

**AGENDA FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING OF
THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RED ROCK
FOR THE 952st REGULAR MEETING ON MARCH 21st, 2022 AT 6:30 P.M.**

1. Closed Session (6:30pm)
 - Item 1.1: Resolution to enter Closed Session, as authorized by the Municipal Act, 2001. Such paragraphs as: RES
Paragraph 239(2)(b) (personal matters about an identifiable individual), regarding Item 1.2; and
Paragraph 239(2)(e) (potential litigation), regarding Item 1.3; and
Paragraph 239(2)(e) (potential litigation), regarding Item 1.4; and
Paragraph 239(2)(b) (personal matters about an identifiable individual), regarding Item 1.5
 - Item 1.2: Report on Identifiable Individual
 - Item 1.3: Report on Potential Litigation
 - Item 1.4: Report on Potential Litigation
 - Item 1.5: Report on Personnel Matters
 - Item 1.6: Resolution to Rise from Closed Session and Report in Open Session RES

2. Report from Closed Session

3. Preliminary Matters:
 - Item 3.1: Call to Order (7:00pm)
 - Item 3.2: Traditional Territory Acknowledgement & Moment of Silence
 - Item 3.3: Volunteer Service Award Presentation - Gary Nelson
 - Item 3.4: Amendments to/Acceptance of Agenda RES
 - Item 3.5: Request/Receive Disclosures of Interest

4. Presentations or Deputations

5. Minutes of Previous Council Meeting(s)
 - Item 5.1: Minutes of the February 22, 2022 Meeting of Council RES

6. Correspondence
 - Item 6.1: Resolutions from other Municipalities
 - Item 6.2: NOMA – Joint and Several Liability Resolution RES
 - Item 6.3: Red Rock Golden Club – Basket Draw Donation RES
 - Item 6.4: Municipality of Greenstone – Firefighter Certification
 - Item 6.5: NOMA – Northern Ontario Transportation Task Force
 - Item 6.6: TBDSSAB- Update from the Board
 - Item 6.7: TBDSSAB – Advocacy for Federal Rapid Housing Initiative Funding RES
 - Item 6.8: NDMNRF – 2022-2023 Work Schedules
 - Item 6.9: Ministry of Infrastructure – Getting Ontario Connected Act, 2022
 - Item 6.10: NOSM- Expansion Announcement
 - Item 6.11: Letter to Hon. Greg Rickford
 - Item 6.12: Township of Hornepayne – Railway Crossing Expenses RES

7. Reports from Committees, Boards or Agencies
 - Item 7.1: Red Rock Public Library Board – February 8, 2022 Meeting RES

8. Reports from Administration
 - Item 8.1: Report from Director of Operations RES

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| Item 8.2: | Report from Fire Chief | RES |
| Item 8.3: | Report from Community Development Officer | RES |
| Item 8.4: | Report on Administrative Activity | RES |
| 9. | By-laws | |
| Item 9.1: | By-law 2022-1272 – to set rates, fees and charges for 2022 | RES |
| 10. | New Business | |
| 11. | Unfinished Business | |
| Item 11.1: | Recreation Master Plan | |
| Item 11.2: | Business Recognition Program | |
| Item 11.3: | Recycling Options from Environmental Committee | |
| Item 11.4: | Town Hall Meeting | |
| 12. | Closed Session (continued, if required) | |
| 13. | Report from Closed Session | |
| 14. | Confirming By-law (#2021-1273) | RES |
| 15. | Adjournment | |

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RED ROCK

951st REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

MARCH 7th, 2022

Electronically Present:	Mayor:	D. Robinson
	Councillors:	S. Park
		C. Todesco
		G. Muir
		M. McDonald
	Chief Administrative Officer:	M. Figliomeni
	Fire Chief:	R. Pitre

ONE: CLOSED SESSION

Council did not go into Closed Session.

TWO: REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

There was no report from Closed Session.

THREE: PRELIMINARY MATTERS

3.1 Call to Order

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

3.2 Traditional Territory Acknowledgement & Moment of Silence

Mayor Robinson read aloud the following land recognition and then proceeded in a moment of silence:

“Council of the Township of Red Rock hereby acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Robinson-Superior Treaty and that the land we gather on is home to the Red Rock Indian Band, the Anishnaabek and the Metis People.”

Following the moment of silence, Mayor Robinson took a moment to send thoughts out to the people of Ukraine and all affected by the current ongoing attacks.

3.3 Acceptance of the Agenda

No additions were presented to Council.

Resolution #1

Moved by: Councillor Park

Seconded by: Councillor Muir

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for this Regular Meeting of Council on March 7, 2022 be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

3.4 Disclosures of Interest

In response to Mayor Robinson's request, no members disclosed interests in matters before Council this evening.

FOUR: PRESENTATIONS OR DEPUTATIONS

Johanna Kirkbride and Patrick Albert from OCWA presented the 2021 4th Quarter Report and Section 11 & Schedule 22 Annual Summary Reports for the Red Rock Drinking Water System to Council.

Resolution #2

Moved by: Councillor McDonald

Seconded by: Councillor Todesco

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2021 4th Quarterly Report from OCWA, be received.

CARRIED

Resolution #3

Moved by: Councillor Muir

Seconded by: Councillor McDonald

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2021 Section 11 and Schedule 22 Annual Summary Reports for the Township of Red Rock Drinking Water System, be accepted and approved.

CARRIED

FIVE: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council approved the minutes of the February 22, 2022 Council meeting with the following resolution:

Resolution #4

Moved by: Councillor Park

Seconded by: Councillor Muir

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the minutes for the February 22, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council.

CARRIED

SIX: CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Red Rock Bowling League – Letter to Council

Councillor Muir declared a conflict of interest on the first item of Correspondence. The letter requested that the adult bowling league retain the fees for their last week of bowling so that

they could purchase prizes for the bowlers. Council discussed different options on a donation before coming to an agreement with \$400.00.

Resolution #5

Moved by: Councillor Todesco
Seconded by: Councillor McDonald

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves a donation to the Red Rock Bowling League for their windup prizes in the amount of \$400.00.

CARRIED

6.2 TBDSSAB – Child Care & Early Years Advisory Table Extension

Council posed no questions on the correspondence.

6.3 Ministry of Northern Development & Mines – Thank You

Council posed no questions on the correspondence.

6.4 NOMA – February 23, 2022 Board Meeting Summary

Council posed no questions on the correspondence.

6.5 NOMA – Firefighter Certification Letter

Fire Chief Pitre elaborated on the new proposed standards that Province plans to implement and how they might affect rural municipalities. The Fire Chief will bring back more information at the next Council Meeting.

6.6 NOMA – Joint and Several Liability Resolution

CAO Figliomeni expanded on the resolution from NOMA, mentioning that the increasing insurance costs greatly affect the small rural municipalities. He noted that NOMA is looking for support from municipalities on this resolution. Council directed the CAO to bring a supporting resolution to the next meeting.

6.7 Red Rock Indian Band – Community Support Centre Letter of Support

Councillor McDonald declared a conflict of interest regarding the correspondence. Council discussed the project and directed Administration to send the letter of support to the Red Rock Indian Band.

SEVEN: REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARDS OR AGENCIES

7.1 TBDSSAB – January 13, 2022 Meeting

Council posed no questions or discussions regarding the minutes.

EIGHT: REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

8.1 Report on Administrative Activity

CAO Figliomeni updated Council on the Marina Ice Trail, stating that the trail was no longer usable for the season due to the weather. Mayor Robinson requested to bring Gary Nelson to the next meeting of Council to award his 50 years of volunteer service within the community. Council directed Administration to send the vacant properties owned by the Township to a local realtor for sale.

Resolution #6

Moved by: Councillor Park

Seconded by: Councillor McDonald

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report on Administrative Activity, be received.

CARRIED

8.2 Report on Fee Schedule & Water Rates

Administration submitted a report for Council to review of the proposed 2022 Fee Schedule. Council posed no questions or discussions on the report, therefore Administration will bring the Fee Schedule and By-law back to the next meeting for approval.

NINE: BY-LAWS

9.1 By-law 2022-1270

Resolution #7

Moved by: Councillor Muir

Seconded by: Councillor Todesco

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law number 2022-1270, to enter into an agreement with the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry for the NORDS Transfer Payment Agreement, be passed.

CARRIED

TEN: NEW BUSINESS

No items of new business were raised by members of Council.

ELEVEN: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council posed no questions on the Unfinished Business.

TWELVE: CLOSED SESSION

Council did not go into Closed Session.

THIRTEEN: REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

There was no report from Closed Session.

FOURTEEN: CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Resolution #8

Moved by: Councillor Park

Seconded by: Councillor McDonald

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2021-1271, to confirm the proceedings of this evening's meeting, be passed as circulated.

CARRIED

FIFTEEN: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Mayor Robinson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:10p.m.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

Requests for Resolution Support from Other Municipalities

Council Meeting March 21, 2022

The following subject-matter resolutions previously deferred by Council and not previously viewed by Council, have been received:

No.	Date	Municipality (or Municipalities)	Subject Matter
1.	March 7, 2022	Woolwich Township	Mental Health Supports



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March 8, 2022

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Honorable Prime Minister Trudeau and Premier Ford:

RE: Resolution Passed by Woolwich Township Council – Mental Health Supports

This letter is to inform you that the Council of the Township of Woolwich endorsed the following resolution at their meeting held on March 7, 2022:

WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Woolwich (the "Township") has been an annual funding partner of Woolwich Counselling Centre to support local mental health counselling; and

WHEREAS Woolwich Counselling Centre is part of the broader Counselling Collaborative of Waterloo Region, a community-based partnership between six community counselling service providers within Waterloo Region; and

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on individuals and families, both globally and locally, including immediate and ongoing mental health concerns; and

WHEREAS the Township is aware that there has been an average 39% increase in total client referrals, which includes a 71% increase in child and youth referrals, for government funded programs in 2021 across member organizations of the Counselling Collaborative of Waterloo Region, which has led to difficulty for the member organizations to keep up with the demand in terms of bringing on new qualified staff to support the substantial increase in local client needs; and

WHEREAS the Township believes local needs for mental health supports and difficulties in responding to this increased need is indicative of a broader issue across Ontario and is expected to continue in the future; and

WHEREAS the current provincial funding model for mental health support is fragmented across several ministries and programs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Woolwich requests that the Government of Canada ensure appropriate and sustained funding is transferred to provinces for mental health purposes in their 2022 budget; and

THAT the Council of the Township of Woolwich requests the Government of Ontario to provide stable, reliable and predictable funding for mental health organizations in their 2022 budget; and

THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister, the Federal Minister of Finance, the local Member of Parliament, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the local Member of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and other municipalities in Ontario.

Should you have any questions, please contact Alex Smyth, by email at asmith@woolwich.ca or by phone at 519-669-6004.

Yours truly,



Jeff Smith
Municipal Clerk
Corporate Services
Township of Woolwich

- cc. Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance
- Tim Louis, MP Kitchener-Conestogo
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities
- Peter Bethlenfalvy, Ontario Minister of Finance
- Mike Harris, MPP Kitchener-Conestogo
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February 23, 2022

Resolution 2022-02: Joint and Several Liability

Background:

Municipalities across Ontario are experiencing surging insurance costs. Northwestern Ontario municipalities have seen an average increase of 21.5% for 2021 over 2020 costs. This is unsustainable and has the potential to bankrupt some municipalities if left unbridled. Many communities in Northwestern Ontario are small and experience greater difficulty managing such increases. They are unable to cover additional costs and their only option is to make sacrifices in other areas by reduce services or increase municipal property taxes.

The higher rates, more restrictive coverage terms, and increased deductibles are largely due to a hardening of the insurance market from a shrinking pool of insurers, post-pandemic uncertainty, climate change, and cyberattacks. Climate change and cyberattacks have forced insurance companies to recalculate their rates in the face of a more uncertain future and further examination of these factors is needed to better calculate their actual risk. Additionally, low prime-interest rates and bond yields are diminishing investment returns for insurance companies, leading to premium hikes to meet shareholder demand. The legal requirement for municipalities to have joint and several liability is a factor in the increases, as these types of claims have intensified in recent years. The unfortunate reality is if one defendant is unable to pay, the other can be held wholly responsible for a particular incident and municipalities are often targeted deliberately as they have the deepest pockets.

Recommendation:

WHEREAS municipal governments provide essential services to their communities and their ability to provide those services is negatively impacted by the exorbitant rise in insurance costs;

AND WHEREAS one of the drivers of rising insurance costs is joint and several liability, which assigns disproportionate liability to the municipality for an incident relative to their responsibility for it;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has the authority and the responsibility for the legal framework of joint and several liability;

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

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario on behalf of municipal governments has provided seven recommendations in its report titled "Towards a Reasonable: Addressing growing municipal liability Page 9 of 19 Council Minutes January 26, 2022 and insurance costs" dated October 1, 2019 to align municipal liability with the proportionate responsibility for incidents and capping awards;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association hereby supports AMO's recommendations;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association does hereby call on the Attorney General of Ontario to work with municipal governments to put forward a plan of action to address joint and several liability before the end of the government's current term to that municipalities can continue to offer high quality services to their communities.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Attorney General, the Honourable Doug Downey, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Steve Clark, AMO President, Jamie McGarvey, MPP Michael Gravelle, Thunder Bay – Superior North, MPP Judith Monteith-Farrell Thunder Bay-Atikokan, and all clerks and CAO's.

Moved By:

Seconded By:

CARRIED



President

THE RED ROCK GOLDEN CLUB HANDI-VAN FUNDRAISER

The Red Rock Golden Club will be hosting a Loonie Basket Draw on April 24, 2022 from 1p.m. to 4p.m. to raise funds for a new Handi-Van.

Would you please consider donating towards a basket or donating an item for a basket? If you would like to donate, please call Agnes McClendon at 886-2513.

Your support of this vital service is greatly appreciated.



MUNICIPALITY OF
GREENSTONE

Re: Proposed Regulation for Mandatory Firefighter Certification Feedback submitted to the Ministry of the Solicitor General (22-SOLGEN001)

The Municipality of Greenstone has several concerns regarding the proposed mandatory certification for volunteer Firefighters.

Mayors and CAO's were invited to a technical briefing to learn more about the proposed Regulation. This technical briefing is an important part of the consultation process so that Municipalities can appropriately assess how the proposed Regulation will affect the Municipality and our Residents. However, the first available briefing took place just 12 days before submissions were due. Given the nature of communities where volunteer Fire Department's are, Council's do not meet daily. Therefore, this timeframe is inadequate for the information to be properly reviewed, analyzed and commented on by Council. Therefore, the Municipality is requesting more fulsome consultation with Municipal Mayor's, Councillor's and CAO's as to the impact of the proposed changes on the whole organization.

It has not been demonstrated that the proposed Regulation (mandatory certification) will result in an increase in firefighter safety and a reduction in critical incidents beyond the system currently in place. Municipalities are already mandated under the Occupational Health and Safety Act to ensure sufficient training for the safety of workers. Instituting mandatory certification leaves less flexibility for Municipalities to address these training requirements. It also is expected to result in significant cost increases and/or service level reductions. During the technical briefing, the question was asked if there was a study showing that mandatory certification resulted in increased safety beyond the current requirement under the OHSA. The response was that there was not a study that the respondent was aware of. It was then noted that other professionals such as electricians, EMS, etc., all have certifications and that it was "best practice". It should be noted that all the professions identified as a comparison for the need for "certification" are not volunteer services. Furthermore, there are employee classes within Municipalities that also experience a high level of risk where "certification" is not required.

The proposed Regulation is likely to have a significant impact on the costs and levels of service for several volunteer departments within Ontario. It is already challenging for



many Municipalities to recruit and retain volunteer firefighters. This is due to several factors including family and work commitments, etc. By requiring certification, instead of ensuring an adequate amount of training to ensure safety, many firefighters may decide not to pursue or continue their commitment in a volunteer service. Furthermore, certification could logically lead to increased remuneration as the position would no longer be considered “volunteer” but rather a job.

For some Municipalities, in order to maintain a volunteer service, they need to retain an active count of volunteer firefighters equivalent to mid-sized Municipalities. For Greenstone, this is over 80 firefighters that need to be trained and certified. The one-time administrative costs identified in the information with the proposed Regulation do not take into account the costs of training as well as any travel for northern and/or remote communities. These factors (including challenges for recruitment and retention) will lead to increased costs for taxpayers, resulting in potential service reductions, therefore having potential unintended consequences.

The Municipality of Greenstone understands and agrees with the need for improved and standardized training for firefighters. However, there is already a system in place that requires Municipalities to ensure adequate training for safe operations. By adding additional requirements and providing less flexibility on how Municipalities meet those obligations, costs are expected to increase, and significant service level cuts may need to occur to ensure Municipalities remain compliant. Unfortunately, with so little notice of such significant changes, it is not possible for Municipalities to further assess all consequences on our residents, positive or negative. It is our opinion that further consultation with all of those impacted (including Council's and residents) and information on impacts is required. As part of this consultation, a clear link between the intended outcome and the proposed Regulation needs to be established and evaluated given the overall impacts to cost and levels of service.

Submitted to the Solicitor General through the Registry.
c.c.: Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), Thunder Bay District Municipal League (TBDML)



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March 4, 2022

To: Heads of Councils, their Council colleagues, and Senior Municipal Staff

The Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association has historically been a strong advocate for transportation issues in the North. In January, I was pleased to hear Minister Mulroney announce the Northern Ontario Transportation Task Force (NOTTF).

During our initial discussions with ministry staff regarding the Task Force, I stressed the importance of these discussions to be held in the North by people of the North. Minister Mulroney heard this message, and in appointing Councillor Danny Whalen, President of The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, and myself as President of the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association, the Minister ensured all northern Ontario municipalities have the opportunity to participate and provide input.

Several northern Ontario municipalities have their respective associations, and every district association in the northwest has a NOMA Board member representing their interests. All municipalities in Northwestern Ontario have a district NOMA representative available to gather their input.

The NOTTF will also be contacting many local transportation experts within our membership area to provide their input and expertise to the task force.

I encourage all municipal councils, airport boards, transportation committees to reach out in writing to your NOMA Board members or directly to our NOMA office with your concerns about our suggestions for the NOTTF.

I also ask our municipal membership to reach out to their local road safety coalitions, school safety groups, and other interested parties to make them aware of the opportunity to provide input.

Please provide all submissions to admin@noma.on.ca which will be provided to me, and I will present to the entire task force membership. To share thoughts with the Ministry please send submissions to NorthernTransportationPlan@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Wendy Landry'.

Wendy Landry, President, NOMA
Mayor, Municipality of Shuniah



THE DISTRICT OF THUNDER BAY
SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BOARD

Update from the Board

TBDSSAB Board Newsletter | March 15, 2022

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Message from the Chair

Please find below the February 2022 issue of Update from The Board – the monthly newsletter from the Board of Directors of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board. The purpose of this newsletter is to keep our municipal stakeholders informed about TBDSSAB activities by providing an overview of TBDSSAB Board information and reports following all monthly meetings.

Please circulate to members of your respective Municipal Councils.

At the February meeting, the Board was presented with updates on fourth quarter operations and strategic plan progress. The Board also approved a resolution to advocate for the expansion of funding criteria for the Government of Canada's Rapid Housing Initiative.

This February, we announced capital projects funded through Social Services Relief Funding. We are thrilled that this capital investment through SSRF will increase our housing system's capacity for homelessness prevention through transitional housing options as well as shelter spaces. This is a major success for The District of Thunder Bay.

On March 1, TBDSSAB offices returned to regular operating hours for in-person services (8:30-4:30). 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

This edition of *Update from the Board* covers TBDSSAB's regular monthly meeting on February 16th, 2022, 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.

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held:
Thursday March 17, 2022 at 10am

The Board meeting is scheduled to occur virtually. Updates about community participation options will be posted to the [Board Meetings page](#) on our website.



Spotlight: Capital Projects

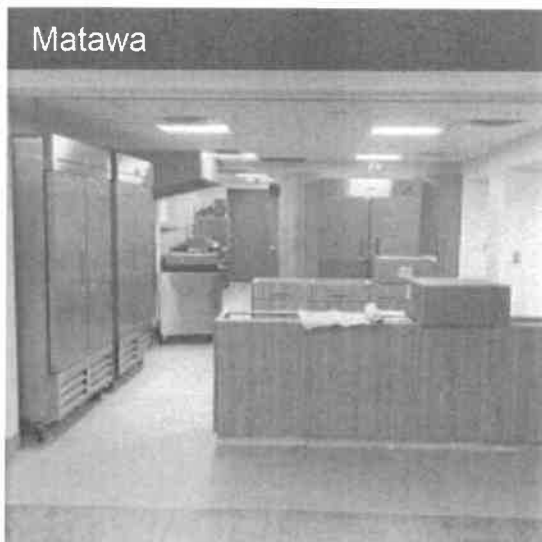
February 18, 2022 – The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board is announcing new capital projects funded locally through the province’s Social Services Relief Fund.

A total of 7 initiatives from 6 organizations across the District of Thunder Bay have received funding for capital projects through the Social Services Relief Fund, totaling \$2,936,000.

[Read the full media release for more information about projects funded as part of this announcement.](#)

“On behalf of the Matawa First Nations Management Board of Directors, Matawa First Nations and, our members residing in the city of Thunder Bay—we would like to acknowledge the paradigm-shifting efforts the TBDSSAB have been beginning to make as one of Ontario’s local system managers. With today’s investment into these two capital projects—we will be in a better place to be able to realize the goal of assisting families and youth in an innovative way that makes sense to us. Our gratitude is fully extended.”

– Frank Onabigon, Vice-President,
Matawa First Nations Management



Board Reports: Regular Board Meeting, February 17, 2022

Social Services Relief Fund Update

Download: [Report 2022-05](#) (PDF)

The Board was provided with an update regarding the TBDSSAB's spending under the Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF). [READ MORE](#)

Advocacy for Federal Rapid Housing Initiative Funding Expansion

Download: [Report 2022-06](#) (PDF)

The Board was provided with an overview of the Government of Canada's Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI) and provide rationale to advocate for the expansion of the funding criteria for this program. [READ MORE](#)

TBDSSAB 4th Quarter Operational Report

Download: [Report 2022-07](#) (PDF)

The Board was provided with the fourth quarter Operational Report. [READ MORE](#)

Right to Disconnect from Work Policy and Procedure

Download: [Report 2022-08](#) (PDF)

The Board was presented with information related to the implementation of a Right to Disconnect from Work Policy. [READ MORE](#)

2023 Strategic Plan—2021 Fourth Quarter Update

Download: [Report 2022-09](#) (PDF)

The Board was presented with the quarterly update on the Strategic Plan 2023 progress as at December 31, 2021. [READ MORE](#)

Community Partner Survey Results

Download: [Report 2022-10](#) (PDF)

The Board was provided with the results from the 2021 Community Partners Survey. [READ MORE](#)

Board reports for past meetings are available on our website:
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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**

BOARD REPORT

REPORT No.: 2022-06

MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 17, 2022

SUBJECT: ADVOCACY FOR FEDERAL RAPID HOUSING INITIATIVE FUNDING EXPANSION

RECOMMENDATION

THAT with respect to Report No. 2022-06 (Integrated Social Services Division), we, The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board, call upon the Government of Canada to reconsider the methodology used to determine eligible communities under federal housing programs like the Rapid Housing Initiative;

AND THAT we direct the Chair and Chief Administrative Officer to request a meeting with the federal Minister of Housing and local Members of Parliament to present the Board's concerns;

AND THAT a copy of this Resolution and Board Report No. 2022-06 be circulated to the federal Minister of Housing, Members of Parliament for Thunder Bay-Superior North, Thunder Bay-Rainy River and Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Thunder Bay District Municipal Councils, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association and Members of Provincial Parliament for Thunder Bay-Superior North, Thunder Bay-Atikokan and Algoma-Manitoulin.

REPORT SUMMARY

To provide The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board (TBDSSAB or the Board) with an overview of the Government of Canada's Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI) and provide rationale to advocate for the expansion of the funding criteria for this program.

BACKGROUND

The Government of Canada initially committed \$1 billion and launched the RHI in October 2020 to help address urgent housing needs of vulnerable Canadians through the rapid construction of affordable housing.

Under this initiative, \$500 million was provided directly to the 15 largest municipalities in Canada; TBDSSAB did not receive a direct allocation. An application-based component was established for the remaining \$500 million. TBDSSAB did not apply under that component due in part to the timelines for completion, the requirements and type of construction allowed, and so as not to compete with other non-profit organizations for what was expected to be a relatively small amount made available to organizations in the District of Thunder Bay. Administration is aware that at least two organizations in the TBDSSAB service area applied and that both applications were not successful.

The 2021 Federal Budget provided an additional \$1.5 billion for a second release of funding under the RHI, and the additional funding was available under two separate funding streams:

1. Cities Stream

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation identified 30 municipalities for direct allocations, based on the criteria of the number of renters in severe housing need, regional coverage, and local market housing cost in their respective rental housing market.

2. Project Stream

An application-based process, where RHI would only be considered for the applicants who submitted proposals during the first round of RHI funding and whose applications remain eligible for funding.

COMMENTS

None of the communities in the District of Thunder Bay qualified as one of the 30 predetermined municipalities under the Cities Stream, and TBDSSAB was not eligible for the second round of the Project Stream. The two organizations from the District of Thunder Bay that submitted applications under the initial phase of RHI funding were not successful under phase 2. As a result, the District of Thunder Bay was excluded from accessing the second round of funding through the RHI despite the overwhelming need, especially for transitional and supportive housing, in the District of Thunder Bay. Under the current criteria of the RHI, larger centres were favoured with the Cities Stream under both rounds despite the fact that there are homeless and underhoused people in rural communities as well as a lack of transitional/supportive options in smaller communities.

The methodology used to allocate \$500 million under RHI Phase 2 Cities Stream to 30 pre-determined municipalities was based on the number of renters in severe housing need, local market housing cost and regional coverage. Administration believes this was too narrow in scope and that indicators such as the number of chronic homeless (obtained through the Homeless Individuals and Families Information System – HIFIS), as well as mental health and addictions data, and transitional housing waitlist data, would have built a stronger methodology to ensure that resources are allocated to the communities with the highest need.

Administration surveyed service providers in the District of Thunder Bay to gauge the number of transitional housing units, rent supplements and other supports that are available for individuals with mental health or addictions.

Based upon this work, there are 312 transitional units or rent supplements specific for individuals with mental health and addictions. In addition to this, there are 294 individuals that are supported to live independently in the community (Housing First Programs, Social Navigation Programs, etc.). It is presumed that without this support these individuals would not succeed in their tenancy.

At this time, there are a total of 198 people on a wait list for a transitional space or supported rent supplement, and 146 individuals on a waitlist to receive support specific for individuals with mental health and addictions. Capital funding under the RHI would have been an ideal way to begin to address this waitlist and provide the resources to move individuals from homelessness to housing.

The lack of supportive and affordable housing resources to support mental health and addiction needs is increasing the number of the chronic homeless in the District of Thunder Bay. The North West LHIN previously indicated that admission rates to inpatient adult mental health units is the 3rd highest in the province (33.7 per 1000 population compared to 24.9 per 1,000 population provincially).

The average length of stay in inpatient adult mental health units was the highest in the province at 34.9 days and the number of admissions to inpatient adult mental health units is the second highest in the province (671.1 per 100,000, compared to 511.7 per 100,000 population provincially).

Additionally, Opioid-related morbidity and mortality in the District of Thunder Bay, like mental illness, occurs at a rate much higher than the provincial average.

2020 Comparative Opioid-Related Morbidity and Mortality in Ontario and the District of Thunder Bay

Rate per 100,000 People	Ontario	District of Thunder Bay
Emergency Department Visits for Opioid Poisonings	71.6	174.6
Hospitalization Rates for Opioid Poisonings	13.6	24.6
Deaths from Opioid Poisonings	10.3	41.4

Source: Public Health Ontario, Interactive Opioid Tool

With access to the funding that was committed through the RHI, the TBDSSAB would have had the resources to begin to address the capital costs associated with addressing the need for affordable housing in the District of Thunder Bay, especially for transitional housing and support for the homeless.

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

This report meets the Board's 2020-2023 strategic direction of Advocacy, particularly the strategy to advocate for local, flexible solutions.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS


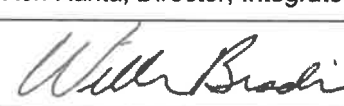
There are no immediate financial implications with this report.

CONCLUSION

It is concluded that this report provides an overview of the Government of Canada's Rapid Housing Initiative and provides rationale to advocate for the expansion of the funding criteria for this program.

REFERENCE MATERIALS

None

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Re: Advocacy for Federal Rapid Housing Initiative Funding Expansion

THAT with respect to Report No. 2022-06 (Integrated Social Services Division), we, The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board, call upon the Government of Canada to reconsider the methodology used to determine eligible communities under federal housing programs like the Rapid Housing Initiative;

AND THAT we direct the Chair and Chief Administrative Officer to request a meeting with the federal Minister of Housing and local Members of Parliament to present the Board's concerns;

AND THAT a copy of this Resolution and Board Report No. 2022-06 be circulated to the federal Minister of Housing, Members of Parliament for Thunder Bay-Superior North, Thunder Bay-Rainy River and Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Thunder Bay District Municipal Councils, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association and Members of Provincial Parliament for Thunder Bay-Superior North, Thunder Bay-Atikokan and Algoma-Manitoulin.

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INSPECTION

INSPECTION OF 2022 – 2023 ANNUAL WORK SCHEDULES FOR BLACK SPRUCE, DOG RIVER-MATAWIN, LAKEHEAD, AND WABADOWGANG NOOPMING FORESTS

The April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023 Annual Work Schedule (AWS) for the **Black Spruce, Dog River-Matawin, Lakehead** and **Wabadowgang Noopming Forests** are available electronically for public viewing by contacting **Resolute FP Canada Inc.** for **Black Spruce** and **Dog River-Matawin Forests**, **Greenmantle Forest Inc.** for **Lakehead Forest** and **NDMNR staff** for **Wabadowgang Noopming Forest**, during normal business hours and on the Natural Resources Information Portal at <https://nrip.mnr.gov.on.ca/s/fmp-online> beginning **March 15, 2022** and for the one-year duration of the AWS.

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.

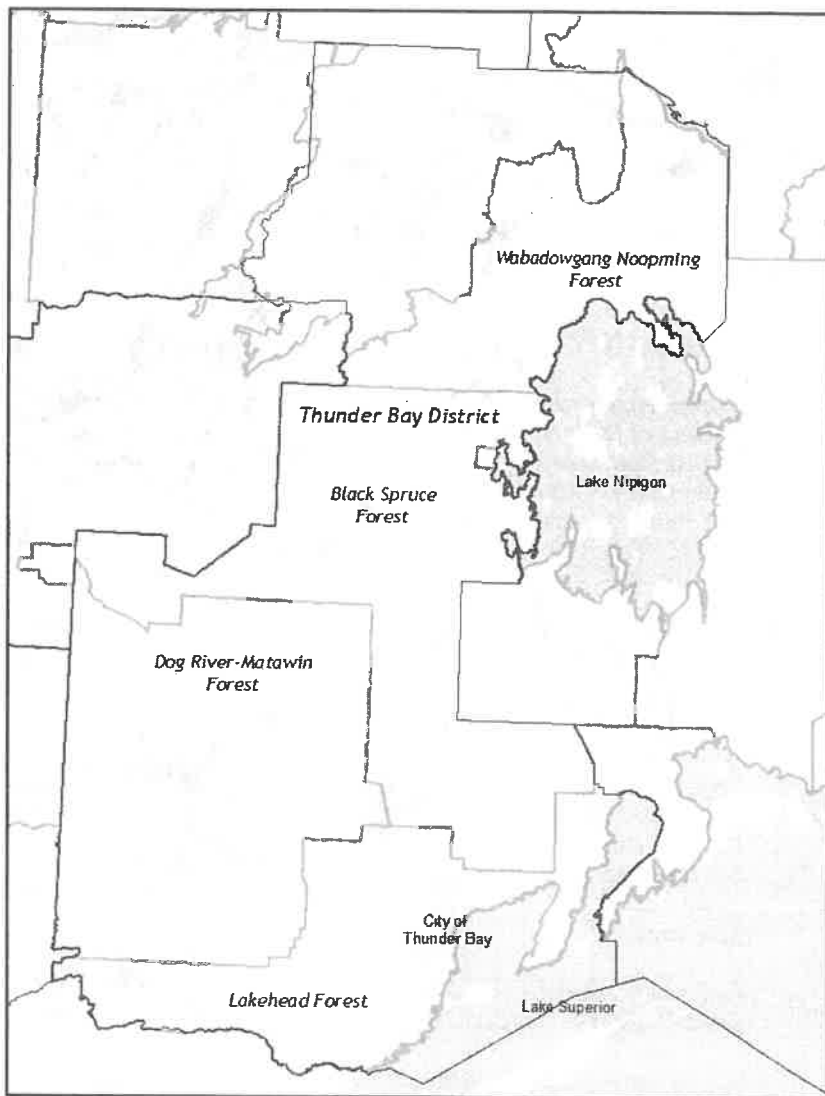
Tree Planting and Fuelwood

The SFL contacts below are responsible for tree planting on the forests. Please contact the appropriate SFL holder listed below for information regarding tree planting job opportunities.

For information on the locations and license requirements for obtaining fuelwood for personal use, please contact the NDMNR staff listed below. For commercial fuelwood opportunities, please contact the SFL holder directly.

More Information

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



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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>

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Getting Ontario Connected Act, 2022

I am pleased to reach out to you today, following the update that the Minister of Infrastructure, The Honourable Kinga Surma provided (March 7, 2022) to municipal heads of council.

The Government is committed to ensuring that all communities across Ontario have access to high-speed internet by committing nearly \$4 billion in funding-based opportunities for unserved and underserved communities. The *Building Broadband Faster Act* was enacted in April 2021 to help achieve this goal by the end of 2025. This legislation will help remove barriers or delays to broadband project construction and support a more streamlined approach to the deployment of high-speed internet infrastructure.

The Building Broadband Faster Act Guideline (Guideline) was then released in November 2021 to outline the standards for supporting broadband deployment. This was accompanied by a Statement of Intent that provided a roadmap for further legislative, regulatory, and policy tools to facilitate this work.

In line with the Statement of Intent, the Government of Ontario has introduced the *Getting Ontario Connected Act, 2022* which, if passed, would help achieve its high-speed internet goals by reducing construction delays and expediting collaboration among infrastructure owners.

The legislation, if passed, would amend the *Building Broadband Faster Act, 2021* (BBFA) to set required service standards to ensure municipalities provide timely responses to right-of-way permit requests. It would also require information and data sharing by municipalities, infrastructure owners and other stakeholders upon request in relation to designated broadband projects.

Infrastructure Ontario is concurrently developing an online platform called Broadband One Window that would provide municipalities and stakeholders with easy and secure access to datasets while helping to manage right of way access applications.

The legislation, if passed, would also amend the *Ontario Underground Infrastructure Notification System Act, 2012* to improve the process for locating underground infrastructure while enabling construction activities in the province to be completed faster and more efficiently, without compromising safety.

The government has worked with municipalities and other key stakeholders to communicate the impacts these measures would have in advancing broadband projects. To further support these efforts, I would appreciate your feedback on a proposal to be posted shortly on Ontario's Regulatory Registry related to these amendments, as well as a separate proposal for an administrative penalties framework under the BBFA, which will be developed in the coming months.

Thank you for your ongoing support and should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Ministry at broadband@ontario.ca.

Yours sincerely,

Jill Vienneau

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March 16, 2022

Wendy Landry, President
Northern Ontario Municipal Association
Email: president@noma.on.ca

RE: NOSM Expansion Announcement

Dear Wendy,

I write with deep humility and appreciation for your efforts and advocacy for medical education expansion for NOSM. Your voices were heard loud and clear and yesterday the Ontario government added 30 more undergraduate and 41 additional postgraduate positions to our complement to roll out over the next 5 years. The [government press release](#) and the [NOSM media release](#) are attached.

I would be so grateful if you could send this message to the Mayors, Councillors and City Councils on my behalf to say: Thank you, Merci, Marsi, Miigwetch.

Collectively you helped us take a valued and important step in transforming the health-care system in Northern Ontario. With these increases we will eliminate the gaps in health human resources and create equitable access to care in northern Ontario. Now, NOSM will be Canada's first independent medical university and with your ongoing support we will continue to be one of the greatest education and physician workforce strategy success stories of Northern Ontario.

Please accept my sincere gratitude for everything you all did and have done for NOSM. I look forward to speaking at NOMA's annual meeting in April and at the FONOM meeting in May.

With warm regards,

Sarita Verma BA, LLB, MD, CCFP, FCFP
Dean, President, and CEO
Northern Ontario School of Medicine

cc: Andrea Strawson, Executive Director

NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Training More Doctors as it Builds a More Resilient Health Care System

Province Launching Largest Expansion of Medical School Education in Over 10 Years

March 15, 2022

[Office of the Premier](#)

BRAMPTON — The Ontario government is expanding medical school education as it continues to build a stronger, more resilient health care system, especially in growing and underserved communities. Ontario is adding 160 undergraduate seats and 295 postgraduate positions over the next five years, the largest expansion of undergraduate and postgraduate education in over 10 years.

“As our province grows, our government has a plan to build a stronger, more resilient health care system,” said Premier Doug Ford. “We’ve already shored up domestic production of critical supplies like PPE and have added thousands more hospital beds. Now, building on our work to recruit and retain nurses and personal support workers, we’re launching the largest expansion of medical education in ten years.”

This expansion will support all six medical schools across Ontario, including the University of Toronto’s new Scarborough Academy of Medicine and Integrated Health, the Queen’s-Lakeridge Health Campus, the Northern Ontario School of Medicine, Western University, McMaster University and the University of Ottawa. Medical seats will also be allotted to the new Ryerson School of Medicine in Brampton when it becomes operational.

“Ontario’s health care professionals are some of the finest practitioners in the world and that is a testament to the education they receive through Ontario’s universities and colleges,” said Jill Dunlop, Minister of Colleges and Universities. “This expansion will increase access to family and specialty physicians and other health care professionals in every corner of the province to ensure that Ontarians can access the health care they need, when they need it, wherever they may live.”

Expanded undergraduate and postgraduate medical school positions will be allocated as follows:

- Ryerson University will receive 80 undergraduate seats and 95 postgraduate positions
- University of Toronto will receive 30 undergraduate seats and 45 postgraduate positions
- Northern Ontario School of Medicine will receive 30 undergraduate seats, and 41 postgraduate positions
- Queen’s University will receive 20 undergraduate seats and 30 postgraduate positions
- Western University, McMaster University and University of Ottawa will each receive 28 postgraduate positions.

“Ontario’s doctors are key partners of a strong and sustainable health care system,” said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. “Supporting more students to become physicians is a key part of our plan to build up our health care workforce and ensure patients can access the care they need no matter where they live.”

Quick Facts

- The University of Toronto’s new Scarborough Academy of Medicine and Integrated Health will also receive funding for enrolment in life sciences and physical therapy programs.
 - To strengthen the health and long-term care workforce, [Ontario is investing \\$342 million](#), beginning in 2021-22, to add over 5,000 new and upskilled registered nurses and registered practical nurses as well as 8,000 personal support workers. In addition, Ontario is investing \$57.6 million, beginning in 2022-23, to hire 225 nurse practitioners in the long-term care sector.
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Quotes

"As a growing city with pressing healthcare needs, I'm proud of the fact that the first new medical school in Ontario in over 30 years is being built right here in Brampton. After years of chronic staffing shortages, budget cuts, and neglect from previous governments, our community is finally getting our fair share. Brampton's new medical school will give the eager students of today the opportunity to become the skilled doctors serving our community tomorrow — improving access and quality of care for all Bramptonians."

- Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria
MPP for Brampton South

"Ryerson University will offer a new approach to medical education in Ontario — one that draws on the university's commitment to community, diversity and inclusion, and innovation to address the changing needs for healthcare delivery and practice. We are encouraged and grateful for this announcement of long-term investment by the government of Ontario and we look forward to shaping the future of healthcare with our partners in Brampton and Peel region."

- Mohamed Lachemi
President & Vice-Chancellor, Ryerson University

Additional Resources

- [Ontario Training More Health Care Workers at Indigenous Institutes](#)
- [Ontario is investing \\$35 million to increase enrolment in nursing education programs in publicly-assisted colleges and universities across the province](#)
- [Ontario is investing over \\$115 million to train up to 8,200 new PSWs at publicly assisted colleges](#)
- [Ontario is providing \\$86 million to help train up to 8,000 PSWs through private career colleges and district school boards](#)
- [Ontario Enhancing Personal Support Worker Training](#)
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NOSM University expansion to aid with Northern Ontario physician shortage

Posted on March 15, 2022



Additional spots for MD and residency will contribute to long-term sustainability of physician workforce

On March 15, 2022 the Government of Ontario announced medical school expansion across the province. With this announcement, NOSM University will see an added 30 medical degree and 41 residency spots over the next five years.

“Thank you to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Health Christine Elliott and Minister of Colleges and Universities Jill Dunlop for making changes that will impact the health of our Northern communities,” says Dr. Sarita Verma, Dean, President and CEO of NOSM. “They have supported the creation of Canada’s first independent medical university effective April 1 and now, with this expansion, are providing new physician spots for the North. It is an exciting time for NOSM University.”

According to NOSM’s estimates, more than 300 physicians are needed in the North and that number does not factor retirements that may take place over the next five years.

“As part of our promise to deliver high quality health care to all parts of Ontario, we are ensuring that the doctors of tomorrow have access to the world-class training that Ontario’s medical schools provide,” says Premier Doug Ford. “This is the largest expansion of medical education in 10 years and is a key element to building a stronger and more resilient province for generations to come.”

NOSM’s latest strategic plan, *The NOSM Challenge 2025*, will move forward with addressing the urgent physician workforce shortage, innovate health professions education and strengthen research capacity while embedding social accountability throughout.

“This is another important step in transforming the health-care system in Northern Ontario to eliminate the gaps in health human resources and create equitable access to care,” says Dr. Verma. “We cannot underestimate the impact that Northern Ontarians make when they pull together and advocate for change. I want to particularly acknowledge the Ontario Medical Association, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities and the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association and their members. Municipalities, big, small and all, have had loud voices heard at Queen’s Park.”

NOSM currently enrolls 64 MD students and 60 first-year residents per year.

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NOSM University is Canada’s first independent medical university and one of the greatest education and physician workforce strategy success stories of Northern Ontario. More than just a medical university, it was purpose built to address the health needs of the region. While advocating for equitable access to care, the University contributes to the economic development of Northern Ontario. NOSM University relies on the commitment and expertise of the peoples of Northern Ontario to educate health-care professionals to practise in Indigenous, Francophone, rural, remote and underserved communities. With a focus on diversity, inclusion and advocacy, NOSM University is an award-winning, socially accountable organization renowned for its innovative model of distributed, community-engaged education and research.

Through evidence-based strategies and health-care service models, NOSM University advocates for sustainable solutions for health human resources in Northern Ontario. By preparing, attracting and retaining health-care professionals, the University will improve access to equitable, high-quality health care in the North with an aim to eliminate the gaps.

For further information about NOSM, please contact:

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March 14, 2022

The Honourable Greg Rickford
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Submitted via email.

Re: Ontario’s Natural Resource Users say Public Forest Road Infrastructure Key Ask for Ontario’s 2022-23 Budget

Minister Rickford,

On behalf of our organizations and members, we fully support your government’s focus on building public infrastructure. Significant investments have been made in highways, northern community infrastructure, and road networks to the Ring of Fire. In response to the increased use of forest roads, required maintenance and upgrades of critical forest road infrastructure, and inflationary pressures, we ask the provincial government to increase the Forest Access Roads Funding Program to \$100 million in the 2022-23 budget. This program is a successful public-private partnership that leverages tens of millions of dollars in private investment for essential public infrastructure, supporting thousands of jobs across Ontario.

Forest roads provide essential social, cultural, wellness, and economic opportunities for First Nations and the citizens of Ontario by providing safe and affordable access to the province’s abundance of parks, natural spaces, rivers, lakes, and forests. Users include tens of thousands of people and businesses from all regions of Ontario that participate in important sectors such as tourism, prospecting and mining, forestry and wood products manufacturing, and renewable energy. Furthermore, our forest roads support culturally and economically important activities such as camping, fishing, hunting, trapping, gathering natural foods and guiding; pursuits that have boomed throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Forest roads are necessary for all these activities to continue playing an essential role in the lives and livelihoods of First Nations, Ontario families, and visitors, particularly in remote, rural, and hard to access areas.

Forest roads are vital for public safety in northern and rural areas. Firefighters frequently use them to attack wildfires before they reach population centres. 2021 was a record fire season in Ontario, making a well-maintained and far-reaching network of forest access roads more essential than ever. Roads are also frequently used by first responders who need to provide emergency services in remote locations. In healthcare emergencies, time is of the essence, and having well-maintained public infrastructure enables first responders to save lives in First Nations and communities in rural Ontario.

We appreciate the ongoing support of this program by your government. Increasing the funding envelope to \$100 million will allow the program to keep pace with inflation, the increased use of Ontario's forests, and accelerate economic development across northern and rural Ontario. By taking this action, we can kickstart a strong post-COVID economic recovery for our sectors, increase access for First Nations who rely on forest roads, enable Ontarians to explore our beautiful outdoors, and to continue building critical infrastructure across the province.

Thank you.

Anishinabek Nation
Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities
Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association
Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters
Ontario Forest Industries Association
Ontario Fur Managers Federation
Ontario Mining Association
Ontario Prospectors Association
Ontario Waterpower Association
Red Rock Indian Band
Rural Ontario Municipal Association
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Hon. Todd Smith, Minister of Energy
Hon. Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade

Quotes

“Forest access roads are an important economic driver that employs Indigenous people and supports Indigenous-owned businesses across northern Ontario. They are an investment in the future of our communities.”

– **Regional Deputy Grand Council Chief Melvin Hardy, Anishinabek Nation**

“Forest access roads are critical public infrastructure that enables investments and upgrades in our communities. A well-maintained northern road network provides access to first responders to help our people during healthcare emergencies where every minute counts. Also, having maintained access roads in place year-round is critical to our First Nation's members being able to exercise their rights to hunt, fish, trap and practice their cultural activities on the land”.

– **Chief Paul Gladu, Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek**

“Being able to get out and experience the great outdoors is one of the reasons that we love living in northern Ontario. Forest access roads allow Ontarians to explore all parts of our beautiful province and enjoy recreational activities in all seasons while providing economic development opportunities in regions of the province that need it the most.”

– Councillor Danny Whalen, President, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities

“Expanded funding for forest access roads means expanded economic development opportunities for the many communities that depend on them, including Timmins. Sectors from natural resources to tourism would experience faster growth and a stronger post-pandemic recovery with the enhanced funding, and we at the Timmins Chamber of Commerce support this vision.”

- Rob Knox, President, Timmins Chamber of Commerce

“All natural resource industries depend on a comprehensive and well-maintained road network to develop their projects and sell to the marketplace. The Ontario Mining Association fully supports the ask to enhance the Forest Access Roads Funding program to \$100 million annually.”

– Chris Hodgson, President, Ontario Mining Association

“Without road access to deposits, it would be impossible for Ontario’s prospectors to explore and develop new and exciting projects. Well-maintained public road infrastructure is essential to our industry, northern economic development, and improving the quality of life for all Ontarians.”

– Garry Clark, Executive Director, Ontario Prospectors Association

“The Ontario Waterpower Association supports actions to promote economic development in Ontario’s north. It is forecasted that waterpower generators across northern Ontario will spend \$1 billion on their existing assets in the next five years. Infrastructure programs, like the Forest Access Roads Funding Program, are essential to building and maintaining Ontario’s vast waterpower resources. “

– Paul Norris, President, Ontario Waterpower Association

“Job creation is more essential than ever as we look at a long and difficult economic recovery. Expanded support for forest access roads would create jobs across the north, including right here in Thunder Bay, and we support this call to increase the program’s funding envelope to \$100 million.”

- Charla Robinson, President, Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce

“Recovering from the economic impacts of COVID-19 is going to be a long and difficult process for municipalities across Ontario, especially in northern and remote regions. Investing in our forest access roads will accelerate the recovery process for municipalities throughout northern Ontario and create skilled, stable jobs. Forest roads are the lifeblood of our communities.”

– Mayor Wendy Landry, President, Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association

“Increased infrastructure spending is going to be an essential step in Ontario’s post-pandemic economic recovery. We’re proud to join this call for expanding financial support for the Forest Roads Access Program and looking forward to the jobs, economic development, and prosperity that it will generate.”

- Jason Lacko, Representative, United Steel Workers

“Increasing the funding envelope for forest access roads will create hundreds of good-paying jobs in municipalities across Ontario. It’s essential to construct and maintain this critical infrastructure to enable communities across Ontario to reach their full potential.”

– Mayor Robin Jones, Chair, Rural Ontario Municipalities Association

“Enhancing funding for forest access roads won’t just build critical public infrastructure across Ontario. It will support strong union jobs and careers throughout the province. This is an investment in Ontario’s recovery and the future of the northern economy.”

– **Gary Bragnalo, National Representative, Unifor**

“The Ontario government understands the importance of public infrastructure and the forest industry. Leveraging and expanding this successful private-public partnership will provide unequaled value to the people of Ontario.”

– **Ian Dunn, President & CEO, Ontario Forest Industries Association**

“Forest access roads are essential for our community. They enable our residents to access emergency services in times of crisis and to enjoy the many recreational activities that our beautiful landscape has to offer.”

– **Mayor Roger Sigouin, City of Hearst**

“Enhancing the Forest Access Roads Funding Program is an investment in critical northern infrastructure that pays huge returns for the people of Ontario. Crown forests have long been a gateway for anglers and hunters to spread out across the province and enjoy a diversity of world-class opportunities, that in turn support the economic and social wellbeing of rural and northern communities. The return on investment from fishing and hunting alone is worth it, but the broad multi-use public, community, and industry benefits make it all the more significant.”

– **Matt DeMille, Director of Policy & Programs, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters**

“Investing in the Forest Access Roads Funding Program is critical to building and maintaining existing road infrastructure. This is important to the people of Ontario and beyond. Commercial sectors depend on and require this infrastructure to be well maintained for their needs. Furthermore, these roads are critical to the enjoyment of thousands of people who access our natural resources, spend time with family and friends, and create memories that last a lifetime. In this modern-day and age, Trappers depend on this type of infrastructure to manage furbearer and predator populations which jurisdictional wildlife managers depend on to help keep our ecosystem healthy and balanced.”

– **Robin Horwath, General Manager, Ontario Fur Managers Federation**

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The Geographic Centre of Ontario

March 7, 2022

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RE: Railway Crossing Maintenance/Construction Expenses

Dear President Vanderheyden:

Hornepayne was at a loss of how to get traction and to highlight the issues surrounding Railway Crossing Expenses. We thought bringing it to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities would be a good place to start.

Like many municipalities across Canada that have railways running through their communities the Township of Hornepayne is faced, usually annually, with expenses related to railway crossing upgrades/maintenance. These expenses are always in the tens of thousands of dollars, if not higher, and are crippling to small municipalities such as ours that operate on tight budgets. Generally, municipalities are given no input into the decision-making and are simply expected to, unquestioningly, split the cost of the work which often comes as a surprise and is therefore not budgeted for.

The practice of billing municipalities back for 50% of crossing maintenance expenses dates back to the 1970's when our national railways such as CN Rail and CP Rail were Crown Corporations. That changed in 1995 and 2001 respectively when the railways privatized and became profit-making entities, trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange and being responsible to their private shareholders.

Unfortunately, the Federal legislation governing shared-cost arrangements for crossing maintenance did not change with privatization. This means municipal rate payers - homeowners and private business owners - are still responsible for covering a portion of some of the expenses incurred by these multi-million-dollar private, for-profit corporations. There needs to be a better way.

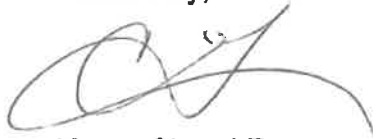
Individual municipalities lack the resources to confront this issue on their own. As the “the national voice of local government”, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Hornepayne, is respectfully requesting that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities advocate on behalf of all those communities affected by:

- Consulting with Canadian municipalities with railways running through their communities and with the general public;
- Consider forming a Task Force to conduct a review of the outdated legislation requiring municipalities to cover a high percentage of railway crossing maintenance/construction and create solutions that will benefit Canadian municipalities who have been subjected to this practice for far too long;
- Creating a process under which road authorities have more input and control over capital work and expenses within their budgetary control; and,
- Providing a report to Transport Canada and the affected municipalities outlining their recommendations (see Resolution No. 2022-044 - attached).

We believe this is a key issue for many municipalities across Canada. Helping to effect change on this Federal legislation would help ease the strain on municipal budgets and ensure more equity where such share-cost agreements are necessary.

I appreciate your consideration and look forward to your response.

Yours truly,



Mayor Cheryl Fort
Township of Hornepayne

c.c.: Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Honourable Omar Alghabra, Federal Minister of Transport
Transport Canada
Canadian Transportation Agency
Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Ontario Minister of Transportation
Carol Hughes, MP Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)
Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

Attach:

The Corporation of the Township of Hornepayne
 68 Front Street, PO Box 370
 Hornepayne, Ontario
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COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED BY: Drago Stefanic
name

NO. 2022-044

SECONDED BY: Peter Kistemaker
name

DATE: February 9, 2022

WHEREAS, the federal government under Transport Canada has jurisdiction "in respect of transport by railways to which Part III of the Canada Transportation Act applies" (subsection 2 (2) of the Railway Safety Act (RSA); and,

WHEREAS maintaining grade crossing safety is a complex, multi-jurisdictional challenge; and,

WHEREAS, under the Canadian Transport Commission (now the Canadian Transportation Agency) legislative orders dating back to the 1970's, road authorities such as municipalities across Canada were made responsible for covering 50% of new crossings as well as railway crossing upgrades and maintenance; and,

WHEREAS this legislation was put in place when railways such as CN Rail and CP Rail were publicly owned entities; and,

WHEREAS, according to the Canadian Transportation Agency, "the costs of construction and maintenance of a basic grade separation are not to include the costs that would otherwise be incurred by the railway company or the road authority if the crossing did not exist"; and,

WHEREAS these railways are no longer Crown Corporations but were privatized in 1995 and 2001 respectively, becoming for-profit corporations with listings on the Toronto Stock Exchange; and,

WHEREAS, a net profit margin for a large corporation of 5% is considered low, 10% considered average and 20% considered high; and,

WHEREAS the average net profit margin for CN Rail and CP Rail are 31.87% and 32.25% over the last 5 years; and,

WHEREAS private, for-profit companies should not be reliant on public funds for maintenance and upgrades to their infrastructure and therefore should not be subsidized by municipal ratepayers; and,

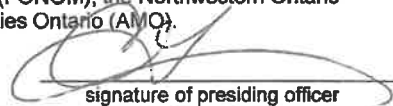
WHEREAS municipalities, particularly small, rural, and northern municipalities have small and limited budgets and struggle to cover internal capital expenditures;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Hornepayne does hereby request that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) investigate further and consider forming a Task Force to find a better solution for Canadian municipalities that could include, but not be limited to, the following tasks:

- Consult with all Canadian municipalities with railways running through their communities and with the general public;
- Conduct a review and create solutions to the outdated legislation requiring municipalities to cover a high percentage of railway crossing maintenance/construction;
- Create a process under which road authorities have more input and control over capital work and expenses within their budgetary control;
- Provide a report to Transport Canada and to the affected municipalities outlining their recommendations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Omar Alghabra, Federal Minister of Transport, Transport Canada, the Canadian Transportation Agency, Carol Hughes, MP Algoma-Manitowlin-Kapuskasing, the Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), and the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO).

Carried Defeated Deferred


 signature of presiding officer

RECORDED VOTE:	YES	NO	ABSTAINED
Councillor Belinda Kistemaker	—	—	—
Councillor Peter Kistemaker	—	—	—
Councillor Jon Peroff	—	—	—
Councillor Drago Stefanic	—	—	—
Mayor Cheryl Fort	—	—	—

Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof.

(Name) _____ (Name) _____

Disclosed the pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

 (Clerk)

Red Rock Public Library
Regular Meeting
February 8, 2022

*The 409th regular meeting of the Red Rock Public Library Board was held on
Tuesday February 8, 2022.*

Present:

Chairperson:	Cheryl Hendricken
Board Members:	Marilyn Young Joanne Boudreau Anne Lockwood
Secretary/Librarian:	Nancy Carrier
Absent with regrets:	Darquise Robinson Denise Maidment

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m.
Chairperson read the Respect and Acknowledgement Declaration, followed by a moment of silence.
2. The agenda was approved and there was no declaration of pecuniary interest.
3. The Minutes of the meeting held on January 11, 2021 were approved.

Resolution #1:

Moved by: Marilyn Young

Seconded by: Anne Lockwood

Be it resolved that: the minutes of the meeting held on January 11, 2022, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

Business arising from minutes:

- CEO has been monitoring recent updates to Ontario. Reg. 364/20 pertaining to Covid-19 restrictions. Directions are as follows:

2. (1) *Public libraries may open if they comply with the following condition:*

1. *The total number of members of the public in the library at any one time must not exceed 50 per cent capacity, as determined in accordance with subsection 3 (2) of Schedule 1.*

On January 31st, 2022 we eliminated the “by appointment” model, as the municipality also went back to normal service delivery. We are compliant to the 50 percent capacity regulation directions outlined by the province.

CEO and Staff are prepared for contingencies, as this plan may be impacted by:

- 1) Direction from municipality/province to go to curbside
- 2) Staff absenteeism due to sickness (of any kind)

Correspondence: None

4. The final Statement of Operations for 2021 was available for discussion. Cheque register for December 2021 was also available for discussion. The Statement of Operations for January 2022 was available for discussion. Cheque Register for January was also available for discussion.

Resolution #2:

Moved by: Anne Lockwood

Seconded by: Joanne Boudreau

Be it resolved that: the cheques numbered 1063 to 1066, in the amount of \$4221.65, and dated January 13, 2022, be approved for payment.

CARRIED

Resolution #3:

Moved by: Marilyn Young

Seconded by: Anne Lockwood

Be it resolved that: the cheques numbered 1067 to 1074, manual cheque #18, in the amount of \$9961.88, and dated February 7, 2022, be approved for payment.

CARRIED

5. The Librarian’s report, dated February 8, 2022, and covering the month of January 2022 was presented and discussed.

New Business:

- CEO presented a document titled “Red Rock Public Library 2021 Statistics at a Glance” as compiling of statistics for the Public Library Operating and Pay Equity Grant, has begun by CEO.
 - CEO presented an updated Red Rock Public Library 2022 Database Brochure.
6. The next meeting date was discussed.
Motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Resolution #4

Moved by: Anne Lockwood

Seconded by: Joanne Boudreau

Be it resolved that: The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m. and the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

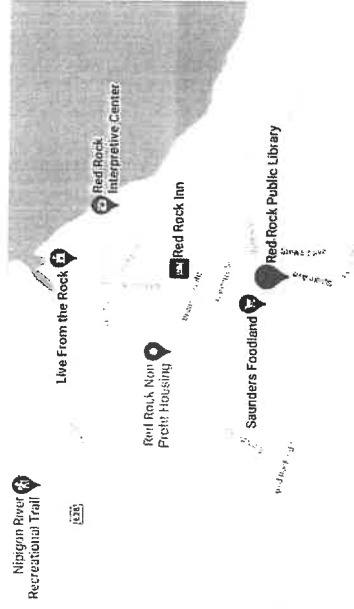
CARRIED

Use your 14 digit library card to and select Red Rock Public Library to access any of our databases.

Contact the library with any questions!

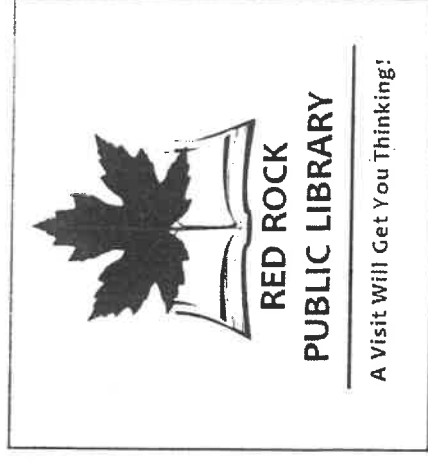
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ABOUT US



It is the mission of the Red Rock Public Library to provide equitable access to information, library services, and other resources to all members of our community.

RED ROCK PUBLIC LIBRARY DATABASES



A quick outline of our library databases can be found on our website at <http://redrock.olsn.ca> under E-Resources

DATABASES



Libby is a free online database of downloads including magazines, e-books and audiobooks. To access, visit the E-resources tab on our website. If using a device, go to the "App Store" and download the app! You will need your 14 digit library card number and to select Red Rock Public Library.

Novelist

Novelist is a free online database of book recommendations for patrons of the Red Rock Public Library. Novelist's unique search options help you find the types of books you like, and find more that suit your interests and style. To access, visit the E-resources tab on our website. All you need to use Novelist is your 14 digit library card!



Mango is an online language learning resource, with over 70 different languages in its database. To access, visit the E-resources tab on our website. If using a device, go to the "App Store" and download the app! Set up your account by using your 14 digit library card number and selecting Red Rock Public Library.



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Ancestry Library Edition is a genealogy website available for use only in the library. Through this database you can access family history, records and more. You can access it by clicking on the Ancestry Library Edition logo on the desktop of any library computer. Come in to the library and search your roots!

Red Rock Public Library 2021 Statistics at a glance

In 2021 the Library delivered service through curbside pickup and drop off from January 1st to September 1st. We promoted our online catalogue for holds and selections as well as took requests via phone and email. For eight months, the library could not allow access to the library for computer access, printing/copying or faxing. These services were delivered remotely, with Library wi-fi being available 24/7 as well as document service delivered remotely via email. Library card sign ups were also done remotely during the 8 months of curbside delivery. We promoted our website which includes databases and information routinely as well.

Our staff worked very hard in order to continue to develop and offer library programs remotely with craft kits and contests provided instead of the traditional in-library attendance for a program. We promoted extensively online through social media channels and website as well as physical posters distributed in the community.

We opened the Library to patron access in September 2021, allowing access to our public computer and in-person document service, as well as physical access to all of our materials for borrowing.

- *Patronage* - Library visits totalled **2,432** patrons coming into lobby/library for 2021.
- *Programs* - Programming participation totalled **1,079** patrons for 2021.

We offered 34 different types of programs with 51 sessions offered (some programs had multiple sessions ie. TD Summer Reading Program) We are very cognizant of the different age groups within our community and diligently offered a variety of programs for every age group.

- *Circulation* - We circulated **5669** materials within 2021, including the 3 Mapsacks (discovery backpacks) to the St. Hilary School kindergarten class in Spring of 2021. The circulation number also include digital loans and inter-library loans for 2021.
- *Website*- Our website had an average of **93** monthly sessions. A website session occurs when a patron visits the website and navigates to the online catalogue, database links or photo contest pictures for example.
- *Databases* - Our databases were well used- with Overdrive/Libby being the most popular. We had a total of **2059** digital loans through Overdrive/Libby. We had on average **28** monthly users and registered **15** new users in 2021.
- *Social Media* - Our social media channels were also well used for communication. Facebook is by far the most popular. Our FB posts reached on average **1506** people in a month. On average monthly, **305** people engaged with our page and posts by sharing, liking or commenting.
- *Technology assistance*- Once we opened to library access, (for 4 months from September to December only) our staff assisted **8** patrons with computer/device help for a total of **215** minutes.

Comparison of statistics 2021 vs 2020

	2021	2020
Patronage	2,532	1,515
Programs	34 programs 51 sessions	17 programs 25 sessions
	1079 Attendance	374 attendance
Circulation Includes ILL, CNIB And Libby usage	3580 + 19 + 11 + 2059 = 5669	5099
Website visits Yearly	1127 visits	651 visits
Database usage	2392	2785
Social Media	5690	5396
(*data collection for Twitter and Pinterest changed in 2021; instead of total views or visits the channel provides "impressions" instead) thereby reduced numbers		
Tech assist	8 patrons 215 minutes	0 patrons 0 minutes

PUBLIC WORKS MONTHLY REPORT

March 21st, 2022

WATER DISTRIBUTION

1. Public Works performed a water service repair which involved residents of 43 & 45 Rankin St. on March 16th. Upon excavation, it was discovered that the 1" common service, that provides water for both households, was severed close to the main. The service line was isolated at the main corporation stop, and a new piece of line was spliced to make the repair. An excavator from a private contractor was used for this dig because of inground frost conditions.
2. Public Works responded for a frozen water service at 4 Baker Rd, (Jay's Garage), on March 8th. This water service has historically been an issue for freezing due to the length and shallow depth of the line. An attempt was made to thaw the water service, and then excavate the line to thaw from the customer's curb stop valve, but frost conditions made these attempts unsuccessful.
For the time being, potable water is being provided daily from Public Works. A plan to deepen and insulate the water service will be made when conditions allow for this work.
3. Winter hydrant checks are scheduled for the week of March 21st.

WASTEWATER COLLECTION

1. Public Works has begun storm water collection maintenance as warmer weather is promoting increased levels of snow melt, mainly opening of froze over catch basins and thawing of drainage culverts.

PUBLIC WORKS MONTHLY REPORT

March 21st, 2022

RECREATION CENTER

1. The Rec Center Arena will close for the season on Sunday, March 20th. The ice plant will be shut down for the season on this date.

MARINA CENTRE & PARK

1. A service technician from Thermal Automation was needed to investigate an issue with the in-floor heating system for the Marina Building. After reviewing the building's maintenance program, a problem with one of the system's automated valves seems to be the problem. A new valve actuator is on order, but a new 4-way valve may also be needed. For the time being, the forced air heating has been increased in certain areas of the building to compensate.
2. Public Works staff are performing weekly building checks of the Marina Center over the course of the off-season.
3. Snow removal is being performed from Public Works on a priority basis for Marina Park.

GENERAL

1. Public Works efforts have been concentrated mainly on road and sidewalk maintenance for snow removal over much of this reporting period. Snow fall events have required weekend overtime from Public Works employees on several occasions during this reporting period.
2. Snow removal efforts were aided from Dave Hurd Contracting the week of March 14th. The widening of streets and intersections were primarily focused

PUBLIC WORKS MONTHLY REPORT

March 21st, 2022

on for much of the week, the extra help was very much needed to deal with the snow congestion.

3. Corp. Management is continuing to explore purchase opportunities with sales reps from respective equipment dealers in the area. Economic conditions being what they are, hasn't helped to promote many favorable opportunities for machines on the used market.

For now, the plan is to continue to use the backhoe in its current state and operate it accordingly.

4. A Dept. Safety meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, Mar 24th. The focus of this meeting will be discussion in response to Workplace Safety Reports.
5. Regular checks are being performed monthly for standby power at both the Rec Center and Municipal Shop.

RED ROCK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



RRFD Monthly Report to Council

Prepared March 16, 2022 for Council Meeting scheduled on
March 21, 2022

Training Meetings

January 3/2022

Discussion on training requirements for the year, replaced side lights on the Equipment Van

10 Members

2.5 Hrs

January 17/2022

Search & Rescue, SCBA

11 Members

3 Hrs

February 7/2022

Duty Crew and modify equipment on trucks

10 Members

2.5 Hrs

February 21/2022

Communication

9 Members

2.5 Hrs

February 28/2022

Truck Maintenance

9 Members

3 Hrs

Call Outs

January 8/2022

MVA (Motor Vehicle Accident)

January 25/2022

Natural Gas Leak

January 31/2022

Vehicle Fire

February 20/2022

MVA (Motor Vehicle Accident)

Total Calls to Date 4

Special Training

2 Member taking online training course

Fire Prevention

Nothing to report

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: 2 (included in present strength)

CFO Activity

* Mail, Email and Phone Calls

* Vehicle/Equipment and hall monthly maintenance

*Discussions with our new OFMEM Advisor Andrew Bak

*Continue to apply to host courses at our hall so members can meet the new Certification

*Monitoring the weekly Duty Crew

*Registered members for online training

*Attended Fire Dept Captains meeting

*Meeting with Fire Chief Madel in Nipigon regarding the new training requirement

*Continue working on updating the Fire Dept Guidelines

*Continue to work on the 2021 SIR (STANDARD INCIDENT REPORT) for the OFMEM

*Completed all the required documentation and submitted to the OFMEM for the year 2021

Emergency Management Requirements

*Working on recruitment and retention for our Fire Dept

*Attended several Mutual Aid meeting and Mutual Aid Election as I also sat on the Mutual Aid Election/Policy Committee

*Participated in the both Fire Chief's Technical Briefing for the Proposed Mandates and also sat in on the briefing that was percentered to the Mayor's and CAO

*Working on training plan with all the Office of the Fire Dept that is going to help our members with Certification

Recommendations/Comments for Council

*I have received confirmation from Deputy Fire Marshall John Snider that we will be hosting the Mobile Live Fire Training Unit (MLFTU) at our Fire Dept July 7-10.

*Please see attached level of service recommend by the members of the Fire Dept

*Discuss or questions regarding the new Proposed Mandatory Certification



RED ROCK **VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**



Recommended Level of Service

***Interior & Exterior Fire Suppression**

***Auto Extrication**

***Wildland Fire**

***Basic Hazmat**

***Co2 & Natural Gas**

***Trail Rescue**

***Shoreline Water Rescue**



Township of Red Rock

Community Development Office

42 Salls Street
Red Rock ON P0T 2P0
cdo@redrocktownship.com
(807) 886-2704

March 21, 2022 CDO Activity Summary

Grants and Projects

- a) ICIP Green – Red Rock Newton, Frost, Stadler and Brompton Water and Wastewater Rehabilitation and Replacement Project

Continuing with project management activities and coordination with funders, JML Engineering and Director of Operations on various components of the project.

Both portions of the project are expected to be completed in the spring and summer 2022 with final completion by October 2022.

Information is available on the Municipal Website

(<https://www.redrocktownship.com/government/municipal-services/>) with an information board posted at the Recreation Centre and Library. Questions can be directed to myself. Notices will be going out to residents along Brompton Rd., Newton Ave., Frost Street and Stadler Ave. regarding the impact to residents in the project area 2 weeks before construction begins.

- b) Continuing to prepare documentation, research various component costs for projects and RFP's, provide status reports to funders, submit claims to funders for expenses related to projects, monitor project timelines and budgets and final reporting to funders for completed projects.
- c) Review previous reports for supporting documentation for current and future funding opportunities and attend webinars and information sessions on current funding opportunities to determine eligibility and feasibility (if the township has the required data or reports demonstrating need for projects)
- d) ICIP Culture – Recreation Centre Rehabilitation Project

JML Engineering has been awarded the contract for Engineering and Contract Administration Services for the combined Recreation Centre Rehabilitation and Municipal Accessibility Upgrades Project, of which the ICIP Culture project is apart. Engineering components of the Recreation Center portion are to be completed during the summer of 2022 with work estimated to start by the end of 2022, barring any hiccups.

e) ICIP Covid- Resiliency – Recreation Centre Roof

This project will be included in the RFP for Engineering and Contract Admin Services for the Recreation Centre. Work is expected to be completed in the summer of 2023 to coincide with the roof replacement over the Brompton Rd. entrance.

- f) Continue to work with McSweeney and Associates on the RV Park and Campground Market Focused Business Case which is 90% funded by FedNor and NOHFC. The report with recommendations and next steps is to be completed by the mid March 2022 with final approval and acceptance of Council to occur at the April 4th Council Meeting.
- g) Continuing to work with McSweeney and Associates on the development of Red Rock's Community Strategic Plan and Community Profile which is also 90% funded through FedNor and NOHFC. The project is expected to be completed by the end of May 2022 and on track. In person and virtual focus groups and working groups to take place on March 22nd, 24th and April 12.
- h) Ice Trail:
- i. Closed due to weather
 - ii. Thank you to our Public Works Department and the Volunteer Fire Department for their hard work in building the trail and trying to maintain it during this challenging winter.
- i) Continued communication and collaboration with local and regional organizations for partnership opportunities, provide input and stakeholder relations.
- j) RFP for Website and Online Service Delivery Review as part of the Municipal Modernization Program received 5 responses which are currently under review. This project is 100% funded up to \$50,880.00.
- k) Working on the Community Safety and well-being plan to be compliant with Provincial requirements.
- l) Working on an application for the Active Transportation Fund which focuses on walking and cycling paths, sidewalks, and lighting along walking paths.
- m) Assisting the Golden Club with an application to the Rural Transit Solutions fund for the purchase of a new accessible van.

Requesting direction from Council to write a letter of support for Red Rock's in-kind contribution to the Red Rock Golden Club Accessible Van project through application assistance and ongoing scheduling activities.

- n) Preparing documentation and requirements for an updated Marina Security plan in anticipation of cruise ships in the near future (as early as 2024).

**The Corporation of the Township of Red Rock
Administrative Report**

Date: March 21st, 2022
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Activity Report – CAO/Clerk/Treasurer
Submitted by: Mark Figliomeni – CAO/Clerk/Treasurer

BACKGROUND:

March 8th, 2022 – March 21st, 2022

DISCUSSION:

This report is for information only and provides Council with an update on the activities within the office of the CAO/Clerk/Treasurer.

Please feel free to ask any questions that you may have and reach out at any time.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY:

- *Bi-Weekly Internal Staff / Team Meetings / Discussions
- *Day to Day Operations- General Discussions / Stakeholders
- *TBDHU – Covid -19 - Weekly Update
- *MAP Course – Session # 5 & 6 – AMCTO Training – CAO
- *Meetings with PSD Citywide – Compliance – Asset Management
- *Meetings with Federal & Provincial Government – WPCP – Process
- *Meetings with Legal – Discussions – Potential Litigation – General Matters
- *Real-Tax – Municipal Tax Sale – Property
- *BDO – Audit Team – Onsite the week of March 7th, 2022

This is a summary of some of the activity within Administration & the Office of the CAO/Clerk/Treasurer, things continue to go well and remain extremely busy. We continue to strive to move forward as a community and a team, this is our major focus & part of our overall vision.

MONITORING SITUATIONS

***Continue to monitor the Covid-19 regulations and requirements on a daily basis as we continue to manage our way through this ever changing process.**

***Continue to set internal policies and procedures based on overall best practice within the Municipal Act.**

DIRECTION / DISCUSSION / UPDATES

***The Tax sale held on Thursday March 17th was very successful for the Township of Red Rock. A total of 21 tenders were received for the 5 listed properties and all 5 properties received tenders and have begun the sale process to the highest bid.**

***The process of a scope change (addition within the current funding) has commenced within the RRWPCP project. Discussions are ongoing to have our 2 lift stations upgraded as a part of this project. Discussions are going well at this point with the Federal and Provincial representatives.**

***BDO has completed the first in-person portion of the audit for the year 2021, we continue to work with BDO closely on this process.**

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RED ROCK

BY-LAW 2022-1272

Being a By-law to set Facilities Rental Rates and Specified Fees and Charges for Services

WHEREAS, Section 391 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* empowers municipalities to pass bylaws imposing fees or charges on any class of persons for,

- a) services or activities provided;
- b) costs payable for services or activities provided or done on behalf of any other municipality; and
- c) the use of its property under its control.

AND WHEREAS, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Red Rock deems it desirable to set fees and charges for the use of municipally owned properties and for services provided within the Township of Red Rock;

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RED ROCK ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That effective January 1, 2022, the Schedule of Fees and Charges will be as listed on Schedule "A" of the By-law, which said schedule is hereby declared to be and form part of this By-law.
2. That any By-law or By-laws inconsistent with the provisions of the By-law are hereby repealed.
3. That any Township of Red Rock Policies that contain information on Fees and Charges be properly amended.
4. This Bylaw comes into force upon adoption.

Read a first and second time

this 21st day of March, 2022.

Read a third time and finally passed

this 21st day of March, 2022.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

Township of Red Rock

Schedule 'A' to By-law

Fee's and Service Charges Effective January 1, 2022

2021

Services:

Charges:

Municipal Office

Lottery Licenses

Nevada's Raffles \$ 15.00 Box
3% of Prize value

Lawyers Requests

Tax Certificates \$ 40.00
Zoning Compliance & Work Order Certificates \$ 60.00 20
Water Arrears Certificates \$ 40.00

Cats & Dogs

Dog License \$ 10.00
Cat License \$ 10.00
Replacement Tag \$ 3.00
Seniors age 65 Free

Misc.

Photocopies \$ 0.25 /page
Faxes \$ 1.00 /page
Commisioned Documents \$ 10.00 * NEW*
Seniors (65) & toll free - no charge
NSF \$ 35.00 plus bank charges
Zoning By-law Copy \$ 15.00
Official Plan Copy \$ 15.00
Registered Letters \$ 15.00 plus postage
Transfer funds from one water/tax acct to another - customer request \$ 25.00

Municipal Tax Sale Costs

Tax Arrears Registration/Final Notices As invoiced by Realtax 600
Tax Arrears Extension Agreement As invoiced by Realtax 200
Public Sale of Tax Arrears Properties As invoiced by Realtax 1200

Planning Act Applications

OMB Hearing (does not include appeals) \$ 1,500.00
Draft Plan of Subdivision Application \$ 1,000.00
Subdivision Agreement \$ 1,000.00
Site Plan Agreement \$ 750.00
Official Plan Amendments \$ 800.00
Zoning By-law Amendments \$ 750.00
Minor Variances/Consents \$ 100.00

Recreation

Room Rentals (all plus HST)

Arena \$ 600.00
Gymnasium
Dance \$ 450.00
Beer Garden \$ 450.00
Non Liquor Event \$ 250.00
Gymnasium Non-Profit Volunteer No Charge
Full Gym \$ 30.00 per hour plus HST
Instructor Fee for Programming \$ 10.00 per hour plus HST 30
Bouncy Castles* **Rental in Rec Centre Only** \$ 60.00 per hour plus HST 50
additional castle \$ 25.00 per hour plus HST
* includes Gymnasium Rental in price *
Gym Lounge/Golden Club/Teen Town
1/2 day (3 hours) \$ 50.00 plus HST
Full Day (3- 6 hrs) \$ 70.00 plus HST
\$ 20.00 per hour plus HST
***NOTE* If rental is outside of scheduled hours, additional charges for staff overtime will be charged**
Gymnasium & Lounge \$ 50.00 per hour plus HST
Non-Profit Volunteer No Charge

(SUMMER)	Arena Floor	Youth Sports	\$ 15.00	per hour	plus HST
		Adult Sports	\$ 30.00	per hour	plus HST

NOTE: All Gym & Arena Rentals with music must pay SOCAN Music Fee by law

Bowling Rental Rates						
	Parties (includes 1 hour use of Gym Lounge)		\$ 70.00		plus HST * NEW*	
Bowling Rates (HST Included)	Per Game	Students/Children	\$ 4.00		* NEW*	
		Seniors 55+	\$ 4.00		* NEW*	
		Adults	\$ 5.00		* NEW*	
		Shoes	\$ 1.00	per person	* NEW*	
Ice Rental Rates						
	Minor Hockey/Figure Skating		\$ 66.00	per hour	plus HST	
	Other leagues		\$ 70.00	per hour	plus HST	
	Parties (includes 1 hour use of Gym Lounge)		\$ 70.00		plus HST	
Ice User Fees (HST Included)	Seasonal	Children 0-12	\$ 60.00			
		Students 13+	\$ 70.00			
		Adults	\$ 80.00			
		Seniors 55+	\$ 60.00			
		Family (Immediate)	\$ 150.00			
	Punch Cards		10 days	25 days		
		Children	\$ 10.00	\$ 20.00		
		Students	\$ 15.00	\$ 25.00		
		Adults	\$ 20.00	\$ 30.00		
		Seniors	\$ 10.00	\$ 20.00		
	Daily Fees	Children	\$ 2.00			
		Students	\$ 3.00			
		Adults	\$ 4.00			
		Seniors	\$ 2.00			
Fitness Room (HST Included)	Per Person		\$ 7.00	per day		
			\$ 25.00	per week		
			\$ 65.00	per month		
			\$ 90.00	3 months		
			\$ 130.00	6 months		
			\$ 225.00	1 year		
			Seniors (age 55)/Students	\$ 35.00	per month	
				\$ 47.50	3 months	
				\$ 67.50	6 months	
				\$ 100.00	1 year	
			Family	\$ 130.00	per month	
				\$ 180.00	3 months	
				\$ 230.00	6 months	
		\$ 350.00	1 year			

NOTE: If required - After regular hours of operation, labour rates at cost - see GENERAL LABOUR
NOTE: Fire Fighters receive 60% off a Per Person Membership after probationary period

Fees for Services

Public Works

Charges

General Labour

Labour - per person	\$ 40.00	plus HST
Labour - per person (after normal hours)	\$ 60.00	plus HST
Machinery	\$ 65.00	per hour plus HST
Material	cost + 20%	plus HST

Water Sewer Rates

Residential	\$ 49.22		46.88
Multi-Residential	\$ 23.56	per unit	22.44
Commercial/Industrial	\$ 103.67		98.73
Consumption	\$ 2.12	cu/m	2.02
Water/sewer Split (Internal)		62/38	
Disconnect after April 1	\$35.00		
Disconnect after October 31	\$65.00		
Reconnect after April 1	\$35.00		

Reconnect after October 31 \$65.00
 Arrears 1.25%

Building Code

Building Permit \$0 to \$2,500.00 value \$ 40.00 35
 \$2,501 - \$5,000 value \$ 45.00
 \$5,001 & over \$ 45.00 plus \$5.00 per \$1,000.00 value
 Demolition Permit \$ 40.00
 Application Deposit \$ 100.00
 Curb Cutting Permit \$ 40.00 * NEW*

Dump Fees

Resident 1/2 ton no charge
 Resident over 1/2 ton \$ 20.00 per load
 Resident Curbside pick-up \$ 50.00 per load or part
 Residential Curbside clean-up (3rd notice) \$ 50.00
 Non-Resident 1/2 ton \$ 20.00 per load
 Contractor 1/2 ton \$ 20.00 per load
 Contractor Tandem Load \$ 50.00 per load
 Contractor Tri-axle \$ 80.00 per load
 Hazardous Material local (asbestos) \$ 50.00 cu/yd plus labour costs
 Hazardous material non-local (asbestos) \$ 60.00 cu/yd plus labour costs
 Bulk contaminated soil set by CAO & PWS as needed
 Septic - Residential \$ 20.00
 Septic - Non Residential \$ 30.00
 Septic - 1000gal or over \$ 40.00
 Fridge/Freezer Disposal \$ 50.00 per unit * NEW*

Equipment Rentals

All plus HST per day

Tables \$ 5.00 per table per 3 days or part
 Chairs \$ 1.00 per chair per 3 days or part
 Picnic Tables \$ 15.00 per month or part

Misc

Gazebo/Platform Wedding Service \$ 100.00 per event plus HST
 Marina Park Wedding Service \$ 200.00 per event plus HST
 Food Stand Licence \$ 150.00 per calendar year plus HST

Marina

Boat Storage Outside Fence \$ 150.00 Oct 1/May 31 plus HST
 Boat Storage Inside Fence \$ 300.00 Oct 1/May 31 plus HST
 Plane storage \$ 300.00 Oct 1/May 31 plus HST
 Boat Storage Outside Fence \$ 100.00 June 1/Sept 30 plus HST
 Boat Storage Inside Fence \$ 200.00 June 1/Sept 30 plus HST
 Plane storage \$ 200.00 June 1/Sept 30 plus HST
 Boat Launch - Township assist \$ 85.00 plus HST
 Boat Out - Township assist \$ 85.00 plus HST

Slip Fees	(plus HST)	Resident	Non-resident
18 feet		\$ 360.00	\$ 375.00
20 feet		\$ 390.00	\$ 405.00
23 feet		\$ 402.00	\$ 427.00
25 feet		\$ 440.00	\$ 462.00
27 feet		\$ 450.00	\$ 475.00
30 feet		\$ 475.00	\$ 495.00
33 feet		\$ 495.00	\$ 515.00
36 feet		\$ 525.00	\$ 546.00
37 feet and over		\$ 18.00	\$ 19.00
Inside tee slip A, B & C		min \$540	min \$562
Outside tee slip A, B & C		\$ 17.00	\$ 20.00
		min \$540	min \$562.00
Deposit		20%	20%
Key Deposit		\$ 50.00	

Monthly docking Seasonal Fee/3 plus \$25.00
 Overnight docking Resident = length X \$.80
 Non-Resident = length X \$.85

Launching Season \$ 40.00 \$ 60.00
 Daily \$ 6.00 \$ 8.00
 Boat Pumpout \$ 25.00
 Trailer pumpout \$ 5.00

Power Receptacles	\$	14.00	per day
	\$	185.00	per month
	\$	475.00	per season

(Power off September 30th)

Fees for Services

Camping		\$30.00	per night
		\$170.00	per week
		\$600.00	per month
Showers		\$4.00	
Marina Bulding Rental	Conference Room - with no equipment	\$100.00 morning \$100.00 afternoon \$100.00 evening	4hrs + HST 4hrs + HST 4hrs + HST
	Conference Room - Equipment per period plus open early/late labour fee	\$100.00 \$30.00 hr	4hrs + HST plus HST