



**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY APRIL 7, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M.**

**DR. S. F. MONESTIME MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
160 WATER STREET, MATTAWA ON**

<p>Zoom Meeting Access: 1-647-374-4685 Meeting ID Code: 871 0409 6506 Passcode: 879124</p>

- 1. Meeting Called to Order**
- 2. Announce Electronic Participants**
- 3. Adoption of Agenda**
 - 3.1 To Adopt the agenda as presented or amended
 - That the agenda dated April 7, 2025 be adopted
- 4. Disclosures of a Conflict of Interest**
- 5. Adoption of Minutes**
 - 5.1 Regular Meeting of February 3, 2025
 - 5.2 To adopt the minutes as presented or amended
 - That Council adopt the March 4, 2024 minutes
- 6. Presentations and Delegations**
- 7. Notice of Motions**
- 8. Correspondence**
 - 8.1 City of Peterborough – Support for Safer Municipalities Act, 2024
 - 8.2 Healtheon – Addressing the Struggling Healthcare
 - 8.3 FONOM – Support for Extended Producer Responsibility for Household Blue Box Program
 - 8.4 City of Stratford – Support for Solving the Homelessness Crisis
 - 8.5 City of Woodstock – Support to Reduce Speeding, Distracted Driving & Impaired Driving
 - 8.6 Coleman Township – Northern Highway Safety Plan Resolution
- 9. Committee Reports**
 - 9.1 Report # CSR01-25 – Pinehill Cemetery Update
Prepared by Amy Leclerc, Municipal Clerk/Revenue Services Clerk
 - 9.2 Report # CSR02-25 – Fire Department Updates
Prepared by Shawn Hongell, Fire Chief

9.3 Report # CSR03-25 – Community Services Update
Prepared by Dexture Sarrazin, Director of Community Services

10. In Camera (Closed) Session

11. Return to Regular Session

12. Motions Resulting from Closed Session

13. Adjournment

13.1 Adjournment of the meeting

- That the April 7, 2025 meeting adjourn at _____ p.m.

DATE: MONDAY APRIL 7, 2025

3.1

**THE CORPORATION TOWN OF MATTAWA
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR _____

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR _____

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda dated Monday April 7, 2025 be adopted.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

The minutes of the Community Services Committee Meeting held Monday February 3, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Dr. S.F. Monestime Council Chambers.

Committee Members Present:

Chair Fern Levesque
Vice Chair Spencer Bigelow

Visiting Council Members:

Mayor Raymond A. Bélanger

Staff Present:

Amy Leclerc, Municipal Clerk/Revenue Services Clerk
Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer

*When a recorded vote is requested and the minutes indicate the recorded vote was "Unanimous" it means all Councillors present and noted above voted in favour unless otherwise indicated.

1. Meeting Called to Order

Meeting Called to Order by Clerk at 6:00 p.m. When the meeting was called to order there was no quorum so the committee followed the procedure by-law to wait 15 minutes for quorum.

Councillor Bigelow arrived at 6:02 p.m. and quorum was reached.

1.1 To appoint a Chair of the Corporate Services Committee

Resolution Number 01-25-COMM

Moved by Councillor Spencer Bigelow
Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee appoints Councillor Fern Levesque as Chair of the committee.

CARRIED – unanimous

1.2 To appoint a Vice Chair of the Corporate Services Committee

Resolution Number 02-25-COMM

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque
Seconded by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee appoints Councillor Spencer Bigelow as Vice Chair of the committee.

CARRIED – unanimous

2. Announce Electronic Participants

Clerk announced that there was 2 members of the public online.

3. Adoption of Agenda

3.1 To Adopt the agenda as presented or amended

Resolution Number 03-25-COMM

Moved by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda dated Monday February 3, 2025 be adopted.

CARRIED – unanimous

4. Disclosures of a Conflict of Interest

5. Adoption of Minutes

5.1 Regular Meeting of March 4, 2024

5.2 To adopt the minutes as presented or amended

Resolution Number 04-25-COMM

Moved by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee adopt the minutes of the meeting of March 4, 2024.

CARRIED – unanimous

6. Presentations and Delegations

7. Notice of Motions

8. Correspondence

8.1 Town of Aylmer – Support Cycling Lanes & Municipal Authority in Transportation Planning

8.2 City of Toronto – Declaring Toronto a Paid Plasma Free Zone

The Committee spoke on correspondence item # 8.2 and requested it be brought to Council for support.

8.3 Ministry of Natural Resources – Regulating Commercial Scale Geologic Carbon Storage Projects in Ontario

8.4 City of Hamilton – Opposing the Proposed Provincial Initiative Seeking to Restrict or Limit the Autonomy of Municipalities in Implementing Road Safety Measures

The Committee spoke on correspondence item # 8.4.

9. Committee Reports

10. In Camera (Closed) Session

11. Return to Regular Session

12. Motions Resulting from Closed Session

13. Adjournment

13.1 Adjournment of the meeting

Resolution Number 05-25-COMM

Moved by Councillor Spencer Bigelow
Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the February 3, 2025 meeting adjourn at 6:12 p.m.

CARRIED – unanimous

Chair

Clerk

DATE: MONDAY APRIL 7, 2025

5.2

**THE CORPORATION TOWN OF MATTAWA
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR _____

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR _____

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee minutes of the February 3, 2025 meeting be adopted.



January 21, 2025

Peterborough - Kawartha MPP Dave Smith;
Honourable Doug Ford, Premier;
Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General;
Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and
Councils of each of Ontario's municipalities.

Subject: Bill 242, Safer Municipalities Act, 2024

The following resolution, adopted by City Council at its meeting held on January 13, 2025, is forwarded for your consideration.

Whereas:

1. A municipality's parks and open spaces are critical infrastructure that support a strong community, and the public's shared and safe use of the municipality's parks and open spaces is integral to ensuring that support.
2. Ontario's municipalities are struggling to maintain their parks and open spaces for their shared and safe use by the public as a result of the increasing proliferation of encampments and illicit activities related thereto.
3. Municipalities that enforce their standards regulating or prohibiting encampments in their parks and open spaces must have regard to the availability of shelter space for those who need shelter.
4. On January 27, 2023, Justice Valente of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice rendered his judgment in *Waterloo (Regional Municipality) v. Persons Unknown and to be Ascertained* (2023), [2023] O.J. No. 417 (Waterloo Decision) which declared that the municipality's by-law violated section 7 of the *Charter* and was therefore inoperative insofar as it applied to prevent encampment residents from erecting temporary shelters on a site when the number of homeless individuals in the region exceeded the number of accessible shelter beds.
5. The Waterloo Decision's analysis of the adequacy of shelter beds suggests an unworkable and unclear standard that goes beyond the number of shelter

spaces and that includes the requirement to provide shelter spaces that must accommodate illicit drug use and other activities that could put shelter residents, workers and volunteers at risk. The result is that municipalities are impaired in their enforcement of their standards and have lost or are losing control of their parks and open spaces.

- 6. On December 12, 2024, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, introduced Bill 242, Safer Municipalities Act, 2024. Among its various initiatives, Bill 242 proposes to amend section 2 of the Trespass to Property Act by adding aggravating factors that must be considered in the court's determination of a penalty under that section. However, the key challenge is that a municipality's exercise of its rights at common law and under section 9 of the Trespass to Property Act to remove encampments from the municipality's parks and open spaces remains potentially subject to the unworkable and unclear standard for the adequacy of shelter space suggested by the Waterloo Decision.**
- 7. In these circumstances, municipalities need provincial legislation that clearly defines a workable standard for shelter space for the purposes of a municipality's jurisdiction to enforce its standards regulating or prohibiting encampments in its parks and open spaces.**

Now therefore, be it resolved:

- 1. That the provincial government be respectfully requested to amend Bill 242 to clearly define a workable standard for shelter space for the purposes of a municipality's jurisdiction to enforce its standards regulating or prohibiting encampments in its parks and open spaces.**
- 2. That, without limitation, Bill 242 provides that a municipality will have met the standard for shelter space for the purposes of the municipality's jurisdiction to enforce its standards regulating or prohibiting encampments in its parks and open spaces:**
 - a) despite the establishment and enforcement of shelter rules including rules that prohibit drug use and other activities that could put shelter residents, workers and volunteers at risk; and**
 - b) if an official designated by the municipality is satisfied that the number of available shelter spaces is at least equal to the aggregate of the number of individuals actually seeking shelter and the number of individuals against whom the municipality is planning to enforce its standards regulating or prohibiting encampments in its parks and open spaces.**
- 3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to:**

- a) Peterborough - Kawartha MPP Dave Smith;
- b) Honourable Doug Ford, Premier;
- c) Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
- d) Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General;
- e) Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and to
- f) Councils of each of Ontario's municipalities.

Sincerely,



John Kennedy
City Clerk

cc:
City of Peterborough Council
City of Peterborough Staff

From: [Rebecca](#)
To: [Info](#)
Subject: Contact Form Submission: Town of Mattawa
Date: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 11:48:06 AM

Feedback Form

Name: Rebecca

Email: rebecca@healtheon.ca

Subject: Addressing our struggling healthcare

Message

Dear Mayor Belanger and Council,

The healthcare crisis facing rural Ontario has reached a critical point. With over 525,000 rural residents lacking primary care and municipalities unfairly bearing \$481 million in annual healthcare costs, communities like Mattawa need sustainable solutions now.

Recent data paints a stark picture:

- *CareCanada reports many Ontario towns rely on a single physician over 65
- *Over 350 unfilled physician vacancies in northern communities
- *More than 600 rural Emergency Department closures in 2023
- *75,000 Canadians have died on healthcare waitlists since 2018
- *Projections show 4.4 million Ontarians will lack a family doctor by 2026

Our CEO of Healtheon is a physician with 40 years of experience, and has been actively discussing solutions across major media outlets:

Sault Star (February 12, 2025): Response to "Underfunded healthcare presents arguments for privatization"

CBC North (January 28, 2025): ""Doctors closing, moving practice because of infrastructure needs""

Healthy Debate (January 20, 2025): "The role of innovation in addressing Canada's primary care crisis"

True North Wire (January 18, 2025): Commentary on healthcare wait lists impact

Our solutions directly address ROMA's key recommendations.

Would love to schedule a meeting at your convenience, to discuss implementing these solutions in the Town of Mattawa. We can share specific examples of success from similar communities and outline an immediate action plan to address your most pressing healthcare challenges.

Time is of the essence. Every week of delay means more strain on your healthcare system and more residents without access to care.

You can also reach Dr Rupert directly on his cell at 416-543-6514 or via email at rrupert@rcmhealth.ca.

Best regards,

Rebecca Ramdeholl
on behalf of Raymond Rupert, MD, MBA
CEO, Healtheon
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www.healtheon.ca

From: [FONOM Office/ Bureau de FONOM](#)
Subject: Resolution for Consideration - Expanding EPR to the ICI sector
Date: Thursday, January 23, 2025 8:00:49 AM

Good morning
 Management

Please share this email with your Mayor, Council and Senior

The BlueBox and recycling are essential to many of your citizens. In Northeastern Ontario, municipalities will transition to Full Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for the household BlueBox program over the next few years. EPR will be important for the Province of Ontario, as producers/stewards will soon create a sustainable circulatory economy for the paper, packaging and products a household recycles.

Producers/Stewards are not responsible for products purchased within the Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional (ICI) sectors. Products recycled at home are disposed of by an ICI-funded program or landfilled.

All municipalities are concerned with the lifespan of landfills, and FONOM believes it is important that the Province and the Producers/Stewards start discussing the transition to a producer-funded EPR system for the recyclables generated by the ICI Sector.

We ask your council to consider supporting the draft resolution below.

I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

WHEREAS under Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box, producers are fully accountable and financially responsible for their products and packaging once they reach their end of life and are disposed of, for 'eligible' sources only;

AND WHEREAS 'ineligible' sources which producers are not responsible for including businesses, places of worship, daycares, campgrounds, public-facing and internal areas of municipal-owned buildings and not-for-profit organizations, such as shelters and food banks;

AND WHEREAS should a municipality continue to provide services to the 'ineligible' sources, the municipality will be required to oversee the collection, transportation, and processing of the recycling, assuming 100% of the costs;

AND WHEREAS these costs will further burden the municipalities' finances and potentially take resources away from vital infrastructure projects;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the _____ hereby request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, **Your Local MPP**, AMO, ROMA and FONOM

Email addresses for those included in the further;

minister.mecp@ontario.ca; Your Local MPP, amo@amo.on.ca; pwolfbeiss@amo.on.ca; fonom.info@gmail.com

Talk soon, Mac.

Mac Bain
Executive Director
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City of Stratford, Corporate Services Department

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January 3, 2025

Sent via email – regionalclerk@regionofwaterloo.ca

William Short,
City Clerk
Regional Municipality of Waterloo

Re: Resolution Regarding Solving the Crisis

We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated September 26, 2024, regarding the above-mentioned matter.

The said correspondence was provided to Stratford City Council for their information as part of the October 15, 2024, Council meeting Consent Agenda (CA-2024-171). Council adopted the following resolution:

THAT CA-2024-171, being a resolution from the Regional Municipality of Waterloo regarding Solve the Crisis, be endorsed.

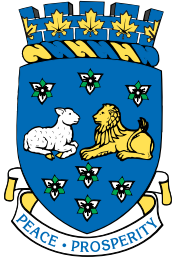
Sincerely,

T. Dafoe

Tatiana Dafoe Clerk

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cc: Right Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
Hon. Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada
Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
Hon Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario municipalities



September 26, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada

Dear Prime Minister:

Re: Solve the Crisis

Please be advised that the Council of the Regional Municipality of Waterloo at their regular meeting held on September 25, 2024, approved the following motion:

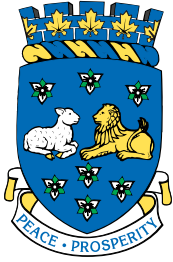
Whereas there is a humanitarian crisis in cities, large and small, urban and rural, across Ontario. We need immediate action at all levels of government, starting with the Province; and

Whereas the homelessness, mental health and addictions crisis continues to grow with 3432 drug related deaths in Ontario in 2023 as well as with an estimated 234,000 Ontarians experiencing homelessness and over 1400 homeless encampments across Ontario communities in 2023; and

Whereas the province has provided additional funding for mental health, addictions and homelessness programs, including the recently announced Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment (HART) Hubs, it does not adequately address the growing crisis and the financial and social impact on municipalities and regions across the province; and

Whereas municipalities and regions are stepping up and working with community partners to put in place community-specific solutions to address this crisis, but municipalities and regions lack the expertise, capacity, or resources to address these increasingly complex health care and housing issues alone; and

Whereas this is primarily a health issue that falls under provincial jurisdiction and municipalities and regions should not be using the property tax base to fund these programs; and



Whereas there is no provincial Minister focused on this crisis leading to unanswered questions that span over a dozen ministries, and a lack of support to manage the increasing needs of those who are unhoused.

Now Therefore be it resolved that the Region of Waterloo supports the Solve the Crisis Campaign;

And calls on provincial and federal governments to commit to immediate action to solve the Humanitarian Crisis that Ontario is facing as the numbers of unhoused individuals and those suffering with mental health & addictions grows exponentially;

AND that the province officially makes Homelessness a Health Priority;

AND appoints a responsible Minister and Ministry with the appropriate funding and powers as a single point of contact to address the full spectrum of housing needs as well as mental health, addictions and wrap around supports;

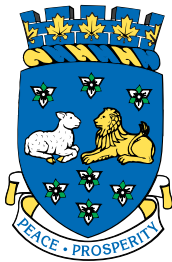
AND request that the provincial government strike a task force with broad sector representatives including municipalities, regions, healthcare, first responders, community services, the business community and the tourism industry to develop a *Made in Ontario Action Plan*;

AND that this provincial task force reviews current programs developed by municipalities, regions and community partners that have proven successful in our communities, to ensure that solutions can be implemented quickly and effectively to tackle this crisis.

AND provides the adequate, sufficient and sustainable funding to ensure that municipalities have the tools and resources to support individuals suffering with mental health and addictions, including unhoused people and those from vulnerable populations that may be disproportionately impacted;

And that this Council calls on the residents across the Region of Waterloo to join us in appealing to the provincial and federal governments for support by visiting SolveTheCrisis.ca and showing your support;

And further that a copy of this motion be sent to:



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- **The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada**
- **The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario**
- **The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health**
- **The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing**
- **The Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services**
- **The Honourable Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions**
- **Local and area MPs, MPPs and Heads of Council**
- **The Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario's Big City Mayors and Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario**

Please accept this letter for information purposes only. If you have any questions please contact Regional Councillor Dorothy McCabe Dorothy.McCabe@waterloo.ca

Please forward any written responses to this letter to William Short, Director, Council & Administrative Services/Regional Clerk
regionalclerk@regionofwaterloo.ca

Yours sincerely,

William Short, Director Council and Administrative Services/Regional Clerk

cc: Region of Waterloo Councillor Dorothy McCabe Dorothy.McCabe@waterloo.ca

February 25, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Via email: premier@ontario.ca

At the regular meeting of Woodstock City Council held on February 20, 2025, the following resolution was passed:

“Whereas speeding, distracted driving, and impaired driving are among the leading causes of driving related collisions, injuries, and fatalities in Ontario; and,

Whereas municipalities are called upon to modify driver behaviour through expensive infrastructure and even more expensive policing; and,

Whereas infrastructure and policing are inherently limited in their effectiveness at reducing speed and distracted driving, and entirely ineffective at reducing impaired driving;

Therefore be it resolved that the City of Woodstock calls on the Provincial and Federal governments to do everything in their power to limit speeding, distracted driving, and impaired driving, and thereby reduce collisions, injuries, and fatalities in our communities; and,

That the City of Woodstock specifically requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead, which will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and,

That City of Woodstock Staff work with Oxford County and all Oxford municipalities on the feasibility of implementing a long term Vision Zero Policy and the Good Roads Rural Road Safety strategy across all of Oxford; and,

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Premier, Ontario Minister of Transportation, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Ontario Minister of Rural Affairs, Ontario Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Ontario Minister of Health; and,

FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all Oxford police services boards, Safe

and Well Oxford, Good Roads, and all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.”

Yours Truly,

Jeff Bunn
Manager, Legislative Services/ Deputy City Clerk
City of Woodstock

Cc.

The Hon. Prabmeet Sakaria, Minister of Transportation - prabmeet.sarkaria@pc.ola.org

The Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure - kinga.surmaco@pc.ola.org

The Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture - minister.omafra@ontario.ca

Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response -
trevor.jones3@ontario.ca

The Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health - sylvia.jones@ontario.ca

Woodstock Police Services - nnovacich@woodstockpolice.ca

Police Services Board - oapsb@oapsb.ca;

Safe and Well Oxford – safewelloxford@gmail.com

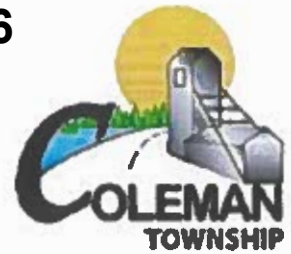
Good Roads - info@goodroads.ca

Association of Municipalities Ontario - amo@amo.on.ca

Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) - roma@roma.on.ca

And all municipalities in Ontario

**Resolution
Regular Council Meeting**



Agenda Number: 15.2.
Resolution Number 25-054
Title: 25-R-22 Northern Highway Safety Plan
Date: Monday, February 24, 2025

Moved by: M. Lubbock
Seconded by: S. Cote

WHEREAS THE TransCanada Highway is the road system meant to move goods and people across the country, but it is no longer equipped to do that safely in Northern Ontario.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Coleman hereby support the Northern Highway Safety Plan proposed by MPP Guy Bourgouin, MPP Lise Vaugeois and MPP John Vanthof which includes the following;

Immediate Actions:

- Require all new drivers to be tested by MTO-certified inspectors instead of third-party companies.
- Return highway maintenance operations to the MTO while working with northern contractors.
- Increase staff at inspection sites, weigh scales, and OPP traffic enforcement.
- Expedite the 2+1 highway pilot project and use excavated material to build additional rest stops and parking areas.

Short-Term Improvements:

- Mandate snow tires for all passenger vehicles in Northern Ontario.
- Ensure driving schools comply with the MELT training system and improve MELT to include winter driving training.
- Address the abuse of "self-insurance provisions" and ensure fair payment for tow truck operators and service providers.
- Require all commercial vehicles to have dash cams.
- Increase the use of traffic cameras and photo radar to reduce speeding.
- Promote rail transport to reduce commercial truck traffic on northern highways.
- Upload connecting links back to the provincial highway system for consistent maintenance.
- Upgrade and expand rest stops with heated washrooms to meet traveler needs.
- Provide compensation to municipalities for damage to local roads caused by highway detours.

Long-Term Solutions:

- Widen and pave all shoulders on Highways 11 and 17.
- Convert Highways 11 and 17 into divided four-lane highways where possible or implement a continuous three-lane system if the 2+1 project proves successful.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Transportation; the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing; all Provincial Leaders; the Temiskaming Municipal Association; the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM); the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA); and all municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED

Certified True Copy



Christopher W. Oslund
CAO/Clerk - Treasurer



January 24, 2025

MPP Guy Bourgouin *Mushkegowuk-James Bay*
MPP Lise Vaugeois *Thunder Bay-Superior North*
MPP John Vanthof *Timiskaming Cochrane*

NORTHERN HIGHWAY SAFETY PLAN

Introduction

Safety on the TransCanada Highways 11 and 17 continues to be the number one concern for most residents of Northern Ontario because they are our main streets. We use these highways to get to work, school, hockey, and medical appointments, but we share them with thousands of cross-country commercial trucks. As a result, Northern MPPs have had a lot to say over the years about the state of highways in the North and for good reason.

Years ago, the problem was proper and consistent winter maintenance. The Liberal government in power at the time claimed everything was fine, so MPP Vanthof's office created the Northern Road Report to show that it wasn't. The Minister of Transportation (MTO) demanded that the report be taken down, but in the end the Northern Road Report helped prove that even when contract requirements were being met, people were still being put at risk. As a result, the government of the day was forced to make changes to the system.

MPP Bourgouin introduced legislation to make maintenance standards the same across the TransCanada system, so that 11 north of North Bay would be maintained to the same standard as south. The legislation was defeated, but the government did create a separate standard for the northern portion of the TransCanada highway. MPP Bourgouin has also introduced other pieces of legislation regarding driver training and not being able to pass on double solid lines. This was defeated, but he remains committed to finding ways to solve safety issues the same as his fellow Northern MPPs. Similarly, MPP Vaugeois introduced a motion that driver testing be taken back by the MTO which would have been an effective way for the government to control the standard of drivers on the roads. All three members have been vocal in the legislature regarding highway safety throughout their careers.

We are once again facing a highway safety crisis, one that we believe requires a plan designed by Northerners for Northerners. It contains clear goals that we can push government of whatever stripe to implement for all our families.

Current Situation

Currently some poorly trained commercial vehicle drivers and the companies they work for are putting all other drivers at undue risk. Incidents have been easy to track on social media. Investigative reports on the problems in commercial truck training and licensing, and from the Auditor General of Ontario identified this problem as far back as 2018. We, Northern MPPs have mentioned this issue many times in the legislature. The response from the government has been that these are the safest roads in North America, and that they are looking into the matter.



January 25, 2025

MPP Guy Bourgouin *Mushkegowuk-James Bay*
MPP Lise Vaugeois *Thunder Bay-Superior North*
MPP John Vanthof *Timiskaming Cochrane*

Regardless of political stance, we hope that we can all agree that one of the basic jobs of any government is to ensure that people who are issued a driver's license are capable of safely driving the vehicle for which they are licensed. There are over a hundred companies in Ontario who recruit, train, and license their own drivers and they can issue Ontario licenses to them. These are among the worst offenders. Of course there are still good driving schools, and companies that provide excellent training programs to their new drivers, but not all of them. Change needs to happen in the immediate and long term, and we are proposing a plan to address these needs. First, there needs to be immediate action by the Ministry to ensure that only properly-trained drivers are graduating by appointing employees of the MTO to conduct driving tests for all new commercial vehicle drivers before they can receive a license.

Immediate Ask

- Have all new drivers tested by MTO certified inspectors, not third-party private companies. If their student drivers can't pass a legitimate road test, then these driving schools will be forced to change how they conduct business.

Short-Term

- Return the management of highway maintenance operations to the MTO, while working with contractors and providers throughout the North.
- Increase staffing at scales and inspection sites, as well as OPP Traffic enforcement to ensure the laws currently in place are being followed.
- Expedite the 2+1 pilot project and the construction of rest stops. Use the fill that is dug out to rebuild sections of the highway to create parking pull offs.

Medium-Term

- Make snow tires mandatory for all passenger vehicles registered in Northern Ontario.
- Ensure that driving schools comply with the current MELT training system.
- Reform issues within MELT itself and expand requirements to include winter driving training.
- Address the current abuse of "self insurance provisions" and ensure tow truck operators and other service providers can get paid for services from these schemes.
- Require that all commercial motor vehicles have dash cams.
- Increase the number of cameras and photo radar to slow down traffic.
- Emphasize rail to move goods so not as many loads must travel on the highway.
- Return connecting links to the provincial highway system so that maintenance is uniform.
- Better equip and increase the availability of rest stops with heated, maintained washrooms.
- Direct the cost of repairing damage to municipal roads caused by detour traffic from highway closures to the MTO.

Long-Term

- Widen and pave all shoulders on Highways 11 and 17.
- Make Highway 11 and 17 a divided four-lane highway wherever possible.
 - If the 2+1 pilot proves successful, a continuous three lane would be a good intermediate step. The TransCanada Highway is the road system meant to move goods and people

January 25, 2025



MPP Guy Bourgouin *Mushkegowuk-James Bay*
MPP Lise Vaugois *Thunder Bay-Superior North*
MPP John Vanthof *Timiskaming Cochrane*

This plan is designed to be a living document. The goals here have been suggested by industry stakeholders, drivers, municipalities and others. We are open to suggestions, ideas, and constructive criticism. Please send us your comments. By working together, we are hoping to make the highway safer for all our families.

MPP Guy Bourgouin
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INFORMATION REPORT

PREPARED FOR: COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

PREPARED BY: AMY LECLERC, MUNICIPAL CLERK/REVENUE SERVICES CLERK

TITLE: PINEHILL CEMETERY UPDATE

DATE: MONDAY APRIL 7, 2025

REPORT NO: CSR01-25

BACKGROUND

The Pinehill Cemetery was transferred into the Town of Mattawa's care in 2017 and the Cemetery Administrator, Cemetery Clerk and Public Works Supervisor has been updating the paperwork and the cemetery since that time.

ANALYSIS & DISCUSSION

Currently in the Pinehill Cemetery there are four sections: Section A and Section B, which are referred to as the old section; Section C which is the newer section just driving into the cemetery off of Eighth Street and Section D which is against the fence. Sections A, B & C are regular casket plots which are 4'x8' in size. Section D is the cremation plots which are 2'x4' in size. We currently have 12 cremation plots left for sale.

Staff have looked into the granite columbariums, which we do have room to add, but feel it is not required at this time until we sell more of the cremation plots. We will keep monitoring the plots left and bring forward any recommendations at a later date.

There is one pine tree within the cemetery limits that is losing limbs and beginning to rot in the middle so staff is working on getting quotes for removal which will be brought to Council once we have everything in place. This tree does need to be removed before any more limbs fall and destroy the monuments in the area or worse.

The gates to the cemetery are currently closed to the public and will open in May once the snow is all gone from the site. Before that time the Cemetery Clerk and Public Works Supervisor will do a walk-through of the cemetery for any repairs that are required to the fencing and grounds.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

RELEVANT POLICY/LEGISLATION

By-law 17-07 Pinehill Cemetery

ATTACHMENTS

RECOMMENDATIONS/RESOLUTION

That the Community Services Committee receives this report.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee receives Report # CSR01-25 titled Pinehill Cemetery Update.



INFORMATION REPORT

PREPARED FOR: COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

PREPARED BY: SHAWN HONGELL, FIRE CHIEF

TITLE: FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATES

DATE: MONDAY APRIL 7, 2025

REPORT NO: CSR02-25

BACKGROUND

Fire Department updates.

ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION

POLICE VS FIREFIGHTERS' HOCKEY GAME

Mattawa, Papineau-Cameron and Calvin Fire Departments took the ice against the North Bay Police Service and OPP in the first annual charity Police VS Fire hockey game on March 22, 2025. The event brought Mattawa and surrounding communities together for a fun-filled evening of hockey.

The event raised \$477.00 in cash and 25 bags of groceries for our local Mattawa Foodbank.

RECRUITMENT EFFORTS

The Mattawa Fire Department has been in the process of recruiting new firefighters since February by promoting the Fire Department through social media platforms and hand delivering recruitment flyers throughout town. We are currently in the process of finalizing the applications and onboarding new recruits. 5 individuals are slated to be interviewed April 3, 2025.

FIREFIGHTER TRAINING PLANNING AND DZ LICENSING EFFORTS

Since 2024, the Mattawa Fire Department has increased their training fundamentals that go above training on Wednesday evenings. The Mattawa Fire Department is in the process of onboarding our firefighters with the educational requirements to meet the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standard that the OFM has mandated by July 1, 2026.

The Mattawa Fire Department has initiated the process to have its firefighters successfully complete their DZ licensing to be able to operate the firetrucks professionally and safely and be compliant with MTO standards. With this, the Town of Mattawa has agreed to enroll its' firefighters in a DZ course. This course is approximately \$1500 per person plus tax through the Transport Training Centres of Canada.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

Included in the 2025 budget is DZ licensing costs for 5 individual FF training for VFF re: OFM mandated training compliance.

RELEVANT POLICY/LEGISLATION:

NFPA

ATTACHMENTS

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the committee receives and approves this report.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee receives Report # CSR02-25 titled Fire Department Update.



INFORMATION REPORT

PREPARED FOR: COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

PREPARED BY: DEXTURE SARRAZIN, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

TITLE: COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE

DATE: MONDAY APRIL 7, 2025

REPORT NO: CSR03-25

BACKGROUND

Community Services updates.

ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION

Public Works

Snow Removal

Nice to see the time change and the weather shift away from a busy winter season. Winter this year was a little more robust than last. Snow removal operations on Saturday and Sunday mornings were a regular occurrence. Early estimates show us that over $\frac{3}{4}$ of our winter salt/sand stockpile was used this season. Contractors were called upon, as needed, to assist in excess snow removal throughout Town closer to the thaw.

Repairs & Maintenance

This year saw an increase in regular repairs and maintenance. Our “new to us” CAT grader needed a replacement intercooler. Our 2001 Freightliner needed a replacement head gasket and coolant lines. The John Deere Backhoe required work to hydraulics and hydraulic lines. Our RMT Trackless saw coolant leaks resolved. Our 2017 Freightliner saw leaky air brakes repaired. Our 2019 F-150 trucks saw significant repairs to the intake and exhaust phasers on both through Stockfish Ford. Our 2024 F-150 had a back rack, strobe light, radio and winter tires added.

Health & Safety Training

All staff have completed some form of health & safety training as well as working at heights, chainsaw safety, and first aid. In 2025, we expect to build a training plan for staff to ensure everyone can operate all equipment safely.

Spring Operations

The Public Works Staff have started our annual spring maintenance program which includes street sweeping, culvert catch basin clearing, and pothole repair. Last year, short staffed, we utilized the services of external street sweeping contractor. This service was certainly valuable and gave us time to address other tasks we have put on the backburner in previous springs. We completely overhauled the public works yard, removed dilapidated structures and added 2 shipping containers for storage. This year, we have added some handheld power equipment and have a full staffing compliment to get this work done in a reasonable time.

Environmental Services

Landfill

The landfill continues to grow and change. As we see space deteriorate, JP2G continues to monitor our next steps based on our currently expired CoA. The grinding RFQ is currently being worked on by staff and we be going out in the coming weeks.

Recycling & Waste Collection

As we know, the recycling collection landscape is changing. Circular Materials are the chosen entity, and they are working with GFL to plan for the future of recycling collection in our community. A new recycling calendar will be produced by Circular Materials and distributed as well as new collection containers for every residence. In the new program, businesses are considered non-eligibles and considerations will need to be made as to whether the Town continues to fund business recycling or if the burden is placed on businesses directly.

Water & Wastewater

Our water and wastewater locations have all (but 2) had new identification signage installed. This signage helps inform the public as to what the function of the location is as well as to ensure they understand the importance of that location. Our water and wastewater infrastructure are critical and should be seen as well cared for and clean. The work to repair the roof on the water treatment plant has been started and should see completion in the next couple of weeks. We will continue to work with OCWA to ensure both the inside and outside of the plant is well maintained and in alignment with standards expected by the province.

Water & Wastewater Training

With a member of staff retiring, we will be looking to have new staff trained to operate in water and wastewater. In 2025, a regular training log will be kept helping ensure trained water staff are meeting the training requirements established by the province.

Parks and Recreation

Staffing

On Monday, March 31st, our new Parks & Recreation Supervisor started. Over the first few days, they were brought up to speed with the operations of many of the Town's departments. Understanding operations that are outside parks & recreation is crucial to the Supervisor's function. Over the next few weeks, we will go over the processes and procedures, pass on contact information of essential supports, and discuss how we move many of the various projects and expectations forward.

Health & Safety Training

All staff have completed mandatory health and safety training, first aid, and more. Our training plan for 2025 will include looking at refrigeration qualifications for new staff to parks and recreation.

Spring & Summer Youth Programs

Planning for the spring and summer youth programs has begun. We hope to offer a similar program to last year with expanded ages for daily drop-in.

Fitness Centre

We are currently in the process of repairing water damage in the fitness centre. The water damage was caused by rapid spring thaw and overground water penetration at the basement windows and foundation.

The drywall will be repaired, the fitness centre will be painted, and carpeted floor in the stretching room will be replaced.

Timmins, Annie's, & Gordon Dufoe Parks & Mattawa Island

Parks & Recreation staff will do seasonal maintenance on all parks once the snow has completely melted. Playground inspections will be completed and splashpad and public washrooms will be ready for summer.

Mattawa Waterfront

Dock repairs will soon be started. These repairs are remedial repairs to ensure we can keep the dock system operational for the 2025 season.

Culture, Tourism & Special Projects

Mattawa Voyageur Days

The final touches on the children's entertainment, vendors, and more will occur over the next few weeks. With all our main stage music acts booked, our ticket sales are over 1000 and growing. A more detailed report will be shared in the coming weeks.

Beautification

In recent weeks, myself, Laura Ross, and Vicky Wilson have met to discuss beautification opportunities in and around Town. These regular meetings work very well to create a great space for collaboration and ideas. Moving forward, our Parks & Recreation Supervisor will be at these meetings and will be a great conduit for making some necessary upgrades around town.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

RELEVANT POLICY/LEGISLATION:

ATTACHMENTS

RECOMMENDATIONS/RESOLUTION

It is recommended that the committee receives and accepts this report.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee receives Report # CSR03-25 titled Community Services Update.
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DATE: MONDAY APRIL 7, 2025

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**THE CORPORATION TOWN OF MATTAWA
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR _____

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR _____

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the April 7, 2025 meeting adjourn at _____ p.m.