

**AGENDA FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING OF
THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RED ROCK
FOR THE 977th REGULAR MEETING ON MARCH 20TH, 2023 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 set out in the minutes for the purpose of approval of the Closed Session minutes of the meeting held on March 7, 2023 (Item 1.2); and Paragraph 239(2)(b) (identifiable individual), regarding Item 1.3; and Paragraph 239(2)(c) (pending acquisition or disposition of land), regarding Item 1.4; and Paragraph 239(2)(f) (solicitor-client privilege), regarding Item 1.5 RES
 - Item 1.2: Minutes of the Closed Session portion of the regular Council Meeting held March 7, 2023 RES
 - Item 1.3: Report on Personal Matters regarding Identifiable Individual
 - Item 1.4: Report on Acquisition or Disposition of Land
 - Item 1.5: Report on Solicitor/Client Privilege
 - 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: Amendments to/Acceptance of Agenda RES
 - Item 3.4: Request/Receive Disclosures of Interest

4. Presentations or Deputations
 - Item 4.1: Red Rock Developments Inc. – Mill Redevelopment

5. Minutes of Previous Council Meeting(s)
 - Item 5.1: Minutes of the March 7, 2023 Council Meeting (Open Session) RES

6. Correspondence
 - Item 6.1: Resolutions from other Municipalities RES
 - Item 6.2: NOMA – Strategic Plan Intern
 - Item 6.3: MNR – Inspection of 2023-2024 Annual Work Schedules
 - Item 6.4: Ontario News Release – Changes to Parliamentary Assistant Roles
 - Item 6.5: Ontario News Release – Province Approves Plan for Road to Ring of Fire
 - Item 6.6: Ontario News Release – Feds Won't Match Ontario's Pledge for Ring of Fire
 - Item 6.7: Ontario News Release – Government Invests for High Speed Internet
 - Item 6.8: Ministry of Environment – Municipal Class Environmental Assessment
 - Item 6.9: NOMA – 2023 Draft Meeting Agenda
 - Item 6.10: TBDSSAB – Update from the Board
 - Item 6.11: NOMA – Second Call for Nominations

7. Reports from Committees, Boards or Agencies

8. Reports from Administration
 - Item 8.1: Report from Director of Operations RES
 - Item 8.2: Report from Community Development Officer RES (3)

- Item 8.3: Report on Administrative Activity RES
- Item 8.4: Report on Community Budget Survey Results Summary
- Item 8.5: Report on Telecom Enterprises

- 9. By-laws
 - Item 9.1: By-law 2023-1315 – To appoint a Weed Inspector RES

- 10. New Business

- 11. Unfinished Business
 - Item 11.1: Council Committees
 - Item 11.2: EMS Consolidation
 - Item 11.3: Taxation
 - Item 11.4: Strategic Plan Implementation

- 12. Closed Session (if required)

- 13. Report from Closed Session

- 14. Confirming By-law (#2023-1316) RES

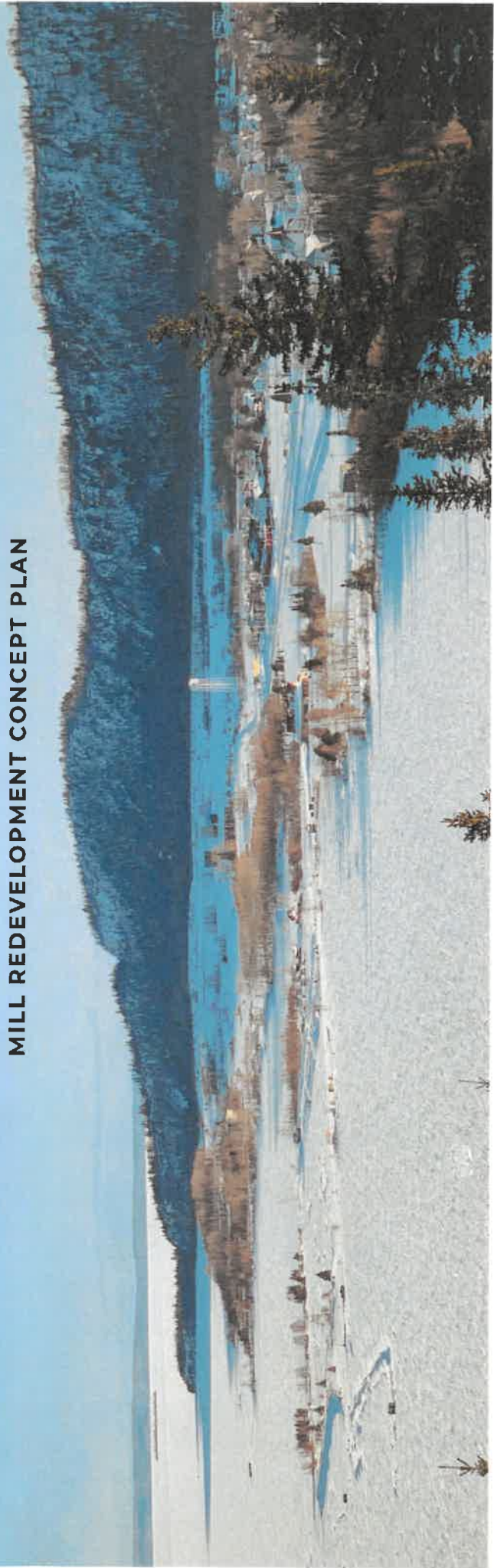
- 15. Adjournment



RED ROCK

SUPERIOR & BEYOND

MILL REDEVELOPMENT CONCEPT PLAN

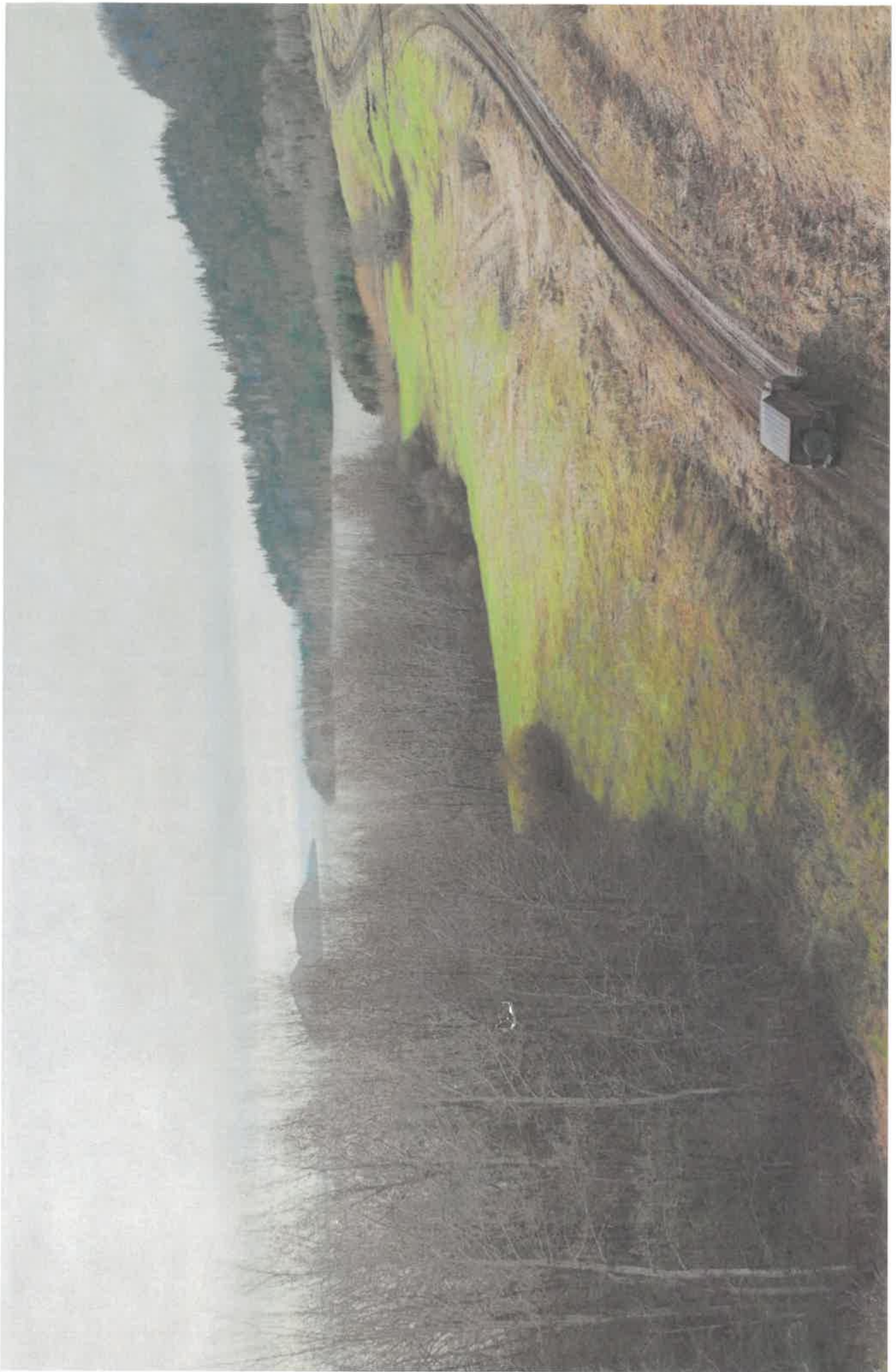


Welcome to Red Rock.

Once a busy timber mill town, Red Rock is now re-envisioning itself following the closure of the mill. Its location in Northern Ontario is advantageous - it is within commuting distance of Thunder Bay and is the closest access point to Lake Superior from the Ring of Fire mining area. Nestled between Red Rock Mountain and the northern coast of Nipigon Bay on Lake Superior, Red Rock has unparalleled access to nature, views, the lake, trails, and fishing. The opportunities to redevelop the former mill site and revitalise Red Rock are truly superior and beyond.

BMI Group purchased the former mill site, envisioning its redevelopment not as a discreet project, but as a catalyst for all of Red Rock and the surrounding region. Aligned with the core themes of the Township's Community Development Strategy, this document outlines BMI Group's aspirations for future of the former mill site and its conceptual redevelopment. The intent is to inspire innovation and attract reinvestment in the site, in Red Rock, and in the wider region.

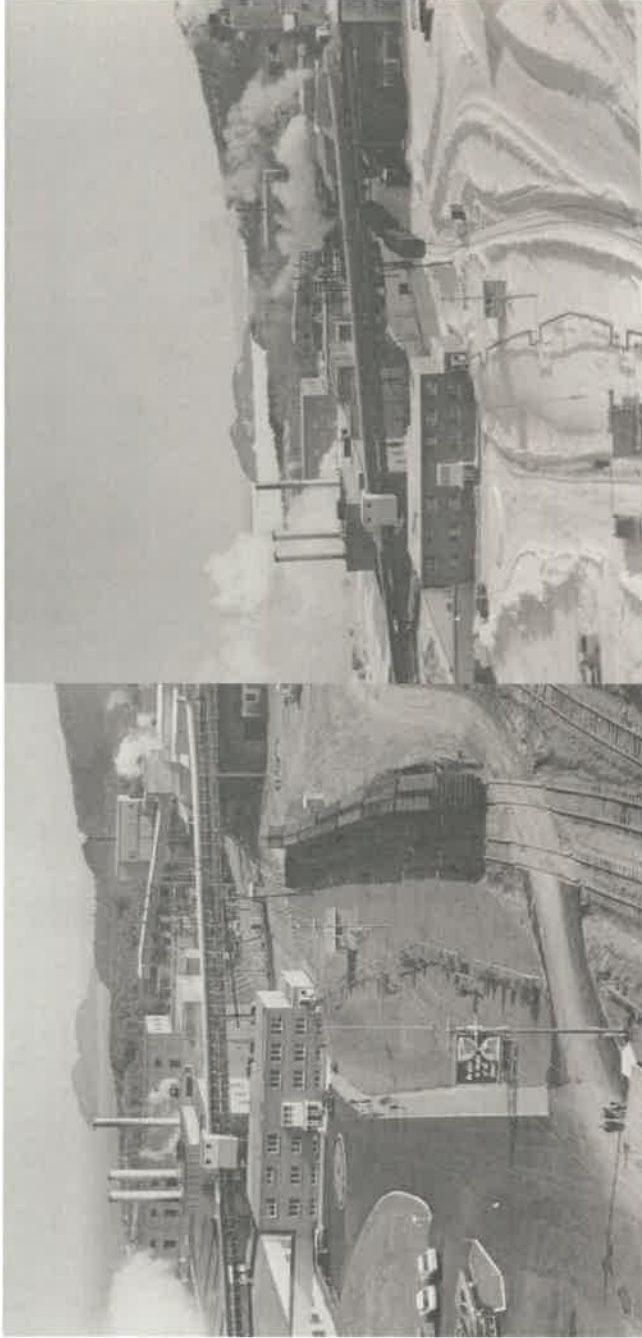




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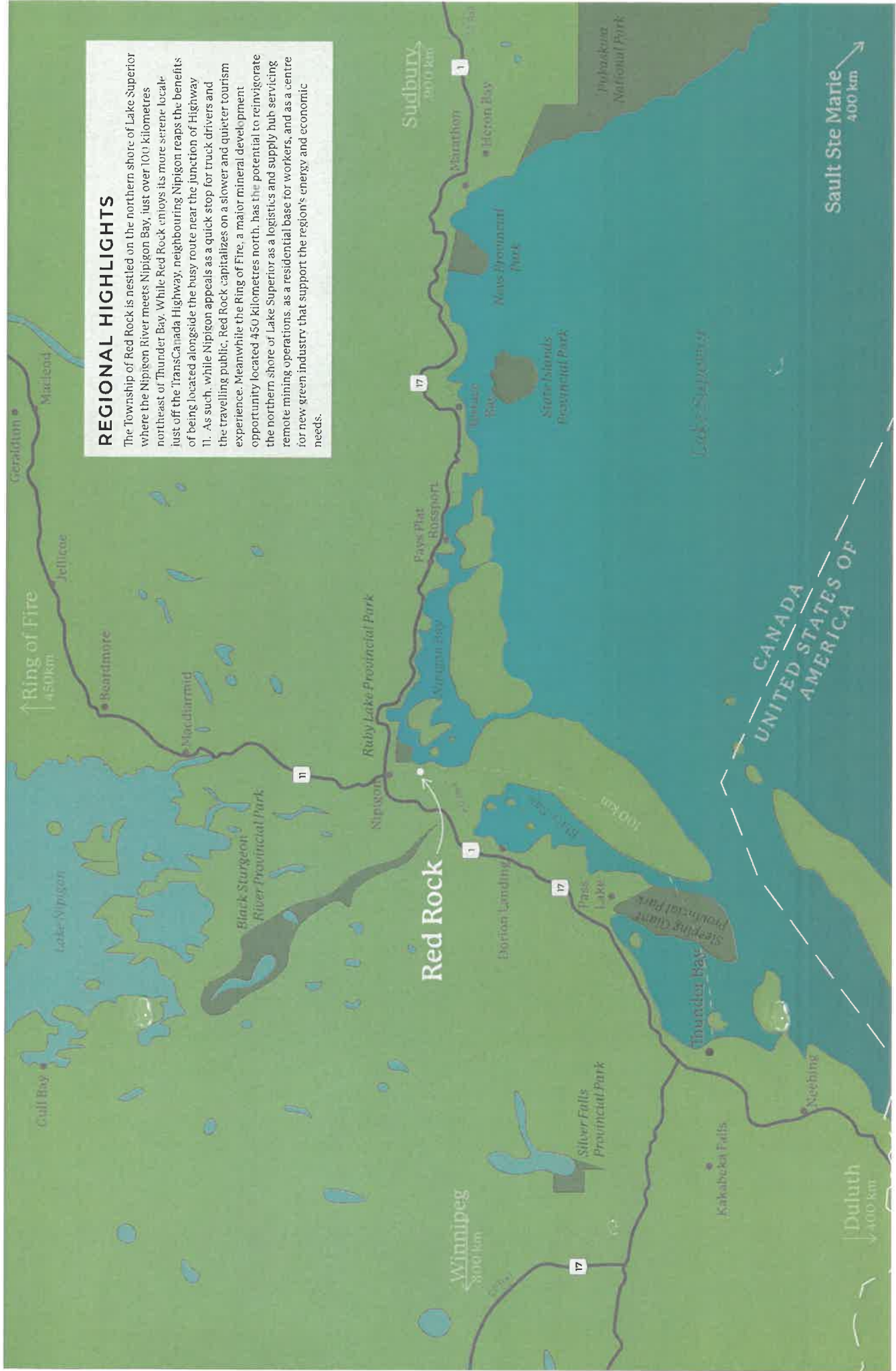
ABRIDGED HISTORY

The Red Rock area, and Northern Ontario, have always been intimately connected with nature. Fishing on the Bay and hunting in the throughout the region were integral to the Ojibway way of life here, and access to Lake Superior enabled trade. As European exploration and colonization of the continent grew, so did the global fur trade, with the Nipigon District providing some of the highest revenues on the continent. By the early 1900s, the fur trade subsided, and the area was home to widely scattered farms, mostly settled by Finnish immigrants. Then, in 1936, the Lake Sulphite Pulp Company purchased land to establish a mill and accompanying townsite, which would once again use the site's strategic location on the shore to bring lumber in via Lake Superior. However, it wasn't until after World War II, a brief stint as a prisoner-of-war camp, and a change of ownership, that the land was developed by Brompton Pulp and Paper Company. After more than 60 years of operations, the mill closed in late 2006, ushering in a time of decline and uncertainty.



REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Township of Red Rock is nestled on the northern shore of Lake Superior where the Nipigon River meets Nipigon Bay, just over 100 kilometres northeast of Thunder Bay. While Red Rock enjoys its more serene locale just off the TransCanada Highway, neighbouring Nipigon reaps the benefits of being located alongside the busy route near the junction of Highway 11. As such, while Nipigon appeals as a quick stop for truck drivers and the travelling public, Red Rock capitalizes on a slower and quieter tourism experience. Meanwhile the Ring of Fire, a major mineral development opportunity located 450 kilometres north, has the potential to reinvigorate the northern shore of Lake Superior as a logistics and supply hub servicing remote mining operations, as a residential base for workers, and as a centre for new green industry that support the region's energy and economic needs.



Red Rock, Ontario

Lake Superior

Nipigon Bay

Red Rock
Recreation Centre

Former Mill Site

Lagoons

Water
Tower

Red Rock Inn

Wharf

Red Rock Inn

Stewart Ave

Greenstone Ave

Learning Centre

St. Hilary School

Superior Greenstone Learning Centre

Nipigon-Red Rock District High School

Nipigon-Red Rock District High School

Red Rock Mountain

TransCanada Highway

Nipigon River
Recreational Trail

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RED ROCK RD 1

RED ROCK TOWNSITE

Originally developed to house mill workers, the Red Rock townsite is organized on a curvilinear grid road network. Most housing takes the form of single-detached houses, with a few low-rise apartment buildings dispersed throughout. Red Rock has three schools – St. Hilary School, Superior-Greenstone Learning Centre, and Nipigon-Red Rock District High School – all located in a cluster in south central Red Rock. Salls Street functions as the traditional main street, although only a few businesses and institutions remain, all of which cater to the local population. The northeast portion of Township is home to the Red Rock Inn and the Red Rock Recreation Centre, both of which overlook Nipigon Bay. Additional recreation amenities include the marina, the Nipigon River Recreational Trail, and the Red Rock Mountain Trail. The site of the former mill occupies a tract of land immediately southeast of the townsite and encompasses a nearly equivalent amount of land as the townsite itself. The community is accessible by road only via Highway 628 / Baker Road, which connects to the TransCanada Highway 7.5km west of town. A CP Rail line runs alongside Highway 628 and continues north along the shoreline.

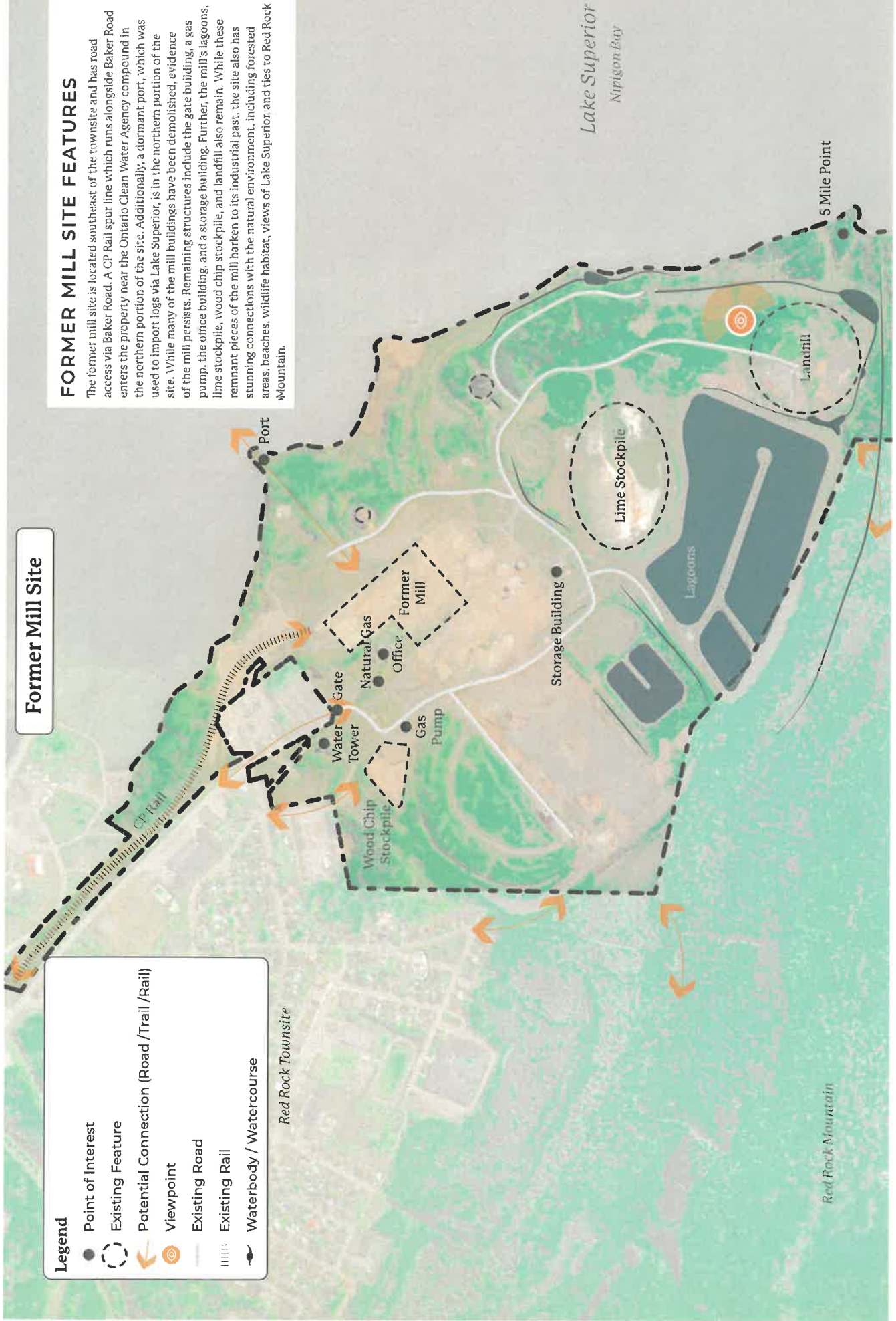
Former Mill Site

Legend

- Point of Interest
- Existing Feature
- ➔ Potential Connection (Road /Trail /Rail)
- Viewpoint
- Existing Road
- ||||| Existing Rail
- Waterbody / Watercourse

FORMER MILL SITE FEATURES

The former mill site is located southeast of the townsite and has road access via Baker Road. A CP Rail spur line which runs alongside Baker Road enters the property near the Ontario Clean Water Agency compound in the northern portion of the site. Additionally, a dormant port, which was used to import logs via Lake Superior, is in the northern portion of the site. While many of the mill buildings have been demolished, evidence of the mill persists. Remaining structures include the gate building, a gas pump, the office building, and a storage building. Further, the mill's lagoons, lime stockpile, wood chip stockpile, and landfill also remain. While these remnant pieces of the mill harken to its industrial past, the site also has stunning connections with the natural environment, including forested areas, beaches, wildlife habitat, views of Lake Superior, and ties to Red Rock Mountain.



View from water tower, looking southeast



Red Rock Mountain

Missouri Hwy

Landfill

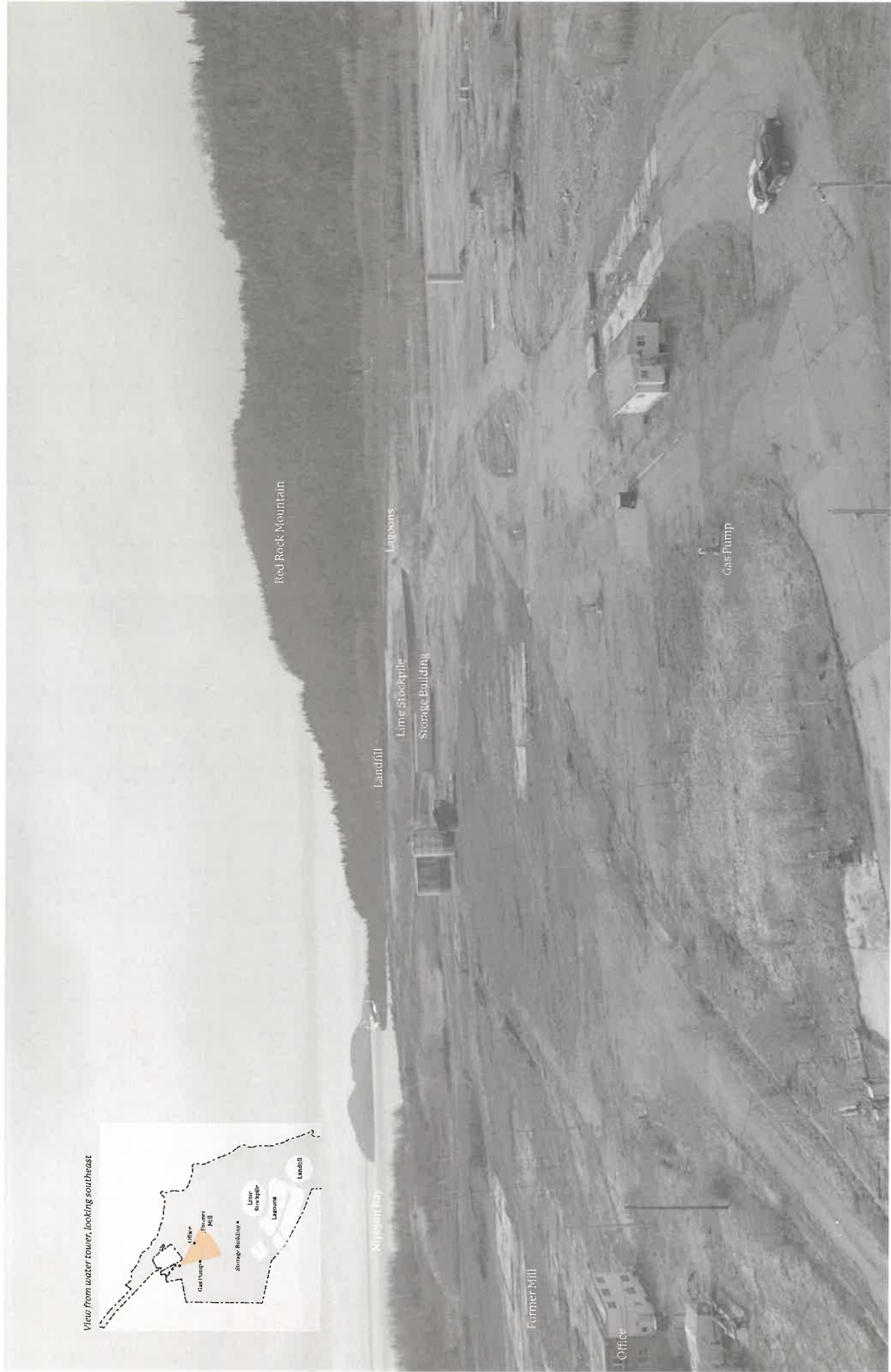
Lime Stockpile
Storage Building

Lagoons


Former Mill

Office

Gas Pump




Aspirations




REMEDIATING THE SITE

Following decades of industrial use, the site needs to be cleaned up before it can be fully redeveloped. Some aspects may be fairly straightforward, such as the removal of buildings or structures, while others may need more study and planning to address manage environmental impacts. The most notable features that require restorative attention include the wood chip stockpile, lime stockpiles, lagoons, and landfill. At the same time, the remediation process of the wood chip and lime stockpiles in particular have potential for interim economic development ventures.




INCREASING HOUSING SUPPLY

New housing has not been built in Red Rock in decades. A key component of re-envisioning the site and the Township is to reinvigorate the housing market with new housing options on the former mill site. Doing so will support population growth and add vibrancy to Red Rock.




SPURRING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

When the mill closed, Red Rock lost its only major employer. Since the site has historically been used as the Town's economic engine, it is only appropriate that new industries and economic opportunities be re-introduced on the site. These ventures should be diverse, in order to avoid relying on a single industry, and sustainable for generations of Red Rock residents.



CONNECTING WITH NATURE

With stunning views of Nipigon Bay and Lake Superior, adjacency to Red Rock Mountain, and an abundance of natural areas, the former mill site is surrounded by nature. The redevelopment should celebrate its natural assets and features, embedding itself within the surrounding environment, rehabilitating and preserving natural areas, creating trail connections, and capitalizing on views and vistas.



LEADING WITH INNOVATION

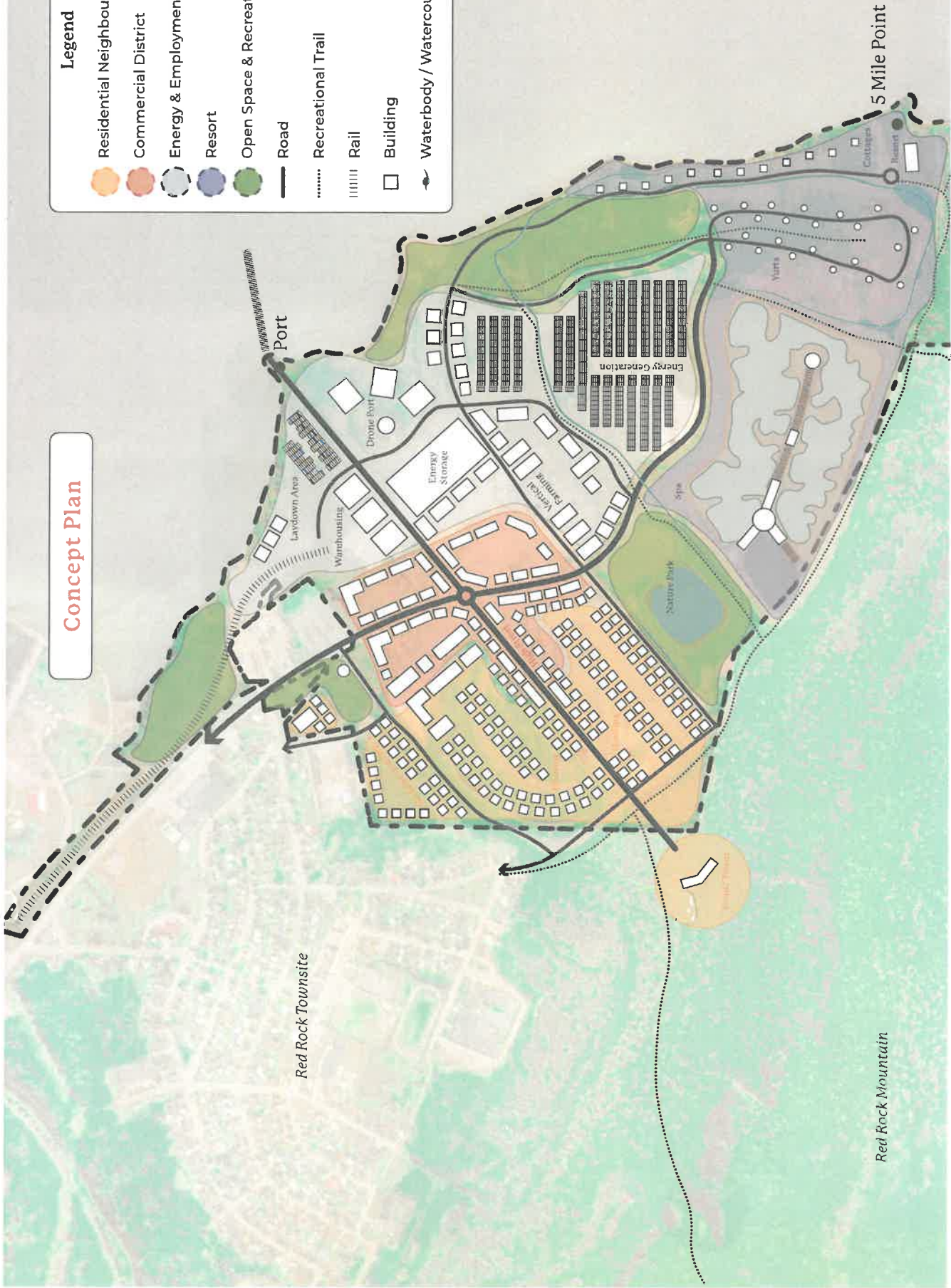
By embracing bold ideas, innovative solutions, and emerging green technologies, Red Rock can differentiate itself and build a new and sustainable local economy that is viable for generations to come.



Concept Plan

Legend

- Residential Neighbourhood
- Commercial District
- Energy & Employment District
- Resort
- Open Space & Recreation
- Road
- Recreational Trail
- Rail
- Building
- Waterbody / Watercourse





RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBOURHOOD

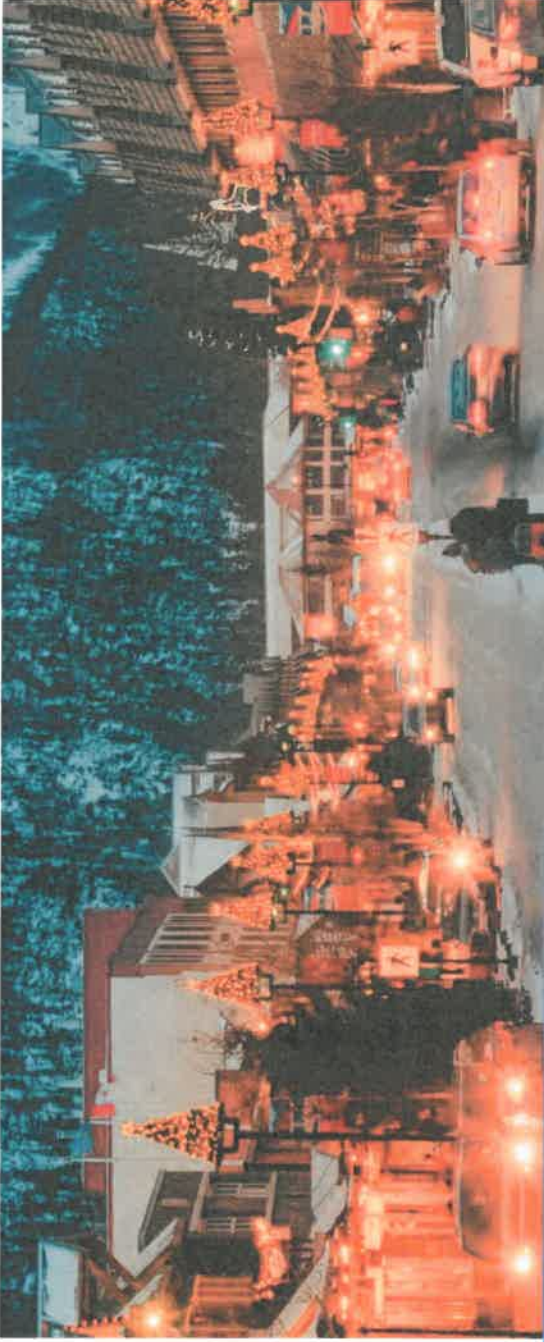
The Residential Neighbourhood is located on the west side of the former mill site, adjacent to the townsite. This area should include a mix of residential densities, types, price points, and forms to attract a wide variety of new residents. For instance, modular housing is proposed in the northwest corner of the site and is to be installed in Phase One. Additionally, an iconic residential tower, providing views up the Nipigon Bay is proposed where the high street approaches the base of Red Rock Mountain.





COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

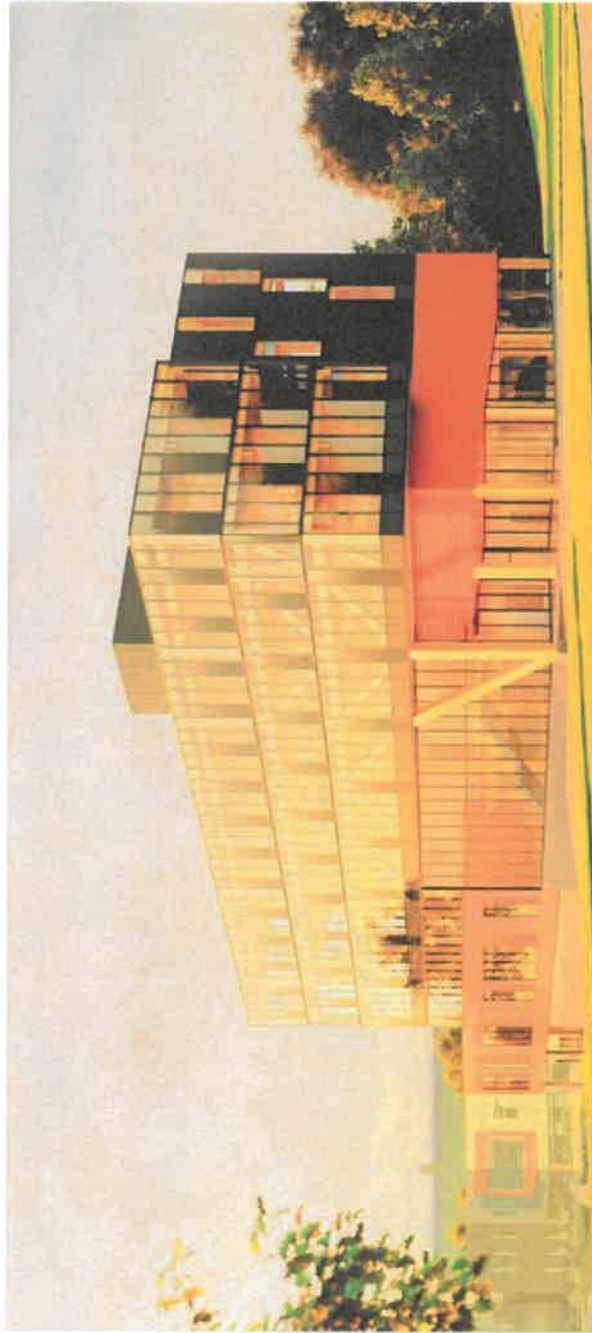
The Commercial District is located at the heart of the former mill site and intended to transition between the residential neighbourhood and the adjacent employment uses in the proposed Energy and Employment District. The area should include a mix of multi-family residential forms, co-ownership amenities, and commercial uses. Development along the high street should focus on retail commercial and service uses, including restaurants, along a beautifully-designed and walkable street.





ENERGY & EMPLOYMENT DISTRICT

The Energy and Employment District is anticipated to be the economic driver of the development. In the northern portion of the site, a new port is proposed, fully integrated with the existing and re-instated rail infrastructure, as well as a new drone-port, warehousing, and laydown area. While industrial in nature, the design of the port should contemplate future tourism uses. Energy generation, in the form of photovoltaic, biothermal, surplus hydro-electric, and/or emerging energy systems (underwater bladder), is envisioned in the southeast portion of the industrial area, which would tie into a central battery storage facility. Additional uses include vertical farming, supporting fresh food distribution in the Ring of Fire, as well as cryptocurrency mining, integrated within the site's energy system.





RENDERING OF PROPOSED ENERGY STORAGE FACILITY



OPEN SPACE & RECREATION

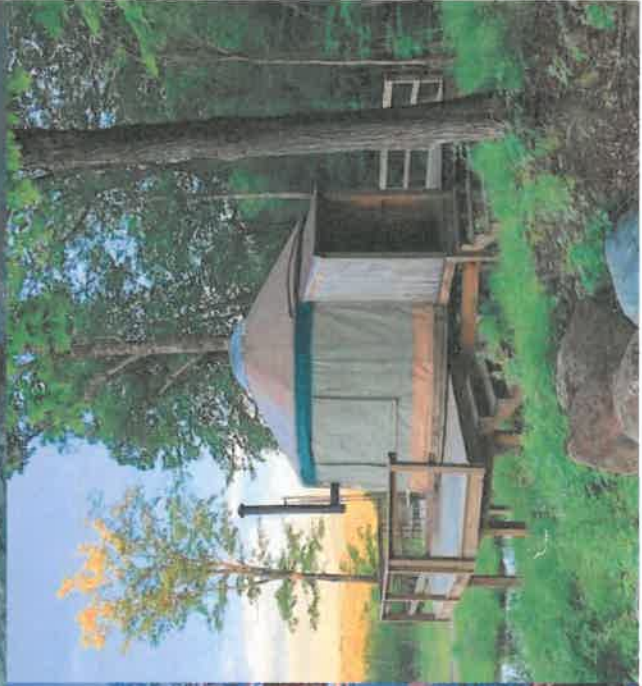
Four open space areas are proposed within the redevelopment. The area at the base of the water tower is envisioned as a gateway into the former mill site and could have programmed recreational or athletic areas. The other three park areas skew more towards passive naturalized areas, incorporating limited development of trails and picnic areas.





RESORT

Building on the iconic history and hospitality of the Red Rock Inn, the resort area would capitalize on the views of and adjacency to Nipigon Bay and Lake Superior. Private cottages would dot the lower road heading to a high-end resort at 5 Mile Point. Meanwhile, the capped landfill could host yurts and seasonal camping. The resort concept integrates a Nordic-inspired spa which has the potential to be a major tourism draw for the community. The spa is envisioned to re-use the existing large lagoon in the southern portion of the former mill site. A world class experience could be created by re-forming the lagoon into a more organic shape and by locating structures along the existing landform.





RENDERING OF PROPOSED RESORT

PHASE ONE

Short Term | Years 0 - 5

The first step in redeveloping the former mill site will be to remediate and clean-up the wood chip stockpile, lime stockpile, landfill, and lagoons. The remediation of the wood chip and lime stockpiles have the potential strategic opportunity to include business ventures that can simultaneously improve the land, prepare the site for future development, and stimulate early economic activity.

Additionally, Phase One includes discreet development opportunities including installing new modular housing, opening Red Rock's only gas / charging station, and renovating some of the site's existing buildings. Phase One also contemplates the development of a major battery storage facility, anchoring the future emerging Energy and Employment District and becoming a draw for visitors in and of itself.

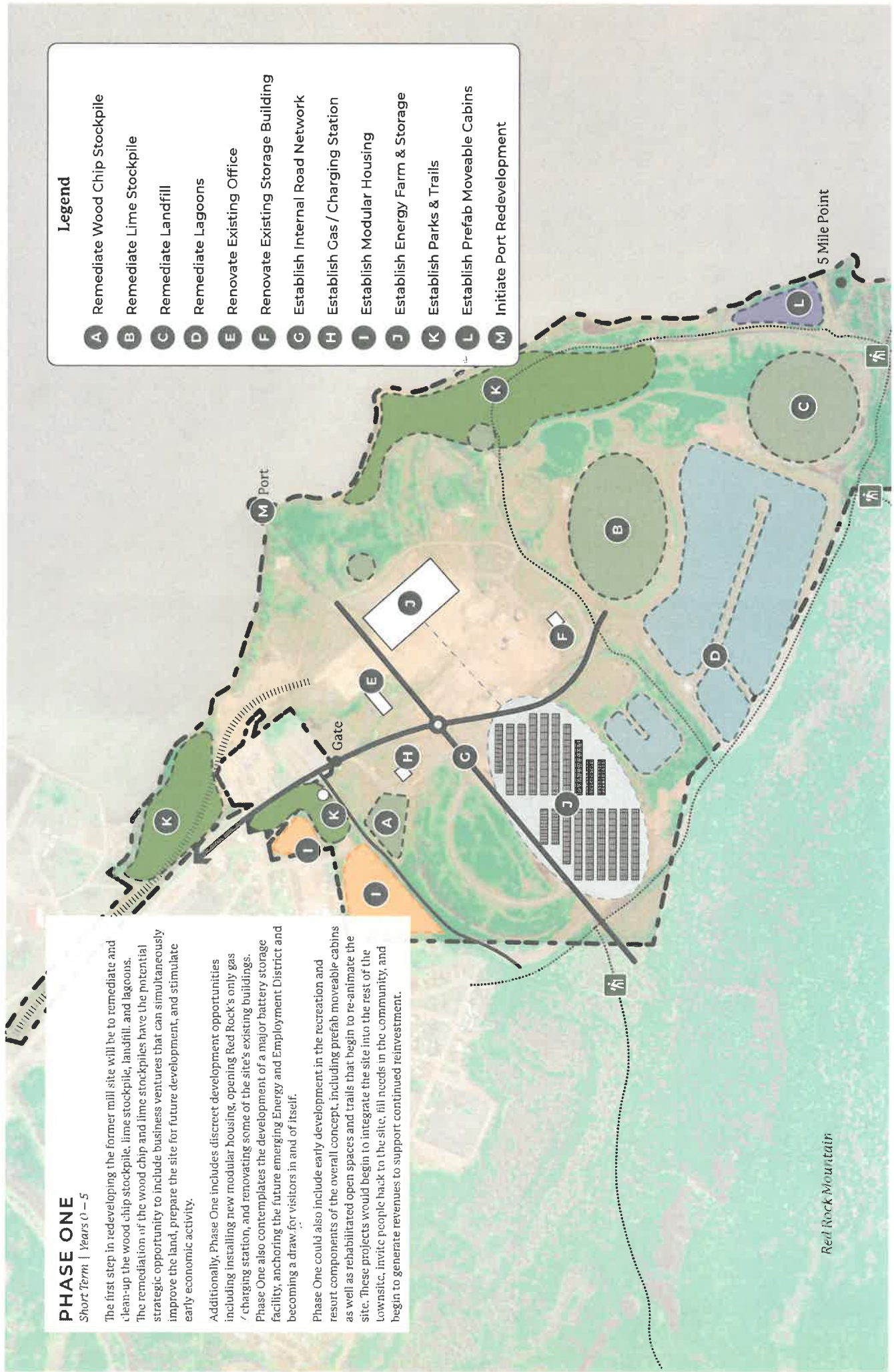
Phase One could also include early development in the recreation and resort components of the overall concept, including prefab moveable cabins as well as rehabilitated open spaces and trails that begin to re-animate the site. These projects would begin to integrate the site into the rest of the townscape, invite people back to the site, fill needs in the community, and begin to generate revenues to support continued reinvestment.

Legend

- A Remediate Wood Chip Stockpile
- B Remediate Lime Stockpile
- C Remediate Landfill
- D Remediate Lagoons
- E Renovate Existing Office
- F Renovate Existing Storage Building
- G Establish Internal Road Network
- H Establish Gas / Charging Station
- I Establish Modular Housing
- J Establish Energy Farm & Storage
- K Establish Parks & Trails
- L Establish Prefab Moveable Cabins
- M Initiate Port Redevelopment

Red Rock Mountain

5 Mile Point



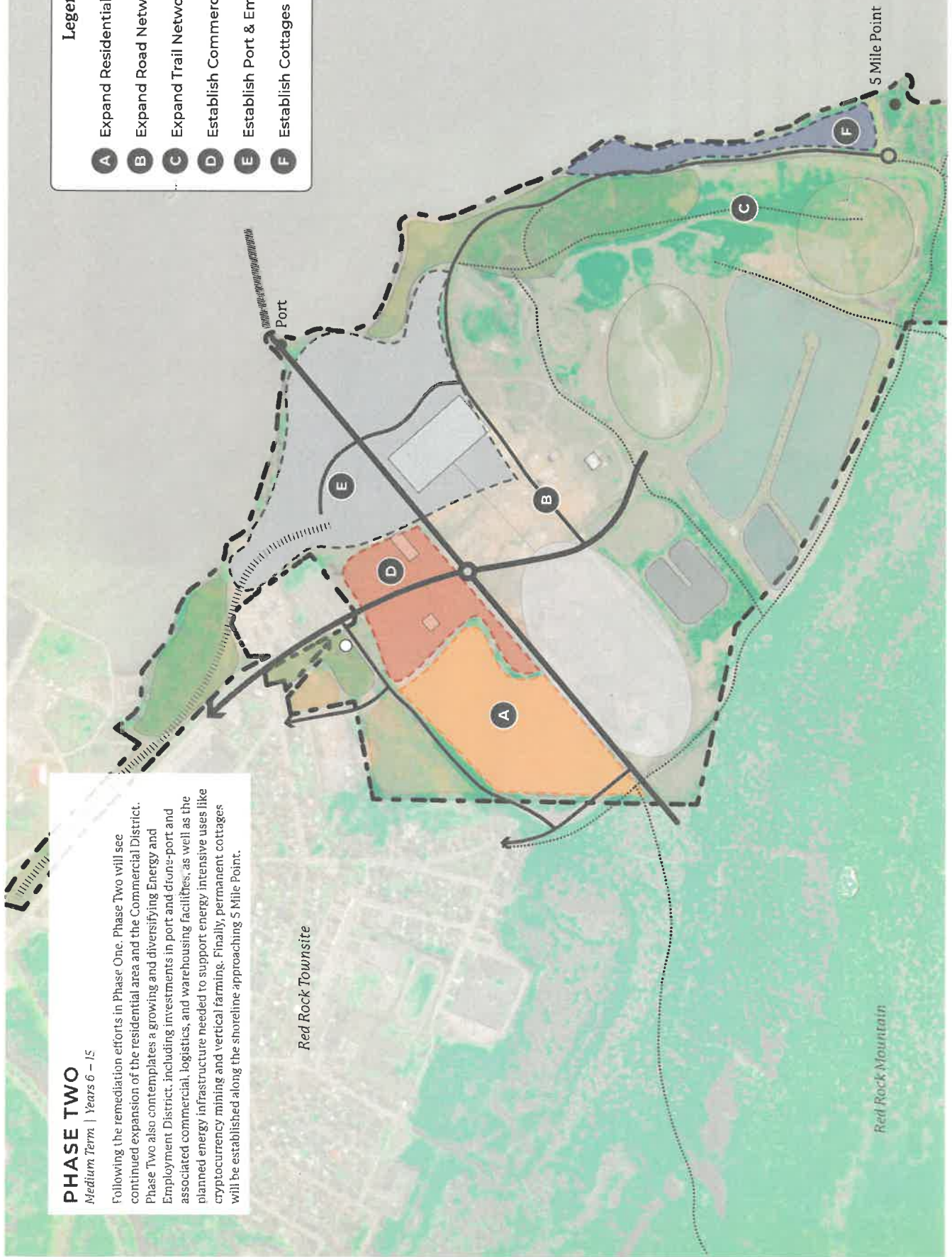
PHASE TWO

Medium Term | Years 6 – 15

Following the remediation efforts in Phase One, Phase Two will see continued expansion of the residential area and the Commercial District. Phase Two also contemplates a growing and diversifying Energy and Employment District, including investments in port and district and associated commercial, logistics, and warehousing facilities, as well as the planned energy infrastructure needed to support energy intensive uses like cryptocurrency mining and vertical farming. Finally, permanent cottages will be established along the shoreline approaching 5 Mile Point.

Legend

- A** Expand Residential Neighbourhood
- B** Expand Road Network
- C** Expand Trail Network
- D** Establish Commercial District
- E** Establish Port & Employment Areas
- F** Establish Cottages @ 5 Mile Point



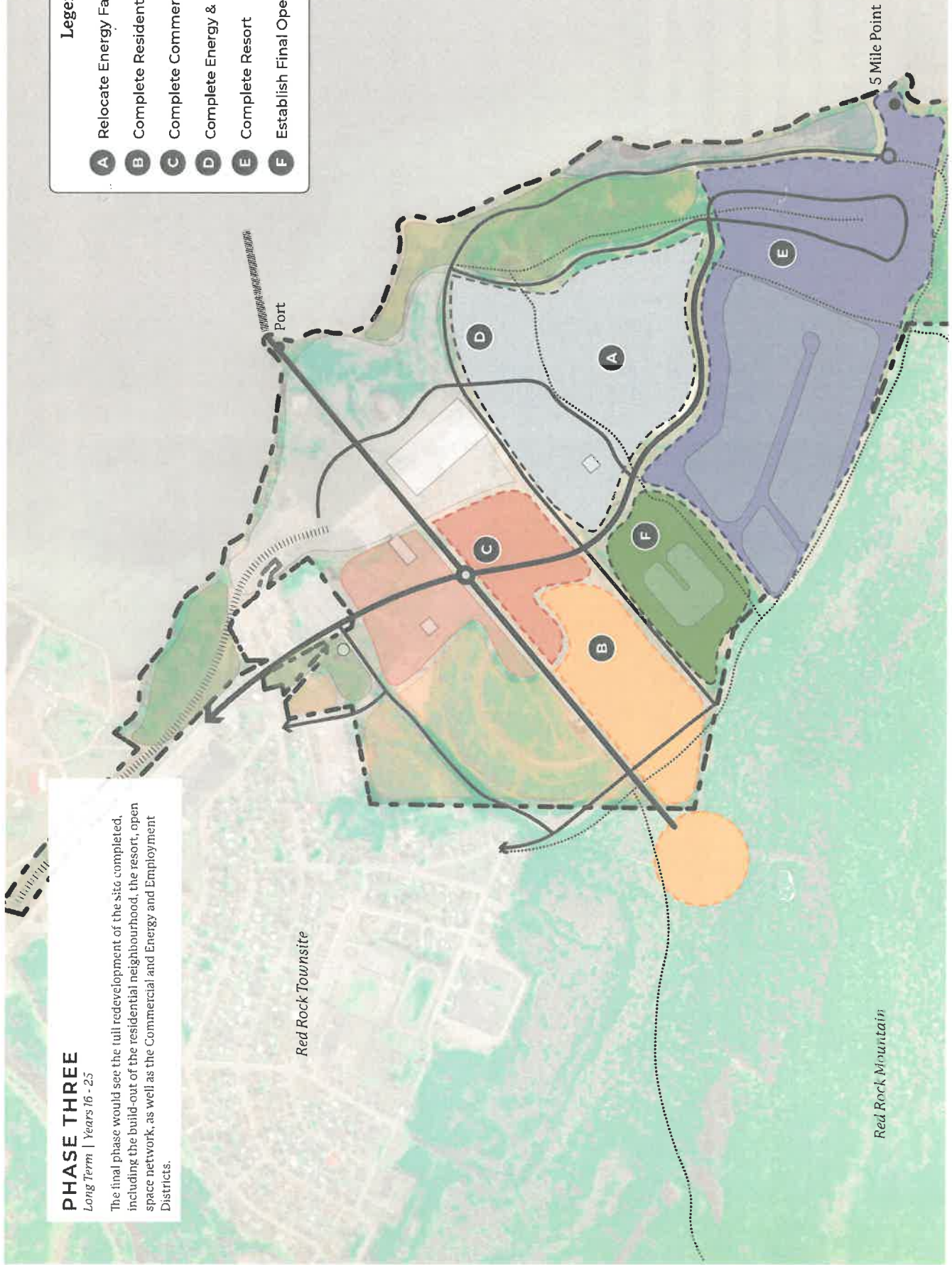
PHASE THREE

Long Term | Years 16 - 25

The final phase would see the full redevelopment of the site completed, including the build-out of the residential neighbourhood, the resort, open space network, as well as the Commercial and Energy and Employment Districts.

Legend

- A** Relocate Energy Farm
- B** Complete Residential Neighbourhood
- C** Complete Commercial District
- D** Complete Energy & Employment District
- E** Complete Resort
- F** Establish Final Open Space





Strategic Opportunities

Beyond potential public investment in the site's remediation, the following are some strategic opportunities that should be pursued in support of the overall redevelopment effort.

INDIGENOUS PARTNERSHIPS

It is important to recognize that the site and Township are located in the 1850 Robinson Superior Treaty area and are part of the traditional territory of the Red Rock Indian Band (RRIB). Aligned with shared goals for reconciliation and economic development, and partnership creation, the redevelopment of the site is a significant partnership opportunity for BMI Group and the Township to work with RRIB and other First Nations in the region to invest, pursue economic prosperity, share knowledge, create jobs, and reinforce RRIB's culture and identity.

POST-SECONDARY COLLABORATION

The magnitude and complexity of the site redevelopment represents fertile ground for collaboration with the region's post-secondary institutions. The redevelopment offers numerous opportunities not only for technical workforce training (e.g. engineering, surveying, equipment operation, etc.), but also research and business innovation. The site could serve as a model for emerging green technologies and environmental rehabilitation.

BIOCARBON PRODUCTION



The site's significant wood chip stockpile represents a potential opportunity for interim biocarbon production. Through emerging technological advancements, processes have been developed to convert organic waste materials into biocarbon as a means to sequester carbon. BMI Group and its partners will explore the viability of biocarbon production as a possible investment opportunity that simultaneously supports its rehabilitation efforts.


LIME STOCKPILE DEPLOYMENT

BMI Group and its partners will explore possible on and off-site uses for the site's significant lime stockpile, including in the remediation of the site's landfill and off-site exporting for other remediation and mining closure applications in the region.

Potential Land Uses

The table below outlines a variety of potential land uses, their geographic area of interest, and proposed development timeline.

District / Area	Sub-Category	Land Use	Geographic Interest				Phasing		
			Local	Regional	National	Short	Medium	Long	
 Residential Neighbourhood	Lower Density Residential	Modular Homes	●	●		■			
	Medium Density Residential	Single-Detached Homes	●	●			■		
		Townhomes	●	●			■		
	Higher Density Residential	Low-Rise Apartments (3-4 Storeys)	●	●			■		
		Medium-Rise Apartments (5-7 Storeys)	●	●			■		
	Institutional	Iconic Residential Tower	●	●	●		■		
		Daycare	●				■		
		Place of Worship	●				■		
	Open Space	Park / Playground	●				■		
		Gas Station / Charging Station / Car Wash	●			■			
 Commercial District	Retail & Services	Market (Fish Monger, Vertical Farm Store, etc.)	●	●			■		
		Retail Stores (Hardware, Clothes, Electronics, etc.)	●				■		
		Restaurants / Cafés	●				■		
		Pharmacy	●				■		
		Beauty Salon	●				■		
	Government / Institution	Medical Services (Clinic, Dental, Optical, etc.)	●				■		
		Professional Services (Law, Accounting, etc.)	●				■		
		Banking and Offices	●				■		
		Post Office	●				■		
		Municipal Office	●				■		
	Medium Density Residential	Daycare	●				■		
		Place of Worship	●				■		
		Townhomes	●				■		
		Low-Rise Apartments (3-4 Storeys)	●	●			■		
		Medium-Rise Apartments (5-7 Storeys)	●	●			■		
Open Space	Plaza	●				■			

District / Area	Sub-Category	Land Use	Geographic Interest				Phasing		
			Local	Regional	National	Short	Medium	Long	
 Energy & Employment District	Light Industry	Vertical Farming Energy Generation & Storage Cryptocurrency Mining	●	●					
	Logistics	Warehousing Ship Port Drone Port	●	●	●				
	Natural Areas	Nature (Forest, Meadow, Beach, etc.) Picnic Shelter Hiking, Walking, and Biking Trails Canoe / Kayak Launch	●	●					
Open Space & Recreation	Parks	Sports Fields Playgrounds Dog Park	●	●					
	Spa	Spa Facility Outdoor Pools	●	●	●				
	Hospitality	Prefab Cabins / Private Cottages Resort Campground	●	●					

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RED ROCK

976th REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

MARCH 7th, 2023

Present: Mayor: D. Robinson (electronically)
Deputy Mayor: G. Muir
Councillors: N. Gladun
C. Brand
M. Smith (electronically)

Chief Administrative Officer: M. Figliomeni
Municipal Secretary: W. Odahl

Deputy Mayor Muir chaired the meeting while Mayor Robinson joined in electronically.

ONE: CLOSED SESSION

1.1 Resolution to Close the Meeting

Resolution #1

Moved by: Councillor Gladun
Seconded by: Mayor Robinson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council move into Closed Session at 6:30pm under the authorities as printed in the Agenda.

CARRIED

Council entered Closed Session.

Resolution #2

Moved by: Councillor Brand
Seconded by: Councillor Smith

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the Closed Session Minutes for the February 21, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Resolution #3

Moved by: Mayor Robinson
Seconded by: Councillor Gladun

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council rise from Closed Session at 6:58pm and report in Open Session.

CARRIED

The open session re-convened at 6:58pm.

TWO: REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Council approved the Closed Session minutes of the February 21, 2023 meeting of Council and discussed personnel matters and acquisition or disposition of land while in Closed Session.

THREE: PRELIMINARY MATTERS

3.1 Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Muir called the meeting to order at 7:00p.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.”

CARRIED

3.3 Acceptance of the Agenda

The Agenda was approved with the following resolution:

Resolution #4

Moved by: Councillor Gladun

Seconded by: Councillor Brand

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for this Regular Meeting of Council on March 7, 2023 be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

3.4 Disclosures of Interest

In response to Deputy Mayor Muir’s request, no members disclosed interest in matters before Council this evening.

FOUR: PRESENTATIONS OR DEPUTATIONS

None

FIVE: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

5.1 Minutes of the February 21, 2023 Meeting of Council (Open Session)

Council approved the minutes for the February 21, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council with the following resolution:

Resolution #5

Moved by: Mayor Robinson
Seconded by: Councillor Smith

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves Open Session Minutes for the February 21, 2023 regular Meeting of Council.

CARRIED

SIX: CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Resolutions from other Municipalities

Resolution #6

Moved by: Mayor Robinson
Seconded by: Councillor Gladun

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Township of Red Rock hereby supports the correspondence from the Town of Grimsby regarding Barriers for Women in Politics.

CARRIED

6.2 TBDHU – January 18, 2023 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Council posed no questions or discussions on the correspondence.

6.3 TBDHU – January 18, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Council posed no questions or discussions on the correspondence.

6.4 Ministry of Environment – Conservation Agreement for Boreal Caribou

Council posed no questions or discussions on the correspondence.

6.5 TBDSSAB – January 12, 2023 Inaugural Meeting Minutes

Council posed no questions or discussions on the correspondence.

6.6 TBDSSAB – January 26, 2023 Meeting Minutes (Open & Closed)

Council posed no questions or discussions on the correspondence.

6.7 TBRHSF – Thank You

Council posed no questions or discussions on the correspondence.

6.8 MNRF – Public Lands Act Proposed Amendments

Council posed no questions or discussions on the correspondence.

6.9 Memorial Banner Program

Discussion ensued regarding the Memorial Banner Program. Council directed the CAO to find further information on the program and possibly partner with the Legion moving forward.

SEVEN: REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, BOARDS OR AGENCIES

None

EIGHT: REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

8.1 Report on Administrative Activity

The CAO updated Council on the budget survey status, noting that a summary of results will likely be provided to Council at the next meeting. Discussions on the operation of the Recreation Centre during the summer months were brought forward. A former resident's suggestion on declaring June 28th as 'Red Rock Day' was discussed; meaning to honour Highway 628, also known as the Red Rock Road, coming into town.

The CAO updated Council that all items on the surplus equipment listing have been sold. He also stated that research is still ongoing relating to insurance for rentals in Township facilities, including liquored events.

Resolution #7

Moved by: Councillor Gladun

Seconded by: Councillor Smith

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

CARRIED

8.2 Report on Bi-Annual Structural Bridge Inspections

Conversation relating to the processes of Bi-Annual Inspections arose amongst Council. Talk on the possibility of reaching out to other engineering firms was discussed, although it was noted that the current firm has the complete history of the Township's bridges and has been continually monitoring Bridge #1 throughout the winter season.

Resolution #8

Moved by: Mayor Robinson

Seconded by: Councillor Gladun

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the consulting engineering from JML Engineering for the Township's Bi-Annual Structural Inspections in the amount of \$10,500, plus HST.

CARRIED

8.3 Report on Tax Write Off

Council posed no questions or discussions on the report.

Resolution #9

Moved by: Councillor Brand
Seconded by: Councillor Smith

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve a tax write off for Roll Number 5841 000 000 52200 in the amount of \$1,116.03, and that this be applied as a credit to the account for the 2020 calendar year.

CARRIED

8.4 Report on Red Rock Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation

Council posed no questions or discussions on the report.

Resolution #10

Moved by: Councillor Gladun
Seconded by: Mayor Robinson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the donation of the following parcel of land to the Red Rock Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation, pending government funding for a 12 unit seniors complex:

NIPIGON CON 2 PT LOT3 55R492 PARTS 3 AND 4

CARRIED

NINE: BY-LAWS

None

TEN: NEW BUSINESS

None

ELEVEN: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council posed no questions or discussions under Unfinished Business.

TWELVE: CLOSED SESSION

Council did not go back into Closed Session.

THIRTEEN: REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

None

FOURTEEN: CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Resolution #11

Moved by: Councillor Gladun
Seconded by: Councillor Smith

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2023-1314, to confirm the proceedings of this evening's meeting, be passed as circulated.

CARRIED

FIFTEEN: ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to conduct, Deputy Mayor Muir declared the meeting adjourned at 7:31p.m.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

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March 14, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1
Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

RE: School Bus Stop Arm Cameras

Pleased be advised that the Council of the Municipality of North Perth passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held March 6, 2023:

Moved by Councillor Rothwell Seconded by Councillor Blazek

WHEREAS almost 824,000 students travel in about 16,000 school vehicles every school day in Ontario and according to the Ministry of Transportation's statistics the rate of vehicles blowing by stopped school buses is over 30,000 times every day;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario passed the Safer School Zones Act in 2017 which authorized the use of Automated School Bus Stop Arm Camera Systems to detect incidents where vehicles failed to stop when the school bus was stopped and the stop-arm extended (O. Reg. 424/20);

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities (AMO) working on behalf of all Ontario Municipalities made its submission to the Standing Committee on General Government on May 21, 2019 in support of Administrative Monetary Penalties (AMPs) to be used to collect fine revenue for school bus stop arm infractions and other applications, including Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) technologies deployed in school and community safety zones;

AND WHEREAS police resources can not be spread any thinner to enforce Highway Traffic Act offences throughout municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the administrative and financial costs to establish the required municipal Administrative Penalty program under the Highway Traffic Act, and its regulations, are substantial and maybe out of reach for small or rural municipalities that have insufficient amounts of traffic to generate the required funds to offset the annual operational costs of a municipal Administrative Penalty program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of North Perth urges the Provincial Government to:

- a) Require all school buses to have stop arm cameras installed and paid for by the Province for the start of the 2023-2024 school year; and
- b) Underwrite the costs for the implementation and on-going annual costs for Administrative Monetary Penalties in small and rural municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, Provincial opposition parties, Mathew Rae MPP, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me at lcline@northperth.ca.

Sincerely,



Lindsay Cline,
Clerk/Legislative Services Supervisor
Municipality of North Perth

cc.

Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General
Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education
Provincial Opposition Parties
MPP Matthew Rea
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities



The Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), a non-profit organization representing municipal governments in Northwestern Ontario, is seeking a **Strategic Plan Intern**. NOMA is made up of a Board of Directors that advocates for regional issues affecting Northwestern Ontario including housing, homelessness, economic growth, health care, etc.

Reporting to the Executive Director, the successful candidate will complete multiple strategic plan initiatives outlined in NOMA's 2022-2027 Strategic Plan available on our website: www.noma.on.ca. The job will require research, data analysis, report writing, project planning, excellent oral and written communication. The Intern will help identify issues of importance to municipal government and help demonstrate impacts of the issues and appropriate responses.

The key Strategic Goals the intern will work on include:

- Investigate the interest in the preparation of a Pan Northwest Economic Plan that looks comprehensively at actions that help retain our economic activities and support new economic opportunities. If there is interest, a Charter and work plan to be prepared with others to build a Northwest Economic Plan
- Track and analyze the financial condition of municipal governments in northwestern Ontario, along with demographic related data.
- Prepare a database of the projects being undertaken by municipal governments in the Northwest.
- Prepare a primer on the Northwest for the NOMA website to educate others about its uniqueness.
- From a regional perspective, analyze the municipal asset management data and how the available financial tools and programs work or fall short in helping meet the maintenance, repair and replacement needs.
- other duties as assigned.

A university degree in public administration, public policy, economics, political science, business, social sciences, planning, or related discipline is preferred. Statistical and analytical skills, knowledge of municipal government, superior written and verbal communications and effective client relations will benefit applicants. Preference will be given to students intending to stay and work in Northern Ontario.

If you are an independent, self-starter that cares about your community and has an interest in municipal government, intergovernmental affairs, connecting with key stakeholders in Northwestern Ontario, and helping guide our region to economic prosperity then this position may be for you.

The Internship is a temporary one-year position June 5, 2023 – May 31, 2024
Remuneration is \$20-\$24 per hour (based on experience) for a 35-hour week. Work hours are flexible. A computer and landline phone will be provided. Travel may be required.

Please apply in confidence to: admin@noma.on.ca by **Friday, April 28, 2023**. Attn: Strategic Plan Intern

Only those selected for an interview will be contacted by mid-May. We encourage all those interested to apply. We are committed to an equitable, diverse, and inclusive workplace, and, as such, we encourage applicants from historically under-represented groups, including Indigenous peoples, persons from racialized communities, persons with disabilities, persons from 2SLGBTQ+ communities, and women.

Location: Thunder Bay, ON, Lakehead University
Candidate must have reliable transportation to campus.

Mail to:
Andrea Strawson
Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association
PO Box 10308
Thunder Bay, ON, P7B 6T8

This position is funded by the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation



Mandatory NOHFC Candidate Criteria

- Candidate must be a new entrant into the workforce, are transitioning to a new career, or the unemployed or underemployed who are entering a new field.
- Candidate must have not previously participated in an NOHFC funded internship in the 2020 Mandate.
- Candidate must be 18 years of age or older.
- Candidate must be legally eligible to work in Canada.
- Once hired, the candidate must reside in the Northern Ontario community in which they are employed.

INSPECTION

Inspection of 2023 – 2024 Annual Work Schedules for Kenogami, Lake Nipigon and Ogoki Forests

The April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024 Annual Work Schedules (AWS) for the **Kenogami, Lake Nipigon and Ogoki Forests** are available electronically for public viewing by contacting the offices of the Forest Companies listed below, during normal business hours and on the Natural Resources Information Portal at <https://nrjp.mnr.gov.on.ca/s/fmp-online> beginning **March 15, 2023** 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 Forest Companies are responsible for tree planting on these Forests. Please contact the Forest Companies listed below for information regarding tree planting job opportunities.

For information on the rules for obtaining fuelwood for personal use, please see the Ministry's webpage: [Using wood from Crown land for personal use](#). For commercial fuelwood opportunities, please contact the Forest Company listed below.

More Information

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

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Lake Nipigon and Ogoki Forests

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Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
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Ogoki Forest

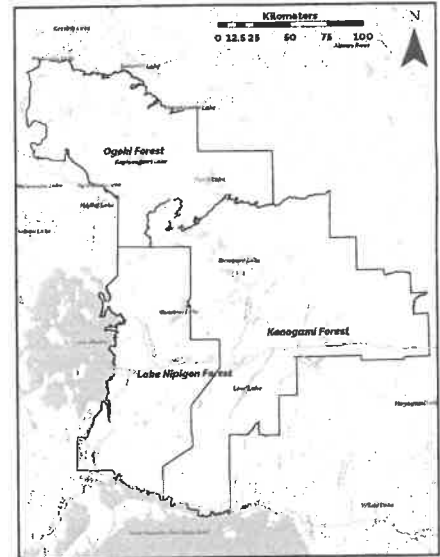
Hannah Rideout, R.P.F.
Planning/Operations Forester
GreenForest Management Inc.
200-1120 Premier Way
Thunder Bay, ON P7B 0A3
tel: 807-252-8863
e-mail: hannah.rideout@gfmiontario.ca

Stay Involved

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

<https://ontario.ca/forestmanagement>

Renseignements en français : Annie Wheeler au 807 620-3731 ou annie.wheeler@ontario.ca



NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Announces Changes to Parliamentary Assistant Roles

March 10, 2023

[Premier's Office](#)

TORONTO — Today, Premier Doug Ford announced changes to his team of parliamentary assistants to better support the government's plan to build Ontario.

New parliamentary assistant responsibilities include the following:

- Kevin Holland will serve as Parliamentary Assistant to Minister of Northern Development and as Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Indigenous Affairs
- Matthew Rae will serve as Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Sheref Sabawy will serve as Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery
- Dave Smith will serve as Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport

In addition, when the legislature resumes the government house leader will move appropriate motions to nominate Goldie Ghamari as chair of the Standing Committee on Justice and Vincent Ke as chair of the Standing Committee on Social Policy.

Media Contacts

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Approves First Nations-led Plan for the Road to the Ring of Fire

Road connecting First Nations communities to provincial highway network and world-class critical mineral deposits

March 06, 2023

[Ministry of Mines](#)

TORONTO – The Ontario government has approved the Terms of Reference designed and submitted by Webequie First Nation and Marten Falls First Nation for an all-season, multi-use road connecting to the proposed Ring of Fire mining development area. The Northern Road Link will connect the two First Nations communities, and the critical mineral deposits in the Ring of Fire to the Ontario highway network, helping to secure a supply chain for electric vehicle manufacturing in Ontario. The province made the announcement today at the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) annual convention in Toronto.

“I want to thank Webequie First Nation and Marten Falls First Nation for leading the Environmental Assessment for this essential road corridor. I value our partnership with these strong leaders who are central to our government’s mandate to develop the Ring of Fire,” said George Pirie, Minister of Mines. “The Ring of Fire has the critical minerals we need to build our manufacturing supply chain, including nickel for electric vehicles and chromite for clean steel. Our government’s investments in innovation and infrastructure are creating jobs across the entire province, including northern and Indigenous communities.”

Ontario has dedicated close to \$1 billion to support critical legacy infrastructure in the Ring of Fire area including constructing all-season roads, investing in high-speed internet, road upgrades and community supports. Marten Falls and Webequie First Nations are co-leading the planning of the Northern Road Link project as part of a historic partnership with the province. The project will connect the Ring of Fire’s critical mineral deposits with manufacturing hubs in the south, paving the way for made-in-Ontario supply chains for batteries and electric vehicles.

“The Ontario government has approved the Terms of Reference as submitted by Marten Falls and Webequie First Nations which is an important first step in the environmental process that will enable critical transportation infrastructure to be built,” said David Piccini, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. “Tomorrow’s clean, green jobs depend on meaningful partnerships we’ve built with First Nations communities and our government looks forward to continuing to work closely with them to unlock this immense potential in the north while ensuring strong environmental protections remain in place.”

“Today’s approval of the Terms of Reference for the Northern Road Link Environmental Assessment is an important step towards unlocking the corridor to prosperity,” said Greg Rickford, Minister of Northern Development and Minister of Indigenous Affairs. “Working with Indigenous partners, we have a tremendous opportunity for a corridor that can supply energy and leverage health, economic and social benefits, while unlocking significant economic growth.”

During the PDAC convention, the province also announced recipients of the Critical Minerals Innovation Fund. The \$5 million fund is supporting Ontario-based companies that are leading the development of new mining technologies focused on building the critical minerals supply chain. These companies are doing ground-breaking work to solve supply chain challenges in exploration, mining and processing.

Critical minerals projects receiving funding include:

- \$500,000 to Frontier Lithium Inc. to help develop innovative lithium processing techniques and establish lithium mining and mineral processing in Ontario for use in battery and EV manufacturing supply chains.
- \$500,000 to Vale Canada Ltd. to develop bioleaching techniques for reprocessing tailings to extract nickel and cobalt from mine waste and to help increase battery metals supply.
- \$500,000 to Ring of Fire Metals Pty Ltd. to test the feasibility of repurposing and storing all tailings materials underground in the form of backfill in mine workings.
- \$500,000 to EV Nickel Inc. to demonstrate that bioleach extraction and recovery of battery metals such as Nickel and Cobalt is a lower cost, low carbon footprint process with less environmental impacts.
- \$475,000 to Carbonix Inc. – an Indigenous-owned company – to help refine the process for converting mining waste, petroleum coke and other byproducts into high-energy density graphite for use in battery anode and cathode supply chains.

“The critical minerals sector continues to play a key role in Ontario’s end-to-end supply chain,” said Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade. “Through the Critical Minerals Innovation Fund, we’re connecting the critical minerals of the north with the manufacturing might of the south, increasing our competitive advantage and ensuring Ontario remains a global leader in the mining sector.”

Quick Facts

- Webequie First Nation and Marten Falls First Nation are each leading their own community road Environmental Assessments and are working together on the Environmental Assessment for the Northern Road Link.
- Together, the Webequie Supply Road, Marten Falls Community Access Road and Northern Road Link would connect the two communities to the Ring of Fire mineral deposits and the Ontario highway network.
- The Ministry of Mines is supporting the First Nations-led Environmental Assessments through a Crown consultation process that ensures the Crown’s

Feds won't match Ontario's billion-dollar Ring of Fire pledge until assessments are done

Federal Natural Resources Minister Jonathan Wilkinson pledges Ottawa will do better on advancing critical mineral production
Ian Ross

Federal Natural Resources Minister Jonathan Wilkinson vows to make government move faster and more efficiently in expediting approvals to put more Canadian mines into production ahead of the quickening global demand for critical minerals. "There are a whole bunch of things we can do to make the processes move more effectively than they have in the past," said Wilkinson.

The minister was in Sudbury on Thursday to meet with business leaders at the Greater Sudbury Chamber of Commerce and [toured Cambrian College to showcase new electric vehicle charging stations](#) on campus.

At the same time, Wilkinson said Ottawa won't match Ontario's longstanding \$1-billion commitment toward mining-related infrastructure in the Ring of Fire until the environmental assessments for the hundreds of kilometres of a proposed network of community and industry supply roads are complete. "We are talking to the Province of Ontario on things we potentially can do in the short term, but we obviously don't make large-scale commitments until environmental assessments are finished."

How quickly senior levels of government reach a path to better coordinate and streamline those processes to create an Ontario-made mine-to-assembly line electric vehicle supply chain remains to be seen.

In [launching Ottawa's \\$3.8-billion critical minerals strategy](#) last December, Wilkinson acknowledged that there is a looming critical minerals supply crunch and that Canada has abundant resources in the ground to fill the gap.

But when it comes to mine development, he said on Wednesday, Canadians expect it to be done in a responsible way that safeguards the environment and doesn't trample on the rights of Indigenous people in the impacted areas.

"We obviously need to see significant enhancements in the volume of critical minerals that we are producing. But I also think Canadians expect us to ensure that we are continuing to consider the environment in the context of project development and, of course, we need to discharge our duties to Indigenous peoples," he said.

"That doesn't mean we can't do things better than we've done in the past." So far, Ottawa has been big on process but murky on revealing any timelines and goals to show progress will be made, except for a federal mandate that no vehicles with internal combustion engines will be sold in Canada by 2035.

Those in Canada's mineral exploration and mine development sector wonder how that goal can be achieved given the sometimes decade-long regulatory process to approve of new mine projects, especially in critical minerals like in nickel, copper, cobalt and lithium.

In greenfield areas like the Ring of Fire in Ontario's James Bay region — a minerally rich place that has never seen large-scale industrial development — this is one nationally significant region where the next generation of mines can be excavated.

As the former federal environment minister, Wilkinson [called for a Regional Assessment for the Ring of Fire area](#) in February 2020 due to concerns by some area First Nations.

But the process continues to lag. Wilkinson's successor, Steven Guilbeault, has yet to sign off on the terms of reference to start this process. The regional assessment would study the negative cumulative effects of proposed development. The information gathered would inform a potential federal environmental assessment process. Wilkinson emphasized that in his conversations with mining companies operating in the Ring of Fire, government must work with them to understand how to develop those deposits in a manner that's consistent with environmental protection.

The James Bay region, he said, is an ecologically complex area because of its abundant peatlands, "a huge carbon sink."

"So the last thing we want to do is disturb the carbon sink in order to extract minerals to fight climate change," said Wilkinson. "We need to make sure we've got pathways to do this in a manner that is environmentally responsible."

Steve Flewelling, the outgoing CEO of Ring of Fire Metals, explained his company's "[green](#)" [mining approach for the James Bay lowlands last month](#).

In struggling with the slow pace of permitting, he said the company was submitting proposals and meeting with regulators in Ottawa and Queen's Park to suggest the creation of a framework to get assessments done in a "timely and responsible way."

For instance, Flewelling questioned the value of thousand-page-long environmental assessment documents that agencies must review before reaching a decision on a mine project.

Wilkinson responded yesterday that the federal government is making internal moves to staff up and provide support to the review agencies to avoid "stacking projects up one after another" and enable mining projects to advance quicker, something, he said, that wasn't happening under the previous environmental assessment regime. The focus, he said, is on working with the provinces to avoid duplication and ensure there is alignment between the provinces and even federal departments on how processes can be done concurrently and in "as fast a manner as we possibly can."

The minister said he and provincial Mines Minister George Pirie are like-minded in not wishing to compromise the environment and sidestep government responsibility to consult with Indigenous people.

Wilkinson wouldn't put a timeline on whether mine-related development will take place in the Ring of Fire within the next three to five years. "I'm not going to put a timeframe on Ring of Fire. Ring of Fire is one where, clearly, there is concern on the part of some of the Indigenous parties and we need to work our way through that."

NEWS RELEASE

Governments of Canada and Ontario invest over \$61 million to bring high-speed internet access to more than 16,000 homes in Ontario

Rural communities to benefit from increased connectivity to high-speed internet

March 03, 2023

[Ministry of Infrastructure](#)

All Canadians need reliable and affordable high-speed internet, no matter where they live. The governments of Canada and Ontario are taking action to bring high-speed internet access to unserved and underserved communities.

Today, both federal and provincial governments announced over \$61 million in combined funding for six projects by Bell Canada, the Northwestern Ontario Innovation Centre and Keewatinook Okimakanak. This investment will bring high-speed internet access to more than 16,000 homes in 47 rural Ontario communities and three First Nations communities in Northern Ontario.

The projects being announced today are part of an existing partnership between Ontario and Canada. On July 29, 2021, the governments [announced a Canada–Ontario broadband partnership](#) to support large-scale, fibre-based projects that will provide high-speed internet access to more than 280,000 households and businesses across the province. This historic agreement was made possible by a joint federal-provincial investment totalling more than \$1.2 billion.

On April 19, 2022, the governments [announced an additional joint federal-provincial investment](#) of more than \$56 million for six new projects that will bring reliable high-speed internet access to over 6,500 homes and businesses in Northern and Southwestern Ontario.

Today's announcement builds on the Government of Canada's progress toward ensuring that 98 per cent of Canadians have access to high-speed internet by 2026, and 100 per cent by 2030. The announcement also brings the Government of Ontario closer to achieving its goal of bringing reliable high-speed internet access to every community by the end of 2025.

Quick Facts

- [Canada's Connectivity Strategy](#) aims to provide all Canadians with access to internet speeds of at least 50 megabits per second (Mbps) download / 10 Mbps upload.
- The [Universal Broadband Fund](#) is a \$3.225 billion investment by the

Government of Canada designed to help provide high-speed internet access to 98 per cent of Canadians by 2026 and achieve the national target of 100 per cent access by 2030.

- Today, 93.5 per cent of Canadian households have access to high-speed internet or are targeted to receive access through existing program commitments, compared to just 79 per cent in 2014.
- On July 29, 2021, the governments of Canada and Ontario [announced a Canada–Ontario broadband partnership](#). This agreement will bring high-speed internet access to more than 280,000 households across Ontario with a total investment of more than \$1.2 billion, co-funded equally by both levels of government.
- The Ontario government is investing nearly \$4 billion to bring access to reliable high-speed internet to every community across the province by the end of 2025. This is the largest single investment in high-speed internet in any province, by any government in Canadian history.
- As of February 2023, Ontario has finalized agreements totalling more than \$2.2 billion for nearly 200 high-speed internet and cellular projects across the province.
- In 2021, Ontario passed the [Supporting Broadband and Infrastructure Expansion Act, 2021](#) to help speed up construction of high-speed internet projects. To build upon this legislation, the Ontario government passed the [Getting Ontario Connected Act, 2022](#), which further reduces barriers, duplication and delays.

**Ministry of the Environment,
Conservation and Parks**

Environmental Assessment
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**Ministère de l'Environnement, de
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March 3, 2023

Good morning/afternoon,

Ontario is taking action to streamline and modernize its almost 50-year-old environmental assessment process that is too slow, unnecessarily burdensome and costly, to build Ontario while continuing to protect the environment. As part of this plan, we are making practical changes that would ensure strong environmental oversight while reducing delays to get shovels in the ground on projects that matter most to Ontario communities.

Today, on behalf of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, I am writing to let you know that the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) has been amended as part of the ministry's work on EA modernization.

Over the last three years, our modernization efforts have focused on ensuring strong environmental oversight while reducing delays on infrastructure projects that matter most to Ontario communities. This process includes considering input from stakeholders and Indigenous communities and streamlining requirements for low-risk municipal infrastructure projects, while maintaining strong environmental oversight and protection.

In 2019, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks invited the proponents of class environmental assessments to review their assessment process and to propose changes to reduce duplication and better align assessment requirements with risk. We started consulting with municipalities, government agencies and Indigenous communities on the proposed amendments to the Municipal Class EA in 2020. I want to thank all who have offered feedback on the proposed amendments, through submitting comments, participating in webinars and correspondence. We have considered all comments received during the consultation, in addition to conducting our own analysis before the minister decided on the proposed amendments to the Municipal Class EA.

After careful consideration, the decision was made to approve many of the proposed amendments to the Municipal Class EA, including amendments proposed by the ministry. Various changes were made to the Municipal Class EA to update project schedules to better align the level of assessment with the environmental impact of the project. By looking at smarter, more modern ways of doing business, we're making sure important public services and infrastructure projects can get off the ground faster without unnecessary costs and delays.

Amendments to the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment
Page 2.

Based on input received from Indigenous communities and Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (formerly the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport) regarding the need to ensure the protection of archaeological resources and burial sites, an archaeological screening process will be required for various project types that are now eligible for exemption. The exemption will be conditional on the completion and outcome of the screening. The archaeological screening process consists of three questions with links to various tools and criteria developed under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. Proponents must carry out the specified research and consultation to accurately respond to each question, including consultation with Indigenous Communities, municipal governments, and Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, and may require the assistance of a licensed archaeologist. A project that the screening process applies to would not be exempt unless the archaeological screening process is completed as required, project documentation maintained and all mitigation measures that are identified through the screening process are implemented.

Please see Appendix 1 of the Municipal Class EA for more information on the new archaeological screening process.

Detailed information on the approved amendments to the Municipal Class EA, including the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' reasons for making the amendments, can be found at: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-5069>. The changes are effective as of the date of posting on the Environmental Registry of Ontario, March 3, 2023.

Proponents authorized to proceed with projects through the Municipal Class EA are required to proceed in accordance with the transition provisions set out in the amended Municipal Class EA, as it came into effect on March 3, 2023. Municipalities should review the amended Municipal Class EA to determine the impact on their project.

If you have any questions, please contact Stephen Deneault, Project Officer, by e-mail at: Stephen.Deneault@ontario.ca and the Environmental Assessment Modernization Team at: EAModernization.MECP@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,



Annamaria Cross
Director, Environmental Assessment Modernization Branch
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

2023 NOMA Annual Meeting & Conference Agenda

Wednesday, April 26, 2023, Location: Victoria Inn

Registration will open for 30 minutes prior to field trip for those attending (9-9:30am)

9:30am-12pm *Field Trip to Lakehead University to discuss sustainability and see New Net Zero Building*

12:15 pm **Registration Opens & Lunch to be provided**

1:00 pm (EST) **Conference Welcome & Opening Remarks**

Call to Order

Bag Pipes

Drumming Group

O'Canada

Greetings from Mayor Wendy Landry, NOMA President

Roll Call

Greeting from the City of Thunder Bay – Mayor Ken Boshcoff

Greeting from Fort William First Nations – Acting Chief Michelle Solomon

Greeting from ROMA – Mayor Robin Jones, President (invited)

Greeting from FONOM - Councillor Danny Whalen, President

1:30 pm **Leader Addresses**

John Fraser, Interim Leader of Ontario Liberal Party (invited)

Marit Stiles, Leader of NDP (invited)

Sol Mamakwa Deputy Leader of NDP

Mike Schreiner, Leader of Green Party (invited)

2:10 pm **AMO Update** Presented by: Colin Best, AMO President & Brian Rosborough, Executive Director

2:40 pm **MPAC Update** Presented by: TBD

3:10 pm

Health Break

3:25pm

Lessons from Leaders – Panel Discussion: moderated by Mark Figliomeni, CAO of Red Rock

Presented by: Mayor Wendy Landry - President of NOMA, Mayor Fred Mota - VP NOMA, Mayor

Rick Dumas – Town of Marathon, Norm Gale - City Manager of Thunder Bay, Councillor Kristen

Oliver – City of Thunder Bay, Councillor Wendy Brunetta – Town of Fort Frances

4:00 pm

Lessons from Leaders Continued – Open Discussion

4:15 pm

Building Relationships with your Indigenous Neighbours

Presented by: Mayor Wendy Landry – Chair of AMO Indigenous Task Force, Michelle Solomon –

Acting Chief of Fort William First Nations, Rob McGinnis – Chief of Rainy River First Nations, Mike

Peltier moderated by Mayor Fred Mota of Red Lake

4:55 pm

Stretch

5:00-5:45

NOMA Annual General Meeting (77th)

pm (EST)

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of minutes of 76th Annual General meeting
3. Approval to receive the Presidents Report
4. Approval of Auditors Report & 2022 Financial Statements
5. Appointment of Auditors for 2023
6. Approval of 2023 Operating Estimates
7. Business Transacted
8. Election Results
9. Resolutions Committee
10. Adjournment

6-8 pm

Opening Reception and Trade Show

Join your colleagues for networking, appetizers, and a cash bar. Be sure to visit the exhibitors who have registered for the 2023 conference.

Thursday, April 27, 2023: Victoria Inn

(EST) 7:30 am to 5:00 pm Registration & Expo

- 7:45 am **Buffet Breakfast & Exhibitor Booth**
- 8:30 am **Highlighting the benefits of group purchasing for Ontario Municipalities**
Presented by: Simon McLinden, Client Relations Manager, Canoe Procurement Group of Canada
- 8:50 am **Claims Drive Premiums – What we are seeing as we enter 2023**
Presented by: Jess Jaremchuk, Intact Public Entities
- 9:05 am **Keynote: 13 Ways to Kill a community**
Presented by: Doug Griffiths
Sponsored by: Nuclear Waste Management Organization
- 9:50 am **Coffee Break with Exhibitors**
- 10:15 am **Keynote: Municipal Optics – Role of Elected Officials**
Presented by: Dr. Peter Constantinou
Sponsored by: Hydro One
- 11:00 am **Ontario's Forestry Industry: Transforming the Future**
Presented by: Ian Dunn, President and CEO, Ontario Forestry Industry Association
- 11:30 am **Lunch with Dr. Peter Constantinou & Exhibitor Booths**
- 12:35 pm **Cyber Governance Strategies for Mayor and Councillor's**
Presented by: Kush Sharma, Director Municipal Modernization & Partnerships Municipal Information Systems Association
- 12:55 pm **Northern Ontario Hydroelectric Opportunities Report**
Presented by: Heather Brown, Director, Business Development, Ontario Power Generation
- 1:10pm **Municipal Risk Management and AMO LAS**
Presented by: Shannon Devane
- Stretch**
- 1:30 pm **Northwestern Ontario's Energy Future**
Presented by: Ahmed Maria, Director of Transmission Planning & Nicole Hopper, Manager of Transmission Planning, IESO
- 2:00pm **Keynote: The Public Realm: Planning and Public Health: How Public Health Intersects with Municipal Planning**
Presented by: Loretta Ryan Executive Director, Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA) & Dan Nicholson Manager, Community Planning, Planning Division at City of Toronto
- 2:45 pm **Hydro One Energizing Life in Ontario**
Presented by: TBD
- 3:00 pm **Exhibitor Booth Break**
- 3:30 pm **TC Energy Update**
Presented by: TC Energy
- 3:45 pm **Meeting Future Energy Needs with Natural Gas**
Presented by: Jim Sanders, Enbridge Gas Inc.
- 4:10 pm **NWMO Update**
Presented by: TBD, Nuclear Waste Management Organization
- 4:25 pm **Prize Wheel (must be present to win)**
- 5-6 pm **Break**
- 6-7:30 pm **Gala Dinner**
- 7:30-10pm **Entertainment**

Friday, April 28, 2023 Location: Victoria Inn

7:45 am (EST)

Buffet Breakfast

8:30 am

Activity in the Labour Market: Research, Strategies, and Initiatives

Presented by: TBD, North Superior Workforce Planning Board

9:00 am

Homelessness, Addiction, and Mental Health Revisited Findings

Presented by: Mercedes Labelle, Northern Policy Institute

9:30 am

Student Intern Success

Presented by: Keirha Skworchinski and Olli Zelek, Student Interns, Town of Marathon

9:40 am

Phragmites War on Hwy 11/17

Presented by: TBD

9:55 am

Health Break

10:10 am

MP Marcus Powlowski – Thunder Bay-Rainy River

10:15 am

MP Patty Hajdu – Thunder Bay-Superior North (invited)

10:20 am

Hon. Gudie Hutchings, Rural Economic Development (invited)

10:25 am

MP Eric Melillo – Kenora

10:30 am

MPP Lise Vaugeois - Thunder Bay-Superior

10:35 am

MPP Kevin Holland – Thunder Bay-Atikokan

10:40am

Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing (invited)

10:50 am

Hon. Greg Rickford, Minister of Northern Development & Minister of Indigenous Affairs

11:00 am

Minister Forum

Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing (tentative)

Hon. Greg Rickford, Minister of Northern Development & Minister of Indigenous Affairs

Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure

Hon. Stan Cho, Associate Minister of Transportation (tentative)

Hon. Charmaine Williams, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity (tentative)

12:00pm (EST)

End of conference – take home lunch



Update from the Board

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Message from the Chair

Please find below the latest issue of Update from The Board, the monthly newsletter from the Board of Directors of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board.

Please circulate to members of your respective Municipal Councils.

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.

Some highlights from January & February, 2023:

- At the inaugural meeting on January 12, TBDSSAB welcomed its incoming Board of Directors. Ken Boshcoff was appointed to Chair, with Meghan Chomut appointed to Vice Chair. [Click here to read more.](#)
- At the February meeting, the Board approved the 2023 budget, which was initially presented with revisions at the January 26 meeting. More information is available in the report below.



**THE DISTRICT OF THUNDER BAY
SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BOARD**

With 2023 now in full swing, I am excited to join the TBDSSAB Board of Directors as Vice Chair. I'm looking forward to working with the Board and Administration to help make decisions that are in the best interest of those that are most vulnerable in our community and keep them at the forefront of every decision.

Thank you,

Meghan Chomut

Vice Chair, TBDSSAB

This edition of Update from the Board covers TBDSSAB's regular monthly meetings in **January and February 2023**, 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 16, 2023 at 9am**

The Board meeting is scheduled to take place in person. For more information, please visit the [Board Meetings page](#) on our website.



Spotlights

2023 Budget

The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board (TBDSSAB) 2023 operating and capital budgets were approved by the Board of Directors at its February 16, 2023 meeting.

The 2023 operating budget totals \$111,446,300 and represents an increase of \$12,343,700, or 12.5%, from the 2022 approved Budget of \$99,102,600. In addition, \$4,499,000 in Capital expenditures have been included in 2023 for to manage the long-term investment of its direct owned properties.

[Click here to read the full Budget media release.](#)

TBDSSAB Welcomes Incoming Board of Directors

The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board (TBDSSAB) welcomed a new Chair and Vice Chair at its inaugural meeting on January 12.

Following the 2022 municipal election, TBDSSAB has welcomed 11 new Board members—the highest turnover since the TBDSSAB's inception in 1999. Ken Boshcoff, Mayor of the Municipality of the City of Thunder Bay, was appointed as Board Chair. Meghan Chomut, Councillor for the Municipality of Shuniah, was appointed as Vice Chair.

[Click here to read the full 2023 Board of Directors announcement.](#)

Board Reports: January 12 & 26, 2023

2022 Reserve and Reserve Fund Strategy Update

Download: [RPT 2023-01](#) (PDF)

The Board was provided with an annual update to the Reserve and Reserve Fund Strategy.
[Read More](#)



**THE DISTRICT OF THUNDER BAY
SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BOARD**

TBDSSAB Proposed 2023 Operating and Capital Budget

Download: [RPT 2023-02](#) (PDF)

The Board was provided with the proposed 2023 Operating and Capital Budget, for review and revision. [Read More](#)

Board Reports: February 16, 2023

TBDSSAB Quarterly Operational Report

Download: [RPT 2023-03](#) (PDF)

The Board was provided with the fourth quarter operational report. [Read More](#)

Social Services Relief Fund Final Update

Download: [RPT 2023-04](#) (PDF)

The Board was provided with a final report regarding TBDSSAB's investments under the Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF) Phases 1 through 5. [Read More](#)

Service Manager Consent Policy

Download: [RPT 2023-05](#) (PDF)

The Board was presented with a draft Service Manager Consent Policy for approval. [Read More](#)

Canada Wide Early Learning Child Care (CWELCC) Phase 2 Access and Inclusion Framework and Plan

Download: [RPT 2023-06](#) (PDF)

The Board was provided with CWELCC Phase 2 Access and Inclusion Framework and Plan, identifying proposed increases in licensed child care spaces in the District, and approval was requested. [Read More](#)



**THE DISTRICT OF THUNDER BAY
SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BOARD**

TBDSSAB Proposed 2023 Operating and Capital Budgets

Download: [RPT 2023-07 \(PDF\)](#)

The Board was presented with the proposed 2023 Operating and Capital Budget, as amended, for the Board's review and approval. [Read More](#)

Year 2023 Weighted Assessment Calculation and 2023 Levy Apportionment

Download: [RPT 2023-08 \(PDF\)](#)

The Board was presented with the 2023 weighted assessment calculation and 2023 levy apportionment for the Board's information. [Read More](#)

Quarterly Strategic Plan Update

Download: [RPT 2023-09 \(PDF\)](#)

The Board was presented with the quarterly update on the Strategic Plan 2023 progress as at December 31, 2022. [Read More](#)

Advocacy & Engagement Annual Update

Download: [RPT 2023-10 \(PDF\)](#)

The Board was provided with an annual update on advocacy and engagement activities initiated by the Board and/or Administration. [Read More](#)

Board reports for past meetings are available on our website:
<https://www.tbdssab.ca/board/reports>

Feedback

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

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Memorandum

To: Mayors, Reeves, and Members of Council

From: Andrea Strawson, Executive Director

Date: March 14, 2023

Subject: Second Call for Nominations for Offices of President & Executive Vice President

The offices of President and Executive Vice President are subject to election during the 2023 Conference and Annual General Meeting to be held in person at the Victoria Inn, Thunder Bay April 26, 27 & 28.

This is the second call for nominations. Those elected will hold office for a term of two (2) years commencing April 27, 2023. Nominees must be elected members of council.

Any elected member in good standing may nominate a person or persons for these positions by notifying the Executive Director of the nomination in writing. A motion of support must be submitted by the nominees' community along with a letter of consent from the nominee and be filed with the Executive Director.

There will be three calls for nominations via email. Nominations will be accepted until 9am on Thursday, April 20, 2023. Nominations will be posted on the NOMA website as they are received.

If more than one nomination is received for these offices, an election will be held on Wednesday, April 26. Nominees will be provided an opportunity to address the delegates prior to the election.

The Executive Director will prepare a list of electors and according to Section 13 of the Constitution each member municipality will be allowed six voting delegates. If more than six delegates are attending, the municipality shall provide the Executive Director a list of those persons that will be their voting delegates. Votes shall be cast in person – there are no provisions for proxy voting.

A full job description for the position of President is available on the NOMA website (under Organization Policies). The Executive Vice President is required to attend AMO Board meetings bi-monthly in Toronto and shall be prepared to fill-in as the President requires.



**The Corporation of the Township of Red Rock
Director of Operations Report**

Date: March 14th, 2023
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Public Works Council Report
Submitted by: Blair Westerman - Director of Operations

BACKGROUND:

February 21st to March 20th, 2023

DISCUSSION:

This report is for information only and provides Council with an update on the activities within the following departments: Water Distribution, Wastewater Collection, Recreation Center, Marina & Public Works.

Please feel free to ask any questions that you may have.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY:

Water Distribution:

1. Public Works performed a dig to address a water service leak on Feb 28th in the upper section of Stadler Ave. In the process of excavating, two of the main corporations were damaged making it necessary to isolate the main. The situation had to be reported as an adverse water condition for low system pressure and was called in to the MOH & SAC. Affected households were notified for temporary loss of service door to door by PW staff. Repairs were made to damaged services over the course of day. Once all repairs had been completed, the main was charged, flushed and sampled. Written notices were also handed out to indicate a self-imposed Boil Water Advisory would be in place until water testing passed for the area.
2. Water sample results cleared testing from lab and were received on May 3rd. The MOH was notified of testing results, and permission was granted to lift the BWA for affected households. Regulatory reporting requirements for initial adverse and a written notice of resolution were submitted on behalf of the Red Rock Drinking Water System by the Director of Operations.
3. Winter Hydrant checks were last completed from PW staff on the 8th & 9th of March.

Wastewater Collection:

1. A site meeting including members of Hatch, Aegus, OCWA and Twp. Management was held on March 7th to discuss elements of the Lift Station Rehabilitation Project. A scope for project work has now been submitted from Hatch for review.

2. One alarm from Lift Station #1 was received over the course of this reporting period.

Recreation Center:

1. Rec staff members have been working to make improvements to the former Curling Wing portion of the complex. Repairs have been made to some washroom fixtures, drywall patching & painting, as well as sorting and discarding some of the stored items in this part of the building.

Marina Center & Park:

1. A new circulation pump for the Marina Center boiler system has now been installed. Over the course of the winter, two new circulation pumps were replaced, plus significant maintenance performed on both boiler unit heat exchangers. It has been recommended that the heat exchangers be considered for replacement. A quote has been requested for this work and will be added to the '23 Capital Budget for approval.
2. Mat Marine of Thunder Bay will be conducting dock inspections for anchor points and chains this Spring. We are already aware of some broken chain at the head of dock A that will need replacing.

General:

1. Public Works has basically finished with all the necessary snow removal for streetside boulevards. Having minimal snowfall over the last several weeks has allowed the Department to manage this work internally this season. PW has been focused on sanding icy roads and sidewalks with conditions being milder in the last while.
2. A new radiator has been ordered for the 2001 Cat Grader. This part was ordered as a preventative measure as the condition of the current rad is badly corroded. The plan is to have the new rad installed later this spring.
3. The 2017 Chey 1 Ton is being looked at to correct a DEF system code error that has been reoccurring. Troubleshooting steps are being taken to help diagnose the issue, but the inevitable outcome may point to a DEF filter replacement which would be a substantial cost.
4. The 94' Ford L9000 Dump Truck had work done to repair an exhaust leak before it could be used to resume snow hauling, truck has now been returned to service.
5. The next Dept. Safety Meeting is scheduled for March 30th. Vehicle safety Checks will be addressed during this meeting.

Blair Westerman
Submitted by

Mark Figliomeni
Approved by:

**The Corporation of the Township of Red Rock
Community Development Office Report**

Date: March 20, 2023
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Community Development Office Council Report
Submitted by: Ashley Davis, Community Development Officer

BACKGROUND:

February 16, 2023 – March 15, 2023

DISCUSSION:

This report is for information only and provides Council with an update on the activities within the office of Community Development Officer.

Please feel free to ask any questions that you may have.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY:

- 1) Taking the Sustainable Northern Ontario Economic Development course through the Northern Policy Institute and the University of Waterloo. Course takes place every Thursday from February 23 – May 11, 2023.
- 2) ICIP Culture – Recreation Centre Rehabilitation Project – continue discussions with engineers. Meeting with ICIP Culture advisor regarding scope change – March 3, 2023. Meeting with JML Engineering and team for project and component scheduling – March 9, 2023
- 3) Municipal Accessibility Project: Construction completed and final report submitted to funder.
- 4) Highway Sign relocation – confirmed removal and relocation.
- 5) Provide project cost summaries to MNP Financial
- 6) Active Transportation Fund – Responses to RFP received and evaluated.
- 7) Community Interpretation Plan – initial conversation with potential funders, partners and determining potential project scope and cost. Funding amounts confirmed, waiting on contribution agreements, RFP draft prepared and ready for release once final logistics are agreed upon with funders.
- 8) Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan Online Training – February 28 – March 2, 2023
- 9) Coordinate Community Safety and Wellbeing Sessions for March 28-29
- 10) Work with Head Librarian on getting ready for a Library Board Strategic Plan process. Attend Board meeting March 14, 2023.
- 11) Meeting with Veteran Banners Program – March 13, 2023
- 12) Interactive Floor Map at Interpretive Centre – continued work with designer, and programmer. Installation of hardware to take place Tuesday March 21, 2023.

- 13) Work with staff and website support to become AODA compliant.
- 14) Develop a Multi-Year Municipal Accessibility Plan to meet provincial AODA compliance requirements.
- 15) NORDS Fund Year 2 Reporting and Year 3 Project Information Form preparation for Trout Creek Bridge
- 16) Continued communication and collaboration with local and regional organizations for partnership opportunities, provide input and stakeholder relations.
- 17) 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)
- 18) 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.

MONITORING SITUATIONS:

- 1) ICIP COVID Resiliency – Recreation Centre Roof
- 2) Golden Club Van
- 3) Red Rock Historical Society application
- 4) ICIP Green – Brompton, Stadler, Frost, Newton Water and Wastewater Rehabilitation and Replacement Project
- 5) Cruise Ship Readiness
- 6) OTF Capital stream application opening date – for playground

DIRECTION / DISCUSSION / UPDATES:

- 1) Resolution: Recommendation for award of Active Transportation Improvement Plan
- 2) Resolution: Multi-Year Municipal Accessibility Plan

ATTACHMENTS:

- A) Recommendation for award Active Transportation Improvement Plan
- B) Multi-Year Municipal Accessibility Plan

Ashley Davis
Submitted by

Mark Figliomeni
Approved by:



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March 20, 2023

Recommendation to Council

Following the receipt of 3 responses to RFP 2023-01 Active Transportation Improvement Plan a team of 3 individuals evaluated the responses.

Through careful review, all 3 responses addressed the requirements of the RFP. These responses were evaluated and scored on proposal structure, company experience, team qualifications, methodology and approach, scheduling and fees. The Township has been awarded \$50,000.00 through Infrastructure Canada's Active Transportation Fund. The submission being recommended by the evaluation committee has the most experience completing similar active transportation projects, landscaping and public space design, and has an office in Thunder Bay.

It is recommended to Council that the Township of Red Rock enter into an agreement with **R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited** for conducting an assessment of current infrastructure with recommendations for enhancement and preliminary design for Red Rock's Active Transportation Improvement Plan in the amount of **\$49,852.30 + HST**.



THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF RED ROCK

MULTI-YEAR ACCESSIBILITY PLAN

2023

Submitted to
Mayor and Council
Township of Red Rock

Prepared by
Community Development Office
Ashley Davis

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Executive Summary

Regulation 191/11: Integrated Accessibility Standards under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 requires organizations to create multi-year accessibility plans, update them at least once every five years and post them on their websites if they have one. An accessibility plan outlines what steps an organization will take to prevent and remove barriers to accessibility and when it will do so.

This plan describes the measures the Township of Red Rock has taken in the past, and the measures the municipality will take in the future to identify, remove, and prevent barriers to persons with disabilities. The plan focuses on municipal facilities and services with a view to improving access for the public and employees of the Corporation of the Township of Red Rock.

The municipality has undertaken several initiatives to reduce physical barriers in the community inclusive of accessible washrooms in public facilities (Library, Recreation Centre lobby, Interpretative Centre, Marina Park), electronic door mechanisms (Municipal Office, Interpretive Centre), and access ramps (Interpretive Centre). The municipality will continue to pursue additional door mechanisms for its other facilities, reduction of accessibility barriers in the construction of new infrastructure, and inclusion of consideration toward barriers to accessibility in development of municipal policy and regulations.

Administration identified various barriers to persons with disabilities throughout the development of this plan. Administration recommends the consistent review & identification of barriers denying access to persons with disabilities within the municipal environment with a view to reducing barriers where possible.

The Corporation of the Township of Red Rock strives to meet the needs of its employees and customers with disabilities and is working hard to remove and prevent barriers to accessibility.

The municipality trains every person as soon as practicable after being hired and provide training in respect of any changes to the policies.

The Township of Red Rock maintains records of the training provided including the dates on which the training was provided and the number of individuals to whom it was provided.

1.0 AIM

The aim of this plan is to set the framework from which the Township of Red Rock will identify, prevent, and remove (where possible) barriers to persons with disabilities who utilize the facilities and services of the municipality.

2.0 OBJECTIVES

The Objective of this Plan is to:

1. Describe the process by which the municipality will identify, remove, and prevent barriers to persons with disabilities.
2. Review prior initiatives taken toward the identification, prevention and removal of barriers to person with disabilities.
3. List the facilities, services, policies and municipal legislation that the municipality will review to identify barriers to persons with disabilities.
4. Describe the measures the municipality will take to identify, prevent, and remove barriers to persons with disabilities.
5. Describe how the municipality will make this Accessibility Plan available to the public.

3.0 DEFINITIONS

Barrier - A “barrier” is anything that stops a person with a disability from fully taking part in society because of that disability. Some barriers include:

- Physical barriers – e.g., a step at the entrance to a store;
- Architectural barriers – e.g., no elevators in a building of more than one floor;
- Information or communications barriers – e.g., a publication that is not available in large print;
- Attitudinal barriers – e.g., assuming people with a disability cannot perform a certain task when in fact they can;
- Technological barriers such as traffic lights that change too quickly before a person with a disability has time to get through the intersection; and,
- Barriers created by policies or practices – e.g., not offering different ways to complete a test as part of job hiring.

Disability - The following is the same definition as used in the *Ontario Human Rights Code*.

A “disability” is:

(a) Any degree of physical disability, infirmity, malformation or disfigurement caused by bodily injury, birth defect or illness and includes, but is not limited to:

- Diabetes mellitus;
- Epilepsy;
- A brain injury;
- Any degree of paralysis;
- Amputation;
- Lack of physical co-ordination;
- Blindness or visual impediment;
- Deafness or hearing impediment;
- Muteness or speech impediment; or
- Physical reliance on a guide dog or other animal, or on a wheelchair or other remedial appliance or device;

(b) A condition of mental impairment or a developmental disability;

(c) A learning disability, or a dysfunction in one or more of the processes involved in understanding or using symbols or spoken language;

(d) A mental disorder; or

(e) An injury or disability for which benefits were claimed or received under the insurance plan established under the *Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997*.

Note: For other definitions, please refer to Section 2 of the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005*.

4.0 DESCRIPTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RED ROCK

VISION STATEMENT

Red Rock strives to be a welcoming and safe community that provides all the amenities of an urban centre in a picturesque rural setting with growth opportunities and a Quality of Life that is unique.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Township of Red Rock is a caring, inclusive community nestled as a Superior Treasure. We are dedicated to providing services in a sustainable and responsible manner.

STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

The Township of Red Rock is committed to treating all people in a way that allows them to maintain their dignity and independence. We are committed to meeting the needs of people with disabilities in a timely manner, and will do so by preventing and removing barriers to accessibility and meeting accessibility requirements under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act.

Our Municipal departments provide reliable, high-quality services to Red Rock and its residents. We work hard to maintain quality of life for our residents, providing accessible services. This plan is a commitment from Mayor and Council and provides a roadmap that Council and Administration can build on together, in partnership with the community to ensure a progressive future for our Municipality.

The Township owns and/or operates a number of facilities, including Municipal Building (administration offices and Public Library) Recreation Centre (arena, fitness room, gymnasium, bowling alley, meeting rooms), Interpretive Centre, Marina, Firehall and parks.

5.0 FORMER INITIATIVES

The Corporation of the Township of Red Rock has completed the following accessibility initiatives.

Customer Service

- Establishment of Accessibility Standards for Customer Service

Information and Communications

- Website meeting WCAG 2.1 level AA AODA accessibility standards
- Accessible formats of municipal policies and procedures are available upon request.

Employment

- The Township of Red Rock is committed to fair and accessible employment practices. When requested, the Township will accommodate disabilities during recruitment and assessment processes and when individuals are hired. If needed, an individual accommodation plan and/or workplace emergency plan will be created for any employees who have a disability.

Training

- Staff, policy makers and volunteers are trained on providing accessible customer service.

Design of Public Spaces

- Accessible public washrooms in the Recreation Centre
- Installation of power accessible doors in the Municipal Office
- Installation of accessible canoe/kayak launch
- Accessible marina
- Barrier-free design and construction of the Interpretative Centre
- Sidewalk and municipal infrastructure updated to meet current accessibility standards including inclines from sidewalks to street level.
- Accessible outdoor public eating areas with accessible picnic tables

7.0 BARRIERS TO BE ADDRESSED

Customer Service

The Township of Red Rock is committed to providing accessible customer service to people with disabilities. This means that we will provide goods, services, and facilities to people with disabilities with the same high quality and timeliness as others.

New staff will receive training on providing accessible customer service to people with disabilities as part of their orientation training.

Information and Communications

The Township of Red Rock is committed to making our information and communications accessible to people with disabilities. When asked, we will provide information and communications materials in accessible formats or with communication supports. This includes publicly available information about our goods, services and facilities, as well as publicly available emergency and safety information.

The Township of Red Rock will consult with people with disabilities to determine their information and communication needs.

We will ensure existing feedback processes are accessible to people with disabilities upon request.

The municipal website will continue to be WCAG 2.1 Level AA compliant at minimum and will undergo annual assessments to ensure compliance.

The Township will develop an Age-Friendly and Inclusive Community Plan to identify and address barriers within the community. This plan will allow for community input and

will be available on the municipal website. This plan will be produced pending funding approval, anticipated for 2023/2024.

Within the next 5 years the Township of Red Rock plans to have more self-serve options available on its website including the purchasing of memberships, permit applications, bill payments and space reservations.

Employment

The Township of Red Rock is committed to fair and accessible employment practices.

We will notify the public and staff that, when requested, we will accommodate disabilities during recruitment and assessment processes and when people are hired.

If needed, we will create an individual accommodation plan and/or workplace emergency information for any employees who have a disability.

Our performance management, career development, redeployment, and return-to-work processes will take into account the accessibility needs of employees with disabilities.

Training

The Township of Red Rock is committed to training staff and volunteers on Ontario's accessibility laws and on accessibility aspects of the Ontario Human Rights Code that apply to persons with disabilities. Training will be provided in a way that best suits the duties of employees, volunteers, and Council.

Training will occur for employees, volunteers, and councillors as part of their orientation training, as well as for existing employees, volunteers, and councillors on an annual basis.

Design of Public Spaces

The Township of Red Rock will meet accessibility laws when designing or making major changes to public spaces. Public spaces including:

- Service-related elements like services counters, fixed queuing lines and waiting areas
- Outdoor paths of travel, like sidewalks, ramps, stairs, curb ramps and rest areas
- Accessible off-street parking
- Recreation trails/beach access routes
- Outdoor public eating areas or picnic areas
- Outdoor play spaces, like playgrounds

Future initiatives the Township is planning include:

- Barrier-free, power accessible doors into the Recreation Centre at the Baker Street entrance (2023/2024)

- Barrier-free, power accessible doors into the arena area in the Recreation Centre (2024/2025)
- Barrier-free, power accessible doors into the Golden Club/Meeting Room in the Recreation Centre (2024/2025)
- Barrier-free, power accessible doors into the public washrooms in the lobby at the Recreation Centre (2024/2025)
- Design and construction of an accessible playground/play space (2023-2029)
- Design and construction of accessible trails/paths throughout the municipality (2023-2030)

In the event of a service disruption, we will notify the public of the service disruption and alternatives available.

8.0 PLAN EVALUATION – PROGRESS MONITORING

In compliance with the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005*, the Township of Red Rock is committed to maintaining a comprehensive and up-to-date Accessibility Plan. The plan will be reviewed and updated a minimum of once every five years.

9.0 COMMUNICATION OF THE PLAN

The Accessibility Plan will be present to Council for approval, reviewed and presented to Council every five years, and reviewed by new Council members at the beginning of their term upon election. Once approved, the plan will be posted for public review in the Municipal Office and on the Municipal website at www.redrocktownship.com

For More Information

For more information on this accessibility plan, please contact: Mark Figliomeni, CAO

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Standard and accessible formats of this document are free on request from:
Whitney Odahl, Municipal Secretary

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SCHEDULE "A"
2023 ACCESSIBILITY BARRIERS

Requirement	Steps	Timeline
1. Ensure continued compliance with the Accessible Customer Service Policy	(a) Ensure policies, practices and procedures are consistent with principles in the customer service standard (dignity, independence, integration, equality of opportunity) (b) Ensure training is conducted per policy (c) Ensure feedback process is followed (d) Ensure notification is given in the case of temporary disruptions	On-going
2. Online Self-Serve options	(a) Website redevelopment to include self serve options for bill payments, permit applications, membership purchases and space reservations/rentals.	Completion expected by December 2028.
3. Renovation of the Red Rock Recreation Centre to include accessibility requirements	(a) Entrances into the building via Baker Street (b) arena, Golden Club Room and lobby washrooms will have barrier-free access	a) Completion expected by December 31, 2024. b) Completion Expected by December 2025
4. Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Project to include accessible playground equipment	(a) New playground infrastructure will include equipment suitable for children and people with disabilities to enjoy outdoor recreation activities.	Completion expected by December 31, 2029.
5. Active Transportation Implementation Project to include accessible walking paths and sidewalks	(a) New accessible sidewalks and walking paths will be developed throughout the municipality	Completion expected by December 31, 2030.
6. Age-Friendly and Inclusive Community Plan	a) Study and Action Plan developed to identify other barriers within in the community with recommendations	Completion expected by March 31 2024 (pending funding approval)

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

Date: March 20th, 2023
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: CAO/Clerk/Treasurer Activity Report
Submitted by: Mark Figliomeni – CAO/Clerk/Treasurer

BACKGROUND:

March 7th, 2023 – March 20th, 2023

DISCUSSION:

This report is for information only and provides Council with an update on the activities within Administration & 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:

- *WPCP – In Person Stakeholder Site Meeting – March 7th, 2023
- *Day to Day Operations- General Discussions
- *Bi-Weekly Internal Staff / Team Meetings / Discussions
- *Meeting with MPAC – Community Relationship – March 15th, 2023
- *Internal Budget Discussions – 2023 Budget

This is a summary of some of the activity within Administration & the Office of the CAO/Clerk/Treasurer. We continue to build and grow as a Team and as a Community that is striving to move forward. This is our major focus and ultimately part of our overall vision for Red Rock both now and in the future.

MONITORING SITUATIONS:

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

DIRECTION / DISCUSSION / UPDATES:

Verbal update will be provided by the CAO if required or requested.

1. AMO 2023 – London – August 20th-23rd, 2023 – **Direction**
2. Council Facility Tour – **Direction**
3. Council Team Building Education Session – **Direction**
4. Black Ash Trees– Ongoing Regional Discussions
5. TBDML Conference – March 23rd & 24th

ATTACHMENTS:

One (1) – Recreation Report

Mark Figliomeni – CAO/Clerk/Treasurer

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

Date: March 20, 2023
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Recreation Council Report
Submitted by: Leslie Swanson – Recreation Coordinator
Braeden Plemel – Recreation Programmer Intern

BACKGROUND:

This report covers the period February 21, 2023 to March 20, 2023.

DISCUSSION:

This report is for information only and provides Council with an update on the activities within the office of the Recreation Department.

Any questions can be asked through the CAO and reported back to Council.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY:

We are still running all the programs that were ongoing when we reported last. We have added drop-in volleyball classes at the high school gymnasium on Mondays. Our fitness room memberships are still at approximately 50 active memberships. The Ice Fishing Festival has been advertised and will take place March 16 to 18, in conjunction with the Red Rock Fish & Game Club Fish Derby on March 18th.

MONITORING SITUATIONS:

Leslie met with the members of the Fitness Room on March 10 to find out what their concerns and wishes were. There were only six people in attendance, but it was an informative and productive meeting. The minutes of the meeting will be sent to the CAO for his consideration and to report back to Council.

Leslie Swanson, Braeden Plemel
Submitted by

Mark Figliomeni
Approved by:

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

Date: March 20th, 2023
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: 2023 Community Budget Survey
Submitted by: Mark Figliomeni – CAO/Clerk/Treasurer

RECOMMENDATION:

This report is presented for information purposes only.

BACKGROUND:

2023 Community Budget Survey – Township of Red Rock

DISCUSSION:

Verbal discussion of Council

ATTACHMENTS:

One (1)

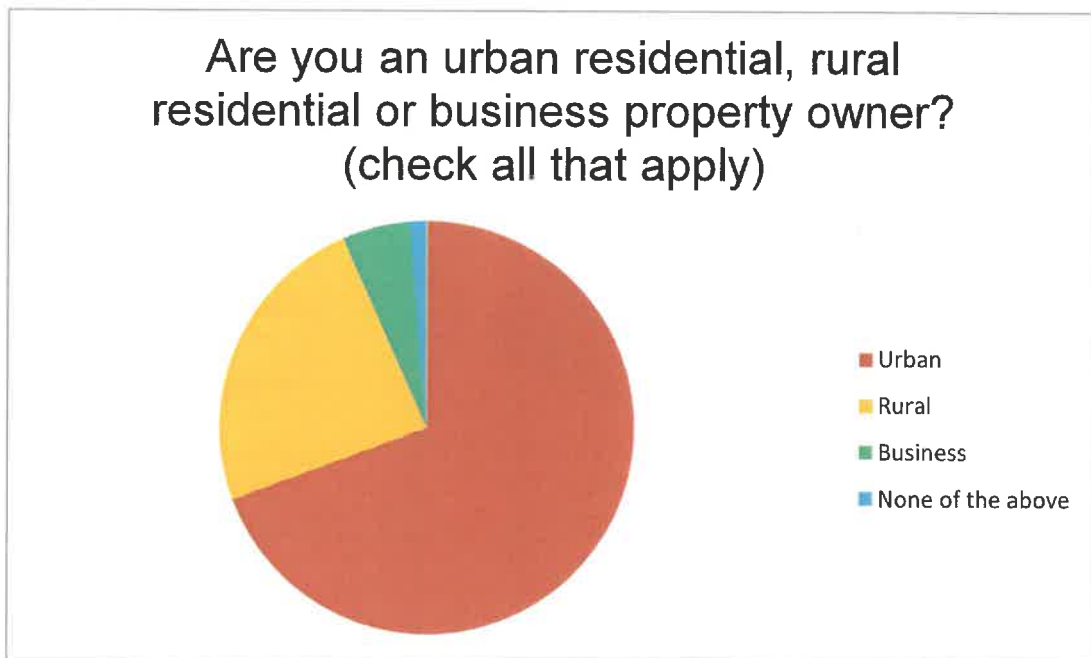
AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST:

Verbal update from the CAO

Township of Red Rock - 2023 Community Budget Survey

Are you an urban residential, rural residential or business property owner?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Urban	72.22%	52
Rural	25.00%	18
Business	5.56%	4
None of the above	1.39%	1

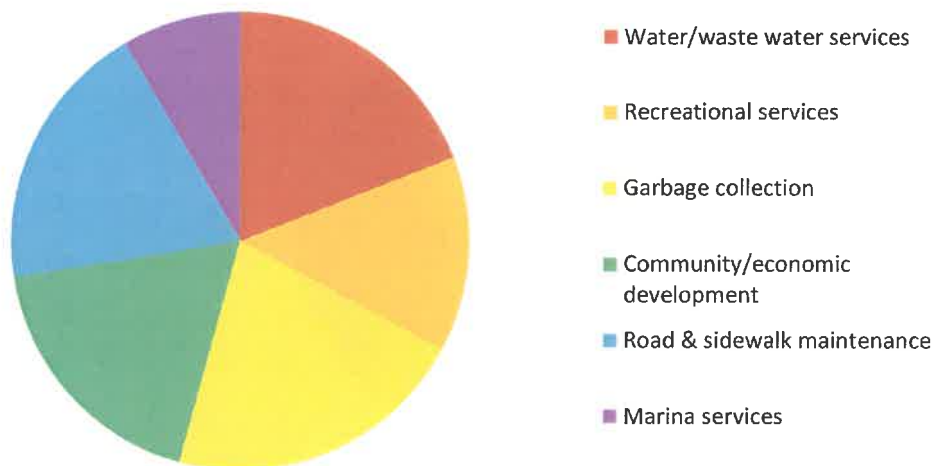


Township of Red Rock - 2023 Community Budget Survey

Which services are most important to you and your family? (all that apply)

Answer Choices	Responses	
Water/waste water services	65.28%	47
Recreational services	47.22%	34
Garbage collection	73.61%	53
Community/economic developmer	62.50%	45
Road & sidewalk maintenance	65.28%	47
Marina services	29.17%	21

Which services are most important to you and your family? (all that apply)

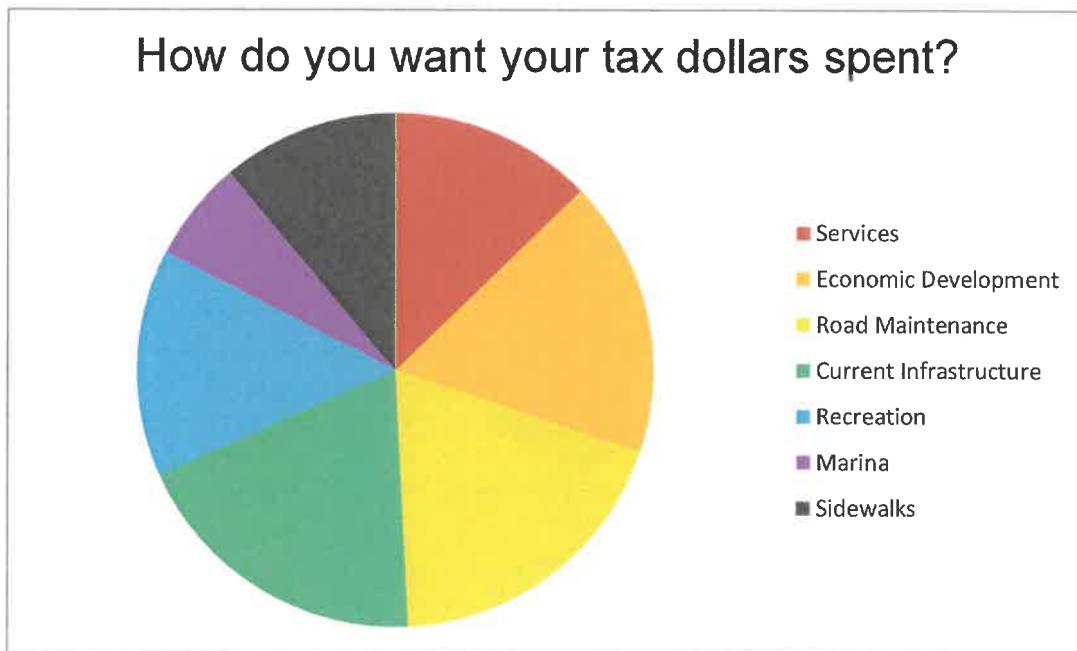


Township of Red Rock - 2023 Community Budget Survey

How do you want your tax dollars spent? (Comment Box)

Answers	Responses	
Services	11.11%	8
Economic Development	15.27%	11
Road Maintenance	16.66%	12
Current Infrastructure	16.66%	12
Recreation	12.50%	9
Marina	5.55%	4
Sidewalks	9.72%	7

* The responses from this question were filtered and only the answers relating to budget were compiled in the results.

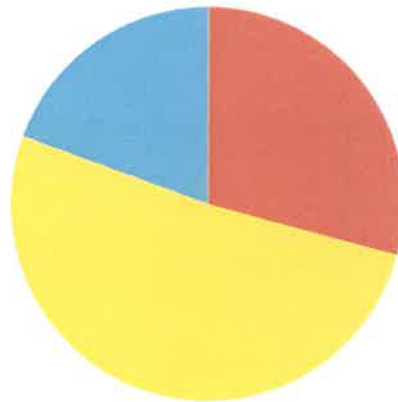


Township of Red Rock - 2023 Community Budget Survey

Do you support a tax increase to support new/current amenities, services or infrastructure?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	29.17%	21
No	51.39%	37
Unsure	19.44%	14

Do you support a tax increase to support new/current amenities, services or infrastructure?



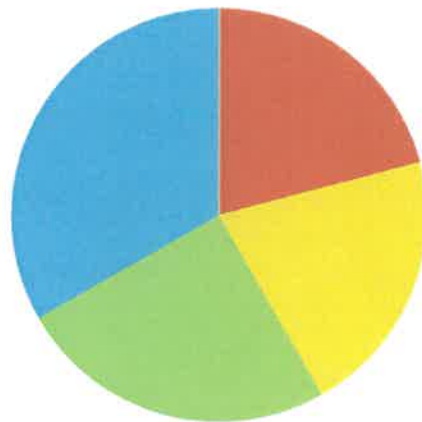
■ Yes
■ No
■ Unsure

Township of Red Rock - 2023 Community Budget Survey

Please select the option that best reflects your views on municipal budgets and service levels?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Increase property taxes to enhance services	20.83%	15
Increase property taxes to maintain current services	20.83%	15
Decrease property taxes to reduce current services	25.00%	18
Unsure	33.33%	24

Please select the option that best reflects your views on municipal budgets and service levels?



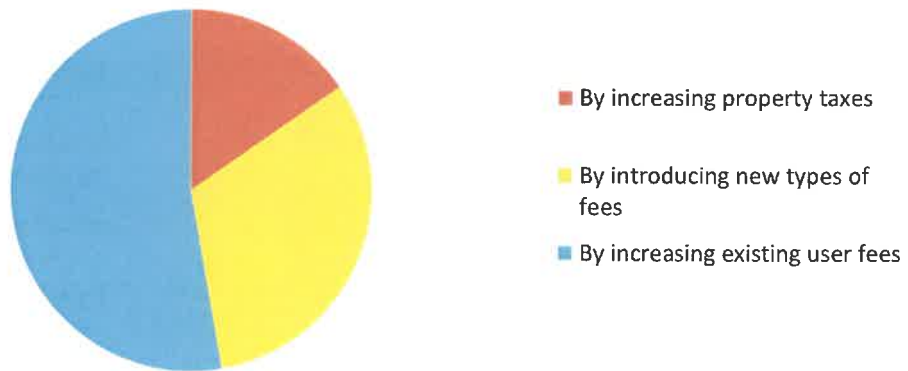
- Increase property taxes to enhance services
- Increase property taxes to maintain current services
- Decrease property taxes to reduce current services
- Unsure

Township of Red Rock - 2023 Community Budget Survey

If the Township needs to increase the amount of revenue it collects from citizens, how would you prefer the Township to collect this?

Answer Choices	Responses	
By increasing property taxes	15.28%	11
By introducing new types of fees	31.94%	23
By increasing existing user fees	52.78%	38

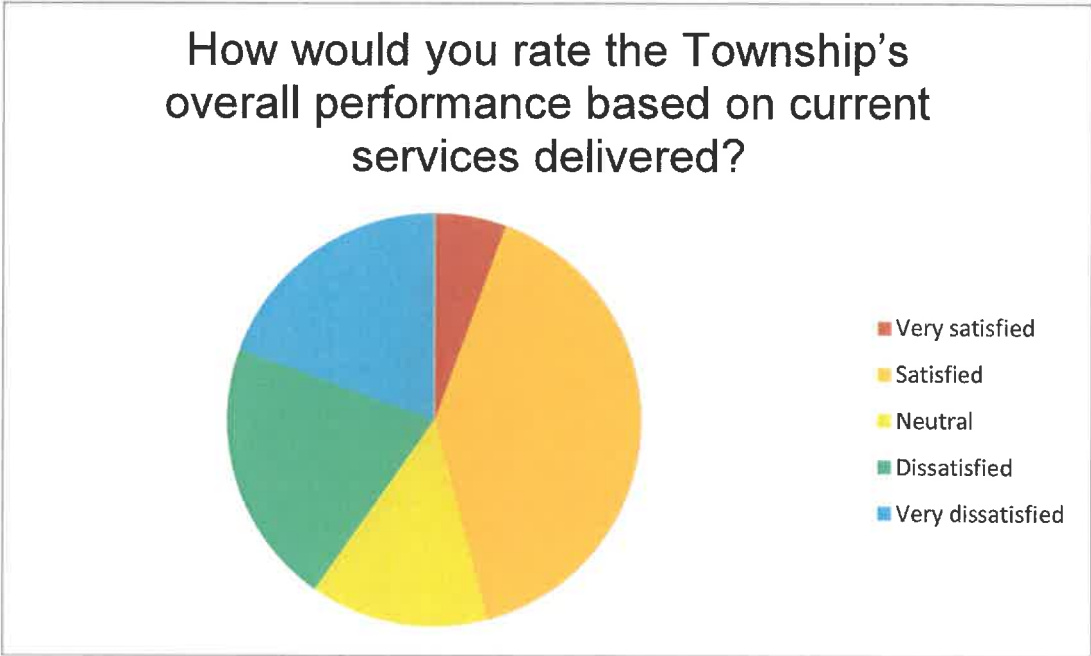
If the Township needs to increase the amount of revenue it collects from citizens, how would you prefer the Township to collect this?



Township of Red Rock - 2023 Community Budget Survey

How would you rate the Township's overall performance based on current services delivered?

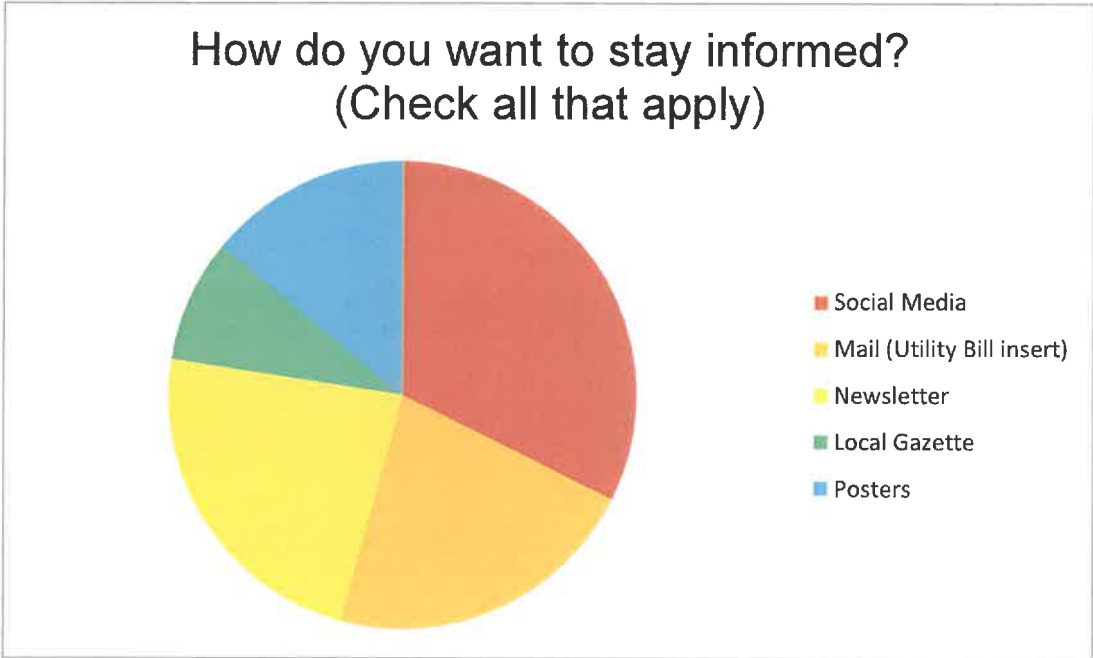
Answer Choices	Responses	
Very satisfied	5.56%	4
Satisfied	40.28%	29
Neutral	13.89%	10
Dissatisfied	20.83%	15
Very dissatisfied	19.44%	14



Township of Red Rock - 2023 Community Budget Survey

How do you want to stay informed? (Check all that apply)

Answer Choices	Responses	
Social Media	73.61%	53
Mail (Utility Bill insert)	50.00%	36
Newsletter	52.78%	38
Local Gazette	19.44%	14
Posters	31.94%	23

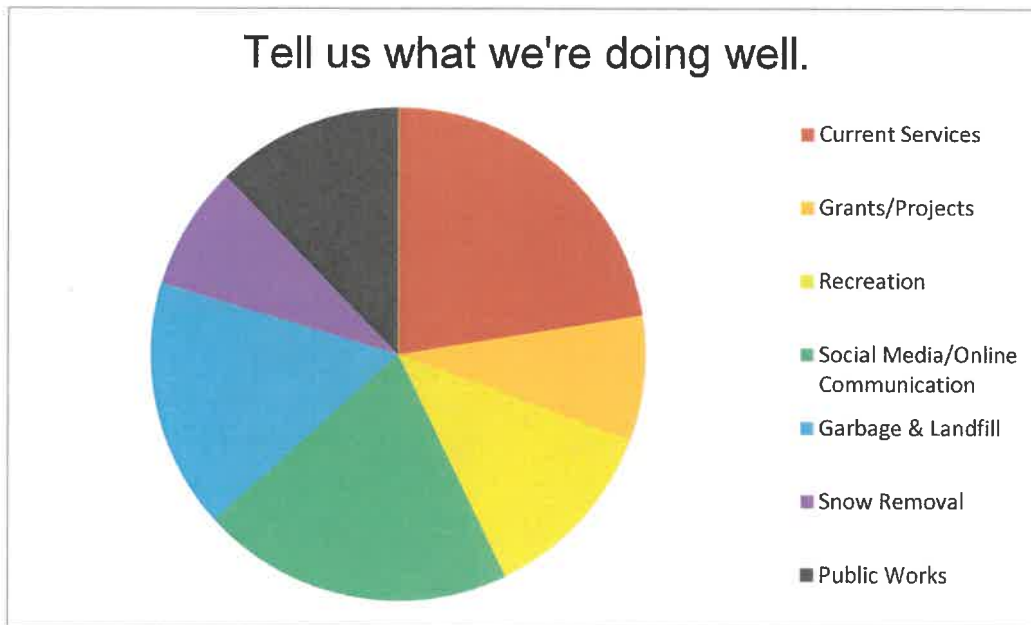


Township of Red Rock - 2023 Community Budget Survey

Tell us what we're doing well. (Comment Box)

Answers	Responses	
Current Services	15.27%	11
Grants/Projects	5.55%	4
Recreation	8.33%	6
Social Media/Online Communication	13.88%	10
Garbage & Landfill	11.11%	8
Snow Removal	5.55%	4
Public Works	8.33%	6

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Township of Red Rock - 2023 Community Budget Survey

Tell us what we can improve on. (Comment Box)

Answers	Responses	
Rural Taxes (unserved)	8.33%	6
Sidewalk & Road Maintenance	8.33%	6
Staffing	13.88%	10
Transparency/Communication	12.50%	9
Recreation	13.88%	10
Current Services	11.11%	8
Snow Removal	5.55%	4

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

Date: March 20th, 2023
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Telcom Enterprises – Review
Submitted by: Mark Figliomeni – CAO/Clerk/Treasurer

RECOMMENDATION:

This report is presented for information purposes only.

BACKGROUND:

Administration retained Telcom Enterprises to undertake a full review of the telecommunication services within the Township of Red Rock.

DISCUSSION:

Administration is always looking for cost savings and efficiencies within operations.

After the review, savings were found in the amount of \$1,046.94 per month or \$12,563.28 per year.

Telcom performs this service for numerous Municipalities and Corporations based on a percentage fee for service related to savings.

Terms:

(50%) of Verified Monthly Savings over a (24) Month Period

- **25% of the projected savings is due upon receipt of the approved Authority to Proceed by Telcom Enterprises**
- **75% is due upon completion of a true-up savings audit following implementation by Telcom Enterprises of all recommended changes, including a re-audit of all new client vendor bills, generated one month after changes have been implemented.**

During the second year (21 months) Telcom Enterprises will complete a second audit of all services included in the initial review to ensure usage-based elements such as long distance and wireless data usage actuals are in line with initial projected savings. As well, at that time Telcom Enterprises will upon signing a new two (2) year agreement renegotiate any signed three or 5-year contracts that are in place to ensure optimum rates are being charged. Any further savings

generated from the second review will be invoiced based on the option selected, plus, (50%) of any incorrect or overcharged billings including wireless credit amounts refunded or credited back to your organization.

ATTACHMENTS:

One (1)

AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST:

Verbal Update from CAO

Option B

Township of Red Rock

Local Lines	Present	Proposed
	\$1,271.07	\$1,110.05
Total	\$1,271.07	\$806.54

Long Distance	Present	Proposed
124 minutes	\$153.91	\$1.40
Total	\$153.91	\$1.40

Internet	Present	Proposed
	\$1,221.85	\$896.95
Total	\$1,221.85	\$896.95

Cellular	Present	Proposed
Bearcom	\$370.00	\$265.00
Total	\$370.00	\$265.00

911 Service	Present	Proposed
	\$320.91	\$320.91
Total	\$320.91	\$320.91

Tower Lease	Present	Proposed
	\$99.16	\$99.16
Total	\$99.16	\$99.16

	Present	Proposed

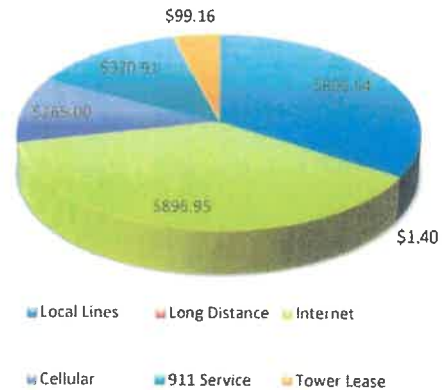
	Present	Proposed

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Total Expenses	Present	Proposed
	\$3,436.90	\$2,389.96

Actual Cost Breakdown



Present vs Proposed Costs



Total Monthly Savings
\$1,046.94

Yearly Savings \$12,563.28

Three Year Savings \$37,689.84

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RED ROCK

BY-LAW 2023-1315

BEING A BY-LAW TO APPOINT AN AREA WEED INSPECTOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF RED ROCK

WHEREAS Weed inspectors are required to enforce the Weed Control Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. W.5;

AND WHEREAS Paragraph 6(1) of the Weed Control Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. W.5 states that the council of every upper-tier and single tier municipality shall By-Law appoint one or more persons as area weed inspectors to enforce the Weed Control Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. W. 5 in the area within the council's jurisdiction and fix their remuneration or other compensation;

AND WHEREAS Council deems it appropriate to appoint Weed Inspectors in the Township of Red Rock;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Red Rock ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) Blair Westerman is appointed as an Area Weed Inspector for The Corporation of the Township of Red Rock
- 2) The duties and responsibilities of the Area Weed Inspector are set out in the Statutes and Regulations of the Province of Ontario
- 3) The Area Weed Inspector shall report to and be under the direction of the Chief Administrative Officer of The Corporation of the Township of Red Rock
- 4) The Chief Administrative Officer is responsible for the administration of this By-Law
- 5) This By-Law shall come into force on the final date of passing

Read a first and second time

this 20th day of March, 2023.

Read a third time and finally passed

this 20th day of March, 2023.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

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