



The Corporation of
The Township of Brock
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705-432-2355

February 25, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Honourable Sir:

Re: Ontario Fire College, Gravenhurst

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Brock, at their meeting held on February 22, 2021 adopted the following resolution:

Resolution Number 24-2

MOVED by **Michael Jubb** and SECONDED by **Cria Pettingill**

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College has been in existence since 1949; and,

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College is one of the primary sources of certified training for Ontario Firefighters; and,

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College has built a reputation of integrity, credibility, and reliability in providing some of the best training to our Fire Services within the Province of Ontario; and,

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College has been used to train and certify both Volunteer, Part Time and Career firefighters throughout Ontario; and,

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College gives Ontario Firefighters another option other than Regional Training Centres to obtain National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) certifications; and,

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College is the most cost effective method to certify Firefighters to NFPA Standards in Ontario; and,

WHEREAS the Ontario Government enacted and revoked O. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification in 2018; and,

WHEREAS when the Ontario Government revoked O. Reg. 379/18: The Firefighter certification, it was made known by the Office of the Solicitor General that the act would be amended and brought back in the future;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Township of Brock requests that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College as the OFC is one of the best and most cost effective methods for municipalities to train their firefighters which assists us in protecting our residents; and,

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution is forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones; Ontario Solicitor General, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Jon Pegg, the Ontario Fire Marshal; and all municipalities within the Province of Ontario.

MOTION CARRIED

Thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

THE TOWNSHIP OF BROCK



Becky Jamieson
Municipal Clerk

BJ:dh

cc. The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Ontario Solicitor General - sylvia.jones@ontario.ca
The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing -
minister.mah@ontario.ca
Jon Pegg, Ontario Fire Marshal – Jon.Pegg@ontario.ca
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March 2, 2021

The Honourable Patty Hajdu
Minister of Health Canada
Via email: Patty.Hajdu@parl.gc.ca

Health Canada
Ottawa, Ontario
via email: hcinfo.infosc@canada.ca

Dear Honourable Madam:

Re: Cannabis Licencing and Enforcement

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Brock, at their meeting held on February 22, 2021 adopted the following resolution:

Resolution Number 22-2

MOVED by **Michael Jubb** and SECONDED by **Cria Pettingill**

WHEREAS the Government of Canada introduced Bill C-45 (the Cannabis Act) to create the foundation for a comprehensive national framework to provide restricted access to regulated cannabis, and to control its production, distribution, sale, importation, exportation, and possession;

WHEREAS the police have not been given lawful authority to lay charges under the Cannabis Act to appropriately respond to violations of Health Canada Registrations and Licenses;

WHEREAS there is no direct communication or dedicated effort to provide a communication channel between Municipal government staff or Police Agencies for dealing with Health Canada Registrations and Licenses;

WHEREAS the Township of Brock has not been consulted by Health Canada prior to the issuance of licenses for properties not in compliance with municipal zoning by-laws;the future;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Brock requests that Health Canada:

1. Require Federal Licenses and Registrations for Designated Growers to conform with local zoning and control by-laws;
2. Ensure local authorities are provided with notification of any licence issuance, amendment, suspension, reinstatement or revocation within their region;

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please contact the Township at 705-432-2355.

3. Provide dedicated communication with local governments and Police services;
4. Provide lawful authority to Police agencies to lay charges when registered or licences operations grow in excess of their registration or licence through Health Canada; and,
5. Provide enforcement support and guidance to local municipalities for dealing with land use complaints relating to Cannabis.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Brock will forward this motion by email to the following partners: All municipalities in Ontario; the MP and MPP of Haliburton–Kawartha Lakes–Brock; the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs; the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food; and the Durham Region Police Services with the request that the Federal government enact legislation to better support local governments with land use management and enforcement issues as they relate to Cannabis Production and Processing.

MOTION CARRIED

Thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

THE TOWNSHIP OF BROCK



Becky Jamieson
Municipal Clerk

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- cc. The Honourable Christine Elliott, Minister of Health, Ontario –
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The Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs –
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The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food - Marie-
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Inspector Ryan Connolly, DRPS - northdivision@drps.ca
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March 4, 2021

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Re: Schedule 6, Bill 197, COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020

Regional Council, at its meeting held on February 25, 2021, passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS Schedule 6 of Bill 197, COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020 considers amendments to the Environmental Assessment Act relating to municipal autonomy and the principle that municipalities can veto a development outside their municipal boundary in an adjacent municipality;

WHEREAS Bill 197 empowers multiple municipalities to 'veto' development of a landfilling site within a 3.5 km zone inside the boundary of an adjacent municipality;

WHEREAS Bill 197 establishes a dangerous precedent that could be expanded to other types of development;

WHEREAS Bill 197 compromises municipal autonomy and the authority of municipal councils to make informed decisions in the best interest of their communities and municipal taxpayers; and

WHEREAS amendments in Schedule 6 could cause conflict in the effective management of landfill sites, put significant pressure on existing landfill capacity, and threaten the economic activity associated with these sites.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That while the Region of Niagara supports the Act's open-for-business approach, the municipality **CALLS** upon the Government of Ontario (Ministry of the Environment, Conservation & Parks (MOECP) to amend Bill 197, COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020, to eliminate the development approval requirement provisions from adjacent municipalities and that the 'host'

municipality be empowered to render final approval for landfills within their jurisdiction;

2. That a copy of this motion **BE FORWARDED** to Premier Doug Ford, Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local M.P.Ps., and the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) and;

3. That a copy of this resolution **BE FORWARDED** to all Ontario municipalities with a request for supporting motions to be passed by respective Councils and copies of the supporting motion be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Provincial Parliament, and the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO).

In accordance with the resolution, it is respectfully requested that your municipality consider passing a supporting resolution to be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Provincial Parliament, and the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO).

Yours truly,



Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk

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Background Information to the Township of Howick Resolution No. 288-20 Requesting Amendments to the Agricultural Tile Drainage Installation Act

Rational for Proposed Amendments

Over the years, Howick Township staff have received many requests for tile drainage information on farmland. Usually these requests come after a change in ownership of the farm. Some of these drainage systems were installed recently but many are 30 to 40 or more years old. Many were installed by contractors who are no longer in business or who have sold the business and records are not available.

Information is generally available if the tile was installed under the Tile Drain Loan Program because a drainage plan is required to be filed with the municipality. If the tile system was installed on a farm without using the Tile Drain Loan Program, there likely are no records on file at the municipal office.

The other benefits to filing tile drainage plans with the municipality are identified in Section 65 of the Drainage Act.

- 65(1) – Subsequent subdivision of land (severance or subdivision)
- 65(3) – Drainage connection into a drain from lands not assessed to the drain
- 65(4) – Drainage disconnection of assessed lands from a drain
- 65(5) – Connecting to a municipal drain without approval from council

Section 14 of the Act states:

(1) “The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations,

(a) providing for the manner of issuing licences and prescribing their duration, the fees payable therefor and the terms and conditions on which they are issued;

(a.1) exempting classes of persons from the requirement under section 2 to hold a licence, in such circumstances as may be prescribed and subject to such restrictions as may be prescribed;

(b) Repealed: 1994, c. 27, s. 8 (5).

(c) establishing classes of machine operators and prescribing the qualifications for each class and the duties that may be performed by each class;



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- (d) providing for courses of instruction and examinations and requiring licence holders or applicants for a licence under this Act to attend such courses and pass such examinations;
- (e) prescribing the facilities and equipment to be provided by persons engaged in the business of installing drainage works;
- (f) prescribing standards and procedures for the installation of drainage works;
- (g) prescribing performance standards for machines used in installing drainage works;
- (h) prescribing forms and providing for their use;
- (i) respecting any matter necessary or advisable to carry out effectively the intent and purpose of this Act. R.S.O. 1990, c. A.14, s. 14; 1994, c. 27, s. 8 (4, 5)."

I believe it would be beneficial if a regulation required the installer, of agricultural drainage, to file a plan of the drainage system with the municipality following completion of the work.

While most of Section 14 deals with contractor, machine and installer licences, I think that Section 14(f) or 14(i) may allow a regulation change. This would be a better solution than an amendment to the Act.

Recommendations:

- Request by municipal resolution that the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs amend the Tile Drainage Installation Act and/or the regulations, under the Act, that would require tile drainage contractors file all farm tile drainage installation plans in the Municipality where the installation took place
- Send the municipal resolution to:
 - Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
 - Lisa Thompson, MPP Huron Bruce
 - Randy Pettapiece, MPP Perth Wellington
 - Rural Ontario Municipal Association roma@roma.on.ca
 - [OFA](#)
 - [CFFO](#)
 - All Ontario municipalities
 - the Land Improvement Contractors of Ontario (LICO), and
 - the Drainage Superintendents Association of Ontario (DSAO)

Wray Wilson, Drainage Superintendent
Township of Howick
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December 3, 2020

The Honourable Ernie Hardeman
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

By email only minister.omafra@ontario.ca

Dear Mr. Hardeman:

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed at the December 1, 2020 Howick Council meeting:

Moved by Councillor Hargrave; Seconded by Councillor Illman:

Be it resolved that Council request the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs amend the Tile Drainage Installation Act and/or the regulations under the Act that would require tile drainage contractors file farm tile drainage installation plans with the local municipality; and further, this resolution be forwarded to Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Huron-Bruce MPP Lisa Thompson, Perth-Wellington MPP Randy Pettapiece, Rural Ontario Municipal Association, Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Christian Farmers Federation Of Ontario, Land Improvement Contractors of Ontario, Drainage Superintendents of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities. Carried. Resolution No. 288/20

If you require any further information, please contact this office, thank you.

Yours truly,

Carol Watson

Carol Watson, Clerk
Township of Howick

February 26, 2021

The Honourable Ernie Hardeman
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

By email only: ernie.hardeman@pc.ola.org

Dear Mr. Hardeman,

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed at the February 10, 2021 Township of Adjala-Tosorontio Council meeting.

*Moved by: Deputy Mayor Meadows
Seconded by: Councilor Hall-Chancey*

Resolved, THAT the Council of the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio request the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs amend the Tile Drainage Installation Act and/or the regulations under the Act that would require tile drainage contractors file farm tile drainage installation plans with the local municipality; and further,

THAT this resolution be forwarded to Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (Minister Ernie Hardeman), Jim Wilson, MPP Simcoe-Grey, Lisa Thompson, MPP Huron Bruce, Randy Pettapiece, MPP Perth Wellington, Rural Ontario Municipal Association, Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Christian Farmers Federation Of Ontario, Land Improvement Contractors of Ontario, Drainage Superintendents of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Alice Byl

Alice Byl
Deputy Clerk
Township of Adjala-Tosorontio



From: AMO Communications <Communicate@amo.on.ca>
Sent: Friday, March 5, 2021 3:51 PM
To: Cindy Pigeau
Subject: AMO Policy Update - Phase II of Vaccinations Plan, Bill 257 – Supporting Broadband and Infrastructure Expansion Act, Firefighter Training Modernization

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March 5, 2021

AMO Policy Update – Phase II of Vaccinations Plan, Bill 257 – *Supporting Broadband and Infrastructure Expansion Act*, and Firefighter Training Modernization

Vaccination Distribution Plan – Phase II

The Province has announced that [Phase Two](#) of Ontario’s vaccination distribution plan will begin next month. Phase Two will focus on age and risk to prevent further death, hospitalization, and transmission. [Populations eligible for Phase Two vaccination](#) will be: older adults, between 60-75-79 years of age; individuals with specific health conditions and some primary caregivers; people who live and work in congregate care settings and some primary caregivers; people who live in hot spots with high rates of death, hospitalizations, and transmission; and certain workers who cannot work from home. These groups are expected to be vaccinated from April to July 2021.

Beginning March 15th, the Province will be launching an online booking system and a provincial customer service desk to answer questions and support appointment bookings at mass immunization clinics. In addition to mass vaccination clinics, hospitals, and mobile clinics, the Province is also working with the pharmacy sector and primary care professionals to offer vaccinations in new settings. This phase is expected to vaccinate up to nine million Ontarians.

Bill 257 – *Supporting Broadband and Infrastructure Expansion Act*

Yesterday, [Bill 257, Supporting Broadband and Infrastructure Expansion Act](#), was introduced in the Legislature by the Honourable Laurie Scott, Minister of Infrastructure. The purpose of the Act is to reduce costs to broadband providers associated with attaching broadband wirelines to hydro utility poles and would provide timely access to poles and to municipal rights of way to install broadband on municipal land for “provincially significant” broadband projects. These proposed measures build on the Province’s [Up to Speed: Ontario’s Broadband and Cellular Action Plan](#).

The definition of a “provincially significant project” will be determined through regulation. If this term is scoped to mean **projects in rural and northern areas receiving provincial broadband funding**, this Act could help to ensure projects are delivered faster to the benefit of local communities that are currently unserved or underserved.

Bill 257 also proposes amendments to the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* that could see an impact to the pole attachment process for local distribution companies (LDCs) and to the Ontario Energy Board.

There are also proposed amendments to the *Planning Act* that ministerial zoning orders made under section 47 are not required, and are deemed to never have been required, to be consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS), except in the Greenbelt.

While this amendment, if passed, may clarify some legal matters, it raises questions as to why the Province would not want to abide by the Provincial Policy Statement which articulates provincial interests.

AMO expects to engage with the Ontario Government during the regulatory development process to ensure that the legislation improves broadband coverage to municipal governments without jeopardizing accountability for municipal rights-of-way and local autonomy. AMO has strongly supported expansion of access to broadband connectivity for Ontario communities and will work to ensure the proposed legislation helps communities achieve that while protecting local taxpayers and their investments.

Firefighter Training Modernization

Yesterday the Office of the Fire Marshal published a [Communiqué](#) on the Ontario Fire College Training Modernization. It was issued as a follow up to the January 13, 2021 [announcement](#) regarding the decommissioning of the Ontario Fire College (OFC) and the modernization of fire safety training in Ontario.

The decommissioning of the OFC campus is set for March 31, 2021. Available options for OFC training are set out in the Communiqué, as is who to contact should municipalities have any questions.

AMO’s [COVID-19 Resources](#) page is being updated continually so you can find critical

information in one place. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to covid19@amo.on.ca.

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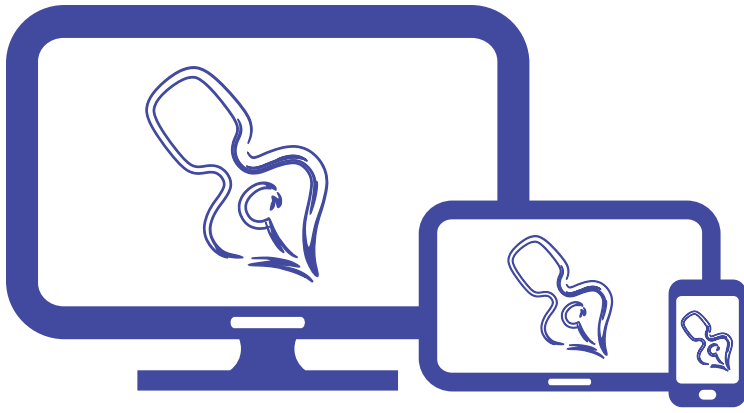


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March 8, 2021

AMO Policy Update – Municipal Councillor Code of Conduct Consultations

The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, announced late Friday afternoon, March 5th, that the Province would [launch a consultation](#) on municipal Codes of Conduct for council members. The consultation will be led Associate Minister of Children and Women's Issues, Jill Dunlop, and will consider input from municipal councillors, staff, and associations.

AMO recognizes that enforcing behavioural standards for council members can be a challenging matter for many members to find consensus on. However, stronger standards and compliance are in the public interest. To frame the considerations from a municipal government perspective, AMO was asked to provide input to the Minister earlier this year. With the launch of the consultations, AMO is now providing its input to members today to help them consider options to strengthen Codes of Conduct.

The [AMO Board of Directors' recommendations](#) aim to strengthen existing tools for compliance with Codes of Conduct as well as provide some new tools for municipal governments to use in defined circumstances. In providing their input, AMO's Board expressed confidence in Codes of Conduct and the office of Municipal Integrity Commissioners as local tools to help councils maintain public accountability and agreed to by all council members upon assuming office.

The Board's recommendations are:

- amending the Municipal Act to allow for **Administrative Monetary Penalties** in Municipal Code of Conduct breaches to incentivize compliance – subject to regulation and a municipal by-law setting out appropriate penalty thresholds for the municipality;

- **suspension** of a council member for a certain period of time in defined circumstances that could negatively impact public health and safety;
- **removal from office** by a member of the Judiciary on the recommendation of an Integrity Commissioner where a report has found serious and/or repeated breaches of Codes of Conduct; and
- better **training and standards for Integrity Commissioners** to improve capacity and consistency of decision-making across the province.

To provide context for AMO Board’s recommendations, here is the background to this work. In December, Minister Clark requested that AMO consider providing advice to the Government on this subject. After conducting research and several robust discussions, AMO’s Board of Directors adopted recommendations at its meeting in late January. Since that time, AMO staff has been working with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to provide input on next steps. With the public launch of this consultation AMO is providing members with the Board’s advice to the Province.

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Nipissing District Housing and Homelessness Partnership

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March 8, 2021

The Honourable Anthony Rota, M.P. Nipissing-Timiskaming
375 Main Street West
North Bay, Ontario
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The Honourable Marc G. Serré, M.P. Nickel Belt
94 King Street, Suite 1
Sturgeon Falls, Ontario
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Dear Honourable Anthony Rota, M.P. and Honourable Marc G. Serré, M.P.:

RE: Recovery for All Campaign Endorsement

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented unprecedented challenges for people experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness in Nipissing District. In addition, the homeless-serving sector continues to endure extreme system pressure during the pandemic. Nipissing District Homelessness and Housing Partnership (NDHHP) sees an opportunity for the Government of Canada to shape pandemic recovery plans such that the federal government's commitment to housing as a human right is realized and homelessness in Canada is ended once and for all.

We commend the Canadian government on its efforts to help communities address the impacts of the pandemic. Initiatives such as increased flexibility and funding under Reaching Home, implementation of the Canada Recovery Benefit, and federal-provincial Safe Re-Start Funding have undoubtedly contributed to homelessness prevention at the local level. Beyond enhanced government support during the pandemic, NDHHP seeks meaningful multi-year housing investment from the Canadian government to address local needs.

We would like to bring to your attention a national movement to end homelessness in Canada that is relevant to needs in Nipissing District. NDHHP recently endorsed, in principle, the Recovery for All campaign led by Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness (CAEH). CAEH proposes strategies to reduce the inflow to homelessness and accelerate the outflow from homelessness. The motion is enclosed for your review. Strategies relevant to Nipissing District include bold federal investments in affordable housing, income, and initiatives to address homelessness among children, youth, women, and urban Indigenous peoples living off-reserve.

Homelessness and housing challenges are complex and growing issues in Nipissing District. Most recent data, as illustrated in the enclosed Nipissing District Homelessness and Housing Data Snapshot, points to the following key pressures: inadequate household income placing people at risk of homelessness and acting as a barrier to finding housing; lack of affordable housing; core housing need particularly in rural areas; over-representation of Indigenous peoples experiencing homelessness due to colonization; and homelessness among children, youth, women, and people with mental health and substance use challenges. The health consequences of homelessness and poverty are well-documented. It is safe to say

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the pandemic has furthered social, economic, and health inequities for the most vulnerable in our communities. Reacting to the complexity of challenges of homelessness and poverty at the community level, while under-resourced, leaves health and social services exhausted and Canadians falling through the cracks unable to have their basic needs met and thrive. These problems have been exacerbated by the pandemic and it is unacceptable to return to the pre-pandemic status quo of poverty and homelessness.

NDHHP encourages you to bring forward the Recovery for All campaign and experiences from Nipissing District for discussion in caucus. Further, we encourage a coordinated response from all levels of government to develop pandemic recovery plans that strengthen social safety nets, eliminate homelessness, and allow our communities to reach their full potential where all people have access to a safe, adequate, affordable place to call home.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Lana Mitchell and Doug Davidson

Lana Mitchell, Co-Chair, NDHHP

Doug Davidson, Co-Chair, NDHHP

C. Nipissing District MPPs and municipal councils
District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board
Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness

Encl: NDHHP Motion to Endorse Recovery for All Campaign
Nipissing District Housing and Homelessness Data Snapshot

Nipissing District Homelessness and Housing Partnership
Motion to Endorse Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness Recovery for All Campaign

Whereas, Nipissing District Homelessness and Housing Partnership (NDHHP) aims to develop and advocate for comprehensive, sustainable, and evidence-based solutions to: address, prevent, and eliminate homelessness in the District of Nipissing;

Whereas, Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness and the Recovery for All campaign seek to build a national movement to eliminate homelessness for all Canadians as part of Canada's pandemic recovery and proposes strategies, such as enhancing Reaching Home funding, that are relevant to needs in Nipissing District;

Whereas, housing is a human right as declared by Canada under the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and movement toward its realization is in alignment with Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada Call to Action #43*^{1,2,3};

Whereas, homelessness is associated with poor health outcomes such as mental health issues, including substance use disorders, injuries, and chronic diseases, e.g., hypertension, diabetes⁴; housing is an absolute necessity for living a healthy life, and living in unsafe, unaffordable or insecure housing increases the risk of many health problems and furthers health inequities⁵;

Whereas, in January 2021, there were 1,441 applicants on the Centralized Waiting list for affordable housing in Nipissing District⁶; and most recent data (2016) shows that 15.5% of households in Nipissing District and up to 33.7% of households in Mattawa were in core housing need, that is living in dwellings that were unsuitable, inadequate, or unaffordable^{7,8}; Nipissing District is in need of more and varied affordable housing options, including transitional and supportive housing, to meet the unique needs of urban and rural populations;

Whereas, as a result of colonization, Indigenous populations in Nipissing District are grossly over-represented among those experiencing homelessness^{9,10}; during a 24 hour Point in Time Count in March 2020, 42% of respondents experiencing homelessness identified as Indigenous or of Indigenous ancestry and discrimination and stigma were listed as a top barrier to finding housing¹¹; NDHHP supports a distinct Indigenous housing strategy to expand the supply of non-market housing owned and managed by Indigenous Peoples for urban Indigenous Peoples living off reserve in small northern cities like North Bay;

Whereas; nearly 3 in 5 respondents in the 2020 Point in Time Count reported first experiencing homelessness before the age of 25, over 1 in 4 identified having been in foster care or group home, and 35% in North Bay reported first experiencing homelessness before the age of 18¹²; NDHHP supports developing a new funding stream to prevent homelessness among women, children and youth;

Whereas, poverty is a driver of homelessness and inadequate income has been identified by Nipissing District residents experiencing homelessness as the top barrier for finding housing^{13,14}; Poverty can mean a person is one illness, one accident, or one paycheque away from homelessness¹⁵; NDHHP supports the concept of a minimum income that allows everyone to live in housing that is safe, adequate, and affordable;

Therefore, be it resolved that Nipissing District Homelessness and Housing Partnership endorses, in principle, the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness Recovery for All Campaign and their national movement to end homelessness in Canada.

Moved by: Tawnia Healy

Seconded by: Kathleen Jodouin

Approved by all

Date: February 10, 2021

*Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada Call to Action # 43 calls upon federal, provincial, territorial, and municipal governments to fully adopt and implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

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Nipissing District Housing and Homelessness Data Snapshot

Core Housing Need

- In 2016, 15.5% of households in Nipissing District were in core housing need, a similar rate as in Ontario (15.3%)*. Some areas in Nipissing District have a higher percentage of core housing need when compared to Ontario, for example: 16.6% of households in North Bay, 23.3% of households in Township of Papineau-Cameron, and 20.5% of households in the Township of Calvin.¹
- Within Nipissing District, the highest rate of core housing need is in Mattawa. In 2016, 33.7% of households in Mattawa reported living in dwellings that were unsuitable, inadequate, or unaffordable. The majority of households in Mattawa experiencing core housing need are due to housing being unaffordable (86%).²

Affordable Housing Need

- There currently 1,441 applicants on the Centralized Waiting list for affordable housing in Nipissing District. Half of the applicants are seniors 65 years or older, accounting for 691 applicants. After senior couples (45%), singles (34%) and sole support parents (12%) are the largest household type (See Figure 1).³
- North Bay is a resource center for Northern Ontario as applicants from outside of Nipissing District make up 18% of the total applicants (See Figure 2).⁴

Homelessness – Point in Time Count 2020 Highlights

- In 2020, during a Point in Time (PIT) Count in March over a period of 24 hours, 293 people were found to be homeless;
- Based on 254 people experiencing homelessness surveyed, 57% self-identified as having mental health challenges, 74% having substance use challenges, and 42% reported having a physical health related illness;
- 42% of respondents identified as Indigenous or of Indigenous ancestry;
- 59% of respondents first experienced homelessness before the age of 25;
- 27% of respondents identified having been in foster care or group home;
- 5% of respondents identified as a veteran or RCMP;
- 70% of respondents' income source was social assistance (OW or ODSP);
- 83% of respondents were single adults;
- Chronic homelessness was prevalent as 50% of respondents experienced homeless for six months or more during 2020;
- Episodic homelessness was also a concern as 18% of respondents experienced homeless for three or more times during 2020;

*A household is said to be in 'core housing need' if its housing falls below at least one of the adequacy, affordability or suitability standards and it would have to spend 30% or more of its total before-tax income to pay the median rent of alternative local housing that is acceptable (meets all three housing standards). Housing standards are defined as follows: adequate housing is reported by their residents as not requiring any major repairs; affordable housing has shelter costs equal to less than 30% of total before-tax household income; and,

suitable housing has enough bedrooms for the size and composition of resident households according to National Occupancy Standard (NOS) requirements (Statistics Canada, 2019).

- The top 3 reasons for housing loss reported in the 2020 PiT Count were:
 - Addiction/substance abuse: 21%;
 - Incarceration: 19%;
 - Conflict with spouse or partner: 16%.⁵
- Similarly, the top 3 reasons for housing loss reported in the 2018 PiT Count were:
 - Addiction/substance abuse: 21%;
 - Conflict with spouse or partner: 17%;
 - Unsafe housing conditions: 17%.⁶

Please note: the 2020 PiT Count included people in North Bay Jail, unlike the 2018 PiT Count.

- The top 3 barriers to finding housing reported in the 2020 PiT Count were:
 - Low income: 57%;
 - Discrimination and stigma: 56%;
 - Addiction/substance use: 52%.⁷
- Similarly, the top 3 barriers to finding housing reported in the 2018 PiT Count were:
 - Low income: 57%;
 - Rent too high: 39%;
 - Mental health: 20%.⁸

Vacancy Rates

- North Bay's average apartment vacancy rate in 2019 dropped to 3.2%, from 6.3% in 2015. This vacancy rate is higher than the provincial rate of 2.0%.⁹

Rental Prices

- In 2019, the average rent for a two bedroom unit was \$993, for an average increase of \$88 (9.7%) from the average rent of \$905 in 2015.¹⁰ In West Nipissing, the average rent for a two bedroom unit was \$804 in 2019, \$27 (3.5%) higher than the 2015 average rent of \$777.¹¹ In Ontario during the same time frame the average rent for a two bedroom unit increased by 19.4%.¹²

Income

- In 2015, 16.5% of individuals in the Health Unit region were living in low income households compared to 14.4% of households in Ontario.*¹³ 17.2% of individuals in Nipissing District were living in low income households. Some areas in Nipissing District have a higher percentage of low income households: Mattawa (23%), Calvin (22.3%), Chisholm (20.6%), West Nipissing (19.6%), and Papineau-Cameron (19.4%).¹⁴

*Low income households are defined as: populations living in a low income private household and populations include the total population (children aged 0 –5 years, children aged 0 –17 years, adults aged 18 –64 years, and

seniors aged 65 years or older). Low income is calculated using the Low-Income Measure, After Tax (LIM-AT) definition.

- In 2015, the median after-tax income in the Health Unit region is \$28,734 compared to \$30,641 in Ontario; Calvin (\$21,696), Mattawa (\$23,117) and Papineau-Cameron (\$25,344) were areas with the lowest median after-tax-income in Nipissing District**. ¹⁵

Ontario Marginalization Index (ON_Marg):

- Material deprivation: In 2016, almost one quarter of residents in Nipissing District were living in the most material deprived areas (quintile 5, which means that these areas were in the top 20% of materially deprived areas in Ontario). Among these areas, Mattawa has a highest score of 1.71, following by Calvin (1.46), West Nipissing (0.69), Papineau-Cameron (0.58), and Nipissing, Unorganized, North Part (0.49);
- Residential instability: In Nipissing District, North Bay and Mattawa were the most residentially unstable areas (quintile 5);
- Dependency: Mattawa (1.07) and Calvin (1.04) have higher dependency score compared to other areas in Nipissing District (quintile 5);
- Ethnic concentration: North Bay is the area with the highest level of ethnic concentration in Nipissing District (quintile 5). ¹⁶

Please note: there is no data available for areas such as: Mattawan, Nipissing 10, Nipissing, Unorganized, South Part.

**Please note: The median after-tax household income is for Nipissing District, not for Adjusted Nipissing District in HU region. While other data of Nipissing district in this summary is adjusted Nipissing district in health region. Only for reference: median after-tax household income for Nipissing District: \$29,168.

Figure 1:

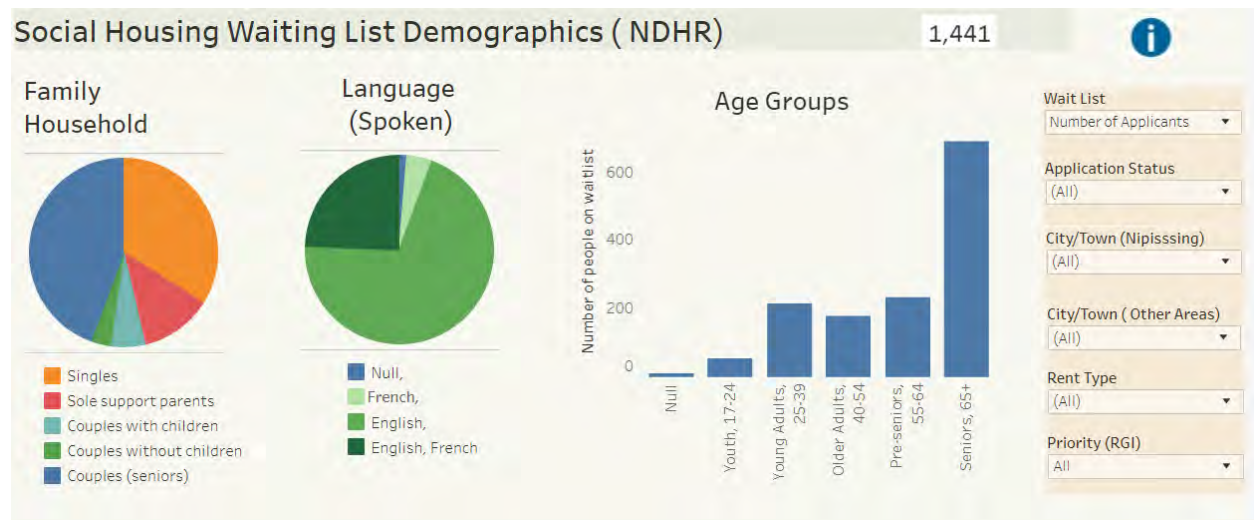
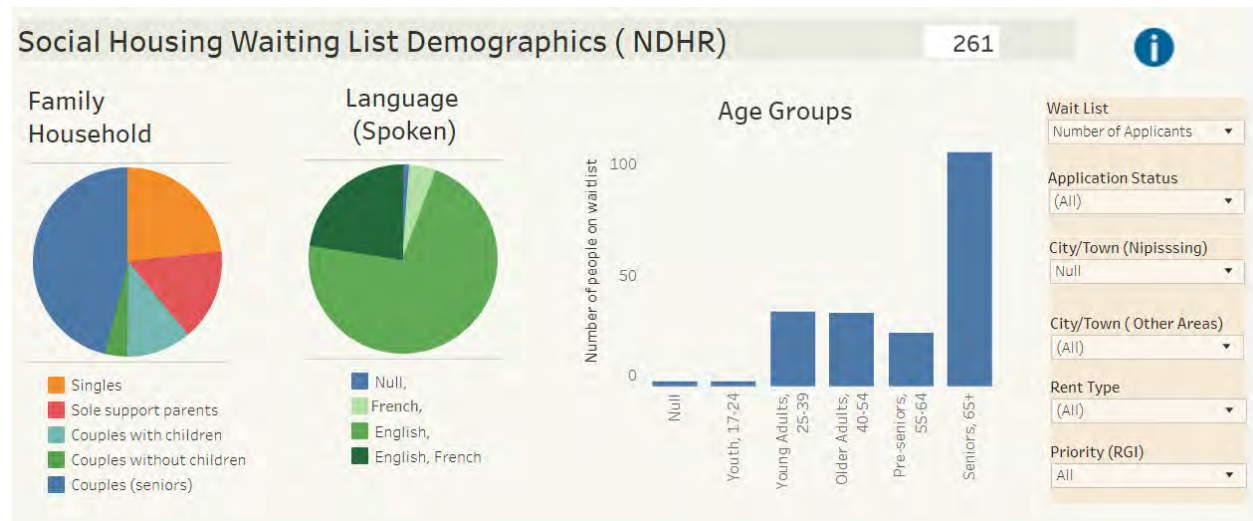


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March 9, 2021

Re: Item for Discussion – Request the Province of Ontario to Reverse Decision to Close Ontario Fire College

At its meeting of March 3, 2021, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge ratified motions 21-GC-057, regarding the request to the Province of Ontario to reverse the decision to close the Ontario Fire College, as follows:

“WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College (OFC) has been in existence since 1949;

AND WHEREAS the OFC is one of the primary sources of certified training for Ontario Firefighters;

AND WHEREAS the OFC has built a reputation of integrity, credibility, and reliability in providing some of the best training to our Fire Services within the Province of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the OFC has been used to train and certify both Volunteer, Part-Time and Career firefighters throughout Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the OFC gives Ontario Firefighters another option other than Regional Training Centers to obtain National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) certifications;

AND WHEREAS the OFC is the most cost-effective method to certify Firefighters to NFPA Standards in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Government enacted and revoked O. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification in 2018;

AND WHEREAS when the Ontario Government revoked O. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification, it was made known by the Office of the Solicitor General that the act would be amended and brought back in the future.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Bracebridge requests that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the OFC as it is one of the best and most cost-effective methods for municipalities to train their firefighters which assists us in protecting our residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution is forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones; Ontario Solicitor General, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Fire Marshal; Jon Pegg, and all municipalities within the Province of Ontario.”

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public works fax: (705) 645-7525
planning & development fax: (705) 645-4209

In accordance with Council's direction I am forwarding you a copy of the resolution for your reference.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any additional clarification in this regard.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. McDonald". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Lori McDonald
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk



March 9, 2021

Premier Doug Ford

By email only premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed at the February 22, 2021 Limerick Township Council Meeting:

Moved By: Councillor Ingo Weise
Seconded By: Councillor Jan MacKillican
Resolution No. 036-2021

Whereas, the Province of Ontario has announced that as of March 31, 2021 the Gravenhurst campus of the Ontario Fire College will be permanently closed and
Whereas, the Province of Ontario announced plans to modernize and expand access to firefighter training in Ontario; and
Whereas, there has been no clear plan communicated by the Province of Ontario on how firefighter training in the absence of the Ontario Fire College campus; and
Whereas, there has been no clear plan communicated by the Province of Ontario on how firefighter training in Ontario will be modernized and expanded; and
Whereas, there has been no clear plan communicated by the Province of Ontario regarding the costs or funding for modernized and expanded firefighter training in Ontario; and
Whereas, the Township of Limerick is a small rural municipality that operates a volunteer fire department to provide fire protection;
Now therefor, be it resolved that Council respectfully request a clear plan be communicated that establishes how the Province intends to modernize and expand firefighter training ensuring equal access to all municipal fire departments in Ontario, and as well, present a plan for funding to subsidize and or regulate the cost for firefighter training in the Province of Ontario.

Sincerely,

Victoria Tisdale

Victoria Tisdale – Clerk-Treasurer

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COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 98-21

Date: Mar 9, 2021

Moved By: Donna Blunt

Seconded By: Meghan Chomut

THAT Council hereby supports the correspondence of the Municipality of West Grey dates February 24, 2021.

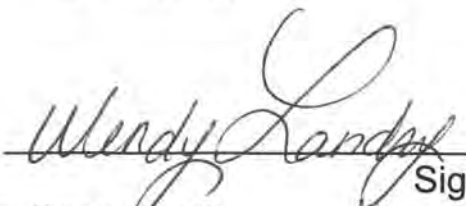
THAT Council further directs the Clerk to circulate correspondence to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Finance, Attorney General of Ontario, MPP for Thunder Bay and all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried

Defeated

Amended

Deferred


Signature

Municipality of Shuniah, 420 Leslie Avenue, Thunder Bay, Ontario, E7A 1X8



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March 10, 2021

Attention: Municipal Clerk

Subject: Municipal Engineers Association 2021 Bursary Awards Program

The Municipal Engineers Association (MEA) is pleased to advise that it will be offering its 2021 Bursary Program to assist students enrolling in the first year of an Engineering Program at the University level for the upcoming 2020/2021 academic year. This is the 14th consecutive year the MEA will be awarding bursaries to prospective engineering students. Up to ten (10) bursaries will be awarded to children/dependents of municipal employees and elected councillors. The two (2) highest scoring applications will receive the *John Hammer Memorial Bursary* and the *William Robinson Memorial Bursary* valued at \$2,000 each; the balance are valued at \$1,500 each.

The MEA is a non-profit association representing the interests of municipal engineers in Ontario who are employed as professional engineers at Ontario Municipalities and other provincial agencies serving in the Engineering/Public Works field. The MEA values the contribution of all municipal employees, is committed to the continued technical excellence of our future municipal engineers, is sensitive to serving the community and the need for effective communication skills.

Please find attached the following items:

1. Eligibility and Selection Criteria
2. 2021 MEA Bursary Application form (applications can be done online).
3. Bursary Notice Flyer (1 page) that can be used to assist you in publicizing this year's bursary at your municipality.

The above items are also available for download at www.municipalengineers.on.ca/bursary.

We respectfully request that the Clerk's office make reasonable efforts to notify their municipal employees about the availability of the MEA's 2021 Bursary Program including the selection criteria, application process and the deadline (midnight May 9, 2021).

We appreciate the opportunity to work with the children/dependents of municipal employees to contribute to their academic studies to become engineers. If you require any additional information or have any questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dan Cozzi".

D.M. (Dan) Cozzi, P. Eng.
Executive Director
Municipal Engineers Association



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2021 MEA Bursary Awards Program

A. Purpose

B. Eligibility

C. Application Requirements

D. Selection Committee and Awards Criteria

A. Purpose

The MEA Bursary Program provides financial assistance to encourage secondary school students to pursue a career in engineering. Up to ten (10) bursaries will be awarded to students enrolling into an Engineering Program at the University level. The two (s) highest scoring applications will receive the:

- *John Hammer Memorial Bursary* valued at \$2,000; and,
- *William Robinson Memorial Bursary* valued at \$2,000.

The balance of the bursaries are valued at \$1,500 each.

B. Eligibility

- The MEA Bursary Program is open to all children and/or dependents of current, full-time, municipal employees and elected municipal Councillors in Ontario. Full-time “part-time” employees who work at least 24 hours per week are also eligible if they qualify for OMERS pension and benefits.
- Must be an Ontario resident and Canadian citizen.
- Student must be in the process of completing a secondary school program in Ontario and be eligible for graduation in the year of application.
- Student must have been accepted and commit to entering an undergraduate engineering program (1st year) at a Canadian University as a full-time student.
- Interest in, and contribution to, their community through active participation in extracurricular activities at their school and/or in civic organizations.
- The awards are non-renewable and non-transferable.

C. Application Requirements

- Each application (attached) will include the following:
 - Name and signature of applicant
 - name(s) and signature(s) of parent/guardian and the name of the municipality where employed;
 - Applicant’s secondary school transcript;
 - Applicant’s resume that includes details of extracurricular activities and contributions to their community;
 - Demonstration of financial need;
 - 300-word explanation of why the applicant aspires to be an engineer;
 - 500-word essay on a topic of the applicant’s choice relating to municipal engineering or public works
- Each application must include a copy of the University Admission Offer Letters and/or any other supporting documents confirming enrolment/acceptance at an Ontario University (or equivalent) and their response to enter into an undergraduate engineering program as a full-time student ***(if this is not available at the time of submission, the application can proceed, but it must be provided prior to actual award of the MEA bursary cheque).***
- Applicants are encouraged to submit their application online at www.municipalengineers.on.ca. Alternatively, applications may be submitted in PDF format and emailed to info@municipalengineers.on.ca.
- Submission deadlines for all applications will be midnight on **May 9, 2021**.

D. Selection Committee and Awards Criteria

- All bursary applications will be reviewed/judged by the Municipal Engineers Association through its Bursary Committee and will be assessed/scored/ranked as follows:
 - Complete Application: 15 Points
 - Demonstrated Financial Need: 10 Points
 - Extra-curricular activities (sports/volunteerism, helping others): 15 Points
 - Why They Aspire to be an Engineer: 25 Points
 - Essay Component (creativity, logical, grammar/spelling): 20 Points
 - Overall Quality of Application: 15 Points
- As many as 10 applications will be awarded bursaries.
- The 2 highest ranked applications will be awarded the *John Hammer Memorial Bursary* and *William Robinson Memorial Bursary* valued at \$2,000 each; the balance would be for \$1,500 each.
- All decisions of the Bursary Committee are final - only those receiving a bursary award will be notified.
- The monetary awards (cheques) will be forwarded to successful applicants upon the completion of the judging and only after the receipt of university confirmation of acceptance and evidence of student commitment to enter a university engineering program.



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2021 MEA BURSARY APPLICATION FORM

1. Contact Information

Student Name	
Home Address/Telephone/E-mail	
Parent/Guardian Name	
Parent/Guardian' Municipal Employer & Job Title	
Parent/Guardian's Municipal Business Address/Telephone/E-mail	

2. Education

Please provide us with a copy of secondary school transcript and volunteer hours form.

Letters of reference are welcome.

Post-Secondary Schools applied for	
Engineering Program applied for	

3. Why have you selected an Engineering Program?

Tell us about your interest in the selected education program and why you would like to be an engineer (300-words)

4. Special Interests

Summarize any special interests you have acquired from employment, volunteer work, or through other activities, including hobbies or sports.

5. Why should you receive this Bursary?

Summarize your interest in this bursary. Demonstrate financial need.

6. Essay Submission

Please indicate your essay topic and attach a copy of your essay to this Application (500-words).

7. Agreement and Signature

By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete. I understand that if I am accepted for this bursary, any false statements, omissions, or other misrepresentations made by me on this application may result in withdrawal of the bursary.

Student Name (printed)	
Applicant Signature / Date	
Parent/Guardian Signature / Date	

NOTE: If you have any questions, please contact: dan.cozzi@municipalengineers.on.ca

2021 MEA BURSARY AWARD PROGRAM

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Up to ten (10) bursaries will be awarded to children/dependents of municipal employees and elected councillors entering the 1st year of a university engineering program for the 2021/2022 academic year. The two (2) highest scoring application will receive the *John Hammer Memorial Bursary* and the *William Robinson Memorial Bursary* valued at \$2,000 each; the balance of the bursaries are valued at \$1,500 each.

Candidates must complete an application to the MEA. Please visit www.municipalengineers.on.ca/bursary for further details. The application deadline is midnight, May 9, 2021.

Eligibility

- Candidates must be in their final year of a secondary school program.
- Candidates must have been granted conditional acceptance at a Canadian University in an engineering program (1st year) and will be required to show proof of entering that program.
- Interest in, and contribution to, their community through active participation in extra-curricular activities on campus and/or in civic organizations.
- As part of the application, the Municipal Engineers Association requires the student to submit a 300-word explanation on why they wish to become an engineer and a 500-word essay on an engineering-related topic.
- All applicants must be children and/or dependents of current, full-time municipal employees or elected municipal councillors in Ontario. Full time “part time” employees, who work at least 24 hours per week, are also eligible if they qualify for OMERS pension and benefits.

For more information, contact the Municipal Engineers Association at
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March 10, 2021

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
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Via email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

Please be advised that at their March 2nd, 2021 meeting the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry passed motion 66-2021 to endorse and support the resolution requesting the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College Campus in Gravenhurst.

MOTION Moved by Jim Nelemans
66-2021 Seconded by Sharen Zinn

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has been in operation in Gravenhurst since 1958; and 6

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus is one of the primary sources of certified training for Ontario Firefighters; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has built a reputation of integrity, credibility, and reliability in providing some of the best training to our Fire Services within the Province of Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has been used to train and certify both Volunteer, Part-Time and Career firefighters throughout Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Regional Training Centers are not all created equal and similar in function to the Ontario Fire College Campus; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus gives Ontario Firefighters another option other than Regional Training Centers to obtain National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) certifications; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus is the most cost-effective method for municipalities to certify Firefighters to NFPA Standards in Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Government enacted and revoked O. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification in 2018; and

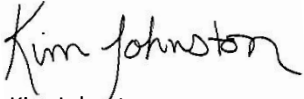
WHEREAS when the Ontario Government revoked O. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification, it was made known by the Office of the Solicitor General that the act would be amended and brought back in the future; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry requests that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College Campus in Gravenhurst as the OFC is one of the best and most cost-effective methods for municipalities to train their firefighters which assists us in protecting our residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution is forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones; Ontario Solicitor General, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Fire Marshal; Jon Pegg, and all municipalities within the Province of Ontario.

Carried.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kim Johnston". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K".

Kim Johnston
Deputy Clerk
Municipality of Morris-Turnberry

c.c Municipality of Charlton and Dack

From: AMO Communications <Communicate@amo.on.ca>
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March 10, 2021

AMO Policy Update – More Social Services Relief Funding to Protect the Homeless during COVID-19 and Ontario Vaccine Rollout Update

More Social Services Relief Funding to Protect the Homeless

Today the Ontario government [announced](#) that it is providing \$255 million in additional funding for the Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF). The SSRF will continue to help municipalities, District Social Services Administration Boards, and Indigenous program partners to keep vulnerable people safe. It will protect homeless shelter staff and residents and help people from becoming homeless.

Specifically, the funding can be used to acquire motel and hotel spaces to support physical distancing of shelter residents, hire more shelter staff, and purchase personal protective equipment (PPE) and cleaning supplies. It can also add to rent and utility banks to help prevent more people from becoming homeless.

This brings the total SSRF investment up to \$765 million since the onset of the pandemic. The SSRF funding is an important investment for both economic and social recovery and is literally saving lives. AMO has highlighted the need for the funding to continue for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic situation and is pleased with the government's proactive response.

Ontario Vaccine Rollout Update

Additional information on the [provincial vaccination rollout](#) has been released today. With the increasing vaccine supply, the Ontario government is able to expand the delivery of COVID-19 vaccines to include pharmacies and primary care settings.

As of Friday, March 12, over 325 pharmacies will be offering the AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD vaccine to eligible Ontarians aged 60-64, by appointment only, as part of the vaccine delivery pilot program in three public health unit regions: Toronto, Windsor-Essex, and Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox & Addington. This vaccine rollout will be expanded to more pharmacies in other regions of the province as supply increases.

To increase capacity for vaccination beyond public health units and the pharmacy pilots, the Province is working with primary care professionals to offer vaccinations in primary care settings and community locations, such as physician offices, in partnership with public health units. This initiative will begin in Hamilton, Toronto, Guelph, Peterborough, Simcoe-Muskoka, and Peel as of Saturday March 13, 2021. It needs to be emphasized that primary care providers will not be taking appointments by request but will be contacting eligible Ontarians aged 60-64 directly to book an appointment starting today, March 10, 2021. They will only be offering the AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD vaccine at this time.

As Phase One of Ontario's COVID-19 vaccine rollout is nearing its completion, there are preparations to move into [Phase Two of its COVID-19 vaccine distribution plan](#) as of April, with a focus on vaccinating populations based on age and risk. Vaccinations continue to be offered to eligible populations at hospitals, mobile clinics, and mass immunization clinics.

Mass immunization clinics are a significant delivery channel to administer Pfizer and Moderna vaccines. Over 120 mass immunization clinics are planned to open this month across Ontario in addition to sites already open, increasing the Province's vaccine administration capacity to over 150,000 doses per day, dependent on supply. Many municipalities and their staff are working with their public health units to support these mass immunization clinics.

As greatly anticipated, the Province will launch an online booking system and a provincial customer service desk on March 15. These supports are to answer questions and book appointments at mass immunization clinics, starting with those over the age of 80. As further vaccine distribution information becomes available, AMO will share through future updates and/or on our [COVID-19 Resources page](#).

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

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March 12, 2021

We have reached a major milestone - over 1,000,000 doses of vaccines have been administered in Ontario. While we should reflect on how far we have come, we must not stop pushing forward as this is only the beginning of the journey. There are many more vaccinations to administer to reach our goal of ensuring that every eligible Ontarian who wants a vaccine, receives one.

Ontario has reached another key milestone in protecting remote and isolated Indigenous communities against COVID-19, having visited all 31 fly-in northern communities and Moosonee to offer first doses of the vaccine as part of Operation Remote Immunity (ORI).

ORI is led by Ornge and was co-developed in partnership with the Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) to ensure engagement of Indigenous leadership in how vaccines are offered to their communities.

ORI was officially launched on February 1, 2021 and aims to complete its work by the end of April 2021. The vaccine is being offered to community members 18 years of age or older. As of March 8, 2021, a total of 15,960 doses (12,843 first doses and 3,117 second doses) of the COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in Sioux Lookout and communities in scope for ORI. Administration of second doses has been completed in seven communities and is currently underway in nine more communities this week.

With vaccine supply stabilizing and over two million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine expected from the federal government before the end of March, the province will enter Phase Two of its vaccine rollout. Between April 2021 and July 2021, up to nine million Ontarians will be vaccinated.

During Phase Two, groups that will receive the vaccine include:

- Older adults between 60-79 years of age;
- Individuals with specific health conditions and some primary caregivers;
- People who live and work in congregate settings and some primary caregivers;
- People who live in hot spots with high rates of death, hospitalizations and transmission; and
- Certain workers who cannot work from home.

For more detailed information on the priority groups, please visit:

<https://news.ontario.ca/en/backgrounder/60570/populations-eligible-for-phase-two-covid-19-vaccination>

Starting March 15th, the province will launch an online booking system and a provincial customer service desk to answer questions and support appointment bookings at mass immunization clinics. This will initially support individuals over the age of 80 as part of Phase One, eventually extending to more groups during Phase Two. While some public health units are currently using their own booking systems to vaccinate individuals aged 80 and over, it is anticipated that most public health units will transition to the provincial booking system after it has launched.

With the approval of the AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD and Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) vaccines, and increased supplies coming into the province, we will be able to ramp up the number of doses administered daily. As supply increases, Ontarians will be able to get vaccinated in several new settings. In addition to hospitals, mobile clinics and mass vaccination clinics, the province is working with the pharmacy sector and with primary care professionals to offer vaccinations in primary care settings and community locations in collaboration with public health units.

NACI has provided the recommendation to extend the vaccination dose interval up to four months for all Health Canada approved COVID-19 vaccines while maintaining a strong and sustained level of protection from the virus. This news along with the approval of new vaccines will help us to reforecast and maximize the number of people receiving a first dose in a shorter timeframe, pending supply from the federal government. Ontario has accepted and will follow NACI's recommendations starting March 10th, with some limited exceptions.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and leadership in our efforts.

Sincerely,

General (Ret'd) Rick Hillier
Chair of the COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force

COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force

COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force Update #9

March 12, 2021

Vaccine Update

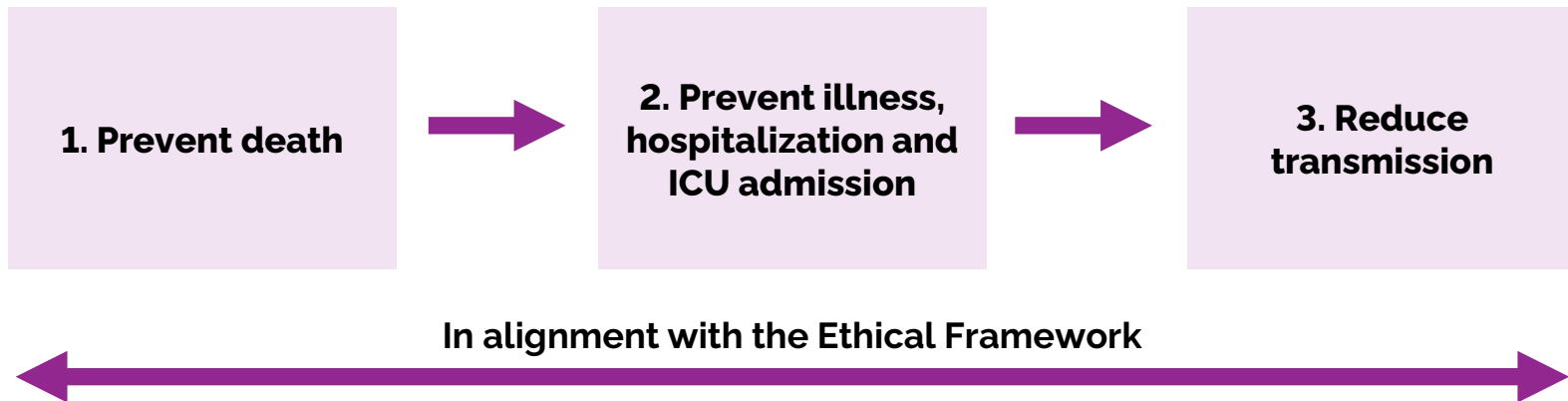
- Over **1,019,407** doses administered across the province.
- As of March 7, 2021, all adults in the 31 fly-in First Nations communities and Moosonee have been offered their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and second doses have commenced in some communities.
- As of March 8, 2021, Operation Remote Immunity has administered 15,960 doses, including 12,843 first doses and 3,117 second doses.
- As part of its commitment to ensure an equitable vaccine rollout, Ontario will begin collecting sociodemographic data on a voluntary basis from individuals who get the COVID-19 vaccine starting Friday, March 5, 2021. Collecting this data will help the province have a more complete picture of who is being vaccinated, help ensure access to the vaccine for communities who are at-risk and disproportionately impacted by the pandemic and ensure that everyone who wants to be vaccinated is being reached.

Ontario's COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Plan

- Ontario's COVID-19 vaccine distribution plan is happening in three phases
- This phased approach is based on expert advice of the Ministers' COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force and is aligned with the National Advisory Committee on Immunization
- The vaccination rollout is currently in Phase One, with over 1,019,407 doses administered (as of March 10, 8 p.m.)
- The first phase of Ontario's plan focused on vaccinating the province's most vulnerable. We are now seeing the clear benefit of doing so, with a dramatic decrease in long-term care home cases and COVID-related deaths across all age groups
- Ontario has mapped out the transition into Phase Two of our vaccine plan and has identified the next groups of populations who will be eligible to receive the vaccine
- The timeline for Ontario's three-phase vaccination distribution plan is dependent on vaccine supply and availability from the federal government
- As additional vaccines are approved by Health Canada and Ontario receives doses more regularly, the province will significantly increase the number of vaccines being administered daily

Objectives of Ontario's Vaccine Rollout

Ontario's COVID-19 vaccine distribution plan is guided by the following objectives:



These objectives align with Canada's pandemic response goal, which is also adopted by the National Advisory Committee on Immunization:

"To minimize serious illness and overall deaths while minimizing societal disruption as a result of COVID".

Phase Two: Expanding Vaccines to More Ontarians

Vaccine Supply Update

Over the coming weeks, Ontario expects to receive more vaccines from the federal government, allowing the province to map out the transition to Phase Two of the rollout, which expands to more Ontarians.

- **Pfizer-BioNTech**

- March 1 and 8: 173,160 doses each week
- March 15 and 22: 174,330 doses each week
- March 29: 175,500 doses
- April 5 and 12: 298,350 doses each week

- **Moderna**

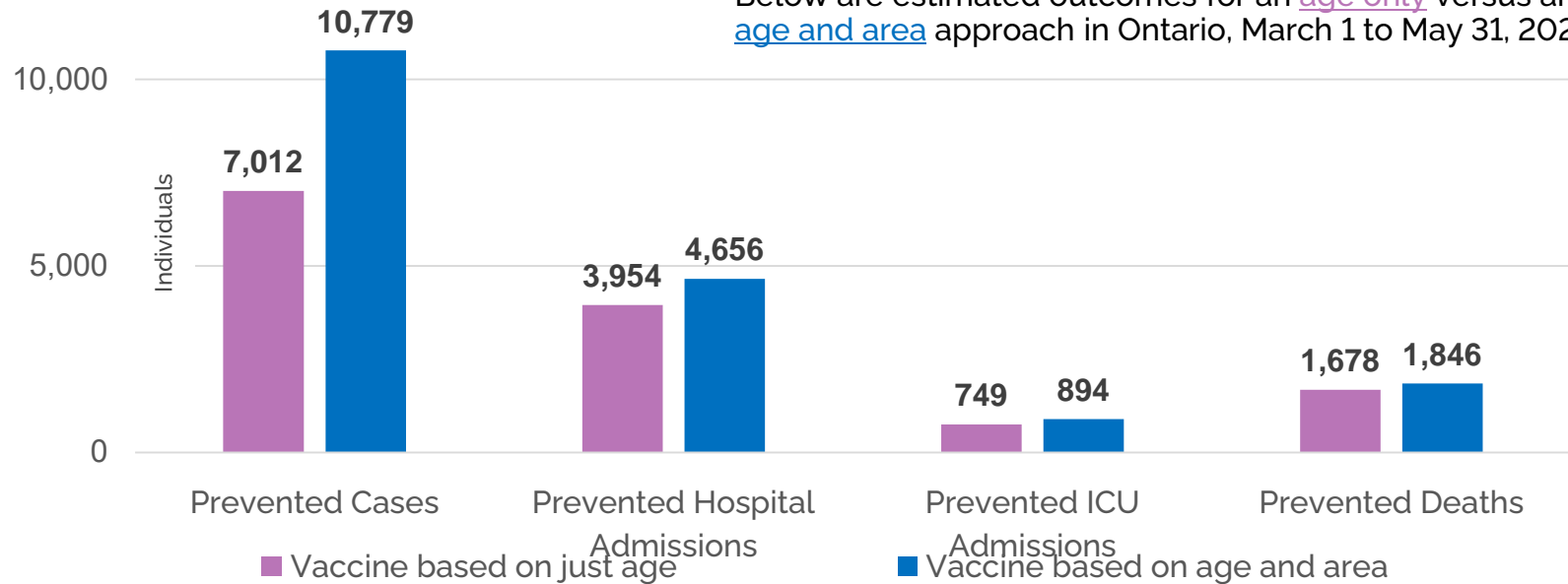
- Week of March 8: 160,500 doses
- Week of March 22: 323,200 doses

- Ontario has received 194,500 doses of AstraZeneca the week of March 8, 2021

Evidence (Vaccinating by Age and Area)

Vaccinating primarily based on age, with some adjustment for hot spots (and health conditions, congregate settings), will prevent more deaths, hospitalizations, ICU admissions, and cases of COVID-19.

Below are estimated outcomes for an [age only](#) versus an [age and area](#) approach in Ontario, March 1 to May 31, 2021.



Source: Ontario COVID-19 Science Advisory Table

Phase Two (April 2021 – July 2021)

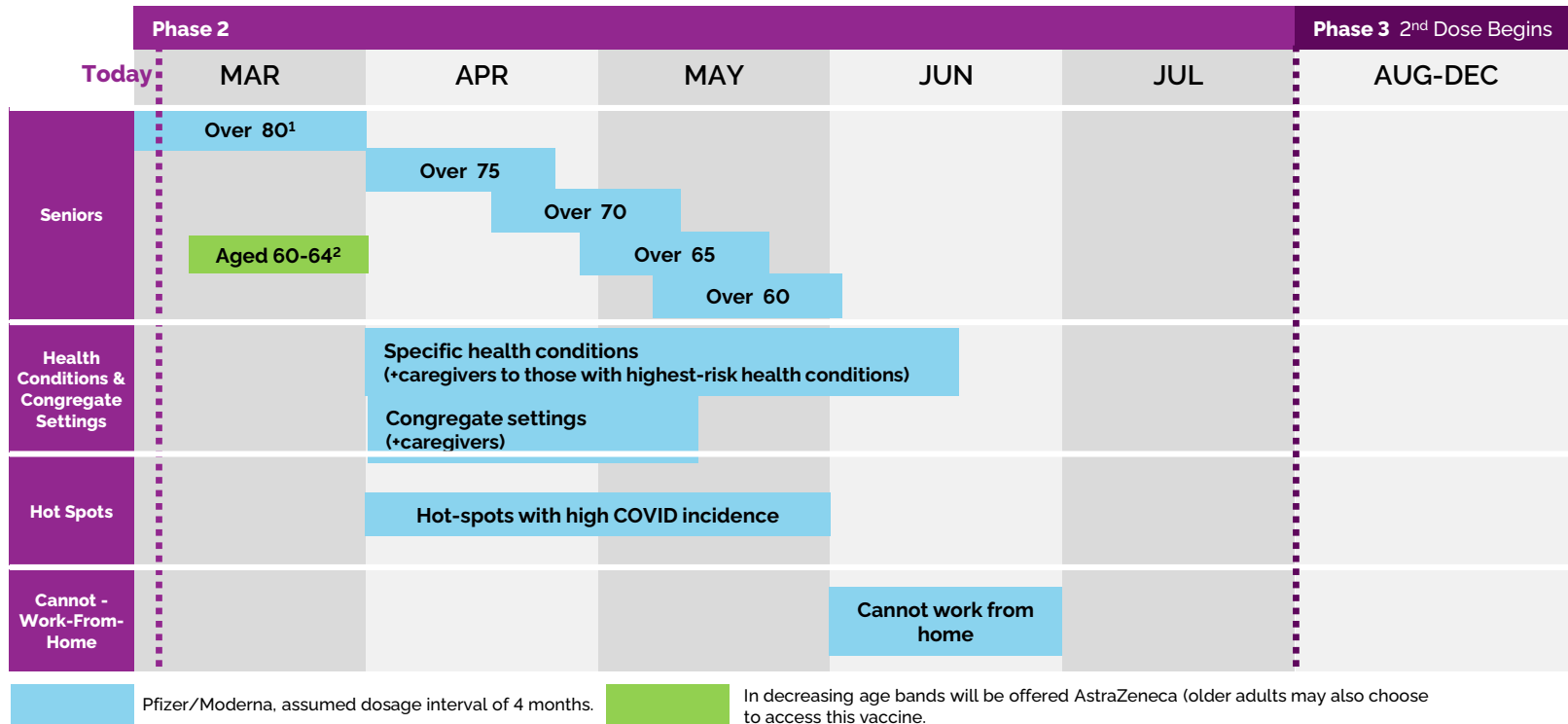
Following the best scientific evidence, phase two of Ontario's vaccination distribution plan will continue vaccinating the population based on **age and risk** to prevent further death, hospitalization and transmission:

Relative Emphasis	1. AGE	Population Size
	Seniors Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Older Ontarians (60-79), who are at greatest risk of death and hospitalization due to COVID-19, will be targeted through a multi-channel approach. 	2.5 Million
	2. AT-RISK	
	Health Conditions and Congregate Settings Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health conditions: A targeted rollout, leveraging primary care and speciality clinics, to vaccinate individuals with specific health conditions (e.g., transplants) and some primary caregivers. Congregate settings: Targeted outreach to staff, residents and some caregivers in high-risk congregate settings to prevent further deaths and outbreaks. 	Health Conditions 2.9 Million Congregate Settings Strategy 0.2 Million
	Hot Spot Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PHUs will apply their local expertise and evidence to target based on age and risk; Some PHUs will receive additional doses to also target ongoing hot spots with high rates of death, hospitalization and transmission². Vaccinations in hot spots will continue to focus on age. 	0.9 Million
	Cannot-Work-From-Home Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep workers safe, and protect essential services, by vaccinating those who cannot work from home. The workers who cannot work from home (see appendix for list of the sectors) will receive vaccines at the end of Phase 2 (anticipated July 2021 dependent on supply). 	2.5 Million*

*The workers' population estimate does not remove double counting (i.e., some workers may get vaccinated through any one of the strategies above).

Phase Two Sequencing

The timelines for completing Phase Two and vaccinating the general population in Phase Three are dependent on several factors awaiting clarification at this time, including vaccine supply and uptake which is estimated at 75%. **The sequencing below can be applied in any vaccine supply scenario.**



9 ¹ In addition to other phase 1, populations: Residents, staff, essential caregivers (including family caregivers) and other employees in congregated living settings for seniors; Frontline HCWs; Adults in First Nations, Métis and Inuit populations; and Adult recipients of chronic home health care.
² Including some caregivers of those with specific health conditions.

Eligible Health Conditions

Individuals with the following health conditions will be vaccinated in Phase 2:

Highest-risk (442K)

- Organ transplant recipients
- Hematopoietic stem cell transplant recipients
- People with neurological diseases in which respiratory function may be compromised (e.g., motor neuron disease, myasthenia gravis, multiple sclerosis)
- Haematological malignancy diagnosed <1 year
- Kidney disease eGFR < 30

High-risk (292K)

- Obesity (BMI > 40)
- Other treatments causing immunosuppression (e.g., chemotherapy, immunity- weakening medications)
- Intellectual or developmental disabilities (e.g., Down Syndrome)

At-risk (2.2M)

- Immune deficiencies/ autoimmune disorders
- Stroke/cerebrovascular disease
- Dementia
- Diabetes
- Liver disease
- All other cancers
- Respiratory diseases
- Spleen problems
- Heart disease
- Hypertension with end organ damage
- Diagnosis of mental disorder
- Substance use disorders
- Thalassemia
- Pregnancy
- Immunocompromising health conditions
- Other disabilities requiring direct support care in the community

Hot Spots

Populations across all public health units at greatest risk will receive vaccinations in Phase 2; however, 13 public health units will receive additional doses (up to 920k) to target **historic and ongoing hot spots** with high rates of death, hospitalization and transmission. Note these do not correspond to the COVID-19 Response Framework.

To identify hot spots, PHUs will use their local knowledge and expertise, as well as provincial data and information from the Science Table.

- Durham
- Halton
- Hamilton
- Niagara
- Ottawa
- Peel
- Simcoe Muskoka
- Waterloo
- Wellington Dufferin Guelph
- Windsor Essex
- York
- Toronto
- South West

Older adults in these regions may be vaccinated earlier in Phase Two than older individuals in non-hot spots given evidence of increased risk of death, severe illness and hospitalization in these regions.

Congregate Settings

At-risk staff, essential caregivers and residents (158K) from the following list of congregate settings will be vaccinated in Phase 2:

- Supportive housing
- Developmental services / intervenor and supported independent living (SIL)
- Emergency homeless shelters
- Other homeless populations not in shelters
- Mental health and addictions congregate settings
- Homes for special care
- Violence Against Women (VAW) shelters and Anti-Human Trafficking (AHT) residents
- Children's residential facilities
- Youth justice facilities
- Indigenous healing and wellness
- Provincial and demonstration schools
- On-farm temporary foreign workers
- Bail beds & Indigenous bail beds
- Adult correctional facilities

Caregivers in select congregate care settings:

- Developmental services, mental health and addictions congregate settings, homes for special care, children's residential facilities, and Indigenous healing and wellness will be vaccinated as part of the vaccine roll-out in congregate settings
- These caregivers would be vaccinated at the same time as residents and staff in congregate settings using a programmatic approach

Essential Caregivers

Essential Caregivers (400k) will be vaccinated in Phase Two:

- These are primary caregivers to those with highest-risk health conditions (1 primary caregiver); i.e., Organ transplant recipients, Hematopoietic stem cell transplant recipients, Neurological diseases in which respiratory function may be compromised, Haematological malignancy diagnosed <1 year, Kidney disease eGFR < 30
- These caregivers would be vaccinated at the end of Phase 2 (at the same time as workers who cannot work from home)

Cannot Work From Home

Workers who cannot work from home in the following sectors will receive vaccines at the end of Phase Two:

First group of workers unable to work remotely (730K) to be vaccinated in parallel:

- Elementary/ secondary school staff
- Workers responding to critical events (e.g., police, fire, compliance, funeral, special constables)
- Childcare and licenced foster care workers
- Food manufacturing workers
- Agriculture and farm workers

Remaining workers unable to work remotely (1.4M) to be vaccinated in parallel:

- High-risk and critical retail workers (grocery and pharmacies)
- Remaining manufacturing labourers
- Social workers (incl. youth justice)
- Courts and justice system workers (incl. probation and parole)
- Lower-risk retail workers (wholesalers, general goods)
- Transportation, warehousing and distribution
- Energy, telecom (data and voice), water and wastewater management
- Financial services
- Waste management
- Mining, oil and gas workers

AstraZeneca: Protecting Older Ontarians

- Aligned with NACI recommendations, Ontario will begin offering AstraZeneca to **populations aged 60-64**, with decreasing age in small age bands at pharmacies, primary care, mass clinics or other suitable sites
- Starting with populations aged 60-64 is also aligned with the latest evidence that recommends vaccinating primarily based on age. Doing so will help reduce illness and hospitalizations
- AstraZeneca will be offered with **informed consent**, including discussion about current vaccine options, information about efficacy, and the timing of future vaccine options

Vaccine Booking System & Call Centre

Pilot Regions

- oKingston, Frontenac, and Lennox and Addington
- oPeterborough County-City
- oHastings and Prince Edward Counties
- oLeeds, Grenville, and Lanark
- oGrey Bruce
- oLambton

Pilot progress to date

- The testing of the booking system began Monday with eligible citizens of the Kingston and Lambton Health Units being the first to be invited to book online vaccine appointments
- Peterborough and Leeds, Grenville and Lanark Health Units began testing the booking system on Tuesday; Grey Bruce and Hastings Prince Edward Counties Health Units began testing on Wednesday
- As of March 8th, 1006 appointments booked for 503 patients.
- Although still early, the pilot of the booking system is sufficiently supporting appointment bookings and integrating with COVax_{ON}

INSPECTION

Inspection of the 2021 Annual Work Schedule Algonquin Park Forest

The April 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021 Annual Work Schedule (AWS) for the **Algonquin Park Forest** is available electronically for public viewing by contacting the **Algonquin Forestry Authority (AFA)** during normal business hours. It is also available on the Natural Resources Information Portal <https://nrp.mnr.gov.on.ca/s/fmp-online> beginning **March 15, 2021** and for the duration of the AWS. This AWS coincides with the Short-Term Plan Extension of the 2010-2021 FMP.

Scheduled Forest Management Operations

The AWS describes forest operations such as road construction, maintenance and decommissioning, forestry aggregate pits, harvest, site preparation, tree planting and tending that are scheduled to occur during the year.

Tree Planting and Fuelwood

The AFA is responsible for tree planting on the Algonquin Park Forest. Please contact the Area Forester, AFA Pembroke Office (see address below) for information regarding tree planting job opportunities or for obtaining fuelwood.

More Information

For more information on the AWS, to arrange a remote meeting with MNRF staff to discuss the AWS or to request AWS summary information, please contact the MNRF contact below:

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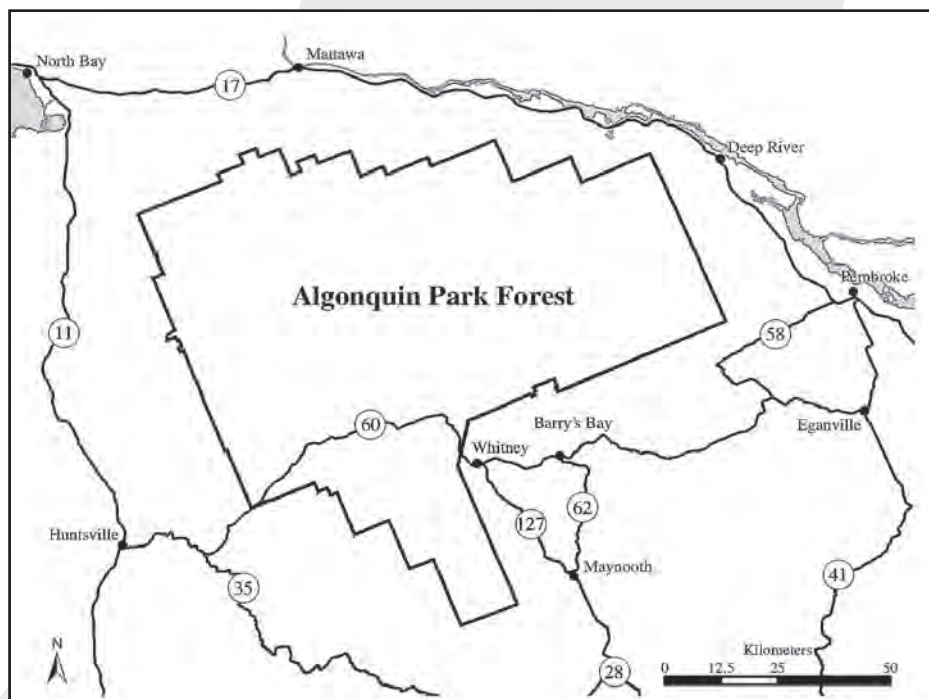
Stay Involved

Further information on how to get involved in forest management planning and to better understand the stages of public consultation please visit:

<https://www.ontario.ca/document/participate-forest-management-ontario/how-get-involved-forest-management>

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) is collecting your personal information and comments under the authority provided by the Forest Management Planning Manual, 2020 approved by regulation under Section 68 of the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act, 1994*. Any personal information you provide (home and/or email address, name, telephone number, etc.) may be used and shared between MNRF and/or the Algonquin Forestry Authority to contact you regarding comments submitted. Your comments will become part of the public consultation process and may be shared with the general public. Your personal information may also be used by the MNRF to send you further information related to this forest management planning exercise. If you have questions about the use of your personal information, please contact Shari MacDonald, MNRF, Regional Information Manager, by e-mail at shari.macdonald@ontario.ca.

Renseignements en français : Elizabeth Holmes au tél. : 613 258-8210 ou courriel : elizabeth.holmes@ontario.ca.



REVIEW

Review of Draft Forest Management Plan Algonquin Park Forest 2021-2031 Forest Management Plan

The Ontario **Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)**, **Algonquin Forestry Authority (AFA)** and the **Algonquin Park Local Citizens' Committee (LCC)** invite you to review and comment on the 2021-2031 Draft Forest Management Plan (FMP) for the **Algonquin Park Forest**.

The Planning Process

The FMP takes approximately three years to complete. During this time, five formal opportunities for public consultation and First Nation and Métis community involvement and consultation are provided. The third opportunity (Stage Three) for this FMP occurred on December 9, 2020 to January 22, 2021 when the public was invited to review and comment on proposed operations for the ten-year period of the FMP. This **'Stage Four'** notice is to invite you to:

- review and comment on the draft FMP; and
- contribute to the background information.

Comments from the public will be considered in revisions to the draft FMP.

How to Get Involved

The Draft FMP and the Draft FMP summary will be available electronically on the Natural Resources Information Portal <https://nrip.mnr.gov.on.ca/s/fmp-online> and can be made available by contacting the Algonquin Forestry Authority, contact listed below, during normal office hours for a period of 60 days from **March 12, 2021 to May 11, 2021**. Comments on the draft FMP for the Algonquin Park Forest must be received by Joe Yaraskavitch of the planning team, by **May 11, 2021**.

In addition to the most current versions of the information and maps which were previously available, the following information can be obtained electronically on the Natural Resources Information Portal <https://nrip.mnr.gov.on.ca/s/fmp-online> to assist you in your review:

- Draft FMP, including supplementary documentation;
- Draft FMP summary;
- Final Report on Protection of Identified First Nation and Métis Values (only if the First Nation and Métis communities agree).

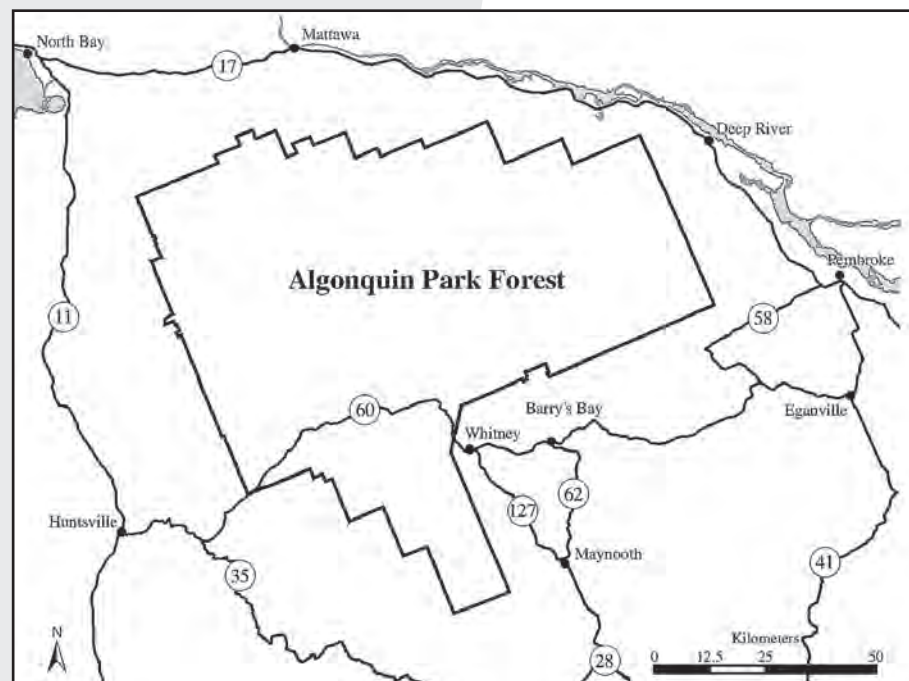
The Information Forum related to the review of Draft Forest Management Plan will be held via individual or group remote meetings which may be arranged by calling the individuals listed below during the review period. Remote meetings with representatives of the planning team and the LCC can be also requested at any time during the planning process. Reasonable opportunities to remotely meet planning team members during non-business hours will be provided upon request. If you require more information or wish to discuss your interests with a planning team member, please contact one of the individuals listed below:

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During the planning process there is an opportunity to make a written request to seek resolution of issues with the MNRF District Manager or the Regional Director using a process described in the *2020 Forest Management Planning Manual (Part A, Section 2.4.1)*.



The last possible date to seek issue resolution with the MNRF Regional Director is **May 25, 2021**.

Stay Involved

Further information on how to get involved in forest management planning and to better understand the stages of public consultation, please visit the following link: <https://www.ontario.ca/document/participate-forest-management-ontario/how-get-involved-forest-management>

The MNRF-approved FMP will be available for inspection for the 10-year duration of the FMP **Stage Five** - Inspection of the MNRF-approved FMP.

The approval date of the FMP is tentatively scheduled for **August 2021**.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) is collecting your personal information and comments under the authority provided by the Forest Management Planning Manual, 2020 approved by regulation under Section 68 of the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act, 1994*. Any personal information you provide (home and/or email address, name, telephone number, etc.) may be used and shared between MNRF and/or the sustainable forest licensee to contact you regarding comments submitted. Your comments will become part of the public consultation process and may be shared with the general public. Your personal information may also be used by the MNRF to send you further information related to this forest management planning exercise. If you have questions about the use of your personal information, please contact Shari MacDonald by e-mail: shari.macdonald@ontario.ca.

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March 2, 2021

The Honourable Sylvia Jones
Solicitor General
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Dear Solicitor General Jones,

At the Township of Terrace Bay Regular Council Meeting held on Monday March 1, 2021, the following resolution of support was passed.

Re: Township of Perry – Community Safety & Well-Being Extension Request.

Resolution: 49-2021

Moved By: Councillor R. St. Louis

Seconded By: Councillor P. Malashewski

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Terrace Bay hereby support the efforts being taken seeking an extension of the July 1, 2021 deadline to the Solicitor General for the submission for the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.

Carried

We appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jody Davis
Mayor

CC: All Ontario Municipalities

From: AMO Communications <Communicate@amo.on.ca>
Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 2:08 PM
To: Cindy Pigeau
Subject: AMO Policy Update – New Support for Local Fire Services, Updated COVID-19 Vaccine Tools and Resources

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March 12, 2021

AMO Policy Update – New Support for Local Fire Services and Updated COVID-19 Vaccine Tools and Resources

Support for Local Fire Services During COVID-19

Yesterday, the Ministry of the Solicitor General [announced](#) it will provide \$5 million to help municipal fire services address the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. This one-time funding will enhance fire safety training across the province and support safety inspection programs to ensure compliance with the Ontario Fire Code. Recognizing that Ontario's fire departments vary in size, capacity and levels of risk, each municipality will be able to submit proposals for an initial \$4,500 base grant plus additional funding dependent on population served.

Updated COVID-19 Vaccine Tools and Resources

The Ministry of Health vaccine tools and resources have been updated and are now posted to the [Ministry's website](#). Changes are highlighted within these documents, and new documents include information for AstraZeneca and COVISHIELD COVID-19 vaccines.

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

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March 10, 2021

Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
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Re: Advocacy for Reform of Joint and Several Liability

Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

During our budget deliberations and the review of the pricing for insurance for the 2021 year, Council is requesting that reform of the Joint and Several Liability system be undertaken. For the Municipality of Tweed, a small municipality within the County of Hastings, with population of 6,044 and total households of 3,023, as at the last census in 2016, we are experiencing significant increasing costs of insurance.

Over the last 5 years, we have experienced increase in our insurance premiums due to Joint and Several Liability. Our last 5 years of insurance premiums have been:

2017	\$161,441.84
2018	\$164,497.28
2019	\$171,649.20
2020	\$213,466.36
2021	\$265,170.24

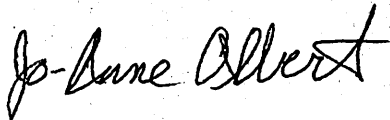
Over the last 5 years, the annual premium has increased by \$103,728.40. That is 64.25%. For the Municipality of Tweed, the 2021 increase of \$51,703.88 results in a tax levy increase of 1.25%. Therefore, when Council wishes to keep the levy no higher than a 2% increase, especially under the financial times that residents have experienced due to the COVID-19 pandemic, more than half of this increase is allocated to insurance premiums. For a population of only 6,044, the annual cost of insurance per household is \$87.72 in 2021, compared to only \$53.41 in 2017.

This phenomenon is not unique to the Municipality of Tweed, nor is this a new concern. In 2010, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) submitted *The Case for Joint and Several Liability Reform in Ontario* on April 1, 2010 (copy can be found at <https://www.amo.on.ca/sites/default/files/assets/DOCUMENTS/Reports/2010/TheCaseforJointandSeveralLiabilityReforminOntario20100401.pdf>).

Because many view municipalities as having "deep pockets", they are often funding a larger portion of awards from court than what the fault percentage is. However, these "deep pockets" are at the cost of every taxpayer within the Municipality.

The Municipality of Tweed is advocating for reform and reconsideration of the *Negligence Act, R.S.O. 1990, c N. 1* to provide for alternatives. Many alternatives were provided in the 2010 AMO report previously referenced, including, but not limited to, Joint and Severable Liability at a set percentage of fault or Joint and Severable Liability based on type of damage.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jo-Anne Albert". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jo-Anne Albert
Mayor

cc. Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
All 444 Ontario Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH GLENGARRY

MOVED BY Lyle WARDEN RESOLUTION NO 75-2021

SECONDED BY SAM McDONELL DATE March 1, 2021

WHEREAS COVID-19, a disease caused by the 2019 novel coronavirus, has resulted in the deaths of almost 7,000 Ontarians;

AND WHEREAS Canada currently lags behind dozens of nations in terms of the proportion of the population that has received doses of COVID-19 vaccines;

AND WHEREAS the federal government has moved too slowly and is failing to foster domestic vaccine-production capacity;

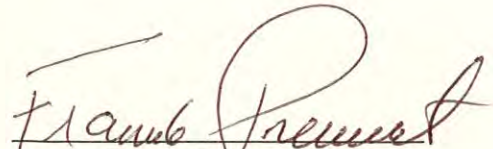
AND WHEREAS the number of administered vaccines in Ontario is not keeping pace with the number of doses that have been received by the provincial government;

AND WHEREAS the provincial COVID-19 vaccine booking system is not yet operational;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of South Glengarry urges Premier Doug Ford and the Province of Ontario to procure approved COVID-19 vaccines to be distributed to the residents of the Province of Ontario, increase the Province's vaccination rate to keep pace with the doses that have been received and accelerate the launch of its COVID-19 vaccine booking system;

AND FURTHERMORE that this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, MPP Jim McDonell, Hon. Christine Elliot, Minister of Health, Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance and all Ontario municipalities.

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Mayor Frank Prevost

March 15, 2021

SENT VIA EMAIL

RE: Support of Save the Ontario Fire College Resolution dated February 11, 2021, received from Chris McConnell, President, OPSEU Local 317

Please be advised that the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Leamington, at its meeting held Tuesday, February 23, 2021 enacted the following resolution:

No. C-48-21

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has been in operation in Gravenhurst since 1958; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus is one of the primary sources of certified training for Ontario Firefighters; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has built a reputation of integrity, credibility, and reliability in providing some of the best training to our Fire Services within the Province of Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus has been used to train and certify both Volunteer, Part-Time and Career firefighters throughout Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Regional Training Centers are not all created equal and similar in function to the Ontario Fire College Campus; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus gives Ontario Firefighters another option other than Regional Training Centers to obtain National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) certifications; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Fire College Campus is the most cost-effective method for municipalities to certify Firefighters to NFPA Standards in Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Government enacted and revoked O. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification in 2018; and

WHEREAS when the Ontario Government revoked O. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification, it was made known by the Office of the Solicitor General that the act would be amended and brought back in the future; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Leamington requests that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College Campus in Gravenhurst as the OFC is one of the best and most cost-effective methods for municipalities to train their firefighters which assists us in protecting our residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution is forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones; Ontario Solicitor General, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Fire Marshal; Jon Pegg, and all municipalities within the Province of Ontario.

Carried

Sincerely,

Signature on File

Brenda M. Percy, Clerk

cc: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Ontario Solicitor General
Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Jon Pegg, Ontario Fire Marshal
All Ontario Municipalities

Cindy Pigeau

From: Ontario Clean Air Alliance <contact@cleanairalliance.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 10:37 AM
To: Cindy Pigeau
Subject: It's time for Steven Del Duca to become a climate leader

Ontario's Liberal leader should step up to the plate
on climate

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BULLETIN

It's time for Steven Del Duca to become a climate leader

Steven Del Duca and the Ontario Liberal Party are asking for ideas on how to improve life in Ontario. As part of their efforts to develop a compelling platform for the next election they are calling on the people of Ontario to weigh in on what their priorities should be. A look at some of the statements on the party's consultation website makes it clear that the Liberals need to hear from you, especially on two subjects:

Climate change: The Liberals are suggesting a plan to reach net zero greenhouse gas pollution "within a generation." It is vague targets like this that have led to Canada missing pollution reduction target after target. The Liberal Party should be encouraged to adopt much more specific language with hard targets and full accountability measures. For example, [Steven Del Duca should match Andrea Horwath's \(NDP\) and Mike Schreiner's \(GPO\) promise to phase-out Ontario's gas-fired power plants by 2030.](#)



Steven Del Duca, Leader, Liberal Party of Ontario

Small nuclear reactors: Amazingly, the Liberals cling to the idea that small nuclear reactors are an acceptable way to fight climate change despite the fact that [solar and wind power can keep our lights on at less than half the cost of OPG's proposed new GTA nuclear reactor](#) without producing toxic radioactive wastes.

According to the International Energy Agency, renewables will account for 95% of the growth in global power capacity during the next five years. **It's time for the Ontario Liberal Party to move on from its love affair with nuclear energy and recognize that the future (and the present) belongs to renewables.** By integrating our wind and solar energy with Quebec's hydro-electric reservoirs, which can act like a giant battery, we can convert intermittent wind and solar energy into a [firm 24/7 source of baseload renewable electricity](#) supply for Ontario.

You can have your say on the Liberal priorities [here](#). Or send Steven Del Duca an email [here](#). (info.leader@ontarioliberal.ca) (twitter: @StevenDelDuca)

Thank you!

Angela Bischoff, Director

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March 16, 2021

Honourable Premier Doug Ford
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premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Municipal Insurance Rates

The Municipality of Shuniah has passed the following resolution at the March 9, 2021 council meeting:

The Council of the Municipality of Shuniah hereby supports the resolution of the Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey wherein they call on the Province of Ontario to review the seven recommendations of AMO to investigate the following municipal insurance issues, as insurance premiums will soon be out of reach for many communities:

1. The provincial government adopt a model of full proportionate liability to replace joint and several liability.
2. Implement enhancements to the existing limitations period including the continued applicability of the existing 10-day rule on slip and fall cases given recent judicial interpretations and whether a one-year limitation period may be beneficial.
3. Implement a cap for economic loss awards.
4. Increase the catastrophic impairment default benefit limit to \$2 million and increase the third-party liability coverage to \$2 million in government regulated automobile insurance plans.
5. Assess and implement additional measures which would support lower premiums or alternatives to the provision of insurance services by other entities such as non-profit insurance reciprocals.
6. Compel the insurance industry to supply all necessary financial evidence, including but not limited to, premiums, claims and deductible limit changes which support its own and municipal arguments as to the fiscal impact of joint and several liability.

7. Establish a provincial and municipal working group to consider the above and put forward recommendations to the Attorney General; and

That this motion be provided to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Finance, Attorney General of Ontario, MPP for Thunder Bay and all municipalities in Ontario.

Sincerely,



Kerry Bellamy
Clerk
Municipality of Shuniah

Cc: Minister of Finance
Attorney General
Local MPP's
Ontario Municipalities

Cindy Pigeau

From: Municipal Finance Officers Association of Ontario <no-reply@mfoa.on.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 11:45 AM
To: Cindy Pigeau
Subject: Timelines Extended Under O. Reg. 588/17



Hello Cindy,

Ministry of Infrastructure Amends O. Reg. 588/17 to Extend Timelines

As of March 15, the Ministry of Infrastructure has amended [O. Reg. 588/17: Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure](#) to extend the timelines under the regulation. The regulation now outlines the following timelines:

- **July 1, 2022:** an asset management plan in respect of its core municipal infrastructure assets
- **July 1, 2024:** an asset management plan in respect of all other assets
- **July 1, 2025:** an asset management plan with:

- Proposed levels of service for the next 10 years, using provided metrics for core infrastructure and municipally created metrics for other infrastructure
- An explanation of why the proposed levels of service are appropriate, including risks, affordability and whether they are achievable
- The proposed performance of each category for each year over 10 years
- A lifecycle management strategy
- A financial strategy
- Document and address available funding as well as funding shortfalls
- An explanation of any other key assumptions

MFOA has [advocated](#) on behalf of its members on this issue since 2020, and we thank all municipalities who have supported our letter to the Ministry of Infrastructure. We also thank the Ministry of Infrastructure for listening to municipal voices on this important issue.

For any questions, please contact Suzanna Dieleman (suzanna@mfoa.on.ca).

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News release

March 17th, 2021 – North Bay, Ontario

Three exhibitions looking at different aspects of the historic culture in northern Ontario have been given a boost with funding by the Department of Canadian Heritage.

The North Bay Area Museum Society, Temiskaming Art Gallery and Temagami First Nation have all been awarded over \$55,000 each to go towards three separate projects.

The Honourable Anthony Rota, Member of Parliament for Nipissing-Timiskaming says, “I am happy to see these organizations in Nipissing-Timiskaming getting the assistance they need so that they can put together these important projects that will highlight historic people and events from our region.”

\$57,973 will go towards the North Bay and Area Museum Society. Director/Curator Naomi Hehn says, “This will allow the North Bay Museum to work with a research team from Nipissing University (Departments of Geography and History), Nipissing First Nation, Dokis First Nation, and Carnegie Museum of Natural History to create a travelling exhibit. The project will aim to research and highlight the lives and contributions of Nibisiing Nishinaabeg guides by centering the story of the Pittsburgh’s Carnegie Museum expeditions and its collections from a Nibisiing perspective.”

She adds, “In relationship with Nipissing First Nation and Dokis First Nation, the exhibition will feature family objects, historical photographs and film, bird and audio recordings, and beaded natural history specimens. The exhibit will first be on display locally before traveling on to other Northern Ontario communities including Thunder Bay, Sault Ste. Marie, Dokis First Nation, and Timmins.”

“I’m very proud of the work that our Culture & Heritage staff are doing in collaboration with our partners to help correct our erasure from history,” said Nipissing Chief Scott McLeod. “Relationship-building partnerships like this one are so valuable in enabling this important work to happen. This funding for research will specifically bring focus to and highlight contributions of our Nibisiing Guides on expeditions by museums.”

Chief McLeod adds, “The Nibisiing Nishnaabeg have occupied this territory for over 10,000 years and have a rich history. It’s vital that we reclaim this knowledge to help us learn more about the past, and that we share this knowledge and these collections as we continue on our path towards cultural revitalization.”

\$62,403 is geared towards the Temiskaming Art Gallery (TAG). Executive Director and Curator Melissa Laporte says they plan to, “Present a retrospective exhibition of the work of Northern Ontario artist George Cassidy (1903 - 1972), through the gracious support of the Museum Assistance Program from the Department of Canadian Heritage.”

She adds, “This funding will enable TAG to partner with the Cobalt Mining Museum and the Bunker Military Museum, and hire curator Felicity Buckell, to present a comprehensive retrospective of Cassidy's life and works. Paintings will be gathered from public and private collections, including TAG's own permanent collection. The exhibition will be presented at TAG in 2022, and tour galleries across Northern Ontario. This retrospective exhibition will highlight the place of Cassidy's works within Canadian art history, shedding light on the work of artists during World War II, with a focus on the modern Canadian painting style made famous by Cassidy's contemporaries in the Group of Seven.”

\$58,000 is given to Temagami First Nation for a project called *Oral Histories of n’Daki Menan*. Chief Shelly Moore-Frappier says

“This project supports our ongoing efforts to reclaim our histories within our home territory, n’daki menan. Our elders will continue to play a vital role in welcoming our material culture back into our community. They will bear witness to this process and share details and stories integral to our history and relationship with the land.”

She adds, “I see this project as important to the work of truth telling and redress that needs to happen in this country if we are to commit to more respectful ways of being in relations with one another. It is our people that are the rightful caretakers and stewards of our cultural property despite this legacy of forcibly removing artifacts from our homelands. As such, we are well positioned to inform important policies and practices in repatriation initiatives, including those related to ongoing care and access.”

Quick Facts

Organization	Project Title	Amount
NORTH BAY AREA MUSEUM SOCIETY	Our Guides Were Really Going Places: Nbisiing Guides and the Legacy of Paul Commanda	\$57,973
TEMISKAMING ART GALLERY/GALERIE D'ART DU TEMISKAMING	George Cassidy: A Particular Time and Place	\$62,403
TEMAGAMI FIRST NATION	Oral Histories of n'Daki Menan	\$58,000