Ontario's successful and oversubscribed Forest Biomass Program should continue post-2027;

WHEREAS, Ontario will actively seek investment to restart idled softwood kraft lines in Ontario and Quebec to provide immediate relief for some sawmill producers;

WHEREAS, Ontario's \$10 million *Sawmill Chip Program*, ending March 25, 2025, will likely need to continue and expand in the absence of an immediate restart of a currently idled pulp mill to avoid curtailments at solid wood facilities;

WHEREAS, 5-year bilateral power purchase agreements (PPAs) with forest biomass-fired electrical generation facilities are insufficient and should be expanded both in terms of length and volume to provide communities, industry, and workers with a certain future;

WHEREAS, the public *Forest Access Roads Funding Program*, which provides for the public use of Ontario's forests, should be increased to \$75 million/year to reflect inflationary pressures and support legacy infrastructure upgrades (i.e., roads, bridges, and water crossings).

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) support the implementation of the Ontario Forest Industries Association's 2025 Ontario Budget Recommendations in support of attracting investment and maintaining forest operations and employment in Ontario.

FURTHER BE IIT RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Minister Vic Fedeli, Economic
Development, Job Creation and Trade, Minister Graydon Smith, Natural Resources, Associate Minister Kevin
Holland, Forestry and Forest Products, Minister Andrea Khanjin, Environment, Conservation and Parks,
Minister Todd McCarthy, Environment, Conservation and Parks, Minister George Pirie, Mines, Minister Steven
Lecce, Energy and Electrification, Associate Minister Sam Oosterhoff, Energy Intensive Industries, Minister
Peter Bethlenfalvy, Finance,local MPP, the leaders of the Opposition Parties, the Federation of
Northern Ontario Municipalities, AMO, ROMA, and OFIA.

# 2024-25 Provincial Budget Submission

Ontario Forest Industries Association January 8th, 2024

# Ontario's Forest Industry By the Numbers

\$21B total revenues

\$4.4B
contribution to the provincial GDP

142,000 direct, indirect, and induced jobs

7.2B Tonnes

Carbon Stored in Ontario's Public Forests

72.6M

300M+
seeds in aerial seeding

\$60M renewal expenditures

25.5M Tonnes

Carbon stored in wood products from Ontario's Managed Forest

#### Introduction

Since 2018, the forest industry has invested 3.6 billion dollars in Ontario. Autonomous vehicles, drones, robotics, advanced chemicals, machine learning, optimization, and artificial intelligence are commonplace across our industry's operations. The pace of change and innovation will only increase as our industry meets a rising global demand for green energy and sustainable, low-carbon forest products.

An ambitious growth plan, as outlined in *Ontario's Forest Sector Strategy* (the "Strategy"), a well-managed forest resource, and an "open for business" attitude have formed the groundwork for an incredible green economic growth opportunity in northern, rural, and Indigenous communities across the province. Released in 2020, the Strategy is committed to utilizing the full annual allowable cut (AAC) of 30 million m<sup>3</sup> by 2030, sustainably doubling the sector's current footprint.

Ontario, however, is not immune from global economic and market pressures. High inflation, rising interest rates, workforce shortages, protectionist trade policy, and declining or stagnant market segments represent significant and challenging headwinds. These are complex issues that require a whole-of-government approach. Attracting new investment, developing new products, and growing the sector are important, yet maintaining its existing footprint is essential.

Ensuring a thriving forest sector requires a fully integrated network of forest management planning, road infrastructure, competitive woodland and mill operations, a skilled workforce, and open market access. Above all else, Ontario must keep our public forests working for the people and meet the increasing global demand for sustainably sourced forest products.

To assist Ontario in navigating these complex issues, the Ontario Forest Industries Association (OFIA) has developed its 2024-25 Pre-Budget Submission to serve as a roadmap to success in Strategy implementation. Acting on the following recommendations will unlock the vast economic and environmental potential of Ontario's forest resources and contribute to a better Ontario.

### **Summary of OFIA's 2024-25 Recommendations**

Implement Sustainable Growth: Ontario's Forest Sector Strategy (the Strategy), focusing on key competitiveness measures:

- 1. Prioritize biomass and pulpwood market development to improve forest sector competitiveness and resiliency;
- 2. Improve forest road infrastructure, leveraging private investments;
- 3. Improve market access and maintain the effectiveness of Ontario's adaptive and sustainable forest management framework;
- 4. Address the cumulative costs of carbon pricing;
- 5. Position Ontario as a globally competitive jurisdiction through red tape and cost reduction;
- 6. Develop the workforce of the future and enhance forest community livability.

# 1. Prioritize biomass and pulpwood market development to improve forest sector competitiveness and resiliency.

#### OFIA recommends:

- a. Ensure a multi-year commitment and expansion to the \$19.6 million *Forest Biomass Fund*;
- b. Modify provincial energy policy to procure greater amounts of forest biomass-fired electricity, supporting community energy and district heating projects;
- c. Prioritize the global competiveness of Ontario's pulp and paper sector and potential commercialization of innovative products and advanced chemicals;
- d. Incentivize greater use of low-carbon forest biomass within industrial (e.g., steel, mining, chemical, and forestry facilities) processes through Ontario's Emission Performance Standard (EPS) program and innovation funding.

Every year, a sustainable yield of approximately 14 million m<sup>3</sup> of timber is harvested from Ontario's managed public forest. This material works through a highly integrated network of mills and facilities, producing a wide range of products, materials, and secondary products.

Market development within biomass and pulpwood markets is perhaps the greatest opportunity to enhance the supply chain and bolster competitiveness across Ontario's forest industry. Alternatively, a contraction within this market segment poses a significant threat to the future viability of the entire forest sector.

Canada used to be the largest market pulp-producing country in the world but continues to lose share to lower-cost mills in other regions. While Ontario's Northern Bleached Softwood Kraft (NBSK) remains highly sought after for its desirable technical properties, some facilities require significant capital investments to stay competitive. North America competes with low-cost international jurisdictions like Southeast Asia and South America, which have seen significant capital investment in new mills and intensively managed tree plantations over recent years.

The OFIA strongly supports initiatives such as Ontario's \$19.6 milllion *Forest Biomass Program* and *Forest Sector Investment and Innovation Program* that aim to maximize the use of wood residuals, reduce the need for carbon-intensive fuels, and avoid unnecessary pressures on landfills. Ensuring the success of these programs will help sustain the circular bioeconomy and the integration of Ontario's forest sector. Government support for existing pulp, paper, and biomass facilities is essential to the sector's long-term success.

Bioenergy production, the most deployable and scalable forest biomass technology currently available, presents an enormous opportunity to assist in this goal. Increasing volumes within existing power purchase agreement (PPA) generation facilities, developing community projects, supporting district heating projects, and incentivizing the use of forest biomass in other industrial processes are not only opportunities but are essential to the success of the industry.

#### 2. Improve forest road infrastructure, leveraging private investments.

The OFIA recommends the following to improve Ontario's *Forest Access Roads Funding Program*:

- a. Make an inflationary adjustment of \$15 million/year;
- b. Make a \$5.6 million/year increase to address end-of-life road, bridge, and water crossing infrastructure.

The forest industry builds and maintains public forest infrastructure on behalf of the people of Ontario. This public infrastructure provides essential social, cultural, wellness, and economic opportunities for First Nations and all citizens of Ontario by providing access to the Province's abundance of parks, natural spaces, working forests, critical minerals, and communities. Thousands of Ontario citizens, businesses, anglers, hunters, cottagers, and emergency services depend on a safe and well-maintained public forest road network.

The current funding envelope of \$54 million for the roads program is no longer adequate to meet the infrastructure needs of public and private users of Ontario's forest road infrastructure. Since 2018, the road building and maintenance sector has seen exceptionally high inflation – increased fuel, equipment, and wage costs have significantly weakened the program's purchasing power over the last six years.

Through a comprehensive survey of all forest managers in the province, we estimate a \$20.6 million/year funding deficit. This data reflects annual road maintenance, inflation, and replacing end-of-life bridges, water crossings, and roads.

Improving this program will provide an incredible economic development opportunity for all northern and rural communities, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, right across the province.

# 3. Improve market access and maintain the effectiveness of Ontario's adaptive and sustainable forest management framework.

### OFIA recommends:

- a. Continue to defend Ontario softwood lumber producer's interests in the ongoing trade dispute with the United States;
- b. Work with industry to address non-tariff trade barriers, e.g., "deforestation-free" procurement bills and "forest degradation" initiatives;
- c. Continued implementation of the *Ontario-Canada Boreal Caribou Conservation Agreement*, focusing on caribou range-boundary review and other scientific methods to assess self-sustaining caribou populations;
- d. Work with the OFIA and forest managers to explore potential contributions to Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures (OECMs);
- e. Work with the OFIA and forest managers to ensure forest management guidance supports the objectives of Ontario's *Forest Sector Strategy*.

Governments play an essential role in maintaining a positive reputation with customers and honouring commitments to reduce trade barriers within critical export markets. Over \$800 million of Ontario softwood lumber producer's money is on deposit in the U.S. Treasury due to the current iteration of the dispute. This is money that could be re-invested into Ontario facilities and communities. We ask Ontario to continue the rigorous legal defence of its programs and stumpage system, which is currently being investigated by the U.S. Department of Commerce. This issue needs to be raised at every opportunity with Canadian and American officials and viewed as a top diplomatic priority.

Members of the OFIA remain committed to upholding the highest standards of sustainable forest management to maintain ecological processes and conserve biological diversity. We strongly encourage the Ontario government to continue communicating our adaptive forest management framework's effectiveness to the federal government, stakeholders, and defending our industry in the face of misinformation and activist campaigns.

Ensuring our forests remain resilient under a changing climate requires human intervention through sustainable forest management. In pursuing a Federal protected area target, we are concerned that Ontario could erode the working forest landscape. Ontario must carefully consider how protected areas, OECMs, and ecological offsetting will impact the forest industry. We ask MECP and the MNRF to work with us to ensure the forest sector is fully recognized for its contributions to conservation and avoid unintended economic and environmental consequences.

Non-tariff trade barriers, such as "deforestation-free" procurement bills in New York and California, concern our industry. We ask that you continue working with your federal counterparts and state legislators to defend Ontario's world-class forest management system.

### 4. Address the cumulative costs of carbon pricing

### OFIA recommends:

- a. Finalize the proposed approach to the redistribution of EPS proceeds to eligible facilities;
- b. Ensure projects beyond the property limits of facilities are eligible to receive EPS proceeds;
- c. Consider options to mitigate the impacts of the federal carbon fuel charge to the forest sector, evaluating the potential for a made-in-Ontario program.

The OFIA supports an Ontario-based carbon pricing program, and this long-term planning will provide stability for businesses looking to invest in Ontario. We believe that Ontario is better positioned to understand the needs and context of Ontario's emitters.

The world's leading carbon reduction jurisdictions have only achieved such significant progress due to massive increases in the use of forest biomass within industrial processes, combined heat and power, district heating, and electrical generation. Forest biomass is also a much more price-stable source of energy, something that has been highly beneficial to European countries. We view the EPS program as an incredible opportunity to position Ontario as one of these leaders and incentivize increased use of this valuable and sustainable material.

We strongly support using proceeds to create a fund to support research and development into decarbonization and implementing capital-intensive, low-carbon technologies. As an industry, we have made significant progress and investments in decarbonizing operations. Since 1990, Ontario's pulp and paper industry has reduced its greenhouse gas emissions by 56%. Addressing the remaining high-emitting processes will require new research, significant technological advancement, and large capital expenditures.

Re-injecting EPS proceeds into the industry will fast-track the adoption of new technologies and assist companies in making further investments in Ontario. Developing an Ontario fuel surcharge to replace the federal program would provide access to a larger pool of funds to help in this transition.

In parallel, we are concerned that the proposed federal *Clean Fuels Standard* will compound the impacts of the federal fuel surcharge on forestry operations and transportation. There presently are no viable alternatives to decarbonize the sector. We strongly encourage the government to consider ways to collaborate and support the industry through this transition.

## 5. Position Ontario as a globally competitive jurisdiction through red tape and cost reduction

### OFIA recommends:

- a. Ensure government initiatives align with the goals and objectives of the *Forest Sector Strategy* to reduce cost and administrative burden to the sector;
- b. Establish service standards, improve service delivery, and remove the need for low-risk approvals;
- c. Adjust and make permanent the 'fixed' portion of Crown dues for poplar and white birch stumpage to ensure that the rate is consistent with other provincial jurisdictions;
- d. Reduce current electricity costs while maintaining and enhancing existing energy programs (e.g., the Northern Energy Advantage Program, the Industrial Conservation Initiative, the Interruptible Rate Pilot, and the Industrial Electricity Incentive Program).
- e. Lower costs and reduce carbon emissions by increasing payloads on tractor-trailer configuration.
- f. Make the current reduction in provincial fuel tax permanent.

The OFIA fully supports this government's focus on red tape reduction and working together to reduce barriers.

The OFIA has repeatedly flagged cost competitiveness, the speed with which we conduct business, and streamlined approval processes as themes that continue to inhibit global competitiveness and negatively impact wood supply access. Initiatives (the Strategy, provincial policy working groups (TAT, SID, FMPAG), and policy changes) have supported a provincial mandate to reduce red tape and administrative burden. More work on these projects is required for the Strategy to succeed.

Burdensome and lengthy approval processes are a problem for the industry across all business areas. The lack of enforceable service standards has been raised within the industry's mill environment, forest management planning and operations, transportation, and human resource departments. Approvals are either unnecessary (e.g., low-risk), duplicative, or take excessive time.

We look forward to working with various ministries to address these issues in upcoming red-tape reduction bills.

The OFIA is thankful for the continued extension of gas and fuel tax cuts, ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. We hope to see this excellent initiative continue past the current expiration date.

# 6. Develop the workforce of the future and enhance forestry community livability

### OFIA recommends:

- a. Establishing a new "Forestry Truck Driver Experience Grant" to offset high insurance costs preventing new drivers from entering the industry;
- b. Recognize and streamline foreign credentials and commercial truck driving licenses;
- c. Remove the *Non-Resident Speculation Tax* from northern, rural, and remote communities.
- d. Continued investments into northern, rural, remote, and Indigenous communities.

Ontario's forest industry is hiring. Developing a sustainable workforce of the future will be essential for our industry's continued success and achieving the Strategy's goals. We ask the Ontario government to continue supporting the work being done with colleagues at the MNRF, the Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, and the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training, and Skills Development to fast-track new workers and new Canadians with relevant skillsets into the forestry workforce.

Transportation costs have increased significantly over the last six years, and trucking capacity has decreased. Increased capital entry costs, insurance, tire and fuel costs, and an escalating carbon tax are contributing to the trucking crisis within the industry. Furthermore, increased driver training costs, underwriting barriers, and premiums restrict new entrants while we manage an ageing and retiring workforce. We ask the Ontario government to work with the industry, licensing, insurance, and training agencies to develop a comprehensive strategy to alleviate the current trucking shortage.

The OFIA has partnered with Forests Ontario on *Bridging the Gap Between Ontario's Youth & the Provincial Forest Sector*, an Employment Ontario research project. This project investigated job vacancies and training requirements within the sector and provided critical insights into youth perceptions of employment within the forest industry.

The livability of forestry-dependant communities is central to attracting a new workforce. Continued healthcare, education, affordable daycare, and housing investments are necessary to ensure that all Ontarians enjoy the same quality of life. For example, the Non-Resident Speculation Tax (NRST) was intended to deter non-resident investors from speculating on the province's housing market. However, the NRST acts as a barrier to foreign workers filling critical roles in Ontario's small, northern, rural, and remote communities. This was clearly never the program's intent, and we ask that it be corrected.

This government has already invested substantially in infrastructure across the north, including roads and improved internet and cellular coverage, and we look forward to seeing that investment continue. In an increasingly digital age, communities across the north must have

strong technological and built infrastructure. Forestry-dependent communities must become more competitive in drawing residents, particularly new Canadians, through programs such as the *Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot*. The Province needs to consider incentivizing living in the north and enhancing the quality of life for those already there.

### Conclusion

The forest sector is integral to Ontario's history and critical to its economic, social and environmental prosperity. OFIA strongly believes we can create a better Ontario through working forests, leveraging visionary policies such as *Sustainable Growth: Ontario's Forest Sector Strategy*. We look forward to continuing productive dialogue and supporting sustainable economic recovery initiatives with the Ontario government.

# Ontario Fighting Gridlock and Making Life Easier for Drivers

Province proposing restrictions for bike lanes, raising highway speed limits, freezing knowledge and road test fees and fixing potholes

October 15, 2024

**Transportation** 

TORONTO — The Ontario government is making life easier for drivers by introducing legislation that would, if passed, require municipalities to receive approval from the province before installing new bike lanes that would result in the removal of lanes for traffic. Municipalities would be required to demonstrate that the proposed bike lanes won't have a negative impact on vehicle traffic.

"Cities in Ontario have seen an explosion of bike lanes, including many that were installed during the pandemic when fewer vehicles were on the road and their impacts on traffic were unclear," said Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation. "Too many drivers are now stuck in gridlock as a result, which is why our government is bringing informed decision-making and oversight to bike lanes as well as taking steps to increase speed limits safely and clean up potholes."

These proposed changes are part of upcoming legislation that will kick off the fall sitting of the Ontario legislature on October 21, 2024, with a focus on tackling gridlock and getting drivers and commuters across Ontario out of traffic.

Ontario is also moving forward with plans to make life more convenient for drivers by increasing the speed limit to 110 km/h, where it is safe to do so, on all 400-series highways. This builds on the safe and successful increase of <u>speed limits</u> on more than one-third of provincial 400-series highways to date. The government is also developing a design standard to allow vehicles to travel safely at speeds higher than 120 km/h on new highways.

In addition, to help make Ontario roads safer and prevent accidents and damages that can occur from potholes, the government is consulting with municipalities to develop a potholes prevention and repair fund to open in the 2025 construction

season. The program would support smaller municipalities with road maintenance and set standards to help improve road conditions and promote high-quality roadwork across the province.

The government is also proposing to enshrine in the legislation the current freeze on knowledge and road test fees so that any future increases would require a legislative amendment. The freeze on fee increases, which was scheduled to rise roughly 4.5 per cent a year, will help save Ontarians \$72 million this decade.

#### **Quick Facts**

- The proposed legislation would build on the success of the <u>Get It Done Act, 2024</u>, which has kept costs down by freezing fees for driver's licences and Ontario Photo Cards, automating licence plate renewals, and prohibiting new tolls on provincial highways.
- In July, the province raised the speed limit to 110 km/h on several stretches of Highway 401, Highway 403, Highway 416 and Highway 69.

#### Additional Resources

Get It Done Act, 2024

Raising speed limits in Ontario

### **Related Topics**

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Learn more about hunting and fishing, provincial parks, sport and recreation, festivals and events, and visiting Ontario. <u>Learn more</u>

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Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

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

RE: Opposition to the Transportation and Deposition of Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (NORM) and Mine Tailings from the Former Beaucage Mine and Waste Site

On behalf of the Councils of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin, we are formally submitting the attached joint resolution regarding our serious concerns over the proposed transportation and deposition of radioactive naturally occurring materials (NORM) to the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area (ALTMA).

Our Councils recently convened a Joint Emergency Meeting on October 2, 2024, to discuss this matter in response to information presented at a Town Hall Meeting on September 11, 2024, by the Ministry of Mines, the Ministry of Transportation, and the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission. During our deliberations, it became evident that the materials slated for transport are not correctly categorized as NORM, but rather as mine tailings containing not only radioactive substances like niobium and uranium but also other hazardous heavy metals.

We are gravely concerned about the potential environmental and health impacts this project may have, particularly on Agnew Lake—a critical drinking water source for our communities. Our position is that ALTMA should be remediated using clean materials to mitigate existing contamination rather than accepting additional hazardous materials that could exacerbate environmental harm.

This joint resolution calls upon your government and relevant ministries to halt any further actions related to the transportation of this hazardous product to the ALTMA site. The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION # 2024-EM2-12 DATED: October 2, 2024 MOVED BY: Vern Gorham SECONDED BY: Jason Cote

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation the Township of Baldwin convened a Joint Emergency Meeting on Wednesday, October 2, 2024 to discuss the proposed plan to transport and deposit radioactive naturally occurring materials (NORM) at the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area (ALTMA); and

WHEREAS the Councils reviewed information received from the Ministry of Mines, the Ministry of Transportation and the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission regarding this proposed plan at the Town Hall Meeting dated September 11, 2024; and

WHEREAS the Councils strongly agree that the materials that are planned to be deposited are not correctly defined as naturally occurring radioactive materials but rather mine tailings that contain not only the radioactive substance Niobium and uranium but also contain heavy metals that pose significant environmental and health risks; and

WHEREAS there are significant concerns regarding the potential contamination of drinking water sources, particularly Agnew Lake, which many residents rely on for safe drinking water; and

WHEREAS the Councils agree that the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area (ALTMA) needs to be remediated using clean materials to mitigate the existing environmental impacts, rather than being used for the deposition of additional hazardous materials; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin formally oppose the transportation and deposition of these materials from the former Beaucage Mine and Waste Site, Nipissing First Nations lands and adjacent lands operated by the Ministry of Transportation to the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin respectfully demand that the Province of Ontario, the Ministry of Mines, the Ministry of Transportation, the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission provide answers to our questions and that the municipalities receive notification of all forward movements of this project; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable George Pirie, the Minister of Mines; the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, the Minister of Transportation; the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; Chief Toulouse and Sagamok Anishnawbek Council Members; Chief Nootchtai and Atikameksheng Anishnawbek Council Members; Chief Rodney Nahwegahbow and the Whitefish River First Nation Council Members; Chief Patsy Corbiere and the Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation Council Members; the United Chiefs and Council of Mnidoo Mnising; Ontario Ombudsman; the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; the Canadian Environmental Law Association; MP Carol Hughes; MPP Michael Mantha; the Association of Ontario Municipalities and all Ontario Municipalities.

### **CARRIED**

We respectfully request your immediate attention to this matter and urge the Province of Ontario to prioritize the protection of our community's health, safety, and environmental integrity.

For more information regarding this matter, please contact our municipal office by email at belindaketchabaw@nairncentre.ca or by phone at (705) 869-4232.

Yours truly,

Belinda Ketchabaw CAO Clerk Treasurer

Township of Nairn and Hyman

Cc:

Honourable George Pirie, the Minister of Mines
Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, the Minister of Transportation
Honourable Andrea Khanjin, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Chief Toulouse and the Sagamok Anishnawbek Council Members
Chief Nootchtai and the Atikameksheng Anishnawbek Council Members

Chief Rodney Nahwegahbow and the Whitefish River First Nation Council Members
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The United Chiefs and Council of Mnidoo Mnising
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FW: AMO Land Use Planning Training for Elected Officials

From: AMO Education <events@amo.on.ca>

Sent: October 15, 2024 4:01 PM

To: list

Subject: AMO Land Use Planning Training for Elected Officials



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A regular meeting of the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit was held on Wednesday, September 25, 2024, via teleconference. The meeting was open to the public and live streaming of the proceedings was provided for the media and public through a link on the Health Unit's website.

### PRESENT:

**Nipissing District:** 

Central Appointee Karen Cook
Central Appointee Sara Inch

Central Appointee Jamie Lowery (Vice-Chairperson)

Central Appointee Maurice Switzer
Central Appointee Dave Wolfe

Eastern Appointee Rick Champagne (Chairperson)

Western Appointee – Nipissing District Jamie Restoule

**Parry Sound District:** 

Northeastern Appointee
Southeastern Appointee
Marianne Stickland
Western Appointee
Jamie McGarvey
Public Appointees:
Tim Sheppard
Catherine Still

**REGRETS:** 

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** 

Medical Officer of Health/Executive Officer Dr. Carol Zimbalatti Executive Assistant, Executive Director's Office Christine Neily

Acting Program Manager Oral Health and Vision Screening Julie Patenaude-Bouffard

Recorder

Executive Assistant, Office of the Medical Officer of Health Ashley Lecappelain

### 1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Health members joined the meeting in person from the Nipissing Room at 345 Oak Street West, North Bay, Ontario, and virtually via Teams video conference.

Rick Champagne, Board of Health Chairperson called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Jamie McGarvey joined the Board of Health meeting at 5:04 p.m.

### 2.0 APROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda for the September 25, 2024, Board of Health meeting was reviewed, and the following motion was read:

### Board of Health Resolution #BOH/2024/09/01 \*Flowers/Lowery

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Health Agenda, dated September 25, 2024, be approved.

The recorded vote was as follows:

### RECORDED VOTE FOR CIRCULATION: Yes / No (Please circle one)

Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:	Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:
Rick Champagne	Х			Jamie Restoule	Х		
Karen Cook	X			Tim Sheppard	х		
Blair Flowers	х			Marianne Stickland	х		
Sara Inch	х			Catherine Still	х		
Jamie Lowery	х			Maurice Switzer	Х		
Jamie McGarvey	х			Dave Wolfe	Х		

<sup>&</sup>quot;Carried"

### 3.0 CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

### 4.0 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

### 4.1 Board of Health Minutes – June 26, 2024

The minutes from the Board of Health meeting held on June 26, 2024, were reviewed and the following motion was read:

### Board of Health Resolution #BOH/2024/09/02 \*Cook/Still

**Be It Resolved**, that the minutes from the Board of Health meeting held on June 26, 2024, be approved as presented.

The recorded vote was as follows:

### RECORDED VOTE FOR CIRCULATION: Yes / No (Please circle one)

Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:	Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:
Rick Champagne	X			Jamie Restoule	х		
Karen Cook	X			Tim Sheppard	х		
Blair Flowers	Х			Marianne Stickland	х		
Sara Inch	Х			Catherine Still	х		



Jamie Lowery	X	Maurice Switzer	х	
Jamie McGarvey	X	Dave Wolfe	х	

<sup>&</sup>quot;Carried"

### 5.0 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Date: November 27, 2024
Time: to be determined
Place: to be determined

### 6.0 BUSINESS ARISING

There was no discussion under Business Arising.

### 7.0 REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

The Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the September 25, 2024, meeting was presented to the Board of Health for information purposes.

Questions and comments were received and addressed.

### 8.0 BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

### 9.0 CORRESPONDENCE

Board of Health correspondence listed for the September 25, 2024, meeting is made available for review by Board members in the Board of Health online portal.

### 10.0 NEW BUSINESS

### 10.1 Meeting Schedule 2024 – Revised

Revisions to the Board of Health meeting schedule were presented to the Board for their review and approval.

Having no discussion related to the proposed revisions to the Board of Health meeting schedule, the following motion was read:

### Board of Health Resolution #BOH/2024/09/03 \*Switzer/Stickland

Whereas, that in accordance with Board of Health Bylaw Section III, #51, the Board of Health approved the regular meeting schedule for the year 2024 at the January 24, 2024, Board meeting, and subsequently revised at the September 25, 2024, Board of Health meeting; and



**Whereas,** revisions to the previously approved Board of Health meeting scheduled were required as follows:

DATE	MEETING	TIME
January 24 *This date is carried over from the 2023 approved schedule: for information only	Board of Health Meeting	5 – 7 p.m.
March 6	Finance and Property Committee Board of Health	5 – 7 p.m.
March 11	Board of Health	5 – 7 p.m.
April 24	Personnel Policy, Employee/Labour Relations Committee Finance and Property Committee Board of Health	5 – 7 p.m.
June 26	Finance and Property Committee Board of Health	5 – 7 p.m.
September 25	Personnel Policy, Employee/Labour Relations Committee Finance and Property Committee Board of Health	5 – 7 p.m.
October 16	Board of Health	5 – 7 p.m.
November 27	Personnel Policy, Employee/Labour Relations Committee Board of Health	5 – 7 p.m.
December 4	Finance and Property Committee Board of Health	5 – 7 p.m.
January 22, 2025	Finance and Property Committee Board of Health	5 – 7 p.m.

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved,** that in accordance with Section #51 of the Board of Health Bylaws that the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit approve revisions to the 2024 Board of Health meeting schedule, as presented.

RECORDED VOTE FOR CIRCULATION: Yes / No (Please circle one)

Name: For: Against: Abstain: Name: For: Against: Abstain:

Rick Champagne	х	Jamie Restoule	х
Karen Cook	х	Tim Sheppard	x
Blair Flowers	х	Marianne Stickland	x
Sara Inch	х	Catherine Still	x
Jamie Lowery	х	Maurice Switzer	х
Jamie McGarvey	х	Dave Wolfe	x

<sup>&</sup>quot;Carried"

Julie Patenaude-Bouffard joined the Board of Health meeting at 5:14 p.m.

### 10.2 Oral Health Motion

An amendment was proposed by Jamie McGarvey to include Association of Muncipalities of Ontario, the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association, and member municipalities in official correspondence related to this proposed resolution. The amendment was agreed upon.

The following motion was read:

### Board of Health Resolution #BOH/2024/09/04 \*Lowery/ McGarvey

Whereas, due to the higher earnings potential in private practice, the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (Health Unit) faces difficulties in recruiting dentists, as the compensation packages offered in public health are less competitive than those in private practice; and

Whereas, the demand for basic dental services in the district is very high. Despite its relatively small size, the Health Unit offers one of the larger Oral Health programs among health units in Ontario. This includes the highly-utilized Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program (provincially mandated) and provision of a Low-Income Adult Dental Program (not mandated but based on local need) contributing to the large size of the Oral Health Program in addition to the Healthy Smiles Ontario program (mandated for low-income children and youth); and

**Whereas,** it is not yet known how or if the Federal dental program will impact the need and level of service in local communities; and

Whereas, equity-seeking populations tend to have complex dental, social and logistical needs, which require more intensive clinical and administrative resources. These challenges drive up the cost of oral care provision, dissuading private practitioners from accepting equity-seeking clients; and

**Whereas,** there is no central coordination of dental services across the province to ensure that the oral health workforce matches need, and that remuneration models and rates encourage equitable access to basic care across Ontario; and



**Therefore, Be It Resolved,** that the North Bay Parry Sound District Board of Health (Board of Health) recommends that the Ministry of Health develop a provincial oral health strategy that includes a remuneration model for dentists designed to promote equitable access to basic preventive and treatment dental services throughout the province (whether delivered privately or in concert with public organizations); and

**Furthermore, Be It Resolved,** that the Board of Health recommends that the Ministry of Health undertake an evaluation of the current funding model for Oral Health services to inform the above-recommended provincial oral health strategy; and,

Furthermore, Be It Resolved, that the Board of Health provide correspondence of these resolutions to the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier), the Honourable Sylvia Jones (Ontario Minister of Health), Dr. Kieran Moore (Chief Medical Officer of Health), Victor Fedeli, MPP (Nipissing), Graydon Smith, MPP (Parry Sound-Muskoka), John Vanthof, MPP (Timiskaming-Cochrane), Michael Sherar (President and CEO of Public Health Ontario), Ontario Boards of Health, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa), Association of Municipalities of Ontario, The District of Parry Sound Municipal Association, and member municipalities.

Julie Patenaude-Bouffard answered questions that arose preceding the reading of the motion, clarifying key points and providing information about the current service capacity and numbers served by the Health Unit.

### RECORDED VOTE FOR CIRCULATION: Yes / No (Please circle one)

Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:	Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:
Rick Champagne	X			Jamie Restoule	х		
Karen Cook	х			Tim Sheppard	х		
Blair Flowers	х			Marianne Stickland	х		
Sara Inch	Х			Catherine Still	х		
Jamie Lowery	х			Maurice Switzer	Х		
Jamie McGarvey	Х			Dave Wolfe	х		

<sup>&</sup>quot;Carried as amended"

# 10.3 Endorsement of the <u>Perspectives from Northern Ontario for the Public Health Funding</u> <u>Review letter</u> from Northern Medical Officers of Health to the Chief Medical Officer of Health of Ontario

An amendment was proposed by Jamie McGarvey to include Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association, and member Municipalities in official correspondence related to this proposed resolution. The amendment was agreed upon.

The following motion was read:

### Board of Health Resolution #BOH/2024/09/05 \*Still/Wolfe



**Whereas,** the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health and the Ministry of Health are undertaking a review of the funding approach for local public health agencies; and

**Whereas,** many factors such as the geography, dispersed population, and less robust infrastructure and service availability in northern Ontario drive up the cost of delivering public health services; and

**Whereas,** residents of northern Ontario in general have poorer health outcomes compared to their southern counterparts, including a more than 50% higher average avoidable mortality rate<sup>1</sup>, and a 300% higher rate of opioid-related deaths<sup>2</sup>; and

**Whereas,** the Perspectives from Northern Ontario on the Public Health Funding Review letter outlines many of the equity considerations related to the funding approach for local public health agencies in northern Ontario;

**Therefore Be It Resolved,** that the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit endorses the aforementioned letter; and

Furthermore Be It Resolved, that copies of this resolution and the letter be sent to the Dr. Kieran Moore (Chief Medical Officer of Health), the Honourable Sylvia Jones (Ontario Minister of Health), Elizabeth Walker (Executive Lead, Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health), Boards of Health of Ontario, the Honourable Vic Fedeli (MPP, Nipissing), the Honourable Graydon Smith (MPP, Muskoka-Parry Sound), the Honourable John Vanthof (MPP, Timiskaming-Cochrane), Association of Municipalities of Ontario, The District of Parry Sound Municipal Association, and member municipalities.

### RECORDED VOTE FOR CIRCULATION: Yes / No (Please circle one)

Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:	Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:
Rick Champagne	х			Jamie Restoule	х		
Karen Cook	х			Tim Sheppard	х		
Blair Flowers	х			Marianne Stickland	х		
Sara Inch	х			Catherine Still	х		
Jamie Lowery	х			Maurice Switzer	х		
Jamie McGarvey	х			Dave Wolfe	х		

<sup>&</sup>quot;Carried as amended"

### 10.4 Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa) 2024 Fall Symposium

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Ontario Drug Policy Research Network and Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion (Public Health Ontario). Characteristics of substance-related toxicity deaths in Ontario: Stimulant, opioid, benzodiazepine, and alcohol-related deaths. Toronto, ON: Ontario Drug Policy Research Network; 2023.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Public Health Ontario, "Potentially Avoidable Mortality Health Equity Snapshot," [Online]. Available: https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/Data-and-Analysis/Health-Equity/Avoidable-Mortality-Health-Inequities. [Accessed 29 July 2024].

Notice of and invitation to attend the alPHa 2024 Fall Symposium scheduled for November 6-8, 2024, was provided to Board of Health members.

The following motion was read:

### Board of Health Resolution #BOH/2024/09/06 \*Wolfe/McGarvey

**Be It Resolved,** that the Board of Health authorizes two Board Member(s) to attend the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (aIPHa) 2024 Fall Symposium, Section Meetings, and workshops to be held online, November 6-8, 2024.

### RECORDED VOTE FOR CIRCULATION: Yes / No (Please circle one)

Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:	Name:	For:	Against:	Abstain:
Rick Champagne	Х			Jamie Restoule	х		
Karen Cook	х			Tim Sheppard	х		
Blair Flowers	х			Marianne Stickland	х		
Sara Inch	х			Catherine Still	х		
Jamie Lowery	х			Maurice Switzer	х		
Jamie McGarvey	х			Dave Wolfe	х		

<sup>&</sup>quot;Carried"

### 10.5 Second Quarter Financial Statements – June 1 to June 30, 2024

The second quarter financial statements were provided to the Board of Health for information purposes.

A proposal was made for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit Finance department to review the School Health Standard total.

### 10.6 Second Quarter Medical Officer of Health Expenses – June 1 to June 30, 2024

The second quarter expenses for the Medical Officer of Health/Executive Officer were provided to the Finance and Property Committee for information purposes.

### 10.7 Education Session – Budget Planning and Reporting

An education session on budget planning and reporting is scheduled for October 16, 2024. Information regarding this session was provided to the Board.

### 11.0 IN CAMERA

There was no in camera.

### 12.0 ADJOURNMENT



Having no further business, the Board of Health Chairperson adjourned the Board of Health meeting at 5:43 p.m.

Original Signed by Jamie Lowery	2024/10/16
Chairperson/Vice-Chairperson	Date (yyyy/mm/dd)
Original Signed by Ashley Lecappelain	2024/10/16
Ashley Lecappelain, Recorder	Date (yyyy/mm/dd)

### **Deputy Clerk**

From: Tammy Godden <clerk@stcharlesontario.ca>

**Sent:** October 21, 2024 4:26 PM

To: Premier@ontario.ca; Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org
Cc: resolutions@amo.on.ca; JVanthof-qp@ndp.on.ca

**Subject:** MSC Res 2024-368 - Urging the Government to Promptly Resume Assessment Cycle.

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Government to Promptly Resume Assessment Cycle.pdf

### Good Afternoon:

**Attachments:** 

At its Regular Meeting of Council held October 16, 2024, the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles passed the attached Resolution 2024-368.

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August 7, 2024

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

Dear Premier Ford,

Re: Urging the Government to Promptly Resume Assessment Cycle

Please be advised that at their last Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan supported the following resolution:

Resolution # 2024-08-07-10 Moved By: Councillor Quade Seconded by: Councillor Keller

"Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Ragian hereby supports the resolution from the Municipality of Callander urging the Government to promptly resume the assessment cycle.

And further that Council directs staff to provide a copy of this resolution to the Premier, the relevant provincial authorities, the Association of Municipalities in Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, and all municipalities in Ontario for their consideration, to make proper changes as quickly and efficiently as possible."

CARRIED.

Sincerely,

Jammy Thompson

**Deputy Clerk** 





### Premier Doug Ford premier@ontario.ca

RE: Urging the Government to Promptly Resume Assessment Cycle

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

AND WHEREAS the Government has announced a review of the property assessment and taxation system with a focus on fairness, equity, and economic competitiveness, and therefore further deferring new property assessment;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Callander hereby calls upon the Premier to promptly resume the assessment cycle to ensure the stability and predictability of property taxes while the Government conducts its review of the property assessment and taxation system, or respond with an alternative method for every municipality in Ontario to achieve fair taxation;

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

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

Thank you,

Cindy Pigeau Municipal Clerk

Copy to: Association of Municipalities of Ontario Rural Ontario Municipalities Association

Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities
Municipal Property Assessment Corporation

All Ontario Municipalities

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### Good Afternoon:

At its Regular Meeting of Council held October 16, 2024, the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles passed the attached Resolution 2024-367.

### Tammy J. Godden (she/her)

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### Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number:

8.6.

Resolution Number 2024-367

Title:

Resolution Stemming from August 14, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 7.1

- Correspondence #10

Date:

October 16, 2024

Moved by:

Councillor Pothier

Seconded by:

Councillor Laframboise

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports Resolution #RC24168 passed by the Municipality of Wawa, regarding Immediate Action Needed to Support Ontario's Forest Sector;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Premier Doug Ford; the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Graydon Smith; the Minister of Northern Development, Greg Rickford; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

**CARRIED** 

### The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa



### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

### RESOLUTION

**Meeting Order: 11** 

Seconded by:

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Resolution # RC24168

Moved by:

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WHEREAS Council of the Municipality o Ontario Forest Industries Association date Needed to Support Ontario's Forest Sector	d June 19, 2024 regarding Im	ence fro mediate	m the Action
NOWTHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED T Municipality of Wawa does hereby receive 19, 2024 from the Ontario Forest Indu government support all measures targeting sector faces.	and support the corresponder ustries Association and urge	nce date	d June Ontario
RESOLUTION RESULT	RECORDED VOTE		
	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
□ DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
☐ TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
☐ PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato		
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and influence.			1.50
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MAYOR - MELANIE PILON	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL		
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June 19, 2024

The Hon. Graydon Smith Minister of Natural Resources Whitney Block 99 Wellesley Street West Toronto, Ontario M7A 1W3 The Hon. Nolan Quinn Associate Minister of Forestry Whitney Block 99 Wellesley Street West Toronto, Ontario M7A 1W3

Submitted via email.

Re: Immediate Action Needed To Support Ontario's Forest Sector

Minister Graydon Smith and Associate Minister Nolan Quinn,

Congratulations on your recent appointments within Premier Doug Ford's Cabinet. The Ontario Forest Industries Association (OFIA) looks forward to our productive and continued work together.

Over the last six months, three of Ontario's six pulp and paper mills have permanently closed or idled. Adding to the issue was the closure of a critical softwood pulp market in Quebec. As you know, these facilities served as important consumers of solid-wood byproducts from Ontario sawmills.

The OFIA appreciates the many opportunities we have had to speak with you and senior leadership within Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and Premier's Office. This includes in-person meetings with members of OFIA's Board Executive Committee on January 19<sup>th</sup>, March 19<sup>th</sup>, and May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024. During these meetings, the OFIA presented short and long-term actions Ontario could take to address the regional chip and pulpwood market crisis endorsed by the OFIA membership (incl.).

The industry eagerly anticipates government action on this matter, as operating conditions for many have continued to worsen over the past six months. Combined with weak markets for some finished products, many companies struggle to continue their operations. We are now facing an unprecedented challenge in the sector, which could have negative and long-lasting implications for northern and rural communities across Ontario.

Without immediate action in response to OFIA recommendations and, critically, the vetting of potential solutions through the industry to ensure programs truly meet the sector's needs, we fear Ontario could face further curtailments, job losses, and lost economic opportunity.

The OFIA is ready to work with the Ontario government to set the forest products sector on a long-term and stable path towards economic development and prosperity. This includes our

vision of a *Forest Energy Directive* to develop bioheat, district heating, liquid fuels, renewable gases, biocarbon, and electricity generation projects, supporting Ontario's massive forecasted growth in non-emitting energy demands.

We urge you and your colleagues to continue supporting all measures targeting the immediate challenges the Ontario forest sector faces and look forward to future discussions with you.

Sincerely,

Ian Dunn, R.P.F. President & CEO

Ontario Forest Industries Association

Cell: 647-297-3827

Incl. March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Slide Deck – Summary of Input from the Membership – OFIA Meeting with the Hon. Graydon Smith

May 28th, 2024 Slide Deck - Ontario Forest Energy Directive

CC The Hon. Caroline Mulroney, President of the Treasury Board

The Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance

The Hon. Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade

The Hon. Greg Rickford, Minister of Northern Development and Indigenous Affairs

The Hon. George Pirie, Minister of Mines

The Hon. Steven Lecce, Minister of Energy and Electrification

The Hon. Sam Oosterhoff, Associate Minister of Energy Intensive Industries

The Hon. Todd Smith, Minister of Education

The Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

MPP John Yakabuski, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Energy

MPP Kevin Holland, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Mines

Deputy Minister Drew Vanderduim, Ministry of Natural Resources

OFIA Membership

### **Deputy Clerk**

From: Tammy Godden <clerk@stcharlesontario.ca>

**Sent:** October 21, 2024 4:06 PM resolutions@amo.on.ca

**Subject:** MSC Res 2024-365 - Green Roads Pilot Project

Attachments: MSC Res 2024-365 - Green Roads Pilot Project.pdf; #7 - 2024-06-27 St Catharines -

AMO - Green Roads Pilot Project.pdf

Follow Up Flag: Follow up Flag Status: Flagged

### Good Afternoon:

At its Regular Meeting of Council held October 16, 2024, the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles passed the attached Resolution 2024-365.

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## The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles RESOLUTION PAGE

### Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number:

8.4.

Resolution Number 2024-365

Title:

Resolution Stemming from July 17, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 7.1 -

Correspondence #7

Date:

October 16, 2024

Moved by:

Councillor Laframboise

Seconded by:

Councillor Pothier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution dated June 24, 2024 passed by the City of St. Catharines, regarding the Green Roads Pilot Project;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and all Ontario Municipalities.

**CARRIED** 



June 27, 2024

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

Sent via email: resolutions@amo.on.ca

Re: Green Roads Pilot Project Our File 35.72.3

To Whom it May Concern,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

cc: all Ontario Municipalities



### The Town of The Blue Mountains Council Meeting

Scott R. Butler, Executive Director, Ontario Good Roads Association and Antoine Boucher, President, Ontario Good Roads Board of Directors

Date:

Monday, October 21, 2024

Moved by:

Councillor McKinlay

Seconded by:

Councillor Maxwell

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the correspondence of Scott R. Butler, Executive Director, Ontario Good Roads Association and Antoine Boucher, President, Ontario Good Roads Board of Directors Re: Request for Council Consideration of Support for Resolution regarding the Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program;

WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads; AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system;

AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles; THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of The Blue Mountains requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

YES: 6

NO: 0

CONFLICT: 0

ABSENT: 1

### The motion is Carried

YES: 6

Mayor Matrosovs

Councillor Ardiel

Councillor Hope

Councillor Maxwell

Councillor McKinlay

Councillor Porter

NO: 0

CONFLICT: 0 ABSENT: 1

**Deputy Mayor Bordignon** 

From: Scott Butler <scott@goodroads.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 12:07 PM
To: Town Clerk <townclerk@thebluemountains.ca>

Subject: Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

## **Good Roads**

Wednesday, October 09, 2024

To: Town of The Blue Mountains Head of Council and Council Members

Sent via email to: townclerk@thebluemountains.ca

### Subject: Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

Too many Ontarians are being seriously injured or killed on our roads.

In 2023, there were 616 people killed and 36,090 people injured. The number of fatalities is up nearly 20% in the last ten years.

In 2021, the most recent year of complete data from MTO's Ontario Road Safety Annual Report (ORSAR), there were 561 fatalities – 426 of which occurred on municipal roads. While rural Ontario only represents 17% of the province's population, 55% of these deaths occurred on rural roads. By any measure, Ontario's rural roads are disproportionately more dangerous.

At the same time, municipal insurance premiums continue to increase. With no plausible reform being considered for joint and several liability, municipalities need to find innovative means for managing risk, particularly on their roadways,

To deal with this crisis, Good Roads has designed a multifaceted rural road safety program and have been in discussions with the Ministry of Transportation to fund it. The program would target a municipality's most dangerous roads, perform road safety audits, and install modern safety infrastructure that prevents serious injuries and save lives. This program is designed to be cost effective while also providing rural municipalities with a direct means for addressing risk associated with their roadways.

Good Roads has proposed leading a five-year \$183 million program that leverages our 131 years of municipal road expertise and our industry partnerships to quickly put in place the solutions that will address some of Ontario's most dangerous roads.

Good Roads is seeking support to address these preventable tragedies.

If the Town of The Blue Mountains would be interested in pursuing this, a Council resolution similar to the example below should be adopted and sent to the Premier and the Minister of Transportation:

WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system;

AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

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FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

If you have any questions regarding this initiative please contact Thomas Barakat, Good Roads' Manager of Public Policy & Government Relations, at <a href="mailto:thomas@goodroads.ca">thomas@goodroads.ca</a> at your convenience.

Sincerely,





Antoine Boucher

President

Good Roads Board of Directors

Scott R. Butler

**Executive Director**