

**AGENDA FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING OF
THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RED ROCK
FOR THE 923th REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 15ST, 2021 AT 7:00PM**

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION TAKEN</u>
1. Additions to Agenda	
2. Disclosure of Interest	
3. Presentation	
None	
4. Minutes of Previous Council Meeting	
a) Monday, March 1 st , 2021	RES
5. By-Laws	
a) By-law #2021-1227 being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA)	RES (x2)
6. Correspondence	
a) Letter from Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.	
b) Letter from Federation of Canadian Municipalities	
c) Fire Marshall's Communication: Ontario Fire College Training Modernization	
d) The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board	
e) Association of Municipalities Ontario	
f) Letter from the Township of O'Connor	
7. Reports of Municipal Officers	
a) Chief Administrative Officer – no Report Payment Vouchers	RES
b) Public Works Superintendent Monthly Report Water Treatment Plant Annual Summary for 2020	
c) Fire Chief Monthly Report	RES
8. Reports of Committees	
None.	
9. Unfinished Business	
a) ICIP Grant announcement	
10. New Business	
a) Contracted services of Mr. Juhani Pulkkinen	RES
b) 2021 General Purpose and Education Tax Rates	RES
c) Interim CAO/Treasurer Recruitment	
d) Interim Administrative Support Staff	
11. In-Camera	
12. Out of In-Camera	
13. Report from In-Camera	
14. Adjournment	RES

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RED ROCK

920th REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

MARCH 1ST, 2021

Present:	Mayor:	D. Robinson
	Councillors:	G. Muir
		S. Park
		C. Todesco
		M. McDonald
	Chief Administrative Officer:	A. Headrick

Mayor Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None

PRESENTATION

None.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the February 16, 2021 regular meeting of Council were approved as presented.

BY-LAWS

None.

RESOLUTIONS

Res. #1: Moved by C. Todesco, seconded by G. Muir
 Be it resolved that the Minutes of Tuesday February 16, 2021 regular meeting of Council be approved as presented, with a spelling correction.

Carried

Res. #2: Moved by S. Park, seconded by C. Todesco
 Be it resolved that the following payments be approved:

COMMUNITY CHEQUING

PAYMENT DATE	CHEQUE NOS.	AMOUNT
2-22-2021	45-46	\$ 814,756.74
		\$ 814,756.74

GENERAL CHEQUING

PAYMENT DATE	CHEQUE NOS.	AMOUNT
2-18-2021	4109-4114	\$ 4,199.49
		\$ 4,199.49

PAYROLL VOUCHERS

PAYMENT DATE	DIRECT DEPOSIT REF#	
2-25-2021	58-74	\$ 17,994.94
		\$ 17,994.94

TOTAL PAYMENTS \$ 818,956.23

Carried

Res. #3: Moved by S. Park, seconded by M. McDonald
Be it resolved that Council approves the Township of Red Rock to host a Pride event in the future.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Robinson reviewed correspondence from the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks regarding the Red Rock Drinking Water System 2020-2021 Compliance Inspection Report 1-P1BDN. Mayor Robinson noted that there are two that require Action, both related to Best Practice. However, we did pass with a 95% and we have until March 12, 2021 to comply with the required Actions.

Mayor Robinson reviewed correspondence from AMCTO, which was an Open letter to Ontario Municipal Council. This was a letter of support regarding funding and training. They have advised not to take anything from our budget for staffing and training. They further acknowledged all Municipalities and their staff for going above and beyond during COVID-19.

Mayor Robinson reviewed the Minutes from the Thunder Bay District Municipal League. She advised that this was their first meeting due to COVID-19.

In addition, there was a long discussion regarding EMS, and it was decided that all Municipalities would send the same letter in support of putting a pause on the acceptance and implementation of any changes to the EMS services in the District.

Finally, there was discussion regarding the Health Board levy increase. Some Municipalities have had quite an increase, so this is being looked into further.

Mayor Robinson reviewed the Report from Limestone, Project Charter: Full-Cycle Economic Development Services, this document is available online and a hardcopy can be provided to those who request a copy.

No other business arose from the above correspondence.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

The CAO reviewed his Report with Council. He confirmed that letters of support were forwarded to the Ontario Fire College and to SNEMS.

Lakeshore Excursions: Bruce O'Hare has provided the final Technical document. This document can now be shared with the public. We will post it on our website and a hardcopy can be provided to those who request a copy. This document is basically about the need to survey the Great Lakes to revisit the depths of some areas for cruise ships. They may request a letter of support at a later date.

LCBO Property: The CAO advised that the Township has purchased the LCBO property, and this is being finalized.

SCADA: The new SCADA system is well under way and HATCH will be providing more details on this project. Funding for this project has come from the exiting Budget.

Cascades: Correspondence has been shared between Legal Counsel and this should be finalized shortly.

Castle Home Reality: Wendy Ferris will be providing estimates on the CANOP and Texaco properties. These will be brought forward to Council for approval.

2021 Budget: This process is going well and we are ahead of schedule.

Asset Management: We should be hearing in early March regarding our Applications of level 2 and 3 from FCM.

NOHFC: RV Business Study, Strategic Plan Application, I have been in contact with Catherine Baker, who has reached out many times to the Directors to see where they are. It is in the final stages, we are just waiting for an update to see if they have been approved.

2021 Interim Tax Bill: this bill will be sent out by March 4, with a due date of March 25, 2021. The Water bills will be sent out, we had a bit of a glitch with the system, but that has been worked out and rectified.

OCWA: All is going well; one of our staff will shadow some of their members for about a week. This will be to familiarize the new operators with the operations. Then our staff member will return to Public works.

Phone Service: We are looking into a Phone Service provider to conduct a study on our phone usage. We seem to have several different packages, and there may be a cost saving. If we can get a service provided to conduct a study on what we have and what we pay. There are other business and municipalities doing this, and may be a better package available to us.

NOHFC Heritage: We have submitted the Application for the Community Enhancement Fund, and we should be receiving notification shortly.

Ontario Fire College: As mentioned earlier, a letter of support has been forwarded from Mayor Robinson and Council to the President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, with copies provided to our local MP and Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services.

Subdivision Developer: The contract has been concluded and the next process is for the developer to conduct a level 1 and 2 environmental assessment.

2021 BDO Audit: The municipal audit is underway and all effort is being made to meet the deadline.

Property Tax Sale: The property tax sales for 19 Rankin and 5 Crutchfield has been advertised in the Nipigon/Red Rock Gazette and the Ontario Gazette, the date of opening will be March 25.

Joint Meeting #5: We had our joint meeting with Federal and Provincial partner on Waste/Water facility, and this meeting went quite well.

Infill Residential Properties: We have begun to identify infill properties to be sold. We will prepare a list for Council to review and approve for sale.

SEMS: As mentioned earlier, a letter of support has been forwarded from Mayor Robinson and Council to the Administration, the Mayor and Council of Thunder Bay.

ICIP Grants: Hopefully this will be coming soon.

Accessibility Grant: We have received \$49,000.00 for upgrades to the Municipal office.

Ontario Student Jobs: We received notification on February 25, 2021 that Ontario Jobs will be open. We will begin the applications this week.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2021 Great Lakes Areas Request for Canadian Hydrographic Service Survey: Information has been provided regarding the survey and we will receive further information in the future regarding support for their funding.

Ontario Fire College: This has been discussed and addressed at a prior meeting, and a letter of support was forwarded.

SNEMS: This has been discussed at length, and addressed at a prior meeting. We support Greenstones Resolution, and forwarded letter of support to Administration and Thunder Bay Mayor and Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Pride Event: Mayor Robinson discussed the community interest in a Pride sign that she has in her yard. She further discussed that there is interest from our community with being inclusive, and supportive of an LGBT event. She advised that there has been interest from people in the community who would be prepared to help with such an event, be it a walk or bake sale. This event would take place in June, as that is Pride month. At this time, due to COVID no committee is being set up; however, she would like to have something in place for future to host some form of Pride event.

IN-CAMERA

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Res. #12 Moved by S. Park, seconded by G. Muir
Be it resolved that the Council meeting be adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Carried

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

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234-2021-1005

March 4, 2021

Mayor Darquise Robinson
Township of Red Rock
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Dear Mayor Robinson:

Ontario has heard directly from the municipal sector that operating impacts due to the pandemic will continue in 2021. In order to respond to municipal need and to further strengthen our communities, we are now investing an additional \$500 million to help municipalities respond to ongoing and unprecedented 2021 COVID-19 operating pressures. While the actual extent of municipal impacts for 2021 are uncertain at this time, the province expects that this funding will help municipalities continue to deliver the high-quality local services that residents and business rely on, as well as help municipalities proceed with planned capital projects in 2021.

I am pleased to inform you that the Government of Ontario has committed financial support to the **Township of Red Rock** through the 2021 COVID-19 Recovery Funding for Municipalities program in order to support your COVID-19 operating costs and pressures. All municipalities in Ontario are eligible for this program and the level of funding is based on the proportion of COVID-19 cases in the Public Health Unit for your respective municipality during the period of January 1, 2021 to February 18, 2021. I have reviewed the eligibility criteria for provincial assistance under the program and have determined that accordingly, your municipality will receive **\$25,333.00**, subject to your municipality returning a copy of this letter, signed by your municipal treasurer, to the ministry by March 31, 2021. You will receive these funds in two equal instalments – one instalment on or before May 1, 2021 and the other on or before November 1, 2021.

Please note that your municipality is accountable for using this funding for the purpose of addressing your priority COVID-19 operating costs and pressures. If the amount of the funding your municipality receives exceeds your 2021 COVID-19 operating costs and pressures, the province's expectation is that your municipality will place the excess

funding into a reserve fund to be accessed to support any future COVID-19 operating costs and pressures.

The province realizes that municipalities are facing financial impacts due to the COVID-19 pandemic and that in some instances, this provincial funding will not be sufficient to cover all municipal operating impacts due to COVID-19. The province expects municipalities to do their part by continuing to find efficiencies in their operating services and using existing reserves and reserve funds that have been specifically put aside for such unforeseen circumstances.

Your municipality will be expected to provide two report backs on your COVID-19 operating impacts and the use of these funds as follows:

1. An interim report in June 2021, which will include:
 - a) Use of funds provided last year under the Safe Restart Agreement – Operating funding stream; and
 - b) 2021 estimated COVID-19 operating impacts and how your municipality plans to use the funding under the 2021 program.
2. A final report back in Spring 2022.

We had previously indicated that Safe Restart Agreement reporting would be expected in March 2021. However, we have decided to streamline this reporting and the new 2021 COVID-19 Recovery Funding for Municipalities program. The template for this report back will be provided by the ministry with more details to follow in the coming months. While the province expects your municipality to complete this report, your second instalment under the 2021 COVID-19 Recovery Funding for Municipalities program is not contingent on the province receiving your interim report.

At this time, I am requesting that your municipal treasurer sign the acknowledgement below and return the signed copy to the ministry by email to: Municipal.Programs@ontario.ca. If the province has not received your letter on or before March 31, 2021, you will not be eligible for this program and your municipality's allocation will not be paid. In order to allow for processing time, please provide your signed letter to the ministry on or before March 24, 2021.

Our government continues to stand with our municipal partners as we have throughout the pandemic, advocating for funding for communities from the federal government to support local economic recovery. Communities may need more COVID-19 related operating funding in the coming year, and we will continue to advocate on your behalf to the federal government. I encourage you to contact your local Member of Parliament to seek further federal support in order to help municipalities deal with their operating impacts due to COVID-19.

The government thanks all 444 Ontario municipal heads of council for their support throughout the pandemic and our ongoing partnership in Ontario's economic recovery.

Sincerely,



Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

c. Municipal Treasurer and Municipal CAO

By signing below, I acknowledge that the allocation of **\$25,333.00** is provided to the **Township of Red Rock** for the expected purpose of assisting with COVID-19 costs and pressures and that the province expects any funds not required for this purpose in 2021 will be put into a reserve fund to support potential COVID-19 costs and pressures in 2022. I further acknowledge that the **Township of Red Rock** is expected to report back to the province on 2021 COVID-19 costs and pressures and the use of this funding.

Name:

Title:

Signature:

Date: *March 4, 2021*

ALBERT C. HEADRICK
C.A.O./CLERK
TOWNSHIP OF RED ROCK



TOWNSHIP OF RED ROCK
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26 February 2021

Her Worship Mayor Darquise Robinson
and Members of Council
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Title of initiative: Asset Management Program Development in Red Rock
Application number: MAMP-17189

Dear Mayor Robinson and Members of Council:

On behalf of the Municipal Asset Management Program (MAMP) it is my pleasure to confirm that the Township of Red Rock has been approved for a grant in the amount of up to \$50,000.

In the near future, Hidayate Adebo will contact Albert Headrick, CAO of the Township of Red Rock to finalize the agreement for the grant. FCM's obligation to fund the above-noted initiative will only become binding once the agreement is fully executed. During this time, eligible expenditures may be incurred as of your project's eligibility date: 16 February 2021.

Public announcements regarding MAMP-funded initiatives are overseen by FCM in partnership with the Government of Canada. Your municipality is welcome to participate in that process, but until authorised by FCM and Infrastructure Canada, any public statements related to the status of the application for MAMP funding are not permitted. This communication protocol is contained in the grant agreement. If you require further information prior to receiving the contract, please contact Hidayate Adebo at 613-907-6213 or by e-mail at hadebo@fcm.ca.

Thank you for your interest in MAMP. We look forward to working with you to improve asset management practices in your community, and to sharing the results of your initiative with communities across Canada.

Sincerely,

Aymone Agossou
Manager, Funding

cc: Albert Headrick, CAO



COMMUNIQUE

du commissaire des incendies

March 4, 2021

No. 2021-02

ONTARIO FIRE COLLEGE TRAINING MODERNIZATION

This Fire Marshal's Communiqué is 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.

This Communiqué provides an overview of OFC training modernization through several modes, including online and blended courses, Regional Training Centres (RTCs) and Learning Contracts.

A fire department's training program should be designed to meet its set level of fire protection service, based on its needs and circumstances, and guided by the advice of the fire chief. A training program can include a combination of different OFC training modes as well as local in-house training.

While the decommissioning of the OFC campus in Gravenhurst is set for March 31, 2021, staff will continue to play a leading role in developing training courses. This will include curriculum design and development, registration services, online training development and maintenance, training development to build capacity in RTCs, and monitoring performance and quality assurance of programs at the local level.

As part of this plan, OFC instructors will be assigned regionally so that fire departments have a central point of contact for all training inquiries within their region. Instructors will work collaboratively to ensure the availability of training across Ontario.

Available options for OFC training are outlined below:

1. Online and Blended Courses
2. Learning Contracts
3. Regional Training Centres (RTC)
4. Mobile Live Fire Training Units (MLFTUs)

Inquiries on any of the options available, or how to contact the instructor assigned to your region can be directed to Guy Degagne, Assistant Deputy Fire Marshal, Training and Certification (Guy.Degagne@ontario.ca).

1. Online and Blended Courses

Online courses are generally self-paced, which allows for greater flexibility in completing coursework.

Blended courses have a portion of the course online, combined with specific in-person training sessions. The purpose of blended learning is to focus in-person training to elements that cannot be taught online. Blended courses are offered through RTCs or Learning Contracts.

The following courses are available in either an online and/or blended format:

Course	Online	Blended
Legislation	X	
NFPA 1521	X	
NFPA 1031 – Level 1	X	
NFPA 1035 – PIO	X	
NFPA 1035 – Level 1	X	
NFPA 1021 – Level 1	X	X
NFPA 1021 – Level 2		X
NFPA 1021 – Level 3		X
NFPA 1021 – Level 4		X
NFPA 1041 – Level 1	X	X
NFPA 1041 – Level 2		X
Fire Code – Part 2	X	
Fire Code – Part 6	X	
Fire Code – Part 9	X	
NFPA 1001 – Level 1		X
NFPA 1001 – Level 2		X
NFPA 1002		X
NFPA 1006 – Ice/Water Rescue		X
NFPA 1033 – Fire Investigator		X

The remaining National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) courses are scheduled to be upgraded to online and/or blended by the 2022-23 OFC calendar year. These include:

Course	Online	Blended
NFPA 1031 – Level 1	X	
Fire Code – Part 3	X	
Fire Code – Part 4	X	
Fire Code – Part 5	X	
Courtroom Procedures	X	X
NFPA 1072 Haz Mat Operations		X

2. Learning Contracts

Learning contracts provide access to OFC programs through in-house training that is affordable and scalable, and they are provided at the local fire department at their pace. Learning contracts are set up within one fire department, but there is an opportunity for smaller departments to share in the training.

The OFC supports learning contracts with full OFC course delivery including full registration in the OFC database; OFC course numbers; OFC course material; OFC assistance with arranging ASE testing; OFC support in case of Ministry of Labour investigations; and OFC certificates of completion for each student.

Course delivery costs \$65 per student. Training can occur during working hours to reduce overtime costs and can be provided by fire departments' training staff.

3. Regional Training Centres (RTC)

RTCs are operated by municipalities, community colleges, or associations. They are strategically located across the province and provide access to training for career, composite, volunteer, Northern Fire Protection Program (NFPP), and First Nations fire departments.

RTCs are capable of delivering all NFPA programs, including certification testing, and courses meet professional qualification standards including classroom and outdoor fire ground training. It is important to note that course availability across Ontario will be based on a needs analysis that must support local fire departments and the RTC's infrastructure and capacity to deliver.

A number of factors may result in cost savings or avoidance for fire departments that train at RTCs including mileage to and from the home location, costs to backfill fire department personnel, meal reimbursement, banked time and overtime costs.

The interest to open and operate a new RTC has grown significantly since the announcement in January. A map of current RTC locations is provided below, along with some additional locations being considered. Please note that potential locations are continually being updated and not all locations are reflected in the attached map.

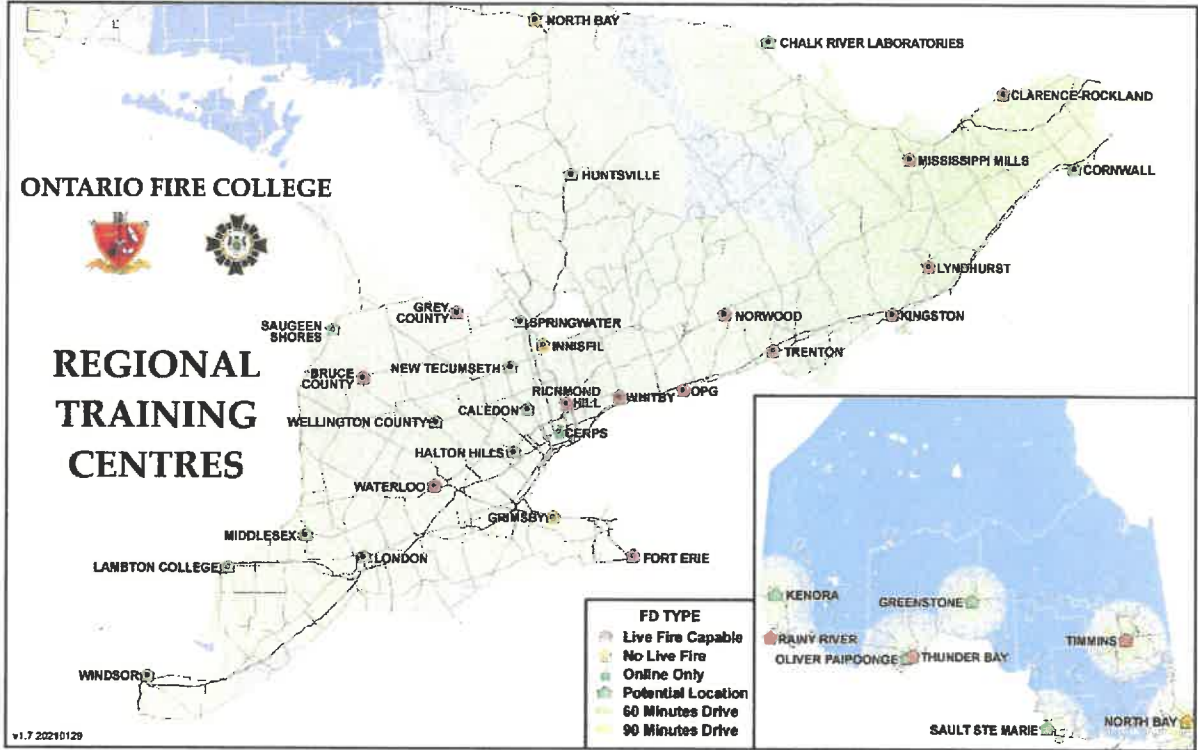
4. Mobile Live Fire Training Units (MLFTUs)

The OFM has purchased two mobile live fire training units that will be available to fire departments across Ontario. In order to support training across the province, one unit will be deployed in northern Ontario and one in southern Ontario. However, this will be continually reviewed to assess where there is the greatest need.

The MLFTUs offer diverse options for live fire training to meet the unique needs of training including: a confined space rescue hatch; main level training rooms; different attack options; multi-prop fire simulators; and portable props.

The OFM will be deploying these units in 2021 and can have them delivered to any location. The MLFTUs will need to be booked in advance and will be available seasonally between May and October. Please contact the OFC Registrar at ApplyOFC@ontario.ca to reserve a unit.

Appendix 1
Map of Ontario's 20 Current Regional Training Centres



Appendix 2
Ontario Fire College – Geographic Coverage Areas

<p>Andrew Blair – Eastern Ontario</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northumberland • Peterborough • Hasting • Prince Edward • Lennox Addington • Frontenac • Lanark • Ottawa • Leeds and Grenville • Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry • Prescott-Russell
<p>Robert King – Central Ontario</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kawartha Lakes • Haliburton • Muskoka • Simcoe • Grey • Bruce • Dufferin
<p>Ken Benoit – GTA / Niagara</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Durham • York • Peel • Toronto • Halton • Hamilton • Niagara
<p>Lyle Quan – Southwest Ontario</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wellington • Waterloo • Brant • Haldimand • Norfolk • Oxford • Perth • Huron • Middlesex • Elgin • Lambton • Chatham-Kent • Essex

Grant Love – Northeast Ontario	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renfrew • Nipissing • Parry Sound • North Bay • Temiskaming
Jamie Meyer – Rainbow / Algoma / Far Northeast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sudbury • Algoma (Wawa and East and South of Wawa) • Cochrane • Manitoulin
Jennifer Grigg – Northwest Ontario (Nipigon and East)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thunder Bay (Area East of Nipigon) • Algoma (Wawa and West and North of Wawa)
Tim Beebe – Northwest Ontario (Nipigon and West)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kenora • Rainy River • Thunder Bay (Area West of Nipigon)



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Message from the Chair

At the February meeting, the board was presented with a [quarterly update on the 2020-23 Strategic Plan](#). The Board is proud of the progress that the TBDSSAB team has made toward achieving these goals, especially in light of the added pressures of the pandemic.

On February 26, TBDSSAB was joined by Provincial and Federal representatives to celebrate the opening of six new accessible housing units in the city of Thunder Bay. The DSSAB administration and staff saw an opportunity to convert unused commercial space in our residential building at Mclvor Court in order to accommodate individuals needing accessible housing. The Board agreed and the project was moved forward.

The new accessible units at Mclvor Court were funded by joint provincial and federal funding through the Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative, via the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. Photos of the new apartments have been included on page 2 of this newsletter, and [the full media release is available on our website](#).

In the past few weeks, our District has seen a significant increase in the demand for isolation shelter spaces. With the support of the province, TBDSSAB continues to work with community partners to meet the demand for isolation spaces and staff to support the

program. In early February, TBDSSAB released an official statement to the community to alleviate any concerns about a shortage of isolation spaces, and to clarify what it means for TBDSSAB to be service system manager for the emergency shelter system. [The full statement can be read on the TBDSSAB website.](#)

With the District now under the Grey-Lockdown level of the Ontario pandemic plan, we want to remind you that TBDSSAB is an essential service and will continue to support our communities. Some locations throughout the District continue to offer services by telephone only. Please refer to the TBDSSAB website for service hours at your local office: www.tbdssab.ca/about/service-area



Thank you, and stay safe.
Lucy Kloosterhuis

Accessible Housing at McIvor Court

TBDSSAB recently announced the completion of six new fully-accessible apartments in Thunder Bay. [The full media release is available on our website.](#)



LEFT: Lucy Kloosterhuis, Board Chair; Bill Bradica, CAO, Georgina Daniels, Director Corporate Services; Ken Ranta, Director Integrated Social Services. RIGHT: Scooter parking/charging in foyer.



Each unit includes a custom-designed accessible kitchen (LEFT) and a fully tiled bathroom with roll-in shower (RIGHT)

Regular Board Meeting: February 18, 2021

Strategic Plan 2023 Quarterly Update—4th Quarter 2020

 [Report No. 2021-03](#) (PDF, 996kb)

The Board was presented with a quarterly update on the Strategic Plan 2023 progress as at December 31, 2020.

TBDSSAB Quarterly Operational Report

 [Report No. 2021-04](#) (PDF, 624kb)

The Board was provided with a quarterly operational report, with information containing the trends within TBDSSAB programs and services.

Child Care Mitigation Funding— Update

 [Report No. 2021-05](#) (PDF, 161kb)

The Board was presented with, and approved, a plan to fully utilize the child care mitigation funding.

Social Services Relief Fund Update

 [Report No. 2021-06](#) (PDF 282kb)

The Board was provided with updated information regarding the Ontario Social Services Relief Fund.

This edition of *Update from the Board* covers TBDSSAB's regular monthly meeting on February 18, 2021, as well as key initiatives taking place in this time span. Our aim is to provide an overview of TBDSSAB Board information and reports in a timely manner following all monthly meetings.

Coming up in March:

The March 2021 meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 10am.**

Community members may attend this meeting through a video link posted to the [Board Meetings page](#) on our website.



Feedback:

We appreciate feedback and comments regarding the content of this newsletter.

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THE DISTRICT OF THUNDER BAY
SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BOARD

Nancy Gladun

From: AMO Communications <Communicate@amo.on.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 2:29 PM
To: cao@shawbiz.ca
Subject: AMO Policy Update – More Social Services Relief Funding to Protect the Homeless during COVID-19, Ontario Vaccine Rollout Update

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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

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Re: Resolution – Beardmore EMS Base

Dear Mayor and Council:

Council, at their meeting held on March 8, 2021, passed a resolution opposing the 2021-2030 Paramedic Master Plan, submitted by Performance Concepts Consulting, in its current form.

Council respectfully requests a pause on any decisions or changes to the services of SNEMS until a meaningful, and full consultation process has been conducted with all communities including all First Nations. It would be helpful to include a presentation of data, and a clear explanation of how proposed changes will meet the needs the district communities, including the First Nations in the Robinson Superior Treaty area.

I have enclosed a certified true copy of the resolution for your reference.

Yours truly,

Lorna Buob
Clerk-Treasurer

Encl.

Cc: Honourable Christine Elliott, Minister of Health
Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan, Chief Theresa Nelson
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TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR
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MARCH 8, 2021 NO. 4

Moved by A. Crane

Seconded by Jerry Loan

WHEREAS the City of Thunder Bay has been presented with a proposed 2021-2030 Paramedic Services Master Plan;

WHEREAS the Plan calls for the closure of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Base in the community of Beardmore;

WHEREAS Paramedic Services is a critical service to area residents throughout the District of Thunder Bay;

WHEREAS there has been little to no consultation or dialogue with the Municipality, community, or area First Nations on the proposal, its impact or to find potential mutually satisfactory solutions;

WHEREAS Beardmore is 85 kilometers from the nearest EMS base and hospital, resulting in a 170km round trip (nearly 2 hour response time from time of call to arrival to hospital) for emergency medical calls;

WHEREAS the proposed changes will also impact the ability to service other communities as units would now be tied up for an additional 2 hours per call to Beardmore;

WHEREAS the proposal to leave an EMS for when the clinic is closed does not take into account important factors such as calls would still require a dispatch of a unit from Nipigon or Geraldton, the future growth of population in the First Nations communities, or that the Clinic is not open 5 days a week, 52 weeks a year;

WHEREAS if carried out, the proposal to close the Base in Beardmore will have severe life threatening impacts going forward;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of O'Connor is opposed to the 2021-2030 Paramedic Master Plan in its current form; and

THAT the Council of the Township of O'Connor calls upon the Council of the City of Thunder Bay to not approve the Plan as presented and ensure that proper dialogue regarding these types of decisions occurs going forward

AND THAT it be sent to the Council of the City of Thunder Bay, the Minister of Health, as well as Municipalities and First Nations in the District of Thunder Bay.

J. Vezina
MAYOR

CARRIED

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RECORDED VOTE

ALEX CRANE
WENDY HANDY
JERRY LOAN

BISHOP RACICOT
JIM VEZINA

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TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR**

Louise Beaubien
CLERK-TREASURER

PUBLIC WORKS MONTHLY REPORT

March 15th, 2021

WATER TREATMENT & DISTRIBUTION

1. **QMS DWS UPDATE:** The Annual Summary Report for the Red Rock Drinking Water System was completed and submitted to ownership on March 2nd, 2021. The report was submitted to the MECP on March 8th, 2021.

Water & Wastewater operations from OCWA started on Monday, March 1st. Twp. operators have been working collectively with OCWA through the initial stages of transition.

Compliance issues resulting from the MECP's Inspection Report with due dates of March 12th have been addressed with assistance from OCWA. There is one issue that requires programming changes from Automation Now that may not meet the established deadline.

An extension has been granted by the MECP for the Red Rock Drinking Water Works Permit & License, with a due date of June 30th. The extension will allow OCWA's Process & Compliance Dept. to aid with the details involved in the renewal process.

2. Weekly water samples were collected and sent to ALS Laboratory from Feb 15th to Mar 12th. No adverse test results were received from any of the regular scheduled sampling.
3. Hydrant checks were completed on March 8th.
4. Water meter readings were done for the month of February on March 1st.
5. UV sensor verifications were performed for the WTP in February.
6. Standby power was tested at the WTP for the month of February.

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WASTEWATER COLLECTION & TREATMENT

1. Monthly sampling was submitted to lab for the month of February.
2. Standby power was last tested on January 28th.
3. Nichols & Saunders Pumping were used to remove plant screenings and clean grit channels in February.

RECREATION CENTER

1. Staff continue to perform cleaning and building checks on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays of each week.
2. The Weight Room has once again been closed to the public because of restrictions from regional lockdown for Covid-19.
3. The 40-gallon hot water tank that is dedicated for the restaurant had to be replaced from Reliance Rentals at the end of February.
4. Thermal Mechanical was needed to repair a burst radiator in the curling club viewing room. After investigating the issue, it was recommended that a larger circulation pump be installed for that particular heating loop on the boiler system. A new pump has been ordered and will be installed by Thermal.

MARINA CENTRE & PARK

1. Public Works staff continue to perform weekly inspections of the Marina Building and Fuel Kiosk.
2. Public Works has been performing snow removal and plowing at Marina Park as time and priorities permit.

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March 15th, 2021

GENERAL

1. Public Works staff have primarily been working on snow removal and plowing duties over the course of this reporting period. As milder weather promotes melting, staff have been working to open catch basins and culverts for drainage.
2. One front wheel had to be ordered for the John Deere loader.
3. Parts to repair the exhaust for '05 Sterling Combo Truck are being quoted from Darryl McCleod.
4. Stand-by generators for the Public Works facility as well as Rec Center, continue to be tested monthly by staff.

RRFD Monthly Report to Council

Prepared March 9, 2021 for Council March 15, 2021

Training Meetings

No Training to Report for January

Feb 8/2021
Compartment Drill
13 Members

Feb 22/2021
Vehicle Fire
15 Members

Call Outs

Nothing to Report

Total Calls to Date 0

Special Training

2 members took NFPA 1072 HazMat Awareness Online Course
2 members took the Legislation Online Course
With several other members on waiting list to get into online training

Fire Prevention and Protection

Daylight Savings Time was yesterday
When you change your clocks ahead, always change your batteries in your Smoke and CO alarms and test them.
You never know when your life will depend on them.

Public Relations

Nothing to Report

Personnel

Regular Department Strength: 26
Present Strength: 24
Comm. Desk Operators: 2 (included in present strength)
Fire Prevention Officer: 1 (included in present strength)
Junior Fire Fighter: 3 (included in present strength)

CFO Activity

- * Mail, Email and Phone Calls
- * Vehicle/Equipment and hall monthly maintenance
- * Weekly updates to the OFMEM regarding PPE, and Department Strength and supplies
- * Meet with OCWA to discuss some concerns I had about the company taking over, most of my concerns were answered with Johanna to follow up on a couple of concerns
- * Conference call with Jon Pegg Ontario Fire Marshal to discuss the OFC (Ontario Fire College) it was discussed that the OFC will be closing at the end of March and will not be reopening as almost all training can be done online.
- * There was also discussion on RTC (Regional Training Center) and 2 Mobile Live Fire Trailers
- * Discussion on the RTC (Regional Training Center) and 2 new mobile live fire trailer the will be available soon for training.
- * The Fire Marshal would like these RTC every hour to hour and half across Ontario, Thunder Bay and Greenstone have both applied to have a RTC, I have also inquired about our Fire Dept to become a RTC but still waiting on more info back from OFMEM.
- * Have been inquiring about training props that OFC will be selling to see if we can get a couple to help with our in house training
- * Continue to organize the online training for the members of the Fire Dept
- * Working on updating all the SOG (Standard Operational Guidelines) for the Fire Dept

Recommendations to Council

Bob Edmonds has resigned from the Fire Dept. Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief, Captains and all members thank Bob for his service to our community.