



**The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores**  
**Regular Meeting of Council**  
**Tuesday, September 19, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.**  
**City Hall – Council Chambers – 325 Farr Drive**

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**Agenda**

1. **Land Acknowledgement**
2. **Call to Order**
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Review of Revisions or Deletions to Agenda**
5. **Approval of Agenda**

**Draft Resolution**

Moved by: Councillor  
Seconded by: Councillor

Be it resolved that City Council approves the agenda as printed / amended.

6. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature**



**7. Public Meetings pursuant to the Planning Act, Municipal Act and other Statutes**

None

**8. Review and adoption of Council Minutes**

Draft Resolution

Moved by: Councillor

Seconded by: Councillor

Be it resolved that City Council approves the following minutes as printed:

- a) Committee of the Whole Meeting - August 8, 2023;
- b) Regular Council Meeting – August 8, 2023; and
- c) Committee of the Whole Meeting – September 5, 2023.

**9. Presentations / Delegations**

- a) Steve Acland, Kemp, Elliott and Blair, LLP and Stephanie Leveille, Treasurer

**Re: 2022 Audited Financial Statements**

Draft Resolution

Moved by: Councillor

Seconded by: Councillor

Be it resolved that the Council of the City of Temiskaming Shores hereby acknowledges receipt and approves the 2022 Consolidated Financial Statements for the City of Temiskaming Shores as prepared by the firm of Kemp, Elliott and Blair L.L.P. – Chartered Accountants; and

That Council directs the Treasurer to provide public notice that a copy of the 2022 Consolidated Financial Statements is available at City Hall and on the City's website in accordance with Section 295 of the Municipal Act, 2001.

- b) Barry Waitt, Resident

**Re: New Liskeard Marina Property (199 Riverside Drive)**



**10. Correspondence/ Communications**

- a) The Honourable Todd Smith, Minister of Energy

**Re:** Powering Ontario's Growth (Ontario's Plan for a Clean Energy Future), 2023-07-10

**Reference:** Received for Information

- b) Timiskaming First Nation's 2023 Pow Wow Committee

**Re:** Thank you Letter

**Reference:** Received for Information

- c) Sherry Buffett, Resident

**Re:** Application to Purchase Municipal Land, 2023-08-08

**Reference:** Referred to the Clerk to process in accordance with By-law No. 2015-160, Policy for the Disposal of Real Property

- d) North on Tap Craft Beer Festival

**Re:** Media Release - Fifth Annual North on Tap Craft Beer Festival Raises \$94,000 for Community, 2023-08-14

**Reference:** Received for Information

- e) Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

**Re:** Building Faster Fund, 2023-08-22

**Reference:** Received for Information

- f) Municipal Property Assessment Corporation

**Re:** 2022 Post-Enumeration Report and Property Assessment Update

**Reference:** Received for Information



- g) The Municipality of St. Charles

**Re:** Resolution for Support – National Housing Strategy Initiatives, 2023-08-17

**Reference:** Received for Information

- h) Jennifer Keyes, Director for the Resources Planning and Development Policy Branch, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

**Re:** Streamlining of Approvals under the Aggregate Resources Act and Supporting Policy

**Reference:** Received for Information

- i) Alison Gray, Clerk for the Township of Severn

**Re:** Resolution for Support - Just Transition Transfer

**Reference:** Received for Information

- j) Township of Matachewan

**Re:** Resolution for Support, Legislation to Strengthen Municipal Codes of Conduct and Compliance, 2023-08-16

**Reference:** Received for Information

- k) Dr. Charles Garder, President of the Association of Local Public Health Agencies

**Re:** Public Health Funding and Capacity Announcement, 2023-08-23

**Reference:** Received for Information

- l) Nick Tulpin, President, South Temiskaming ATV Club

**Re:** ATV Club in Temiskaming, 2023-08-25

**Reference:** Received for Information



- m) Dr. Glenn Corneil, Acting Medical Officer of Health, Timiskaming Health Unit

**Re:** Voluntary Merger of the Porcupine Health Unit and the Timiskaming Health Unit, 2023-08-30

**Reference:** Received for Information

- n) Timiskaming Health Unit

**Re:** Report to the Board of Health, Mid-Year Report January to June 2023

**Reference:** Received for Information

- o) Timiskaming Health Unit

**Re:** Board of Health Briefing Report, Ontario Vape Tax, 2023-09-06

**Reference:** Received for Information

- p) Stacy Wight, Board of Health Chair, Timiskaming Health Unit

**Re:** Universal, No-cost Coverage for all Prescription Contraceptive Options for all Ontarians, 2023-09-06

**Reference:** Received for Information

- q) The City of Clarence-Rockland

**Re:** Resolution of Support - Third-party study of the Ottawa River, 2023-09-07

**Reference:** Received for Information

- r) Bonnie Nistico-Dunk, Town Clerk, the Town of Grimsby

**Re:** Resolution of Support – Establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income, 2023-09-08

**Reference:** Received for Information



- s) The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)

**Re:** Resolution of Support – Northern Ontario School of Medicine's Request for Permanent Increase in Annual Funding, 2023-09-10

**Reference:** Motion presented under New Business

- t) The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)

**Re:** Policy Documents presented in Delegations during the 2023 AMO Conference, 2023-09-12

**Reference:** Received for Information

Draft Resolution

Moved by: Councillor

Seconded by: Councillor

Be it resolved that the Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores agrees to deal with Communications Items 10 a) though t) in accordance with agenda references.

**11. Committees of Council – Community and Regional**

Draft Resolution

Moved by: Councillor

Seconded by: Councillor

Be it resolved that the following minutes be accepted for information:

- a) Minutes of the Police Services Board meeting held on August 10, 2023;
- b) Draft minutes of the Temiskaming Transit Committee meeting held on June 15, 2023; and
- c) Minutes from the Timiskaming Heath Unit's Board of Health meetings held on June 7, 2023 and on August 10, 2023.



## **12. Reports by Members of Council**

a) Councillor Danny Whalen

**Re:** Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) 2023 Conference Report

## **13. Notice of Motions**

a) Councillor Mark Wilson

**Re:** Vision Zero Road Safety Charter

Whereas the principles of Vision Zero were first implemented in Sweden in 1997 and these principles are based on safe system road design, and many other jurisdictions around the world and across Canada have adopted Vision Zero including the Netherlands, Ireland, Norway, Denmark, Australia, New Zealand, Montreal, Edmonton, Toronto, Kingston among many others; and

Whereas it is inevitable that humans will make mistakes when using the road network, and safe system design principles reduce the kinetic energy or crashes that occur when these mistakes are made, and thereby drastically increase the chance of survival for those involved in a crash; and

Whereas Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores supports the fundamental message of Vision Zero: fatalities and serious injuries on our roads are unacceptable and preventable, and efforts must be taken to reduce traffic-related deaths and injuries to ZERO; and

Whereas safe roads and streets are a vital component of a livable and successful community; and

Whereas Vision Zero is a strategy supported by Safe Systems policies to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries while increasing safety, health and equitable mobility for all road users.

Therefore, be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores directs staff to investigate the development of a Vision Zero Road Safety Charter (Action Plan), to guide the design and management of a safe transportation network, with the goal of making City roads and streets safer for all road users; and

Further that staff present their findings in an administrative report at future Committee of the Whole meeting for Council consideration.



**14. New Business**

- a) **Fort Erie Resolution of Support - Controls on Airbnb, VRBO and Others which affect municipal rentals (Correspondence from August 8, 2023 Regular Council Meeting)**

**Draft Resolution**

Moved by: Councillor

Seconded by: Councillor

Whereas the Town of Fort Erie passed a resolution regarding Controls on Airbnb, VRBO and others which affect municipal rentals, at their regular Council meeting on July 24, 2023; and

Whereas global technology platforms such as Airbnb or VRBO were created to improve global access to rental opportunities, particularly those available for vacation or shorter-term business purposes; and

Whereas the impact of these “disruptive technologies” on rental markets has raised the following concerns in the past decade:

- Concentration of ownership and proliferation of landlord corporations with minimal interest in or accountability to local communities;
- Removal of housing stock from long-term rental markets with resulting increases in rents;
- Lack of control over occupancy (e.g. families vs. large groups of partygoers);
- Incidence of nuisance infractions (noise, garbage, parking); and

Whereas any reduction in the availability of long-term housing stock runs counter to the Province of Ontario’s goal of 1.5 million additional homes in the next 10 years; and

Whereas growth in short-term rental markets may also have a negative impact on housing affordability for the seasonal workers who service tourist destinations or farming communities; and

Whereas implementing local/municipal restrictions through municipal law enforcement tools (licensing), and municipal planning tools (zoning by-law restrictions), may push demand to other communities; and

Whereas some platforms (e.g., Airbnb) are already working toward providing notice to owners about municipal regulations and licensing through a license number field; and

Whereas some jurisdictions (e.g., Quebec, Scotland) have acknowledged the limitations of local authorities/municipalities in controlling the impact of global technologies and have developed comprehensive regulatory frameworks; and



Whereas a comprehensive, consistent regulatory approach is likely to prove more effective in Ontario.

Now therefore be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores supports the Town of Fort Erie's request to the Government of Ontario to establish a regulatory framework requiring digital platforms such as Airbnb and VRBO to:

1. Require owners using the digital platforms to comply with municipal planning and licensing regulations;
2. Prevent advertising of properties that are not registered with the relevant municipality, and
3. Provide a contact with the platform to ensure ongoing and effective communications for provincial and municipal officials; and

That the Province of Ontario work with municipalities to address situations in which long-term housing stock has been lost to corporate ownership of short-term rental properties; and

Further that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario (Hon. Doug Ford); the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (Hon. Paul Calandra); John Vanthof, MPP Timiskaming-Cochrane, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Town of Fort Erie.

**b) The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) - Resolution of Support – Northern Ontario School of Medicine's Request for Permanent Increase in Annual Funding (Correspondence Item No. 10 s.)**

Draft Resolution

Moved by: Councillor

Seconded by: Councillor

Whereas Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores recognizes the urgent need for physicians in Northern Ontario, as it is experiencing a shortage of trained physicians and specialist physicians; and

Whereas life expectancy of Northern residents is more than two years lower than the Ontario average, and mental health and addictions are at a four-times higher rate; and

Whereas one (1) in eight (8) Northern residents do not have access to a family doctor, and many must travel long distances to access healthcare services representing the failure of healthcare in Northern Ontario; and

Whereas communities in Northern Ontario require access to equitable health care, especially underserved rural, Indigenous, and Francophone communities; and



Whereas in April of 2022, the Government announced an unprecedented medical expansion for Northern School of Medicine (NOSM) University's medical programs; and

Whereas the current base funding rates for the NOSM University have not been increased sufficiently to accommodate growth and expansion.

Be it resolved that the Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores strongly requests the provincial Government grant NOSM University's request for a permanent increase in annual base funding by \$4.0 million before the end of this fiscal year, so it can continue to deliver on the mandate that the Conservative Government initially established in response to the needs of Northern municipalities; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health; the Honourable Jill Dunlop, Minister of Colleges and Universities; John Vanthof, MPP Timiskaming-Cochrane; the leaders of the opposition parties of Ontario; the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) University; the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM); the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and the Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association (NOAMA).

c) **Memo No. 022-2023-CS Enhanced Smoking and Vaping By-law**

Draft Resolution

Moved by: Councillor

Seconded by: Councillor

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores acknowledges receipt of Memo No. 022-2023-CS; and

That Council refers the request from the Timiskaming Health Unit for enhanced smoking and vaping measures to the Community Safety Well Being Committee for discussion and consideration.

d) **Memo No. 023-2023-CS Land Sale Agreement with TIME Ltd.**

Draft Resolution

Moved by: Councillor

Seconded by: Councillor

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores acknowledges receipt of Memo No. 023-2023-CS; and



That Council approves the proposed amendments to Schedule B, the Property Development Agreement with TIME Ltd., to increase the building value per lot to \$400,000, and to increase the time to develop the property from three (3) years to five (5) years; and

Further that Council directs staff to prepare the necessary by-law to enter into an agreement with Temiskaming Mining Equipment Limited, including the proposed amendments to the Property Development Agreement, to complete the sale of City owned land legally described as: PLAN 54R5639 PT S ½ LT 6 CON 1 DYMOND PTS 2, 3, 4 and Part of PT 1, City of Temiskaming Shores for consideration at the September 19, 2023 Regular Council meeting.

e) **Memo No. 022-2023-PW Solid Waste Management By-law Amendment – Tipping Fee Schedule**

Draft Resolution

Moved by: Councillor

Seconded by: Councillor

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores acknowledges receipt of Memo No. 022-2023-PW; and

That Council directs staff to prepare the necessary By-law to amend By-law No. 2015-128 (Solid Waste Management), for the replacement of the Tipping Fee Schedule in Appendix 03 with a new schedule including the addition of a clarifying note regarding the deposit of mixed waste categories, for consideration at the September 19, 2023, Regular Council Meeting.

f) **Administrative Report No. PW-022-2023 Purchase Agreement – Metrolinx/ Creative Carriage Transit Buses**

Draft Resolution

Moved by: Councillor

Seconded by: Councillor

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores acknowledges receipt of Administrative Report No. PW-022-2023; and

That Council directs staff to prepare the necessary by-law to enter into an agreement with Creative Carriage Ltd. for the supply and delivery of two (2), 8-meter low floor transit buses within the Metrolinx Group Procurement Program, for a total upset limit of \$553,006.44 plus applicable taxes, for consideration at the September 19, 2023 Regular Council meeting.



**15. By-Laws****Draft Resolution**

Moved by: Councillor

Seconded by: Councillor

Be it resolved that:

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| By-law No. 2023-099 | Being a by-law to amend By-law No. 2022-185, as amended to appoint community representatives to various Committees and Boards for the 2023-2026 Term of Council (Resignation of Suzanne Othmer)     |
| By-law No. 2023-100 | Being a by-law to authorize the Sale of Land being a legally identified on PLAN 54R5639 PT S ½ LT 6 CON 1 DYMOND PTS 2, 3, 4 and Part of PT 1, to Temiskaming Industrial Mining Equipment Limited   |
| By-law No. 2023-101 | Being a by-law to amend By-law No. 2015-128 to establish a system for the Collection and Disposal of Garbage, Recyclables and other refuse – Amended Tipping Fees                                   |
| By-law No. 2023-102 | Being a by-law to enter into a Rental Agreement with Jade Equipment Company Ltd. for the supply and delivery of three (3) Rental Graders  |
| By-law No. 2023-103 | Being a by-law to authorize a Purchase Agreement with Creative Carriage Ltd. for the supply and delivery of two (2), 8-meter low floor transit buses within the Metrolinx Group Procurement Program |
| By-law No. 2023-104 | Being a by-law to enter into a Lease Agreement with Smitty's Canteen / Michael Smith for the operation of the Shelley Herbert-Shea Memorial Arena Concession (September 22, 2023 to April 30, 2024) |

be hereby introduced and given first, second and third and final reading, be signed by the Mayor and Clerk and the corporate seal affixed thereto.

**16. Schedule of Council Meetings**

- a) Committee of the Whole Meeting – October 3, 2023 starting at 3:00 p.m.
- b) Regular Council Meeting – October 17, 2023 starting at 6:00 p.m.



**17. Closed Session**

*Draft Resolution*

Moved by: Councillor

Seconded by: Councillor

Be it resolved that Council agrees to convene in Closed Session at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m. to discuss the following matters:

- a) Adoption of the September 5, 2023 Closed Session Minutes;
- b) Under Section 239 (2) (c) of the Municipal Act, 2001 – proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality – 468 Georgina Avenue (Former Haileybury Fire Hall); and
- c) Under Section 239(2)(f) of the Municipal Act, 2001 – advice subject to solicitor-client privilege - Update

**18. Question and Answer Period**

**19. Confirming By-law**

*Draft Resolution*

Moved by: Councillor

Seconded by: Councillor

Be it resolved that By-law No.**2023-105** being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores for its Regular meeting held on **September 19, 2023** be hereby introduced and given first, second, third and final reading; and be signed by the Mayor and Clerk and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto.

**20. Adjournment**

*Draft Resolution*

Moved by: Councillor

Seconded by: Councillor

Be it resolved that Council hereby adjourns its meeting at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.





**The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores**  
**Committee of the Whole**  
**Tuesday, August 8, 2023 – 3:00 p.m.**  
**City Hall – Council Chambers – 325 Farr Drive**

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**MINUTES**

**Land Acknowledgement**

We acknowledge that we live, work, and gather on the traditional and unceded Territory of the Algonquin People, specifically the Timiskaming First Nation.

We recognize the presence of the Timiskaming First Nation in our community since time immemorial and honour their long history of welcoming many Nations to this beautiful territory and uphold and uplift their voice and values.

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Laferriere at 3:00 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Council: Mayor Jeff Laferriere; Councillors Melanie Ducharme, Ian Graydon, Nadia Pelletier-Lavigne, Danny Whalen (electronically), and Mark Wilson

Present: Amy Vickery, City Manager  
Kelly Conlin, Deputy Clerk  
Shelly Zubych, Director of Corporate Services  
Steve Burnett, Manager of Environmental Services  
Stephanie Leveille, Municipal Treasurer  
Steve Langford, Fire Chief  
Jeff Thompson, Superintendent of Programming

Regrets: Councillor Jesse Foley

Media: 2

Members of the Public: 2



**3. Review of Revisions or Deletions to the Agenda**

None

**4. Approval of the Agenda**

*Resolution No. 2023-250*

Moved by: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne

Seconded by: Councillor Wilson

Be it resolved that City Council approves the agenda as printed.

**Carried**

**5. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature**

None

**6. Public Meetings Pursuant to the Planning Act, Municipal Act, and Other Statutes**

None

**7. PUBLIC WORKS**

**a) Topic of Discussion: Road Safety Initiatives (Councillor Mark Wilson)**

Councillor Wilson reviewed a letter prepared for Council regarding Vision Zero/ Safe Systems, to propose the development of a strategy to consider the safe mobility of all road users, including a Safe System Design of the transportation network and the adoption of Vision Zero, both with the goal of zero fatalities and serious injuries in Temiskaming Shores.

Councillor Wilson commented that he will provide a presentation to Council in September for more details on the concept, and to outline the impact on safer streets and roads. A proposal for consideration will also be presented.



**b) Administrative Report PW-016-2023 – Assumption of Roadways – Grant Drive Extension**

Resolution No. 2023-251

Moved by: Councillor Wilson

Seconded by: Councillor Ducharme

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores acknowledges receipt of Administrative Report PW-016-2023;

That Grant Drive, South of Wilson Avenue to Highway 65 be identified as an arterial road section and that this section shall receive year-round road maintenance in accordance with the minimum maintenance standards as adopted from time to time. Further, that this section be consistent with the existing Grant Drive maintenance, being a Class 4 road section; and

That Council directs staff to prepare the necessary by-law for the assumption of a roadway for public use being Grant Drive for consideration at the August 8th, 2023, Regular Council meeting.

**Carried**

**c) Administrative Report PW-017-2023 - Award – Haileybury Water Treatment Plant – Filter 2**

Resolution No. 2023-252

Moved by: Councillor Graydon

Seconded by: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores acknowledges receipt of Administrative Report PW-017-2023; and

That Council directs staff to prepare the necessary by-law to enter into an agreement with Continental Carbon Group Inc. for the rehabilitation of filter #2 at the Haileybury Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$ 372,020.00 plus applicable taxes for consideration at the August 8, 2023, Regular Council meeting.

**Carried**



**d) Administrative Report PW-018-2023 – Award – Robert Street and Elm Avenue Pumping Station Emergency Bypass System**

Resolution No. 2023-253

Moved by: Councillor Wilson

Seconded by: Councillor Ducharme

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores acknowledges receipt of Memo No. 018-2023-PW; and

That Council directs staff to prepare the necessary by-law to enter into an agreement with LUA Construction Inc. for installation of an emergency by-pass pump, piping, concrete slab, and fencing at the Robert/Elm Pumping Station in the amount of \$ 275,000.00 plus applicable taxes for consideration at the August 8, 2023, Regular Council Meeting.

**Carried**

**e) Administrative Report PW-019-2023 – Award – Engineering Services – Reconstruction of Montgomery Street**

Resolution No. 2023-254

Moved by: Councillor Graydon

Seconded by: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores acknowledges receipt of Administrative Report PW-019-2023; and

That Council directs staff to prepare the necessary by-law to enter into an agreement with Shaba Testing Services Ltd. for engineering services to provide the design for reconstruction of Montgomery St. complete with tender ready documents in the amount of \$ 43,566.80 plus applicable taxes for consideration at the August 8, 2023, Regular Council meeting.

**Carried**

**f) Memo No. 018-2023-PW – Kenworth Triaxle Discussion**

Resolution No. 2023-255

Moved by: Councillor Wilson

Seconded by: Councillor Ducharme

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores acknowledges receipt of Memo No. 018-2023-PW; and

The Council hereby delegates authority to the Manager of Transportation Services to purchase one (1) new Triaxle Dump Truck within the guidelines of



the Canoe Procurement program and the group purchasing instructions within the City of Temiskaming Shores Procurement Policy (2017-015). The purchase cost shall be within the approved budget limit of \$338,500 including the non-refundable tax.

**Carried**

**g) Memo No. 019-2023-PW – Operations Update - Environmental Services**

Resolution No. 2023-256

Moved by: Councillor Wilson

Seconded by: Councillor Ducharme

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores acknowledges receipt of Memo No. 019-2023-PW information purposes.

**Carried**

**8) RECREATION SERVICES**

**a) Delegations/Communications**

None

**b) Administrative Report RS-018-2023 –Skate Sharpening Room Lease Agreement**

Resolution No. 2023-257

Moved by: Councillor Graydon

Seconded by: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores acknowledges receipt of Administrative Report RS-018-2023;

That Council directs staff to prepare the necessary by-law to enter into an agreement with Zubyck SkillZ Ltd. for the use of the Don Shepherdson Memorial Arena Skate Sharpening Room from September 1, 2023 to August 30, 2025, for consideration at the August 8, 2023, Regular Council meeting.

**Carried**



**c) Administrative Report RS-019-2023 – Arena Concession Lease Agreement**

Resolution No. 2023-258

Moved by: Councillor Wilson

Seconded by: Councillor Ducharme

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores acknowledges receipt of Administrative Report RS-019-2023; and

That Council directs staff to prepare the necessary by-law to enter into an agreement with Josee & Marc Dupuis for the use of the Don Shepherdson Memorial Arena Concession from September 1, 2023 to August 30, 2028, for consideration at the August 8, 2023, Regular Council meeting.

**Carried**

**d) Memo No. 016-2023-RS – Recreation Department – Operations Update**

Resolution No. 2023-259

Moved by: Councillor Graydon

Seconded by: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores acknowledges receipt of Memo No. 016-2023-RS for information purposes.

**Carried**

**9) FIRE SERVICES**

**a) Delegations/Communications**

None

**b) Fire Department Activity Report**

Resolution No. 2023-260

Moved by: Councillor Wilson

Seconded by: Councillor Ducharme

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores acknowledges receipt of the Fire Activity Report for the period of June 1 – July 31, 2023 for information purposes.

**Carried**



**10) CORPORATE SERVICES**

**a) Delegations/Communications**

None

**b) Administrative Report CS-027-2023 – Canadian Army Cadet Lease Agreement**

Resolution No. 2023-261

Moved by: Councillor Graydon

Seconded by: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores acknowledges receipt of Administrative Report CS-027-2023; and

That Council directs staff to prepare the necessary by-law to enter into an agreement with the 2344 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps effective September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2026 for consideration at the August 8th, 2023 Regular Council meeting.

**Carried**

**c) Administrative Report CS-028-2023 – Annual Insurance Renewal**

Resolution No. 2023-262

Moved by: Councillor Wilson

Seconded by: Councillor Ducharme

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores acknowledges receipt of Administrative Report CS-028-2023; and

That Council directs staff to prepare the necessary by-law to authorize the annual insurance premium payment for Municipal Insurance and Risk Management Services with Marsh brokered by MIS Municipal Insurance Services in the amount of \$539,458 plus applicable taxes for the term of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 for consideration at the August 8th, 2023 Regular Council meeting.

**Carried**



**d) Administrative Report CS-029-2023 – Land Disposition – Haileybury Fire Hall**

Resolution No. 2023-263

Moved by: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne

Seconded by: Councillor Graydon

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores acknowledges receipt of Administrative Report CS-029-2023; and

That Council directs staff to release a Request for Tender (RFT) for the disposition of the former Haileybury Fire Hall building located at 468 Georgina Ave. with a minimum tender amount of \$223,000.

**Carried**

**e) Administrative Report CS-030-2023 – Municipal Employee Benefit Renewal**

Resolution No. 2023-264

Moved by: Councillor Wilson

Seconded by: Councillor Ducharme

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores acknowledges receipt of Administrative Report CS-030-2023; and

That Council approves the Municipal Employee Benefit Plan administered by Manulife with premiums of \$217,164 for the 2023-2024 term in addition to the costs paid by the City for health benefits as they are incurred with applicable administrative fees under the Administrative Services Only portion of the Plan.

**Carried**

**f) Administrative Report CS-031-2023 – Animal Care and Control By**

Resolution No. 2023-265

Moved by: Councillor Graydon

Seconded by: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores acknowledges receipt of Administrative Report CS-031-2023; and

That Council approves the consultation plan set out in the report for the Pilot Program and review of the updated Animal Care and Control By-law; and



That a report on the consultation and final by-law be presented to Council for consideration in September/October.

**Carried**

**g) Administrative Report CS-032-2023 – MineConnect Event Coordination for PDAC & CIM 2024 – 2026**

Resolution No. 2023-266

Moved by: Councillor Ducharme

Seconded by: Councillor Wilson

That Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores acknowledges receipt of Administrative Report CS-032-2023; and

That Council directs staff to prepare the necessary by-law to enter into an agreement with MineConnect for event coordination services of the Northern Ontario Mining Showcase at PDAC 2024, 2025 and 2026 at a rate of \$675 per exhibitor plus taxes pending annual funding approval from FedNor for consideration at the August 8, 2023 Regular Council meeting; and

That Council directs staff to prepare the necessary by-law to enter into an agreement with MineConnect for event coordination services of the Northern Ontario Mining Showcase at CIM 2024, 2025 and 2026 at a rate of \$450 per exhibitor plus taxes pending annual funding approval from FedNor for consideration at the August 8, 2023 Regular Council meeting.

**Carried**

**h) Administrative Report CS-033-2023 – Housing Accelerator Fund Briefing**

Resolution No. 2023-267

Moved by: Councillor Wilson

Seconded by: Councillor Ducharme

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores acknowledges receipt of Administrative Report CS-033-2023; and

That Council directs staff to prepare an Action Plan as part of the City of Temiskaming Shores' application to the Housing Accelerator Fund; and

That Council authorizes the City Manager to approve the final Action Plan, including the proposed initiatives and any refinement required as additional information becomes available, in support of the City's application to the



Housing Accelerator Fund prior to finalizing the application to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

**Carried**

**i) Administrative Report CS-034-2023 – NOHFC Feast on the Farm**

Resolution No. 2023-268

Moved by: Councillor Graydon

Seconded by: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores acknowledges receipt of Administrative Report CS-034-2023; and

That Council supports the submission of a funding to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation through the Community Events Stream in support of the Feast On the Farm event to be held in the area on September 17 & 18, 2023; and

That Council agrees to cover any cost overruns associated with the event as required by NOHFC.

**Carried**

**j) Memo No. 020-2023-CS – Deeming – 240 Albert Street**

Resolution No. 2023-269

Moved by: Councillor Wilson

Seconded by: Councillor Ducharme

Whereas the owner of 240 Albert Street in Haileybury would like to merge lots on title through the adoption of a deeming by-law in compliance with the Planning Act to create one property with one Roll number; and

Whereas the owners have acknowledged that registration of the pending deeming by-law on title will be at their expense.

Now therefore be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores hereby directs staff to prepare the necessary by-law to deem 240 Albert Street; PLAN M30NB LOTS 101 TO 104 to no longer be Lots on a Plan of Subdivision; and

Further that Council hereby directs staff to prepare the necessary Deeming By-law for consideration at the August 8, 2023 Regular Council meeting.

**Carried**



**11) Schedule of Council Meetings**

- a) Committee of the Whole – September 5, 2023 starting at 3:00 p.m.
- b) Regular Council Meeting – September 19, 2023 starting at 6:00 p.m.

**12) Closed Session**

Resolution 2023-270

Moved by: Councillor Ducharme

Seconded by: Councillor Wilson

Be it resolved that Council agrees to convene in Closed Session at 4:43 p.m. to discuss the following matters:

- a) Adoption of the June 20, 2023 Closed Session Minutes; and
- b) Under Section 239 (2) (b) of the Municipal Act, 2001 – personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees – Human Resources Update.

**Carried**

Resolution No. 2023-271

Moved by: Councillor Wilson

Seconded by: Councillor Ducharme

Be it resolved that Council agrees to rise with report from Closed Session at 4:54 p.m.

**Carried**

**Matters from Closed Session**

**Adoption of the June 20, 2023 Closed Session Minutes**

Resolution No. 2023-272

Moved by: Councillor Graydon

Seconded by: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne

Be it resolved that Council approves the following as printed:

- a) June 20, 2023 Closed Session Minutes.

**Carried**



**Section 239 (2) (b) of the Municipal Act, 2001 – personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees – Human Resources Update**

Staff provided an update to Council.

**13) Adjournment**

Resolution No. 2023-273

Moved by: Councillor Wilson

Seconded by: Councillor Ducharme

Be it resolved that Council hereby adjourns its meeting at 4:58 p.m.

**Carried**

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Mayor

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Clerk





**The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores**  
**Regular Meeting of Council**  
**Tuesday, August 8, 2023 – Following Committee of the Whole**  
**City Hall – Council Chambers – 325 Farr Drive**

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**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Laferriere at 5:00 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Council: Mayor Jeff Laferriere; Councillors Melanie Ducharme, Ian Graydon,  
Nadia Pelletier-Lavigne, and Mark Wilson  
Present: Amy Vickery, City Manager  
Kelly Conlin, Deputy Clerk  
Shelly Zubycck, Director of Corporate Services  
Steve Burnett, Manager of Environmental Services  
Stephanie Leveille, Municipal Treasurer  
Steve Langford, Fire Chief  
Regrets: Councillors Jesse Foley and Danny Whalen  
Media: 2  
Members of the Public: 0

**3. Review of Revisions or Deletions to Agenda**

None



**4. Approval of Agenda**

*Resolution 2023-274*

Moved by: Councillor Wilson

Seconded by: Councillor Ducharme

Be it resolved that City Council approves the agenda as printed.

**Carried**

**5. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature**

None

**6. Review and adoption of Council Minutes**

*Resolution No. 2023-275*

Moved by: Councillor Graydon

Seconded by: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne

Be it resolved that City Council approves the following minutes as printed:

- a) Committee of the Whole Meeting- July 11, 2023
- b) Regular Council Meeting – July 11, 2023

**Carried**

**7. Public Meetings pursuant to the Planning Act, Municipal Act and other Statutes**

None

**8. Presentations / Delegations**

None

**9. Question and Answer Period**

Bill Buchberger inquired about the timelines for sidewalk repair for areas of issue.



Steve Burnett, Manager of Environmental Services advised that the Public Works Department has painted areas requiring attention, and believes work will be scheduled before winter.

## **10. Communications**

- a) Carla Porter, Executive Assistant, Temiskaming Hospital

**Re:** Timiskaming Area Ontario Health Team Announcement

**Reference:** Received for Information

- b) Rachelle Cote, Executive Assistant, Timiskaming Health Unit

**Re:** Proclamation Request – International Overdose Awareness Day

**Reference:** Proclamation for consideration presented under New Business

- c) Rachelle Cote, Executive Assistant, Timiskaming Health Unit

**Re:** Air Quality Monitoring Station in the Timiskaming Health Unit region

**Reference:** Received for Information

**Note:** Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne requested this item be returned for Council consideration.

- d) Réjeanne Bélisle-Massie, Chairperson Village Noël Temiskaming 2023

**Re:** Village Noël Temiskaming (VNT) 2023 & Placement of Storage Container

**Reference:** Received for Consideration

**Note:** Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne requested this item be returned for Council consideration.



- e) Bill Ramsay, Friends of the Waterfront

**Re:** Draft Petition for Circulation - New Liskeard Marina Property Expression of Interest

**Reference:** Received for Information

- f) Brian Hughes, Former Resident of Temiskaming Shores

**Re:** Honoring families who contribute to Temiskaming Shores

**Reference:** Received for Information

**Note:** Mayor Laferriere requested staff review this item and develop a policy for Council consideration.

- g) Ashlea Carter, Deputy Clerk, Fort Erie

**Re:** Controls on Airbnb, VRBO and Others which affect municipal rentals

**Reference:** Received for Consideration

**Note:** Councillor Ducharme requested this item be returned for Council consideration.

- h) Herb Villneff, Director, Northeast Operations, Ministry of Transportation

**Re:** Response to proposed roundabout

**Reference:** Received for Information

- i) Suzanne Othmer, Board Member, New Liskeard BIA

**Re:** Resignation from the BIA Board

**Reference:** Received for Information



Resolution No. 2023-276

Moved by: Councillor Wilson

Seconded by: Councillor Ducharme

Be it resolved that the Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores agrees to deal with Communications Items 10 a) through i) in accordance with agenda references.

**Carried**

**11. Committees of Council – Community and Regional**

Resolution No. 2023-277

Moved by: Councillor Graydon

Seconded by: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne

Be it resolved that the following minutes be accepted for information:

- a) Minutes of the Committee of Adjustment meeting held on June 28, 2023.

**Carried**

**12. Committees of Council – Internal Departments**

None

**13. Reports by Members of Council**

None

**14. Notice of Motions**

None



## **15. New Business**

### **a) Motion from July 11, 2023 Regular Council Meeting – Timiskaming Municipal Association Resolution – Homecare First**

#### **Resolution No. 2023-278**

Moved by: Councillor Graydon

Seconded by: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne

Whereas the population of our region is disproportionately aged (per capita) as compared to the rest of the Province; and

Whereas specialty medical services are disproportionately unavailable within our region; and

Whereas the distances to travel for specialty services generally exceeds 300km return; and

Whereas trips to receive outpatient specialty services often require transportation services; and

Whereas trips to receive outpatient specialty services often require overnight accommodations for our community member as well as the transportation service driver; and

Whereas residents of our communities are at risk of premature institutionalization without adequate care; and

Whereas there is limited institutional (Hospital and Long-Term Care) space for care of the elderly within the region and provincially; and

Whereas homecare has been identified as the most fiscally and socially responsible means to care for our seniors; and

Whereas the pandemic has demonstrated that living at home is the safest place for most of the vulnerable members of our communities; and

Whereas base funding for homecare in our region has not seen a significant increase from the Province in over 16 years; and

Whereas the inflationary pressures on regional service providers; the human resource costs and needs; and the increasing needs of aging residents of the region has not been financially addressed by the Province; and

Whereas the recipients of homecare services cannot afford increases in service costs; and



Whereas the providers of homecare services cannot mitigate such increases in costs and need without affecting both quality and quantity of services;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we lobby the Ontario Government, Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, Ontario Health North, elected members, FONOM, ROMA, and all other government representatives to support a Homecare First approach to healthcare by investing significantly and immediately in home and community care organizations and services in the Northeast. To make the investments at base funding level to support the sector now and for the future, to ensure all north-eastern Ontarians can avoid premature institutionalization and live safely at home, in the region, for as long as possible.

**Carried**

**b) Proclamation Request – International Overdose Awareness Day**

Resolution 2023-279

Moved by: Councillor Wilson

Seconded by: Councillor Ducharme

Whereas the City of Temiskaming Shores does affirm and acknowledge the harm and hardship caused by drug overdose; and

Whereas we recognize the purpose of International Overdose Awareness Day as remembering without stigma those who have died and acknowledge the people who went unseen and whose lives have been altered by overdose; and

Whereas we resolve to play our part in reducing the toll of overdose in our community, which claimed the lives of thousands of Ontarians during the past year, together with countless more affected forever; and

Whereas 6 suspected drug-related deaths occurred during the first half of 2023, and a total of 14 deaths during the last year in the Timiskaming Health Unit region; and

Whereas we affirm that the people affected by overdose are our sons and daughters, our mothers and fathers, our brothers and sisters, our friends, and deserving of our love, compassion, and support;

THEREFORE, I, Jeff Laferriere Mayor, do hereby proclaim August 31st, 2023, as Overdose Awareness Day in City of Temiskaming Shores.

**Carried**



## **16. By-Laws**

### Resolution No. 2023-280

Moved by: Councillor Graydon

Seconded by: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne

Be it resolved that:

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| By-law No. 2023-087 | Being a by-law for the assumption of a highway for public use within the City of Temiskaming Shores Grant Drive Extension   |
| By-law No. 2023-088 | Being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Continental Carbon Group Inc. for the Haileybury Water Treatment Plant Filter 2 Rehabilitation   |
| By-law No. 2023-089 | Being a by-law to enter into an agreement with LUA Construction Inc for the installation of an emergency by-pass pump, piping, concrete slab and fencing at the Robert/Elm Pumping Sation                       |
| By-law No. 2023-090 | Being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Shaba Testing Services Ltd. for engineering services to provide the design for reconstruction of Montgomery Street   |
| By-law No. 2023-091 | Being a by-law to enter into a lease agreement with Zubyck SkillZ Ltd. for use of the Skate Sharpening Room at the Don Shepherdson Memorial Arena   |
| By-law No. 2023-092 | Being a by-law to enter into a Lease Agreement with Josee and Marc Dupuis for the operation of the Don Shepherdson Memorial Arena Concession  |
| By-law No. 2023-093 | Being a by-law to enter into an agreement with 2344 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps (RCACC) for the use of space in various municipal facilities for the purpose of a Cadet Program                             |
| By-law No. 2023-094 | Being a by-law to authorize the annual insurance premium payment for Municipal Insurance and Risk Management Services with Marsh brokered by MIS Municipal Insurance Services for July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 |



- By-law No. 2023-095      Being a by-law to enter into an agreement with MineConnect to provide event management services for the Northern Ontario Mining Showcase at the Prospectors & Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) Convention for 2024, 2025 and 2026
- By-law No. 2023-096      Being a by-law to enter into an agreement with MineConnect to provide event management services for the Northern Ontario Mining Showcase at the Canadian Institute of Mining Convention (CIM) for 2024, 2025 and 2026
- By-law No. 2023-097      Being a by-law to designate any plan of subdivision, or part thereof, that has been registered for eight years or more, which shall be deemed as not a registered plan of subdivision - 240 Albert Street

be hereby introduced and given first, second and third and final reading, be signed by the Mayor and Clerk and the corporate seal affixed thereto.

**Carried**

### **17. Schedule of Council Meetings**

- a) Committee of the Whole – September 5, 2023 starting at 3:00 p.m.
- b) Regular Council Meeting – September 19, 2023 starting at 6:00 p.m.

### **18. Closed Session**

None

### **19. Confirming By-law**

#### **Resolution No. 2023-281**

Moved by: Councillor Wilson

Seconded by: Councillor Ducharme

Be it resolved that By-law No. **2023-098** being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores for its Regular meeting held on **August 8, 2023** be hereby introduced and given first, second, third and final reading; and be signed by the Mayor and Clerk and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto.

**Carried**



**20. Adjournment**

Resolution No. 2023-282

Moved by: Councillor Graydon

Seconded by: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne

Be it resolved that Council hereby adjourns its meeting at 5:22 p.m.

**Carried**

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Mayor

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Clerk





**The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores**  
**Committee of the Whole**  
**Tuesday, September 5, 2023 – 3:00 p.m.**  
**City Hall – Council Chambers – 325 Farr Drive**

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**Minutes**

**1. Land Acknowledgement**

We acknowledge that we live, work, and gather on the traditional and unceded Territory of the Algonquin People, specifically the Timiskaming First Nation.

We recognize the presence of the Timiskaming First Nation in our community since time immemorial and honour their long history of welcoming many Nations to this beautiful territory and uphold and uplift their voice and values.

**2. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Laferriere at 3:00 p.m.

**3. Roll Call**

Council: Mayor Jeff Laferriere; Councillors Melanie Ducharme, Ian Graydon, Nadia Pelletier-Lavigne, and Mark Wilson

Present: Amy Vickery, City Manager  
Kelly Conlin, Deputy Clerk  
Shelly Zubyck, Director of Corporate Services  
James Franks, Economic Development  
Steve Burnett, Manager of Environmental Services  
Mitch McCrank, Manager of Transportation Services  
Stephanie Leveille, Municipal Treasurer  
Steve Langford, Fire Chief

Regrets: Councillors Jesse Foley and Danny Whalen

Media: 2

Members of the Public: 4



**4. Review of Revisions or Deletions to the Agenda**

None

**5. Approval of the Agenda**

Resolution No. 2023-283

Moved by: Councillor Wilson

Seconded by: Councillor Ducharme

Be it resolved that City Council approves the agenda as printed.

**Carried**

**6. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature**

None

**7. Public Meetings Pursuant to the Planning Act, Municipal Act, and Other Statutes**

None

**8. Public Works**

**a) Delegations/Communications**

None

**b) Administrative Reports**

**1. Memo No. 020-2023-PW – Rivard Court Assumption Update**

Resolution No. 2023-284

Moved by: Councillor Graydon

Seconded by: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores acknowledges receipt of Memo No. 020-2023-PW regarding the Rivard Court Assumption for information purposes.

**Carried**



**2. Memo No. 021-2023-PW – Environmental Department Update**

Resolution No. 2023-285

Moved by: Councillor Wilson

Seconded by: Councillor Ducharme

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores acknowledges receipt of Memo No. 021-2023-PW for the Environmental Department Update.

**Carried**

**3. Administrative Report No. PW-020-2023 – Solid Waste Management By-law Amendment**

Resolution No. 2023-286

Moved by: Councillor Graydon

Seconded by: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores acknowledges receipt of Administrative Report PW-020-2023; and

That Council directs staff to prepare the necessary By-law to amend By-law No. 2015-128 (Solid Waste Management), for the replacement of the Tipping Fee Schedule in Appendix 03 with a new schedule, for consideration at the September 19, 2023, Regular Council Meeting.

**Carried**

**4. Administrative Report No. PW-021-2023 – Rental Agreement Graders for Winter Operations**

Resolution No. 2023-287

Moved by: Councillor Wilson

Seconded by: Councillor Ducharme

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores acknowledges receipt of Administrative Report PW-021-2023; and

That Council directs staff to prepare the necessary by-law to enter into an agreement with Jade Equipment for supply and delivery of three (3) Rental Graders for the City's Winter Operations (2023-2024), for a total upset limit of \$103,800.00 plus applicable taxes, for consideration at the September 19, 2023 Regular Council meeting.

**Carried**



**c) New Business**

None

**9. Recreation Services**

**a) Delegations/Communications**

None

**b) Administrative Reports**

**1. Memo No. 017-2023-RS – PurpleAir Monitors**

*Resolution No. 2023-288*

Moved by: Councillor Graydon

Seconded by: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores acknowledges receipt of Memo No. 017-2023-RS regarding the installation of three (3) PurpleAir monitors for information purposes.

**Carried**

**2. Memo No. 018-2023-RS – NISKA Park - Northern Ontario Heritage Fund (NOHFC) Application**

*Resolution No. 2023-289*

Moved by: Councillor Wilson

Seconded by: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores acknowledges receipt of Memo No. 018-2023-RS;

That Council directs staff to apply to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund (NOHFC) in the amount of \$200,000 for park construction, on behalf of the NISKA Park Committee; and

Further that, should the funding application be approved, the NISKA Park Committee will provide the required 25 percent financial contribution.

**Carried**



**3. Memo No. 019-2023-RS – September Recreation Operations Update**

Resolution No. 2023-290

Moved by: Councillor Graydon

Seconded by: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores acknowledges receipt of Memo No. 019-2023-RS for the September Recreation Operations Update.

**Carried**

**4. Administrative Report No. RS-020-2023 – Village Noel Requests**

Resolution No. 2023-291

Moved by: Councillor Wilson

Seconded by: Councillor Ducharme

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores acknowledges receipt of Administrative Report No. RS-020-2023;

That Council direct staff to provide in-kind services to support Village Noel 2023, including the set-up and take down of the event, supply of various equipment and supply of event services; and

That Council provisionally approves the placement of a modified storage container on City property next to the Lions Quonset hut, conditional on appropriate permits and meeting requirements of the City's Zoning By-law.

**Carried**

**5. Administrative Report No. RS-021-2023 – Arena Concession Lease Award**

Resolution No. 2023-292

Moved by: Councillor Graydon

Seconded by: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores acknowledges receipt of Administrative Report No. RS-021-2023; and

That Council directs staff to prepare the necessary by-law to enter into an agreement with Smitty's Canteen / Michael Smith for the use of the Shelley Herbert-Shea Memorial Arena Concession from September 22, 2023, to April 30, 2024, for consideration at the September 19, 2023, Regular Council meeting.

**Carried**



**c) New Business**

None

**10. Fire Services**

**a) Delegations/Communications**

None

**b) Administrative Reports**

**1. Administrative Report No. PPP-004-2023 – Appointment of Volunteer Firefighters**

*Resolution No. 2023-293*

Moved by: Councillor Wilson

Seconded by: Councillor Ducharme

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores acknowledges receipt of Administrative Report PPP-004-2023; and

That Council hereby appoints Bryan Cooke and Christian Lachapelle as Volunteer Firefighters to the Temiskaming Shores Fire Department, in accordance with the Recruitment and Retention Program.

**Carried**

**c) New Business**

None



## **11. Corporate Services**

### **a) Delegations/Communications**

Christopher Oslund, Haileybury Heritage Museum

**Re:** Sale of the Haileybury Fire Hall – Fire Department Bell

Christopher Oslund, from the Haileybury Heritage Museum, provided the history of the fire department bell, and outlined its significance in the community. Mr. Oslund requested Council consider relocating the bell from the former Haileybury Fire Station, located at 468 Georgina Avenue to the Cenotaph Park, so it can continue to be used for Remembrance Day services, and to remain on land under public ownership versus private ownership.

Mr. Oslund also presented a letter on behalf of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 54, to support the request for the bell to be relocated to the Cenotaph Lands, and to offer assistance to the City for the relocation.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Oslund for the presentation, and confirmed that staff had reviewed the matter and the bell will be relocated to the Cenotaph Lands.

### **b) Administrative Reports**

#### **1. 2023 Economic Development Projects Update**

Resolution No. 2023-294

Moved by: Councillor Wilson

Seconded by: Councillor Ducharme

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores acknowledges receipt of the 2023 Economic Development Projects Update for information purposes.

**Carried**



**2. Memo No. 021-2023-CS– Housing Accelerator Fund Application and Housing Action Plan**

Resolution No. 2023-295

Moved by: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne

Seconded by: Councillor Graydon

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores acknowledges receipt of Memo No. 021-2023-CS regarding the Housing Accelerator Fund Application and Housing Action Plan for information purposes.

**Carried**

**3. Administrative Report No. CS-035-2023 New Liskeard Marina**

Resolution No. 2023-296

Moved by: Councillor Graydon

Seconded by: Mayor Laferriere

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores acknowledges receipt of Administrative Report No. CS-035-2023; and

That Council directs staff to release an Expression of Interest, as discussed, for the development of the New Liskeard Marina property and present the submissions for Council review and consideration at a future Committee of the Whole Meeting.

**Carried**

**c) New Business**

None

**12. Schedule of Council Meetings**

- a) Regular Council Meeting – September 19, 2023 starting at 6:00 p.m.
- b) Committee of the Whole – October 3, 2023 starting at 3:00 p.m.



**13. Closed Session**

**Resolution No. 2023-297**

Moved by: Councillor Wilson

Seconded by: Councillor Ducharme

Be it resolved that Council agrees to convene in Closed Session at 4:33 p.m. to discuss the following matters:

- a) Adoption of the August 8, 2023 Closed Session Minutes; and
- b) Under Section 239 (2) (c) of the Municipal Act, 2001 – proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality – Proposed Disposition (Dymond Industrial Park Lots).

**Carried**

**Resolution No. 2023-298**

Moved by: Councillor Graydon

Seconded by: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne

Be it resolved that Council agrees to rise with report from Closed Session at 5:15 p.m.

**Carried**

**Matters from Closed Session**

**Adoption of the August 8, 2023 Closed Session Minutes**

**Resolution No. 2023-299**

Moved by: Councillor Wilson

Seconded by: Councillor Ducharme

Be it resolved that Council approves the following as printed:

- a) August 8, 2023 Closed Session Minutes.

**Carried**



**Under Section 239 (2) (c) of the Municipal Act, 2001 – proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality – Proposed Disposition (Dymond Industrial Park Lots)**

Resolution No. 2023-300

Moved by: Councillor Wilson

Seconded by: Councillor Ducharme

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores acknowledges receipt of the Confidential Closed Session Administrative Report No. CS-036-2023; and

That Council directs staff to prepare the necessary by-law to enter into an agreement with Temiskaming Mining Equipment Limited to complete the sale of City owned land legally described as: PLAN 54R5639 PT S ½ LT 6 CON 1 DYMOND PTS 2, 3, 4 and Part of PT 1, City of Temiskaming Shores in the amount of \$350,000.00, plus applicable taxes and legal fees for consideration at the September 19, 2023 Regular Council meeting.

**Carried**

**14. Adjournment**

Resolution No. 2023-301

Moved by: Councillor Graydon

Seconded by: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne

Be it resolved that Council hereby adjourns its meeting at 5:17 p.m.

**Carried**

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Mayor

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Clerk



## MARINA PROPERTY

Hello, my name is Barry Waitt and I live at [REDACTED].

Mayor Laferriere, members of Council, and staff:

I am here to speak to you about the disposition and use of 199 Riverside Drive, otherwise known as the Marina property.

First, I would like to say that I am pleased that between the time the public consultation process started, and the Expression of Interest was drafted, that the EOI expanded to not only include the potential sale of the property, but also leasing the property. I also appreciate the options separating out the 1.73 acre fenced area for possible sale or lease. These are good changes, but I do not believe they go far enough.

For many, property is now a commodity to be bought and sold to make a profit. This should not be the principal driver with government. Looking for the highest and best use is the language of appraisers and realtors and is a consideration for government, but the primary consideration must be 'What is in the Public Interest?'

If the city considers the public interest, ownership needs to be addressed, as well as land use. Waterfront properties are being acquired by municipalities in many cities across Canada – at great cost - for one of two purposes. One is to consolidate land



holdings to accommodate larger comprehensive developments that achieve city goals and are designed with an eye to the long-term vision for the city. The second is to provide continuous access to waterfront for its citizens and visitors.

Let's look at each of these. This 3.5-acre property is ideally located at the mouth of the Wabi River, within an area of under utilized properties and only three blocks from the commercial centre of New Liskeard. This is not in any way meant to lessen the value of current uses of the land in this area, such as the fall fair, Village Noel, the temporary storage of the colorful ice huts at the beginning of winter and temporary uses that come along.

But, the question needs to be asked: Does the sale of this property represent a lost opportunity in the future for something really important to the growth of Temiskaming Shores? Is this an idea to achieve short term financial goals at the expense of long terms strategic planning? If Temiskaming Shores were to ever see a major development, such as a conference centre or a mixed-use development that would really "put this city on the map," I can not think of a better location.

Once this property is sold, it is very unlikely that the city and its citizens will get it back.

The public notification said the city intends to maintain ownership of the boardwalk, but I am not sure this is enough to adequately address "the public interest" as it relates to the waterfront experience in New Liskeard for both citizens of this



city and visitors. The city may protect the boardwalk, but if the private sector is allowed to construct a building that looms over the boardwalk, the experience is significantly diminished, particularly if the building is for private use, such as condominiums. This could have been dealt with through conditions in the Expression of Interest but can still be addressed through zoning and other legal mechanisms. While I would have liked to have seen development parameters before the EOI was sent out to set the tone for what the city wants, it is not too late to strongly indicate to the private sector what is acceptable and what is not, particularly as it relates to the waterfront experience. A fifteen foot setback from the boardwalk is not sufficient.

I understand why the city is looking to do something with this property. Maintenance of the property costs money and renovations are needed on the buildings which also costs money, and it is seen as under utilized. It is only reasonable to address this. But selling it does not consider the long term “public interest.”

If the city is intent on covering their losses on this property and seeing it used for something, but still considering long term development opportunities, I believe the city should focus on leasing the property.

Some have questioned whether the private sector would want to lease this property. Well, that depends. It depends on:



- What is the term of the lease? Is it long enough for a reasonable development to see a return on their investment?
- What development would be permitted by the city? This is where Council has the responsibility to balance the financial expectations of the private sector with the public interest.
- Would the Expression of Interest look for a lease for the whole property or could it just be for a building footprint, thus excluding the private sector from having to maintain the whole property?
- Could the lease be a subordinated lease agreement, which will help the developer get construction financing?

When I originally prepared this I had a second answer to this question, which was: The city won't know unless it tries. Again, I commend whoever decided to include the leasing option in the EOI, however, I fear that by putting it in with purchasing the property, the leasing option will be ignored by the private sector simply because it is easier to make the numbers work in the developers pro forma. Their formula to ensure profitability. Finally, the development question.

Given the "Recreation" definition as it relates to the designation in the Official Plan, it would appear likely that this would need to change if the city sells the property or even leases it out.



The zoning of the property is C1 Commercial, which permits a wide variety of uses, many of which are inappropriate for this key site along the waterfront. These include single detached dwellings, funeral homes and laundromats.

Prior to finalizing any agreement involving the disposition of this property, I believe the city should initiate and complete a rezoning amendment to apply a site-specific zoning to the property which reflects the input of the community and the final decision of Council.

Undoubtedly, there is a range of land uses that could be permitted through a site specific zoning. Some will be more appealing to the citizens of Temiskaming Shores who want to protect property adjacent the waterfront and some will be more appealing to the private sector to get a better return on their investment, but the city should take steps to avoid the most inappropriate uses being allowed on this site.

Industrial and agricultural uses are obviously not appropriate at this key location. Permitting a condominium development would be contrary to both the potential long-term possibility of the city facilitating a larger more comprehensive development involving other under-utilized lands in this area and protecting the public interest as it relates to the waterfront experience.

Some commercial uses, such as a restaurant and certain types of public assembly involve a publicly oriented function.



Restaurants are a commercial business, but they may be open to the public in a way that a residential development and business offices are not.

Building on the concept of any development having a public orientation and maintaining an open feel to the area, it is recommended that Council follow three principles for any development of this property:

1. The land uses be limited to recreational uses or those commercial uses which have an interactive public function, which should be demonstrated by both land use and building design.
2. Open space is important to maintain in this area both for the short term and long-term comprehensive development planning. In recognition of this, the maximum lot coverage should be limited to 25%. This is most applicable if the whole property is sold or leased.
3. That the waterfront experience along this property be maintained by requiring a minimum setback of 15 m (49.2 ft.)

## SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

- A. Lease the property or a building footprint, whichever is more appealing to the private sector. Do not sell it.
- B. If necessary, amend the designation for the site in OP.
- C. Rezone the property to reflect the site-specific desires of the community and the final conclusion of Council.



D. Adhere to the development parameters above to orient the site to interactive public functions and maintain the open space feel for the area.

Thank you, ladies and gentlemen. I look forward to following your decision making process on this matter and seeing the final conclusion.



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It is my pleasure to provide you with a copy of *Powering Ontario's Growth*, which outlines our government's plan for the province's clean energy future.

Thanks to the strong economic growth that has taken place over the last five years, Ontario's electricity demand is rising for the first time since 2005. We know this trend will continue as our population grows, new industries come online, electric vehicle adoption increases and homes and businesses become more dependent on electricity.

While the government has implemented its plan to meet rising demand this decade, we are taking further action and initiating future planning to ensure Ontario has the energy needed to meet increasing electricity demand in the 2030s and beyond, driven by strong economic growth, electrification and population growth.

This document addresses what actions are needed in the long-term, including new generation, transmission, energy efficiency and distribution-level solutions. It also highlights the importance of continued collaboration and consultation at every level.

*Powering Ontario's Growth* is the next chapter in Ontario's clean energy journey and lays out how we will provide families and industries with the reliable, affordable and clean energy that they need for Ontario to continue to grow and thrive.

Sincerely,

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Todd Smith  
Minister



# Powering Ontario's Growth

Ontario's Plan  
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## Minister's Message



Over the past five years, our government has worked to make Ontario the best place to create jobs and build the industries of the future. By reducing electricity costs, lowering taxes and cutting red tape, we have significantly reduced the cost of doing business and we've seen companies and investment surge into our province as a result.

Ontario is quickly becoming a leader in building electric vehicles and batteries with historic investments from Stellantis in Windsor to Volkswagen in St. Thomas. And we are working with the steel industry to end coal use and electrify their operations to support the production of green steel in Hamilton and Sault Ste. Marie, fueling our growing automotive sector.

At the same time, our government has a plan to build 1.5 million new homes as Ontario's population is expected to grow by two million people by the end of this decade.

As a result, for the first time since 2005 Ontario's electricity demand is rising, and we know that to support this type of growth we need to ensure the continued availability of reliable, affordable, and clean energy.

Our government is on track to acquire the electricity resources we need this decade to power economic growth and increasing electrification, with major projects and procurements already announced, including Canada's first grid-scale small modular nuclear reactor (SMR), a \$342 million expansion of energy efficiency programs and the largest energy storage procurement in Canada's history.

But looking ahead on the path to 2050, we know economic growth and electrification are going to continue to increase energy demand. In fact, Ontario's Independent Electricity System Operator's (IESO) analysis shows that electricity demand could more than double by 2050.

We need to act today to ensure we have the energy we need to power economic growth and electrification over the next three decades while maintaining our clean electricity advantage.

*Powering Ontario's Growth* is the next chapter in Ontario's clean energy story and lays out the plan to provide families and industries with the reliable, low-cost, and clean power we need to power Ontario's growth.

Generational decisions, like starting pre-development work for a new nuclear station at Bruce, the first large scale nuclear build since 1993, and advancing three additional small modular reactors at Darlington will provide the dependable clean, green, zero-emissions electricity that businesses around the world are looking for.



Connecting Ontario and opening new regions for clean energy generation through strategic new transmission lines and developing long-duration storage, like pumped hydroelectric, will also be pivotal to ensuring our grid is as efficient as possible. While we build the next phase of Ontario's electricity grid to reliably meet peak demand, in the near-term natural gas generation will continue to provide our province with an insurance policy to maintain system reliability and support electrification across our economy.

This growth can only be successful with the participation and leadership from Indigenous communities and partners across the province, whose voices will help ensure energy infrastructure is developed in a way that considers future generations.

With the world-class talent in Ontario's energy sector, I'm confident we will continue to build our clean energy advantage that has made our province so attractive for investment, while providing the reliable and affordable electricity that will keep energy costs down for families.

Sincerely,

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Todd Smith  
Minister of Energy



## Top 10 things to know

The Government of Ontario is taking action to build the electricity system to support new investments, electrify our economy and power the 1.5 million homes the province is building to house our growing population. All of this work has been informed by the advice of Ontario's Independent Electricity System Operator who identified "no-regret actions" to meet growing energy demands through 2050.

1. **New Nuclear at Bruce:** Starting pre-development work to site the first large-scale nuclear build since 1993 at the Bruce nuclear site.
2. **New Nuclear at Darlington:** Moving ahead with three additional small modular reactors at the Darlington nuclear site.
3. **Building New Transmission:** Three new transmission lines to power the conversion from coal to Electric Arc Furnaces at Algoma Steel as well as growth in Northeastern Ontario.
4. **Building New Transmission:** One new transmission line to power growth in the Ottawa region and across eastern Ontario.
5. **Pumped Hydroelectric Storage:** Advancing the Ontario Pumped Storage Project and Marmora Pumped Storage Project to Ontario's first Long-Duration Storage Assessment.
6. **Hydroelectric Power:** Optimizing Ontario Power Generation's hydroelectric fleet to increase generation.
7. **Energy Efficiency:** Planning for the future of energy efficiency programs in Ontario.
8. **Next Competitive Electricity Procurement:** Starting planning for Ontario's next competitive electricity procurement focused on new clean resources including wind, solar, hydroelectric, batteries and biogas.
9. **Integrated Energy Planning:** Advancing foundational work toward Ontario's first long-term integrated energy plan through the Electrification and Energy Transition Panel.
10. **Keeping Costs Down:** Ontario is cementing its commitment to maintain an affordable electricity system to support electrification across our economy.



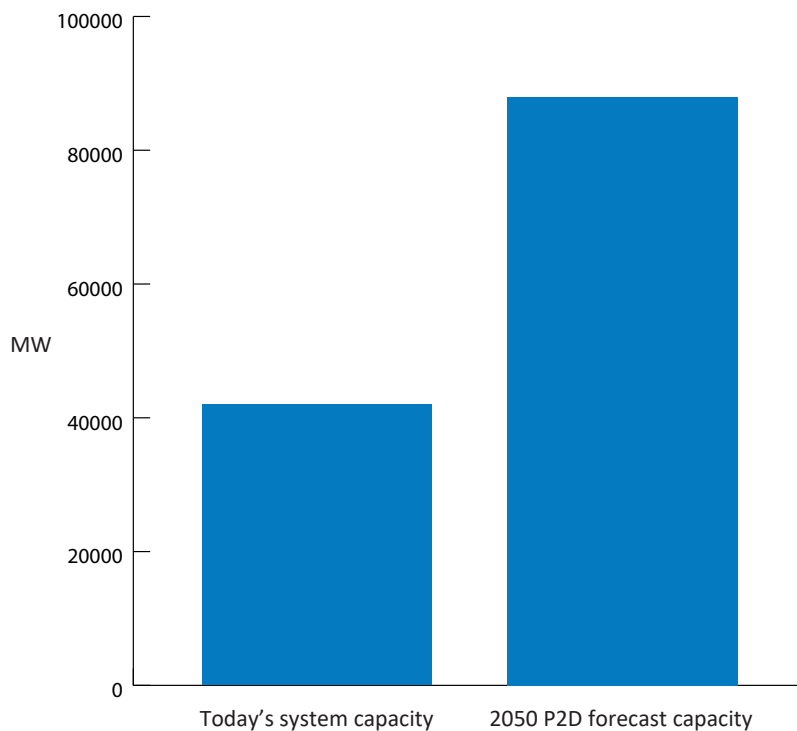
# Executive Summary

Ontario's economy and the day-to-day lives of its 15 million residents depend on a reliable electricity system that delivers power on demand.

Demand for electricity is increasing in Ontario, because of the province's economic success and global attractiveness as a place to live and work. As rapid economic growth and electrification continue, demand for electricity will increase at a rate not seen since the 1970s.

According to the Independent Electricity System Operator's (IESO) *Pathways to Decarbonization (P2D)* report high-growth scenario, in less than 30 years Ontario could need more than double its electricity generating capacity, from 42,000 megawatts (MW) today to 88,000 MW in 2050. Up to 20,000 MW in capacity may be needed just to replace generation that will come to the end of its life or be phased out over the next three decades.

**Figure 0.1: Ontario Electricity System Capacity: Historic vs P2D 2050 Pathways Forecast**



The Ontario government is planning and building the electricity infrastructure for a more electrified Ontario, where economic growth continues to drive new jobs and emissions continue to be reduced. It is developing an integrated planning process that looks at the province's energy mix and system as a whole (electricity, oil and natural gas), unlike previous governments, which built and planned energy systems in isolation, and it is taking the necessary steps to ensure the province is set up for success.



## Executive Summary

To meet this growing demand this decade, the government has already acted by re-contracting existing electricity resources, increasing energy efficiency programs in the electricity and natural gas sectors, supporting the continued safe operation of the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station, and building 4,000 MW of new generation and storage as well as Canada's first grid scale small modular reactor (SMR).

As the planning process moves forward, the Ontario government is acting now to ensure that the province has the electricity it will need this decade while making the decisions necessary to prepare for the decades ahead. That includes starting the development of long-lead generation and storage assets like nuclear and pumped hydroelectric so the government has a range of options to choose from to contribute to our diverse energy system.

This work will ensure Ontario maintains and builds on the clean electricity advantage that has made our province so attractive for new investments.

Working in partnership with Indigenous leaders and communities, as well as ensuring meaningful opportunities for consultation and Indigenous community participation in energy planning and projects, will be key to achieving these goals.





This document is a road map to that reliable, affordable, and clean energy future. It provides a detailed overview of where the province is now and how it will build the electricity system that is needed in the years ahead:

- Chapter 1 provides an outline of Ontario's overall energy mix today with electricity, natural gas and refined petroleum products making up 96 per cent of the energy the province consumes.
- Chapter 2 explores the factors driving demand for electricity, including the province's robust economic growth, electrification, and the demand for clean energy.
- Chapter 3 describes the current actions that the province is taking to meet the needs of this decade, from new battery storage, Canada's first small modular reactor and small-scale hydro projects to the refurbishment of Ontario's nuclear generation fleet, supported by natural gas generation.
- Chapter 4 outlines the steps the government will take to meet the needs of the 2030s and beyond and create an emissions-free electricity system, potentially doubling today's capacity, and ensuring Ontario is on the path to meet the demand for electricity in 2050.
- Chapter 5 describes Ontario's progress towards integrated energy planning that considers energy investments at a macro level, whether they be electricity, natural gas or green and renewable fuels.







An aerial photograph of a large dam and river. The dam is a long, concrete structure with multiple spillways. Water is flowing over the spillways, creating white rapids. To the right of the dam is a large industrial building, likely a power plant. In the background, there is a large reservoir or lake, and a road with some vehicles. The surrounding area is green and forested.

## Chapter 1

# Ontario's Energy System



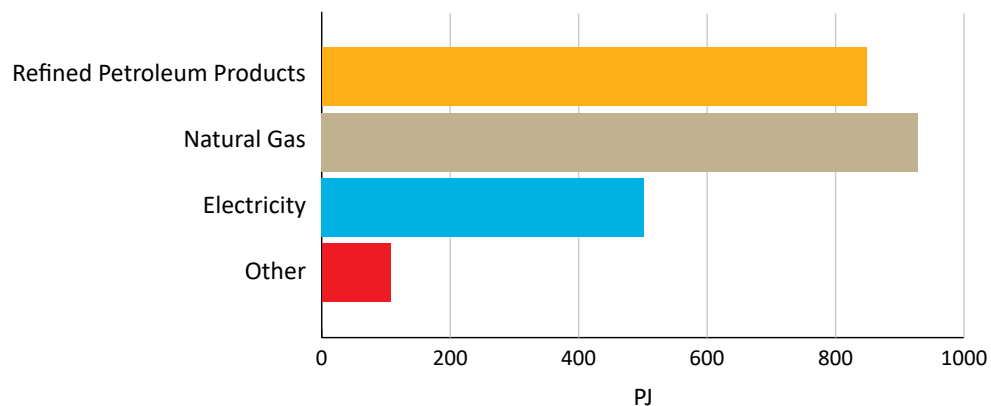
# Ontario's Energy System

## 1.0 Introduction

Ontario relies on a mix of energy sources to drive its economy, heat, cool and light the homes of its 15 million residents and move people and goods across our vast province.

Electricity, natural gas, and refined petroleum products together account for 96 per cent of the energy Ontario needs with other fuel types such as bio- and industrial-fuels (coal, coke and coke oven gas which are being phased out through the electrification of the steel sector) – accounting for the remaining four per cent.

**Figure 1.1: Ontario's Energy Mix: End Use Demand by Fuel Type**



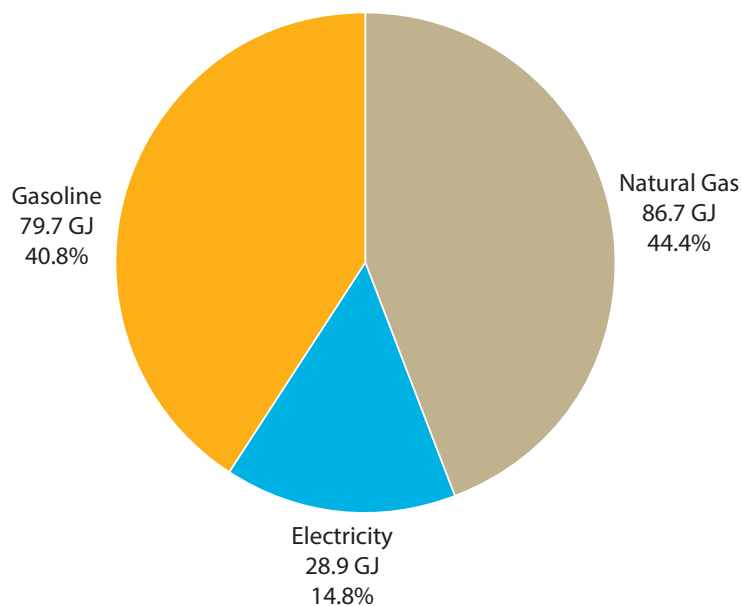


Average household energy consumption is similar to the overall economy with natural gas and gasoline accounting for approximately 44.4 and 40.8 per cent respectively with electricity providing the remaining 14.8 per cent (Figure 1.2). These levels will change as individuals make choices to electrify vehicles and home heating.

Through investment, regulation and innovative public policy, the Ontario government has a leading role in ensuring the province has access to the reliable, affordable supply of energy needed to keep people safe, create jobs and grow the economy.

This chapter describes the role of electricity, oil, refined petroleum products and natural gas in Ontario's energy mix and how they work together to deliver the energy the province needs. It includes an overview of the steps being taken to ensure a reliable supply of electricity and to keep electricity and natural gas costs affordable as needed investments are made to increase generating capacity and meet anticipated demand.

**Figure 1.2: Household Energy Consumption (source: Statscan, 2019 data)**



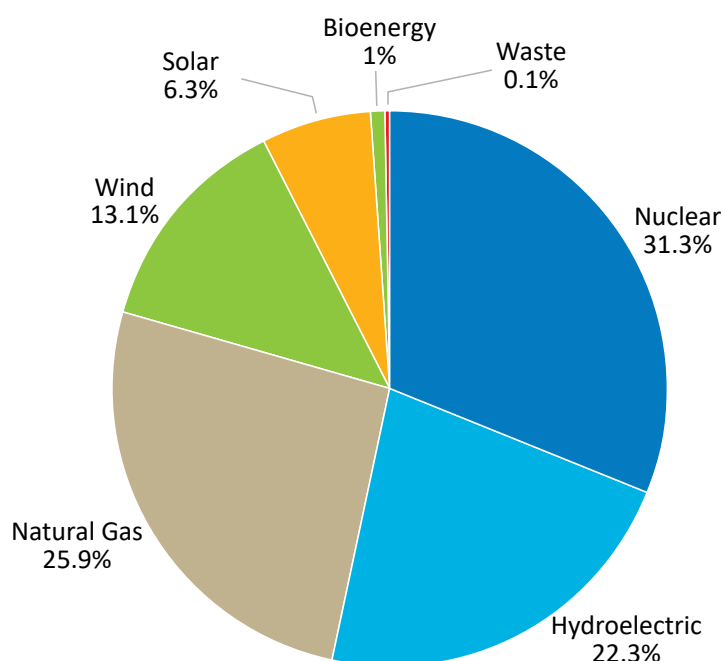


## 1.1 Ontario's Clean Electricity Advantage

Ontario's electricity system is one of the cleanest and most reliable in the world, providing affordable electricity to serve a growing population, attract new investment and continue to power the province's strong economic growth.

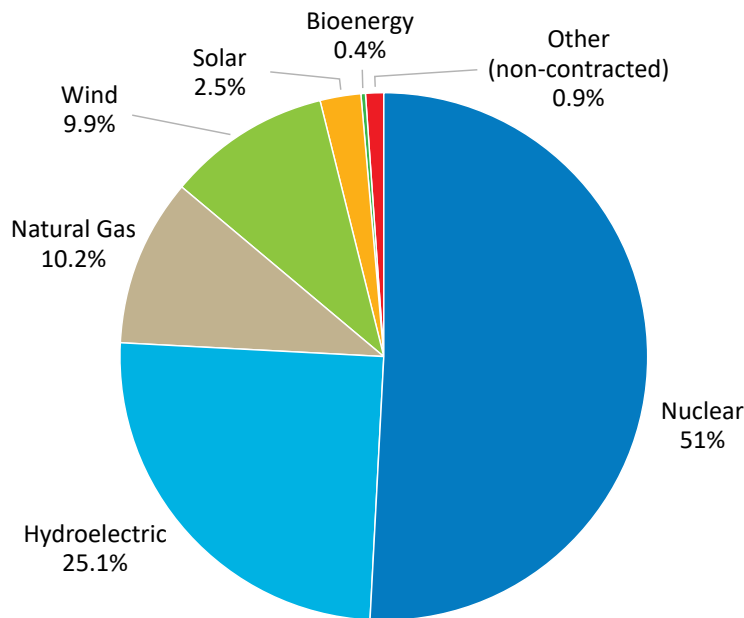
Ontario's world-class electricity grid benefits from being comprised of a range of diverse resources, including hydroelectric, nuclear, natural gas, solar, wind and bioenergy. Each resource generates electricity differently and has unique operating characteristics. Because no single resource can meet all of the system's needs at all times, maintaining a diverse supply mix is an effective way to ensure the ongoing reliability of Ontario's electricity system.

**Figure 1.3: Total Transmission and Distribution Connected Capacity in 2022**



'Capacity' is a measure of the maximum amount of electricity the province's system can supply at any given time. Ontario's capacity is constantly changing as new supply comes online, older generators are taken out of service and new innovative technologies are introduced (Figure 1.3). Resources like nuclear, natural gas and hydroelectric that can be depended upon are said to have a 'high-capacity factor', while intermittent resources like wind and solar have a 'low-capacity factor,' unless paired with energy storage. While nuclear, hydroelectric, and natural gas each account for between 25 to 35 per cent of the province's total capacity, that does not correlate to the amount of electricity they supply every day. Ontario's nuclear and hydroelectric fleet run most often, while natural gas plants fulfil an insurance policy role, providing electricity at times of peak demand when other generators cannot.



**Figure 1.4: Total Electricity Output by Source in 2022**

While capacity represents the maximum amount of electricity that the system can supply, 'energy' represents the actual amount of power that a specific resource provides (Figure 1.4). For example, while natural gas represented about 26 per cent of Ontario's capacity in 2022, it only produced about 10 per cent of the province's electricity. In contrast, nuclear and hydroelectric respectively accounted for 51 and 25 per cent of Ontario's electricity, providing reliable sources of emissions-free baseload power, required to ensure system reliability.

For many hours of a typical day, all of the province's energy needs can be met by baseload and intermittent (i.e., wind and solar) resources. However, as Ontario is a province with hot summer days and cold winter nights, energy demand tends to 'peak' largely due to weather. A mix of natural gas, hydroelectric with reservoirs and bioenergy provides additional energy on those days when electricity demand rises.

According to the IESO, Ontario's natural gas fleet will remain a critical capacity resource, complementing the province's nuclear and hydroelectric fleets when needed to support homes and businesses with reliable power and keeping bills down while the province further builds out its clean electricity grid.



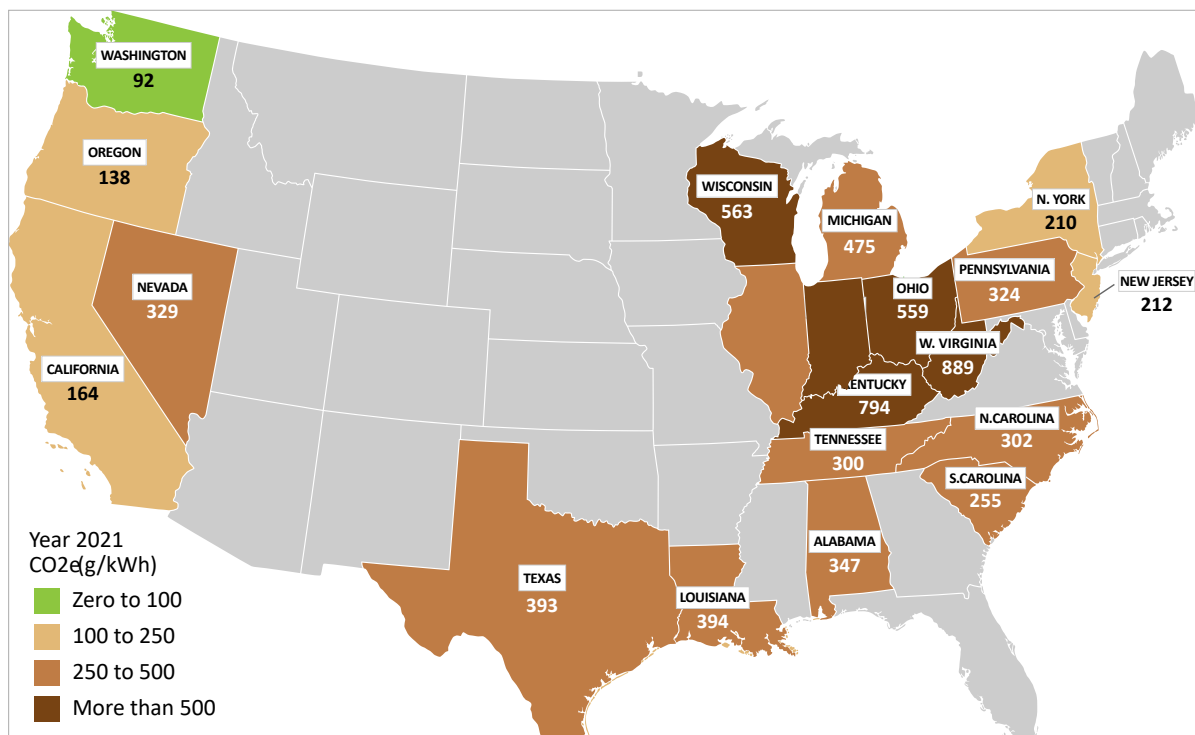
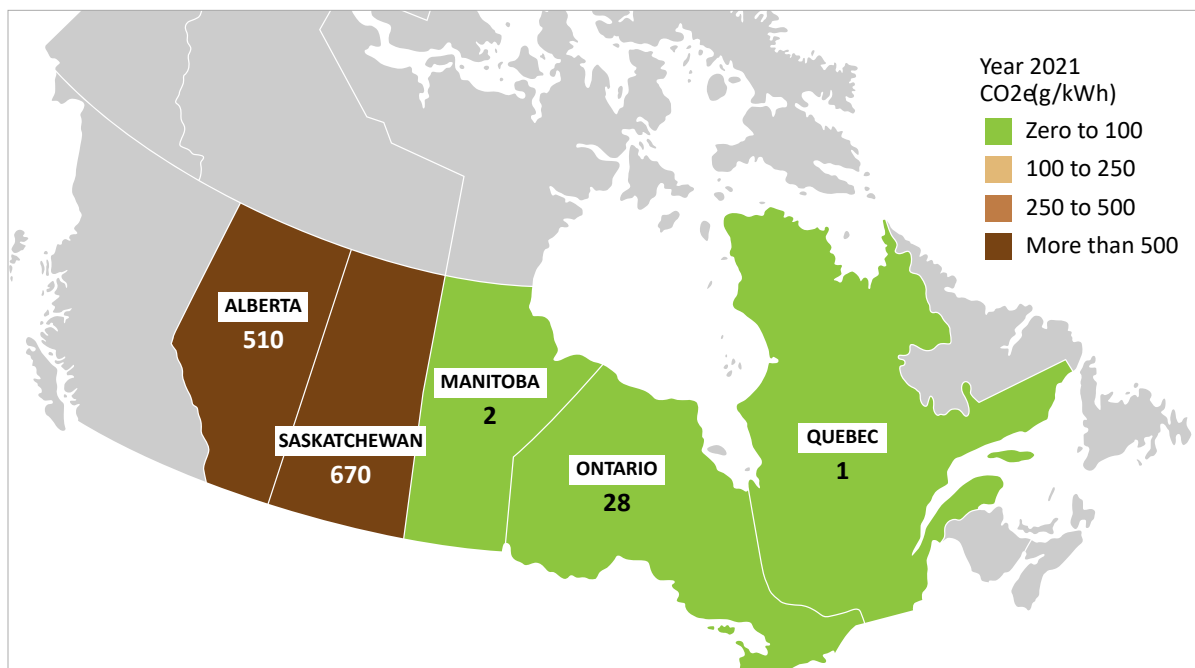
While meeting Ontario's own energy needs, Ontario also engages in trading with neighbouring jurisdictions like Quebec, New York, Michigan, and others. Each day, electricity is imported or exported based on market conditions in the province and neighbouring markets, ensuring system reliability in Ontario and elsewhere while also decreasing costs for ratepayers.

Ontario is also the first jurisdiction in North America to completely phase out coal-fired electricity generation, a landmark achievement made possible in large part by the province's fleet of CANDU nuclear reactors.

As a result, in 2022 Ontario had one of the cleanest electricity grids in North America and the world, with about 90 per cent of Ontario's electricity coming from non-emitting sources. Compared to neighbouring Great Lakes States, Ontario's system emits far less greenhouse gas per unit of electricity produced – seven times less than New York, 17 times less than Michigan and 26 times less than Indiana. Jurisdictions like Quebec and Manitoba are able to reduce their emissions even further due to their abundant access to clean hydroelectricity, a resource that is not as plentiful in Ontario due to its topography.

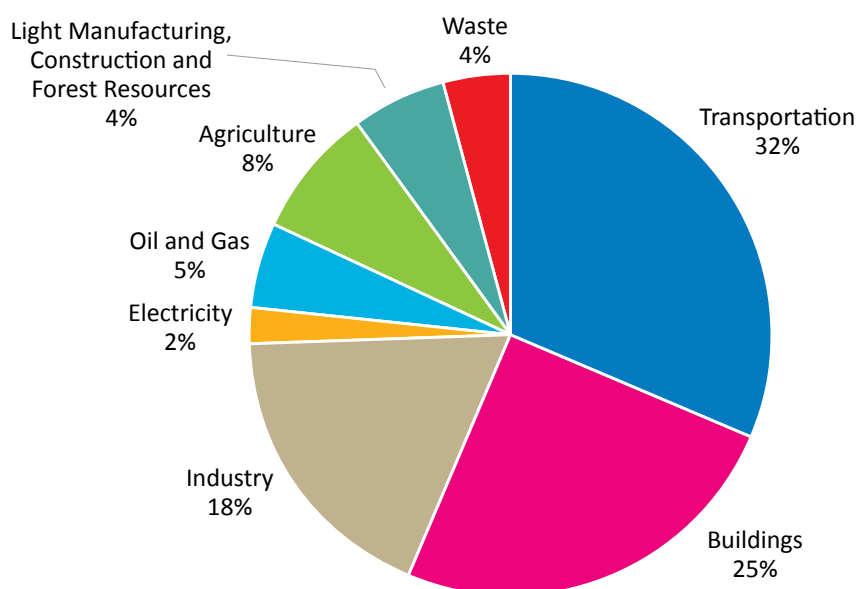


Figure 1.5: Carbon Intensity in North America





**Figure 1.6: Ontario GHG Emissions by Sector in 2021**



Thanks to our diverse supply mix, Ontario's world-leading clean electricity sector accounts for only two per cent of the province's total greenhouse gas emissions, and as such is a key tool in helping other sectors of the Ontario economy reduce emissions through electrification. Today, Ontario's transportation, industrial and building sectors currently are responsible for 75 per cent of the province's emissions but electrification is playing a critical role in driving down emissions in these sectors. For example, charging an electric vehicle on Ontario's grid could reduce that vehicle's emissions by up to 90 per cent in comparison to a traditional internal combustion engine vehicle. But to meet increasing demand as other sectors of Ontario's economy electrify, new generating resources will need to come online to provide the key services the grid needs, like capacity and energy.

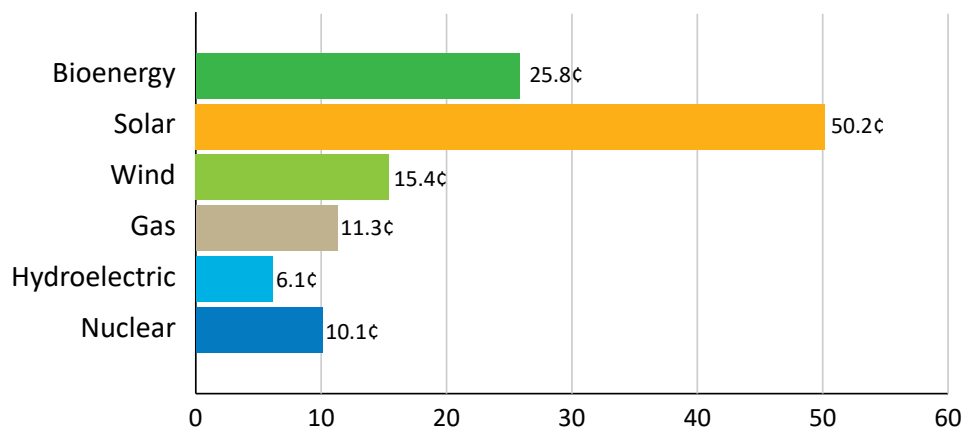
Over the last few years, the Ontario government has acted through a multi-pronged approach, outlined in this plan, to ensure continued system reliability and support a growing and increasingly electrifying province this decade. This plan also outlines the steps the government is taking to develop new long-lead assets that will meet demand in the decades to come.



## Keeping Electricity Affordable for Ontario Residents and Businesses

To ensure the province's continued success in attracting new investments and growing Ontario's economy, the government remains focused on keeping electricity affordable as demand grows. The province is also committed to continuing to provide electricity relief for residents and businesses while making the needed investments in the system.

**Figure 1.7: Unit Cost of Electricity by Resource Type as of October 2022 (per kilowatt-hour)**



The government's approach to ensuring affordability is based on leveraging the existing resources on the system today. Currently hydroelectric and nuclear provide the lowest-cost power to Ontario's grid, with contracted solar and wind costs being higher, reflecting the over-market priced contracts signed between 2004 and 2016. Ontario's recently procured clean storage resources will help these renewable energy resources provide capacity, by addressing their intermittency due to weather-dependency, while also helping Ontario to better integrate future renewables assets to support the province's growing electricity needs.





## Support for Residential Customers

To keep costs down for families, Ontario residential customers benefit from the Comprehensive Electricity Plan, the Ontario Electricity Rebate and other more targeted programs that support our province's most vulnerable.

### Comprehensive Electricity Plan (CEP)

Ontario's Comprehensive Electricity Plan (CEP) is lowering electricity commodity costs for all electricity consumers by funding the above-market costs of the approximately 33,000 existing renewable energy contracts, signed between 2004 and 2016.

### Ontario Electricity Rebate (OER)

Introduced in 2018, the Ontario Electricity Rebate (OER) provides electricity rate relief to eligible customers including households, farms, long-term care homes and small businesses. Effective November 1, 2022, the OER is providing an 11.7 per cent rebate on electricity bills. The OER is adjusted every November following the Ontario Energy Board's annual electricity rate setting to help provide consumers with affordable and predictable electricity bills.

The OER and CEP are automatically applied to all consumers' bills. Together, the OER and CEP reduce an average residential bill by about 23 per cent in 2023.

### Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP)

The Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP) provides a fixed monthly credit directly on qualified low-income customers' electricity bills. Credit amounts range from \$35 to \$113 and are based on household income and size, as well as energy intensity criteria. The credit further reduces electricity bills for lower-income households.

### Energy Affordability Program (EAP)

The Energy Affordability Program (EAP) offers electricity savings measures that can help eligible low-income households further manage their energy use and lower electricity bills by up to an additional \$750 per year at no cost to the customer.

In 2023, Ontario raised the income eligibility thresholds, by \$11,715 for a four-person household and by \$8,285 for a couple, helping thousands more Ontario families reduce energy use and save money. Customers who already receive benefits from a list of energy bill support and social assistance programs automatically qualify.

The energy efficiency upgrades and types of support available are based on factors including home heating system, location, and an assessment of energy needs. Some free measures include energy-efficient refrigerators, window air conditioners, additional attic or basement insulation, smart thermostats and weatherstripping around doors and windows.



Since 2018, the IESO's Energy Affordability Program and the previous Home Assistance Program have helped more than 47,000 households across Ontario create more energy efficient homes, lowering electricity bills for years to come.

The Energy Affordability Program (electricity efficiency) and Enbridge's Home Winterization Program (natural gas efficiency) are now also delivered through a one-window approach, improving customer experience, and making it easier for income-qualified consumers to receive free energy-efficient measures and products that will help lower both electricity and natural gas bills.

#### **Rural or Remote Rate Protection Program (RRRP)**

The Rural or Remote Rate Protection Program (RRRP) is a \$60.50 monthly credit for eligible customers of Hydro One's R2 (low density) rate class. The RRRP also provides support to customers of Hydro One Remote Communities Inc., Algoma Power and three First Nation-owned distributors on the James Bay coast. This program helps to lower electricity bills for those living in rural and remote areas where the cost of electricity service is higher.

#### **Distribution Rate Protection Program (DRP)**

The Distribution Rate Protection (DRP) Program caps base distribution charges for eligible residential customers of eight prescribed Local Distribution Companies (LDC) serving lower density parts of the province.

The LDCs are:

- Algoma Power Inc.
- Atikokan Hydro Inc.
- Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation
- Hydro One Networks Inc. R1, R2 customers
- InnPower Corporation
- Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd (including the former Parry Sound Power service area)
- Northern Ontario Wires Inc.
- Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc.

This program helps to lower electricity bills for those that have a higher-than-average electricity distribution cost due to their geography.

#### **Disconnection Ban**

Between November 15 and April 30 every year, the OEB prohibits LDCs and rate-regulated gas distributors from disconnecting homes and turning off electricity for non-payment, ensuring that these customers continue to have access to heat and electricity during the cold winter months.



## First Nations Delivery Credit (FNDC)

The Ontario government provides immediate relief on delivery charges for on-reserve First Nation residential customers through the First Nation Delivery Credit (FNDC) Program. FNDC funding, which was \$28 million in 2021, provides a 100-per-cent credit to cover the electricity delivery charge on the bills of on-reserve First Nation residential customers of licensed distributors.

## Customer Choice

While the government focuses on reliable, affordable, and sustainable electricity, the province is also giving households more control over their energy bills. Customers can now choose a billing structure that best suits their lifestyle and individual electricity use. In November 2020, the provincial government introduced Customer Choice, giving residential and small business customers who pay Time-of-Use (TOU) pricing under the Regulated Price Plan (RPP) the choice to switch to Tiered pricing.

TOU pricing may be best for consumers who use most electricity during evenings and weekends, which are off-peak hours. Tiered Pricing structures may be better for consumers who use electricity mostly during higher-peak times like weekdays.

## Ultra-Low Overnight Price Plan

In May 2023, the province provided a third choice to customers with the introduction of the Ultra-Low Overnight electricity price plan, giving families and small businesses that use more electricity overnight more ways to save.

The Ultra-Low Overnight rate of 2.4 cents per kilowatt-hour is possible as the province continues to have excess clean electricity during overnight hours.

The new price plan is most likely to benefit those who are employed in shiftwork, electrically heat their home, or charge their EV and could save them up to \$90 per year by shifting demand to the overnight period when province-wide electricity demand is lower.





*"We strongly support the province's ultra-low overnight electricity price. This rate structure will not only make electric vehicles even more affordable to own and operate but will also make better use of Ontario's surplus of electricity at night, benefiting the electricity system as a whole."*

– Cara Clairman  
President and CEO, Plug'n Drive

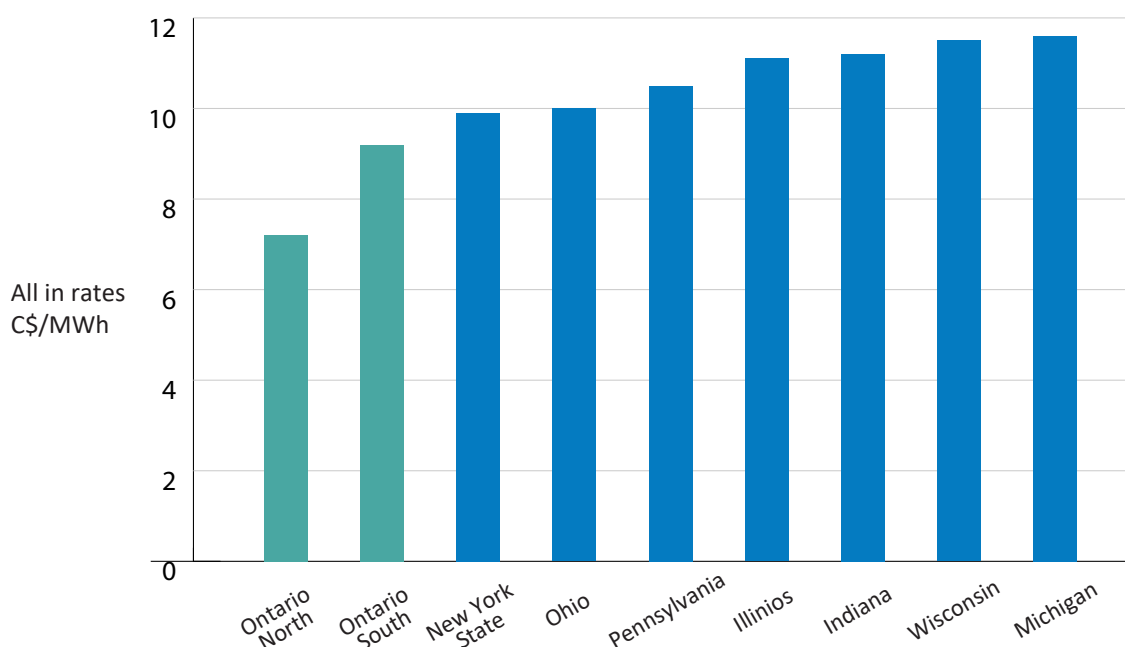
*"The introduction of Ontario's new Ultra-Low Overnight Electricity Pricing Plan provides customers another pricing option to fit their business and lifestyle needs. Customers now have additional choice and flexibility to manage their energy costs and consumption. We welcome this initiative as a positive step towards supporting electrification and a sustainable energy future in Ontario."*

– Teresa Sarkesian,  
President and CEO, Electricity Distributors Association

## Support for Business Customers

Ontario also provides clean and affordable electricity to power businesses through the Comprehensive Electricity Plan, Industrial Conservation Initiative, and other programs. As a result, Ontario electricity rates are priced at or below the rates in neighbouring Great Lakes States. As environmental and sustainability goals become more important for businesses making decisions on where to invest, this advantage makes Ontario the best place to create jobs and to grow or electrify their businesses.

**Figure 1.8 Electricity Costs for Medium and Large Businesses**





**Comprehensive Electricity Plan (CEP)**

The Comprehensive Electricity Plan, introduced on January 1, 2021, is reducing electricity costs for industrial and commercial businesses by funding the above-market cost of Ontario's approximately 33,000 renewable energy contracts signed between 2004 and 2016.

In 2023, industrial and commercial customers could see average savings from the CEP of between 14 and 17 per cent. Savings vary depending on location and consumption.

**Industrial Conservation Initiative (ICI)**

The Industrial Conservation Initiative (ICI) is a demand response program in which participants - including large manufacturers, mines, and forest product operations - can significantly reduce Global Adjustment costs by reducing their electricity demand during peak periods. This reduction in peak demand helps the province defer investments in new electricity infrastructure that would otherwise be needed, keeping costs down for all customers.

**Interruptible Rate Pilot (IRP)**

In 2021, the Minister of Energy directed the IESO to develop an interruptible rate pilot to that would provide increased rate predictability to large industrial customers in exchange for an agreement that these facilities will reduce their electricity use when the province's electricity demand is high. If the pilot is successful, leading to the creation of a permanent interruptible rate, large consumers would be able to choose a rate that best suits their manufacturing process and corresponding electricity usage profile. The pilot launched on July 1, 2023.

**1.2 Natural Gas**

Natural gas makes up almost 40 per cent of Ontario's energy mix and is the dominant fuel used for heating in Ontario, serving about 3.7 million customers. About 75 per cent of Ontario's residential customers use natural gas to heat their homes. Additional uses for natural gas include industrial processes (e.g., to produce chemicals and for process heat) and as a transportation fuel. It is also used for electricity generation.

While residential consumers represent about 96 per cent of all customers, they account for about 33 per cent of all natural gas volumes consumed, as industrial processes often require large volumes of natural gas.

**Ontario's Natural Gas Supply**

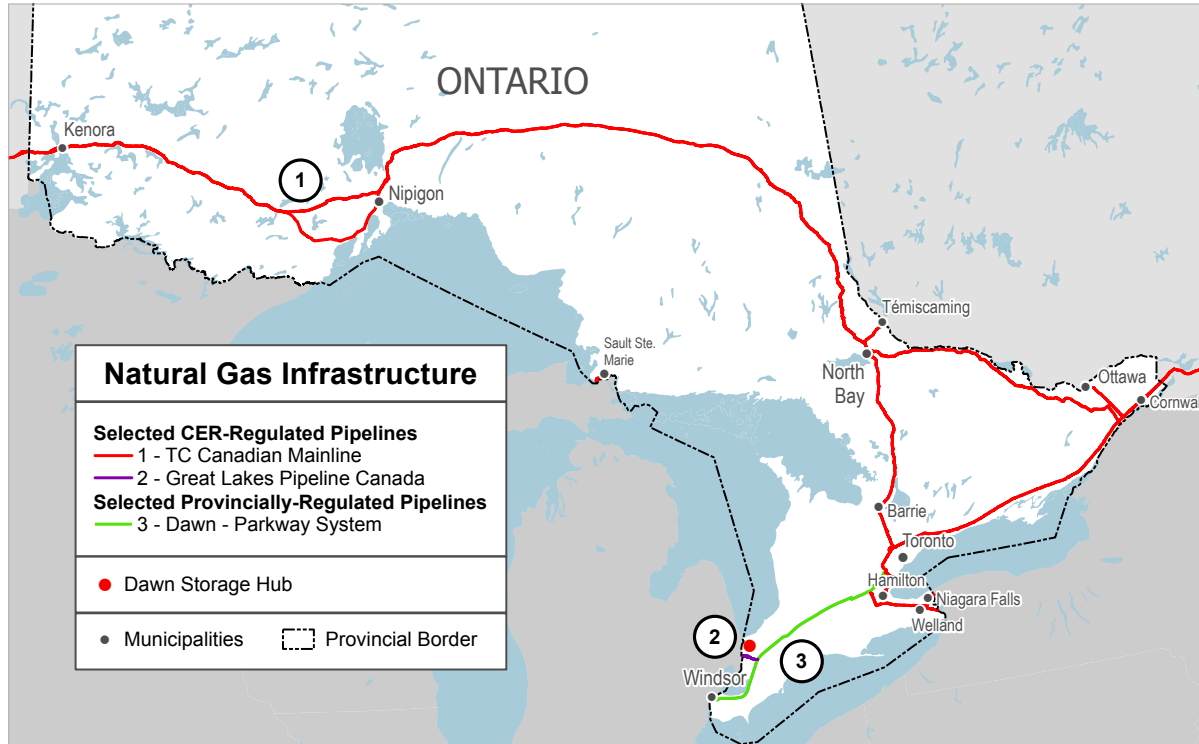
Ontario imports almost all its natural gas from other jurisdictions. Historically, Ontario was predominantly supplied by Western Canada, but now also has a variety of sources from the United States, including nearby jurisdictions such as Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia. Once natural gas is delivered to the province, Ontario's extensive pipeline infrastructure transports it to end users.

The Enbridge Gas Dawn Hub, located in southwestern Ontario, is one of the largest integrated underground natural gas storage facilities in North America. Dawn is also one of the top three physical trading points in North America. Natural gas storage at Dawn helps meet Ontario's seasonal natural gas demand. Natural gas is injected into storage during periods of low use in spring, summer and fall when natural gas costs are



low, and then withdrawn during periods of peak demand in the winter when natural gas import costs are higher. This ensures sufficient volumes of gas are available during the peak winter heating season and helps protect natural gas ratepayers.

**Figure 1.9: Southwestern Ontario Natural Gas Infrastructure: Dawn Storage Hub and Pipeline Connections**



A major natural gas pipeline source to and through Ontario is via the TC Energy (formerly TransCanada) Mainline. The Mainline originates in Western Canada, crosses northern Ontario, and forms a triangle between North Bay, Toronto, and Montreal. Supply entering Ontario from the U.S. in southwestern Ontario is delivered on the Dawn-Parkway system (owned by Enbridge).

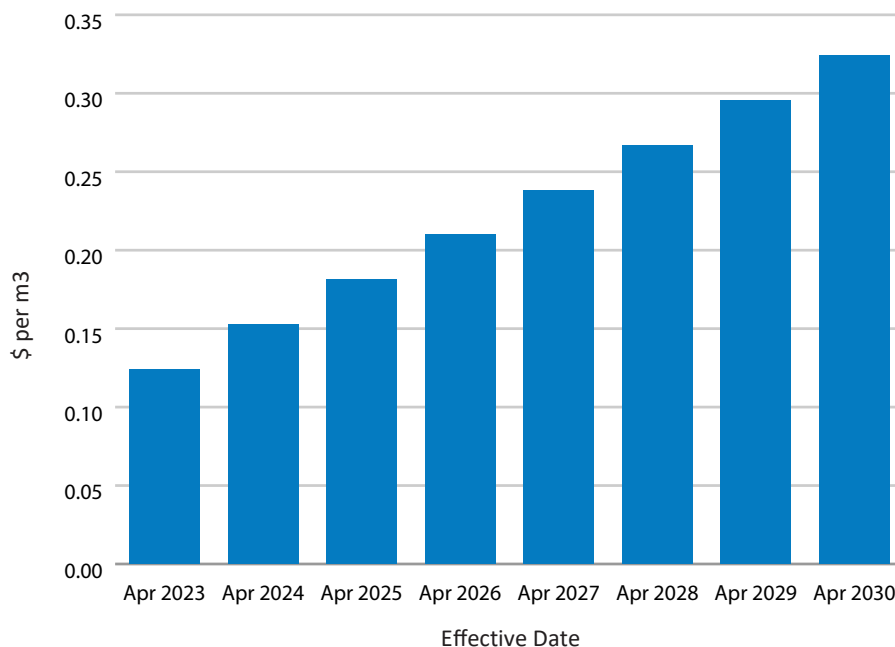
Availability of natural gas for residential, commercial, and industrial users is restricted to parts of the province with pipeline access.

Ontario's natural gas distribution utilities are regulated by the Ontario Energy Board (OEB), Ontario's independent energy regulator. The OEB uses the Quarterly Rate Adjustment Mechanism (GRAM) to protect consumers from fluctuations in market prices due to factors such as seasonal demand, bad weather, and interruptions in supply. For example, the GRAM protected Ontario consumers by smoothing gas prices in 2022, which spiked on international markets in the early months following the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Utilities are also not allowed to earn a profit on the sale of gas, regardless of price fluctuations.



They are permitted to pass through only the cost of obtaining natural gas on their customer's behalf. The OEB regulates the delivery rates Enbridge and EPCOR can charge customers for their delivery service (i.e., storage and delivery of natural gas to customers through their distribution system) from which the distributors recover their operating and capital costs and earn a return. Under the QRAM, the OEB requires Enbridge and EPCOR, Ontario's two major natural gas utilities, to forecast market prices every three months and use that forecast to seek OEB approval of any price changes. Forecasts are based on future costs – the estimated market prices for natural gas for the next 12 months, and past costs. If a utility collected more from customers than it paid for gas in the past, the difference is credited to a customer's account. If not enough was collected, the rate would be higher. Natural gas prices are however impacted by the federal carbon tax, which is scheduled to increase each year through at least 2030, which will increase costs for consumers who heat their homes using natural gas. Regardless, for areas with existing natural gas access, in most cases natural gas remains the most cost-effective home heating source.

**Figure 1.10: Federal Carbon Tax on Natural Gas (per m<sup>3</sup>) Through 2030**



To help families keep energy costs down and move off higher-emitting fuel sources including propane and home heating oil the Ontario government is expanding access to natural gas across the province to help keep the cost of energy low for families, businesses and farmers while reducing emissions.

In 2021, the province allocated \$234 million in Phase 2 of the Natural Gas Expansion Program to support approximately 8,750 connections in 43 rural, northern, and Indigenous communities. The average household could save between \$250 to \$1,500 a year in energy costs by switching to natural gas from costlier fuel sources. Businesses are expected to save up to 30 per cent on energy costs a year.



**Clean Home Heating Initiative (CHHI)**

The Ontario government is exploring how natural gas and electricity systems can be leveraged to further save homeowners money and reduce emissions when it comes to heating their homes.

In September 2022, the province launched the Clean Home Heating Initiative (CHHI) with funding of up to \$4.5 million to bring hybrid heating to as many as 1,000 homeowners in St. Catharines, London, Peterborough, and Sault Ste. Marie. The initiative provides homeowners with incentives of up to \$4,500 to install electric air-source heat pumps with smart controls. Funding was increased to \$8.2 million in May 2023 and the program expanded to Barrie, Pickering, Ajax, and Whitby, bringing the total number of eligible Ontario households to more than 1,500.

With about 75 per cent of Ontario homes currently heated with natural gas, hybrid heat pumps provide the energy efficiency benefits of an electric air-source heat pump with the reliable heat of an existing natural gas furnace to help support the transition to clean energy.

A hybrid heating system also mitigates increases in electricity peak demand on the coldest days compared to an all-electric heating system and is estimated to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by up to 2.1 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalents each year per household.

*"I thank the Government of Ontario for introducing this innovative program, which will not only help homeowners save money on their energy bills, but also help significantly reduce their emissions. It's a win-win for the wallet and the environment."*

- Kevin Ashe  
Mayor, City of Pickering

*"A hybrid heating system can reduce a home's greenhouse gas emissions by as much as 30 percent a year while increasing the flexibility and reliability of its heating system. We appreciate the support from the provincial government, participating cities and the electricity sector for supporting this program and its ongoing commitment to energy efficiency and carbon reduction measures. Together, we are working towards a cleaner energy future."*

-Sarah Van Der Paelt  
Director of Marketing and Energy Conservation, Enbridge Gas



## Energy Efficiency and Innovation

New technologies and innovative approaches are being introduced to reduce emissions from natural gas. This includes energy efficiency programs designed to reduce the usage of natural gas, and the expansion of lower emissions fuels such as low-carbon hydrogen and renewable natural gas that can be injected into the existing natural gas pipeline system.

### Natural Gas Energy Efficiency

Ontario has many energy-efficiency programs in place that help residential and business consumers manage their natural gas usage and bills through the installation of energy-saving measures.

Ontario natural gas customers pay roughly \$2 per month to fund energy efficiency programs as a cost-effective way to reduce natural gas demand. Ontario's primary natural gas utility, Enbridge Gas, is delivering natural gas conservation programs to its customers under a 2023–2025 Demand Side Management Plan. For 2023, the budget is \$167 million, and the natural gas savings target is 114 million cubic metres (m<sup>3</sup>) in the first year. This is equivalent to GHG emissions reductions of about 0.2 Mt per year. These natural gas savings and GHG emissions reductions are driven by a range of programs such as Residential Whole Home, which provides funding for measures including new insulation, air sealing and heat pumps.

On May 27, 2021, Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) launched the Canada Greener Homes Grant to provide up to \$5,000 in grants to help homeowners make energy-efficient improvements. Starting January 2023, Ontario's natural gas energy efficiency programs are being co-delivered with the Canada Greener Homes Grant through the new Home Efficiency Rebate Plus program, which allows customers to stack funding from both programs to implement energy conservation measures.

According to the Ontario Energy Board, for each \$1 spent on natural gas conservation in 2021, there were up to \$2.56 in future savings.

### Low-Carbon Hydrogen and Renewable Natural Gas

Low-carbon hydrogen and renewable natural gas (RNG) can both be blended with conventional natural gas in existing natural gas networks, reducing the carbon intensity of the fuel. Both low-carbon hydrogen and RNG can also be blended into natural gas-fired electricity generation facilities where feasible, helping lower the carbon footprint of these peaking units when they are required.

Ontario already has active hydrogen and RNG projects in municipalities across the province including, but not limited to, London, Ottawa, Toronto, Markham, Hamilton, Ilderton and Niagara Falls.



**Enbridge: Markham Hydrogen Demonstration Project**

In 2018, Enbridge and Hydrogenics (subsequently purchased by Cummins Inc.) developed and built the Markham Energy Storage Facility, which converts clean electricity from the provincial power grid into low-carbon hydrogen. From 2018 to 2021, Ontario's IESO contracted with the facility to help maintain electricity grid reliability by providing regulation services to help balance electricity supply and demand. Enbridge Gas is now blending hydrogen from the Markham facility into the natural gas system on a pilot basis, offsetting a portion of natural gas with hydrogen. This utility-scale facility, commissioned on October 1, 2021, is the first of its kind in North America.

**Stanton Farms: First Ontario Dairy Farm to Produce RNG**

RNG is a pipeline-quality gas that is the product of the decomposition of organic matter that after processing is fully interchangeable with conventional natural gas. RNG is commonly collected from waste facilities, sewage treatment plants and green bin programs.

Stanton Farms in Ilderton is Ontario's first agriculture based RNG supplier that produces more than 3 million cubic metres of RNG each year. That RNG is then blended into the Enbridge Gas natural gas distribution network, providing enough fuel to heat more than 1,300 homes.

With the expansion of their biogas plant in 2022, Stanton farms is able to annually divert 60,000 tonnes of organic waste from landfill and by capturing methane, reduce GHG emissions by more than 11,000 tonnes.





Enbridge Gas consumers have the option of adding RNG to their natural gas supply for \$2 per month through the voluntary OptUp program. All the funds generated from the OptUp program are used by Enbridge to purchase locally produced RNG from StormFisher's facility in London, Ontario.

Natural gas will continue to play a critical role in providing Ontarians with a reliable and cost-effective fuel supply for space heating, industrial growth, and economic prosperity. With developments in energy efficiency, and low-carbon fuels such as RNG and low-carbon hydrogen, the natural gas distribution system will help contribute to the province's transition from higher carbon fuels in a cost-effective way.

### 1.3 Oil and Refined Petroleum Products

Petroleum products, derived from crude oil, comprise just under 40 per cent of Ontario's end-use energy consumption. Petroleum products are critical fuels to move goods and people, heat homes and have non-energy applications.

Transportation fuels account for about 80 per cent of Ontario petroleum consumption —gasoline (49 per cent), diesel (22 per cent), and jet fuel (8 per cent). Non-energy uses of petroleum include inputs to the petrochemical sector (7 per cent) and asphalt (3 per cent). Other applications – including lubricants and heating oil – account for about 10 per cent of overall petroleum demand.

While the first oil well in North America was drilled in Oil Springs, near Sarnia, Ontario crude oil production now accounts for less than one per cent of Ontario refinery requirements today. Ontario relies almost entirely on imported crude oil, primarily delivered by interprovincial and international pipelines. The main pipeline network (Enbridge Mainline) supplying Ontario with crude oil originates in Western Canada and passes through the U.S. before entering Canada near Sarnia (Enbridge Line 5 and Line 78). U.S. crude oil production can also access the U.S. portion of the Enbridge Mainline and supply Ontario. In 2021, about 86 per cent of Ontario's crude oil requirements came from Alberta, Saskatchewan, and British Columbia; 14 per cent came from the U.S.

Ontario's four refineries supply approximately 78 per cent of Ontario's refined product demand, with Quebec and the U.S. supplying the remainder. Pipelines, rail, marine (during the shipping season) and trucks (for delivery to retail gasoline stations) are all part of the supply chain to move fuel from refineries to end-users. Petroleum product infrastructure (terminals, bulk plants, pipelines, retail stations) is owned by private companies in Ontario.

The Sarnia Natural Gas Liquids (NGL) fractionator is one of the main sources of propane and butane for eastern Canada. It processes NGL mix delivered from western Canada by the Enbridge Mainline (Lines 1 and 5). From Sarnia, propane is delivered by rail and truck to locations in Ontario, Quebec, other eastern Canadian provinces, and to export markets in the U.S. Midwest and East Coast.



## Ontario's Gasoline and Diesel Market

The Competition Bureau, an independent federal agency, oversees competition in Canada's gasoline market. The Bureau enforces the Competition Act and investigates anti-competitive practices, such as price fixing.

For retail gasoline prices, crude oil costs and taxes typically account for the bulk of retail gasoline prices in Ontario (75-80 per cent). The refining (or wholesale), and retail components for the supply chain account for about 20-25 per cent of the gasoline price. To illustrate, using 2022 average retail gasoline prices in Toronto, crude oil costs accounted for 45.9 per cent of the retail price, taxes 30.5 per cent, wholesale gross margins (also called refining margins) 18.5 per cent and retail gross margins 5.1 per cent. As part of its plan to help keep costs down for Ontario families and businesses, the government extended the current gas and fuel tax rate cuts to December 31, 2023.

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In 2020, the government announced the Cleaner Transportation Fuels Regulation, which requires that fuel suppliers blend 10 per cent renewable content (such as ethanol) in gasoline from 2020 to 2024, 11 per cent in 2025, 13 per cent in 2028, and 15 per cent in 2030 and onward. The regulation also requires 4 per cent renewable content in diesel.

The use of petroleum fuels in cars and trucks is declining as electrification spreads. As of May 2023, there are more than 118,000 EVs registered in Ontario, including both battery-electric vehicles (BEV) and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEV). By 2030, there are expected to be more than one million EVs on the road in Ontario, reducing the use of refined petroleum products like gasoline.

As electric cars use electricity instead of gasoline, they are using a much more affordable fuel. This is especially true if you charge overnight or on weekends when the cost of electricity is lower. The average Ontario driver, travelling 20,000 km per year, can save as much as \$2,000 per year on fuel alone.

In other sectors, like shipping, heavy trucking, rail, and aviation, where electrification is more challenging, fuels like sustainable aviation fuel, renewable diesel, renewable natural gas, hydrogen, and fuel cells will help reduce emissions.







A long-exposure photograph of a city street at night. The image shows light trails from cars, with white and yellow streaks for headlights and red streaks for taillights. The street is lined with tall buildings, some with lit windows. Traffic lights and streetlights are visible, creating a vibrant urban scene.

## Chapter 2

# **Economic Growth and Electrification Driving Electricity Demand**



# Economic Growth and Electrification Driving Electricity Demand

## 2.0 Introduction

Demand for electricity is projected to increase at unprecedented rates over the next three decades as a result of the government's open for business approach and the energy transition.

Electricity demand is expected to grow significantly more than oil and natural gas and make up an increasing share of Ontario's overall energy mix. By 2050, IESO forecasts indicate Ontario may need to more than double its generating capacity, from 42,000 MW to 88,000 MW, to meet demand for electricity.

This chapter explores the three main drivers of demand – economic growth, electrification, and a growing population.

## 2.1 Economic Growth

Ontario is attracting unprecedented investments in electric vehicles (EV), battery manufacturing, clean steelmaking and other sectors, creating new jobs and driving demand for new electricity generation and storage.

Five major investments alone, when they come online, will increase industrial demand by the equivalent of 21 per cent of today's industrial load (Figure 2.1).

In April 2023, the Ontario government announced a \$7 billion investment by Volkswagen Group to build an EV battery manufacturing facility in St. Thomas. The plant, Volkswagen's largest to date, will create up to 3,000 direct and 30,000 indirect jobs. Construction is expected to begin in 2024 and once complete in 2027, the plant will produce batteries for as many as one million EVs a year, bolstering Canada's domestic battery manufacturing capacity to meet demand now and into the future. It will be the largest manufacturing plant in Canada generating about \$200 billion in value.

The St. Thomas plant will be Ontario's second EV battery manufacturing plant, following a decision by NextStar Energy, a joint venture between LG Energy Solution, Ltd. (LGES) and Stellantis N.V., to build a battery manufacturing facility in Windsor.

With a production capacity of 45 gigawatt hours (GWh) of EV batteries each year, the Windsor battery facility will employ an estimated 2,500 people and supply Stellantis plants across North America. Construction is underway with production expected to begin in the first quarter of 2024. The plant will be fully operational by 2025. In addition, Stellantis is investing \$3.6 billion to retool its existing plants in Windsor and Brampton.

Ontario has also secured a major investment from Umicore Canada Inc. to establish its first North American EV battery component manufacturing plant, in Loyalist Township near Kingston.



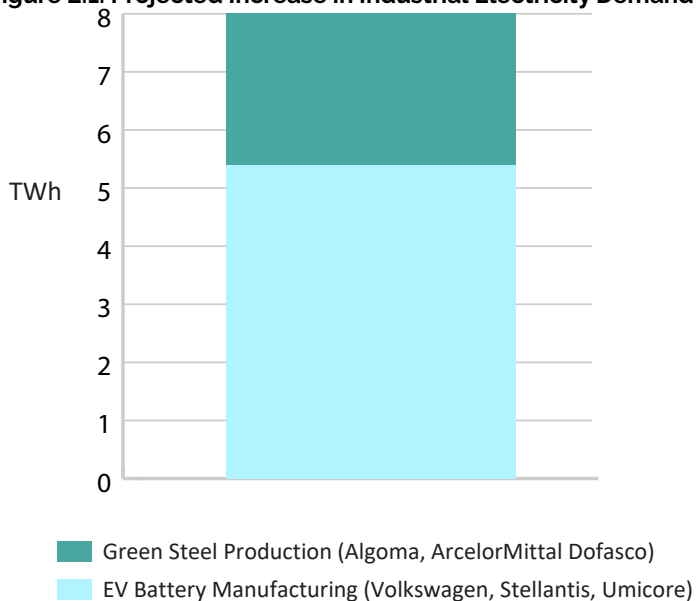
Each component of the battery supply chain plays an important and interconnected role in the production of electric vehicles. These historic investments will advance Ontario's mission to become a globally competitive, vertically integrated EV battery manufacturing jurisdiction and build an end-to-end supply chain to serve the North American EV market. They are helping to secure the province's position as a competitive player in the low-carbon economy of the future.

Ontario's combination of top-quality manufacturing talent, clean competitive electricity supply, access to investment-ready sites and commitment to streamline the approvals process continues to make the province a destination for major investments, ensuring that everyone in the province benefits from the auto sector's long-term growth and success.

Ontario has also secured major investments in clean steelmaking projects in Hamilton and Sault Ste. Marie with ArcelorMittal Dofasco and Algoma Steel. These once-in-a-generation investments will transform the province into a world-leading producer of green steel.

These investments will also boost the robust auto parts supply chain and skilled workforce in communities with deep roots in steel manufacturing and help meet the global demand for low-carbon auto production.

**Figure 2.1: Projected Increase in Industrial Electricity Demand**



As Ontario continues to secure massive investments, electricity demand from our industrial sector will continue to rise. Taken together, the forecast increased electricity demand from Umicore, Stellantis, Volkswagen and the electric arc furnace at Algoma and Dofasco are equivalent to the annual electricity consumption of the Ottawa Region.



## Clean Energy Credits Support Investment

Access to clean energy is a key consideration for businesses making investment decisions. Companies around the world want to invest in jurisdictions with affordable, reliable, clean energy, creating a competitive advantage for Ontario.

Greenhouse gas emissions per kilowatt-hour from Ontario's electricity system are 17 times lower than Michigan's and 20 times lower than Ohio's, providing a major competitive advantage over neighbouring Great Lakes States in attracting industrial and commercial investment.

To drive new investment, Ontario has introduced a Clean Energy Credit Registry to support the sale of clean energy credits (CECs). The registry will help boost competitiveness and attract jobs by helping businesses meet their environmental and sustainability goals. Proceeds from the sale of CECs will help keep costs down for electricity ratepayers and fund the construction of clean electricity projects through the new Future Clean Electricity Fund. The fund will help the province compete for new investments in electric vehicle and battery manufacturing, clean steel, and other sectors while continuing to build a clean economy.

### Minister Smith attends the Clean Energy Credits event with Ontario Power Generation and Microsoft





*"The introduction of Clean Energy Credits in Ontario is an important step to make the allocation of renewable energy transparent and to support industrial customers as they fulfill their sustainability requirements."*

–Dr. Michael Reik,  
Head of Rollout Standard Factory St. Thomas, PowerCo SE/Volkswagen





## 2.2 Electrification



These historic investments in EV and battery manufacturing – and many more – reflect the province's economic competitiveness and will help build our reputation as a leader in clean transportation solutions.

As of May 2023, there are more than 118,000 EVs registered in Ontario, including both battery-electric vehicles (BEV) and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEV). By 2030, there are expected to be more than one million EVs on the road in Ontario.

The IESO's 2022 Annual Planning Outlook states that electricity demand from transportation is forecast to grow from about 2 TWh in 2024 to 30 TWh in 2043, an average annual growth rate of 17 per cent. Investments in generation will ensure that energy will be there to power the future of Ontario's transportation systems.

Many of the impacts from electrification of transportation will also be felt at the distribution level. That's why Ontario is creating the right conditions to ensure the electricity system is ready for charging infrastructure, and that the charging infrastructure deployed can help reduce the impact of EVs on the grid.

The Minister's 2021 mandate letter to the OEB noted that increased adoption of EVs is expected to impact Ontario's electricity system in the coming years and the OEB must take steps to facilitate their efficient integration into the provincial electricity system, including providing guidance to LDCs on system investments to prepare for EV adoption.



Based on Minister's direction, the OEB developed its Electric Vehicle Integration (EVI) initiative to inform actions it may take to support the efficient integration of EVs and ensure that Ontario has the transmission and distribution systems to charge them. As this work continues, Ontario is also exploring ways to reduce red tape and enable the province-wide deployment of EV charging infrastructure.

Electrification will have an impact in other areas, including the increasing use of heat pumps in hybrid home heating systems, supported by government programs to reduce cost and encourage adoption.

## 2.3 Population Growth

Ontario's population is expected to grow by almost 15 per cent or two million people by the end of this decade. Ontario is committed to build 1.5 million new homes to accommodate this growing population.

All of these homes will require reliable electricity, especially as households increase their consumption to heat and cool their homes and power their vehicles.











Chapter 3

# **Powering Ontario This Decade**



# Powering Ontario This Decade

## 3.0 Introduction

For the first time since 2005, demand for electricity in Ontario is rising. Economic development including historic investments in electric vehicles and battery manufacturing, together with population growth and electrification, are driving the demand for electricity.

Electricity demand in Windsor-Essex and Chatham-Kent alone are forecast to grow from roughly 500 MW of peak demand today to about 2,100 MW in 2035, almost the equivalent of adding a city the size of Ottawa to the grid.

The Ontario government is acting on many fronts to ensure that the province has the electricity it needs to power economic growth and meet increasing demand this decade. It is making major investments in refurbishing the province's nuclear fleet, building new transmission lines, and expanding energy efficiency programs.

The province is taking the lead in cutting-edge technologies including building Canada and the G7's first grid-scale SMR which will supply enough clean electricity to power 300,000 homes. Leadership in the SMR field is also providing Ontario with new export opportunities and helping the province become a key player in the race to produce cost-competitive green hydrogen.

Ontario is also moving forward with the procurement of clean energy storage and incremental natural gas generation, which will be required to meet peak demand as nuclear reactors are taken temporarily offline for refurbishment while demand for electricity continues to increase. Natural gas currently plays a pivotal role in supporting grid reliability – with the ability to respond to changing system needs in ways other forms of supply simply cannot.

This chapter provides details of the actions that the provincial government is taking on all fronts to ensure reliable electricity supply this decade.

## 3.1 Nuclear Energy

### Nuclear Refurbishment

CANDU reactors require refurbishment after 30-40 years of operation. The Darlington Nuclear Generating Station and Bruce Nuclear Generating Station have now reached that point in their operating lives and refurbishments are underway. These are currently the largest clean energy projects in Ontario and these scheduled refurbishments have long been anticipated and planned for.

The Darlington refurbishment will secure 3,500 MW of clean, reliable, low-cost power until 2055. It is expected to contribute a total of \$90 billion to Ontario's GDP and increase employment across the province by an average of 14,200 jobs a year.



The Bruce refurbishment will secure at least 6,550 MW of clean, reliable, low-cost generation capacity over the long-term and enable Bruce Nuclear Generating Station operation to 2064. The refurbishment and long-term operation is expected to secure 22,000 direct and indirect jobs a year and generate \$4 billion in annual economic benefits in communities throughout the province.

Once completed, these powerful CANDU reactors will secure a clean energy supply for Ontario for decades to come, as well as a supply of life-saving medical isotopes.

**Figure 3.1: Darlington and Bruce Refurbishment Schedule**

YEAR:	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033
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The Darlington refurbishment program started in 2016 and is scheduled to end in 2026. The Bruce refurbishment started in 2020 and is scheduled to end in 2033. At peak, four nuclear units will be down at one time, representing about nine per cent of Ontario's generating capacity, or about 3,400 megawatts. While these units are down electricity demand will be met by natural gas generation and by recently procured clean energy storage battery projects.

*"As the world's largest operating nuclear facility, Bruce Power is investing in securing our future through our Life-Extension Program that enables operation to 2064 and beyond, while innovating to produce even more clean energy from our existing reactors."*

- Mike Rencheck  
President and CEO, Bruce Power



## Continued Safe Operations of Pickering Nuclear Generating Station

The provincial government is also supporting OPG's plan to continue the safe operation of the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station. Pickering A would operate until 2024, and Pickering B would operate through September 2026 to provide affordable, reliable, zero-emissions electricity.

Safety is always the top priority and OPG will continue to ensure the safe operation through rigorous monitoring, inspections and testing of the Pickering facility.

Operating Pickering through September 2026 will provide affordable and reliable electricity to power strong economic growth and electrification, lower emissions, support the continued production of life-saving medical isotopes and protect good jobs in Durham Region. It will reduce GHG emissions by 2.1 megatonnes in 2026 alone, the equivalent of taking 643,000 cars off the road and representing an approximate 20 per cent reduction in projected emissions from the electricity sector in that year.

In June 2023 OPG submitted their official application to the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) to amend the power reactor operating license to operate Pickering B through September 2026. The final decision regarding the safe operating life of Pickering will be made by the CNSC following a comprehensive, transparent process.

Operating Pickering B beyond 2026 would require a refurbishment, similar to Darlington and Bruce. The Ontario government has asked OPG to update its feasibility assessment for refurbishing Pickering B units, which the province expects to receive later this year. Pickering A is expected to reach end of life in 2024 and cease operations.

*"Pickering Nuclear Generating Station has never been stronger in terms of both safety and performance. Due to ongoing investments and the efforts of highly skilled and dedicated employees, Pickering can continue to safely and reliably produce the clean electricity Ontarians need."*

- Ken Hartwick  
President and CEO  
Ontario Power Generation



## Darlington Small Modular Reactor (SMR) Build

Ontario's CANDU reactors' unique ability to be refurbished after 30-40 years helped Canada's nuclear sector to continue to thrive. In turn, this has positioned Ontario as a leading jurisdiction in nuclear technology at a time when tackling climate change and the need for clean zero-emitting energy is an international priority.

The provincial government is building on this experience and moving forward with the first grid-scale SMR project in North America at the Darlington nuclear site to help meet the demand for reliable, affordable, and clean electricity, while at the same time showcasing Ontario's nuclear expertise to the world and leveraging it to create export opportunities to drive economic growth.

The new SMR at Darlington will be Ontario's first nuclear reactor build in a generation. This project alone will deliver 300 MW of electricity, which is enough to power 300,000 homes. OPG is partnering with GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy, SNC-Lavalin, and Aecon on the project, with construction scheduled to be complete by 2028. Its "modular" construction aims to help this design to be mass-produced and easily replicable, helping to further drive down production costs of clean energy and to cement Ontario's nuclear supply chain as the supplier of clean energy technology to the world.

The Darlington SMR project is situated on the traditional and treaty territories of the seven Williams Treaties First Nations and is also located within the traditional territory of the Huron Wendat peoples. OPG is actively engaging and consulting with potentially impacted Indigenous communities, including exploring economic opportunities in the Darlington SMR project such as commercial participation and employment.





The Canada Infrastructure Bank (CIB) has invested \$970 million in the project to date, its largest investment in any clean energy project. The investment marked major step forward in demonstrating the significant opportunities of SMRs, and the important role of nuclear power in meeting future demand for reliable, zero-emissions power.

Ontario's leadership in new nuclear technologies, particularly SMRs, is raising the province's international profile to an unprecedented level.

Last November, the Minister of Energy concluded a successful trade mission to Czech Republic, Poland, and Estonia to discuss SMRs, strengthen existing relationships and support European allies looking to build their energy independence in the face of Russian aggression and to help reduce their reliance on coal power. The mission resulted in signing agreements with major European energy companies ČEZ and Synthos Green Energy.

Other jurisdictions are following Ontario's lead. Earlier this year, Estonia's Fermi Energia chose GE Hitachi's SMR technology – the BWRX-300 – for deployment, citing the Darlington SMR project as a factor in their selection decision. Poland's Synthos Green Energy has also signed agreements with Ontario manufacturers to build components in Ontario for SMRs that will be deployed in Poland, as well as a letter of intent with OPG to provide nuclear expertise to Synthos in developing its SMR program.

### **3.2 Competitive Procurements for New Build Electricity Generation and Storage**

In October 2022 the Minister of Energy directed the IESO to acquire 4,000 MW of new electricity generation and storage resources through competitive procurements to ensure the province has the electricity it needs this decade to support a growing population and economy. This procurement will target 2,500 MW of stand-alone energy storage resources and a maximum of 1,500 MW of natural gas generation.

#### **Energy Storage**

As Ontario becomes a leader in the batteries of the future by connecting resources and workers in northern Ontario with the manufacturing might of southern Ontario, the procurement of a targeted 2,500 MW of clean energy storage represents the largest battery procurement in Canada's history.

In the first round of the procurement which concluded in May 2023, the IESO has acquired seven new battery storage projects, representing 739 MW of new storage supply.

These facilities will support the operation of Ontario's clean electricity grid by drawing and storing electricity off-peak when power demand is low and intermittent renewable generation is high and returning the power to the system at times of higher electricity demand. The grid will benefit from using more non-emitting energy at peak. Grid-scale energy storage also offers the potential to provide critical flexibility to help keep the system in balance.

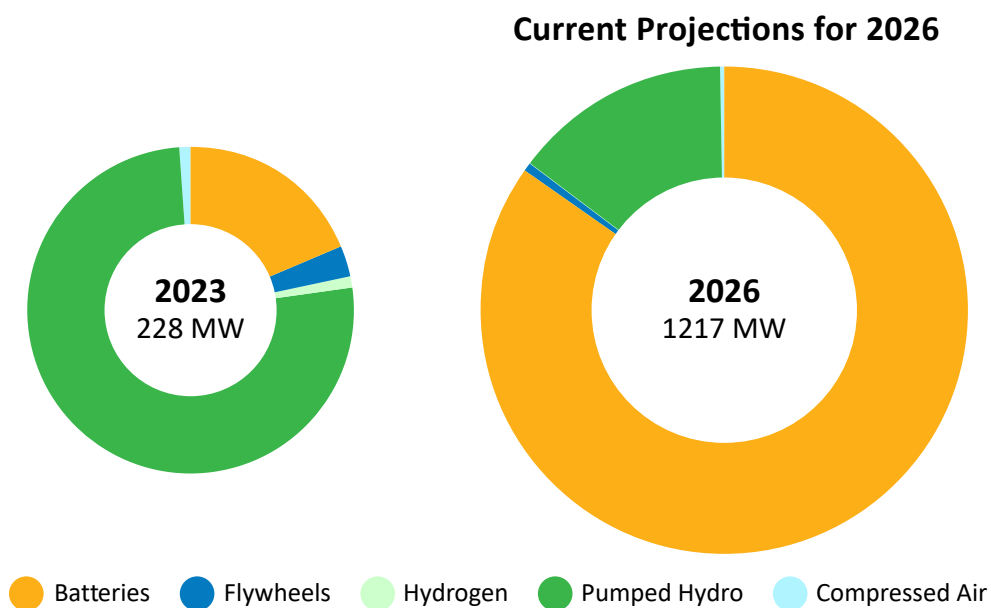


Most of these projects are in partnership with Indigenous communities, which have at least 50 per cent economic interest in five of the seven projects. These projects complement the recent agreement for the 250 MW Oneida Energy Storage Facility and conclude the first of two stages within the procurement.

These projects are scheduled to be operational in 2026, at which time Ontario will have Canada's three largest battery projects, located in Hagersville (285MW), Ohsweken (250MW), and Napanee (250MW).

The current procurement for 4,000 MW of new capacity will run through April 2024.

**Figure 3.2: Growing Role of Storage in Ontario Electricity Markets**





### Oneida Energy Storage Project

In addition to the province's record setting clean energy storage procurement, the Governments of Ontario and Canada are working together to build the 250 MW Oneida Energy storage project, which will be the largest battery storage project in the country when it comes online in 2025. The facility is being developed in partnership with the Six Nations of the Grand River Development Corporation, Northland Power, NRStor and Aecon Group.

Ontario has directed the IESO to enter into a 20-year contract for the Oneida Energy storage project to support the growth of the province's clean energy supply.

The federal government is also providing \$50 million in funding through the Canada Infrastructure Bank, which has played a key role supporting project development and is collaborating with the Oneida Energy storage project on an investment agreement.

Operations will begin in 2025 and when fully charged the 250 MW facility will be capable of meeting the peak demand of a city the size of Oshawa.

*"Energy Storage Canada applauds Ontario's Minister of Energy, Todd Smith, whose government has just committed to the largest storage specific procurement in Canada. The Ford government recognizes the critical role clean energy storage resources must play in ensuring reliability, resiliency and helping to reduce Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions in Ontario's electricity grid."*

– Justin Rangooni  
Executive Director, Energy Storage Canada





## Natural Gas Generation

Natural gas generation currently plays a key role in supporting grid reliability, with the ability to respond to changing system needs in ways other forms of supply cannot.

When electricity demand spikes on hot summer days, Ontario's natural gas generators can be turned on and ramped up quickly to ensure the province does not need to be reliant on emergency actions such as conservation appeals and rotating blackouts to stabilize the grid, according to the IESO.

While during most hours throughout the year Ontario can meet its electricity generation needs with nuclear, hydroelectric, bioenergy, wind and solar power, natural gas generation also acts as the province's insurance policy that can be turned on if the wind is not blowing or sun is not shining, or another generator is offline for repairs (see figure 3.3). There is currently no like-for-like replacement for natural gas and the IESO has concluded it is needed to maintain system reliability until nuclear refurbishments are complete and new non-emitting technologies such as storage mature.

This means natural gas will be needed until reliable replacements (such as hydrogen) have been identified, put into service, and demonstrated their capability.

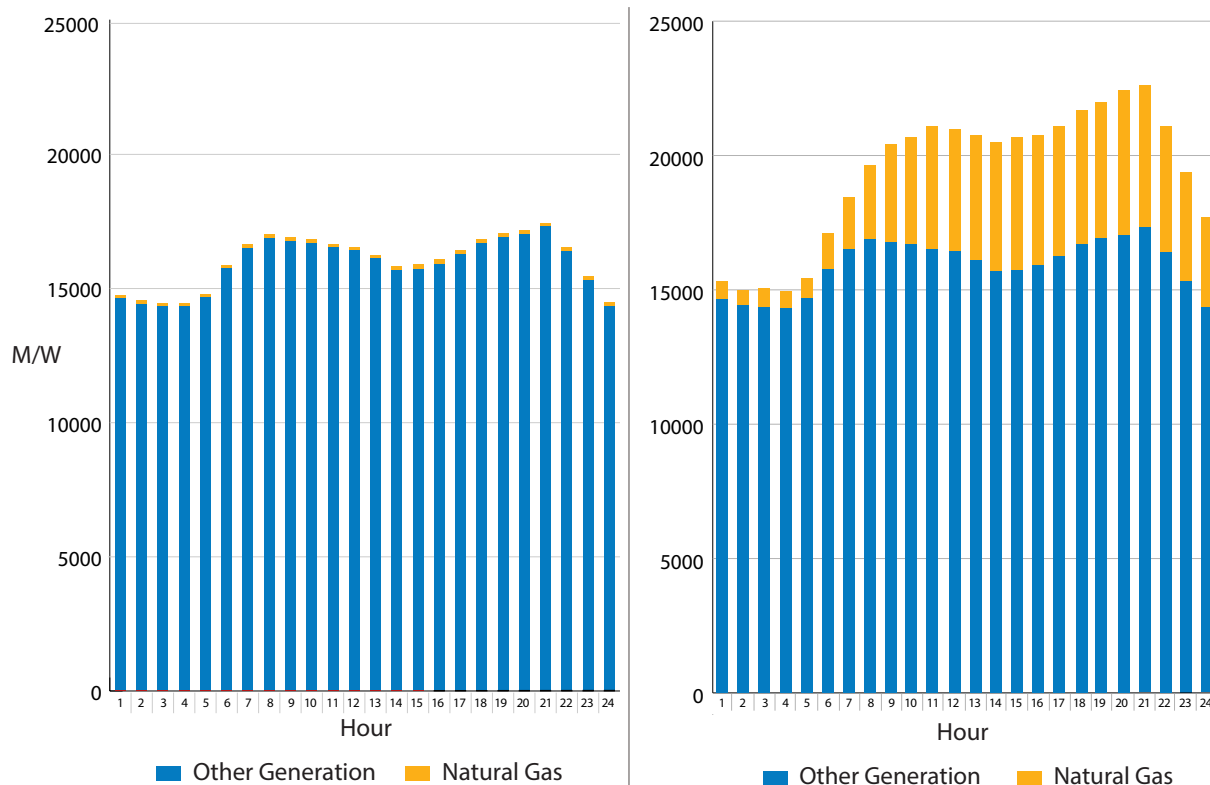
To meet this near-term need the IESO has secured 586 MW of new natural gas capacity from expansions and efficiency upgrades at existing sites through the first round of procurements.

*"The government and the IESO are taking a prudent approach by procuring a diverse portfolio of non-emitting resources, with limited natural gas to ensure system reliability over the short-term."*

– Rocco Rossi  
President and CEO, Ontario Chamber of Commerce



**Figure 3.3: Energy Supply Mix May 6, 2022 (16°C max) and July 19, 2022 (34°C max)**



**May 6 2022**

On a mild day in May, natural gas generation was only needed to meet small changes in demand.

**July 19 2022**

On a hot summer day in July, natural gas generation was needed to meet increased demand from air conditioning. This backs up intermittent sources such as wind and solar, which output 35% and 50% of their installed capacity, respectively, at 5pm when demand was highest.

**Natural Gas Generation Helps Meet Peak Demand on Hot Summer Days**

In Ontario, nuclear power and hydro generally provide the continual baseload power needed to ensure system reliability and meet average daily demand. Additional power is required to meet peak electricity demand, such as when the weather is hot and air conditioners across the province are turned on. Wind and solar power provide what's called intermittent generation – they are available as weather conditions permit, and do not offer the reliability the system needs when additional power is required. As these charts demonstrate, natural gas provides this reliability on peak days.



### 3.3 Energy Efficiency Program Enhancements

Reducing electricity demand through energy efficiency programs, also known as Conservation and Demand Management (CDM), is an essential, cost-effective component of the province's strategy to meet the increased demand for electricity in this decade and beyond.

Electrification of our homes, businesses and transportation means we will consume more electricity than ever before. This increases the importance and value of maximizing energy efficiency, as it allows us to avoid building even more supply in the future.

The IESO's *Pathways to Decarbonization* report identifies acceleration of energy efficiency as a no-regret action to cost-effectively help meet growing demand. It assumes the highest potential from its energy efficiency programs.

In September 2022, the provincial government increased funding for energy-efficiency programs by \$342 million, bringing total funding to more than \$1 billion over the current 2021-2024 CDM framework period.

This additional funding is supporting four new and expanded programs to help families and businesses reduce their electricity use and save money on their energy bills while helping to meet the province's emerging electricity system needs by reducing demand at peak times. These are:

1. A new Peak Perks Program was launched in Spring 2023 for homes with existing central air conditioning and smart thermostats to help deliver peak demand reductions. Households that meet the eligibility criteria and voluntarily enroll in this program will be paid a \$75 incentive for giving their thermostat manufacturer secure access to their thermostat. This access will enable the manufacturer to reduce the participants' air conditioner by no more than three degrees for up to three hours on up to ten summer afternoons. This will help reduce provincial peak electricity demand, while also help the participants lower their monthly electricity bills and contribute to reducing the province's greenhouse gas emissions. Peak Perks has been designed to ensure participants are always in control and they can opt-out of any temperature change event, without impacting their incentive, by adjusting their thermostat. There are an estimated 600,000 smart thermostats installed across Ontario.
2. Targeted support for greenhouses in Southwest Ontario, including incentives to install LED lighting, non-lighting measures or behind-the-meter distributed energy resources (DER), such as combined solar generation and battery storage.
3. Enhancements to the Save On Energy Retrofit Program for business, municipalities, institutional and industrial consumers to include custom energy-efficiency projects. Examples of potential projects could include chiller and other HVAC upgrades for a local arena, building automation and air handling systems for a hospital, or building envelope upgrades for a local business, like new insulation or windows.



4. Enhancements to the Local Initiatives Program to reduce barriers to participation and to add flexibility for incentives for DER solutions. The Local Initiatives Program provides targeted programs for areas of the province with identified system needs. For example, in Etobicoke the CoolSaver program helps homeowners and tenants upgrade their home cooling systems by offering incentives for air conditioner tune-ups, central air conditioner replacements, portable dehumidifiers and smart thermostats.

These enhancements are expected to have a particular impact in Southwest Ontario, with regional peak demand savings of 225 MW helping to alleviate electricity system constraints in the region and foster economic development.

Ontario's energy efficiency programs will also reduce GHG emissions by an estimated three million tonnes of GHG emission reductions over the initiative's lifetime, the equivalent to taking approximately 900,000 vehicles off the road for one year.



Energy efficiency programs are delivered by the IESO through its Save On Energy brand and are available for income-eligible residents, small businesses, large businesses, and First Nations communities. They focus on cost-effectively meeting the needs of Ontario's electricity system through provincial peak demand reductions and targeted approaches to address regional and local electricity system needs.

*"We applaud the government for moving to expand provincial conservation and demand management (CDM) programs, which are the most cost-effective way to meet both electricity system needs and emission reductions objectives."*

– Vince Brescia  
President and CEO, Ontario Energy Association

*"Ontario's Greenhouse Vegetable Growers are on the technological cutting-edge of safe, sustainable and secure food production - here at home and around the world. Ontario's Save on Energy initiatives are critical tools that allow greenhouse farmers to be competitive and environmentally sustainable. This is a win-win-win for our sector, the provincial government and the people of Ontario."*

– George Gilvesy  
Chair, Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers



## Ontario's Next Energy Efficiency Framework

Energy efficiency and conservation programs have traditionally been under time-bound frameworks with fixed terms. For example, electricity energy efficiency programming under the current 2021-24 Conservation and Demand Management (CDM) Framework will end in 2024. A more efficient, long-term model is needed to recognize the role of energy efficiency as a non-emitting resource that better responds to evolving system, market, and customer needs.

In the summer of 2023, the Ministry of Energy is launching a public and stakeholder consultation, including targeted outreach to Indigenous communities in Ontario on the scoping of future energy efficiency and conservation frameworks. This will inform the Ministry's work on developing a proposed path forward for CDM programming for January 1, 2025 and beyond.

The consultation will build on the 2021-2024 CDM Framework Mid-Term Review, which was conducted in 2022 by the IESO and included two extensive stakeholder engagements. Topics will include the primary objectives of electricity energy efficiency programming, considerations for emission reductions, the definition of CDM including treatment of beneficial electrification and fuel switching measures and improving customer experience including the coordination of CDM with natural gas demand side management programs.

## 3.4 Re-Contracting Ontario's Small Hydroelectric Stations

Ontario's fleet of 107 small hydroelectric generating stations play an important role, both in generating electricity and providing benefits such as recreational opportunities, flood control, irrigation, tourism and supporting local employment and economic development. To secure these benefits and maximize the use of these existing generating sites, some of which are 100 plus years old, the Minister of Energy has asked the IESO to design a Small Hydro Program to recontract existing facilities whose current agreements are coming to an end.

At the request of the province, OPG has several projects underway to modernize small hydro generating facilities to improve existing generating capacity, uncover additional efficiencies and in some cases, rehabilitate an entire site. Among the project now underway:

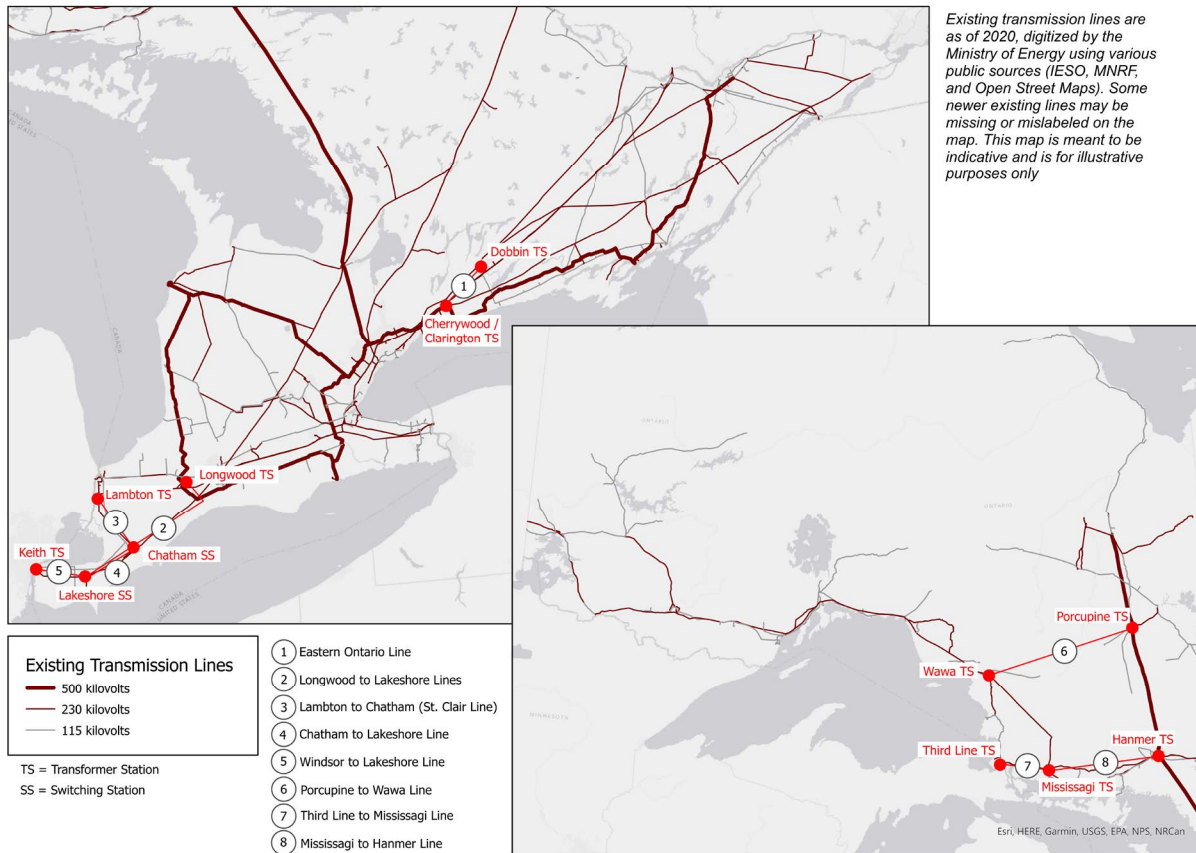
- Calabogie GS Redevelopment Project in Eastern Ontario will double hydro generation from 5 MW to approximately 11 MW.
- Smoky Falls Dam Safety Project that will rehabilitate the 100-year-old spillway and sluiceway structures along the Lower Mattagami River at OPG's Smoky Falls Generating Station in Northeastern Ontario.
- Little Long Dam Safety Project, which will increase the discharge capacity at the existing eight-gate Adam Creek spillway on the Little Long Reservoir in Northeastern Ontario.

The provincial government has also asked OPG to identify additional opportunities for hydroelectric power generation and engage with Indigenous communities to understand how Indigenous communities could participate in and benefit from future hydroelectric generation projects.

With over 100,000 kilometers of rivers and streams, Ontario has a significant potential for hydroelectric power generation, which can be developed by individuals, businesses, or communities. The viability of new projects is largely dependent on the cost to connect to the province's transmission grid.



### 3.5 Transmission Expansion



High voltage transmission lines act as a high way that carries electricity from where it is produced to local distribution companies that deliver electricity to power homes and businesses. Electricity demand in the Windsor-Essex and Chatham areas is forecast to grow from roughly 500 megawatts (MW) of peak demand today to about 2,100 MW in 2035, which is almost equivalent to adding a city the size of Ottawa to the grid. This demand is primarily driven by rapid growth in advanced manufacturing, greenhouse agriculture and electric vehicle battery manufacturing, an economic success story for the region.

New electricity transmission infrastructure is the most cost-effective way to meet this growing electricity demand and continue to drive economic growth in the region. Last year, Ontario acted to ensure the efficient and timely development of five new electricity transmission infrastructure projects in Southwest Ontario. These transmission lines include:

- Chatham to Lakeshore Line
- St. Clair Line running from Lambton to Lakeshore
- Two Longwood to Lakeshore Lines and
- Windsor to Lakeshore Line



The government has issued an Order-in-Council declaring three transmission line projects as provincial priorities, streamlining the OEB's regulatory approval process for these lines so projects can be brought online earlier. The transmission projects between London, Windsor and Sarnia represent an investment of more than \$1 billion and are proposed to be developed in phases through 2030. These transmission lines also present significant economic opportunities for Indigenous communities, through potential equity partnerships or other forms of participation.

## Supporting Growth in Northeastern Ontario

Similar economic success stories are unfolding in other parts of Ontario, leading to the need for further transmission expansion. In the Northeast, electricity demand is forecast to grow rapidly over the next decade due to major industrial electrification initiatives, including Algoma Steel's planned conversion to electric steelmaking, as well as new mining opportunities. To meet these growing needs, the IESO has recommended three new transmission lines be in service by 2029 and 2030 in the Sault Ste. Marie and Timmins area, respectively.

## Supporting Growth in Eastern Ontario and the Ottawa Region

Electrification and economic development in Eastern Ontario, especially Ottawa, are leading to growing electricity demands. To support continued growth, a new line is required between Peterborough and the Oshawa/Pickering area by 2029. This new line will address growing needs in these two regions, while also relieving constraints on existing lines to the Ottawa region.

To ensure these four new transmission lines are in service when they are needed, the Ministry will be launching consultations on a proposal to designate transmitters to start development work on these lines, and to declare these lines provincial priority projects. This includes targeted consultations with potentially impacted Indigenous communities. These proposed actions are the same actions that were taken to ensure that critical transmission infrastructure was built in a timely manner in the Southwest.

In parallel to these actions, the government is continuing its work with IESO to develop a formalized and competitive transmitter selection process for future lines. This process will replace Ontario's current approach to transmitter selection and provide a more timely, transparent, and predictable process for transmitters, stakeholders, and Indigenous partners. The IESO will announce new consultations on this framework in the coming months.

Indigenous leadership and participation will be critical for the successful development of linear infrastructure like transmission lines. There is a growing interest from Indigenous communities and organizations in building and operating transmission lines as a means of advancing and supporting reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. Involvement in major transmission projects can provide Indigenous communities with economic development opportunities, including jobs, partnerships, and long-term revenue streams. Partnerships are also valuable for project developers whose projects may benefit from working closely with communities whose Aboriginal and Treaty rights may be impacted by the development.



### 3.6 Ontario's Hydrogen Strategy

In 2022 Ontario released its forward looking Low-Carbon Hydrogen Strategy. This strategy identified significant potential for hydrogen to foster economic growth while lowering energy costs for families and businesses across the province through electricity storage and other applications that benefit Ontario's electricity grid.

This strategy is part of the provincial government's work to leverage Ontario's talent, infrastructure, and resources to become a leader in low-carbon hydrogen production and a global hub for innovation attracting high-paying jobs in science, technology, engineering, and the skilled trades, while also growing the provincial economy.

For example, surplus electricity is usually generated overnight by Ontario's wind energy fleet and nuclear and hydroelectric baseload facilities when demand is low and generation cleanest. The province can maximize this surplus electricity using it to produce low-carbon hydrogen and potentially storing it to generate clean electricity during times of system need.

In April 2022, the Minister of Energy announced that Ontario is advancing work to develop the Niagara Hydrogen Centre, led by Atura Power. This project would increase the amount of low-carbon hydrogen produced in Ontario by eight times by using excess water at Niagara Falls that would otherwise be sent over the falls to generate clean electricity for low-carbon hydrogen production. This low-carbon hydrogen could then be sold to fuel transportation or industry or injected into a natural gas generating station to lower its carbon intensity.

Ontario will continue to develop an economically sustainable low-carbon hydrogen sector and connect Ontario with global markets by working together with Ontario businesses and industrial partners across the province, the federal government, municipalities, Indigenous communities, academic institutions, and other key stakeholders.

Assuming its availability, the IESO has identified hydrogen as a cost-effective resource for reducing peak demand.

In one scenario, the IESO predicted that Ontario could have 15,000 MW of hydrogen generating capacity by 2050, delivering more than 15 per cent of the 88,000 MW of clean energy Ontario is expected to need by then.





*"As a society we have a compelling reason to pivot away from fossil fuels and build a sustainable low carbon energy future. Hydrogen is at the heart of sustainability and its practical applications here in Ontario can reduce carbon emissions dramatically by 2030. But hydrogen projects at home can also accelerate the pace of further developing a thriving hydrogen industry in this province with both environmental and economic benefits - as we export clean hydrogen technologies to the world."*

– Robert Stasko,  
Executive Director, Hydrogen Business Council of Canada (HBC)

*"Achieving net-zero emissions for all of Canada will require chemistry-based solutions. Ontario's low-carbon hydrogen strategy will help to create the conditions that attract new innovative investments to decarbonize production and create high value jobs throughout Ontario's chemistry industry. The Chemistry Industry Association of Canada and its members look forward to working with Ontario on this important initiative."*

– Bob Masterson  
President and CEO, Chemistry Industry Association of Canada

### **Ontario's Businesses Are Leading the Development of a New Hydrogen Economy**

In 2019, Cummins acquired Mississauga-based Hydrogenics Corporation. Hydrogenics was one of the world's premier fuel cell and hydrogen production technologies providers, having provided the technology for the world's first hydrogen fuel cell train, the Coradia iLint, developed by French train manufacturer Alstom, and also Enbridge's Markham Hydrogen facility.

Atura Power has also selected Cummins to design and manufacture the 20 MW electrolyzer system for its Niagara Hydrogen Centre in Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Hydrogen Optimized, located in Owen Sound, Ontario, also develops and commercializes large-scale hydrogen production systems. Their RuggedCell water electrolyzer converts clean electricity into low-carbon hydrogen for industrial, chemical, utility and energy end users. The recent operation of a 50,000 ampere RuggedCell unipolar electrolyzer represents a breakthrough in large-scale hydrogen production technology and a direct pathway toward the commercialization of single electrolysis modules up to 100 MW.

These companies and other Ontario businesses are already leading the world and place Ontario at the forefront of clean energy technologies and development.

## **Hydrogen Innovation Fund**

In February 2023, the Ontario government launched the Hydrogen Innovation Fund which will see \$15 million invested over the next three years to develop opportunities for hydrogen and hydrogen storage that will be integrated into Ontario's clean electricity system.

The investment marks another milestone in the implementation of the province's Low-Carbon Hydrogen Strategy, positioning Ontario as a clean manufacturing hub.







An aerial photograph of the Toronto skyline. The CN Tower stands prominently in the center, its white and grey structure reaching into a blue sky with wispy clouds. To the right, a modern high-rise building with a dark facade and many windows is visible. In the foreground, several other buildings are shown, including one with a red crane and another with a white crane. The overall scene depicts a dense urban environment with ongoing construction and modern architecture.

## Chapter 4

# Planning Ahead For 2030-2050



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## 4.0 Introduction

While the Ontario government is moving forward on many fronts to secure the electricity the province needs for the decade, additional action is needed to plan for and meet expected long-term demand between 2030 and 2050.

IESO forecasts that the need for electricity system capacity in Ontario could, under one potential scenario, more than double, from 42,000 MW today to 88,000 MW in 2050. Over this time, up to 20,000 MW in capacity may be needed just to replace generation that will come to the end of its life or be phased out.

While some forms of generation like natural gas generation or intermittent renewables can be built relatively quickly, large infrastructure which can provide baseload power such as hydroelectric, nuclear facilities, and the transmission to get it to population and economic centres, can take 10 to 15 years to build.

The Ontario government is acting now to develop new generation capacity including assessing site potential for the first large-scale nuclear build since 1993, expanding the province's SMR program, and advancing long-duration storage projects so that these facilities are ready when they are needed.

In keeping with its forward-thinking approach to energy planning, the Ontario government asked the IESO to deliver critical reports to inform next steps. These reports and input from Ontarians have formed the basis for the additional actions the Ontario government is taking to meet the province's needs in the longer term which are described in this chapter.

## 4.1 Pathways to Decarbonization

In October 2021, the Minister of Energy asked the IESO to develop a *Pathways to Decarbonization* report. Released in December 2022, the report recommends "no-regrets" actions that could be taken today to develop needed electricity resources with long-lead times.

1. Accelerating current efforts to acquire new non-emitting supply, including the implementation of recent conservation and demand management directives.
2. Beginning the planning, siting and environmental assessment work needed for new nuclear, long-duration storage and hydroelectric facilities, as well as transmission infrastructure, to allow for faster implementation.
3. Investing in emerging technologies like low-carbon fuels. Further work is needed to determine if they can replace at scale some of the flexibility that natural gas currently provides the system.
4. Galvanizing collaboration among stakeholders and Indigenous communities.
5. Ensuring that regulatory, approval and permitting processes are ready to manage future investment at scale.



6. Establishing an open, transparent, and traceable process to measure progress and demonstrate the results of decisions and actions taken along the way.

In February 2023, the government launched a 90-day public consultation on IESO's Pathways to Decarbonization report, focusing on IESO's immediate "no-regret" recommendations. The public consultation closed on May 14, 2023.

Through the public consultation the government received 271 submissions. Submissions received had a wide range of themes and topics, including support for nuclear expansion and northern hydroelectric development, expressing caution regarding ratepayer costs, as well as support for more Indigenous-led projects and participation.

The Ontario government is acting now to advance projects in line with these recommendations to ensure the province is prepared to support future economic development, investment, and job creation, all through a reliable, clean, and affordable electricity system.

## 4.2 Competitive Procurements and Contracting

As outlined in Chapter 3, Ontario is proceeding with its plan to procure 4,000 MW of new electricity supply. But once this competitive process is complete in 2024, there will still be a need for additional generation in the 2030s as Ontario's electricity demand is expected to grow at about two per cent each year.

To ensure the province can move quickly to procure those resources when required the government is directing the IESO to begin planning for an additional round of energy procurements. While previous procurements have focused on capacity to meet peak electricity demand, this procurement will focus on energy to fill newly procured storage resources and meet demand at any time, including non-emitting energy technologies such as wind, solar, hydroelectric, and biogas.

Ontario is committed to bringing other levels of government to the table and making them partners in meeting the province's growing energy needs to the benefit of ratepayers. Consistent with procurements currently underway, community support resolutions from municipal councils will be required for any new build electricity projects.

Early engagement and meaningful consultation with Indigenous leaders and communities will also be critical to successfully developing new energy supply opportunities. Indigenous participation and support for proposed energy projects will continue to be a key feature of future procurement initiatives in Ontario's energy sector.

The IESO will report back to the government with the intent of launching this next round of procurements in 2025/26.



## 4.3 Nuclear

Nuclear power, which accounts for more than half of Ontario's electricity supply, was critical in Ontario's efforts to phase-out coal power generation and remains critical in Ontario's path to electrification and meeting its clean energy goals. In addition to a proven safety record and ability to deliver a clean, reliable supply of the baseload electricity required by homes, business and industry, nuclear power has significant economic benefits.

Ontario's three nuclear plants at Bruce, Darlington and Pickering directly employ close to 12,000 highly skilled workers, generate billions of dollars in economic activity and attract new jobs and investment to the province. Overall, Ontario's nuclear industry is one of the largest industrial employers in the province, supporting around 65,000 jobs. The nuclear industry in Canada also contributes around \$17 billion per year to the national economy. New nuclear projects could also play a growing role in meeting peak demand. Batteries and other forms of energy storage charged with zero emissions electricity from these facilities could discharge energy when needed, eventually eliminating the need for natural gas generation.

According to the International Energy Agency's pathway to global net zero emissions by 2050, nuclear power globally will need to double between 2020 and 2050.

### Pickering Refurbishment Feasibility

Operation of Pickering Nuclear Generating Station beyond 2026 would require refurbishment. In light of projected increases in electricity needs due to electrification and economic growth in the coming decades, in September 2022, Ontario asked OPG to update its feasibility assessment for Pickering B refurbishment.

If feasible, Pickering B refurbishment could secure more than 2,000 MW of reliable, emissions-free baseload power for at least another thirty years.

OPG is expected to complete its feasibility assessment and report on the results to the Ministry later this year.



## Bruce Power Expansion

Ontario's Bruce Nuclear Generating Station (6,550MW) is the largest operating nuclear generating station in the world.

Today, the province is starting pre-development work to site the first large-scale nuclear build in Ontario since 1993 at its existing Bruce nuclear site. Bruce Power will conduct an Impact Assessment with the intent of locating up to 4,800 MW of new nuclear generation on the Bruce site. The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) will be responsible for leading the review and will undertake consultations with Indigenous communities and engagement with the public throughout the process.

Ontario and Bruce Power are also committed to continuing cooperation and engagement with both the Chippewas of Saugeen First Nation and Chippewas of Nawash First Nation when it comes to energy planning and potential projects.

The final cost and timeline to complete the review will be dependent on what steps the federal government takes to reduce duplication and streamline the Impact Assessment process for new nuclear power. The Ministry of Energy is working with the IESO and Bruce Power on a contractual approach to address the costs associated with this pre-development work that minimizes impact on ratepayers. The province will also review opportunities to reduce costs on ratepayers through the application of funds collected from the sale of clean energy credits through the Future Clean Electricity Fund.

Ontario is initiating this pre-development work early, in order to ensure that development could proceed in time to meet future demand. Completion of early consultations and the Impact Assessment will allow the province to move quickly on this project which is critical in any transition to a 100 per cent clean grid.





**Federal Impact Assessment**

New large-scale nuclear projects in Canada are subject to a federal Impact Assessment which imposes new regulatory requirements and replaces the experts at Canada's independent nuclear regulator, the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, with the IAAC as the oversight body for conducting environmental and other impact assessments on these nuclear projects.

Overall, a large-scale new nuclear reactor project is expected to require a lead-time of a decade or more from Impact Assessment commencement to deployment, depending on the time it takes to complete regulatory assessments and approvals as well as to undertake planning and preparation, procurements, construction, and commissioning of the reactor(s).

The Impact Assessment Act complicates this timeline with opportunities for the IAAC, or Federal Ministers to pause the process without firm timelines to provide a final decision.

Ontario knows that the federal government shares our understanding that there is no path to a clean economy without the zero-emitting, reliable and low-cost power that nuclear facilities provide. As we collectively strive towards emission reductions and electrification, both SMRs and large-scale nuclear projects require a more flexible and streamlined regulatory framework to ensure these projects can progress and clean energy generation does not face unnecessary barriers and uncertainty.

Ontario looks forward to continuing to work with the federal government as it develops a concrete plan to clarify and reduce timelines, minimize inefficiencies, and enhance engagement and partnerships on major project reviews.



## Expanding Ontario's Small Modular Reactor Program

To meet growing electricity demand in the 2030s the provincial government is also advancing three additional SMRs at Darlington and is working with OPG to advance the planning and licensing for these units in addition to the one already underway.

Building four BWRX-300 SMRs at Darlington would provide a total of 1200 megawatts of electricity generation, providing enough electricity to power about 1.2 million homes. Moving to a "fleet approach" for SMRs in Ontario (i.e., building multiple units of the same technology) will also provide significant benefits for the province's SMR program. For example, it would reduce costs as common infrastructure such as the cooling water intake, transmission connection and control room can be shared across four units instead of one. The modular nature of SMR manufacturing is also expected to reduce the cost of each additional unit.

Ontario's robust nuclear supply chain is uniquely positioned to support SMR development and deployment in Ontario, Canada and globally . Building additional SMRs at Darlington would provide more opportunities for Ontario companies as suppliers of nuclear equipment, components, and services. It would provide a clear signal to these Ontario companies to make further investments to expand their operations to serve the growing SMR market, both domestically and abroad.

Subject to Ontario Government and Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) regulatory approvals on construction, the additional SMRs could come online between 2034 and 2036. This timing would allow Ontario Power Generation to apply learnings from the construction of the first unit to deliver cost savings on subsequent units.





## 4.4 Pumped Hydroelectric Energy Storage

Energy storage is unique among electricity types in that it can act as a form of both supply and demand, drawing energy from the grid during off-peak hours when demand is low and injecting that energy back into the grid when it is needed most. Ontario's current procurement has to date secured new battery energy storage capacity that can discharge energy for about four hours before needing to be recharged.

In contrast, pumped hydroelectric storage makes up the vast majority of energy storage capacity in the world and can store vast amounts of energy and discharge over longer periods. Pumped hydroelectric storage is essentially hydroelectric power that pumps water into a reservoir during low-demand, low-cost hours to be held until needed. During periods of peak demand, the water is released, flows through a turbine and produces electricity, helping to displace the need for natural gas and other forms of peaking generation.

OPG has operated Ontario's only pumped hydroelectric storage facility since 1957. This six-unit, 175-MW pump-generator is part of the Sir Adam Beck Complex in Niagara Region.

Over the past two years Ontario has reviewed multiple pumped hydroelectric energy storage proposals and consistent with the advice of the IESO is advancing the two most viable projects into the province's first Long-Duration Storage Project Assessment. The IESO will review these two projects to determine whether one or both projects should be built to help meet Ontario's project electricity demand.

### Ontario Pumped Storage Project

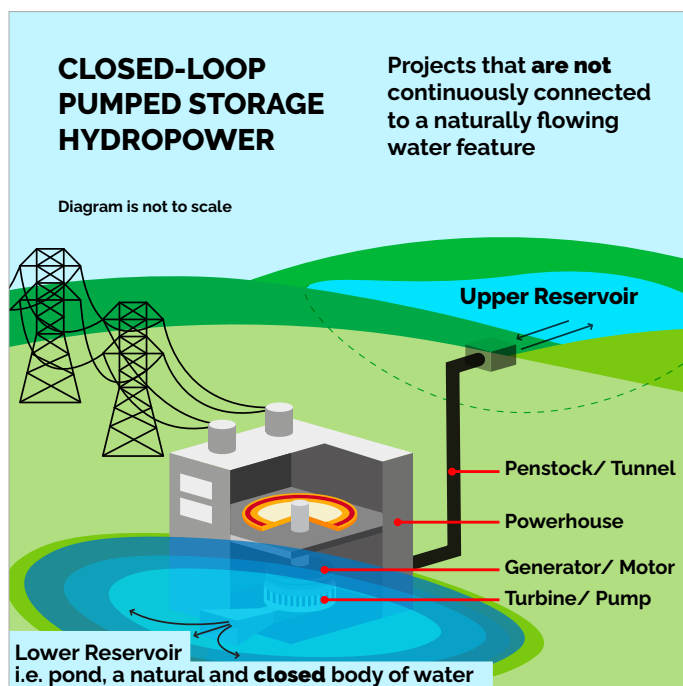
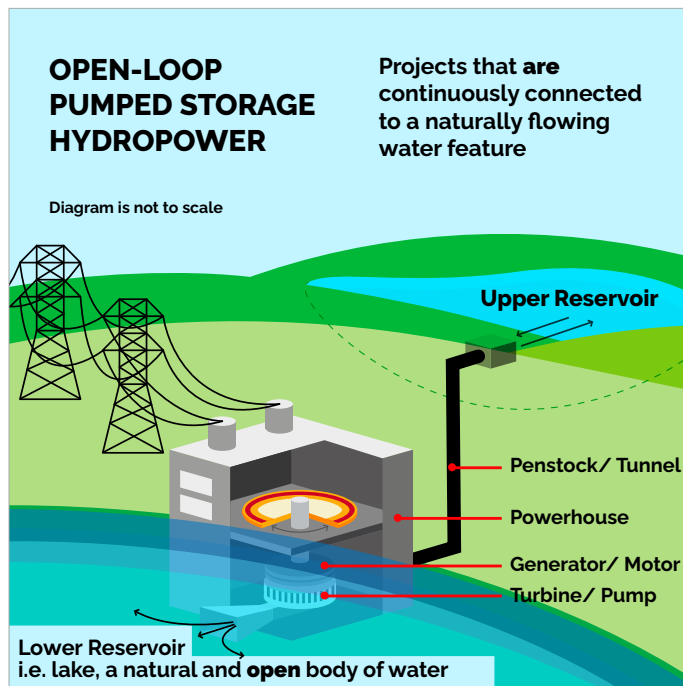
The Ontario Pumped Storage Project is a proposed 1,000 megawatt hydroelectric pumped storage project in the Municipality of Meaford. This open-loop project, proposed by TC Energy, would withdraw water from Georgian Bay, temporarily store it in a newly constructed reservoir, and later return the water to Georgian Bay to generate electricity.



## Marmora Pumped Storage Project

The Marmora Hydroelectric Pumped Storage Project is a proposed 400 megawatt hydroelectric pumped storage project in the Municipality of Marmora and Lake. This eastern Ontario project is a partnership between OPG and Northland Power which would see Marmora's former open-pit iron mine become a part of Ontario's clean electricity grid.

The Marmora Project is proposing a closed-loop cycle design that recirculates the same water between the former open-pit mine and upper reservoir.





## 4.5 Distributed Energy Resources (DERs)

As Ontario's electricity system grows new technologies will also play a role in meeting increasing demand. Distributed energy resources (DERs), which can include rooftop solar systems, batteries, fuel cells, electric vehicles as well as responsive air conditioners and water heaters, are being deployed to meet customer needs and offer opportunities for innovation across the electricity system.

DERs are resources that generate energy, store energy, or control load and are directly connected to the distribution system or located behind a customer's meter. Innovation in DERs both through behind-the-meter and front-of-meter technologies can be used as cost-effective alternatives to conventional electricity infrastructure like pipes, poles, wires, and transformers. DERs can also provide valuable support to the IESO such as frequency regulation services.

Ontario has a well-developed DER sector comprised of hundreds of businesses that contribute to job creation and the broader provincial and global economies.

The IESO released its DER Potential Study on September 30, 2022, which shows estimated DER capacity in Ontario today of 10,000 MW. The study found that there is significant economic potential for DERs to meet Ontario's emerging needs over the next decade.

The provincial government is working with the IESO and the OEB on several initiatives to cost-effectively integrate DERs in a way that maximizes value to consumers, including the OEB's Framework for Energy Innovation and the IESO's DER Roadmap.

The Minister's 2022 letter of direction to the OEB called on the regulator to maintain momentum in this space by making use of stakeholder feedback to propose meaningful changes to how utilities can make use of DERs to cost-effectively meet emerging local and broader system needs, and how non-wires and non-pipeline alternatives are considered, given their significant potential to replace or defer the need for more costly traditional infrastructure.

At the same time, Ontario is moving forward with an initiative to ensure that Regulated Price Plan (RPP) net-metered customers, such as those with a rooftop solar system, have the same access to customer choice as those without. This includes the ability to choose between Ontario's three rate plans, tiered, time-of-use and ultra-low overnight rates. Net metering is a billing arrangement between a customer and their LDC, in which a customer can install renewable generation behind-the-meter to generate electricity for their own use and offset their electricity consumption from the grid.

The Minister of Energy also announced in April 2022, regulatory changes to permit third-party net metering to further enable DERs in Ontario. These regulatory changes open up the opportunity to participate in net metering to a significantly broader pool of commercial, industrial and residential electricity customers, who may not be in a position to own or operate their own behind-the-meter renewable energy generating equipment, like solar panels. Eligible third-party ownership arrangements now include leasing, renting and financing options with energy service providers as well as power purchase agreements with a licensed third-party generator, making roof-top solar and other DERs accessible to more Ontarians looking to better manage their energy costs.



The Ministry of Energy is also exploring further changes to the net metering framework that could drive further customer and system value such as virtual net metering.

Opportunities for using EVs as DERs and the impact on EV uptake is also being explored. In November 2021, the Minister announced that Ontario is piloting bi-directional charging pilots with EVs that test using EVs to provide backup power to a home during an outage or to act as a home power plant providing off-peak electricity stored in its battery to offset the need for the home to buy on-peak electricity, lowering the cost of the home's electricity bill.

### **EV Everywhere: Supporting the Integration of EV's into Ontario's Grid**

The IESO forecasts that the adoption of EVs will increase electricity demand from the transportation sector by 17 per cent each year.

To prepare for increased adoption of EVs the province, through the IESO and the OEB, is supporting the EV Everywhere pilot project developed by BluWave-ai and Hydro Ottawa. EV Everywhere is using artificial intelligence (AI) shift EV charging to off-peak periods, saving customers money while extending the life of electricity infrastructure.

This project is also exploring how EV's can act as DER's by exploring customer interest in an online service for EV owners that will pool the storage capabilities of EV batteries to support the provincial grid.





## 4.6 Transmission

Ontario's electricity transmission system is over 30,000km long. Through it the province moves vast amounts of electricity from hydroelectric, wind, solar, nuclear, and natural gas generators over long distances to the Local Distribution Companies (LDCs) that power Ontario homes and businesses.

Transmission is critical to connecting our vast province and providing reliable, affordable clean electricity to every family and business and the future expansion of the transmission system is key to enhancing Ontario's clean energy advantage, enabling industrial electrification and growth, and supporting electric vehicle adoption. Early planning for future transmission development is important to ensure that energy is where it is needed at the lowest possible cost and to unlock all regions of our province to future economic growth and clean energy development.

Today, the Ontario government is working with the IESO to address existing transmission bottlenecks by identifying transmission projects that should proceed with early planning and development work, including identifying new and existing land corridors that should be protected for future transmission needs.

### Unlocking Opportunities in Northern Ontario

Ontario's electricity system is currently undergoing upgrades to support a free flow of electricity from east to west, including the recently completed East West Tie (between Thunder Bay and Wawa) and the Waasigan Transmission Line Project (between Dryden and Thunder Bay). However, electricity flow between Northern and Southern Ontario is limited by existing transmission capacity. This restricts opportunities for economic growth, including investments in new electricity generation projects that would create jobs in both Northern and Southern Ontario.

To address this bottleneck the IESO will identify and report back to the Minister with options for new transmission between Toronto and Sudbury unlocking new opportunities for growth.

### Powering Growth in the City of Toronto

Electrification, new housing, office towers, and job creators in the City of Toronto, and specifically in downtown Toronto, are also driving significant electricity growth.

While growth to date has been met by existing transmission lines, energy efficiency programs and strategically located generation assets, including Portlands Energy Centre (a natural gas generation station), future demand growth and a shift away from natural gas electricity generation would require new transmission to the downtown core.

To address this bottleneck, the IESO will also identify and report back to the Minister with options for future transmission lines in the Greater Toronto Area, recognizing the needs of the growing downtown core.

Work to site new transmission lines would be informed by consultations conducted by the IESO and could include a range of options including utilizing existing corridors, as well as underwater or buried cables.



## 4.7 Optimizing Ontario's Hydroelectric Fleet

Ontario built its electricity system from the power of hydroelectric generation in the 1920s and today it continues to provide a roughly a third of Ontario's total energy capacity and accounted for about 25 per cent of Ontario's electricity generation in 2022.

Some hydroelectric generating sites, like Niagara Falls' Sir Adam Beck facility, have served Ontario for more than a century and the province's commitment to the maintenance and upgrading of these facilities ensure that they will serve the province for the century ahead.

Last year, the Minister of Energy directed OPG to report back with options for future hydroelectric power development in the province and now has asked OPG to further that plan by proposing options to optimize electricity generation from existing sites as well as engaging with Indigenous communities to understand how Indigenous communities could participate in and benefit from future hydroelectric generation projects.

The viability of new projects is largely dependent on the cost to connect to the province's transmission grid.





## 4.8 Measures to Reduce Future Energy System Costs

Prior to 2018, high energy costs were chasing jobs and investments out of the province. Between 2004 and 2016 the previous government signed more than 33,000 contracts that paid up to ten times the going rate for power, significantly increasing electricity costs in the province in the process. They also stopped planning on critical infrastructure projects, including the refurbishment of Pickering Nuclear Generating Station and the Darlington SMR program, leaving the province with limited options, mainly batteries and natural gas, which could meet the province's reliability needs. Through Powering Ontario's Growth the government is advancing the planning necessary to develop new options to deliver reliable and clean electricity across the province, while keeping energy costs down.

### Direct Energy Bill Support

From the implementation of the Comprehensive Electricity Plan which shifts the costs of over-market electricity contracts signed by the previous government off ratepayers' bills; to several low-income, rural and distribution support programs; to the Ontario Electricity Rebate that directly reduces all residential and small business' bills by 11.7 per cent; the government is committed to affordable and predictable electricity costs for all Ontarians.

In 2022, the IESO released its Gas Phase-Out Impact Assessment which stated that it was not cost-effective to rush the phase-out of natural gas and would harm Ontario's broader economy emission reduction efforts. The assessment stated that to phase-out the remaining approximately 10 per cent of natural gas fired generation by 2030 would require electricity bills to increase \$100 per month and would result in brownouts and blackouts.

The government is committed to grid reliability, and this option is unacceptable for several reasons, including that Ontarians cannot afford drastic rate increases and businesses cannot afford brownouts or blackouts. Affordability is key for individuals and businesses making the decision to electrify, and without affordable electricity the province will not see investments in green steel and EV and battery manufacturing.

Further details on direct energy bill supports can be found in Chapter 1.





## Providing Customers with Tools and Choice

The government is also committed to providing customers with the tools they want and need to further reduce their energy costs, including through customer choice.

The first step to understanding how to lower your electricity bill, whether a home or business energy consumer, is understanding where, when and how you consume electricity. It is for this reason that the government rolled out the Green Button Standard.

Green Button allows energy consumers – residential, commercial, or industrial, to track their energy use (natural gas and electric) in real-time on their smartphone to understand where and how they are consuming energy and then Green Button application can provide advice on how to use less energy to help lower your bills, such as customized energy efficiency retrofit options or switching electricity price plans to achieve long-lasting savings. Studies have found that easy access to energy data, through Green Button, along with smart home devices, can help consumers make informed decisions and achieve energy savings of up to 18 percent. In 2021, the Minister of Energy passed a regulation that requires all electricity and natural gas utilities to provide their customers with Green Button no later than November 1, 2023. Ontario is the first province in Canada to mandate access to Green Button for energy consumers.



Reducing energy use through energy efficiency programs, whether electricity or natural gas, is an essential, cost-effective component of the province's strategy to provide long-term cost savings for consumers. In September 2022, the provincial government increased funding for energy-efficiency electricity programs by \$342 million, bringing total funding to more than \$1 billion over the current 2021-2024 energy-efficiency electricity framework period. These new and expanded programs help families and businesses reduce their electricity use and save money on their energy bills. Some programs include the Peak Perks program, Save On Energy Retrofit Program and Local Initiatives Program. Further details on electricity energy-efficiency programs can be found in Chapter 3.

In 2023, the Ontario Energy Board approved Enbridge Gas' 2023-2025 natural gas conservation plan. In 2023, this plan provides \$167 million in 2023 to help homeowners and businesses upgrade appliances, improve building envelope and insulation among other measures to provide long-term natural gas savings to customers. Further details on natural gas conservation programs can be found in Chapter 1.



The province has also provided other options for customers to reduce their electricity bills, such as providing new residential rate options like ultra-low overnight and tiered, alongside time-of-use, allowing customers to choose the rate that fits with their lifestyle and provide the most affordable cost of electricity. Further details on electricity rate options can be found in Chapter 1.

Lastly, the government has also permitted Third-Party Net Metering, the first province in Canada to do so. This new regulation makes it easier for homeowners and businesses to partner with companies to install roof-top solar systems. This is especially helpful for those who may not be in the position to fully-purchase or operate the equipment on their own. Roof-top solar systems can help customers generate some of their own electricity, often at times of the day when electricity is most costly, and in turn can help lower their electricity bill.

## Government Making Better Energy Decisions

In 2018, the Government committed to move towards competitive procurement processes, where possible. The government believes through starting competitive procurements in Ontario to procure electricity generation assets, it can ensure that electricity is affordable today and tomorrow.

The government has since launched Ontario's first two competitive procurements, a Mid-term RFP and an Expedited Long-Term RFP, with a third expected later this year. This competitive process has already borne fruit. Last fall, the government announced that through the IESO, the mid-term RFP has re-contracted more than 760 megawatts of existing resources at a 30 per cent savings when compared to the previous government's contracts. This is a significant decrease which in turn will result in lower electricity system costs and lower costs for ratepayers.

## Collaborating with the Government of Canada

The government of Canada has introduced three programs which directly can help Ontario reduce the costs of new electricity generation and protect ratepayers. To date, the Smart Renewables and Electrification Pathways Program has provided one grid-scale energy project grant funding and the Canada Infrastructure Bank has provided preferential financing to three grid-scale energy projects. Ontario hopes to work with Ottawa to ensure it receives its fair share of funding through both initiatives. Lastly, the introduction of the Federal Government's Clean Technology and Clean Electricity Investment Tax Credits should both help to lower the overall cost of new generating assets in Ontario for the next decade and help to address the competitive challenges posed by the *U.S. Inflation Reduction Act*.



## Future Clean Electricity Fund

In March 2023, the Minister of Energy announced the launch of Ontario's Clean Energy Credit Registry and the Future Clean Electricity Fund. Proceeds from the sale of Clean Energy Credits held by the IESO and OPG will be directed to the government's Future Clean Electricity Fund. This new fund will help keep costs down for electricity ratepayers by supporting the development of new clean energy projects as the province builds out our grid to meet the demands of a growing population and economy, as well as the electrification of transportation and industry.

The Future Clean Electricity Fund will help to preserve and grow the province's clean energy advantage and offset future costs to electricity ratepayers. Ontario families have done the heavy lifting and built one of the cleanest electricity grids in the world, and now we can leverage that clean supply to reduce the cost of new clean generation through our Future Clean Electricity Fund.

Premier Ford meets with workers at Algoma Steel









An aerial photograph of a city skyline, likely Pittsburgh, featuring a mix of modern glass skyscrapers and older brick buildings. In the background, a large blue lake (Lake Erie) is visible, surrounded by green hills under a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. A semi-transparent blue rectangular box is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing the chapter title in white text.

## Chapter 5

# Integrated Energy Planning



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## 5.0 Introduction

Building the clean energy infrastructure necessary to power Ontario's future is a complex undertaking that requires the highest level of strategic energy planning and coordination.

Unlike previous governments, which viewed energy systems in isolation (refined petroleum products, natural gas, and electricity), the Ontario government is leading Canada in implementing an integrated energy planning process to ensure it is making the most cost-effective decisions necessary to prepare for a clean energy future.

This chapter describes the early planning process that began in 2021 with stakeholder and public consultation. The findings from that work have guided the government in creating the Electrification and Energy Transition Panel and commissioning the independent *Cost-effective Energy Pathways Study* as well as other initiatives that will inform planning, including at the IESO and OEB.

Building on the initiatives described in previous chapters, the next phase of the government's work will ensure that Ontario has the energy planning tools it requires to navigate the energy transition in a way that maximizes economic opportunities and the beneficial contribution of all parts of the energy system.

## Roadmap to an Integrated Energy Strategy

The government began a review of the province's approach to long-term energy planning in 2021 to promote transparency, accountability, and effectiveness of energy planning decision-making, increase investment certainty, and ensure the interests of ratepayers are protected.

This review identified:

- The need for clear, high-level government policy direction;
- The importance of integrated, coordinated planning across energy sectors;
- A focus on independent, agency-led planning;
- The importance of independent planning oversight, with an emphasis on the role of the OEB as independent regulator; and
- The need for enhanced stakeholder and public participation.

As a result of this process, the government has taken steps to develop an integrated approach to meet Ontario's future energy needs. This has included:

- Bringing together the necessary technical advice to make informed decisions that are right for Ontario, including commissioning reports such as the *Gas Phase-Out Impact Assessment* and *Pathways to Decarbonization* by the IESO;



- Establishing the Electrification and Energy Transition Panel (EETP) and commissioning an independent *Cost-Effective Energy Pathways Study*;
- Directing the OEB to consult and report back on options to modernize Ontario's regulatory framework to support the energy transition in a cost-effective manner; implement clear guidance to LDCs to enable them to upgrade their distribution systems in preparation for electric vehicle and increased DER adoption; and to report back on distribution sector resiliency, responsiveness, and cost efficiency; and,
- Ensuring ongoing proactive planning by the IESO with support from sector entities and stakeholders.

These actions are the foundational steps the government is taking as it prepares to develop an integrated energy strategy based on additional consultation and input from the energy sector, Indigenous and local communities, and the public.

## 5.1 Electrification and Energy Transition Panel

Electrification and the energy transition are intensifying, driven by significant growth in electric vehicles and by corporate environmental and sustainability decisions. Electricity generation resources and transmission can take five to 15 years to develop, so early planning is increasingly critical as electricity demand growth accelerates. For these reasons, in April 2022, the Minister of Energy announced the creation of the Electrification and Energy Transition Panel (EETP) to help the government prepare Ontario's economy for electrification and the energy transition and take the necessary steps now to ensure we have the energy infrastructure to support the growing demand for clean energy.

While long-term electricity planning is important, fuel-switching will also play a key role in Ontario's evolving clean energy mix. Understanding where this is likely to occur, through integrated energy planning, Ontario will be empowered to make smart decisions that will further support lowering energy bills and create a more predictable and competitive investment environment.

The EETP will identify strategic opportunities and recommend necessary planning reforms to support emerging electricity and fuels planning needs in the context of the broader transition to a clean energy economy.

Comprised of chair David Collie and members Professor Monica Gattinger (University of Ottawa) and Chief Emerita Emily Whetung-MacInnes, former Chief of Curve Lake First Nation, the panel will advise the government on high-value short, medium and long-term opportunities in the energy sector. This includes opportunities to:

- Enable investment and job creation in Ontario by keeping energy rates low;
- Create a more predictable and competitive investment environment;
- Build on the government's work to meet energy needs and ensure a reliable, affordable and clean electricity supply; and
- Strengthen Ontario's long-term energy planning process by better coordinating the fuels and the electricity sectors.



*"Growing Ontario's economy will require growing our supply of clean energy. The Board is glad to see the Electrification and Energy Transition Panel moving forward with a strong mandate and expert members to inform a cost effective, competitive transition. This builds on the government's timely action to invest in energy storage, build Canada's first grid-scale SMR, and grow our hydrogen industry."*

- Jan De Silva  
President & CEO, Toronto Region Board of Trade

## Energy Transition and Electrification Panel Themes

The EETP is exploring five key themes to inform discussions with stakeholders, Indigenous communities, and the public and guide recommendations in its final report:

1. **Energy Planning:** Improving long-term, integrated energy planning between the electricity and fuels sectors, exploring topics such as roles and responsibilities for the province and energy agencies and options to optimize energy demand and decarbonize future energy supply systems.
2. **Governance and Accountability:** Improving energy sector governance such as potential changes to agency mandates or regulatory frameworks and new performance metrics for the province and energy agencies for a successful transition.
3. **Technologies:** Improving regulatory and other frameworks and addressing barriers to core energy technologies and fuel types in energy and other sectors such as buildings, housing, transportation, industry and agriculture. Reducing barriers to low-carbon fuels, distributed energy resources and hybrid-heating solutions will be explored.
4. **Community and Customer Perspectives, Affordability and Energy Sector Objectives:** Balancing energy system costs, energy reliability and climate objectives while considering the rights of Indigenous communities, and the public interest. How citizen and customer choice and perspectives should be considered through the energy transition will be explored.
5. **Facilitating Economic Growth:** Identifying opportunities to advance economic development as it relates to the energy sector and the transition. Opportunities to improve Ontario's participation in green global supply chains and foster cross-sector collaboration in energy-intensive sectors, such as mining, steel and automotive sectors, while maintaining a cost-effective and low carbon electricity supply will be explored.



## Cost-effective Energy Pathways Study

To support the work of the EETP and provide key inputs into long-term energy planning, the provincial government has commissioned an independent Cost-effective Energy Pathways Study to understand how Ontario's energy sector can support electrification and the energy transition.

This study will take an integrated, multi-fuel approach to optimize technological options to prepare the energy system for electrification and the energy transition.

The Panel, the *Pathways to Decarbonization* report, the *Cost-effective Energy Pathways Study* and other research together with ongoing consultation with stakeholders and the public will help the government make strategic decisions for the future of Ontario's energy system.

## 5.2 Low-Carbon Fuels

While much of the public focus has centred around electrification and meeting the province's electricity needs, exciting and innovative advances in low-carbon fuels continue to provide sustainable options that in some cases may provide a more cost-effective pathway to reduce emissions in the province's broader energy sector:

- Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) - is a pipeline-quality gas that is the product of the decomposition of organic matter that after processing is fully interchangeable with conventional natural gas. RNG is commonly collected from waste facilities, sewage treatment plants and green bin programs. Further details can be found in Chapter 1.
- Synthetic Natural Gas (SNG) - is a pipeline-quality gas that is produced through the Sabatier process in which methane and water are produced from a reaction of hydrogen and carbon dioxide. If low-carbon hydrogen is used, SNG can reduce the carbon intensity of the natural gas system.
- Ethanol - is a renewable fuel made from various plant materials (often corn). Gasoline in Ontario is blended at varying percentages to reduce the carbon intensity of the fuel and reduce air pollution.
- Renewable Diesel - is a fuel made from fats and oils, such as soybean oil or canola oil, and is processed to be chemically the same as petroleum diesel. Renewable diesel can be blended with petroleum diesel or can completely replace it to reduce the carbon intensity of the fuel.
- Biodiesel - is similar to renewable diesel but not chemically the same as diesel. It is made from vegetable oils, animal fats and recyclable restaurant grease and can be blended with petroleum diesel in limited quantities.
- Hydrogen - Depending on how it is produced, hydrogen has the potential to be a low-carbon fuel and can be blended with natural gas in limited quantities to lower the carbon intensity of the fuel.



### 5.3 Distribution System Innovation

Until recently, Ontario's electricity grid has been constructed to provide one-way flows of electricity generated at large power plants and transmitted lengthy distances to places where electricity is consumed. While large generators like nuclear and hydroelectric facilities at the bulk system level will continue to play an essential role serving as Ontario's electricity system backbone, the emergence of new tools, including DERs, at the local level is transforming the way families, businesses, and communities meet their energy needs. While DERs can increase the complexity of distribution planning, they also promise a broad range of benefits to consumers – from greater customer choice, improved system resilience and flexibility, to cost avoidance and large capital deferrals. Recognizing the important role these innovative technologies and business models will play in a clean energy future, in 2020, the Ontario government made “facilitation of innovation in the electricity sector” a new guiding objective for the OEB. OEB's 2022 System-Wide Electricity Supply Mix data indicates that roughly five per cent of Ontario's total annual generation comes from embedded DERs that send electricity to the grid and are quantifiable by LDCs and the IESO. Taking into consideration other demand side tools like EVs, smart thermostats and behind the meter (BTM) battery energy storage systems (BESS), IESO's DER Potential Study indicates that Ontario has an estimated DER capacity of 10,000 MW.

As more and more customers adopt BTM technologies (e.g., rooftop solar; BESS) to save money and take control of their electricity bills, much of this innovation will happen at the local distribution level. This requires Ontario's 59 Local Distribution Companies to modernize operations to keep pace with and enable customer connections and enable customer choice.

The government recognizes Ontario's regulatory framework can present barriers to testing innovative pilot or demonstration projects that show clear potential to support cost reduction or decarbonization objectives. To address this issue, the government made amendments to the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* that allow the OEB to exempt proponents that wish to undertake innovative projects from various licence requirements on a time-limited basis. The government is considering additional steps to empower the OEB to issue exemptions from additional legislated or regulated requirements for innovators.

These changes will facilitate innovative pilot or demonstration projects that have the potential to benefit customers, the energy sector and the broader economy and support the transition to a more sustainable and renewable energy future.

Additionally, as customers seek new ways to participate in the energy transition, their relationship with LDCs is also changing, resulting in increasing expectations for LDCs to play a greater role connecting and integrating customer side solutions in new, varied, and concurrent opportunities, both safely and efficiently. Recognizing the grid must be there for customers when they need to “plug-in”, the government will consider conceptual models that will facilitate customer participation and reduce system costs.



For instance, a distribution system operator (DSO) model – responsible for coordinating DERs at the distribution system level – could operate a local market, akin to what the IESO operates at the bulk level today, providing local distribution services. These services, such as capacity, increased power quality, and non-wire alternative services, could result in increased reliability and lower costs for customers. A DSO could also facilitate electricity trading among homes and businesses.

Allocating the roles and responsibilities for DERs in the future should aim to maximize benefits for consumers. To this end, both the IESO and the OEB will continue to work with LDCs to explore these and other opportunities to innovate and meet the needs of customers – safely, affordably, and reliably – along with the clean energy objectives of the province.

*"Long-term energy planning gives businesses the predictability they need to invest and grow with confidence in Ontario. An integrated approach recognizes that clean electricity and low-carbon fuels will both contribute to a reliable, sustainable, and affordable energy system in the province. Ontario's Electrification and Energy Transition Panel is an important step towards a competitive energy transition."*

- Rocco Rossi  
President and CEO of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC)





## 5.4 Strengthening Ontario's Resiliency to Extreme Weather

In recent years Ontario has experienced an increase in extreme weather events. More significant climate shifts are predicted in the coming decades, which will increase the frequency of heat waves, heavy precipitation and flooding, ice and windstorms, wildfires, and similar events.

Disruptions to the energy sector caused by extreme weather create significant financial and safety risks for Ontarians — Electricity in particular, as most of the infrastructure is above ground is at risk in severe weather events.

The Ontario government is acting to protect the province's electricity grid from the impact of extreme weather as demand continues to grow due to electrification, economic growth, and the increasing reliance by families on electricity for transportation and home heating.

In October 2022, the Minister of Energy directed the OEB to launch consultations on proposals to improve the reliability of Ontario's electricity grid in the face of increasing severe weather. The OEB will provide advice to the Minister in Summer 2023 which will include best practices to ensure Ontario is best positioned to continue to provide reliable electricity to Ontario families and businesses. Best practices may include things like increasing grid redundancies, ensuring materials and equipment are on hand in elevated risk areas and technological advances that can help predict outages and support recovery from outages.

### Powering Ontario's Growth

For the first time since 2005, demand for electricity in Ontario is rising thanks to strong economic growth, electrification, and population growth.

To meet this demand the province is embarking on an ambitious, multi-pronged approach to secure a clean energy future for our province, the economic engine of Canada.

As outlined in this report, meeting this challenge will require major investments in clean energy, including new nuclear generating stations, new transmission, new pumped hydroelectric storage, and other infrastructure needed to maintain and build our clean electricity advantage.

And these investments will pay dividends for the people of Ontario. With a reliable and affordable supply of clean energy we can power Ontario's growth.

And we are already seeing results with historic investments in EV and EV battery manufacturing as well as clean steel production which are bringing jobs to communities across the province.

Building the next generation of clean electricity generation will make Ontario even more attractive for investment as we offer the certainty businesses are looking for. That includes the certainty that the clean power will be there to power the next major international investment, the new homes being built across the province and growing industries and sectors.

Unlike previous governments that viewed energy systems in isolation, this government is developing an integrated energy strategy that will meet Ontario's needs in 2050 and beyond.





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Dear City of Temiskaming Shores,

On behalf of Timiskaming First Nation's 2023 Pow Wow Committee, thank you for generously sponsoring this year's annual Pow Wow. Your donation brought you to the Beaver level of sponsorship. We will be happy to advertise your business as a sponsor on social media and at the Pow Wow to show our appreciation.

We are pleased to inform you that we will be receiving Grammy and Juno award nominated drum groups as host drum and co-host for this year's event and we will have more vendors than ever before, which is quite exciting! It is with the support of sponsors like you that we can continue to grow our event year after year.

Please note that the Pow Wow will be taking place on August 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> at our local Pow Wow grounds. Everyone is welcome! We hope to see you there and again, Chii Meegwetch for being a sponsor for TFN's 19<sup>th</sup> annual Pow Wow.

Sincerely,

Timiskaming First Nation's 2023 Pow Wow Committee



## Application to Purchase Municipal Land

City of Temiskaming Shores  
P.O. Box 2050 / 325 Farr Drive  
Haileybury, Ontario / P0J 1K0

### Office Use Only

Application No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Roll No.: 54-18- \_\_\_\_\_  
OP Designation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zoning: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 1. Applicant Information

Name of Applicant: Sherry Jean Elaine Buffett

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2. Land Information

☒ New Liskeard ☐ Haileybury ☐ Dymond

Municipal Address 340 Lakeview Ave. New Liskeard ON. P0J 1P0

Legal Description (concession and lot numbers, reference plan and lot/part numbers)

Road allowances that runs along the north and east sides of the above address.

#### 3. Proposed use of land:

To increase the size of my property and the value.  
Also to be able to clear the under brush and weeds.

#### Notes:

- Applications will be circulated to internal departments for comment followed by a memo/report to council to determine if Council would like to proceed with a potential land sale;
- If approval is received to proceed a **Non-Refundable Deposit** of \$250 is required;
- Depending on the circumstances of the land sale additional deposits may be required throughout the process to cover other costs such (i.e. reference plans, advertising fees, appraisal, legal fees etc.);

Sherry Buffett  
Signature of Applicant

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## Le Festival de bière artisanale Le Nord en Fût

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### Communiqué de presse

#### **Le 5<sup>e</sup> Festival de bière artisanale Le Nord en Fût amasse 94,000 \$ pour la communauté**

**Le 14 août 2023 - Temiskaming Shores, Ontario :** Le Festival de bière artisanale Le Nord en Fût – l'événement à guichets fermés le plus convoité de l'été à Temiskaming Shores - a encore une fois connu un succès retentissant ! Près de 2 000 personnes étaient présentes au Pavillon Harbour Place à Haileybury pour célébrer le 5<sup>e</sup> anniversaire du festival et déguster des bières, des vins et des cocktails artisanaux rafraîchissants, de délicieux mets locaux et d'excellents divertissements locaux. Comme les années précédentes, l'événement a débuté par la course et la marche à la bière de 5 km « Hop to It », où 175 coureurs et marcheurs ont participé. En primeur cette année, le comité a également organisé une soirée familiale gratuite le vendredi précédant l'événement, qui a remporté un franc succès.

« Le Nord en Fût, c'est bien plus qu'un simple festival de bière artisanale. C'est un moyen pour notre communauté de se rassembler et de faire une différence dans la vie des gens qui y vivent », a déclaré Danielle Bélanger-Corbin, membre du comité organisateur. « Depuis sa création, nous avons réussi à remettre 240 500 \$ à des causes méritoires dans notre région, tout en offrant un événement unique et populaire ».

Selon Mme Bélanger-Corbin, grâce au succès sans précédent de l'événement et à la générosité des commanditaires et des partenaires communautaires, le Festival de bière artisanale Le Nord en Fût remettra 94 000 \$ à quatre organismes à but non-lucratif cette année. "Nos deux principaux bénéficiaires cette année, *Zack's Crib* et la filiale 54 de la Légion de Haileybury, recevront chacun 44 000 \$ des recettes de cette année ", a déclaré Mme Bélanger-Corbin. Yves et Lianne Paillé, au nom de *Zack's Crib*, étaient très reconnaissants et ont déclaré que les fonds " ...aideront grandement *Zack's Crib* à terminer les rénovations de nos installations et à acheter des fournitures dont nous avons grandement besoin, comme de la literie, de la nourriture, des produits d'hygiène et bien plus encore ". Mme Elisa Bernstein, de la filiale 54 de la Légion de Haileybury, a remercié Le Nord en Fût pour son généreux don au fonds de rénovation. Comme l'a mentionné Mme Bernstein : "Notre projet de revitalisation de la Légion nous aidera à mieux servir nos anciens combattants et l'ensemble de la collectivité. Nous avons hâte d'être ouverts plus souvent, avec plus de services, de sports, de musique et d'activités culturelles à venir dans un avenir rapproché !" Elle ajoute que l'adhésion ne coûte que 50 \$ et que tous sont les bienvenus.

Le Nord en Fût distribue également deux montants plus modestes : "4 000 \$ iront au *Northern Animals Rescue and Sanctuary* pour lancer son programme d'adoption d'animal de compagnie pour les personnes âgées, et 2 000 \$ seront réservés à la bibliothèque publique du canton d'Armstrong, située à Earlton, pour l'achat de livres en anglais et en français à gros caractères", a déclaré Mme Bélanger-Corbin.

Le Festival de bière artisanale Le Nord en Fût tient à remercier tous les participants. Des remerciements particuliers sont adressés à tous les commanditaires pour leur générosité et leur soutien, ainsi qu'aux innombrables bénévoles qui ont donné de leur temps et de leur énergie pour assurer le succès du festival. La planification de la sixième édition du Nord en Fût, qui aura lieu le samedi 13 juillet 2024, commencera cet automne.

**À propos du Festival de bière artisanale Le Nord en Fût :** À même les berges du Lac Témiskaming à Haileybury (Temiskaming Shores) en Ontario, le festival de bière artisanale Le Nord en Fût, qui a lieu le deuxième samedi de juillet, met en vedette des brasseries artisanales, distilleries et du vin de partout en Ontario, ainsi que des mets du terroir ontarien, d'excellents spectacles musicaux et la course/marche à la bière de 5km « Hop to It ». Tous les profits sont remis à des organismes à but non-lucratifs de la région. Communiquez avec nous par courriel à [northontap@gmail.com](mailto:northontap@gmail.com) ou suivez-nous via les réseaux sociaux pour être à l'affût des dernières nouvelles. Notre page web: <http://www.nordenfut.ca/>  
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## North on Tap Craft Beer Festival

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### Media Release

#### **Fifth Annual North on Tap Craft Beer Festival raises \$94,000 for Community**

**August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Temiskaming Shores, ON:** The North on Tap Craft Beer Festival – Temiskaming Shores’ most anticipated sold-out event of the summer – was again a resounding success! Close to 2,000 people were on hand at the Harbour Place Pavilion in Haileybury to celebrate the Festival’s 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary and enjoy refreshing craft beers, wines and cocktails, delicious local foods and great homegrown, toe-tapping entertainment. As with previous years, the event kicked off with the 5km Hop to It Beer/Root Beer fun run & walk where 175 runners and walkers worked up their thirst. However, organizers also put on a free family night on the Friday before the event, which was a huge success.

“North on Tap is so much more than just a craft beer festival. It is a way for our community to come together and make a difference in the lives of local residents” said Danielle Bélanger-Corbin, member of the organizing committee. “Since its inception, we have managed to give back **\$325,500** to worthwhile causes in our area while offering a truly unique and popular event”.

According to Bélanger-Corbin, thanks to the unprecedented success of the event as well as the generosity of sponsors and community partners, the North on Tap Craft Beer Festival will be giving back \$94,000 to four worthwhile causes this year. “Our two major beneficiaries this year, Zack’s Crib and Haileybury Legion Branch 54, will each be receiving \$44,000 from this year’s proceeds” said Bélanger-Corbin. Yves and Lianne Paillé, on behalf of Zack’s Crib, were very thankful and said that the funds “...will go a long way in helping Zack’s Crib complete renovations to our facility and purchase much needed supplies such as bedding, food, hygiene products and much more”.

Elisa Bernstein of the Haileybury Legion Branch 54 thanked North on Tap for the generous donation to their Renovation Fund. As Bernstein mentioned: “Our project to revitalize our Legion will help us better serve our Veterans and the entire community. We look forward to being open more frequently, with more services, sports, music and cultural activities to come in the near future!” She adds that membership only costs \$50 and that all are welcomed.

North on Tap is also distributing two smaller amounts: “\$4,000 will be going to the Northern Animals Rescue and Sanctuary to launch their adopt-a-pet program for seniors, and \$2,000 will be set aside for the Armstrong Township Public Library located in Earlton, for the purchase of English and French large-print books” said Bélanger-Corbin.

The North on Tap Craft Beer Festival would like to thank everyone who attended. Special thanks go out to all sponsors for their generosity and support and the countless volunteers who gave their time and energy, to ensure the Festival’s success. Planning for the sixth edition of North on Tap, which will be held on Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, will begin this Fall.

**About the North on Tap Craft Beer Festival:** Held on the shores of Lake Temiskaming in Haileybury (Temiskaming Shores) Ontario on the second Saturday in July, the North on Tap Craft Beer Festival showcases Ontario craft breweries, wines and cocktails as well as regional food, great live music and the 'Hop To It' 5km Beer/Root beer run/walk. All proceeds go to local charitable or not-for-profit organizations. Contact us at [northontap@gmail.com](mailto:northontap@gmail.com) or follow us on social media for the latest updates and announcements. Our web page: [www.northontap.ca](http://www.northontap.ca) Twitter/Instagram/Facebook: [@northontapbeer](https://www.instagram.com/northontapbeer)



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234-2023-4205

August 22, 2023

Dear Head of Council,

**Subject: Building Faster Fund**

The housing supply crisis affects all of Ontario – from rural communities to large, urban centres. Our government is committed to building at least 1.5 million homes by 2031, with municipalities across the province as our key partners.

On August 21, 2023, Premier Ford announced the new Building Faster Fund, a new three-year-\$1.2 billion program to help municipalities meet or exceed their share of the province's 1.5 million homes goal.

**As announced by Premier Ford, 10% of the overall funding will be set aside for small, rural and northern communities that have not been assigned a housing target by the province, in order to address their unique needs in supporting growth in housing supply.**

Ontario will be consulting with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Housing Supply Action Plan Implementation Team on program design details of the Building Faster Fund, including how the funds can best support small, rural and northern communities, and I look forward to sharing more information with you in the future. As Ontario grows, we need to build more homes. I look forward to your support in ensuring that everyone – newcomers, young families and seniors – can afford a place to call home.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Steve Clark.

Steve Clark  
Minister

c: Hon. Nina Tangri, Associate Minister of Housing  
Ryan Amato, Chief of Staff, Minister's Office  
Martha Greenberg, Deputy Minister  
Joshua Paul, Assistant Deputy Minister, Market Housing Division  
Sean Fraser, Assistant Deputy Minister, Planning and Growth Division  
Caspar Hall, Assistant Deputy Minister, Local Government Division





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# Post-Enumeration Report



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In 2022, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) delivered a Preliminary List of Electors (PLE) to every municipality, District Social Services Administration Board and electing school board in Ontario, which was used to create the final Voters' List.

While MPAC works to implement legislated changes that will transfer responsibility for the PLE to Elections Ontario in 2024, we remain committed to utilizing sources available to us to ensure our data is as current and accurate as possible.

With a focus on ensuring that as many eligible voters as possible were on the final Voters' List, we implemented strategies to support the 2022 enumeration process, which included leveraging technology such as our online portal [voterlookup.ca](https://voterlookup.ca), collaborating with our partners and providing awareness through a comprehensive educational campaign.



## 2022 Enumeration Highlights

Preliminary List of Electors (PLE)	2022	2018
Total number of eligible electors included in the PLE	10,601,433	9,407,285
Voter turnout	36.3%	38.29%
Total number of revisions processed	1,018,659	1,043,772
PLE accuracy for owners	92.61%	92.76%
PLE accuracy for non-owners	87.28%	82.83%

We are pleased to report that through our efforts and the efforts of municipalities and other stakeholders, the size of the 2022 PLE grew by almost **1.2 million** electors. Over 684,000 of these additions were gathered from Elections Ontario following the June provincial elections. The remainder of these additions came from voterlookup.ca, Elections Canada and updates to MPAC's assessment database.

We also found that the gap between accuracy rates for owners and non-owners continued to close, with non-owner accuracy improving by almost five per cent compared to 2018. Also of note, we received over 25,000 fewer revisions following the 2022 elections than were received following the 2018 event.

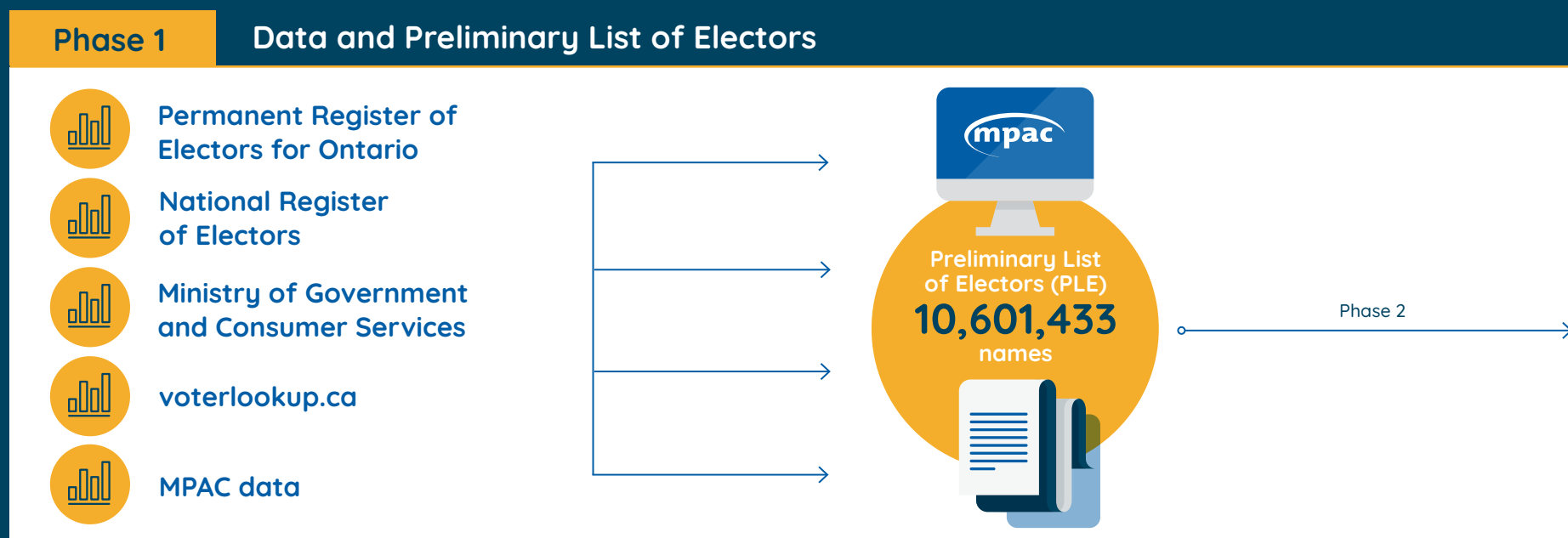
This report provides a review of our 2022 enumeration campaign results as well as an overview of some of the tactics undertaken to achieve them. We also share our path forward as we transition responsibility for the PLE to Elections Ontario in 2024.



# The Enumeration and Voters' List Process

## Our Shared Accountability

Below is an illustration outlining the key role that each partner plays in the preparation of the Municipal Voters' List.



June to October 2021  
Canvass for Ward/Poll changes

September 2021  
Launch of Elections  
Working Group

December 31, 2021  
Deadline for Council to  
approve Ward changes

February 15, 2022  
Provide Population of  
Electoral Groups (PEG) Report

March 31, 2022  
Deadline for Ward Poll  
Changes



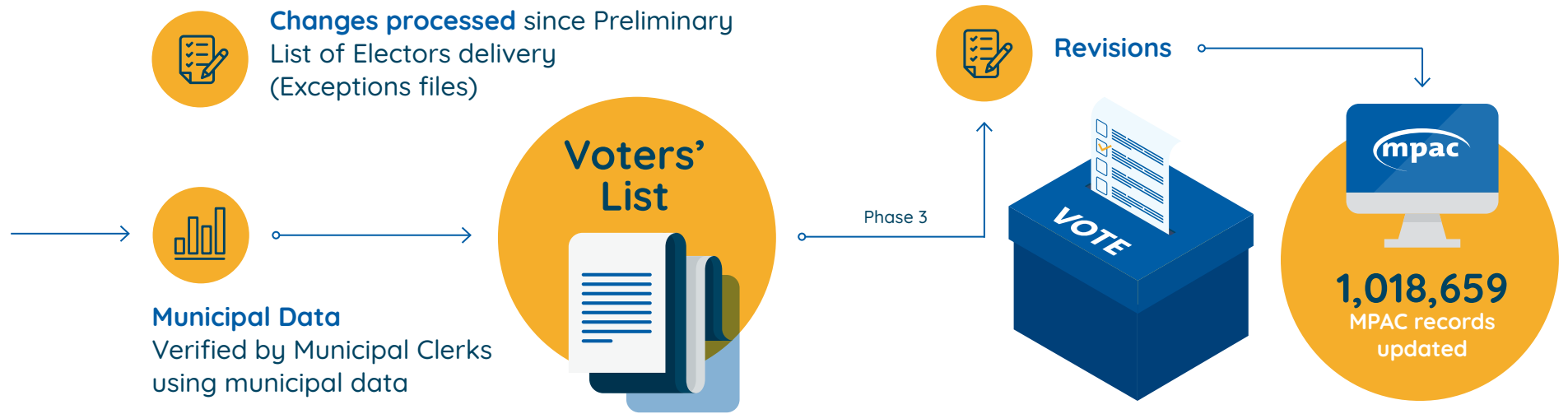


## Phase 2

## Voters' List

## Phase 3

## Post-Election



May/June 2022  
Product Canvassing

August 2 or 22, 2022  
Produce and deliver Electoral  
Products (e.g. PLE)

September 9, 2022  
Produce and deliver  
Exception Files

October 24, 2022  
Election Day

November 24, 2022  
Voter List Revisions due

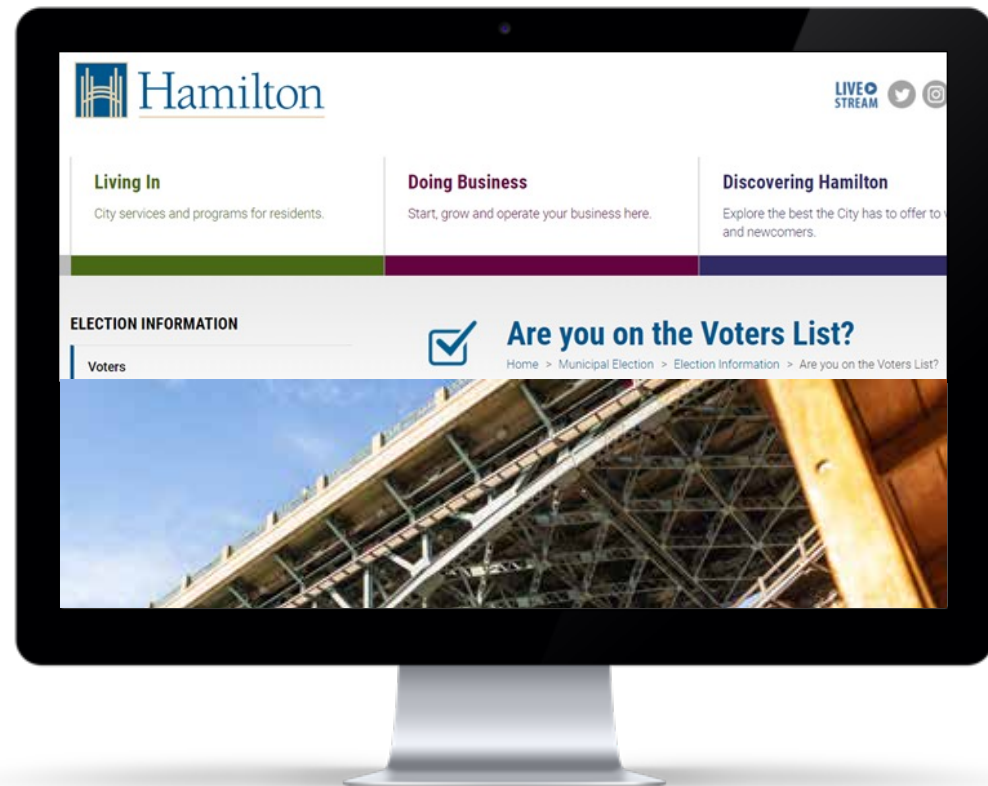


# Voterlookup.ca

Taking into account key learnings from previous campaigns, we implemented a 2022 enumeration strategy that focused on three important areas: technology, partnerships and education.

Available year-round, voterlookup.ca provides electors with an easy way to confirm and update their information, add a name to an address or change their school support for electoral purposes.

To support the promotion and use of voterlookup.ca, MPAC created a comprehensive toolkit designed to help municipalities and school boards easily share information across a variety of platforms. The toolkit included key messages, newsletter, website and social media content, an educational video and buck slips. Feedback from municipalities led to the development of additional supports, including an embedded link button and a QR code.





## Social Media Activity Between December 2021 and August 2022

MPAC promoted voterlookup.ca through an extensive educational and media outreach campaign. Digital ads in both English and French were launched as part of a paid social media push and our Property Inspectors shared promotional materials during field visits. Property Assessment Changes Notices included buck slips as well.



**25**  
social posts

We shared **25 posts** across **Twitter**, **Facebook** and **LinkedIn**.



**2**  
languages

A Facebook and Instagram paid ad campaign featured content in both **French** and **English**.



**28.9**  
million views

Our social media campaign content was seen over **28.9 million** times.

5 minutes online  
can save a whole  
lot of time.

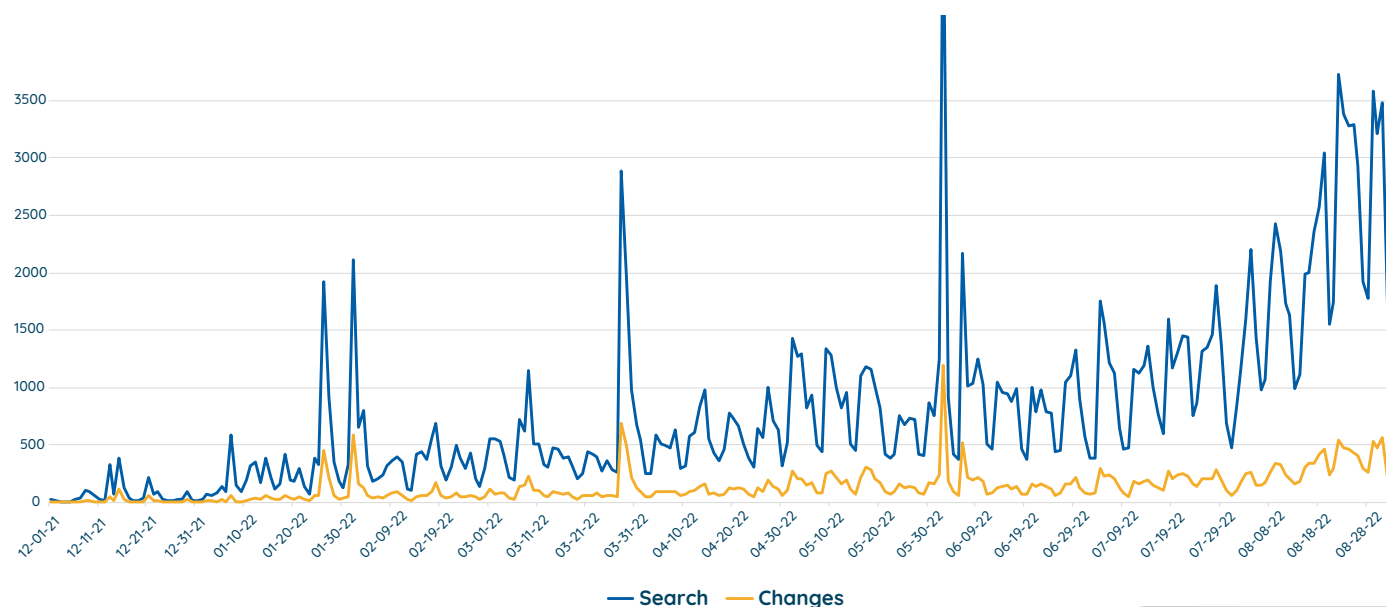


To increase awareness and use of voterlookup.ca amongst new voters, tenants and boarders, we looked to renter, landlord and ratepayer organizations, as well as organizations with strong ties to post-secondary students to help share key messages.



With widespread promotional support from municipalities, our campaign efforts resulted in over **218,000** voterlookup visits. The graph below shows the overall number of portal visits in comparison to the number of revisions and additions made. It also shows a strong correlation between the activity level and our promotional efforts.

### Overall Voterlookup Activity



# Over 218,000

## voterlookup searches

between December 2021 and August 2022







## Data Impacting the PLE

MPAC makes use of all available data sources to ensure our database that produces the PLE is up-to-date and accurate. This includes:

- Regular updates from the National Register of Electors
- Updates from Elections Ontario and the Permanent Register of Electors
- Updates from the Ministry of Government Services on deceased persons
- Ongoing updates of data from MPAC's property assessment system
- Information collected through voterlookup.ca
- Application for Direction of School Support Forms
- Occupancy updates completed by MPAC's Customer Contact Centre

We also leveraged Elections Ontario data from the June 2, 2022 Provincial Election to add more than **684,000 electors** to our Names Database (and hence to the PLE). In addition, we captured more than 72,000 address corrections and updated the records of almost **14,000 individuals** with unconfirmed citizenship status to confirmed Canadian status.



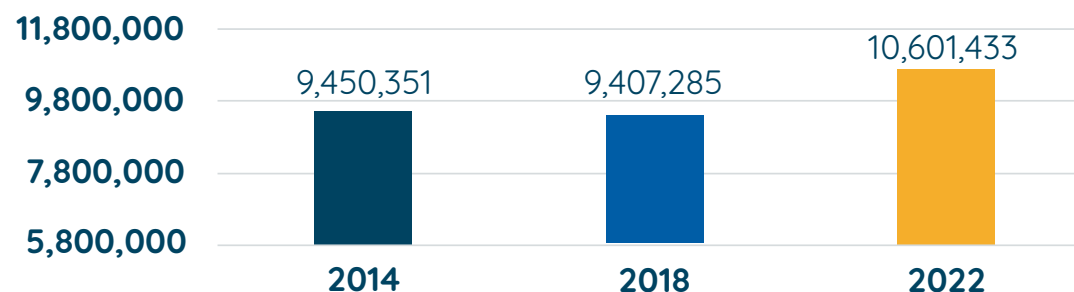
# The Bottom Line

## More People Data



Average growth in municipal PLE size for municipalities in 2022 compared to 2018

Province-wide PLE Count





## Support to Our Municipalities

During the 2022 enumeration process, MPAC supported municipalities with the following:



Created and distributed a **voterlookup toolkit**



Designed a **handout to support Municipal Elections Staff** in understanding and explaining MPAC's role



**3**  
Organized three municipal **webinars**



**45**

Arranged 45 **enumeration-focused presentations**



**1,200**

Addressed over 1,200 **enumeration-related enquiries** from municipalities



**7,000**

Managed more than **7,000 individual calls, chats or emails** through our customer call centre from Ontario residents in the six months leading up to the October elections to review or update their information



Our support continued into 2023 with the processing of post-election revisions related to moves, deletions, and changes. As a result, we processed **46,240** school support changes and added **221,000** individuals to our MPAC database of people data.



# Transition to Elections Ontario

Responsibility for the PLE will transfer to Elections Ontario effective January 1, 2024. MPAC will retain responsibility for ongoing School Support Data Collection and delivery of the Population of Electoral Group reports to municipalities and school boards in 2026.

MPAC is committed to providing support to Elections Ontario during and after this transition. While voterlookup.ca will be discontinued by the end of 2023, Elections Ontario is currently making enhancements to its e-registration system in preparation for the next enumeration event.

## PLE

**January 1, 2024**

The responsibility for the PLE will move to Elections Ontario on January 1, 2024.

## School Support

**January 1, 2024**

The collection of school support information will remain MPAC's responsibility after January 1, 2024.



## Modernization of School Support Data Collection

As part of our ongoing modernization efforts and in consultation with municipalities and school boards, we have improved our process for collecting school support information by launching an online School Support Portal. The portal enables residential property owners to update their school support designation information through AboutMyProperty™. Tenants registered with MPAC will follow a different path in the portal, similar to voterlookup.ca, to add or update their school support designation information.

A user guide in both English and French is available to assist users with step-by-step instructions on how to change or update their school support designation.

MPAC will also accept completed Application for Direction of School Support (ADSS) forms and has created a new electronic ADSS form based on feedback from school boards.





MPAC delivered a Preliminary List of Electors (PLE) to every Ontario municipality and electing school board in August 2022, ahead of schedule to support added time for municipal and school board review.

Leading up to these dates, the combined efforts of municipalities, Elections Ontario and MPAC resulted in the largest and most accurate PLEs to date. Thank you to our partners for a successful collaboration.

We would like to extend our appreciation to our Elections Working Group members for their continued support and sharing of insights and recommendations on how we could make the process valuable and engaging for the municipal sector. We are grateful for their participation, contributions and expertise.

Alana DelGreco  
**AMCTO**

Tanya Daniels  
**Brantford**

Danielle Manton  
**Cambridge**

June Gallagher  
**Clarington**

Brent Larmer  
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If you have any questions or would like more information about this report, please reach out to your local MPAC Account Manager.





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**From:** [Carmelo Lipsi](#)  
**To:** [Amy Vickery](#)  
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Good afternoon Amy,

On August 16, the Ontario government filed Regulation 261/23 under the *Assessment Act* to extend the current assessment cycle, and the valuation date of January 1, 2016, through to the end of the 2024 taxation year.

This means that property taxes for the 2024 taxation year will continue to be based on the January 1, 2016 valuation date. Property assessments will remain the same as they were for the 2023 tax year, unless there have been changes to the property.

In addition to the recent Regulation, the government will conduct a review of Ontario's property assessment and taxation system.

MPAC shares the government's interest in ensuring the accuracy, transparency, and fairness of property assessments and we are committed to the continuous improvement of the property assessment and taxation system for the benefit of all Ontarians. While MPAC is not responsible for setting tax rates or collecting property taxes, we welcome the opportunity to work with the Province to ensure the property assessment process is optimal for both property owners and municipalities.

If you have any questions, please reach out to your [local MPAC Account Manager](#).

Sincerely,

Carmelo Lipsi  
Vice President, Valuation & Customer Relations  
Chief Operating Officer

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**The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles  
RESOLUTION PAGE**



**Regular Meeting of Council**

**Agenda Number:** 10.6.

**Resolution Number** 2023-154

**Title:** Resolution Stemming from June 21, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 9.1 - Correspondence #21

**Date:** July 19, 2023

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**Moved by:** Councillor Laframboise

**Seconded by:** Councillor Pothier

**WHEREAS** the Federal and Provincial Governments need to support their most vulnerable households, the ones who are or are at risk of becoming homeless. Overall, housing and services for low-income, vulnerable, or marginalized people should be a primary consideration moving forward so we help those who need it the most;

**AND WHEREAS** the Municipality of St.-Charles understands every community across Ontario is impacted by a need for affordable housing and support for people at risk of homelessness. Municipal governments are working in collaboration with all orders of government to invest in permanent solutions to the housing and homelessness crisis in Ontario;

**AND WHEREAS** the Municipality of St.-Charles understands that the Federal National Housing Strategy allocation formula to provinces and territories for jointly funded housing initiatives, roughly follows their share of the national population. This approach leaves Ontario underfunded because, as per the 2021 Census figures, the number of Ontario households in Community Housing Network as a share of the national total is 44.1 percent, which is well above the provincial share of the national population at 38.5 percent. This is also by far the highest share of national Community Housing Network relative to every other province and territories;

**AND WHEREAS** receiving a by-population allocation from the federal government hampers Ontario's ability to reach more of those households in need that require assistance with housing;

**AND WHEREAS** the lack of ongoing federal operating funding for National Housing Strategy initiatives leads to significant underfunding for subsidized housing projects and can undermine the physical and financial viability of the community housing stock;

**AND WHEREAS** a similar situation occurs with federal homelessness funding to Ontario through Reaching Home, where the share allocated to Ontario is also below the provincial share of Community Housing Network nationally;

**AND WHEREAS** there is an inequitable distribution of Reaching Home funding in Ontario as only 25 of 47 Service Managers have designated communities receiving funding under the program, despite the prevalence of need across the entire Province;

**AND WHEREAS** the Municipality of St.-Charles understands the federal government takes the position that its role is to provide capital funding while Provinces and Territories are to fund operating expenses, but this approach does not create an equitable sharing of the burden of funding long- term operating costs, which continue for the life of a project;



**AND WHEREAS** taken altogether, the underfunding to Ontario for housing and homelessness relative to its share of national Canadian Housing Network amounts to approximately \$480 million over the term of the Federal National Housing Strategy;

**AND WHEREAS** the federal government previously provided leadership in ensuring the long-term financial and physical viability of the social housing stock under the Social Housing Agreement for several decades through federal social housing operating agreements that provided funding for both mortgages and operating costs;

**AND WHEREAS** without some flexibility on the part of the federal government, Ontario and its municipalities will be poorly positioned to take advantage of this funding, and this will turn into a significant missed opportunity, leading to a further deterioration in the long-term physical and financial sustainability of the community housing stock;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT** the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles also supports the provincial ask for federal operating funding for National Housing Strategy initiatives;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles would appreciate the federal effort to repurpose this funding quickly from the main National Housing Co-Investment Fund program line, Service Managers across the province have indicated their challenges with meeting the terms of the federal proposal, particularly as they relate to cost matching and meeting the requirements for greenhouse gas emissions, energy efficiency and accessibility;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles would like need-driven indicators incorporated into the funding allocation formulas for all federal programs;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles appreciates the federal government's commitment to end chronic homelessness and wishes this to be inclusive across all areas of our province by expanding Reaching Home funding to all Service Managers;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles also supports the provincial position in relation to the provinces and territories Repair Fund under the National Housing Co-Investment Fund;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles supports the Province of Ontario position on the application-based \$4 billion federal Housing Accelerator Fund. We wish to emphasize the importance of providing municipalities with maximum support in preparing applications to the HAF, understanding that some rural and northern municipalities may face capacity challenges in applying to this program on the anticipated tight timelines;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles wishes to request that Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation consider actions taken by municipalities under the province's Housing Supply Action Plans into account when assessing municipal applications, recognizing that these initiatives have the potential to significantly increase the supply of housing in our communities;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles believes the lack of ongoing federal operating funding for National Housing Strategy initiatives leads to significant underfunding for subsidized housing projects and can undermine the physical and financial viability of the community housing stock;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles believes the federal government should heed the precedent of the Social Housing Agreement and recommit itself to funding operating costs that often stretch out over decades for the lifetime of a housing project. As an example, the Rapid Housing Initiative's 20-year affordability requirement and lack of federal operating dollars will very likely result in housing providers asking Service Managers and the provincial government to fund operating expenses to ensure the long-term affordability of units given housing providers' limited revenue-raising capacity;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this lack of ongoing federal operating funding for National Housing Strategy initiatives leads to significant underfunding for subsidized housing projects and can



undermine the physical and financial viability of the community housing stock;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles urges the Federal Government provide additional funding for Ontario so that we can deal with our shortages of safe and affordable housing and at the same time build safer and healthier communities for all our residents;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a copy of the Resolution be forward to the individuals listed below for consideration and support, Prime Minister Trudeau; Minister Ahmed Hussen; the local Member of Parliament (MP); Premier Ford; Minister Clark; the local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM).

**CARRIED**

  
MAYOR



**RE: Streamlining of Approvals under the Aggregate Resources Act and Supporting Policy**

Greetings,

Further to my letter dated May 29<sup>th</sup>, I am writing to inform you that after reviewing and considering the feedback received in response to the ministry's proposal (ERO # [019-6767](#)), a decision has been made to move forward with the expanded list of changes that can be made to existing pit or quarry site plans in Ontario without ministry approval (provided specific conditions and eligibility criteria are met).

These changes will add five additional activities to the existing list of routine site plan amendments that may be self-filed by authorized pit and quarry operators in Ontario. It's important to note that only those site plan amendments which satisfy all conditions and criteria set out in the updated regulation are eligible for submission under the self-filing process. All other amendments will continue to be subject to review and authorization by the ministry under the formal amendment process.

For complete details of these changes please refer to amended section 7.2 of [Ontario Regulation 244/97](#).

In addition to these changes, we have made administrative updates to the Technical Reports and Information Standards document, as well as the Amendment Without Approval and Objection forms. You can access the latest versions of these documents through our website, at [ontario.ca/aggregates](http://ontario.ca/aggregates).

No decision has been made yet with respect to the proposed amendments policy that was consulted on as part of the same proposal. The ministry continues to review and consider the feedback received in response to the proposed policy and will communicate the outcome once a decision has been reached, including a decision notice on Environmental Registry.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about these changes or should you require a French version of this letter, please contact us by email at [aggregates@ontario.ca](mailto:aggregates@ontario.ca).

Sincerely,



Jennifer Keyes,  
Director, Resources Planning and Development Policy Branch





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August 11, 2023

Climate Emergency Unit  
c/o The David Suzuki Institute  
201 Pringle Farm Rd  
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Dear Erin Blondeau, Director of Communications

Re: Climate Emergency Just Transition Transfer (JTT)

Please be advised that the Council for the Township of Severn received correspondence respecting the Just Transition Transfer (JTT) at their recent August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Council meeting.

Following discussion Motion C2023-042 was passed:

**Moved by Councillor - Ward 3 Phil Brennan**

**Seconded by Deputy Mayor Judith Cox**

**WHEREAS Canada's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are slowly starting to trend downward, but the reduction trajectory remains incongruent with what science and justice demands;**

**WHEREAS Canada must spend what it takes to confront the climate emergency, and there is an urgent need for Canada to spend more on climate infrastructure that would drive down GHGs and hasten the transition off fossil fuels;**

**WHEREAS Canada needs to make an audacious and hopeful offer to those workers and communities whose employment and economic security is currently tied to the fossil fuel industry (and to a lesser extent the auto, steel, concrete, and agriculture industries, etc., all of which face substantial transition challenges), and to Indigenous communities on the frontlines of fossil fuel extraction;**



**WHEREAS the federal government has introduced a *Sustainable Jobs Act*, but this Act needs to be paired with and backed-up by a substantial investment in the jobs of the future;**

**WHEREAS much of the climate infrastructure needed will come under provincial, municipal and Indigenous jurisdiction (renewable energy, grid upgrades, public transit, zero-emission housing, etc.), and training comes under provincial jurisdiction, but it is the federal government that has the greatest capacity to pay;**

**WHEREAS a new federal Climate Emergency Just Transition Transfer (JTT) specifically linked to funding climate infrastructure projects that would create hundreds of thousands of jobs, along with training and apprenticeships programs for workers and those leaving the oil and gas industry -- would be a transformative program that signals that Canada is indeed entering emergency mode;**

**WHEREAS the JTT would be an annual transfer of approximately \$25 billion from the federal government to provincial/territorial, municipal and Indigenous governments, purpose-built to meet the climate emergency imperative to decarbonize our society, ensuring communities can fund the infrastructure and training needed to transition off fossil fuels, while creating thousands of sustainable jobs in a way that is specific to their needs and locale;**

**WHEREAS the JTT's distribution would be based on a formula linked to recent GHG emissions in each province (but fixed from that point onward, so as not to perversely incentivize continued high GHGs), recognizing that some jurisdictions face a more challenging task to transition their local economies;**

**WHEREAS the JTT would transfer federal funds to newly established just transition agencies in each province and territory -- jointly governed by the federal government, provincial/territorial governments, municipal governments, and local Indigenous nations -- and in some case directly to Indigenous nations, ensuring the transfer money is not simply absorbed into provincial or municipal budgets or used to displace other infrastructure or**



**training funds, but rather, ensuring the money is used for its intended purpose, and that funds are allocated in a manner sensitive to local climate action plans, the unique GHG profiles of each region, and to local labour market/training needs;**

**WHEREAS a JTT could provide significant, stable, multi-year funding for the climate infrastructure and training/employment needs of municipalities, Indigenous communities, energy utilities, public transit authorities and public housing authorities;**

**WHEREAS the federal government is welcome to title such a new transfer as they see fit (e.g. a Sustainable Jobs Transfer or a Climate Infrastructure Transfer);**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Severn formally endorses the call for a new Just Transition Transfer; and**

**THAT the Township of Severn urges the federal government to establish a new Just Transition Transfer, starting with a major financial commitment in the next federal budget; and will write to the federal ministers concerned expressing this support;**

**AND THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities.**

**Carried**

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (705) 325-2315 x 232 or by email at [agray@severn.ca](mailto:agray@severn.ca)

Regards,

*Alison Gray*

Alison Gray, BAH, CMO, AOMC  
Clerk

Cc Ontario Municipalities



**MATACHEWAN**

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August 16, 2023

**RESOLUTION****Resolution # 2023-252****Agenda Item # 8.2 Regular Council Meeting****Moved By :** Emily Stewart**Seconded By :** Dianne Gilbert**WHEREAS**, all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace;**WHEREAS**, municipal governments, as the democratic institutions most directly engaged with Ontarians need respectful discourse;**WHEREAS**, several incidents in recent years of disrespectful behaviour and workplace harassment have occurred amongst members of municipal councils;**WHEREAS**, these incidents seriously and negatively affect the people involved and lower public perceptions of local governments;**WHEREAS**, municipal Codes of Conduct are helpful tools to set expectations of council member behaviour;**WHEREAS**, municipal governments do not have the necessary tools to adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct;**NOW**, therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Matachewan supports the call of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them in consultation with municipal governments;**ALSO BE IT RESOLVED** that the legislation encompass the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's recommendations for:

- Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment
- Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario
- Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province
- Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner
- Prohibit a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office.

**WHEREAS**, this legislation be prioritized for the fall of 2023 given the urgency of this issue; and**FURTHERMORE**, this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, MPP Fedeli, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, AMO and all municipalities.**Carried**

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Mike Young  
Deputy Mayor

**COPY**  
*Signatures on file*  
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Cheryl Swanson  
Clerk



alPHA's members are  
the public health  
units in Ontario.

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Boards of Health  
Section

Council of Ontario  
Medical Officers of  
Health (COMOH)

**Affiliate  
Organizations:**

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Public Health Business  
Administrators

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Public Health  
Epidemiologists  
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August 23, 2023

Hon. Sylvia Jones  
Deputy Premier and Minister of Health  
Ministry of Health  
College Park 5th Flr, 777 Bay St  
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Minister Jones,

**Re: Public Health Funding and Capacity Announcement**

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On behalf of the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA) and its Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health Section, Boards of Health Section, and Affiliate Associations, I am writing to thank you for the commitments you made to local public health as part of your address to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) on August 22, 2023.

A healthier population contributes to a stronger economy and reduces demand for costly and scarce health care resources. Local public health agencies provide programs and services that promote well-being, prevent disease and injury, and protect population health. One of our foundational positions is that, regardless of the sources of funding for public health in Ontario, mechanisms must be included to ensure the total funding envelope is stable, predictable, protected, and sufficient for the full delivery of all public health programs and services.

alPHA is pleased about the restoration of the \$47 million in provincial annual base funding and to hear your message to our public health unit members that they can expect a guaranteed increase of 1% of the base funding in each of the next three years and it is a positive step forward. While this may not be sufficient to completely meet our mandate, we do appreciate knowing what our thresholds will be when planning our budgets during this time. alPHA notes your observation this will afford the opportunity and time to work together to address long-standing challenges in the system.

Thank you for recognition of the value of local public health expertise and for the opportunity to help shape the future of local public health. alPHA is committed to our work that supports the Ontario government's goals to be efficient, effective, and provide value for money.

We appreciated our recent meeting with you and look forward to collaborating with you further. To schedule a meeting, please have your staff contact Loretta Ryan, Executive Director, alPHA, at [loretta@alphaweb.org](mailto:loretta@alphaweb.org) or 647-325-9594.

Sincerely,



Dr. Charles Gardner,  
President



**Copy:** Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health, Ontario  
Elizabeth Walker, Executive Lead, Office of the CMOH  
Brent Feeney, Director, Accountability and Liaison, Office of the CMOH

The Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA) is a not-for-profit organization that provides leadership to Ontario's boards of health. alPHA represents all of Ontario's 34 boards of health, medical officers and associate medical officers of health, and senior public health managers in each of the public health disciplines – nursing, inspections, nutrition, dentistry, health promotion, epidemiology, and business administration. As public health leaders, alPHA advises and lends expertise to members on the governance, administration, and management of health units. The Association also collaborates with governments and other health organizations, advocating for a strong, effective, and efficient public health system in the province. Through policy analysis, discussion, collaboration, and advocacy, alPHA's members and staff act to promote public health policies that form a strong foundation for the improvement of health promotion and protection, disease prevention and surveillance services in all of Ontario's communities.





**SOUTH TEMISKAMING ATV CLUB (STAC)**

Box 160  
New Liskeard ON P0J 1P0

August 25, 2023

City of Temiskaming Shores  
Box 2050  
Haileybury ON P0J 1K0

**Re: ATV Club in Temiskaming**

The South Temiskaming ATV Club has joined the Ontario Federation of ATV Clubs. We are in the process of laying out trails and will most likely be running some trails on the roads in Hudson Township.

One of our first routes will be from Temiskaming Shores to Cobalt via Hudson, Firstbrook, and Coleman. The proposed trail would be on Rockley Road, Hillview Road, Spring Lake Road, and the C Road to access the Hudson / Firstbrook forest access road.

We are brand new at this and are learning as we go.

This letter is a first contact to let you know we are here and that we can be contacted to help with concerns about ATV's.

Sincerely Yours,

  
N Tulpin (Aug 25, 2023 09:16 EDT)

Nick Tulpin, President









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Wednesday, August 30, 2023

Dear Community Partner,

To strengthen public health across the Northeast region, I am sharing that the Boards of Health for the Porcupine Health Unit (PHU) and for the Timiskaming Health Unit (THU) are moving towards a voluntary merger.

While several reports over many years have recommended a merger between our health units, recent events including the COVID-19 pandemic have confirmed the benefits of a merger to increase staff capacity to deliver local public health programming and to respond to surges and emergencies.

Programs and services will continue as is in local health unit offices in both regions during the merger.

Throughout this process, including pending final government approval, the PHU and the THU will reach out to you and your staff to ensure that our local voices and our strong connections are maintained as we continue to work together to promote the health and well-being of all of our communities in the Northeast.

Sincerely,

Dr. Glenn Corneil, MD, CFPC, FCFP  
Acting Medical Officer of Health/CEO



## Porcupine and Timiskaming Health Units Moving Towards a Voluntary Merger

**For immediate release — Wednesday, August 30, 2023**

**Temiskaming Shores, Ontario** — The Boards of Health for the Porcupine Health Unit (PHU) and for the Timiskaming Health Unit (THU) are taking steps towards a voluntary merger to strengthen public health in the communities they serve.

“While several reports over many years have recommended a merger between our health units, recent events including the COVID-19 pandemic have confirmed the benefits of a merger to increase staff capacity to deliver public health programming and to respond to surges and emergencies,” states Dr. Lianne Catton, Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer for the Porcupine Health Unit.

“The merger will strengthen local public health programs and services while increasing efficiencies,” says Dr. Glenn Corneil, Acting Medical Officer of Health for the Timiskaming Health Unit. “Programs and services will continue as is in local health unit offices in both regions during the merger process.”

Throughout this process, including pending final government approval, the PHU and the THU will continue to engage with community partners and municipalities to maintain our strong local connections.

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## Le Bureau de santé Porcupine et les Services de santé du Timiskaming se dirigent vers une fusion volontaire

**Pour diffusion immédiate – le mercredi 30 août 2023**

**Temiskaming Shores (Ontario)** – Les conseils de santé du Bureau de santé Porcupine (BSP) et des Services de santé du Timiskaming (SST) prennent des mesures en vue d'une fusion volontaire afin de renforcer la santé publique dans les communautés qu'ils servent.

« Alors que plusieurs rapports recommandent depuis de nombreuses années une fusion entre nos bureaux de santé, les événements récents, y compris la pandémie de COVID-19, ont confirmé les avantages d'une fusion pour accroître la capacité du personnel à mettre en œuvre des programmes de santé publique et à donner suite aux flambées et aux situations d'urgence », indique la D<sup>re</sup> Lianne Catton, médecin-hygiéniste et directrice générale du Bureau de santé Porcupine.

« La fusion renforcera les programmes et les services de santé publique locaux, tout en améliorant l'efficacité. Les programmes et les services continueront d'être offerts dans les installations locales des bureaux de santé des deux régions pendant le processus de fusion », ajoute le D<sup>r</sup> Glenn Corneil, médecin-hygiéniste par intérim pour les Services de santé du Timiskaming.

Tout au long du processus, et dans l'attente de l'approbation finale du gouvernement, le BSP et les SST continueront à travailler en collaboration avec les partenaires communautaires et les municipalités afin de renforcer davantage nos liens locaux.

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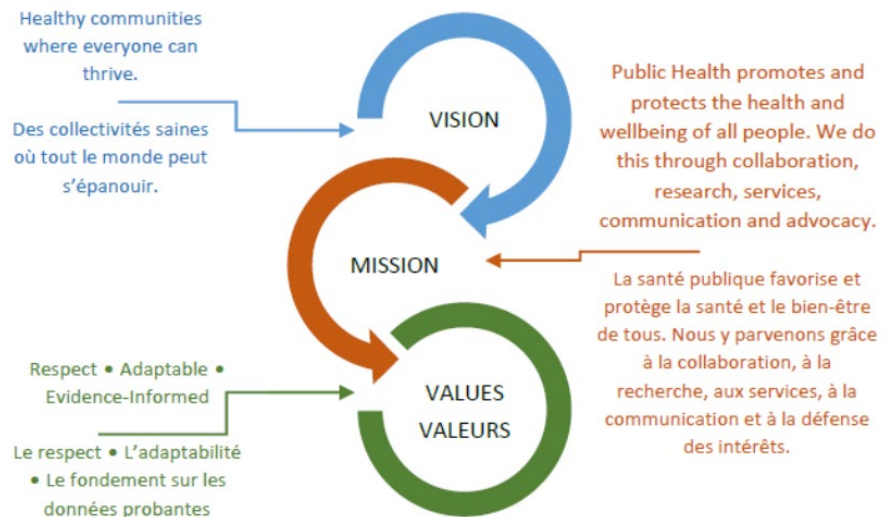


# Report to the Board of Health

Mid-Year Report – January to June 2023

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## Introduction

During the first half of 2023, Timiskaming Health Unit (THU) staff continued to move forward on routinizing COVID-19 response work and recovery. THU began the first steps of initiating an after-action review with core IMS members. After-action reviews are an essential component of the recovery phase of the emergency management cycle. They are a qualitative review conducted after the end of an emergency response to identify best practices, gaps, and lessons learned. We hope to integrate these findings into our emergency planning work.

The COVID-19 pandemic caused severe backlogs in public health programming and planning that all THU teams continue to navigate. This has, however, provided an opportunity for renewed reflection and prioritization of our programs. In 2023, we began the work of integrating a public health program pyramid in our planning cycle. The pyramid has guided staff involved in program planning to identify critical, essential, aspirational, and legacy work and to think critically about gaps and opportunities.

A new organizational structure was launched in June with the reduction of a manager and realignment of programs. School Health, Oral Health, and Healthy Growth and Development were brought under one portfolio. Infectious Diseases and Immunizations were merged with COVID-19 response. Additionally, the Community Health portfolio will be providing Foundational Standards support and the Environmental Health manager will continue to support Communications.



In Q1 and Q2 we celebrated RPPAs, RDs, the dental team, nurses, admin staff, National Physician's Day, and Canadian Public Health Week. Staff were celebrated on social media, with educational opportunities and with their recognition voucher as per THU's new Professional Day and Years of Service Recognition Procedure (January 2023).

Additional highlights of Timiskaming Health Unit work from January to June of 2023 are further described below. A change to the report format is the inclusion of variance. This change is intended to improve transparency and to ensure the board is aware of work completed and planned work that has been delayed.

## In the Spotlight and On Our Radar

An early and severe Canadian wildfire season brought high levels of smoke to our region, putting our community's health and wellbeing at risk. Fires in Quebec impacted air quality in northern Ontario which at times was at the top of the Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) scale, putting our community in the highest public health risk category. This unique situation highlighted how the Timiskaming Health Unit catchment area currently lacks air quality monitors and providing public health messaging on smoke levels was a challenge. To remedy this challenge, THU is working on an air quality pilot program with municipalities, in partnership with Environment and Climate Change Canada to improve air quality monitoring data collection. As the impacts from climate change continue to rise, the frequency, extent, timing, and duration of the forest fire season is expected to substantially increase, further highlighting the urgency for effective air quality monitoring in northern Ontario.

### **Timiskaming Drug and Alcohol Strategy (TDAS)**

After launching the [Timiskaming Drug and Alcohol Strategy document](#) in December 2023, THU continues to provide a backbone role while also co-chairing the Steering Committee and Chairing the Prevention and Harm Reduction Pillars. [A website](#), social media and branding strategy have been completed and are now being launched in the community. August 31 is International Overdose Awareness Day and THU is coordinating, for TDAS, promotion and engagement in events being held across the district. Prevention, Harm Reduction and Treatment pillars have developed and are implementing their individual collaborative workplans. The Community Safety pillar is being re-formed and will have its initial meeting in September.

### **The Role of Public Health in Creating Healthy Communities: Working together toward healthy communities where everyone can thrive**

Timiskaming Health Unit (THU) staff are offering presentations, in partnership with Board of Health members, to municipalities to discuss the role of public health in creating healthy communities, explore how THU and municipalities can collaborate to make strong and healthy communities, and share examples and resources.

### **Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan (CSWB)**

Like with TDAS, THU is playing a backbone function for the 23-municipality collaborative implementation of the [CSWB plan](#) developed in 2022. A project coordinator has been hired and is now actively planning a launch event, to be held in late September. Municipalities, members of the initial plan Steering and Advisory committees have all been invited to the launch for this historical collaborative effort.

### **Reduce weight bias and stigma to prevent disordered eating and eating disorders**

THU's Registered Dietitians are working on resources to build internal and external capacity in this area. More to come in early 2024.



# Timiskaming Health Unit in Action

Our people – our stories.

## Foundational Standards

### Population Health Assessment and Surveillance

Population health assessment and surveillance is an essential public health function to support local public health practice to respond effectively to current and evolving issues and contribute to the health and well-being of our population. The list below highlights some of this work:

- **Work completed:** Opioid Early Warning Surveillance System was drafted and piloted, soft launch of the Opioid Dashboard, continuing COVID surveillance, infectious disease report for 2022, creation of new outbreak and case reporting spreadsheets, briefing note on youth physical activity and screen time, enhanced surveillance on wildfires and smoke trends, contributed food security indicators and data for food insecurity reporting.
- **Variance:** It is challenging for our two epidemiologists to balance the demands of their work with professional development needs. Some training needs that were identified but not yet met include: Advanced Excel training, Power BI training, and Knowledge Translation competencies.

### Health Equity

The following section highlights local public health work in 2023 toward reducing health inequities that includes assessing and reporting on the local impact of health inequities and identifying local strategies, modifying and orienting public health interventions, and health equity analysis, policy development, and advancing healthy public policies.

- **Work completed:** Supported the updating of the SDoH profile in Timiskaming. Timiskaming Collaborative was ended in the spring in response to the community moving into recovery from the pandemic. Updated THU orientation package to include a Health Equity module series. Partnered with Public Health Ontario to deliver all-staff health equity training.
- **Variance:** Due to competing priorities, planned work on health equity indicators has not been initiated.

### Effective Public Health Practice

Effective public health practice requires THU staff to apply skills in evidence-informed decision-making, research, knowledge exchange, program planning and evaluation, and communication, with a continued focus on quality and transparency. The section below captures 2023 activity highlights for program planning, evaluation, and evidence-informed decision making as well as for knowledge exchange and continuous improvement.

- **Work completed:** Completed a new procedure and restarted grand rounds at THU. Grand Rounds are a series of presentations that are developed by THU employees on a voluntary basis that rotate among teams to deliver within the health unit. The goal of Grand Rounds is to educate fellow employees about an area of public health significance or importance or share information about a public health topic area of interest. Some grand rounds topics in 2023 include Indigenous Peoples' History in Canada and Employee Wellbeing. There has also been significant work put into finalizing THU's ethics protocol and drafting THU's evaluation protocol. Although we are behind in some CQI work, we have successfully initiated a Professional Practice council that will support and engage multiple disciplines and aim to improve clinical practice at THU.



- **Variance:** Some foundational standards work, such as needs assessments, performance indicator development, tool maintenance, continuous quality improvement deliverables, and protocol creation have been put on hold due to pandemic backlog, staff turnover, and capacity.

## Emergency Management

Effective emergency management ensures that boards of health are ready to cope with and recover from threats to public health or disruptions to public health programs and services.

- **Work completed:** As THU moved out of pandemic recovery, all surveys, assessments, and debriefs from COVID-19 response were documented. It was assessed that a missing piece of the evaluations was management perspective. In Q2, staff worked on drafting an After-Action Review, a mixed-methods survey that will assess factors such as strategies, support systems, partnerships, and health equity during the COVID-19 response from 2020 to 2023. The lessons learned from the After-Action Review will be applied to our pandemic planning and emergency preparedness work.

## Examples of Knowledge Products created with the Foundational Standards Team Q1-Q2:

Team	Product name
CD/IP	Connexions Timiskaming Connections Volunteer Line Evaluation Final Report.
CD/IP	IPM-Planet Youth Community Forum Presentation.
FS-HE	Situational Assessment on Low Income in Timiskaming.
HGD	Applicability and Transferability tool for updated parenting website.
FS-PHA	Diseases of Public Health Significance counts and rates.
FS-PHA	Presentation to school board which included THU's data sources for children and youth.
FS-PHA	Various maps of THU by different geographical classifications and shapefiles for mapping health unit data.
FS-PHA	Updated case and outbreak forms used for partner reporting and monitoring: outbreak tracking spreadsheet, and preliminary and final notification forms for general respiratory outbreaks, COVID-19 and influenza.
FS-PHA	Pre-pilot project for senior falls. Collaborated with PHO and other Health Units in standardizing some falls indicators.

## Chronic Disease Prevention and Well-Being

### Active Living

#### Work completed:

- Refreshed the Share the Road communications campaign and offered signage to municipalities at no cost to them. Distributed new signs in the southern part of the district and replaced damaged signs.
- Participated in the City of Temiskaming Shores Road Safety Education Day along with community partners (200+ attendees). Set up booth with active travel information including cycling safety, pedestrian safety, and share the road resources. We also provided helmet fit demonstrations and helmets to anyone who needed them.
- Community involvement at Englehart's Day in the Park. THU staff set up tent where the Walk 'N Roll program provided a scavenger hunt and the HGD staff provided car seat resources. Over 400 people attended the Saturday event.
- Coordinated Temiskaming Shores Community Bike Festival. This year's event gave 115 bicycles and helmets to new owners.
- Supported Town of Kirkland Lake with Bike Month activities.





**115 bikes distributed!**

**Bike Festival**



**SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL**

**Volunteers**

Russell Walker  
Mike Nemcsok  
Rob Kalovsky  
Angela Hunter  
Linda St. Cyr  
Luc Brisson  
Mark Taylor  
Laurie Wilson  
Tammy Beaudry  
Shane Matheson  
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Andrew Little  
Melanie Bourgeois  
Abby Furlotte  
Nadia Pelletier-Lavigne  
Lori Aquino

**SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL**

**Community Partners**

City of Temiskaming Shores  
Timiskaming Health Unit  
RE/MAX Pursuit Realty  
Centre de santé communautaire du Temiskaming  
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*Thank you!*






#### Variance:

- Did not collaborate as planned with City of Temiskaming Shores on active transportation initiatives; City did not hire a student in this role for 2023.
- Active travel resources for teachers delayed, to be distributed in Q3.
- Replaced update of active transportation campaign with pedestrian safety campaign, to be implemented in Q3.
- Delayed collaboration with Town of Kirkland Lake (promotion of active travel facilities and map, active travel encouragement events and challenges) to Q3.
- Delay in completion of submission to Town of Cobalt Official Plan update pending response from consultant.
- Did not initiate bicycle festival in Kirkland Lake due to staffing capacity. Will revisit in 2024.
- Did not complete the Cobalt Operational Plan review due to competing demands with planning process. Expected completion in Q3.

#### Healthy Eating

##### Work completed:

- Provided a virtual presentation to the Age Friendly Committee about eating well, food labels, and the community fridge (25 participants).
- Precepted one student from Northern Ontario Dietetic Internship Program for 6 weeks.
- Presented to a group of youth 15 to 29 from Youth Job Connection (YJC) on "how to eat well on a budget": 20 participants.
- Completed 2022 Nutritious Food Basket data analysis and dissemination as part of Nutrition Month (social media, [THU website](#), [infographic](#), [report](#), [BOH briefing note](#) and [presentation](#), [media release](#), email blast, THU webinar).
- Participated in [launch of Temiskaming Shores Community Fridge Project](#) in collaboration with the Community Food Action Network in Temiskaming Shores. A number of community partners attended the event. THU managed the social media accounts, supported the project implementation, created social media posts, resources and materials.

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- Offered training to 4 community partners on how to use the blender bike during community events (Extendicare, EarlyON, TPR, KL FHT).
- Provided content for THU's Youth Instagram account: Nutrition Month; youth engagement raising awareness around diet culture and healthy eating habits such as encouraging the consumption of fruits and vegetables, making water the drink of choice, etc.
- Provided support to concession operator and shared healthy eating resources for a hockey tournament.
- Maintained the Timiskaming Talks Nutrition page to provide evidence-based and accurate nutrition information to promote the health and well-being of the Timiskaming population.
- Drafted content and compiled resources to promote the 2023 National Eating Disorders Awareness Week.
- Contributed to THU targeted newsletters: content to raise awareness about the community fridge and food insecurity in municipal newsletter, content to educate about weight stigma and bias, food insecurity, and the international code of marketing of breastmilk substitutes and formula marketing in health care provider newsletter.

**Variance:**

- Winter monitoring tours for Healthy Eating in Recreation Settings project did not take place—concessions mostly closed. Project support on hold due to limited staff capacity.
- Local food map update and maintenance paused due to staff capacity limitations.

### **Mental Health Promotion**

**Work Completed:**

- Created comprehensive inventory of community assets.
- Promoted 2023 Mental Health Week Promote Mental Health Awareness Week. [Public online event](#) with Adele Lafrance with 125 participants. Developed a library toolkit used by 9 libraries used across Timiskaming and Porcupine districts.
- [Board of Health briefing note](#) on mental health promoting policies and [letter of support](#) for Act for Mental Health Campaign.
- [Board of Health briefing note](#) on psychological health and safety in the workplace and endorsement of adoption of the National Standard of Canada for Psychological Health and Safety in the Workplace to promote and protect the psychological health and safety of Timiskaming Health Unit staff.

**Variance:**

- Internal Psychological Health and Safety policy review delayed to align with updated Employee Wellness and Engagement Committee who will be facilitating implementation of this initiative.

### **Seniors Dental Care Program (OSDCP)**

The Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program (OSDCP) continues to see an increase in the need for routine dental care for seniors as things return to normal after the pandemic. Capacity in this program is reduced while we have an FTE on maternity leave. As of August 9, 2023, we have a waitlist for the OSDCP with 17 new clients waiting to be seen and 47 clients waiting for a recall appointment. New clients are prioritized as recall clients are waiting for a follow-up appointment.

We also continue to wait on a special one-time funding request for the program, this request was completed as part of our Annual Service Plan in early 2023. The extra funds would support hiring another dental hygienist position to support the OSDCP which includes completing the significant paperwork associated with the program and decreasing the waitlist. We continue to maintain partnerships with local oral health providers in the community to make sure qualifying seniors from all areas of the district can receive care. The fee issue could become an issue for 2024 when it is time to update our service agreements.



**Variance:** We have received two letters from local dentist offices expressing concern and frustration with the fees associated to the program. Noting this issue is well known across the province. If local dentists stop participating in the OSDCP, seniors within our district will see longer wait times for services. This could also mean seniors could end up needing to be referred to services out of our district.

OSDCP 2023	2022 Total	Q1 Total	Q2 Total	Q3 Total	Q4 Total	2023 (Jan-Jun 2023)
Applied at THU	232	77	52	0	0	129
Applied Online	19	11	0	0	0	11
Unique Seniors Served at THU	182	64	68	0	0	132
Total OSDCP Preventive Appointments at THU	197	74	68	0	0	142
Unique Seniors Served by Providers	554	158	183	0	0	341
Total OSDCP Appointments by Providers	686	238	38	0	0	276

## Substance Use and Injury Prevention

### Alcohol and Drug Use, Enhanced Harm Reduction Program and Ontario Naloxone Program

#### Work completed:

- [BOH briefing note](#) and endorsement of the implementation of the Icelandic Prevention Model as a local strategy to reduce youth substance use.
- [Board of Health briefing note](#): Mandatory labels on alcohol containers and endorsement, in principle, of Bill S254 – An Act to Amend the Food and Drug Act (Warning Labels on Alcoholic Beverages) and Motion M-61 A National Warning Label Strategy for Alcoholic Products.
- Launched [@YouthTimiskaming](#) on Instagram. The goal of the account is to empower and engage youth 12-25 in the THU region to live healthier lives through sharing credible, non-judgemental health messaging and resources. (183 followers as of August 2023).
- Hosted *An Introduction to the Icelandic Prevention Model and Planet Youth* community learning session with special guests from Planet Youth. The event recording is available on [YouTube](#). Approx. 50 community partners in attendance.
- Attended the [Roundtable on Youth Health and Wellbeing](#) event in Ottawa on May 29.
- Provided a short presentation as part of the [Youth Substance Use Prevention Webinar](#) in partnership with Drug Free Kids Canada, Northeastern Catholic District School Board, and Porcupine Health Unit. The webinar provided information about cannabis, alcohol, and vaping, as well as tools to empower caregivers to have conversations about substance use with their children.
- Brought two CSCT locations on board for Harm Reduction supply distribution and two sharps collection bins.
- Established and hosted first Community of Practice (Knowledge Network HR/TX) meeting. The Knowledge Network provides a virtual venue for presentations and knowledge exchange for service providers and partners working in harm reduction and treatment related to substance use. Guest speakers share their knowledge and experience, followed by an opportunity for all participants to provide local updates, discuss challenges and receive support from their peers.
- Co-chaired Timiskaming Drug and Alcohol Strategy Steering Committee and chaired Prevention and Harm Reduction Pillars. Ongoing backbone support of this collaborative initiative.



- Provided Harm Reduction and Naloxone training to client-facing staff in all offices to enhance knowledge and build capacity.
- Submitted Timiskaming Drug and Alcohol Strategy Phase 1 Evaluation Report/final funding deliverable to Public Health Agency of Canada.

**Variance:**

- Public communications campaign topics delayed due to staff capacity issues: Guidance on alcohol and health, substance use stigma, lower risk cannabis use, and steroid use.

### Needle Exchange and Harm Reduction Program

Internal Program					
<i>Client Services</i>	<i>2019</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>
<i>Total # Encounters NEP and Other HR Supplies</i>	498	355	159	249	273
<i>Total # of needles provided</i>	-	24,380	31,638	37,260	17,352
<i>Total # of bowl pipes provided</i>	-	4,620	12,962	15,366	7,078
<i>Total # of Naloxone kits provided</i>	-	236	234	256	118
<i>Total # of Naloxone refills provided</i>	--	43	45	39	18

### Comprehensive Tobacco Control

**Work completed:**

- Cessation support to 48 clients without access to other resources.
- Distributed 69 NRT vouchers.
- Archived Medical Directive for this program since no longer dispensing NRT.
- Provided tobacco-free resources to local sports and recreation clubs and facilities.
- Continued advocacy for smoke-free campus (Northern College).

**Variance:**

- Vaping cessation campaign delayed and merged with a larger youth vaping campaign to be launched in Q3.
- Timiskaming tobacco cessation network spring meeting cancelled, will hold only one in October instead.
- Refresh and retraining to integrate tobacco cessation support into clinical practice initiated but not complete.

### Tobacco Enforcement

Tobacco Enforcement							
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Inspections	355	336	357	220	163	267	156
Charges	6	9	7	1	8	5	2
Warnings	103	82	166	73	136	144	53



- **Variance:** During the pandemic the test shopper program was halted. At the beginning of 2023 we have revisited plans for this to resume. Although it was not complete in the first half of the year our goal is to have it restored and completed by the end of 2023.

### On- and Off-Road Safety

#### Work completed:

- Continued with advocacy efforts to reduce highway speed. Highway 11 speed was recently reduced to 70km/h near Ecole St-Michel.
- Facilitated Action2Zero project, with 20 community partners representing 14 organizations participate in preliminary survey to help shape Action2Zero report.
- Collaborated with Healthy Growth and Development team to support car seat safety during Safe Kids Week.

#### Variance:

- Did not deliver boating or ATV safety campaigns as planned due to staffing constraints.

### Falls Prevention

#### Work completed:

- Coordinated implementation of three older adult Spring Fling wellness fair and luncheon: June 7<sup>th</sup> – Kirkland Lake – approx. 70 older adults and 8 community partner booths; June 14<sup>th</sup> – Englehart – approx. 55 older adults and 10 community partner booths; June 21<sup>st</sup> – New Liskeard – approx. 150 older adults and 12 community partner booths.

### Violence

#### Work completed:

- Initiated data collection from partners about the prevalence of violence in Timiskaming.

#### Variance:

- Research to identify public health approach to addressing violence not completed due to staff capacity. Adding resources to the team to complete this by end of 2023.
- Revisions and re-launch of violence screening tool: initiated but not complete. Tools in development and pilot phase of tool planned for Q3/Q4.

## Healthy Growth and Development

Since January 2023, Healthy Growth and Development initiatives have returned to regular programming. We continue to prioritize and promote preconception, pregnancy, newborn, child, youth, parental and family health.

### Breastfeeding and Infant Feeding

#### Work completed:

- THU continues to support clients with the breast pump program. So far this year, a total of 14 breast pump rentals have been borrowed. We also continue to offer manual breast pumps to families as needed for a minimal fee.
- Work is ongoing to maintain and support the Timiskaming Breastfeeding Buddies Facebook group while the Breastfeeding Peer Program remains on pause since 2022. We are currently in the process of evaluating the possibility of restarting the Breastfeeding Peer Support Program.
- In early 2023, it was decided after a briefing note that THU would not recertify the Baby Friendly Initiative (BFI). We continue to ensure that all staff have level 1 breastfeeding training. Staff working



in the Healthy Growth and Development program have level 2 breastfeeding training to support local families.

- Lactation consulting support continued throughout 2023, as of July 31, 2023, 26 families received at least one consultation (16.88% of total deliveries).

### **Prenatal Education**

#### **Work completed:**

- We continue to offer the online bilingual courses for THU residents via Public Health Sudbury and Districts. THU also continues to partner with Timiskaming Brighter Futures to offer virtual sessions. From January to June 2023, a total of 37 mothers and 7 support persons have attended either the Brighter Futures classes or one-on-one prenatal/breastfeeding classes.
- We are currently working on summarizing pre-COVID survey feedback and attendance rates on prenatal classes to determine the need to resume in-person classes.

### **Well-baby Visits (WBV)**

THU continues to offer WBV throughout the district. These visits reach children aged 0 to 6 years and offer services such as immunizations, weights, and developmental screening.

#### **Work completed:**

- As of March 2022, the Well-baby clinic increased to two days per week in the New Liskeard office. Well-baby clinics continued to be offered weekly in the Kirkland Lake and Englehart office. From January to June 2022, there were 150 WBV in the New Liskeard office, 105 in the Kirkland Lake office and 3 in the Englehart office.

### **Mental Health**

#### **Work completed:**

- THU is performing an evidence review to inform local perinatal depression screening practices.
- We continue to screen families using the Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale prenatally, 48 hours after hospital discharge, at 2-months, and at 6-months post-partum. From January to June 2023, six referrals for support services were made.

### **Parenting**

#### **Work completed:**

- THU continues to work on launching a Parenting in Timiskaming campaign later this fall. This campaign will include a website and social media that will support the following topics: breastfeeding, car seats, immunization, mental health, nutrition, physical activity, positive parenting, postnatal and newborn health, preparing for pregnancy, sexual health, sleep, smoking, starting solids, substance use and services at THU.

### **Road Safety and Car Seat Safety**

#### **Work completed:**

- From January to June 2023, THU has completed eleven car seat inspections.
- THU partnered with Timiskaming Child Care, Beaverhouse FN, and NEOFACS to offer Child Passenger Safety Technician training to ten local providers.



## Healthy Eating

### Work completed:

- Prepared resources about introduction to solids, picky eating, nutrients.
- Updated the parental guide with nutrition information and prepared a factsheet on the “Division of Responsibility” and building a positive feeding experience.
- THU's dietitian and HG&D PHNs completed two presentations at EarlyOn (Haileybury and KL) on introduction to solids and child feeding. 12 families in total attended.
- Adapted nutrition content from Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health regarding healthy eating during pregnancy and lactation. Prepared social media content for infant feeding resources.
- Timiskaming Breastfeeding Buddies; supported with social media posts related to nutrition; promoted messaging about the importance of folic acid consumption prior to conception and engaging in healthful behaviours.

## Healthy Babies Healthy Children (HBHC) Program

The HBHC program continues to be prioritized as the goal of the program is to optimize newborn and child healthy growth and development and reduce health inequities for families. The program includes the following components: (1) Screening – prenatal, postpartum and early childhood (2) In-depth assessment (IDA) contact and assessment for families with risk (3) Postpartum Contact (4) Blended Home-Visiting and Family Service Plan.

From January to June 2023, we have had 145 live births in the THU area. The table below outlines the percentage of births that received a prenatal and postpartum screen as well as the percentage of eligible children (6 weeks to 70 months) who received an early childhood screen. We have seen an increase in families accessing the HBHC program in the south end of THU's catchment area since resuming regular programming.

Percent of births receiving a prenatal and postnatal HBHC screen and % of eligible children with an early childhood HBHC screen in Timiskaming Health Unit area.							Provincial Target
Screen	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 (Jan to June)	
Prenatal	71%	82%	65%	82%	75.4% (46.5%)	65.5%(40%)*	10%
Postpartum	97%	96%	70%	84%	82.8% (69.8%)	82.8% (77.5%)*	80%
Early Childhood	6%	3%	2%	0.7%	3.6% (68.4%)	2.7% (59.3%)*	5%
*Clients who are considered high-risk as defined by the Healthy Babies Healthy Children Screen							



## Blended Home-Visiting (BHV) Program:

Healthy Babies Healthy Children In-Depth Assessments (IDA), Home Visits and Family Service Plans							
		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 (Jan to Jun)
Number of individuals confirmed with moderate or high risk (eligible for home visit) through an IDA	Prenatal	-	16 (66.6%)	6 (54.5%)	11 (91.7%)	7 (87.5%)	41 (43.2%)
	Postpartum	-	33 (53.2%)	16 (51.6%)	34 (73.9%)	30 (73.2%)	93 (77.5%)
	Early Childhood	-	18 (72%)	9 (90%)	11 (78.6%)	21 (77.8%)	36 (61%)
Number of families served with $\geq$ 2 home visits		-	41	26	29	46	40
Number of families who received an IDA.		-	111	52	72	76	42
Number of families with a family service plan initiated		-	-	10	9	30	20
Total # of Home Visits (with a FHV, PHN or both)		418	206	140	88	498	349

## HBHC Screening and Hospital Liaison

### Work Completed:

We continue to offer daily weekday hospital liaison visits to Temiskaming Hospital. These visits also allow the PHNs to complete a formal post-partum Healthy Babies Healthy Children screen as mandated by the ministry. The visits also enable PHNs to assist families with breastfeeding and to discuss and promote services at THU and within the community. We continue to explore ways in which we can strengthen our relationships with our local delivering hospital and primary care partners that see prenatal and postnatal patients to help support and increase our screening opportunities.

## School and Child Care Health

### Oral Health and Vision Screening:

The dental team returned to regular work in schools in September 2022.

### Work Completed:

Since the return to in-school services to complete dental screenings, an increase in dental decay rates have been noted (33% for the 2022-2023 school year). In-school screenings were missed during the COVID-19 pandemic related to school closures. We are now seeing longer wait times for children to be seen in dental offices for exams and treatment, especially those on government funded programs. Many children are utilizing our preventive clinic and services and are being monitored regularly for any dental issues that need further assessment from a dentist. Similarly, the vision screening program was also impacted.

**Variance:** More dentists are no longer accepting dental funded programs as the reimbursement rate is drastically low. This is noted across the province as well.



Oral Health - Dental Screenings									
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 (Jan to June)
Pre-Kind/Kind & Grade 2 In-School Mandatory Program	555	937	800	624	925	279	0*	518	400
Pre-Kind/Kind, Grade 2, 4 & 7 In-School Mandatory Program	---**	---**	---**	985	1840	632	0*	751	893
Additional Grades In-School Screening	1043	2217	1350	654	915	0*	0*	53	13
Office Screenings	292	238	248	231	193	105	150	88	306

\*This program was impacted by staff redeployment to the COVID-19 pandemic and the impact of COVID-19 measures on school partners.

\*\*Data for this section was not captured in the same fashion it was starting in 2018, therefore it is not specific to the grades required.

### Vision Screening Program:

School Vision Screening Program						
Senior Kindergarten Students	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 (Jan to June)
Number Screened	146	143	0*	0*	0*	383
Number Referred to Optometrist for Vision Exam	62	63	0*	0*	0*	134

\*Similar to oral health, this program was impacted by resources being redeployed to the COVID-19 pandemic and the fact that schools were shut down at times and/or not allowing outside people in when they were open.

## School Health Immunization and Licensed Child Care

### Work Completed:

- The school team continued with school immunization clinics in the spring of 2023, where they offered routine immunization and catch-up vaccines.
- In June 2023, THU began updating the school immunization process. This included adapting an online process to support the ISPA (Immunization School Pupils Act). ISPA enforcement will resume with the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. The ISPA process will be in place for September 2023.
- Support and collaboration continue with our licensed child care providers. The child care team has updated their process and it now better aligns with the school team process.

### Variance:

- We did not enforce the Immunization School Pupils Act (ISPA) during the 2022-2023 school year due to capacity. Porcupine Health Unit, with whom we share 3 common school boards, also did not enforce the ISPA.

## Comprehensive School and Child Care Health

### Work Completed:

- We continued to distribute biweekly school community e-blasts to Principals with curriculum link resources. The purpose of the eblasts is to share school-related content with all schools across our district. These topics also align with THU's mandate, such as: physical activity, immunization, mental health, or healthy eating.
- Collaboration continued with Porcupine Health Unit as we made updates to the JK resource.



## Infectious Diseases and Infection Prevention and Control

### Work Completed:

- We continued to support our local schools with IPAC resources as needed.
- [A Guide to Common Infections](#) was created and uploaded to the THU website. This resource was created in partnership with Porcupine Health Unit to support schools and child care providers with information on how to manage common infections.

## Healthy Eating and Active Living

### Work Completed:

- Delivered bicycle rodeos to two schools (4 classes).
- Developed new active travel resources for teachers in both French and English: Classroom package includes virtual bicycle safety presentation, student evaluation, teacher feedback form, student cycling pledge.
- Contributed to the Youth resilience Instagram page (21 posts).
- Supporting the Red Cross with Student Nutrition Program.
- Revision of the NFVP Food Literacy resource.
- Planning and coordinating NFVP, deliveries and troubleshooting.
- Promoting curriculum resources to teachers by writing two e-blasts on promoting food literacy in schools and weight bias in schools.

## Sexual Health and Healthy Sexuality

### Work Completed:

- Supported schools to deliver sexual health curriculum-based learning.
- Began reviewing resources that could be used to help support curriculum-based learning on sexual health.
- Worked with KLDCS on how to re-start a healthy relationship clinic at the school.

### Variance:

- Due to the timing of the above request from KLDCS, we were not able to get the clinic running by the end of the 2023 school year. We plan on meeting with the school this coming 2023-2024 school year to determine next steps.

## Substance Use

### Work Completed:

- Distributed updated progressive enforcement of tobacco use toolkit to school boards.

### Variance:

- Tobacco resources to schools to be distributed in fall with broader vaping prevention campaign.

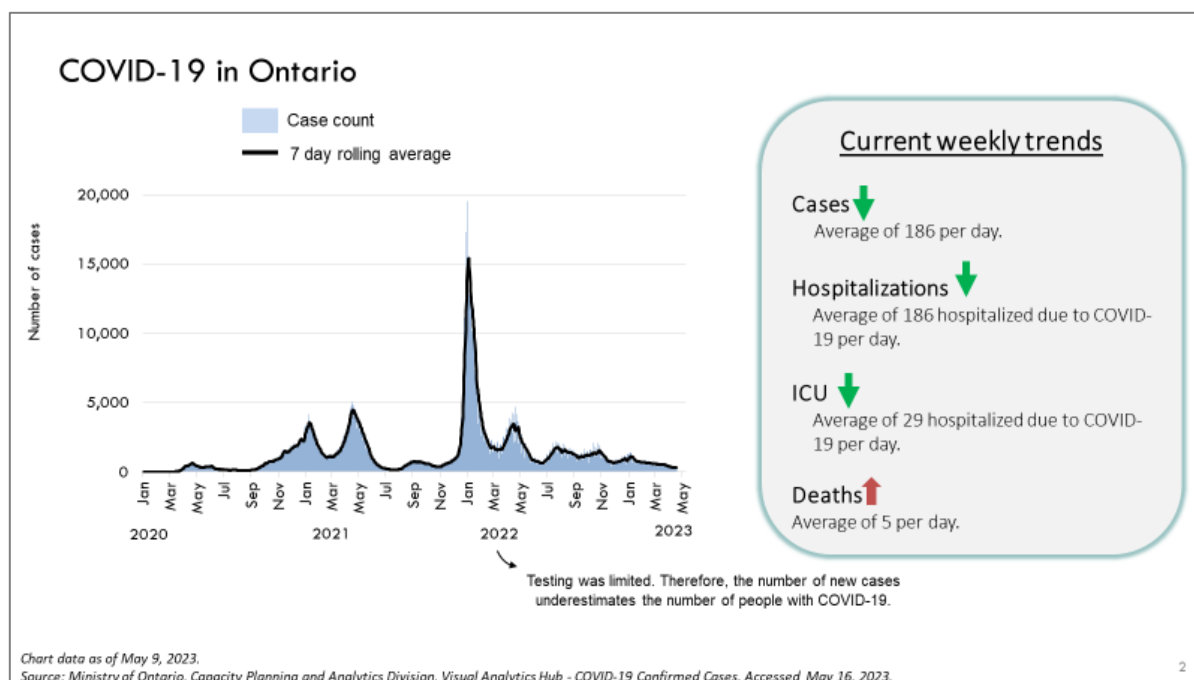


## Infectious and Communicable Disease Prevention and Control

2023	Number of outbreaks	Number of cases			Number of deaths
		Staff	Resident /patient	Visitor	
Long-Term Care & nursing homes	10	95	275	5	0
Hospitals	3	11	65	0	5
Congregate living	2	5	29	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>19</b>

### COVID-19 rates in Timiskaming and Ontario

- COVID cases in THU district decreased from January to end of June.
- A total of 15 outbreaks were noted in the first half of the year
  - LTCH/RH – 4
  - Community Living – 6
  - Acute Care - 5





## COVID-19 Communications

Below are some highlighted areas of work addressing COVID communication needs.

### Public and external

- Webpages were maintained to keep information current regarding local and provincial guidance and recommendations for the public and various sectors including regulation changes. Master Schedule for vaccine opportunities was updated weekly and re-done monthly to reflect clinics for the month.
- Clinic schedules, vaccine opportunities and recommendations, current case situation and vaccination by the numbers are posted to social media weekly.

### Media relations

- Media questions continued to be fielded from media locally and across the province.
- A weekly page in The Speaker ran from January to June 2023. All content was bilingual. The bottom half of this page is a calendar of upcoming COVID-19 vaccine clinics. The top half of the page consists of a short article, most often using the text from a recent social media post that has been deemed priority. The purpose of this page is to reach people, primarily seniors, who don't use social media.

### Internal

- Updates for our area and for the province were communicated internally via all-staff emails as well as a virtual all-staff meeting.
- Social media pages from other Ontario health units are monitored for internal planning.

## COVID-19 Support and Resources phone line

From January to March 2023, the phone line continued to be supported by a casual staff member and monitoring gradually decreased from daily to 2-3 times per week to accommodate the volume of calls received. The number of calls per week averaged 3-5. The public was encouraged to call the provincial COVID support line. The COVID-19 Support and Resources phone line was discontinued at the end of March 2023 and calls were transferred to the IPAC PHN or the Intake nurse.

## COVID-19 Booking phone line

The COVID-19 booking phone line was maintained by a core team of THU staff for the first part of 2023. Our communication encouraged residents to book their COVID-19 vaccine appointment through the provincial booking site. Since January, we are averaging 10 calls per week that are being monitored by one THU contract staff. We continue to promote and encourage clients to book their COVID-19 vaccine on-line; clients who do not have access to a computer and the internet can call the COVID-19 booking line for an appointment.

## IPAC Hub

Work continued through the first half of 2023 using the IPAC Hub model, with THU staff providing regular education and support to congregate care settings in the district (5 Long Term Care, 1 Retirement Home and 4 Community Living Sites). Meetings were held as requested, as often as monthly, and updates from the province were provided as available with the settings to ensure all IPAC measures were in place for the safety of the residents in those homes. Staff maintain their dedication to this project, and we are hopeful that funding will be continued in the future.



**Work completed:**

- Education sessions provided to LTCH/RH and CL partners on topics such as hand hygiene, reprocessing, and PPE.
- Internal committee continues to meet weekly to discuss outbreaks and relevant topics.
- Participate in the Regional IPAC Hub table which was meeting every 2 months.
- Complete and submit monthly reporting tool on THU IPAC activities.
- Completed IPAC audits to several settings within the district.

**Variance:**

- Unable to complete IPAC audits/site visits to all congregate care settings due to staff limitations.

**Other Diseases of Public Health Significance**

Reportable Diseases and Infection Control								
Client Services	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 Jan-Jun
Reportable Investigations (non-STI)	73	65	111	91	154	652	1,342 (1314 were COVID)	270 (246 were COVID)
Outbreaks - Institutional	14	29	33	18	25	16	18 (15 were COVID)	24 (15 were COVID)
Outbreaks - Community	0	0	0	0	2	23	0	0
Animal Bite Reporting	29	85	77	72	64	62	74	74
Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI)	82	61	78	67	75	69	28	21
Personal Service Settings Inspections (hair salons, tattoos, piercings, aesthetics)	47	50	52	49	31	10	14	8

**Sexual Health Program**

The goal of the Sexual Health Program is to promote healthy sexuality.

Sexual health services at THU include:

- STIs and testing,
- Pregnancy testing/options counselling,
- Sexuality,
- Sexual health
- Free condoms
- Low-cost birth control



Sexual Health								
<i>Client Services</i>	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 (Jan-Jun)
Male Clients	129	127	164	308	292	142	68	78
Female Clients	864	805	644	1014	690	295	137	90
% of clients between 12-24	-	-	66%	63%	56.3%	49.2%	46.8%	61.8%
Contraceptives (sold)	929	846	198	195	72	38	29	5
Contraceptives (prescribed)	-	-	-	-	138	47	83	31
Plan B	41	25	23	25	16	3	13	1
STI Tests	215	201	257	329	241	102	111	56
Pregnancy Tests	28	36	37	39	20	12	19	9
Blood-Borne Infection Tests	124	97	140	148	58	27	42	14
Treatment Prescribed for STI	-	-	-	-	-	29	40	7
Pap tests	-	-	-	-	-	10	11	1

#### Work completed:

- Created “business card” with healthy sexual health messaging for youth in collaboration with the school team.
- Created a poster of Sexual Health program services to be distributed to local youth.
- Created social media posts on the sexual health program in collaboration with the youth initiative.
- Connected with partners (DSBONE, Beaverhouse First Nations) to discuss bridging services.

#### Variance:

- Limited outreach to secondary school students (in-school service) due to staffing capacity and limitations.

## Immunizations

### Immunization – Vaccine Safety and Vaccine Administration

#### COVID-19 Vaccine Program

##### Communications:

Continued social and traditional media and building on partnerships with community organizations to reach specific populations. From January to June 2023, communications focused on changing guidance and reopening of services as well as eligibility and addressing hesitancy.

##### Other COVID-19 vaccine program highlights:

- Weekly COVID-19 Vaccine Operational and Planning calls continued throughout the first half of 2023.
- We continued to work and support our local pharmacies who helped continue to have COVID-19 vaccines available at local pharmacies throughout the district (New Liskeard, Kirkland Lake and Englehart).



- We worked with and supported primary care providers who continue to offer the COVID-19 vaccines to their patients.
- We returned to Bear Island to offer COVID-19 vaccinations (February 24, 2023).

## Routine Immunizations

Immunization Program				
Immunizations Administered in Office	NL	KL	ENG	Total 2023 (Jan-Jun)
# of clients receiving immunizations	524	286	94	904
# of immunizations administered	845	487	165	1,497
<b>Note: These numbers do not include Influenza Vaccine</b> <i>Generated from PANORAMA-R07090 Immunization Administered or Wasted at Health Unit</i>				

## 2022-2023 Universal Influenza Immunization Program

Year	Vaccine Fridges - Cold Chain Inspections					
	KL		NL		ENG	
	Total inspections	Total failures	Total inspections	Total failures	Total inspections	Total failures
2018	15	11	32	10	5	1
2019	15	7	30	12	10	2
2020	18	11	24	3	8	1
2021	19	4	28	3	9	0
2022	19	9	25	4	8	0
2023	3	8	10	0	3	1

## Travel Health Vaccine Program

Travel Health Consultations							
Office	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 (Jan-Jun)
Kirkland Lake	259	210	208	109	0	95	128
New Liskeard	620	695	611	324	64	396	336
Englehart	<i>(included in New Liskeard Statistics)</i>						

## Land Control

Septic Systems	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Permits Issued	131	111	124	38	66	76	106	125	32
File Searches	60	60	66	28	55	65	54	53	13
Severance/Subdivision	15	15	29	10	13	8	13	14	6



## Safe Water

<i>Drinking Water</i>	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Small Drinking Water Systems	19	13	48	2	3	36	26
<i>Recreational Water</i>							
Public Beaches ( <i>Seasonal Jul-Aug</i> )	16	17	17	19	0	0	0
Pools	25	18	28	8	13	8	6
Recreational Camps/Beachfront ( <i>Seasonal Jul-Aug</i> )	11	9	11	0	5	9	1

**Variance:** Inspections of Small Drinking Water Systems (SDWS) were very limited in 2020 and 2021. We began to catch up on this in 2022 and in the first half of 2023, however there is still additional catch up to complete. Our goal is to have this back to regular levels in 2024.

## Healthy Environments and Climate Change

In the first half of 2023 we continued to analyze the findings in the climate change and health [report](#), which was completed through the collaborative project of the northeastern health units. To increase the awareness of this topic the report was released and plans for next steps have been worked on in 2023. Our approach at this point has been to use the report to assist with prioritizing health concerns related to climate change that are of a greater risk specifically in our district. In partnership with Porcupine Health Unit, THU will continue to work to identify adaptation and mitigation strategies while still leveraging the knowledge and experience of the initial group when appropriate.

**Variance:** There is a great deal of work that still needs to be done to engage local stakeholders, community partners and the public. Some type of engagement implementation plan needs to be developed, however resources and other priorities have not allowed for it to this point.

Another variance in line with the healthy environments and climate change portfolio is our mosquito trapping/testing program for Vector Borne Disease, mainly West Nile Virus. We have not been able to operate this trapping program since the pandemic began. We are fortunate that our district has not shown the required high temperature degree day patterns in the past that are needed for the mosquitos to carry the virus. However, as the effects of climate change continue this situation could change and the mosquito trapping/testing program could be a higher priority.



## Food Safety

Food Premises - Compliance Inspections									
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
High Risk	165	184	109	93	88	47	29	29	23
Medium Risk	206	110	187	214	192	96	60	93	71
Low Risk	149	204	160	129	135	62	58	126	68
<b>Total</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>162</b>

**Variance:** We have really made progress in compliance inspection levels in the first half of 2023 and by the end of the year we will surpass the totals we had during the three years of the pandemic. However, we are still not on track to end the year with pre pandemic totals. As we work through recovery, and prioritize accordingly, we are utilizing our resources as best as possible, but having to spread them out, leading to some improvements yet gaps as well.

Food Handler Certifications									
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Englehart	63	26	23	75	58	3	24	10	18
New Liskeard/Tem	90	68	144	351	182	19	55	29	98
Kirkland Lake	70	41	58	127	15	34	5	12	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>119</b>

**Variance:** Due to capacity constraints, we have not been able to conduct food handler courses in the north end of the district, although online courses are always available anytime.



# Upcoming Events



The following list contains *some* of the upcoming events and opportunities that THU staff are participating in or supporting.

- **Management Team – National Collaborating Centre for Methods and Tools Evidence Workshop – October**
- **OnCore training for 12 selected staff - October**

## Human Resource Update

### The comings and goings of our colleagues



#### New Staff:

- Public Health Dietitian, New Liskeard, Contract (March 2023 – March 2024)
- Director of Strategic Services & Health Promotion, New Liskeard, Permanent (April 3, 2023)
- Test Shopper, New Liskeard, Casual Student (March 13, 2023)
- Public Health Promoter/Drug & Alcohol Strategy, New Liskeard, Contract (May 2023-May 2024)
- Manager of Infectious Diseases/Vaccine Preventable Diseases, New Liskeard, Permanent (May 2023)
- Public Health Promoter/CSWBP, New Liskeard, Contract (June 2023-June 2024)
- Program Assistant, New Liskeard, Part-Time Contract (June 2023-December 2023)
- Public Health Nurse/ID & VPD, New Liskeard, Permanent (August 21, 2023)

#### Retirement:

- Public Health Nurse, New Liskeard (June 27, 2023)

#### Resignation:

- Director of Strategic Services & Health Promotion, New Liskeard (February 24, 2023)
- Public Health Promoter/Drug & Alcohol Strategy, Remote (January 13, 2023)
- Public Health Dietitian, New Liskeard, June 16, 2023)

#### Current Vacancies:

- Public Health Inspector, New Liskeard, Contract
- Dental Assistant, Kirkland Lake, Contract

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## Board of Health Briefing Report

**To:** Chair and Members of the Board of Health  
**Date:** September 6, 2023  
**Topic:** **Ontario Vape Tax**  
**Submitted by:** Dr. Glenn Corneil, Acting Medical Officer of Health/CEO  
**Prepared by:** Laurel Beardmore, Walter Humeniuk, Amanda Mongeon  
**Reviewed by:** Erin Cowan

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### RECOMMENDATIONS

**It is recommended that the Timiskaming Health Unit (THU) Board of Health:**

Endorse the Alliance for a Tobacco-Free Ontario (ATFO) policy recommendation that the Government of Ontario participate in the federal government's vape tax framework to deter access to vape products among young people **AND FURTHER THAT**, a copy of this endorsement be forwarded to the Alliance for a Tobacco-Free Ontario (see Appendix A).

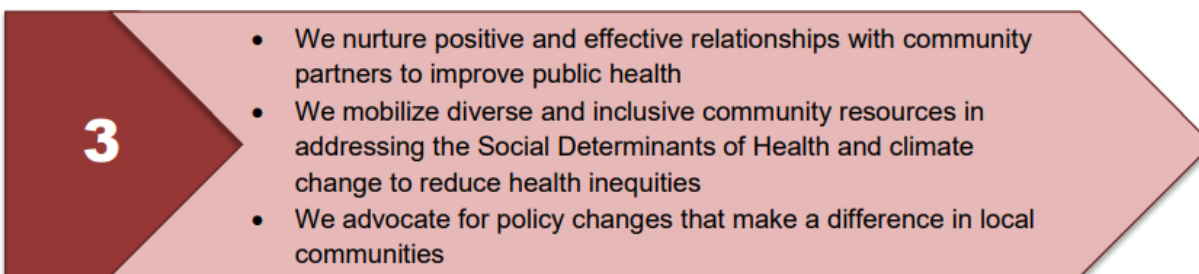
### Overview

- In Northern Ontario, 30.6% of students in grades 7-12 engage in vaping compared to 22.7% in Ontario.<sup>1</sup>
- Nicotine is a highly addictive substance that can adversely affect adolescents' ability to learn, remember, and maintain attention.<sup>2</sup>
- E-cigarette use is associated with an increased risk of nicotine addiction.<sup>3</sup>
- E-cigarette smokers may be at an increased risk of developing some of the same conditions as tobacco smokers, such as chronic lung disease.<sup>4</sup>
- Taxation is an effective strategy to curb nicotine use.<sup>5</sup>

### Ontario Public Health Standards (2018) and THU Strategic Plan 2019-2023 Links

This work directly contributes to meeting requirements and expected outcomes in the Ontario Public Health Standards (2021) and supports the following THU 2019-2023 strategic direction 3.

### **We collaborate with partners to make a difference in our communities**

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**3**

- We nurture positive and effective relationships with community partners to improve public health
- We mobilize diverse and inclusive community resources in addressing the Social Determinants of Health and climate change to reduce health inequities
- We advocate for policy changes that make a difference in local communities



## **Background**

Smoking rates among Ontario youth continue to be at an all-time low, while at the same time, numerous sources concur that vaping rates among youth remain high.<sup>6</sup> In Northern Ontario, 30.6% of students in grades 7-12 engage in vaping compared to 22.7% of Ontario.<sup>1</sup>

With smoking rates low and youth using e-cigarettes at an increased risk of smoking, initiatives need to address vaping in youth to ensure smoking rates continue to decrease or remain low and prevent a new generation from becoming addicted to nicotine through vaping. The decrease in cigarette smoking and the increase in youth vaping reflects a shift in nicotine product use among youth and not a reduction in nicotine initiation.<sup>7</sup>

Nicotine is highly addictive and can lead to dependence among young people.<sup>3</sup> Nicotine can alter teen brain development, affect memory and concentration, reduce impulse control, and may cause cognitive and behavioural problems in adolescence.<sup>2</sup> Health risks are also associated with harmful chemicals in vaping products.<sup>4</sup> Although some substances, such as vegetable glycerine, flavouring, and propylene glycol, have been deemed safe by food manufacturers, the long-term effects of inhaling these products are unknown. Heating vaping liquids can also create new chemicals, such as formaldehyde, which are dangerous.<sup>8</sup> While some research suggests that vaping may be less harmful than smoking, less harmful does not mean safe, especially for non-smokers. Most young vapers have never smoked cigarettes, yet most use nicotine in their vaping devices, which can create a dependency on nicotine and may lead to smoking in the future.<sup>9</sup>

The World Health Organization has deemed taxation the most effective measure for fighting tobacco use. Price increases through taxation usually result in the most significant health benefit for people with the least money to spend, including young people. The effects of price increases on young people are potent deterrents, reducing tobacco consumption at a rate 2-3 times higher than among adults.<sup>5</sup>

The Alliance for a Tobacco-Free Ontario is seeking organizations to endorse their policy recommendation for the “Government of Ontario to participate in the federal government’s vape tax framework, to deter access to vape products among young people”. They are gathering signatures of supportive organizations, and this list of supportive organizations will be shared with the Government of Ontario.

Additional information about taxation as a strategy to address youth vaping is included in Appendix B.

## **Related Work**

THU staff work to promote awareness of the health impacts of tobacco and nicotine use, to support healthy public policy and supportive environments, and to limit the impact of accessibility at the local level. A made-in-Timiskaming comprehensive vaping campaign targeted to youth, parents, and educators is planned for implementation in September 2023 to prevent vape use and promote cessation. This proposed policy action is part of a comprehensive health promotion approach to addressing youth vaping.



Historical Timiskaming Board of Health work related to youth nicotine and vaping prevention includes:

**Motion 3S-2018 July 11, 2018: Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017**

*That the BOH for Timiskaming send a letter to the Ontario Minister of Health expressing concern regarding the delay of implementing the Smoke-Free Ontario Act 2017*

**Motion 33R-2-18 June 26, 2018: Tobacco and Smoke-Free Campuses**

*That the Timiskaming Board of Health support the call from Public Health Sudbury and Districts to urge local post-secondary institutions to enhance existing policies to achieve 100% tobacco and smoke-free campuses*

**Motion 38R-2017 June 15, 2017: Tobacco Taxes and Contraband**

*That the Board of Health supports the call from Algoma Public Health that municipalities reject motions from tobacco industry and/or its front groups and to call on the Ontario government to (a) raise tobacco excise taxes and (b) enhance enforcement activities designed to reduce the presence of contraband tobacco in Ontario communities.*

**Resolution 02-2014 November 5, 2014: Regulating the Manufacture, Sale, Promotion, Display and Use of E-Cigarettes**

*That the Timiskaming Health Unit supports Toronto Public Health recommendations that federal and provincial government subject electronic cigarettes (with or without nicotine) to the following:*

- i. prohibit e-cigarette use wherever smoking is prohibited through the Smoke-Free Ontario Act;*
- ii. prohibit sales of flavoured e-cigarette products as has been proposed for tobacco products;*
- iii. prohibit e-cigarette sales to minors (people under age 19);*
- iv. E-cigarettes should be subject to restrictions on marketing, promotion, retail displays, and advertising;*
- v. E-cigarette devices, cartridges and liquids should be subjected to strict consumer safety standards including ensuring manufacturing consistency, regulating the maximum quantity/dosage of nicotine they contain, stipulating labelling and reporting requirements and requiring that e-liquid is sold in child-proof bottles; and*
- vi. research on the long-term health effects of e-cigarettes and exposure to second hand vapour.*



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## Supporters of an Ontario Vape Tax

The **Alliance for a Tobacco Free Ontario (ATFO)** is comprised of the Canadian Cancer Society, Heart & Stroke, the Canadian Lung Association, the Ontario Medical Association, the Ontario Tobacco Research Unit, and the Lung Health Foundation. ATFO is committed to creating a province free of commercial tobacco and youth vaping. Our members work independently and collaboratively to reduce tobacco and vape use in Ontario.

Youth vaping remains a highly problematic public health issue. Rates skyrocketed in the late 2010s and despite a small decline in youth vaping rates during the pandemic, vaping among young people in Ontario has increased again. Most Ontario youth have indicated it's easy to get access to vapes, partly because the cost of entry to purchase a vape is very low. In Ontario, some products sell for as low as \$5. Youth are very sensitive to price, and research has shown that taxes on vape products deter consumption through both reducing initiation and improving quit rates.

ATFO is currently seeking organizations to endorse our policy recommendation for the "Government of Ontario to participate in the federal government's vape tax framework, to deter access to vape products among young people."

We kindly ask that your organization endorse this policy recommendation. A list of supportive organizations will be shared with the Government of Ontario.

Please complete this form and return to Hillary Buchan-Terrell, Advocacy Manager (Ontario) for the Canadian Cancer Society at [hillary.buchan-terrell@cancer.ca](mailto:hillary.buchan-terrell@cancer.ca) by end of day September 6, 2023, with the subject line "We support a vape tax in Ontario".

Organization name:	
Name of Authorized Signatory:	
Date:	

For more details about the vape tax, please see the Heart & Stroke backgrounder entitled *Protecting the Health of Ontario Youth: Addressing Vape Use Through Price*.



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## Protecting the Health of Ontario Youth: Addressing Vape Use Through Price

Youth vaping is a crisis. Today in Ontario, there is a new generation of young people **addicted to nicotine** and regularly inhaling toxic chemicals from vape products. Almost half of young adults (ages 20-24) and 29% of youth (ages 15-19) have tried vaping.<sup>1</sup> Many who try go on to become regular vapers.<sup>2</sup> In addition to impacting brain development,<sup>3</sup> vaping is linked to increased risk for respiratory<sup>4,5</sup> and cardiovascular issues.<sup>6,7</sup>

**We urge the Ontario government address youth vaping with the implementation of a tax on vaping e-liquids using the new federal excise duty framework.**

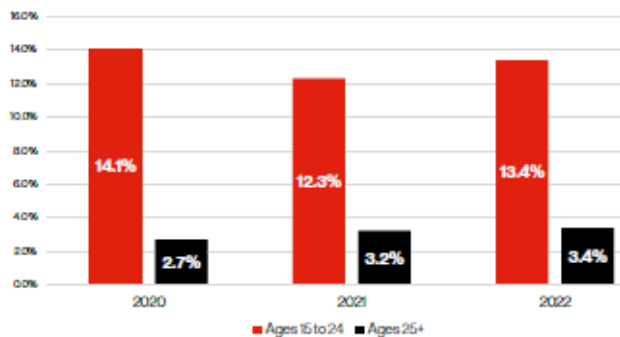
### Youth and Young Adults Drive Vape Market in Ontario

- Over the past decade, **youth vaping has become a crisis**. We have the highest youth vaping rates in the world.<sup>8</sup> Rates have remained high and at present 13.4% of young people (15 – 24 years of age) in Ontario report use.<sup>9</sup>
- Vaping is almost **four times more common among young people** than adults and this threatens to undermine the decades of progress in tobacco control and addiction achieved to date.<sup>9</sup>
- As demonstrated in the graph below, in 2022, 40% of Ontario vapers are those under the age of 25<sup>9</sup> – most of whom vape for reasons other than tobacco cessation (curiosity, enjoyment, stress relief).<sup>1</sup> This recreational use puts young people at risk for a lifelong harmful addiction.<sup>3</sup>
- A 2020-21 study of youth and young adult current vapers in Canada found that **average age of initiation in Ontario is 15.78 years old**.<sup>10</sup> Young vapers spend between \$13 and \$20 weekly on vaping.<sup>10</sup> Vape products are sold in Ontario for as little as \$5 demonstrating easy access for price sensitive young people. (Schedule A)

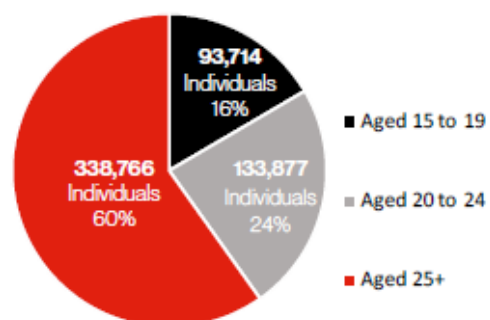


Schedule A

### Rates of Current Vaping in Ontario<sup>5</sup>



### Ontario Current Vapers, 2022<sup>5</sup>





## Health Impacts on Youth

- Nicotine **alters adolescent brain development** and can affect memory and concentration.<sup>3</sup>
- Vaping has been **linked to poor mental health outcomes** including worsening symptoms of depression and anxiety, as well as higher odds of depression.<sup>11</sup>
- Vaping liquid and aerosol **contain a number of chemicals** with known toxicity.<sup>12</sup>
- E-liquid can **negatively impact cells** in the mouth, nose, lungs, heart, and blood vessels.<sup>4, 6, 13</sup>
- Emerging evidence suggests dual use (the most common pattern of use in Canada) of both vapes and cigarettes is **linked to higher risk of disease** (stroke and heart attack).<sup>14, 15</sup>
- Emerging evidence indicates that there is potential for vaping to be a **gateway to tobacco,<sup>16, 17</sup> and cannabis use.<sup>18</sup>**
- A research review found that teenagers who used e-cigarettes have **four times higher odds of future tobacco use.<sup>19</sup>**

## Low Costs and High Stakes Make a Vape Tax Worthwhile

A wealth of evidence from tobacco policy indicates that **youth are particularly sensitive to price,<sup>20</sup>** and new research around vape taxation reports similar findings which indicates that price mechanisms have an important role in discouraging the use of vaping products by young people.<sup>21, 22</sup> **A vape tax in Ontario would decrease youth vaping, and lower the health impacts for adolescents during a critical time in their brain development.**

We recognize that there are limitations on the ability of the Government of Ontario to implement new taxes. However, the federal government committed to implementing an excise tax on vaping liquid starting in 2022, which includes a mechanism for 'federal-provincial-territorial taxation coordination.' If Ontario chose to align with this coordinated approach, the tax would be imposed and administered by the federal government and the limitations on the provincial government would not apply.

**We recommend that the Ontario government coordinate with the federal government and match the excise per ml tax on vaping e-liquids.**

## The Rationale for a Tax on Vape Products



**An annual revenue of approximately \$49.4 million** could be generated in Ontario through this vape tax framework.<sup>23</sup>



**82% of people in Ontario** support the provincial government adopting a tax on vape products, according to a 2023 poll.<sup>24</sup>



**All provinces except Ontario and Manitoba** have adopted or announced a vape tax as a means to deter consumption.



**8.2% reduction in e-cigarette sales** was associated with a 10% increase in e-cigarette price in Europe.<sup>22</sup> In the US, same increase associated with **up to 45% reduction in demand** among university students.<sup>21</sup>



**Over 50 jurisdictions around the world** have adopted a vape tax as a way to signal health harm and addiction and also reduce vape use.





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September 6, 2023

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Deputy Premier  
Minister of Health  
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Dear Premier Ford and Deputy Premier and Minister Jones:

**Re: Universal, No-cost Coverage for all Prescription Contraceptive Options for all Ontarians**

On September 6, 2023, at a regular meeting of the Board for the Timiskaming Health Unit, the Board considered the correspondence from Chatham-Kent Public Health regarding *Universal, No-cost Coverage for all Prescription Contraceptive Options for all Ontarians* and passed the following motion:

Motion 42R-2023):

**BE IT RESOLVED** THAT the Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health recognizes the importance of access to contraception and menstrual products for all Ontarians; and

**FURTHER THAT** the Board encourages the Provincial government to cover the cost of all contraceptive options for all Ontario residents; and

**FURTHER THAT** the Premier of Ontario and Deputy Premier be so advised.

The Timiskaming Health Unit fully supports the above recommendation, and thanks you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Stacy Wight, Board of Health Chair



April 25, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford  
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Dear Premier Ford and Deputy Premier and Minister Jones:

**RE: Universal, No-cost Coverage for all Prescription Contraceptive Options to all People Living in Ontario**

At its meeting held on March 15, 2023, the Chatham-Kent Board of Health passed the following motion:

“That Administration prepare a letter of advocacy to the Provincial government encouraging them to cover the cost of birth control for all Ontario residents, and that this letter be copied to alPHA and any other appropriate partners.”

It is estimated that 30-40% of all pregnancies in Canada are unintended with those of lower socioeconomic status being one of the leading vulnerable groups impacted<sup>1</sup>. Timely access to effective contraception directly influences the rate of unintended pregnancies. In Canada, cost is the leading barrier preventing individuals from gaining access to effective contraceptives<sup>2/3</sup>. Cost should not be a barrier Ontarians face to obtain consistent and timely access to effective contraceptives.

OHIP+ has begun to address this issue in Ontario by providing no cost coverage for anyone under the age of 25 who is not covered by a private plan. This coverage needs to be expanded to all Ontarians without the restrictions put on those with private plans or those over the age of 24. Ontarians should have universal, no-cost, confidential access to effective contraceptives.

At the beginning of April, British Columbia started the journey of providing prescription contraceptive access equality for their province and we are advocating for Ontario in this journey.

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Thank you for your attention to this important issue. We stand firmly in support of protecting and advancing sexual and reproductive health rights.

Sincerely,

*Original signed by*

Brock McGregor  
Chair, Chatham-Kent Board of Health

Copy to:

Hon. Monte McNaughton, MPP, Lambton-Kent-Middlesex, Minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development

Trevor Jones, MPP, Chatham-Kent-Leamington

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May 17, 2023

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Dear Premier Ford and Minister Jones:

**Re: Universal, No-cost Coverage for all Prescription Contraceptive Options for all Ontarians**

At its May 10, 2023 meeting, the Board of Health for Peterborough Public Health considered correspondence from Chatham-Kent Public Health regarding universal, no-cost coverage for all prescription contraceptive options for all Ontarians, and expressed its support for this initiative.

As noted in correspondence sent earlier this year by our Medical Officer of Health & Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Thomas Piggott, to the Ontario Chief Medical Officer of Health on International Women's Day, this measure will improve health for women, girls, and gender-diverse people by bridging gaps in access to contraception and menstrual products.

Equitable access to contraception and menstrual products is a human rights and health equity issue, yet many Ontarians face barriers accessing these products due to factors such as cost, geography, availability of healthcare services, and education.

Canada is the only country in the world with universal health care that does not offer public coverage for contraception. Recent data shows that 1 in 5 Canadians lack sufficient access to drug coverage required to obtain medications needed to support their reproductive and sexual health.

On April 1, British Columbia became the first province in Canada to offer free prescription contraception for all residents. The province covers the cost of prescription contraception, including oral hormone pills, contraceptive injections, copper and hormonal intrauterine devices, subdermal (under-the-skin) implants, and emergency contraceptives (often known as the 'morning-after' pill or Plan B). I would encourage you to consider similar action to improve access to free contraception in Ontario.

Current research also reveals that many Canadians struggle to afford menstrual products, an issue that is often referred to as period poverty. Recent estimates from the Federal Government suggest menstrual products can cost up to \$6,000 over an individual's lifetime, and that 1 in 3 Canadians struggle to afford products such as pads, tampons, and liners.



I applaud the Government of Ontario for the recent expanded public access to contraception and menstrual products for eligible populations. However, I note that beyond school settings gaps in access remain. In particular, evidence shows that marginalized communities, including refugees, sex workers, trans and non-binary people, Indigenous communities, people experiencing homelessness, and people living in rural and remote areas, continue to face challenges accessing these necessities.

The inability to afford basic necessities such as tampons, pads and liners fuel stigma and shame while creating health risks for people who struggle to afford them. This shows that efforts to advance reproductive justice and sexual health are linked to income inequality and resolving the factors that prevent people accessing their basic needs. Gender equity is a public health issue, but it is also all of our issue to address.

The theme of this year's International Women's Day, *Embrace Equity for Women*, spoke clearly to the public health issues of free access to contraception and menstrual products. I trust you will consider our efforts, as well as the advocacy of others, who continue to voice their support to ensure equitable access to all.

Sincerely,

***Original signed by***

Councillor Kathryn Wilson  
Chair, Board of Health

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cc: Local MPPs  
Ontario Boards of Health  
Association of Local Public Health Agencies (aLPHa)





CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF  
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REGULAR MEETING

RESOLUTION

**Resolution:** 2023-72  
**Title:** Member's Resolution presented by Mayor Mario Zanth and seconded by Councillor Kyle Cyr regarding a petition for a study for the Ottawa River  
**Date:** July 12, 2023

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**Moved by** Mario Zanth  
**Seconded by** Kyle Cyr

WHEREAS the Ottawa River spring freshet period has been unstable over the last 7 years due to management challenges as a result of Climate Change and development occurring within its basin; and

WHEREAS major flooding has occurred in 2017, 2019 and 2023, impacting numerous residents and municipalities alike; and

WHEREAS Municipalities along the Ottawa River are concerned with the freshet period and the inability to manage the river, and its impacts to residents and municipalities; and

WHEREAS a comprehensive study must be undertaken to develop the appropriate management tools and practices to reduce the occurrences of flooding of the Ottawa River;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Clarence-Rockland hereby petitions the Minister of Public Safety of Canada to conduct a third-party study of the Ottawa River and its tributaries and basins in order to provide the Ottawa River Planning board better tools to adapt the river to the influence of climate change and from the impact of development; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Clarence-Rockland further request that a cross-border consultation board representing the municipalities in support of this petition be created to oversee the scope of work of the study and to provide input into proposed implementation options; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT this petition be circulated to all municipalities along both sides of the Ottawa River for support.

Maryse St-Pierre/Deputy Clerk

CARRIED





## RÉSOLUTION

**Résolution:** 2023-72  
**Titre:** Résolution de membre présentée par le maire Mario Zanth et appuyée du conseiller Kyle Cyr au sujet d'une étude sur la rivière des Outaouais  
**Date:** le 12 juillet 2023

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**Proposée par** Mario Zanth  
**Appuyée par** Kyle Cyr

ATTENDU QUE la période de crue printanière de la rivière des Outaouais a été instable au cours des sept (7) dernières années en raison des défis de gestion découlant des changements climatiques et du développement dans son bassin; et

ATTENDU QUE des inondations majeures ont eu lieu en 2017, 2019 et 2023, touchant de nombreux résidents et municipalités; et

ATTENDU QUE les municipalités le long de la rivière des Outaouais sont préoccupées par la période de crue et l'incapacité à gérer la rivière, ainsi que par ses impacts sur les résidents et les municipalités; et

ATTENDU QU'une étude exhaustive doit être entreprise pour développer les outils et les pratiques de gestion appropriés afin de réduire les cas d'inondation de la rivière des Outaouais;

QU'IL SOIT RÉSOLU QUE le Conseil de la Cité de Clarence-Rockland demande au ministre de la protection civile de mener une étude indépendante de la rivière des Outaouais et de ses affluents et bassins afin de fournir à la Commission de planification de la rivière des Outaouais de meilleurs outils pour adapter la rivière à l'influence des changements climatiques et aux impacts du développement; et

QU'IL SOIT ÉGALEMENT RÉSOLU QUE le Conseil de la Cité de Clarence-Rockland demande également la création d'un conseil consultatif transfrontalier représentant les municipalités en soutien à cette pétition, chargé de superviser la portée des travaux de l'étude et de donner son avis sur les options d'implantation proposées; et

QU'IL SOIT ÉGALEMENT RÉSOLU QUE cette pétition soit envoyée à toutes les municipalités le long



des deux cotés de la rivière des Outaouais en vue de leur appui.

**ADOPTÉE**

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Maryse St-Pierre/Greffière adjointe





**The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby  
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September 8, 2023

SENT VIA E-MAIL

Office of the Prime Minister  
80 Wellington St.  
Ottawa, ON, K1A

Attention: The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau

**RE: Establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby at its meeting held on September 5, 2023 passed the following resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Korstanje

Seconded by: Councillor Freake

Whereas the Canadian livable wage for Niagara Region, two years ago was determined to be \$19.80. This was \$6000 below the annual income of a minimum wage employee; and

Whereas our residents on programs such as Ontario Works, receive targeted fixed monthly incomes of \$733, and ODSP recipients receive \$1376; and

Whereas at the current Ontario minimum wage rate, a person working 37.5 hours per week will earn approximately \$2,500 monthly (before tax); and

Whereas the median rent for one bedroom in Grimsby as of August 2023 is now \$2000 a month; and

Whereas rent is considered affordable, when it is less than 30% of income. In Niagara west, rent is approximately 272% of Ontario Works, 145% of Ontario Disability Support Services, 75% of minimum wage full-time, and 150% of minimum wage part time; and



Whereas an annual 2.5% allowable rent increase can be combined with an additional 3-6.5% capital investment increase, raising the cost of rental housing another minimum of \$110 monthly; and

Whereas there are no housing units under Niagara Regional Housing for single adults or families with dependents, including 2,3,4 or five bedrooms in our community; and

Whereas the Grimsby Benevolent Fund reported that in 2022:

- 70+ households received monthly rental supplement totaling \$237,744
- \$79,500 was invested into one time emergency housing support as of June 7, 2023
- 78 households are receiving monthly financial benefits to make rental housing more affordable; and

Whereas food inflation was 8.3% and groceries rose by 9.1%; and

Whereas the Grimsby Food Bank numbers from June 2023 reported:

- 19 new households
- 447 served households
- 1055 served individuals
- 7 emergency visits; and

Whereas the Grimsby Economic Strategic Plan identified the general high cost of living and housing affordability as primary obstacles in our workforce attraction.

Therefore be it resolved that The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby circulate correspondence to Ontario municipalities encouraging them not only to collect data of their housing and poverty statistics, but also to examine their pending economic vulnerability as a result.

Be it further resolved that The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby encourage these same municipalities to join us in advocating on behalf of our communities with this data, and by writing a letter to the Prime Minister, Premier, and local politicians calling for a united effort in establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income program.



Be it further resolved the Town of Grimsby Clerks Department circulates this resolution to Niagara West MP Dean Allison and Niagara West MPP Sam Oosterhoff, requesting a response on this matter within 30 days of receipt.

Be it further resolved that The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby, through its Finance and Human Resources departments, undertake a comprehensive assessment to explore the feasibility and implementation of a living wage policy for all Town of Grimsby employees, with the aim of ensuring that all municipal workers receive fair compensation that aligns with the principles of a living wage and that staff be directed to explore becoming a living wage employer.

If you require any additional information, please let me know.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Bonnie Nistico-Dunk', written in a cursive style.

Bonnie Nistico-Dunk  
Town Clerk

cc. Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Ontario Municipalities  
Dean Allison, MP Niagara West  
Sam Oosterhoff, MPP Niagara West



## Logan Belanger

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**From:** FONOM Office/ Bureau de FONOM <fonom.info@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 10, 2023 4:43 PM  
**Subject:** Support for Northern School of Medicine - Resolution & Mayor letter for consideration  
**Attachments:** NOSM Resolution for Municipality.pdf; NOSM - Draft Letter for Mayor's.pdf; NOSM Resolution - Email list.pdf

Good morning

Please share with your Council and Mayor

I have attached PDF versions of the Resolution and Mayor letter; FONOM would ask for your Council to support and Mayor to add their signature to.

Please get in touch with me if you require a Word version of the Resolution or Letter.

Also attached separately are the email addresses of those included in the Resolution

Talk soon, Mac.

Mac Bain  
Executive Director  
The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities  
615 Hardy Street North Bay, ON, P1B 8S2  
Ph. 705-498-9510





September \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

Hon. Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building, Room 28, Queen's Park  
Toronto, Ontario  
M7A 1A1  
Sent Via Email: [Premier@ontario.ca](mailto:Premier@ontario.ca)

Dear Premier Ford,

In 2002 the Conservative Government created the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) to address the health needs of the region, improve access to quality care, and contribute to the economic development of Northern Ontario. On April 1, 2022, we celebrated as your Government proclaimed NOSM a standalone university, becoming Canada's only independent Medical University.

NOSM University is one of the greatest successes in Canada as it relates to addressing health workforce supply, with over 50% of graduates choosing family medicine as a career and over 90% of combined MD and postgraduate learners staying in Northern Ontario. Today, over 400,000 northerners receive primary and acute care from a NOSM University-trained doctor. Furthermore, many specialists have been created by NOSM University, providing care closer to home and reducing the need for patients to travel south to decrease the cost of the Northern Health Travel Grant.

We attribute much of this success to a "distributed community engaged learning" model that places its learners in 90 communities (135 organizations) across Northern Ontario throughout the academic year. NOSM University's economic impact in our region is immeasurable, but the institution is in jeopardy.

Northern Ontario remains in a healthcare crisis. More than 350 physicians are currently needed to fill shortages, which does not account for anticipated retirements. Areas of the North that are still in dire need of healthcare services are rural, remote, and Indigenous communities. NOSM University is the only Northern solution to meeting our physician workforce needs.

We are grateful for your Government's decision to increase medical school spaces at NOSM University. Still, the momentum gained in addressing the health inequities in the North will be considerably impacted by the lack of financial sustainability for this newly created University.

While the creation of NOSM University gives it the autonomy to yield tremendous success in Northern physician recruitment and retention, the costs associated with



becoming a university, undertaking an unprecedented expansion, and continuing to offer world-class community-based education are significant. The University's current base funding rates have not been increased sufficiently, and cost reductions are no longer attainable or feasible.

As such, we respectfully support NOSM University's request to the Province of Ontario for a permanent increase in annual base funding of \$4.0 million before the end of this fiscal year so it can continue to deliver on the mandate that the Conservative Government established initially in response to the needs of Northern municipalities.

We thank you in advance for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

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Mayor



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WHEREAS the \_\_\_\_\_ name of Municipality\_\_\_\_\_ recognized the urgent need for physicians in Northern Ontario as it is experiencing a shortage of trained physicians and specialist physicians

WHEREAS life expectancy of Northern residents is more than two years lower than the Ontario average, and mental health and addictions are at a four-times higher rate

WHEREAS one in eight Northern residents does not have access to a family doctor, and many must travel long distances to access healthcare services representing the failure of healthcare in Northern Ontario

WHEREAS communities in Northern Ontario require access to equitable health care, especially underserved rural, Indigenous, and Francophone communities

WHEREAS in April of 2022, the Government announced an unprecedented medical expansion for NOSM University's medical programs

AND WHEREAS the current base funding rates for the Northern School of Medicine University (NOSM) have not been increased sufficiently to accommodate growth and expansion

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT \_\_\_\_\_ name of Municipality\_\_\_\_\_ strongly requests the Provincial Government grant NOSM University's request for a permanent increase in annual base funding by \$4.0 million before the end of this fiscal year so it can continue to deliver on the mandate that the Conservative Government initially established in response to the needs of Northern municipalities.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this motion be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Health and Deputy Premier Sylvia Jones, Minister of Colleges and Universities Jill Dunlop, MPPs Greg Rickford, Vic Fedeli, George Pirie, Ross Romano, Kevin Holland, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Northern Ontario School of Medicine University, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association and the leaders of the opposition parties of Ontario.





**NOMA/FONOM/NOSDA - Multi-Ministry Notes**  
**Monday August 21, 2023, 8:15-9:00am (EST)**  
**Windsor Club Room, 2nd floor of the DoubleTree by Hilton - London**

**Attendees:**

Mayor Wendy Landry of Shuniah, President of NOMA  
Councillor Danny Whalen of Temiskaming Shores, President of FONOM  
Councillor Michelle Boileau of Timmins, Chair of NOSDA  
Mayor Fred Mota of Red Lake, Executive Vice President of NOMA  
Mayor Ken Boshcoff of Thunder Bay, NOMA Executive Board Member  
Mayor Rick Dumas of Marathon, NOMA Executive Board Member  
Mark Figliomeni, CAO/Clerk of Red Rock, NOMA Board Member  
Councillor Mark King of the City of North Bay, FONOM Board Member  
Tammy MacKenzie CAO at District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board  
Donna Stewart, CAO of the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board  
Debbie Ewald, Board Member Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board  
Andrea Strawson, Executive Director of NOMA  
Mac Bain, Executive Director of FONOM  
Fern Dominelli, Executive Director of NOSDA

**Employment Services System**

We are here to discuss an essential initiative that is underway in the Province of Ontario - the transformation of our employment services system in Northern Ontario. This transformation is driven by the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, with the aim of creating a more efficient, streamlined, and outcome-focused system that better serves the needs of job seekers, businesses, and local communities.

The foundation of this transformation lies in the integration of employment services from social assistance into Employment Ontario. By doing so, we hope to reduce fragmentation, eliminate duplication, and, most importantly, improve the quality of service provided to our clients. The Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development has designated 2 geographical regions in the North, being Northeastern Ontario and Northwestern Ontario.

The 789,519 people (2021 census) who live in Northern Ontario are spread across a land mass of 806,708 square kilometers, we have 0.98 people per square kilometer. By comparison, the City of Toronto has a land mass of 630.2 square kilometers with a population of 2,794,356 (2021 census) or 4,434 people per square kilometer.

NOSDA members are concerned that the two Northern regions are too large and vast a geographic area for only two Service System Managers. I am proud to share that the



Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association (NOSDA) wholeheartedly supports this integration. NOSDA has been actively collaborating with colleges in Northern Ontario to develop a comprehensive employment service system. This collaborative approach leverages the expertise and resources of educational institutions, ensuring that we address the unique needs of job seekers and employers in our region. One key area in establishing Service System Managers in Northern Ontario will be the creation of employment performance zones. Basically, in order for a Service System Manager to receive their funding, they must achieve specific employment related targets negotiated with the Ministry.

Now it may be easier for a Service System Manager to achieve their targets in large urban centres in Northern Ontario, but the real challenge will be establishing performance zones where targets must be achieved within a sprawling geographic area. We are talking areas with unsophisticated transportation systems, minimal broadband connectivity, limited employment opportunities, lower education rates, etc. As you can imagine, achieving targets in rural and remote parts of Northern Ontario will require comprehensive planning and many meaningful partnerships.

This is where we believe CMSM's and DSSAB's can play a vital role in the success of the employment transformation. We are already well-established across the North and understand the uniqueness of our northern communities.

To ensure the success of this transformation, we present two key recommendations:

**Engaging CMSMs and DSSABs:** We believe it is crucial to involve Consolidated Municipal Service Managers (CMSMs) and District Social Services Administration Boards (DSSABs) as full partners in determining and finalizing the employment performance zones. By doing so, we can ensure that the services and employment planning in Northern Ontario are precisely aligned with our region's unique requirements. This collaborative effort will foster better coordination and understanding, leading to more effective and tailored service delivery.

**Expanding Services in Rural and Remote Areas:** It is of utmost importance that we cater to the needs of job seekers and employers in our rural and remote areas. To achieve this, we recommend incentivizing our Service System Managers to expand their services to every corner of Northern Ontario. We must ensure that individuals in these regions have access to essential in-person resources to support their entry or re-entry into the local labour markets. While online services can complement these provisions, we must not do away with the invaluable 'human touch' in these regions.

In conclusion, it is critical that the transformation of our employment services system in Northern Ontario is achieved in partnership with us Northerners. By integrating services, collaborating with colleges, engaging CMSMs and DSSABs, and incentivizing Service System Managers, we can significantly enhance client service, improve accountability, and achieve better outcomes for both job seekers and employers. We urge the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training, and Skills Development to take the necessary steps to implement these recommendations. Let us work together to ensure a brighter future for our communities and workforce, and to support sustainable development in the region.



## **Centre of Excellence & Northern Ontario School of Medicine**

We would like to know the Ministry of Health's response to our recommendation in January regarding creating an advisory table for our 11 districts that would have direct dialogue with the Regional and Clinical Leads of the Ontario Centre of Excellence.

Also, our Organizations would like to speak to the urgent financial need of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine. They require a permanent increase in annual base funding of \$4.0 million before the end of this fiscal year. We want a commitment from the Minister of Health and Deputy Premier Sylvia Jones, Minister of Colleges, and Universities Jill Dunlop, MPPs Greg Rickford, Vic Fedeli, George Pirie, Ross Romano, and Kevin Holland that they act now to is the annual base increased by 4 million, not wait until March.

### **Analysis**

In January, we recommended the creation of an advisory table for each of the eleven districts in the North instead of a separate Northern Centre of Excellence. That would ensure a local strategic vision for a district's priority areas. These tables would have direct and continuous dialogue with the Regional and Clinical Leads of the Ontario Centre of Excellence.

This Government believes Ontario has different Health and Housing challenges than other Provinces in the Federation. Our three organizations believe we have different needs than the heavily populated Southern Ontario. We also acknowledge and know it to be true that Dryden and Temiskaming Shores have different needs and challenges. Therefore, Northern Ontario should be viewed as a One-Window Approach.

Our members lobbied for the creation of the Northern School of Medicine. Our members were thrilled when in 2022, this Government proclaimed NOSM a standalone university, becoming Canada's only independent medical university. Also, increasing the number of medical Doctors and Postgraduates spots was very well received.

The Northern School of Medicine has achieved its Vision by providing Innovative education and research for a healthier North. They have graduates that are our family physicians and specialists. But Northern Ontario still requires over 350 more physicians to serve those who don't have a family Doctor this morning.

The Northern School of Medicine Board has a zero-deficit policy, considering recent history is prudent. Therefore, an increase in annual base funding is required to allow for continuity and growing enrollment. This base funding increase is needed today to make the Northern School of Medicine what you and Northerners need to address our healthcare challenges.



## **Homelessness, Mental Health, & Addictions Series Upcoming Publication**

In 2021, Northern Policy Institute partnered with the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, and the Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association to analyze the state of homelessness, mental health, and addictions in Northern Ontario. The first report, titled *“More than Just a Number: Addressing the Homelessness, Addiction, and Mental Health Crisis in the North,”* established a baseline around homelessness, mental health, and substance use disorders in Northern Ontario and recommended eight strategies for government and community practitioners to address these issues.

The second report, *“Homelessness, Mental Health, and Substance Use in Northern Ontario, Revisited,”* provided concrete steps decision-makers and community practitioners can take to implement three of those recommendations in Northern Ontario: amend the *Health Protection and Promotion Act* to support service hub communities; support new and existing culturally sensitive community housing facilities for Indigenous peoples; and establish a Northern Mental Health and Addictions Centre in Northern Ontario.

The third report aims to expand on another three of the eight strategies recommended by the first piece: provide long-term funding for capital repairs on community housing units, support new and existing Housing First programs, and establish mandated mobile crisis intervention teams (MCIT) in municipalities throughout Northern Ontario. This report will be provided to government at ROMA 2024.

The steps identified in this report will be informed not only by the analysis of the initial paper’s findings highlighting that current efforts are not enough to address the worsening homelessness, addiction, and mental health crisis in Northern Ontario, but also by real-world case studies and best practices that will be gathered from literature and community members in Northern Ontario. From this information, this third report will be a guide tool that can inform decision-makers and community practitioners.

The health care crisis experienced across Northern Ontario is alarming. Municipalities are struggling to effectively fund public health care and retain adequate physicians and nurses to provide care to our residents. According to NOSM we need 364 physicians (211 family doctors and 153 medical specialists) in the North. Despite this need, as of April 1, 2023, your government reduced the number of Ministry of Health allocated physician spots on the Rural Northern Physician Group Agreement for multiple medical centres including Red Lake & Atikokan Hospitals among others. We need to retain funding for these health care professionals to avoid further exasperating the health care deficit.

Mental health, addiction, and homelessness cases are on the rise and municipalities are in desperate need of solutions. Municipalities across the North are experiencing serious financial pressures, most notably from inflation and funding inequities. Municipalities in Northern Ontario need financial relief and our organizations ask the province to restore the previous public health funding ratio of 75%/25% for all cost-shared programs and to assume 100% funding once again for those programs identified as such in the public health budget for 2018-2019. Additionally, we ask that you continue the current mitigation funding until such time as the cost-shared arrangement is restored to 75%/25% to account for the additional costs we experience to provide health care in the North.



To: Delegation during AMO Conference August 2023

From: FONOM Board

Date: August 21, 2023

Subject: Recommendation to address Ontario's Mental Health & Addictions Crisis

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## ISSUE:

There has been a system-wide overload of Health and Social programs to handle our communities' current Mental Health and Addiction crisis. The existing systems were not designed to address the increasing numbers of the now concurrent and converging mental health and addiction issues that are partly driving homelessness.

Further complicating the situation is the lack of authority to safely and humanely support those actively suffering on our streets. Currently, no legislation provides authority to temporarily detain individuals that are highly intoxicated from a drug or substance when their own, or others, safety is at risk.

Often, drug-intoxicated individuals walk carelessly into traffic; many lay unconscious in alleys/vestibules, suffer head trauma from falling, are victimized for theft/assault, and at times accost members of the general public.

Secondly, if such authority existed, there is no place currently to hold and medically support those who are grossly intoxicated for their safety while they stabilize.

As a result, the public feels unsafe in their communities, witnessing gross intoxication, drug-induced psychosis, and at times, being confronted by those suffering from severe mental health and addiction issues. Conversely, those suffering from Mental Health and Addictions are left to their own devices, lacking support and initiated care. Municipalities are facing the brunt of the impacts due to these issues.



## ANALYSIS:

FONOM/NOMA/NODSA's work on Mental Health, Addiction, and Homelessness and the Bail Reform Taskforce have converged to address a problematic convergence of Social Issues. Agencies, Hospitals, and many of our communities are spending considerable resources to tackle Mental Health, Addiction & Homelessness issues. Despite best efforts, Mental Health incidents and drug overdose numbers are steadily increasing, and our municipal infrastructure cannot handle the growing need.

The Mental Health Act, circa 1990, now 33 years old, and in the opinion of our municipal citizens and human service providers, needs review and modernization to address the current crisis. Although significant changes were made in 2000, much has evolved since that time, including the closure of the North Bay Psychiatric Hospital, the availability and high potency of illicit street drugs, the overdose crisis, and a global pandemic that inadvertently removed in-person social supports and services while government and human service agencies struggled to find a solution.

The Liquor Licence and Control Act, 2019, Sec 31(2) provides the authority for a police officer or conservation officer to arrest without warrant any person who is intoxicated by alcohol if, in the opinion of the officer, it is necessary to do so for the safety of any person. Over time, the incidents of gross intoxication and harm have increased due to drug consumption, not alcohol, rendering this particular authority inapplicable and creating a void in support.

Historically, Police Services would house individuals arrested for public intoxication; however, due to increasing awareness of medical concerns and public safety, Police cells are no longer a viable option for intoxicated individuals, thus creating the additional need for secure detoxification and support beds.

Secure detoxification beds offer individuals a safe and medically supported opportunity to stabilize without charge. Before release, and now with a clearer mind, social supports can be provided to address root causes and navigate the mental health/addictions ecosystem if services are accepted. This type of



interaction offers the best-case scenario for a safe and sober connection to services.

The funding of Secure Beds can not be done by the Province alone. The Federal Government must provide Ontario with new funding for this approach. FONOM would like to help the Ministers as they work with their Federal partners to secure the financing. Municipalities also have a role as more communities are contributing to supportive housing. FONOM will continue encouraging these often-supported measures through our membership and other municipal associations.

## RECOMMENDATION:

FONOM recommends that the Attorney General, the Solicitor General, and the Minister of Health work together to address the current Mental Health and Addiction Crisis by reviewing the Mental Health Act and the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, providing an opportunity to update definitions and authorities to the current need. Particularly, legislation that could address the ability to arrest without warrant, those found intoxicated by drugs or other substances, without charge, for the safety of the individual and/or the safety of others, and language recognizing and affirming the comorbidity and concurrence of Mental Health and Addictions.

FONOM also recommends that the Attorney General, the Solicitor General, and the Minister of Health work together to establish medically (and socially) supported secure beds for individuals to stabilize safely for 24hrs-48hrs. These stabilization and detox beds would hold those in a safe and medically supportive environment, providing 24-hour supervision, assessment, and offers of treatment support. FONOM would work with the Province to secure additional funding from the Federal Government, as they have a significant role in addressing this issue across the country.

FONOM believes that short of the Province establishing Psychiatric Facilities, **Ontario Homes** to secure the most dangerous in our community. FONOM believes the review and changes to the Mental Health Act and the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, along with funding support for Secure Detox Beds, is the necessary next step and approach to addressing the mental health epidemic and addictions in our communities.



To: Delegation during AMO Conference August 2023

From: FONOM Board

Date: August 21, 2023

Subject: School Board Trustee Elections in 2026

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## ISSUE:

Municipal Staff oversees the Municipal and multiple School Board elections. The ratepayers of the Municipality are currently responsible for covering all costs associated with the Elections, even when there is no Municipal Election.

## RECOMMENDATION:

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requests that the Government of Ontario make school boards responsible for conducting their own trustee election or that the school boards fully compensate municipalities for overseeing such trustee elections.

## ANALYSIS:

The Boards often will not allow their facilities (school) to be used on Election Day. The biggest challenges Municipality have with the School Board Elections are;

Citizens do not understand the rules that go along with being able to vote for a particular board (i.e., their children go to catholic school, but the parents are not catholic, so they cannot vote for the Trustee for the Catholic Board). The 2026 Election will be even more confusing for School Board Elections with the Province taking over the voters' list. Currently, MPAC cannot share an individual's school board designation with the province. FONOM knows they are still working on this issue, but if MPAC cannot share this information, this will add an extraordinary amount of work for the Clerk's Department. Going so far as saying the municipality will hire additional election assistants to have one person dedicated to ensuring everyone's school board information is correct.



School Board Elections and “non-resident” Electors are always confusing for Election workers. If you do not live in the Municipality (non-resident), you cannot vote for a school board trustee – you must vote for the trustee in the Municipality you reside in.

80-90 % of the calls the Clerks Department receives before and on Election Day are related to School Board issues.

Also, 31 Municipalities in 2022 had Councils that were acclaimed. Those Municipalities still had to prepare and operate School Board Elections at ratepayers’ expense. We polled those Municipalities, and their costs were between \$3000-30,000. The total cost of 2022 Municipal and two of the four School Board Elections in North Bay was \$324,735.00, with the Clerk attributing 50% of the cost to the School Board Elections (noting that the Ballot cost only \$0.29; it is the education of the election worker and citizens is the challenge)

Due to Provincial Legislation, there currently is no financial support for a Municipality to help offset the cost of the Trustee Election. When there is no Municipal Election, the Municipality still has the responsibility and cost.

**Due to the challenges, costs, and responsibility to conduct the trustee elections. FONOM believes the School Boards operate their own elections or financially compensate the municipality for the costs incurred.**



Municipal Councils that were Acclaimed		Amount for Trustee Elections	
1	Township of Armour		-
2	Township of Armstrong		
3	Town of Blind River (6 acclaimed of 7 member council, 1 vacancy)	\$	26,044.06
4	Township of Brethour		
5	Township of Chamberlain (also 2018)		
6	Township of Chapleau		
7	Municipality of Charlton and Dack (also 2018)		
8	Township of Dawn-Euphemia		13,310.69
9	Township of Dorion (also 2018)		
10	Township of Drummond/North Elmsley	\$	29,126.00
11	Township of East Garafraxa (also 2018)	\$	3,302.75
12	Town of Enniskillen (also 2018)	\$	4,026.30
13	Township of Evanturel (also 2018)		
14	Front of Yonge Township		
15	Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island (also 2018)		
16	Township of Hilliard (4 acclaimed, 5 member council, 1 vacancy)		
17	Township of Hilton (also 2018)		
18	Village of Hilton Beach		
19	Township of Hornepayne		-
20	Township of Howick	\$	14,702.00
21	Township of Kerns (also 2018)		
22	Township of Lake of the Woods		
23	Town of Laurentian Hills		
24	Town of Minto	\$	62,000.00
25	Village of Oil Springs (also 2018)	\$	5,932.14
26	Township of Perry	\$	3,012.00
27	Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls		
28	Village of South River		
29	Township of Tay	\$	29,526.00
30	Township of The Archipelago		
31	Town of Thessalon	\$	4,425.29
32	Village of Thornloe (also 2018)		

## Comments

- We are not experts on the questions that candidates have with regard to each board, this again would be further justification to have the boards run and manage their own elections.
- It was difficult at times trying to get timely information from the school boards. We were left trying our best to answer questions about districts, lead municipality, compensation etc., for the candidates running in the school board election.



- What isn't included is all the soft costs, as time is not tracked and all the administrative and coordination required from our Clerk and Deputy to administer the school board election. Being a small rural township, our School Board election candidate-ward boundaries are combined with three other municipalities, and as you can imagine it's a bit of a challenge.
- I should note that I do not book admin time for election purposes. The expenses are direct payouts by the Township for materials, wages, and advertising. Advertising was shared by most of the County municipalities to reduce costs. I should also note that we made use of the existing inventory of election forms and ballot boxes.
- No school board Election - However, there was an expense of almost \$18,000.00 for the election due to having to pay for the electronic voting and training, regardless of whether it was used or not.
- Including advertisements, mailing costs for Voter Information cards to electors, payments to Simply Voting and Datafix for online



To: Delegation during AMO Conference August 2023

From: FONOM Board

Date: August 22, 2023

Subject: Provincial Grant Provided to Northern Ontario Health Units

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## ISSUE:

Northern Ontario Municipalities are concerned with any reduction of the Provincial Grant provided for Northern Ontario Health Unit funding. Also, if the mitigation funding is decreased, many of our members would face great hardship. Responses from our membership show that Health Unit levies range from 0.79% – 3.23% of a Municipalities' Budget (the average Health Unit levy in Northeastern Ontario is 1.44%).

## RECOMMENDATION:

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requests that the Government of Ontario increase the grant they provide today by moving back to funding levels for Northern Ontario Health Units to the 2018 percentage of 75. Further, the Province again assumes 100% funding for those programs identified as such in the public health budget 2018-19.

## ANALYSIS:

The Services provided by the Health Units to our member communities are vital, and with considerable financial support from the Province during COVID, they provided exceptional Health Care to residents. This Government and its Ministries appreciate how vast Northern Ontario is, but the area overseen by the Porcupine Health Unit is 270,000 sq km (note Southern Ontario area is 114,217 sq km).

Many of our communities are geographically isolated, and providing universal Public Health Care is challenging and costly. The Health Units also oversee Public Health in unorganized areas with Provincial funding.

Northern Medical Officers of Health and their Boards have repeatedly asked for increased and sustainable base funding that considers the unique challenges faced in Northern Ontario. It is vital to Public Health to work effectively on the many public health disparities northern residents face. Public Health takes the lead or takes part in many of the foundations for action to improve health equity in the North. Leveling up public health funding and other funding in the North will make Health Units more resilient to the next emergency and allow Northerners to achieve better health overall.



*"Under the Health Promotion and Protection Act, since 1997, municipal governments are legally responsible for 100% of public health costs."*

The Funding for most of the Health Units programs in the Province was 75% funded by the Provincial Government and 25% by the Unit's Municipal Partners. There were also uniquely funded programs that the Province fully funded. The Units are responsive to the Ontario Public Health Standards: Requirements for Programs, Services, and Accountability (Standards) set by the Ministries of the Government. The Municipal Partners had representation on the Unit Boards and the Provincial Appointees but had no input on the Standards.

The Provincial Budget 2019 announced that the Government was changing the Grant amount they contribute to the Units. The Budget document stated: *"the current structure of Ontario's public health units does not allow for consistent service delivery, could be better coordinated with the broader system and better aligned with the current Government priorities."* Following the Budget announcement, the Health Units in the North increased their levy by 10% and planned for the same next year, which would have meant a 42% increase by 2021.

The Province also spoke to Public Health Modernization and consolidation. FONOM has previously shared, in August 2020, our opposition and concerns with any amalgamation with the Province.

Then the Government and the Medical Officer of Health worked together, with so many others, to bring the Province through the Pandemic.

Now that the Pandemic is behind us, FONOM wants to share with you that our membership in the Northeastern part of the Province cannot afford any increases more significant than 1.44% (*note that for many, that amount will be a hardship*). There is great concern that any further shift onto small, northern, and rural Ontario municipalities will be a financial burden.

**FONOM still believes that public health in Northern Ontario is funded through regular provincial taxation, not property taxation (*especially with an amalgamation*). Until the Government fully assumes Public Health, we ask the Province to move back to funding level Northern Ontario Health Units to the 2018 percentage of 75. Further, the Province again assumes 100% funding for those programs identified as such in the public health budget 2018-19.**

Documents

[Northern Ontario Health Equity Strategy](#)

[Being Ready - Ensuring Public Health Preparedness for Infectious Outbreaks and Pandemics –](#)

[Ontario Atlas of Adult Mortality](#)

[Funding Letter from NBPSHU](#)



	2023 increase	% of Annual Budget
<b>NBPSHU</b>		
Parry Sound	0.90%	1.50%
Perry	3%	1.55%
Seguin	6%	0.71%
Mattawan	0.04%	1.00%
Burks Falls	0.98%	0.88%
Callander	0.01%	
McKellar	0.97%	0.79%
Nipissing	-1.02%	1.00%
South River	0.97%	2.49%
Machar	0.96%	
<b>Tem HU</b>		
Cobalt	0.01%	1.50%
Kirkland Lake	2.68%	3.24%
Latchford	1.13%	
Armstrong	1%	
Coleman	0.05%	
Englehart	0.94%	0.98%
Coleman	0.97%	
Evanturel	0.91%	3.30%
McGarry	0.96%	
<b>SUD District HU</b>		
St. Charles	1.20%	1.60%
Killarney	1.12%	
Spanish	0.90%	1.80%
Assiginack	0.91%	0.80%
<b>Algoma HU</b>		
MMA&A		2.55%
Huron Shores	0.89%	0.01%
Wawa		2.09%
Plummer	0.91%	1.79%
St.Josephs	1.16	1.20%
<b>Porcupine</b>		
Hearst	0.97%	1.20%
Kapuskasing		1.50%
Mattice Val Cote	1.05%	
Greenstone	0.00%	0.00%
Smooth Rock Falls	0.96%	0.90%
Hornepayne	0.94%	
Val Rita-Harty		
<b>Renfrew</b>		
South Algonquin	0.10%	





## TEMISKAMING SHORES POLICE SERVICES BOARD

### MINUTES

August 10, 2023 AT 1:00 P.M.

Haileybury Boardroom – City Hall

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by the Board Chair at 1:00 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Jeff Laferriere, Danny Whalen (electronically) Monique Chartrand,  
Tyler Twarowski, Jeff Davis

ALSO

PRESENT: Wayne Brunke, OPP  
Amy Vickery, City Manager  
Kelly Conlin, Board Secretary

REGRETS:

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT: 0

3. **ADDENDUM / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Resolution 2023-013

Moved by: Monique Chartrand

Seconded by: Jeff Davis

Be it resolved that the Temiskaming Shores Police Services Board approves the agenda as printed.

**CARRIED**

5. **PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS**

None



6. **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE**

None

7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a) Regular Police Services Board Meeting – April 19, 2023

Resolution 2023-014

Moved by: Jeff Davis

Seconded by: Monique Chartrand

Be it resolved that the Temiskaming Shores Police Services Board approves the agenda as printed.

**CARRIED**

8. **COMMUNICATIONS**

a) Ken Weatherill, Assistant Deputy Minister, Public Safety Division – Ministry of Solicitor General

**Re:** Proceeds of Crime (POC) Front Line Policing (FLP) Grant Program, Call for Applications

**Reference:** Received for Information

b) Sarah Caldwell, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy Division, Ministry of Solicitor General

**Re:** Temiskaming OPP Detachment Board Approval to next step

**Reference:** Received for Information

c) Penny St. Germain, Temagami Police Services Board

**Re:** Zone 1A Update (Minutes from May 30<sup>th</sup>) & Inspectorate of Policing Presentation

**Reference:** Received for Information



d) Colleen Wansbrough, Appointments Officer, Ministry of Solicitor General

**Re:** Appointment of Tyler Twarowski

**Reference:** Received for Information

**Resolution 2023-015**

Moved by: Monique Chartrand

Seconded by: Jeff Davis

Be it resolved that the Temiskaming Shores Police Services Board acknowledges receipt of Communications items 8a) through d)

**CARRIED**

**9. OPP BUSINESS**

a) OPP Temiskaming Detachment Report: April to June 2023

Wayne Brunke reviewed in detail, the Detachment Report for April to June 2023. Wyane highlighted clearance rates, increases and decreases in specific areas, and informed the Board of new recruits that have recently been hired for the Detachment.

**Resolution 2023-016**

Moved by: Tyler Twarowski

Seconded by: Jeff Davis

Be it resolved that the Temiskaming Shores Police Services Board acknowledges receipt of the April to June OPP Temiskaming Detachment Report.

**CARRIED**

**10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

None



**12. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

Regular Police Services Board meetings for 2023 are as follows:

a) October TBD

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution 2023-017

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Be it resolved that the Regular Meeting of the Temiskaming Shores Police Services Board be hereby adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

**CARRIED**



## **1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m.

## **2.0 ROLL CALL**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Councillor Melanie Ducharme, Temiskaming Shores | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amy Vickery, City Manager |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Councillor Mark Wilson, Temiskaming Shores      | <input type="checkbox"/> Steve Dalley, Cobalt CAO             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor Angela Adshead, Cobalt                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Stephanie Leveille, Treasurer        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Councillor Pat Anderson, Cobalt (Chair)         |   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mitch McCrank, Manager of Transportation        |   |

## **3.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE**

None

## **4.0 REVIEW OF REVISIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA**

None.

## **5.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Recommendation TC-2023-010

Moved by: Councillor Melanie Ducharme

Be it resolved that:

The Temiskaming Transit Committee agenda for the June 15, 2023 meeting be approved as printed.

**CARRIED**

## **6.0 REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Recommendation TC-2023-011

Moved by: Councillor Mark Wilson

Be it resolved that:

The Temiskaming Transit Committee minutes for the March 16, 2023 meeting be adopted as printed.

**CARRIED**



## **7.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

### **a) Request for Transit Stop - District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board**

The committee reviewed the letter from Steve Cox regarding the request for a bus shelter outside 100 Market Street. The committee is in support of a partnership with DTSSAB being responsible for the cost of the shelter, and the City being responsible for the installation and maintenance of the shelter. The committee directed the Manager of Transportation Services to offer this solution to Mr. Cox.

### **b) Request from Relocation of Transit Stop - Wild Wing**

The Manager of Transportation Services presented a request from the owner of Wild Wing for the installation of a bump out patio on Whitewood. The committee discussed possible relocations of the transit stop but the preferred and best location is where is due to the locations of other stops along the route, the parking lane and the turning lane. However, if the accessible spot was relocated, the transit stop would not be affected. This request has been forwarded to the Accessibility Committee for their review.

## **8.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **9.0 NEW BUSINESS**

### **a) Discussion with Northern College**

Tammy Mackey from Northern College presented concerns and suggestions on behalf of student riders. It was requested that the bus shelter by the Rock Walk Park be relocated to the front of the college. The Manager of Transportation Services explained the reason for the stop being at its current location is the bus route, and the bus being able to turn around on the current route. The committee agreed the stop would stay where is.

The current bus schedule was discussed as it does not accurately line up with class schedules. For example, clinical placements beginning at 6am. Students are finding it difficult to get to and from certain classes.

### **b) Discussion with Chamber**

Local businesses are also finding it difficult to have employees to work on time with current bus schedules. The cost of the transit was discussed and the possibility of corporate sponsorships and advertising to help with growing costs.



The need of a more formal proposal from the Chamber is needed so the committee is able to better understand the impact and need. Partnering with the Chamber and local businesses is important. A survey from the Chamber to access data from businesses would be helpful. A corporate plan for transit can be promoted through the Chamber. Mark will help make this connection on behalf of the Transit Committee.

**c) Memorandum of Understanding – Temiskaming Shores and Cobalt**

A memo of Understanding is still required for the continued partnership to outline financials, goals, objectives and expectations. Cobalt's current share is 13.19%, which is outdated and needs to be reviewed.

**d) Transit Notice and Hours of Operation**

Mitch updated the Committee on the current operations with Voyago. It was noted that everything is going well and a notice will be released as we have fully transitioned. The current peak schedule will be used for a while which will be posted on social media, the speaker and radio.

Recommendation TC-2023-012

Moved by: Councillor Mark Wilson

Be resolved that the Transit Committee approved the current hours of operation and directs staff to release the Public Notice as written.

**CARRIED**

Temiskaming Transit is the 8<sup>th</sup> smallest service in Ontario and has a standard City bus which is difficult to maintain due to parts, etc. Staff recommended a hybrid fleet be considered with a 28 ft accessible bus which would save on capital costs. This bus would fit 25 people with standing room and more fuel efficient.

It was discussed that on demand to be looked at in the future.

The Committee passed the following Recommendation to have the funding amended and buses purchases.

Recommendation TC-2023-013

Moved by: Councillor Melanie Ducharme

Be it resolved that:

The Transit Committee directs staff to review the ICIP funding and amend the application to apply for two transit buses that meet our current needs, include the engine repair and transit study and further, upon funding approval, directs staff to proceed with the purchase of the buses.

**CARRIED**



**e) Transit Maintenance**

Currently the Mechanics are having a difficult time purchasing parts. The unexpected costs of maintaining the buses are due to the large, expensive parts needed. Mitch informed the Committee that more preventative maintenance is necessary to try and curve the rising costs of maintenance. Mitch will discuss this with the Mechanics.

**f) Voyago Emergency Bus**

Mitch reported to the Committee that Voyago had to bring in an emergency bus while one of the regular buses was down. This is considered outside the contract and Mitch will work out the details with Voyago and report back to the Committee.

**g) Rural Transit Solutions Fund**

The Committee discussed funding opportunities to obtain some ideas and feedback on applications. The Committee directed Mitch to prepare an email with those details to share thoughts on how to move forward with an application to the Fund.

**h) Financial Report**

Mitch outlined the financial report.

Recommendation 2013-014

Moved by: Councillor Mark Wilson

Be it resolved that:

The Committee accepted the Financial Report ending May 31, 2023 as presented.

**CARRIED**

**10.0 MEETING SCHEDULE**

The next Transit Committee meeting will be scheduled for the end of September.

**11.0 ADJOURNMENT**

Recommendation TC-2023-015

Moved by: Councillor Mark Wilson

Be it resolved that:

The Transit Committee meeting is adjourned at 5:13 pm.

**CARRIED**





## MINUTES

### Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health

Regular Meeting held on June 7, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.

Englehart Family Health Boardroom / Microsoft Teams

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1. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

**Board of Health Members**

Jesse Foley	Vice-Chair, Municipal Appointee for Temiskaming Shores
Casey Owens	Municipal Appointee for Town of Kirkland Lake
Mark Wilson	Municipal Appointee for Temiskaming Shores ( <i>Video</i> )
Jeff Laferriere	Municipal Appointee for Temiskaming Shores
Curtis Arthur	Provincial Appointee (6:37 pm)
Guy Godmaire	Municipal Representative for Township of Brethour, Harris, Harley & Casey, Village of Thornloe
Steve McIntyre	Municipal Appointee for Township of Armstrong, Hudson, James, Kerns & Matachewan ( <i>Video, joined at 7:18 pm</i> )
Carol Lowery	Municipal Appointee for Town of Cobalt, Town of Latchford, Municipality of Temagami, and Township of Coleman ( <i>Video</i> )

**Regrets**

Stacy Wight	Chair, Municipal Appointee of Kirkland Lake
Paul Kelly	Municipal Appointee for Township of Larder Lake, McGarry & Gauthier
Vacant	Municipal Appointee for Township of Chamberlain, Charlton, Evanturel, Hilliard, Dack & Town of Englehart

**Timiskaming Health Unit Staff Members**

Dr. Glenn Corneil	Acting Medical Officer of Health/CEO
Randy Winters	Director of Corporate Services
Erin Cowan	Director of Strategic Services and Health Promotion
Rachelle Cote	Executive Assistant

Patricia Quinn	Mayor – Larder Lake, Public Attendee ( <i>Video</i> )
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3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION #33R-2023**

Moved by: Jeff Laferriere

Seconded by: Casey Owens

Be it resolved that the Board of Health adopts the agenda for its regular meeting held on June 7, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED



4. **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE**

None.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION #34R-2023**

Moved by: Guy Godmaire

Seconded by: Curtis Arthur

Be it resolved that the Board of Health approves the minutes of its regular meeting held on May 3, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED

6. **BUSINESS ARISING**

N/A

7. **PRESENTATION: 2022 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

December Year-End & Land Control

By: Steve Acland

**MOTION #35R-2023**

Moved by: Curtis Arthur

Seconded by: Casey Owens

Be it resolved that the Board of Health approves the Audited Financial Statements for year 2022, as presented.

CARRIED

8. **REPORTS OF MOH/CEO**

Dr. Corneil provided a summary of the local COVID-19 situation and other related updates.

Management Quarterly Reports: correction to timeline provided at last meeting – a mid-year report to be presented on September 6, 2023.

Forest Fire Smoke - Air Quality: With the ongoing surrounding forest fires, THU is providing some communications on social media regarding safety recommendations to minimize the health effects of the fire smoke on residents. THU does not monitor the air quality due to forest fire smoke. For sports teams or other organizations providing outdoor activities to reach out to THU should they have any concerns on proceeding with their events.

9. **HUMAN RESOURCES & FINANCE UPDATE**

Randy Winters provided an update for information purposes.

Community Safety and Well-Being Plan: Once the program coordinator is in place, an invoice will be issued to the applicable municipalities to begin the implementation of the collective work plan.



10. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Briefing Note: Living Wage Employer Certification**

**MOTION #36R-2023**

Moved by: Carol Lowery

Seconded by: Casey Owens

Be it resolved that the Board of Health resolves to:

1. Endorse the principle of living wage employment and direct the Medical Officer of Health to pursue certification for THU to become a Living Wage Employer;
2. And further that , the Board encourages all employers across our service area to recognize the serious health and societal costs of inadequate income.

CARRIED

b. **BOH Governance Manual 2023**

**MOTION #37R-2023**

Moved by: Jeff Laferriere

Seconded by: Curtis Arthur

Be it resolved that the Board of Health approves the updated Board of Health Governance Manual 2023.

CARRIED

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

**MOTION #38R-2023**

Moved by: Guy Godmaire

Seconded by: Casey Owens

Be it resolved the Board of Health acknowledges receipt of the correspondence for information purposes.

CARRIED

12. **IN-CAMERA**

Nothing to report.

13. **RISE AND REPORT**

N/A

14. **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

The next Board of Health meeting will be held on September 6, 2023 at 6:30 pm in Kirkland Lake.



15. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION #39R-2023**

Moved by: Casey Owens

Seconded by: Mark Wilson

Be it resolved that the Board of Health agrees to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:30 pm.

CARRIED

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Jesse Foley, Board Vice-Chair

Rachelle Cote, Recorder





## MINUTES

### Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health

Special Meeting held on August 10, 2023 at 4:30 P.M.

New Liskeard THU Auditorium / Microsoft Teams

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1. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm.

2. **ROLL CALL**

**Board of Health Members**

Stacy Wight	Chair, Municipal Appointee of Kirkland Lake
Jesse Foley	Vice-Chair, Municipal Appointee for Temiskaming Shores ( <i>Video</i> )
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**Regrets**

Mark Wilson	Municipal Appointee for Temiskaming Shores
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Randy Winters	Director of Corporate and Protection Services
Erin Cowan	Director of Strategic Services and Health Promotion
Rachelle Cote	Executive Assistant

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION #1S-2023**

Moved by: Casey Owens

Seconded by: Guy Godmaire

Be it resolved that the Board of Health adopts the agenda for its special meeting held on August 10, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED



4. **IN-CAMERA**

**MOTION #2S-2023**

Moved by: Gord Saunders

Seconded by: Paul Kelly

The Board of Health agrees to move in-camera at 4:34 pm to discuss the following matter under section 239 (2):

- MOH Update – Confidential Matter

CARRIED

5. **RISE AND REPORT**

**MOTION #3S-2023**

Moved by: Casey Owens

Seconded by: Guy Godmaire

The Board of Health agrees to rise without report at 5:29 pm.

6. **DATES OF NEXT MEETING**

The next regular Board of Health meeting will be held on September 6, 2023 at 6:30 pm in Kirkland Lake.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION #4S-2023**

Moved by: Gord Saunders

Seconded by: Paul Kelly

Be it resolved that the Board of Health agrees to adjourn the special meeting at 5:30 p.m.

CARRIED

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Stacy Wight, Board Chair

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Rachelle Cote, Recorder



## **Report to Council**

### **2023 AMO Conference - London Ontario**

Prepared By: Councillor Danny Whalen

The annual conference had approximately 1500 delegates. Due to the smaller and spread out venues the attendance was not as high as other years.

Speakers included premier Doug Ford, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health Sylvia Jones, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Steve Clark, Leader of the NDP Marit Stiles, liberal Interim Leader John Fraser, Green Party leader Mike Schreiner and AMO President Colin Best.

I attended the Kirkland Lake delegation regarding Boreal Forest Medieval Villages. We were pleased with the response from The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing on this issue. Ministry of Environment officials have been and will continue site visits of all developments on unincorporated land.

The Ontario Chief Building Official is currently in the process of contracting with trained building official and most all legislative changes required have been passed.

As FONOM President I also had joint delegations with the North Western Municipal Association (NOMA) and the Northern Ontario Service Delivers Association (NOSDA). This delegation was attended by Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Child and Family Services, Health, Mental Health and Addiction, Solicitor General, Education and Minister of Colleges and Universities.

I attended a meeting with PA Robin Martin to review and discuss past, current and future funding for Public Health Units. Deputy Premier and Minister of Health Sylvia Jones then made a funding change announcement on PHU funding shares the next day.

I was invited by the Solicitor General Minister Kerzner and Attorney General Doug Downey to discuss Bail Reform and progress on the Board created by FONOM with northern police services and police service boards. This was a very successful meeting and both Ministers asked questions and offered suggestions to further our work.

I was able to make one round of the suppliers and service providers trade show and spoke to many that currently provide to the city.

Our Northern Ontario Hospitality Suite was once again the place to be on Monday evening. We had over 600 people pass through in the three hours. We



also had 11 Ministers, 8 Parliamentary Assistants and numerous provincial staff attend.

Announcements of note:

- Housing Accelerator Fund
- Return to past funding levels for Public Health Units
- 1.2 Billion Housing incentive program





## Legislative Services

July 26, 2023

Sent via email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Honourable and Dear Sir:

**Re: Controls on Airbnb, VRBO and Others Which Affect Municipal Rentals**

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of July 24, 2023 passed the following resolution:

**Whereas** global technology platforms such as Airbnb or VRBO were created to improve global access to rental opportunities, particularly those available for vacation or shorter-term business purposes, and

**Whereas** the impact of these “disruptive technologies” on rental markets has raised the following concerns in the past decade:

- Concentration of ownership and proliferation of landlord corporations with minimal interest in or accountability to local communities
- Removal of housing stock from long-term rental markets with resulting increases in rents
- Lack of control over occupancy (e.g. families vs large groups of partygoers)
- Incidence of nuisance infractions (noise, garbage, parking), and

**Whereas** any reduction in the availability of long-term housing stock runs counter to the Province of Ontario’s goal of 1.5 million additional homes in the next 10 years, and

**Whereas** growth in short-term rental markets may also have a negative impact on housing affordability for the seasonal workers who service tourist destinations or farming communities, and

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Mailing Address:

The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie  
1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie ON L2A 2S6

Office Hours 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Phone: (905) 871-1600 FAX: (905) 871-4022

Web-site: [www.forterie.ca](http://www.forterie.ca)



**Whereas** implementing local/municipal restrictions through municipal law enforcement tools (licensing) and municipal planning tools (zoning by-law restrictions) may push demand to other communities, and

**Whereas** some platforms (e.g. Airbnb) are already working toward providing notice to owners about municipal regulations and licensing through a license number field, and

**Whereas** some jurisdictions (e.g. Quebec, Scotland) have acknowledged the limitations of local authorities/municipalities in controlling the impact of global technologies and have developed comprehensive regulatory frameworks, and

**Whereas** a comprehensive, consistent regulatory approach is likely to prove more effective in Ontario,

**Now, therefore, be it resolved,**

**That:** Council requests the Government of Ontario to establish a regulatory framework requiring digital platforms such as Airbnb and VRBO to:

1. Require owners using the digital platforms to comply with municipal planning and licensing regulations, and
2. Prevent advertising of properties that are not registered with the relevant municipality, and
3. Provide a contact with the platform to ensure ongoing and effective communications for provincial and municipal officials and further

**That:** The Province of Ontario work with municipalities to address situations in which long-term housing stock has been lost to corporate ownership of short-term rental properties and further

**That:** A copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario (Hon. Doug Ford), the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (Hon. Steve Clarke), local MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all municipalities in Ontario.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kind regards,

Ashlea Carter, AMP

Deputy Clerk

[acarter@forterie.ca](mailto:acarter@forterie.ca)

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Attach.

c.c. The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing [minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)  
Jennifer Stevens, MPP - St. Catharines [JStevens-CO@ndp.on.ca](mailto:JStevens-CO@ndp.on.ca)  
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All Ontario Municipalities



# **Memo**

**To:** Mayor and Council  
**From:** Amy Vickery, City Manager  
**Date:** September 19, 2023  
**Subject:** Enhanced Smoking & Vaping By-law  
**Attachments:** None

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Mayor and Council:

As you know, Council heard a presentation on July 11, 2023, from the Timiskaming Health Unit encouraging the adoption of an enhanced smoking and vaping by-law within the City of Temiskaming Shores.

The presentation encouraged the City to be a leader in the district to expand and adopt a by-law under Section 115 (Smoking in Public Places, etc.) of the Municipal Act, 2001 to include no smoking, vaping or cannabis use in additional outdoor settings not currently covered by the Smoke Free Ontario Act, 2017 (SFOA). This type of by-law is subject to set fines (Section 425 of the M.A., 2001) and would require staffing resources to implement and enforce.

Currently, the Timiskaming Health Unit is the appointed agency for enforcement of the Smoke Free Ontario Act, 2017 and would be limited to the provisions within the SFOA; No smoking, vaping or cannabis use in indoor public spaces, sporting areas, children's playgrounds, school property, restaurants, and bar patios. An enhanced by-law would have the City assume the enhanced provisions and be required to provide administration and enforcement to address the matters that apply to the SFOA but are more restrictive.

The level of service for by-law enforcement and administrative supports would require a more comprehensive analysis to determine the required resources and cost. Given the recent announcement of the voluntary merger between the Porcupine Health Unit and the Timiskaming Health Unit, we would want to better understand any additional impacts to the municipal level.

The statistics are concerning, and smoke free environments make for healthier communities; however, further direction and consideration would be required, and the timing of these changes makes it difficult to provide a solid recommendation by staff at this time.



The communities within the Timiskaming District have also just begun taking a coordinated approach to the implementation of Community Safety Well Being Planning, and perhaps this is a forum for the district to make a shared commitment to community education and awareness for positive impacts district wide.

Staff recommend this matter be referred to the Community Safety Well Being Committee for discussion and consideration and possible further direction to the affected communities in the district.

Prepared for information  
only by:

*“Original signed by”*

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Amy Vickery  
City Manager



# Memo

**To:** Mayor and Council  
**From:** James Franks  
**Date:** September 19, 2023  
**Subject:** Land Sale Agreement with TIME Ltd.  
**Attachments:** Draft By-law (**Please refer to By-law No. 2023-100**)

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Mayor and Council:

When a parcel of industrial land is sold to a business, we ask that they sign an agreement with the City to develop the land with a building within a period of time to ensure that the City receives new tax revenues from the land sale. The second reason that we ask for the development to be completed within a certain timeframe, is to ensure that lots are not purchased for speculation or resold for a profit later. The goal of selling industrial and commercial lands is to create new taxation revenue for City operations and capital projects without increasing the current ratepayer fees.

The potential land disposition of lots within the Industrial Park to Time Ltd. was discussed at the September 5, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting, and Council directed staff to prepare the necessary by-law to enter into an agreement with Temiskaming Mining Equipment Limited to complete the sale of City owned land legally described as: PLAN 54R5639 PT S ½ LT 6 CON 1 DYMOND PTS 2, 3, 4 and Part of PT 1, City of Temiskaming Shores, for consideration at the September 19, 2023 Regular Council meeting.

As such, the Offer to Purchase - Schedule A, and the Property Development Agreement – Schedule B were finalized for Council consideration (attached Draft By-law No. 2023-100). The Development Agreement was originally prepared by the City's lawyer for the sale of City-owned land in our industrial and commercial parks; however, Staff wanted to ensure that Council was aware of a couple of amendments to this draft agreement by the purchaser, TIME Ltd.

In the original agreement, the amount of building value per lot is \$100,000, which is probably getting a little out of date, but is still relevant to smaller business operations. For the Time Ltd. agreement, staff recommended a building value of \$400,000 per lot or a combined development and construction value of \$2,000,000, and the proponent agrees with that amount.

The original agreement requires that the buildings be constructed within a three (3) year timeline from the date of sale. TIME Ltd. has requested that they be granted five (5) years to develop the site and construct the large building that they are proposing, as they realize that they will have to do studies, engineering, land clearing and preparation prior to



building their new facility. Due to the scale of the development, it may take more time than usual.

Staff are comfortable with these changes and recommend that Council continue to move forward with the amended Property Development Agreement as presented in the bylaw section of the meeting.

Prepared by:

Reviewed and submitted for  
Council's consideration by:

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James Franks  
Economic Development  
Officer

Amy Vickery Menard  
City Manager



# **Memo**

**To:** Mayor and Council  
**From:** Steve Burnett, Manager of Environmental Services  
**Date:** September 19, 2023  
**Subject:** Solid Waste Management By-law Amendment – Tipping Fee Schedule  
**Attachments:** Appendix 01: Landfill(s) Tipping Fee Schedule  
Appendix 02: **Draft By-law No. 2023-101**

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Mayor and Council:

At the Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting held on September 5, 2023, Council directed staff to prepare the necessary By-law to amend By-law No. 2015-128 (Solid Waste Management), for the replacement of the Tipping Fee Schedule in Appendix 03 with a new schedule, for consideration at the September 19, 2023, Regular Council Meeting. This amendment was necessary to accommodate the new operation and scale at the New Liskeard Landfill Site.

Throughout development of the communication strategy for the opening of the new landfill, staff identified that some clarity within the tipping fee schedule would be beneficial as it relates to waste loads consisting of mixed categories.

As a result, staff is recommending that the following phrase be added as a note to the new tipping fee schedule for the New Liskeard Landfill Site:

*“Should a load of waste consist of a mixture of categories, the highest tipping fee rate will apply”.*

Appendix 01 outlines the Landfill(s) Tipping Fee Schedule.

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Steve Burnett  
Manager of Environmental Services

Amy Vickery, CMO  
City Manager



**Tipping Fees: Haileybury Landfill Site**

Category	Description	Applicable Fee/ yard <sup>3</sup>	
		Resident	Non-Resident
1	Flat Rate - \$1.00 per bag up to a maximum of \$4.00 (under one cubic yard)	\$4.00	\$7.00
2	Residential/Commercial Garbage: <i>includes abandoned residential or commercial waste, either animal or vegetable, organic waste, wearing apparel, broken crockery and refuse of a similar nature, but shall not include metal, weighty or bulky articles such as large appliances, furniture, barrels, bed springs, furnaces, or anything of a similar nature.</i>	\$7.00	\$13.00
3	Metals/Bulky Waste: <i>Items whose large size precludes or complicates handling by normal collection, processing, or disposal methods such as furniture and appliances. Also, ferrous metal, aluminum, mixed metal, white goods, and old vehicles.</i>	\$8.00	\$15.00
4	Unsorted Residential/Commercial Garbage and Metals/Bulky Waste – Recyclable materials not sorted from waste	\$15.00	\$29.00
5	Yard Waste: <i>Includes clean wood, brush, yard, and plant materials, suitable for composting purposes.</i>	No Fee	\$5.00
6	Non-Hazardous Waste: <i>includes clean fill</i>	\$8.00	\$15.00
7	Inorganic Earth Like Material: <i>includes reclaimed asphalt products, aggregate, and soils free of chemical contaminants.</i>	\$9.00	\$17.00
8	<i>Sorted Construction and Demolition Waste: Recyclable materials sorted from non – recyclable materials</i>	\$16.00	\$16.00
9	<i>Unsorted Construction and Demolition Waste</i>	\$26.00	\$51.00
10	Contaminated Waste: <i>includes excavated soils containing organic or hydrocarbon contaminants at a level that is acceptable to the Ministry of the Environment for disposal at the Municipality's Landfill Site.</i> <i>Asbestos waste includes \$100.00 flat rate, plus tipping fee.</i>	\$50.00	\$100.00
11	Freon Containing Items	\$75 each	\$150 each
12	Rubber Tires: Passenger Vehicle and Light Truck Tires Medium Truck Tires Small and Medium Off-the-Road Tires	No Fee	
	<b>Notes:</b> 1. All other tire sizes will not be accepted at the Landfill Site. 2. Landfill attendant shall accept up to a total of ten (10) tires per day per person.		

**Note:** The landfill site will only accept waste that is within the conditions of the Environmental Compliance Approval.



**Tipping Fees: New Liskeard Landfill Site**

Category	Description	Applicable Fee Per Metric Tonnes/Per Cubic Yard	
		Resident	Non-Resident
1	Flat Rate – Scale Fee/under 1 cubic yard	\$5.00	\$10.00
2	Sorted Residential/Commercial/Sorted Construction/Metals/Bulky Waste/ Non-Hazardous Waste: <i>includes abandoned residential or commercial waste, either animal or vegetable, organic waste, wearing apparel, broken crockery and refuse of a similar nature. Items whose large size precludes or complicates handling by normal collection, processing, or disposal methods such as furniture and appliances. Also, ferrous metal, aluminum, mixed metal, white goods, and old vehicles.</i>	\$20.00/\$10.00	\$40.00/\$20.00
3	Unsorted Residential/Commercial/Construction Waste and Inorganic Earth Like Material – <i>Recyclable materials not sorted from waste and reclaimed asphalt products, aggregate, and soils free of chemical contaminants.</i>	\$40.00/\$20.00	\$80.00/\$40.00
4	Yard Waste: <i>Includes clean wood, brush, yard, and plant materials.</i>	\$10.00/\$5.00	\$20.00/\$10.00
5	Contaminated Waste: <i>includes excavated soils containing organic or hydrocarbon contaminants at a level that is acceptable to the Ministry of the Environment for disposal at the Municipality's Landfill Site. Asbestos waste includes \$100.00 flat rate, plus tipping fee.</i>	\$75.00/\$50.00	\$150.00/\$100.00
6	Freon Containing Items	\$75 each	\$150 each
7	Rubber Tires: <i>Passenger Vehicle and Light Truck Tires</i> <i>Medium Truck Tires</i> <i>Small and Medium Off-the-Road Tires</i>	No Fee	
	<b>Notes:</b> 1. All other tire sizes will not be accepted at the Landfill Site. 2. Landfill attendant shall accept up to a total of ten (10) tires per day per person.		

**Notes:**

1. The landfill site will only accept waste that is within the conditions of the Environmental Compliance Approval.
2. Should a load of waste consist of a mixture of categories, the highest tipping fee rate will apply.



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**Subject:** Purchase Agreement – Metrolinx/  
Creative Carriage Transit Buses

**Report No.:** PW-022-2023

**Agenda Date:** September 19, 2023

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### **Attachments**

**Appendix 01:** Draft By-law Agreement (**Please refer to By-law No. 2023-103**)

### **Recommendations**

It is recommended:

1. That Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores acknowledges receipt of Administrative Report PW-022-2023; and
2. That Council directs staff to prepare the necessary by-law to enter into an agreement with Creative Carriage Ltd. for the supply and delivery of two (2), 8-meter low floor transit buses within the Metrolinx Group Procurement Program, for a total upset limit of \$553,006.44 plus applicable taxes, for consideration at the September 19, 2023 Regular Council meeting.

### **Background**

In June of 2019, the Temiskaming Transit Committee, engaged the Metrolinx Transit Procurement Initiative (TPI) for a joint procurement with several other transit agencies in Ontario. This purchase was for the supply and delivery of a 9-meter bus. This purchase was approved and completed in a timely manner and below market pricing in 2020.

In July of 2023, staff once again asked Temiskaming Transit Committee for their support to utilize the Procurement Initiative to purchase Transit Fleet. By going through the TPI, the City can once again see the advantages of timely purchasing, reduced costs and all-in-one pricing.

Staff have been working with the Vendor, Creative Carriage, and our Operator, Voyago, to procure the best buses that suit our system needs.

The purchase of two (2), 8-meter low floor transit buses are the recommended solutions. Both buses will be compliant with the AODA (Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act), gasoline powered, standing room available, and equipped with an emergency exit at rear. These buses will be easier to staff considering they will not need an air brake designation to operate. The seating capacity will be 24 plus standing.



In order to take advantage of incentives and timeliness of delivery, staff are asking Council to commit to this purchase agreement this year with the understanding that payment for the buses will occur in a future budget year of 2024 or 2025.

### **Analysis**

The Temiskaming Transit has been successful in acquiring ICIP funding for bus purchases, in which the contribution from the Temiskaming Transit will be 26.67% of all costs associated with this purchase. This represents an overall cost of \$147,486.82.

This proposed procurement was presented to and discussed at the Transit Committee meeting held on June 15, 2023, with the following recommendation:

#### **Recommendation TC-2023-013**

Moved by: Mel Ducharme

Be it resolved that:

The Transit Committee directs staff to review the ICIP funding and amend the application to apply for two transit buses that meet our current needs, include the engine repair and transit study and further, upon funding approval, directs staff to proceed with the purchase of the buses.

**CARRIED**

### **Relevant Policy / Legislation / City By-Law**

- By-Law No. 2017-015, Procurement Policy
- Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)

### **Consultation / Communication**

- Temiskaming Transit Committee
- Metrolinx and Creative Carriage staff
- Voyago Procurement team
- City Manager, Treasurer, and Public Works Maintenance Staff



### **Financial / Staffing Implications**

This item has been approved in the current budget: Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A ☐

This item is within the approved budget amount: Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☒

This purchase would form part of the City's 2024 Capital Budget.

### **Climate Considerations**

Climate Lens has been complete. Based on the results there are no expectations for increased GHG emissions, increased temperature, or increased precipitation based on this contract. The switch to gasoline powered vehicles will reduce GHG emissions compared to diesel and will be more efficient.

### **Alternatives**

No alternatives were recommended. The Transit system is in need of newer buses to limit maintenance costs and uncertainty in operations.

### **Submission**

Prepared by:

Reviewed and submitted for Council's consideration by:

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Mitch McCrank, CET  
Manager of Transportation Services

Amy Vickery, CMO  
City Manager



**The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores**

**By-law No. 2023-099**

**Being a by-law to amend By-law No. 2022-185, as amended to  
appoint community representatives to various Committees and  
Boards for the 2023-2026 Term of Council (BIA)**

**Whereas** under Section 8 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, the powers of a municipality shall be interpreted broadly to enable it to govern its affairs as it considers appropriate and to enhance the municipality's ability to respond to municipal issues; and

**Whereas** under Section 9 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under this or any other Act; and

**Whereas** under Section 10 (1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, a single-tier municipality may provide any service or thing that the municipality considers necessary or desirable for the public; and

**Whereas** Council adopted By-law No. 2022-185 to appoint community representatives to various Committees and Boards for the 2023-2026 term of Council at the Regular Meeting of Council on December 20, 2022; and

**Whereas** Suzanne Othmer tendered her resignation as community representative on the New Liskeard Business Improvement Area Board of Management, effective July 18, 2023.

**Now therefore** the Council of The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores hereby enacts the following as a by-law:

1. That Schedule "A" to By-law No. 2022-185, as amended be further amended by removing Suzanne Othmer as community representative on the New Liskeard Business Improvement Area Board of Management for the 2023-2026 Term of Council.
2. That the Clerk of the City of Temiskaming Shores is hereby authorized to make minor changes or corrections of a grammatical or typographical nature to the By-law and schedule, after the passage of this By-law, where such modifications or corrections do not alter the intent of the By-law.

**Read a first, second and third time and finally passed** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.

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Mayor

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Clerk



**The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores**

**By-law No. 2023-100**

**Being a by-law to authorize the Sale of Land being a legally  
identified on PLAN 54R5639 PT S ½ LT 6 CON 1 DYMOND PTS  
2, 3, 4 and Part of PT 1, to Temiskaming Industrial Mining  
Equipment Limited**

**Whereas** under Section 8 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, amended, the powers of a municipality shall be interpreted broadly to enable it to govern its affairs as it considers appropriate and to enhance the municipality's ability to respond to municipal issues; and

**Whereas** under Section 9 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under this or any other Act; and

**Whereas** under Section 10 (1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, a single-tier municipality may provide any service or thing that the municipality considers necessary or desirable for the public; and

**Whereas** By-law No. 2015-160 establishes procedures for the disposal of real property, including the governing the sale of commercial/industrial land; and

**Whereas** at the September 5, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting, Council directed staff to prepare the necessary by-law to enter into an agreement with Temiskaming Mining Equipment Limited to complete the sale of City owned land legally described as: PLAN 54R5639 PT S ½ LT 6 CON 1 DYMOND PTS 2, 3, 4 and Part of PT 1, City of Temiskaming Shores in the amount of \$350,000.00, plus applicable taxes and legal fees for consideration at the September 19, 2023 Regular Council meeting; and

**Whereas** at the September 19, 2023 Regular Council meeting, Council accepted amendments to the Property Development Agreement to increase the building value per lot to \$400,000 and to increase the time to develop the property from three (3) years to five (5) years, and directed staff to prepare the necessary by-law to enter into an agreement with Temiskaming Mining Equipment Limited, including the proposed amendments, to complete the sale of City owned land legally described as: PLAN 54R5639 PT S ½ LT 6 CON 1 DYMOND PTS 2, 3, 4 and Part of PT 1, City of Temiskaming Shores for consideration at the September 19, 2023 Regular Council meeting.

**Now therefore** the Council of The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores enacts the following as a by-law:

1. That Council hereby confirms the procedures set forth in By-law No. 2015-160 have been followed by the municipality in order to allow for the sale of lands herein after referred to in this By-law.
2. That Council authorizes the entering into an Agreement of Purchase and Sale



between Temiskaming Industrial Mining Equipment Limited as Purchaser and The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores as Vendor, in the form annexed hereto as Schedule "A" and forming part of this by-law.

3. That Council authorizes the entering into a Property Development Agreement between The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores and Temiskaming Industrial Mining Equipment Limited, in the form annexed hereto as Schedule "B" and forming part of this by-law.
4. That Council agrees to sell the subject lands in the amount of \$350,000.00 plus applicable taxes and other such considerations outlined in the said agreement, for the lands described as:
  - PLAN 54R5639 PT S ½ LT 6 CON 1 DYMOND PTS 2, 3, 4 and Part of PT 1.
5. That the Clerk of the City of Temiskaming Shores is hereby authorized to make any minor modifications or corrections of an administrative, numerical, grammatical, semantically or descriptive nature or kind to the by-law and schedule as may be deemed necessary after the passage of this by-law, where such modifications or corrections do not alter the intent of the by-law.

**Read a first, second and third time and finally passed** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023

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Mayor

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Clerk





**Schedule “A” to  
By-Law 2023-100**

**Agreement of Purchase and Sale**

Between

**Temiskaming Industrial Mining Equipment Limited (purchaser)**

and

**The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores (vendor)**

PLAN 54R5639 PT S ½ LT 6 CON 1 DYMOND PTS 2, 3, 4 and Part of PT 1



## Offer to Purchase

**Temiskaming Industrial Mining Equipment Limited,**  
(as "Purchaser"), having inspected the property, hereby agree to and with  
**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF TEMISKAMING SHORES,**  
(as "Vendor") to purchase the property being:  
PIN NUMBERS 61335-0407, 0409, 0430, 0436 & 0437  
PT S 1/2 LT 6 CON 1 DYMOND PTS 2,3,4 and part of PT 1 PLAN 54R5639;  
TEMISKAMING SHORES; DISTRICT OF TIMISKAMING

(Herein called the "Real Property") at the price of \$350,000.00 (*Selling Price*) payable 5% to the Vendor as a deposit to be held in trust pending completion or other termination of this Agreement and to be credited on account of the purchase price on closing and agree to pay the balance of the purchase price by certified cheque, subject to adjustments, on the closing date hereinafter set forth.

This offer to Purchase shall be conditional upon the Purchaser entering into an agreement with the Vendor on or before closing substantially in the form attached hereto as Schedule "A" failing which this Offer to Purchase shall be null and void and the deposit returned to the Purchaser without any reduction or interest. Only the Vendor may waive this condition at its option.

### RELEASE OF INFORMATION:

Vendor authorizes the release of any information relating to the Real Property to the Purchaser and the Purchaser's solicitor by any governmental body or authority and appoints the Purchaser and the Purchaser's solicitor as its agent for the purpose. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing the Vendor consents to the disclosure to the Purchaser and the Purchaser's solicitor of any information relating to the Real Property or the use thereof pursuant to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, R.S.O. 1990, C.F. 31 and the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, R.S.O. 1990, C. M. 56.

### DEFICIENCY NOTICES AND WORK ORDERS:

The Vendor represents that as at the date of acceptance hereof the Vendor has not received from any municipal or other governmental authority any deficiency notice or work order affecting the Real Property pursuant to which any deficiencies are required to be remedied or any demolition, repairs or replacements are required to be carried out. If the Vendor receives any such deficiency notice or work order after the date of acceptance hereof, the Vendor shall forthwith produce same to the Purchaser for inspection. If by the date of closing the Vendor has not either (a) complied with such deficiency notice or work order, or (b) settled with the Purchaser any question of an abatement of the purchase price arising out of such deficiency notice or work order, the Purchaser may at his option either (a) accept the Real Property subject to such deficiency notice or work order or (b) terminate this Agreement. In the event of termination as aforesaid, all moneys paid hereunder shall be returned to the Purchaser without interest or deductions.

### ADOPTION OF LSUC - OBA DOCUMENT REGISTRATION AGREEMENT

Provided the solicitors for each of the Vendor and the Purchaser are able to complete transactions using electronic registration, the parties agree to complete this transaction using electronic

*Handwritten signature/initials*



registration, to adopt the LSUC-OBA Document Registration Agreement in use on the Closing Date, and to abide by, and instruct their solicitors to abide by, the closing procedures set forth therein for electronic registration.

**ACCEPTANCE:**

This Offer shall be irrevocable by the Purchaser until **11:59 P.M. on the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the date of signing the offer**, after which time, if not accepted, this Offer shall be null and void and the deposit returned to the Purchaser without interest or deduction.

**TITLE:**

Title to the Real Property shall be good and free from all encumbrances, except as set out in this Agreement, and except local rates, and except as to any registered restrictions or covenants that run with the land, and subdivision agreements with the municipality, provided the same have been complied with, and except for minor easements for hydro, gas, telephone or like services. Purchaser shall accept the Real Property subject to municipal and other governmental requirements, including building and zoning by-laws, regulations and orders, provided same have been complied with.

**REQUISITIONS:**

Purchaser shall be allowed until closing to investigate the title at his own expense and to satisfy himself that there is no breach of municipal or other governmental requirements affecting the Real Property, that its present use may be lawfully continued and that the principal buildings may be insured against risk of fire. If within that time any valid objection to title or to any breach of municipal or other governmental requirements, or to the fact that the present use may not be lawfully continued, or that the principal buildings may not be insured against risk of fire, which the Vendor is unable or unwilling to remove, remedy or satisfy, and which the Purchaser will not waive, this Agreement shall notwithstanding any intermediate acts or negotiations, be null and void and the deposit money returned to the Purchaser, without interest or deduction, and the Vendor shall not be liable for any costs or damages whatever. Save as to any valid objection so made within such time the Purchaser shall be conclusively deemed to have accepted the Vendor's title to the Real Property.

**SURVEYS AND DOCUMENTS:**

The Purchaser shall not call for the production of any title deed, abstract, survey or other evidence of title except such as are in the possession or control of the Vendor. The Vendor agrees that he will deliver any existing survey to the Purchaser as soon as possible and prior to the last day allowed for examining title. In the event that a discharge of any mortgage or charge held by a Chartered Bank, Trust Company, Credit Union or Insurance Company which is not to be assumed by the Purchaser on completion, is not available in registrable form on completion, the Purchaser agrees to accept the Vendor's solicitor's personal undertaking to obtain, out of the closing funds, a discharge or cessation of charge in registrable form and to register same on title within a reasonable period of time after completion, provided that on or before completion the Vendor shall provide to the Purchaser a mortgage statement prepared by the mortgagee setting out the balance required to obtain the discharge, together with a direction executed by the Vendor directing payment to the mortgagee, of the amount required to obtain the discharge out of the balance due on completion.



**CLOSING:**

***This Agreement shall be completed on or before October 31, 2023 on which date vacant possession of the Real Property shall be given to the Purchaser unless otherwise provided for herein.***

**INSPECTION OF PROPERTY:**

The Purchaser acknowledges having inspected the Real Property prior to submitting this Offer and understands that upon the Vendor accepting this offer there shall be a binding Agreement of Purchase and Sale between the Purchaser and the Vendor. The Purchaser shall be entitled to inspect the Real Property immediately prior to the date for completion.

**ADJUSTMENTS:**

Unearned fire insurance premiums, fuel, taxes, rentals and all local improvements and water rates and other charges for municipal improvements to be apportioned and allowed to the date of completion of sale (the day itself to be apportioned to the Purchaser). Provided Purchaser may elect not to accept assignment of fire insurance in which case no adjustment for insurance premiums.

**COSTS:**

The deed or transfer, save for Land Transfer Tax Affidavit, to be prepared at the expense of the Vendor in a form acceptable to the Purchaser and if a mortgage or charge is to be given back, it shall be prepared at the expense of the Purchaser in a form acceptable to the Vendor.

**PLANNING ACT COMPLIANCE:**

This Agreement shall be effective only if the provisions of Section 50 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, C.P. 13 as amended, are complied with, and the Vendor agrees, at his expense, to comply with such provisions and to proceed diligently with the application for such compliance, if necessary.

The Transfer/Deed of Land to be given to the Purchaser shall contain a statement of the Vendor and the Vendor's solicitor pursuant to section 50(22) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, C.P. 13 as amended.

**SPOUSAL CONSENT:**

The Vendor represents and warrants that no consent to this transaction is required pursuant to s.21(1) of the *Family Law Act*, R.S.O. 1990, C.F. 3 unless the Vendor's spouse has executed this agreement to consent thereto, and that the Transfer/Deed shall contain a statement by the Vendor as required by section 21(3) of the *Family Law Act*, R.S.O. 1990, C.F. 13 or the spouse of the Vendor shall execute the Transfer/Deed to consent thereto.

**RESIDENCY OF VENDOR:**

Vendor further agrees to produce evidence that he is not now and that on closing he will not be a non-resident of Canada within the meaning of s.116 of the *Income Tax Act* of Canada, or in the alternative, evidence that the provisions of s.116 regarding disposition of property by a non-resident person have been complied with at or before closing, failing which the Purchaser will be credited towards the purchase price with the amount, if any, which shall be necessary for the





Purchaser to pay to the Minister of Revenue in order to satisfy the Purchaser's liability in respect of tax payable by the Vendor under S. 116 of the *Income Tax Act* of Canada by reason of the sale.

FACSIMILE:

Either party may execute this document by signing a facsimile thereof. The parties agree that execution by any party of a facsimile shall be in all respects identical to execution of an original or photocopy. The parties agree to accept a facsimile of the signature of any party as evidence of the fact that the agreement has been executed by that party. In all respects a facsimile signature may be accepted as having the same effect as an original signature.

COUNTERPART:

This agreement may but need not be executed in counterpart.

TIME OF ESSENCE:

This Offer, when accepted, shall constitute a binding contract of purchase and sale, and time in all respects shall be of the essence in this Agreement.

G.S.T./H.S.T.:

This transaction is subject to Goods and Services Tax (G.S.T.) pursuant to the *Excise Tax Act* (Canada) as amended (the "Act") and/or Harmonized Sales Tax (H.S.T.) pursuant to the Act and the *Ontario Tax Plan for More Jobs and Growth Act*, 2009, S.O. 2009, C.34, and such G.S.T./H.S.T. is in addition to and not included in the purchase price.

The Purchaser is registered under the Act and shall provide the Vendor and his solicitor with proof of his G.S.T./H.S.T. registration and an indemnity in a form reasonably satisfactory to the Vendor and its solicitor.

REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES:

It is agreed that there is no representation, warranty, collateral agreement or condition affecting this Agreement or the Real Property or supported hereby other than as expressed herein in writing.

TENDER:

Any tender of documents or money hereunder may be made upon the Vendor or Purchaser or upon the solicitor acting for the party on whom tender is desired, and it shall be sufficient that a cheque certified by a chartered bank or a trust company or the trust cheque of the law firm acting for the party desiring such tender be tendered instead of cash.

COSTS OF REGISTRATION:

The Purchaser is required to pay the costs of registration and taxes for both parties documents.

COSTS OF LEGAL FEES:

The Purchaser is required to pay the costs of legal fees for both parties documents.





GENDER:

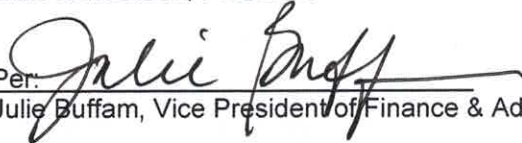
This Offer and the resulting Agreement to be read with all changes of gender or number required by the context.

**SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED** this 31st day of August, 2023.  
in the presence of:

Purchaser: Temiskaming Industrial Mining Equipment Limited.

Per: 

Mike Henderson, President

Per: 

Julie Buffam, Vice President of Finance & Administration

We have authority to bind the Corporation.

The Vendor hereby accepts the above offer.

Dated at the City of Temiskaming Shores this 31st day of August, 2023.

Vendor: **THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF TEMISKAMING SHORES**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jeff Laferriere, Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Logan Belanger, Municipal Clerk

We have authority to bind the Corporation.

Purchaser's Address:

Temiskaming Industrial Mining Equipment Limited  
560 Browning Street  
P.O. Box 1330  
Haileybury, ON  
P0J 1K0

Phone Number: (705) 647-8138  
Fax Number: (705) 647-9800

Vendor's Address:

City of Temiskaming Shores  
Attn: Logan Belanger, Municipal Clerk  
P.O. Box 2050  
325 Farr Drive  
Haileybury, Ontario P0J 1K0

Phone Number: (705)672-3363 ext 4136  
Fax Number: (705)672-3200





Purchaser's Solicitor:

**KEMP PIRIE CROMBEEN**

P.O. Box 1540  
22 Armstrong Street  
New Liskeard, ON P0J 1P0  
Attn: Paul Crombeen

Phone Number: (705) 647-7353

Fax Number: (705) 647-6473

Vendor's Solicitor:

**KEMP PIRIE CROMBEEN**

P.O. Box 1540  
22 Armstrong Street  
New Liskeard, ON P0J 1P0  
Attn: Brigid Wilkinson

Phone Number: (705) 647-7353

Fax Number: (705) 647-6473

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**Schedule “B” to  
By-Law 2023-100**

**Property Development Agreement**

Between

**The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores**

and

**Temiskaming Industrial Mining Equipment Limited**

PLAN 54R5639 PT S ½ LT 6 CON 1 DYMOND PTS 2, 3, 4 and Part of PT 1,



## **Schedule "B"**

### **Property Development**

This agreement made this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023

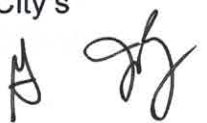
Between: **The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores**  
Hereinafter called the "City" of the First Part,

And: **Temiskaming Industrial Mining Equipment Limited**  
*Hereinafter called the "Purchaser" of the Second Part*

The City agrees to transfer to the Purchaser PART OF LT 6 CON 1 DYMOND PTS 2, 3, 4 and Pt of PT 1 PLAN 54R5639; PIN NUMBERS 61335-0407, 0409, 0430, 0436 & 0437 TEMISKAMING SHORES; DISTRICT OF TIMISKAMING (hereinafter called the Lands) subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

In consideration of the transfer of the Lands to the Purchaser, the Purchaser agrees as follows:

1. To develop the Lands and to construct thereon a building with a minimum combined development and construction value of \$2,000,000.00 upon completion and that such development and construction shall be at least ninety percent completed within 5 years of the date the Purchaser becomes the owner of the Lands. In the event of any disagreement or dispute as to whether the development and construction have a minimum value of \$2,000,000.00 upon completion, or whether such development and construction shall be at least ninety percent (90%) completed, the disagreement or dispute shall be determined by a third-party arbitrator, whose determination shall be final and binding upon the parties hereto.
2. The development, construction and use of the Lands shall comply with all applicable municipal zoning and building by-laws and other relevant by-laws, all requirements of the Temiskaming Health Unit, the Ministry of the Environment and all statutes, regulations and requirements of the Province of Ontario, the Dominion of Canada and any governmental bodies or agencies having jurisdiction. Prior to requesting any building permit, the Purchaser shall have entered into a Site Plan agreement with the City to be registered on title to the Lands at the Purchaser's expense dealing with matters subject to site plan control in accordance with the provisions of Section 41 of the Planning Act of Ontario.
3. The Purchaser shall not commence any building or other construction without the City first issuing a building permit. The City shall be entitled to refuse to issue a building permit only if the plans accompanying the application for the building permit reveal that the minimum value of the development and construction may be less than \$2,000,000.00, and or any breach of or non-compliance with City's zoning or building by-laws or any statute or regulation or ruling of any





government or governmental body or agency.

4. Any or the following shall constitute a default under this Agreement:

- a) the failure of the Purchaser to perform or observe any of the covenants or agreements contained herein within the time or times prescribed in this Agreement.
- b) the bankruptcy of the Purchaser.
- c) If any default shall occur, the City shall have the right, at its option, at the time of such default or at any time thereafter when such default shall continue, to give the Purchaser notice that on a date specified in such notice, which date shall not be less than twenty-one (21) days after the giving of such notice, the Purchaser, its successors and assigns is required to re-transfer the Lands to the City for the original purchase price paid by the Purchaser to the City as evidenced by the transfer of the Lands registered on title at the Land Registry Office in Haileybury, Ontario.

- 5. The Purchaser consents to the registration of the Agreement on title to the Lands by the City by way of Notice.
- 6. The City agrees to postpone this Agreement to all mortgages secured against the Lands and building where such mortgage is arranged for the purpose of financing the development of land and construction of the building or structures and the amount of such mortgage does not exceed the value of the development and buildings disclosed in the application for the building permit.
- 7. Any notice to be given to either party shall be sufficiently made if personally delivered, mailed by prepaid registered mail, or emailed as follows:

To the City at:  
City of Temiskaming Shores  
Attn: Logan Belanger, Clerk  
P.O. Box 2050  
325 Farr Drive  
Haileybury, Ontario P0J 1K0  
[lbelanger@temiskamingshores.ca](mailto:lbelanger@temiskamingshores.ca)

To the Purchaser at:  
Temiskaming Industrial Mining Equipment Limited  
560 Browning Street  
P.O. Box 1330  
Haileybury, ON  
P0J 1K0  
[jbuffam@timeltd.ca](mailto:jbuffam@timeltd.ca); [mhenderson@timeltd.ca](mailto:mhenderson@timeltd.ca)

Handwritten signatures in black ink, appearing to be initials or names, located in the bottom right corner of the document.



In witness whereof the parties have set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered  
In the presence of:

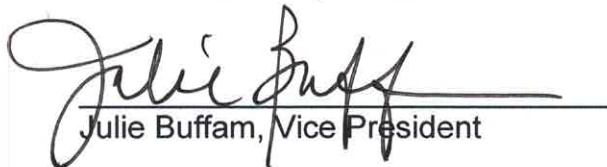
The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming  
Shores

PER: \_\_\_\_\_  
Logan Belanger, Clerk

PER: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeff Laferriere, Mayor

Temiskaming Industrial Mining Equipment  
Limited

  
Mike Henderson, President

  
Julie Buffam, Vice President





**The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores**  
**By-law No. 2023-101**  
**Being a by-law to amend By-law No. 2015-128 to establish a**  
**system for the Collection and Disposal of Garbage,**  
**Recyclables and other refuse – Amended Tipping Fees**

**Whereas** under Section 8 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, the powers of a municipality shall be interpreted broadly to enable it to govern its affairs as it considers appropriate and to enhance the municipality's ability to respond to municipal issues; and

**Whereas** under Section 9 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under this or any other Act; and

**Whereas** under Section 10.(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, a single-tier municipality may provide any service or thing that the municipality considers necessary or desirable for the public; and

**Whereas** Council adopted By-law No. 2015-128 being a by-law to establish a system for the Collection and Disposal of Garbage, Recyclables and other refuse on June 16, 2015; and

**Whereas** Council considered Administrative Report No. PW-020-2023 at the September 5, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting and directed staff to prepare the necessary by-law to amend By-law No. 2015-128 to modify the Landfill Tipping Fees, for consideration at the September 19, 2023 Regular Council meeting; and

**Whereas** Council considered Memo No. 022-2023-PW at the September 19, 2023 Regular Council meeting and directed staff to prepare the necessary by-law to amend By-law No. 2015-128 to replace the Tipping Fee Schedule in Appendix 03 with a new schedule, including the addition of a clarifying note regarding the deposit of mixed waste categories, for consideration at the September 19, 2023, Regular Council Meeting.

**Now therefore** the Council of The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores enacts the following as a by-law:

1. That Council hereby amends Schedule "A" to By-law No. 2015-128 by deleting **Appendix 03 – Tipping Fees: Landfill Site** and replacing it with Schedule "A" – **Tipping Fees: Landfill Site**, a copy of which is attached hereto and forming part of this by-law.
2. That the Clerk of the City of Temiskaming Shores is hereby authorized to make any minor modifications or corrections of an administrative, numerical, grammatical, semantical or descriptive nature or kind to the by-law and schedule as may be deemed necessary after the passage of this by-law where such modifications or corrections do not alter the intent of the by-law.



**Read a first, second and third time and finally passed** this 19th day of September, 2023.

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Mayor

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Clerk



**Tipping Fees: Haileybury Landfill Site**

Category	Description	Applicable Fee/ yard <sup>3</sup>	
		Resident	Non-Resident
1	Flat Rate - \$1.00 per bag up to a maximum of \$4.00 (under one cubic yard)	\$4.00	\$7.00
2	Residential/Commercial Garbage: <i>includes abandoned residential or commercial waste, either animal or vegetable, organic waste, wearing apparel, broken crockery and refuse of a similar nature, but shall not include metal, weighty or bulky articles such as large appliances, furniture, barrels, bed springs, furnaces, or anything of a similar nature.</i>	\$7.00	\$13.00
3	Metals/Bulky Waste: <i>Items whose large size precludes or complicates handling by normal collection, processing, or disposal methods such as furniture and appliances. Also, ferrous metal, aluminum, mixed metal, white goods, and old vehicles.</i>	\$8.00	\$15.00
4	Unsorted Residential/Commercial Garbage and Metals/Bulky Waste – Recyclable materials not sorted from waste	\$15.00	\$29.00
5	Yard Waste: <i>Includes clean wood, brush, yard, and plant materials, suitable for composting purposes.</i>	No Fee	\$5.00
6	Non-Hazardous Waste: <i>includes clean fill</i>	\$8.00	\$15.00
7	Inorganic Earth Like Material: <i>includes reclaimed asphalt products, aggregate, and soils free of chemical contaminants.</i>	\$9.00	\$17.00
8	<i>Sorted Construction and Demolition Waste: Recyclable materials sorted from non – recyclable materials</i>	\$16.00	\$16.00
9	<i>Unsorted Construction and Demolition Waste</i>	\$26.00	\$51.00
10	Contaminated Waste: <i>includes excavated soils containing organic or hydrocarbon contaminants at a level that is acceptable to the Ministry of the Environment for disposal at the Municipality's Landfill Site.</i> <i>Asbestos waste includes \$100.00 flat rate, plus tipping fee.</i>	\$50.00	\$100.00
11	Freon Containing Items	\$75 each	\$150 each
12	Rubber Tires: Passenger Vehicle and Light Truck Tires Medium Truck Tires Small and Medium Off-the-Road Tires	No Fee	
	<b>Notes:</b> 1. All other tire sizes will not be accepted at the Landfill Site. 2. Landfill attendant shall accept up to a total of ten (10) tires per day per person.		

**Note:** The landfill site will only accept waste that is within the conditions of the Environmental Compliance Approval.



**Tipping Fees: New Liskeard Landfill Site**

Category	Description	Applicable Fee Per Metric Tonnes/Per Cubic Yard	
		Resident	Non-Resident
1	Flat Rate – Scale Fee/under 1 cubic yard	\$5.00	\$10.00
2	Sorted Residential/Commercial/Sorted Construction/Metals/Bulky Waste/ Non-Hazardous Waste: <i>includes abandoned residential or commercial waste, either animal or vegetable, organic waste, wearing apparel, broken crockery and refuse of a similar nature. Items whose large size precludes or complicates handling by normal collection, processing, or disposal methods such as furniture and appliances. Also, ferrous metal, aluminum, mixed metal, white goods, and old vehicles.</i>	\$20.00/\$10.00	\$40.00/\$20.00
3	Unsorted Residential/Commercial/Construction Waste and Inorganic Earth Like Material – <i>Recyclable materials not sorted from waste and reclaimed asphalt products, aggregate, and soils free of chemical contaminants.</i>	\$40.00/\$20.00	\$80.00/\$40.00
4	Yard Waste: <i>Includes clean wood, brush, yard, and plant materials.</i>	\$10.00/\$5.00	\$20.00/\$10.00
5	Contaminated Waste: <i>includes excavated soils containing organic or hydrocarbon contaminants at a level that is acceptable to the Ministry of the Environment for disposal at the Municipality’s Landfill Site. Asbestos waste includes \$100.00 flat rate, plus tipping fee.</i>	\$75.00/\$50.00	\$150.00/\$100.00
6	Freon Containing Items	\$75 each	\$150 each
7	Rubber Tires: <i>Passenger Vehicle and Light Truck Tires</i> <i>Medium Truck Tires</i> <i>Small and Medium Off-the-Road Tires</i>	No Fee	
	<b>Notes:</b> 1. All other tire sizes will not be accepted at the Landfill Site. 2. Landfill attendant shall accept up to a total of ten (10) tires per day per person.		

**Notes:**

1. The landfill site will only accept waste that is within the conditions of the Environmental Compliance Approval.
2. Should a load of waste consist of a mixture of categories, the highest tipping fee rate will apply.



## **The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores**

### **By-law No. 2023-102**

#### **Being a by-law to enter into a Rental Agreement with Jade Equipment Company Ltd. for the supply and delivery of three (3) Rental Graders**

**Whereas** under Section 8 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, the powers of a municipality shall be interpreted broadly to enable it to govern its affairs as it considers appropriate and to enhance the municipality's ability to respond to municipal issues; and

**Whereas** under Section 9 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under this or any other Act; and

**Whereas** under Section 10 (1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, a single-tier municipality may provide any service or thing that the municipality considers necessary or desirable for the public; and

**Whereas** Council considered Administrative Report No. PW-021-2023 at the September 5, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting, and directed staff to prepare the necessary by-law to enter into a Rental Agreement with Jade Equipment Company Ltd. for supply and delivery of three (3) Rental Graders for the City's Winter Operations (2023-2024), for a total upset limit of \$103,800.00 plus applicable taxes, for consideration at the September 19, 2023 Regular Council meeting.

**Now therefore** the Council of The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores hereby enacts the following as a by-law:

1. That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute a Rental Agreement with Jade Equipment Company Ltd., for supply and delivery of three (3) Rental Graders for the City's Winter Operations (2023-2024), for a total upset limit of \$103,800.00 plus applicable taxes, a copy of which is attached hereto as Schedule "A" and forms part of this by-law.
2. That the Mayor and Clerk have the delegated authority to execute any required documentation and amendments on behalf of the City of Temiskaming Shores as required under the Jade Equipment Rental Agreement providing the documentation does not create any financial liability for the City that is beyond the budget approved by Council.
3. That the Clerk of the City of Temiskaming Shores is hereby authorized to make minor modifications or corrections of a grammatical or typographical nature to the by-law and schedule, after the passage of this by-law, where such modifications or corrections do not alter the intent of the by-law or its associated schedule.



**Read a first, second and third time and finally passed** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.

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Mayor

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Clerk





Schedule “A” to

## **By-law 2023-102**

Agreement between

**The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores**

And

**Jade Equipment Company Ltd.**

for the supply and delivery of three (3) rental graders



**This agreement** made this 19<sup>th</sup>, day of September, 2023.

Between:

**The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores**  
(hereinafter called "the Owner")

and

**Jade Equipment Company Ltd.**  
(hereinafter called "the Supplier")

Witnesseth:

That the Owner and the Supplier shall undertake and agree as follows:

**Article I:**

The Supplier will:

- a) Provide two (2) 6-Wheel Drive Graders and one (1) Tandem Drive Motor Grader on a rental basis for a five (5) month term, in accordance to the specifications contained in their submission in relation to the following:

**Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores  
Request for Quotation (PW-RFQ-004-2023)  
Supply and Delivery of Rental Winter Graders**

- b) Do and fulfill everything indicated by this Agreement and in the Form of Agreement attached hereto as Appendix 01 and forming part of this agreement.

**Article II:**

The Owner will:

- a) Pay the Supplier in lawful money of Canada, plus applicable taxes, for the rental of motor graders, subject to additions and deductions as provided in the Contract Documents, based on the following criteria:

<b>Term</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Rental/mnth/unit</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
5 Months (November 1, 2023 to April 1, 2024)	Monthly Rental Fee for 6 Wheel Drive Motor Grader (per unit)	\$6,250.00 (x2)	\$62,500.00
5 Months (November 1, 2023 to April 1, 2024)	Monthly Rental Fee for Tandem Drive Motor Grader	\$5,500.00	\$27,500.00
	Delivery (per unit- one way)	\$2,300.00 (x6)	\$13,800.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$103,800.00</b>



- b) Make payment on account thereof upon delivery and completion of the said work and receipt of invoice, in accordance with the City of Temiskaming Shores Purchasing Policy, and with terms of Net 30 days after receiving such invoice.

**Article III:**

All communications in writing between the parties shall be deemed to have been received by the addressee if delivered to the individual or to a member of the firm or to an officer of the Owner for whom they are intended or if sent by hand, Canada Post, courier, facsimile or by another electronic communication where, during or after the transmission of the communication, no indication or notice of a failure or suspension of transmission has been communicated to the sender. For deliveries by courier or by hand, delivery shall be deemed to have been received on the date of delivery; by Canada Post, 5 days after the date on which it was mailed. A communication sent by facsimile or by electronic communication with no indication of failure or suspension of delivery, shall be deemed to have been received at the opening of business on the next day, unless the next day is not a working day for the recipient, in which case it shall be deemed to have been received on the next working day of the recipient at the opening of business.

The Supplier:

**Jade Equipment Company Ltd.**  
47 Forest Plain Road  
Ore-Medonte, Ontario  
L3V OR4

The Owner:

**City of Temiskaming Shores**  
325 Farr Drive / P.O. Box 2050  
Haileybury, Ontario P0J 1K0

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**In witness** whereof the parties have executed this Agreement the day and year first above written.

Signed and Sealed in  
the presence of

**Jade Equipment Company Ltd.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ric Ross – Vice President and General Manager

Municipal Seal

**The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming  
Shores**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor – Jeff Laferriere

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Clerk – Logan Belanger





Appendix 01 to  
Schedule “A” to  
**By-law No. 2023-102**  
Form of Agreement





August 15, 2023

Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores  
P.O. Box 2050  
325 Farr Drive  
Haileybury, ON  
POJ 1K0  
Attn: Logan Belanger, Clerk

**RE: PW-RFQ-004-2023 Supply and Delivery of Rental Winter Graders**

Dear Logan,

Thank you for the opportunity to quote on your non-operated Motor Grader rental requirements. Our tender is enclosed. We have appreciated your business in the past and hopefully, in the future.

Jade Equipment Company Ltd. with offices in Oro-Medonte, ON (Orillia) and Edmonton, AB, are recognized as one of the leading suppliers of quality motor graders to the rental and used machine markets throughout Canada and beyond.

We were very pleased to have been chosen to supply non-operated rental graders to many municipalities over the past several years and look forward to the opportunity of supplying The City of Temiskaming Shores with quality rental graders in the 2022/23 winter season.

Please feel free to contact me at the office at 1-866-404-5233 (toll free) or your Territory Sales Manager, Ian Ross at 705-305-5815 (cell), should you have any questions.

Yours truly,

Ric Ross  
Vice President & General Manager  
Jade Equipment Company Ltd.

CC: Ian Ross



**City of Temiskaming Shores**  
**PW-RFQ-004-2023**  
**Supply and Delivery of Rental Winter Graders**

**Form of Quotation**

Proponent's submission of bid to:

The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores

Stipulated Bid Price

We/I, Jade Equipment Company Ltd.  
 (Registered Company Name/Individuals Name)

Of, 47 Forest Plain Rd. Oro-Medonte, ON L3V 0R4  
 (Registered Address and Postal Code)

Phone Number: 705-325-2777 Email: rross@jadeequipment.com


We/I, the undersigned, understand and accept those specifications, conditions, and details as described herein, and, for these rates/prices offer to furnish all equipment, labor, apparatus and documentation as are required to satisfy this Quotation (all prices must be CDN funds and without HST):

ITEM	Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Total (excl. HST)
1	Monthly rental fee for 6 Wheel Drive Motor Grader (price per unit)	2	\$6,250.00	\$12,500.00 per month
2	Delivery	Per unit – one way	\$2,300.00	\$13,800.00 (total for 3 units)
	<b>Provisional Items</b>			
3	Monthly rental fee for Tandem Drive Motor Grader	1	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00 per month
			<b>Sub-Total:</b>	\$31,800.00
			<b>HST:</b>	\$ 4,134.00
			<b>Total Quotation Price:</b>	\$35,934.00

**Acknowledgement of Addenda**

I/We have received and allowed for ADDENDA NUMBER N/A in preparing my/our Quotation.



Bidder's Authorized Official: Ric Ross  
Title: Vice President & General Manager  
Authorizing Signature:   
Date: August 15, 2023

**Form 1 to be submitted.**



**City of Temiskaming Shores**  
**PW-RFQ-004-2023**  
**Supply and Delivery of Rental Winter Graders**

**Non-Collusion Affidavit**

I/ We Jade Equipment Company Ltd. the undersigned am fully informed respecting the preparation and contents of the attached Quotation and of all pertinent circumstances respecting such bid.

Such bid is genuine and is not a collusive or sham bid.

Neither the bidder nor any of its officers, partners, owners, agents, representatives, employees or parties of interest, including this affiant, has in any way colluded, conspired, connived or agreed directly or indirectly with any other Bidder, firm or person to submit a collective or sham bid in connection with the work for which the attached bid has been submitted nor has it in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion or communication or conference with any other bidder, firm or person to fix the price or prices in the attached bid or of any other Bidder, or to fix any overhead, profit or cost element of the bid price or the price of any bidder, or to secure through any collusion, conspiracy, connivance or unlawful agreement any advantage against the City of Temiskaming Shores or any person interested in the proposed bid.

The price or prices proposed in the attached bid are fair and proper and not tainted by any collusion, conspiracy, connivance or unlawful agreement on the part of the Bidder or any of its agents, representatives, owners, employees, or parties in interest, including this affiant.

The bid, quotation or Quotation of any person, company, corporation or organization that does attempt to influence the outcome of any City purchasing or disposal process will be disqualified, and the person, company, corporation or organization may be subject to exclusion or suspension.

Dated at: Oro-Medonte, ON this 15th day of August, 2023.

Signature:



Bidder's Authorized Official:

Ric Ross

Title:

Vice President & General Manager

Company Name:

Jade Equipment Company Ltd.

**Form 2 to be submitted.**



**City of Temiskaming Shores**  
**PW-RFQ-004-2023**  
**Supply and Delivery of Rental Winter Graders**

**Conflict of Interest Declaration**

Please check appropriate response:

☒ I/We hereby confirm that there is not nor was there any actual perceived conflict of interest in our Quotation submission or performing/providing the Goods/Services required by the Agreement.

☐ The following is a list of situations, each of which may be a conflict of interest, or appears as potentially a conflict of interest in our Company's Quotation submission or the contractual obligations under the Agreement.

List Situations:


In making this Quotation submission, our Company has / has no (*strike out inapplicable portion*) knowledge of or the ability to avail ourselves of confidential information of the City (other than confidential information which may have been disclosed by the City in the normal course of the RFQ process) and the confidential information was relevant to the Work/Services, their pricing or quotation evaluation process.

Dated at: Oro-Medonte, ON this 15th day of August, 2023.

Signature:



Bidder's Authorized Official:

Ric Ross

Title:

Vice President & General Manager

Company Name:

Jade Equipment Company Ltd.

**Form 3 to be submitted**



10. Rental term to be 5 months commencing November 1, 2023.
11. Total hourly usage to be no more than 500.
12. Rental term can be extended for additional year(s) based on mutually agreed terms and conditions.
13. The municipality prefers John Deere model Graders, if applicable. **1 Deere and 2 Volvo**
14. Graders shall be no older than 6 years. **NO**
15. Graders shall have less than 5000 hours. **NO**
16. Tires to be minimum 75% remaining tread depth with a snow tread (not recap).
17. Front and rear fenders to be supplied.
18. Moldboard to be 14' with, 3/4" hardware.
19. Craig model 301-12 rear mounted snow wing with hi wear edge to be supplied, or City approved equivalent.
20. Craig Universal lift group to be supplied or city approved equivalent.
21. Auxiliary hydraulics to allow for the installation and operation of the City's reversible front blades.
22. Delivery and return of the graders to be shown as a separate price.

## **7. Project Authority**

The Project Authority for issuance of the RFQ is the Manager of Transportation Services for the City of Temiskaming Shores, reporting to the City Manager.

The awarding of the contract may be subject to the approval of City Council.

## **8. Quotation Evaluation**

Quotations that comply with the terms, conditions and specifications as outlined in the Quotation will be evaluated on the basis of;

- Price (within allocated budget)
- Availability to perform the work and/or supply goods
- Previous performance evaluations

## **9. Any or all Quotations Exceed Approved Budget**



## **The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores**

### **By-law No. 2022-103**

#### **Being a by-law to authorize a Purchase Agreement with Creative Carriage Ltd. for the supply and delivery of two (2), 8-meter low floor transit buses within the Metrolinx Group Procurement Program**

**Whereas** under Section 8 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, the powers of a municipality shall be interpreted broadly to enable it to govern its affairs as it considers appropriate and to enhance the municipality's ability to respond to municipal issues; and

**Whereas** under Section 9 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under this or any other Act; and

**Whereas** under Section 10 (1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, a single-tier municipality may provide any service or thing that the municipality considers necessary or desirable for the public; and

**Whereas** Council considered Administrative Report No. PW-022-2023 at the September 19, 2023 Regular Council meeting, and directed staff to prepare the necessary by-law to enter into an agreement with Creative Carriage Ltd. for the supply and delivery of two (2), 8-meter low floor transit buses within the Metrolinx Group Procurement Program, for a total upset limit of \$553,006.44 plus applicable taxes, for consideration at the September 19, 2023 Regular Council meeting.

**Now therefore** the Council of The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores hereby enacts the following as a by-law:

1. That Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement with Creative Carriage Ltd. for the supply and delivery of two (2), 8-meter low floor transit buses within the Metrolinx Group Procurement Program, for a total upset limit of \$553,006.44 plus applicable taxes, in the form annexed hereto as Schedules "A", forming part of this by-law.
2. That the Mayor and Clerk have the delegated authority to execute any required documentation and amendments on behalf of the City of Temiskaming Shores as required under the Agreement providing the documentation does not create any financial liability for the City that is beyond the budget approved by Council.
3. That the Clerk of the City of Temiskaming Shores is hereby authorized to make any minor modifications or corrections of an administrative, numerical, grammatical, semantically or descriptive nature or kind to the by-law and schedule as may be deemed necessary after the passage of this by-law, where such modifications or corrections do not alter the intent of the by-law.



**Read a first, second and third time and finally passed** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.

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Mayor

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Clerk





Schedule “A” to

## **By-law No. 2023-103**

Purchase Agreement between

**The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores**

and

**Creative Carriage Ltd.**

For the Supply and Delivery of two (2), Eight (8) Metre Low Floor Specialized  
Gasoline Transit Buses



# Purchase Agreement

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Schedule 2 to the Master Agreement

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RFP-2022-PROC-355

The Supply and Delivery of Eight (8) Metre Low  
Floor Specialized Gasoline Transit Buses



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## **PURCHASE AGREEMENT**

**THIS PURCHASE AGREEMENT**, for the  
**The Supply and Delivery of Eight (8) Metre Low Floor Specialized Gasoline Transit Buses**

is effective as of the

**September 19, 2023**

BETWEEN:

**Temiskaming Shores**

("the Purchaser")

- and -

**Creative Carriage Ltd.**

("the Vendor")

In consideration of their respective agreements set out below and subject to the terms of the Master Agreement for RFP-2022-PROC-355 between Metrolinx and Creative Carriage Ltd., dated October 14, 2022,

the Parties covenant and agree as follows:

### **1.0 ARTICLE 1 – DEFINITIONS, INTERPRETATION AND GENERAL PROVISIONS**

#### **1.01 Defined Terms**

Unless otherwise specified or the context otherwise requires, for the purposes of this Agreement the following terms have the following meanings:

**"Defect"** means any

- (a) deficiency disclosed by the Vendor or otherwise discovered by the Purchaser in respect of a Bus; or
- (b) patent or latent malfunction or failure in manufacture, installation, or design of any material, component or subsystem.

**"Free On Board" or "FOB"** means the Vendor bears the cost and risks associated with transportation, up to and including the delivery of the Buses and Optional items (as applicable) to the Purchaser's destination specified in the Purchase Agreement.

**"Master Agreement"** means the agreement made between the Vendor and Metrolinx for the provision of Buses to Purchasers during the Term including all of its schedules.

**"Metrolinx Address"** means:

**30 Wellington Street West  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, Ontario  
M5L 1B1**

**Metrolinx Representative:** Kristy Mlakar



**Title:** Manager, Transit Procurement

**Telephone:** [REDACTED]

**"MSDS"** means the Material Safety Data Sheets required under applicable laws or other requirements of law including the Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) legislation;

**"Parties"** means the Purchaser and the Vendor;

**"Purchase Agreement"** or **"PA"** means this agreement (including all Schedules) entered into between Vendor and the Purchaser, in accordance with the RFP and the Master Agreement; which is also referred to herein as the Agreement;

**"Purchasers Confidential Information"** means any information that the Purchaser identifies in writing is confidential pursuant to Section 14.01;

**"Term"** has the meaning in Section 4.01 of this Purchase Agreement;

All other capitalized terms used in this Agreement have the meanings ascribed to them in the Master Agreement.

#### **1.02 Schedules**

The Schedules to this PA form a part of this PA and are as follows:

Schedule A (Deliverables)

Schedule B (Price); and

Additional Schedule(s), if applicable (Subsequent Option Year orders and/or new Purchase Orders).

#### **1.03 Interpretive Value of Contract Documents**

In the event of a conflict or inconsistency in any provisions in the Contract for the purposes of this PA alone: (a) the main body of the PA shall govern over the Schedules to the PA; (b) subject to the last sentence in Section 3.04(c) of the Master Agreement, the Master Agreement (including its Schedules) shall govern over the Purchase Agreement (including its Schedules); (c) the Master Agreement (including its Schedules) and the Purchase Agreement shall govern over the RFP and the Proposal; and (d) the RFP shall govern over the Proposal.

#### **1.04 Notices by Prescribed Means**

Notices shall be in writing and shall be delivered by postage-prepaid envelope, personal delivery or email and shall be addressed to, respectively, the Purchaser's Address to the attention of the Purchaser's Representative, to the Metrolinx Address to the attention of the Metrolinx Representative and to the Vendor Address to the attention of the Vendor Representative. Notices shall be deemed to have been given (a) in the case of postage-prepaid envelope, seven (7) calendar days after such notice is mailed; or (b) in the case of personal delivery or e-mail one (1) calendar day after such notice delivered. In the event of a postal disruption, notices must be given by personal delivery or by email. Unless the Parties expressly agree in writing to additional methods of notice, notices may only be provided by the methods contemplated in this paragraph. The Parties may amend their respective addresses (Purchaser's Address and the Vendor Address), by providing to the other at least fourteen (14) calendar days written notice of such change in compliance with the terms of this Section 1.04.



### **1.05 No Subcontracting or Assignment**

The Vendor shall not subcontract or assign the whole or any part of the Contract or any monies due under it without the prior written consent (a) with respect to the Master Agreement or the Contract as a whole, of Metrolinx; and (b) with respect to this Purchase Agreement, of the Purchaser. Such consent shall be in the sole discretion of Metrolinx and/or the Purchaser respectively as the case may be, and may be subject to the terms and conditions that may be imposed by Metrolinx and/or the Purchaser. Without limiting the generality of the conditions which Metrolinx and/or the Purchaser may require prior to consenting to the Vendor's use of a subcontractor, every contract entered into by the Vendor with a subcontractor shall adopt all of the terms and conditions of this Contract as far as applicable to those parts of the Deliverables provided by the subcontractor. Nothing contained in the Contract, nor any consent granted under this paragraph, shall create a contractual relationship between any subcontractor or its employees and Metrolinx or the Purchaser.

### **1.06 Duty to Disclose Change of Control**

In the event that the Vendor undergoes a change in control, either de facto or de jure, the Vendor shall immediately disclose such change in control to the Purchaser and shall comply with any terms and conditions subsequently prescribed by the Purchaser resulting from the disclosure.

### **1.07 Conflict of Interest**

The Vendor shall (a) avoid any Conflict of Interest in the performance of its contractual obligations; (b) disclose without delay any actual or potential Conflict of Interest that arises during the performance of its contractual obligations to both TPI Project Representative and the relevant Purchaser; and (c) comply with any requirements prescribed by Metrolinx or the Purchaser to resolve any Conflict of Interest. In addition to all other contractual rights or rights available at law or in equity, the Purchaser may, at its sole and absolute discretion, immediately terminate the PA upon giving notice to the Vendor where (a) the Vendor fails to disclose an actual or potential Conflict of Interest; (b) the Vendor fails to comply with any requirements prescribed by Metrolinx and/or the Purchaser to resolve a Conflict of Interest; or (c) the Vendor's Conflict of Interest cannot be resolved. This paragraph shall survive any termination or expiry of the PA.

### **1.08 Exclusivity and Work Volumes**

The Vendor acknowledges that it is providing the Deliverables on an exclusive basis for Buses ordered during the Base Year, and during the Option Year, where the Purchaser has exercised the option to purchase on an exclusive basis. The Purchaser makes no representation regarding the volume of goods and services to be ordered under the Contract in the Base Year or Option Year, if exercised.

## **2.0 ARTICLE 2 – MASTER AGREEMENT**

### **2.01 Master Agreement**

The terms and conditions of the Master Agreement are incorporated herein unless otherwise specified in this Agreement and for such purposes, the Purchaser shall be read as Metrolinx, and, without limiting this paragraph, the duties owing to Metrolinx under the Master Agreement shall also be owing to the Purchaser and the rights exercisable by Metrolinx shall also be exercisable by the Purchaser. Notwithstanding the foregoing it is agreed and



acknowledged by the Parties to this Purchase Agreement that the contractual relationship between the Vendor and the Purchaser for any Deliverables is exclusively between those Parties.

### **3.0 ARTICLE 3 – REPRESENTATIVES FOR PURCHASE AGREEMENT**

#### **3.01 Vendor Representative**

The Vendor's representative for purposes of this Purchase Agreement shall be:

Darryl Nuun, VP Operations

T: [REDACTED]

E: [REDACTED]

The Vendor acknowledges and agrees that the Vendor's representative named above has authority to legally bind the Vendor.

#### **3.02 Purchaser Representative**

The Purchaser representative for purposes of this Purchase Agreement shall be:

Jeff Laferriere

Mayor

T:705-672-3363 Ext. 4103

E: [jlaferriere@temiskamingshores.ca](mailto:jlaferriere@temiskamingshores.ca)

Logan Belanger

Municipal Clerk

T:705-672-3363 Ext. 4136

E: [lblanger@temiskamingshores.ca](mailto:lblanger@temiskamingshores.ca)

### **4.0 ARTICLE 4 – TERM OF PURCHASE AGREEMENT**

#### **4.01 Term**

The term of this Purchase Agreement is in effect so long as the Master Agreement is in effect, unless otherwise terminated in accordance with Section 4.02 of this Purchase Agreement ("**Term**").

#### **4.02 Immediate Termination of Contract**

The Purchaser may immediately terminate the PA upon giving notice to the Vendor where:

- (a) the Vendor is adjudged bankrupt, makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors or a receiver is appointed on account of the Vendor's insolvency;
- (b) the Vendor breaches any provision in Article 14 (Confidentiality and MFIPPA) of the PA;
- (c) the Vendor breaches the Conflict of Interest paragraph in Article 1 (Definitions, Interpretation and General Provisions) of the PA;
- (d) the Vendor, prior to or after executing the PA, makes a material misrepresentation or omission or provides materially inaccurate information to the Purchaser;



- (e) the Vendor undergoes a change in control which, in the sole opinion of the Purchaser, adversely affects the Vendor's ability to satisfy some or all of its obligations under the PA;
- (f) the Vendor subcontracts for the provision of part or all of the Deliverables or assigns the PA without first obtaining the written approval of the Purchaser and/or Metrolinx as the case may be;
- (g) there is a safety violation by the Vendor or a non-curable breach, both of which shall be determined by the Purchaser in its sole and absolute discretion; or
- (h) the Vendor's acts or omissions constitute a substantial failure of performance;

and the above rights of termination are in addition to all other rights of termination available at law, or events of termination by operation of law.

#### **4.03 Dispute Resolution by Rectification Notice**

Subject to the above paragraph, where the Vendor fails to comply with any of its obligations under the PA, the Purchaser may issue a rectification notice to the Vendor setting out the manner and time frame for rectification. Within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of that notice the Vendor shall either (a) comply with that rectification notice; or (b) provide a rectification plan satisfactory to the Purchaser. If the Vendor fails to either comply with that rectification notice or provide a satisfactory rectification plan, the Purchaser may immediately terminate the Purchase Agreement. Where the Vendor has been given a prior rectification notice, the same subsequent type of non-compliance by the Vendor shall allow the Purchaser to immediately terminate the Purchase Agreement.

#### **4.04 Vendor's Payment Upon Termination**

The Purchaser shall only be responsible for the payments contemplated by the Purchase Agreement up to and including the effective date of any termination unless instructions for a later effective date have been provided in writing by a Purchaser to the contrary. Termination shall not relieve the Vendor of its warranties and other responsibilities relating to the Deliverables performed or money paid. In addition to its other rights of hold back or set off, The Purchaser may hold back payment or set off against any payments owed if the Vendor fails to comply with its obligations on termination.

#### **4.05 Termination on Notice**

The Purchaser reserves the right to terminate the PA without cause upon sixty (60) calendar days prior written notice to the Vendor. Notwithstanding anything in this PA to the contrary, in the event of termination under this Section 4.05, and subject to the Vendor's obligation to mitigate as set out in this Section 4.05, the Purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the Vendor's direct, verifiable costs relating to such Deliverables or portions thereof as have been completed or assembled by the Vendor up to and including the effective date of termination. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in reducing the Vendor's costs the Vendor shall be obligated to first utilize, set aside or apply such Deliverables or portions thereof as may be necessary to satisfy its obligations under other existing Purchase Agreements or third-party agreements prior to the Purchaser's payment for such items pursuant to this Section 4.05.



## **5.0 ARTICLE 5 – PERFORMANCE BY VENDOR**

### **5.01 Vendor to Comply with Reasonable Change Requests**

The Purchaser may, in writing, request changes to the PA, which may include altering, adding to, or deleting any of the Deliverables. The Vendor shall comply with all reasonable Purchaser change requests and the performance of such requests shall be in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract. If the Vendor is unable to comply with the change request, it shall promptly notify the Purchaser and provide reasons for such non-compliance. In any event, any such change request shall not be effective until a written amendment reflecting the change has been executed by the Parties to this PA.

If the Vendor is of the reasonable opinion that it is necessary for reasons beyond the Vendor's control to alter, deduct from, add to or omit any part of the Deliverables to accomplish the results intended by the Contract, it shall provide written notice of this requirement and details of same to the Purchaser. The Purchaser may in its sole discretion determine whether or not to accept such proposed change and such change request shall not be effective until a written agreement reflecting the change has been executed by the Parties to this Agreement. Subject to Section 5.02, in no event will any such change result in an increase to the Price.

### **5.02 Pricing for Requested Changes**

Where a Purchaser change request revises the scope of the previously contemplated Deliverables, the Purchaser shall set out, in its change request, the proposed contemplated changes. The Vendor shall:

- (a) include reasonable market pricing for the particular type of goods or services contemplated in the change request and the Vendor shall not unreasonably refuse to provide those goods or services Purchaser may request the Vendor to substantiate the pricing provided for engineering, materials, and labour, and to identify the full engineering costs that shall be adjusted when requests are used on subsequent Purchase Orders as non-reoccurring costs;
- (b) negotiate the Price with Purchaser within a reasonable period of time;
- (c) if the Purchaser identifies that they would like to supply certain components (i.e. customer supplied components), in lieu of those provided by the Vendor, the Vendor is to design and install such items at a reasonable market price, and be able to provide justification for their pricing. Purchaser may request Vendor to substantiate the pricing provided for engineering, materials, and labour, and to identify the full engineering costs that shall be adjusted when requests are used on subsequent Purchase Orders as non-reoccurring costs;

and in any event, such change request shall not become effective until a written amendment reflecting the change has been executed by the Parties.

### **5.03 Rights and Remedies and Vendor Obligations Not Limited to Contract**

The express rights and remedies of the Purchaser and obligations of the Vendor set out in the Contract are in addition to and shall not limit any other rights and remedies available to the Purchaser or any other obligations of the Vendor at law or in equity, except as specifically stated herein.



#### **5.04 Price Adjustments Due to Regulation and/or Statutory Changes**

If the Vendor is of the opinion that at any time before or after the execution of the Master Agreement or after the commencement of the execution of the Master Agreement, the Prices have to be adjusted as a result of any change in applicable laws or regulations occurring subsequent to the Master Agreement Effective Date, it shall forward to Metrolinx written notice of rationale for the change (including a description of the law requiring the change), the nature of the change, the timing and any required Price adjustment. These Price adjustments shall be treated by the Parties as the new Prices, subject to written approval of Metrolinx and the Purchasers, as applicable, acting reasonably.

#### **5.05 Favourable Pricing**

If the Vendor is able to offer any one Purchaser a Price reduction with respect to any of the Options set out in Schedule 1 to the Master Agreement, it shall make a similar offer to every other Purchaser.

#### **5.06 Obsolete Components**

If the Vendor is unable to offer a component due to obsolescence a replacement, of equal value, must be identified and shared with the Purchaser at no additional cost or delay to delivery.

### **6.0 ARTICLE 6 – DELIVERABLES, PRICES AND PAYMENT PROCESS**

#### **6.01 Deliverables, Prices and Payment Process**

The Vendor agrees to provide the Deliverables to the Purchaser in compliance with the Master Agreement and as more particularly specified in Schedule A (Deliverables) to this Purchase Agreement. Subject to the Master Agreement, the Price for the provision of the Deliverables shall be as specified in Schedule B (Price) to this Purchase Agreement. Unless otherwise specified in Schedule B (Price), the Vendor shall invoice the Purchaser for the Deliverables provided under this Purchase Agreement in accordance with the terms set out in Section 6.02 of this PA.

#### **6.02 Invoicing and Payments**

The ordering Purchaser(s) shall be invoiced in accordance with the following procedures unless otherwise specified in the Purchase Agreement. Payment will be made only in Canadian funds. Terms for payment of invoices shall be net 30 calendar days from the date of acceptance of the Bus by the Purchaser in accordance with this Agreement. Early payment discounts can be negotiated between a Purchaser and the Vendor.

All invoices covering purchases by each Purchaser must:

- (a) Itemize any applicable taxes owing separate from the basic cost of Buses;
- (b) Indicate the number of Buses delivered to the Purchaser;
- (c) Indicate the unit price for the Buses and the total amount payable by Purchaser in respect of Buses delivered (for the avoidance of doubt, prices are based on the Purchase Order date and not the delivery date);
- (d) Include the purchase order number (if applicable), complete shipping and invoicing address (shipping costs are the responsibility of the Vendor); Vendor contract number (i.e. RFP Number), Purchaser contact name, telephone and facsimile number; Vendor name, address, telephone and facsimile number; order date;



delivery date; product code number; quantity; product description; unit price; total dollar value of order/purchase; HST itemized separately; terms of payment: net 30 calendar days and signature of authorized Purchaser;

- (e) Invoices that are not properly completed and signed, or which are lacking any of the information required in (d) above, or contain a billing error will not be processed and will be returned unpaid to the Vendor with a description of the billing error or missing information; and
- (f) Be supported by detailed records maintained by the Vendor for a period of seven (7) years following completion or termination of the Master Agreement and made available to the Purchaser upon request, notwithstanding such completion or termination.

#### **6.03 Payment According to Contract Prices**

Each Purchaser shall be exclusively responsible for the payment to the Vendor for the Deliverables in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract and in relation to its particular Purchase Agreement. Metrolinx shall not be responsible for any payment or other obligation under any Purchase Agreement.

#### **6.04 Hold Back or Set Off**

The Purchaser may hold back or set off against payment twice the estimated cost of any Defect if, in the opinion of the Purchaser acting reasonably, the Vendor has failed to comply with any requirements of the Contract. This amount will be paid immediately by the Purchaser upon rectification of the Defect by the Vendor.

#### **6.05 No Expenses or Additional Charges**

There shall be no other charges payable to the Vendor under the Purchase Agreement other than the Prices established under the Contract and otherwise payable hereunder in respect of the Vendor's provision of the Deliverables.

#### **6.06 Payment of Taxes and Duties**

Unless otherwise stated, the Vendor shall pay all applicable taxes, including excise taxes incurred by or on the Vendor's behalf with respect to the Contract.

#### **6.07 Withholding Tax**

The Purchaser shall withhold any applicable withholding tax from amounts due and owing to the Vendor under the PA and shall remit it to the appropriate government in accordance with applicable tax laws.

#### **6.08 Interest on Late Payment**

The interest rate for any late payment occurring only through no fault of the Vendor or on account of force majeure will prevail and shall not exceed the general rate of interest on overpayment of provincial taxes in effect on the date that the payment went into arrears.

#### **6.09 Document Retention and Audit**

For seven (7) years after the expiration of the Term, the Vendor shall maintain all necessary records to substantiate (a) all charges and payments under the Contract and (b) that the Deliverables were provided in accordance with the Contract and with Requirements of Law. During the Term, and for seven (7) years after the Term, the Vendor shall permit and assist the Purchaser, Metrolinx, the Ministry and the Auditor General in conducting audits of the



operations of the Vendor and any sub-vendor or subcontractor of any Work or parts forming any part of the Deliverables to verify (a) and (b) above. The Purchaser, Metrolinx, the Ministry or the Auditor General, as the case may be, shall provide the Vendor with at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior notice of its requirement for such audit. The Vendor's obligations under this paragraph shall survive any termination or expiry of the Contract.

The Purchaser, Metrolinx, and each of their respective representatives and agents, as may be applicable, agree to enter into a confidentiality agreement with the Vendor prior to their commencement of an audit, inspection or review of the Vendor's records in order to protect and maintain the confidentiality of the Vendor's confidential information. Any such confidentiality agreement shall be subject to the relevant parties' obligations under MFIPPA or FIPPA and shall exclude information that is generally available to the public without fault or breach by the Purchaser, information of a general nature relating to the RFP or the procurement process, information already in the possession of the Purchaser, information which becomes available to the Purchaser from a third party provided such third party is not breaching any obligation of confidentiality.

#### **6.10 Manuals and Drawings Hold Back**

Pursuant to the relevant PA and without limitation to any other remedies the Purchaser may have, the Purchaser shall hold back three percent (3%) of the Price of the last Bus to be accepted hereunder until all of the applicable manuals, drawings, diagrams, special tools and diagnostic equipment have been delivered as per the Technical Specifications (Section 1.3), as the case may be, it being understood that the release of any such holdback by a Purchaser to the Vendor shall not operate as a waiver of the Vendor's obligation to provide the Deliverables in accordance with the Contract.

#### **6.11 Survival**

The obligations contained in this Article shall survive the termination or expiry of the Contract.

### **7.0 ARTICLE 7 – DELIVERY, ACCEPTANCE AND TITLE**

#### **7.01 Delivery Procedure**

Upon satisfactory completion of the test required pursuant to Appendix A – Technical Specifications and Proponent Response Workbook, Section 2.4 Acceptance, Testing and Inspection, the Buses/Deliverables will be delivered to the Purchaser by the Vendor with:

- (a) Any Defects or deficiencies from the Bus Manufacturer corrected;
- (b) Any damage that occurred in transit from the Bus Manufacturer corrected;
- (c) Completion of any additional work (such as application of paint/decals/etc., equipment installation, etc.), as jointly agreed to by the Vendor and the Purchaser and documented in Schedule A of the PA.
- (d) A completed New Vehicle Information Card issued in accordance with the Requirements of Law.

The delivery of a Bus shall be determined by the Vendor's authorization signed by the Purchaser's designated agent(s), at the point of delivery specified in the PA. A visual inspection by the Purchaser's agent shall not constitute acceptance.



## **7.02 Delivery Schedule**

Unless otherwise specified by the Purchaser, all deliveries of Buses should be made on Business Days during Business Hours. The Vendor shall ensure that all specified delivery schedules provided by the Purchaser are strictly adhered to. The Vendor shall notify the Purchaser delivery contact a minimum of four (4) calendar days in advance of each delivery. No delivery or service charges are permitted.

Bus deliveries shall be completed within nine (9) months from the execution of the Purchase Order. Where, at the time of the execution of the Purchase Order, the Vendor can reasonably demonstrate that no production slot is available to meet the nine (9) month delivery period stipulated above, the Vendor will provide reasonable evidence to support this claim and negotiate with the Purchaser the option of a later delivery date not to exceed in any case eleven (11) months from the execution date of the Purchase Order.

If Bus deliveries need to be established at a per weekly delivery rate, both the Purchaser and Vendor shall agree to the set rate which shall be included in Schedule A or subsequent Schedules.

In all cases, the agreed to delivery date(s) shall be set out in writing and included in Schedule A, or subsequent Schedules. All delivery schedules as agreed to by the Purchaser, will be communicated to Metrolinx by the Vendor. Deliveries that are made later than the agreed upon time as per Schedule A, or subsequent Schedules, will be subject to liquidated damages as prescribed in Section 9.01 – Liquidated Damages – Delivery and Acceptance.

## **7.03 Title**

The Vendor warrants that, upon Purchaser's acceptance of each Bus, as described in this PA, the title shall pass to the Purchaser free and clear of all encumbrances.

## **7.04 Assumption Of Risk of Loss**

The Vendor assumes risk of loss while Buses are being manufactured and delivered to the Purchaser. The Purchaser shall assume risk of loss of the Bus upon delivery, as defined above in section 7.01 (Delivery Procedure). If the Bus is removed from the Purchaser's property by or on behalf of the Vendor for any reason, the Vendor shall assume risk of loss until the Bus is returned to the Purchaser at its delivery location.

## **7.05 Acceptance Of Bus**

Within twenty-one (21) calendar-days after arrival at the designated point of delivery, each Bus shall undergo the Purchaser's tests defined in Appendix A Technical Specifications and RFP Proponent Response, Section 2.1.1 (Quality Assurance Requirements). If the Bus passes these tests the Purchaser will notify the Vendor in writing. If the Bus does not pass these tests, the Purchaser will notify the Vendor, in writing, of the specific reasons for non-acceptance or conditional acceptance. If the Purchaser does not notify the Vendor of acceptance or non-acceptance or puts the Bus into revenue service without notification of conditional acceptance, the Vendor may, after twenty-one (21) calendar-days, notify the Purchaser that the Bus is deemed to have been accepted.

## **7.06 Repairs After Non-Acceptance**

The Vendor, or its designated representative (which may in some instances be the Purchaser) shall correct any Defects identified by the Purchaser, within seven (7) calendar days after receiving the non-acceptance or conditional acceptance notification of the Bus from the Purchaser.



The Vendor shall provide, at its own expense, all spare parts, tools, and space required to complete the repairs. At the Purchaser's option, the Vendor may be required to remove the Bus from the Purchaser's property while repairs are being affected. If the Bus is removed from the Purchaser's property, the Vendor's representatives must diligently pursue repair procedures. The Purchaser shall make the Bus available for the purposes of such repair(s).

#### **7.07 Repairs By Purchaser**

If the Purchaser is authorized by the Vendor to correct the Defects that caused the conditional acceptance or non-acceptance of the Bus, it shall use Vendor-specified parts available from its own stock or those supplied by the Vendor specifically for this repair.

- (1) Vendor Supplied Parts. If the Vendor supplies parts for the Work being performed by the Purchaser, these parts shall be shipped prepaid to the Purchaser within 10 (ten) calendar days after receipt of the Purchaser's request for said parts.
- (2) Reimbursement for Parts. The Vendor shall reimburse the Purchaser for all parts and materials necessary to correct the Defect. The reimbursement shall be at the current replacement cost and shall include applicable taxes. Alternatively, the Vendor may replace the parts at no cost to the Purchaser.
- (3) Return of Defective Components. The Vendor may request that defective parts covered by this provision be returned to the manufacturing plant, at the Vendor's cost.
- (4) Reimbursement for Labour. The Vendor shall reimburse the Purchaser for labour. The amount shall be determined by multiplying the number of person-hours actually required to correct the Defect by an all-inclusive shop rate as specified in Section 3.3.6 Reimbursement for Labor - Technical Specification Appendix A and Proponent Response.
- (5) Reimbursement for Warranty Labour and/or Parts. The Vendor shall reimburse the Purchaser by cheque for warranty labour and/or parts, within 60 (sixty) calendar days of receipt of warranty claim. The Purchaser will have the option of accepting reimbursement through parts credits, if applicable.

### **8.0 ARTICLE 8 – DELAYS**

#### **8.01 Vendor's Delay**

If the Vendor is delayed at any time during the progress of the Work by the neglect or failure of the Purchaser or by a cause described below, then the time for completion of the relevant Work and/or affected delivery date(s) may be extended by the Vendor for a commensurate period of time subject to the following conditions:

- (1) The cause of the delay must arise after the notice of award and neither was nor could have been anticipated by the Vendor by reasonable investigation before such award;
- (2) The Vendor demonstrates to the Purchaser that the completion of the Work and/or affected delivery(ies) will be actually and necessarily delayed;
- (3) The effect of such cause cannot be avoided or mitigated by the exercise of all reasonable precautions, efforts and measures whether before or after the occurrence of the cause of delay; and



- (4) The Vendor makes written request and provides other information to the Purchaser as described in section 8.02 (Notification of Vendor Delay).

A delay that meets all of the conditions of this section shall be deemed an excusable delay. Any concurrent delay that does not constitute an excusable delay shall not be the sole basis for denying a request hereunder.

None of the above shall relieve the Vendor of any liability for the payment of any liquidated damages owing from a failure to complete the Work by the specified time for completion pursuant to Article 9 (Liquidated Damages) for delays occurring prior or subsequent to the occurrence of an excusable delay.

The Purchaser reserves the right to rescind or shorten any extension previously granted if, subsequently, the Purchaser determines that any information provided by the Vendor in support of a request for an extension of time was erroneous provided that such information or facts, if known, would have resulted in a denial of the request for an excusable delay. Notwithstanding the above, the Purchaser will not rescind or shorten any extension previously granted if the Vendor acted in reliance upon the granting of such extension and such extension was based on information which, although later found to have been erroneous, was submitted in good faith by the Vendor.

#### **8.02 Notification Of Vendor Delay**

Notwithstanding Force Majeure (see Master Agreement, Section 1.08), no extension or adjustment of time shall be granted by the Purchaser unless the Vendor provides the Purchaser (a) written notice of the delay within fourteen (14) calendar days after the commencement of the delay and (b) a written application stating in reasonable detail the causes, the effect to date and the probable future effect on the performance of the Vendor under the Contract, and the portion or portions of the Work affected, within thirty (30) calendar days after the commencement of the delay. No such extension or adjustment shall be deemed a waiver of the rights of either Party under this Agreement. The Purchaser shall make its determination within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of the Vendor's application.

### **9.0 ARTICLE 9 – LIQUIDATED DAMAGES**

#### **9.01 Liquidated Damages – Delivery and Acceptance**

It is mutually understood and agreed by and between the Parties that time is of the essence with respect to the completion of the Work and the Deliverables and that in case of any failure on the part of the Vendor to complete the Work or provide the Deliverables within the time specified in Section 7.02 (Delivery Schedule), except for any delay as provided for in this Agreement, the Master Agreement Section 1.08 (Force Majeure), or any extension thereof, that the Purchaser will be damaged thereby. It being difficult if not impossible of definite ascertainment and proof, it is hereby agreed that the amount of such damages due the Purchaser shall be fixed at one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per Business Day per Bus not delivered in acceptable condition as per Section 2.4.2 (Pre-Delivery Tests and Sign-off) of Appendix A – Technical Specifications and Proponent Response.

The Vendor hereby agrees to pay the afore stated amounts as fixed, agreed and liquidated damages, and not by way of penalty, to the Purchaser and further authorizes the Purchaser to deduct the amount of the damages from money due the Vendor under the Purchase Agreement, computed as aforesaid. If the monies due the Vendor are insufficient or no monies are due the Vendor, the Vendor shall pay the Purchaser the difference or the entire



amount, whichever may be the case, within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of a written demand by the Purchaser.

The payment of aforesaid fixed, agreed and liquidated damages shall be in lieu of any damages for any loss of profit, loss of revenue, loss of use, or for any other direct, indirect, special or consequential losses or damages of any kind whatsoever that may be suffered by the Purchaser arising at any time from the failure of the Vendor to fulfill the obligations referenced in this clause in a timely manner, but shall not limit the Purchaser's right to seek any other legal or equitable relief (other than damages) for the Vendor's breach of the obligations referenced in this clause and shall not limit the Purchaser's right in respect of any other breach or default by the Vendor.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Purchaser specifically reserves the right, without limitation of any other rights, to terminate the Purchase Agreement in accordance with Article 4 in this Agreement, and seek any rights and remedies available to the Purchaser at law or in equity in the event of termination in accordance with Article 4 of this Agreement.

#### **9.02 Liquidated Damages – Warranty Repairs**

It is mutually understood and agreed by and between the Parties to the Purchase Agreement that time is of the essence with respect to the completion of the Work and that in case of any failure on the part of the Vendor to complete the Work within the time specified in the Technical Specifications (Section 3.2 Repair Procedures – By Vendor), except for any delay as provided for in this Agreement, the Master Agreement (section 1.08 Force Majeure), or any extension thereof, that the Purchaser will be damaged thereby. It being difficult if not impossible of definite ascertainment and proof, it is hereby agreed that the amount of such damages due the Purchaser shall be fixed at \$100.00 (one hundred dollars) per calendar day per Bus that is out of service for more than -fifteen (15)) Business Days after notification by the Purchaser of a Defect applicable to the Bus Manufacturer's Warranty (See Appendix A – Technical Specifications and Proponent Response, Section 3.1.7 - Component Registration). The damages will be calculated from the date that the Purchaser notified the Vendor.

The Vendor hereby agrees to pay the afore stated amounts as fixed, agreed and liquidated damages, and not by way of penalty, to the Purchaser and further authorizes the Purchaser to deduct the amount of the damages from money due the Vendor under the Purchase Agreement, computed as aforesaid. If the monies due the Vendor are insufficient or no monies are due the Vendor, the Vendor shall pay the Purchaser the difference or the entire amount, whichever may be the case, within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of a written demand by the Purchaser.

The payment of aforesaid fixed, agreed and liquidated damages shall be in lieu of any damages for any loss of profit, loss of revenue, loss of use, or for any other direct, indirect, special or consequential losses or damages of any kind whatsoever that may be suffered by the Purchaser arising at any time from the failure of the Vendor to fulfill the obligations referenced in this clause in a timely manner, but shall not limit the Purchaser's right to seek any other legal or equitable relief (other than damages) for the Vendor's breach of the obligations referenced in this clause and shall not limit the Purchaser's right in respect of any other breach or default by the Vendor.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Purchaser specifically reserves the right, without limitation of any other rights, to terminate the Purchase Agreement in accordance with Article 4 in this Agreement, and seek any rights and remedies available to the Purchaser at law or in equity in the event of termination in accordance with Article 4 of this Agreement.



## **10.0 ARTICLE 10 – MATERIALS AND WORKMANSHIP**

All materials and workmanship including but not limited to the Work and Deliverables to be provided by the Vendor to the Purchaser hereunder will comply with the Technical Specifications, including without limitation, the Warranty Provisions set out in Appendix A - Technical Specifications.

### **10.01 Quality of Materials**

The Vendor shall furnish all materials required to complete the Bus. The materials furnished shall be new and shall be free from impurities, Defects, and imperfections impairing strength, durability and appearance. They shall be of good commercial quality for the purposes specified, with structural properties to withstand the strains and stresses to which they will be subjected in normal service. Notwithstanding any prior inspection or approval, only materials conforming to the requirements of the Technical Specifications shall be incorporated into the item or items to be procured.

### **10.02 Equivalent Materials and Equipment**

The Vendor shall manufacture and supply the Bus(es) with the components and materials as proposed and agreed to in the Master Agreement and the individual Purchaser's Purchase Agreement unless substitutions become necessary. Any substitution of an article or material shall be of at least equal quality and suitable for the purpose intended. Substitutions will be permitted hereunder subject only to the following:

- (a) Any such substitution shall require prior approval in writing by the Purchaser and the TPI Project Representative.
- (b) Any such substitutions shall not result in any additional cost to the Purchaser.
- (c) All requests by the Vendor for approval of substitutions shall be made to the Purchaser in writing and accompanied by supporting information,
- (d) The burden of proof of at least equal quality and of suitability for the purpose intended shall be upon the Vendor and all information and tests related to such proof shall be free of cost to the Purchaser.

Whenever classification, rating or other certification by a body such as the Canadian Standards Association (CSA), the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), or recognized National Standards is a part of the Technical Specifications for any material, any substitution of alternative materials shall be accompanied by certification from the appropriate body of compliance with the requirements of the Technical Specifications.

### **10.03 Defective Material**

Material or equipment intended for use on the Bus(es), or parts thereof, which is found to be not in conformance with the Contract shall be clearly marked and so disposed of as to ensure that it will not be used or offered for use again on the Work unless and until proper material or equipment has been substituted or other corrective action taken to the satisfaction of the Purchaser and/or Inspector.

### **10.04 Maintainability**

It is imperative that the emphasis be placed upon maintainability, which depends upon accessibility, ease of component exchange, use of common as opposed to special tools, clear and comprehensive manuals and drawings. The bus design must minimize the variety of sizes and types of fasteners to minimize the variety of required tools, practices and spare



parts. The design must accentuate servicing accessibility and the use of reliable quick fasteners. It must not be necessary to disconnect piping, move apparatus or other obstacles before servicing or removing apparatus needing regular maintenance. Panels and suitable sub-assemblies should make the greatest possible use of swing-out, slide-out or foldout features for convenient access to components. All lubrication fittings must be located and positioned so that they can be serviced with basic lubricating devices without the need to make alterations to the types, location and position of the fittings.

#### **10.05 Welding**

Welding procedures, materials and qualifications of welding operators shall be in accordance with CSA W59-03 and/or AWS D8.8M:2007 and if applicable, standards of ASTM and AWS. Where visible, welds shall have a finished appearance. All metals to be joined by welding shall have their contact surfaces free of scale, grease and paint. Where non-anodized metal is riveted or bolted to metal, contact surfaces shall be thoroughly cleaned and properly primed.

#### **10.06 Protection from Road Dirt**

Design of the Bus must be such that excessive road dirt is not deposited on the windows and exterior panels.

#### **10.07 Fire Retardant Materials**

The Bus must be designed and manufactured in accordance with all applicable fire safety and smoke emission regulations and any other Requirements of Law. These provisions must include the use of fire-retardant/low-smoke materials, firewalls, and facilitation of passenger evacuation. All interior materials except the plywood floor shall be fire retardant and must meet the requirements of CMVSS #302 as a minimum.

No foamed plastic or urethane insulation may be used anywhere in any of the vehicles. Polystyrene is acceptable. The use of Asbestos or Asbestos products is not permitted.

### **11.0 ARTICLE 11 – VENDOR – PURCHASER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

#### **11.01 Acknowledgement**

The Vendor and Purchaser acknowledge and agree that Metrolinx and its Successors shall not be liable or responsible to either the Vendor or the Purchaser for any matter arising under this Purchase Agreement or through the provision of the Deliverables and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Vendor and Purchaser acknowledge and agree that Metrolinx and its Successors will not be liable or responsible for any payment or other obligation relating to the purchase of the Buses or other Work or Deliverables provided hereunder. The Purchaser and Vendor agree that this provision is for the benefit of Metrolinx and that Metrolinx is a third party beneficiary of this provision and consequently, Metrolinx has the right to enforce this provision as if it was a party to this Agreement.

### **12.0 ARTICLE 12 - PURCHASERS RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### **12.01 Purchaser Responsibilities**

- (1) The Purchaser will be responsible for administering this Agreement.
- (2) The Purchaser shall:
  - (a) inspect each Bus upon delivery and prior to issuing an acceptance certificate;



- (b) receive invoices sent by the Vendor and shall be responsible for ensuring payment;
- (3) The Purchaser shall deal directly with the Vendor with respect to any post-delivery issues specific to this Agreement including warranty and other repair issues. The Purchaser consents to the release any related Bus information by the Vendor to Metrolinx as required.
- (4) Purchaser acknowledges and agrees that it is only permitted to purchase a Bus or Buses during the Base Year, Option Year, if exercised, or a further extension of the Term of the Master Agreement.
- (5) If there are multiple separate purchases for Buses by a Purchaser, Vendor and Purchaser shall execute at least one Purchase Agreement. Any subsequent purchases may be through another Purchase Agreement or Purchase Order and such Purchase Order shall be attached as a subsequent schedule to the original Purchase Agreement.

### **13.0 ARTICLE 13 – TPI PROJECT REPRESENTATIVE(S) AND PRODUCTION SCHEDULE**

#### **13.01 TPI Project Representative(s)**

TPI Project Representative(s) will represent the Purchaser until such time as all Buses have been accepted by the Purchaser and will report to and take direction from the Steering Committee:

TPI Project Representative(s) responsibilities include:

- (a) being the one-window point of contact for the Vendor;
- (b) exchanging information between the Vendor and Purchasers;
- (c) identifying any issues related to the performance of Work in respect of the Contract and Deliverables;
- (d) recommending to Purchasers the rejection of Work that does not conform to the Master Agreement;
- (e) overseeing and providing direction to the Inspector on behalf of Purchasers (if applicable), and
- (f) coordinating approval of “equivalent” requests as per Section 10.02.

#### **13.02 Production Schedule**

Upon the execution of the Purchase Agreement, the Vendor shall provide the TPI Project Representative the production schedule and any revisions to the production schedule in relation to the Deliverables under the PA. The Vendor shall follow the approved production schedule unless varied by agreement with TPI Project Representative.

### **14.0 ARTICLE 14 – CONFIDENTIALITY AND MFIPPA**

#### **14.01 Purchasers’ Confidential Information**

During and following the Term, any information identified in writing by the Purchaser as confidential, the Vendor shall: (a) keep all Confidential Information confidential and secure; (b) limit the disclosure of Confidential Information to only those employees who have a need



to know it and who have been specifically authorized to have such disclosure; (c) not directly or indirectly disclose, destroy, exploit or use any Confidential Information (except for the purpose of providing the Deliverables, or except if required by order of a court or tribunal), without first obtaining: (i) the written consent of the Purchaser and (ii) in respect of any Confidential Information about any third-party, the written consent of such third-party; (d) provide Confidential Information to the Purchaser on demand; and (e) return all Confidential Information to the Purchaser before the termination or expiry of the Term, with no copy or portion kept by the Vendor.

#### **14.02 MFIPPA Records and Compliance**

The Vendor and the Purchaser acknowledge and agree that MFIPPA applies to and governs all Records and may require the disclosure of such Records to third parties. Furthermore, the Vendor agrees:

- (a) to keep Records secure;
- (b) to provide Records to the Purchaser within seven (7) calendar days of being directed to do so by the Purchaser for any reason including an access request or privacy issue;
- (c) not to access any Personal Information unless the Purchaser determines, in its sole discretion, that access is permitted under MFIPPA and is necessary in order to provide the Deliverables;
- (d) not to directly or indirectly use, collect, disclose or destroy any Personal Information for any purposes that are not authorized by the Purchaser;
- (e) to ensure the security and integrity of Personal Information and keep it in a physically secure and separate location safe from loss, alteration, destruction or intermingling with other records and databases and to implement, use and maintain the most appropriate products, tools, measures and procedures to do so;
- (f) to restrict access to Personal Information to those of its employees who have a need to know it and who have been specifically authorized to have such access for the purpose of providing the Deliverables;
- (g) to implement other specific security measures that in the reasonable opinion of the Purchaser would improve the adequacy and effectiveness of the Vendor's measures to ensure the security and integrity of Personal Information and Records generally; and
- (h) that any confidential information supplied to the Purchaser may be disclosed by the Purchaser where they are obligated to do so under MFIPPA by an order of a court or tribunal or pursuant to a legal proceeding;

and the provisions of this paragraph shall survive any termination or expiry of the Contract and shall prevail over any inconsistent provisions in the Contract.

#### **14.03 Security Measures**

- (a) The Vendor shall select, implement (prior to the commencement of the Work), use and maintain the most appropriate products, tools, measures and procedures to ensure the security of all Purchaser Confidential Information, as determined with reference to and generally in compliance with the Requirements of Law, Industry Standards, and best practices, or as otherwise prescribed by the Purchaser, during



the Term. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, such practices shall include:

- (i) privacy due diligence safeguards; and
  - (ii) physical and electronic security measures and confidentiality enhancing technologies to guard against unauthorized disclosures, access and use, such as firewalls, encryption, the use of user identification and passwords, software or other automated systems to control and track the addition and deletion of users, and software or other automated systems to control and track user access to areas and features of information systems.
- (b) For greater certainty, the Purchaser reserves the right to prescribe the specific manner in which Vendor shall perform its obligations relating to this Section 14.03.

## **15.0 ARTICLE 15 – INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE**

### **15.01 Vendor Indemnity**

The Vendor hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Indemnified Parties from and against any and all liability, loss, costs, damages and expenses (including reasonable legal, expert and consultant fees), causes of action, actions, claims, demands, lawsuits or other proceedings, (collectively, “Claims”), by whomever made, sustained, brought or prosecuted, including for third party bodily injury (including death), personal injury and property damage, in any way based upon, occasioned by or attributable to anything done or omitted to be done that was not specifically authorized by the Contract by the Vendor, its subcontractors or their respective directors, officers, agents, employees, component Vendors or independent contractors in the course of performance of the Vendor’s obligations under, or otherwise in connection with, the Contract. The obligations contained in this paragraph shall survive the termination or expiry of the Contract.

### **15.02 Vendor’s Insurance**

The Vendor hereby agrees to put in effect and maintain for the Term, at its own cost and expense, with insurers having a secure A.M. Best rating of B + or greater, or the equivalent, all the necessary and appropriate insurance that a prudent person in the business of the Vendor would maintain including, but not limited to, the following:

- (a) Continuous commercial general liability insurance coverage, which shall be maintained beyond the Term, for third party bodily injury, personal injury and property damage, to an inclusive limit of not less than Ten Million Dollars **(\$10,000,000)** per occurrence, Ten Million Dollars **(\$10,000,000)** products and completed operations aggregate. Such liability insurance shall contain no exclusions in conflict with the work required to be performed under the Master Agreement. The policy is to be endorsed to include the following:
  - (i) the Indemnified Parties as additional insureds
  - (ii) contractual liability coverage
  - (iii) cross-liability clause
  - (iv) employer’s liability coverage (or compliance with the paragraph below entitled “Proof of Workplace Safety and Insurance Act (W.S.I.A) Coverage” is required)
  - (v) 30 day written notice of cancellation, termination



- (vi) tenant's legal liability coverage (if applicable and with applicable sub-limits)
- (vii) non-owned automobile coverage with blanket contractual coverage for hired automobiles, if applicable
- (b) All Risks Property Insurance shall be in the joint names of the Vendor and Metrolinx. The insurance provided shall have limits of not less than the greater of
  - (i) \$2,000,000; or
  - (ii) the sum of the total value of all products ordered under all applicable Purchase Agreements in a given year, along with the applicable Value Added Taxes, as specified in the Contract Documents.

The policy shall include a waiver of subrogation against Metrolinx.

- (c) Automobile Liability Insurance

The Vendor shall, at its own expense, obtain and maintain at all times during the term of the contract insurance covering for bodily injury, death, damage to property and statutory accident benefits coverage with respect to all vehicles owned, licensed or leased by the Vendor. The policy shall have limits of not less than Five Million Dollars (**\$5,000,000**) inclusive per occurrence.

- (d) Additional Coverage

Without prejudice to the other provisions of the Master Agreement, the Vendor shall, at all relevant times and at their own expense, obtain and maintain, or cause to be obtained and maintained, those insurances that are reasonable for the performance of the type of Work required by the Master Agreement and which they are required to obtain and maintain, or cause to be obtained or maintained, by applicable law.

### **15.03 Proof of Insurance**

The Vendor shall provide Metrolinx with proof of the insurance required by the Master Agreement in the form of valid certificates of insurance that references the Master Agreement and confirms the required coverage, on or before the commencement of the Master Agreement, and renewal replacements, including the contract number, up to 30 calendar days post inception or renewal date and thereafter, no later than 15 calendar days prior to the placement, renewal, amendment or extension of all or any part of the insurance. Upon the request of Metrolinx, a copy of each insurance policy shall be made available. The Vendor shall ensure that each of its subcontractors complies with the insurance requirements set out in the Master Agreement by obtaining similar types of insurance and providing the Vendor with proof of the acquisition and maintenance of such insurance. The Vendor shall be responsible for all deductible amounts under the policies.

### **15.04 Proof of W.S.I.A. Coverage**

If the Vendor is subject to the Workplace Safety and Insurance Act ("WSIA"), it shall submit a valid clearance certificate of WSIA coverage to the Purchaser prior to the execution of the Purchase Agreement by the Purchaser. In addition, the Vendor shall, from time to time at the request of the Purchaser, provide additional WSIA clearance certificates. The Vendor covenants and agrees to pay when due, and to ensure that each of its subcontractors pays when due, all amounts required to be paid by it/its subcontractors, from time to time during the Term, under the WSIA, failing which the Purchaser shall have the right, in addition to and



not in substitution for any other right it may have pursuant to the Contract or otherwise at law or in equity, to pay to the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board any amount due pursuant to the WSIA and unpaid by the Vendor or its subcontractors and to deduct such amount from any amount due and owing from time to time to the Vendor pursuant to the Contract together with all costs incurred by the Purchaser in connection therewith. If the Vendor is not subject to the WSIA it shall be bound by the terms and required to comply with such reasonably equivalent workplace and safety requirements as may be applicable to it in the provision of the Deliverables pursuant to the Contract and the foregoing provisions of this Section 15.04 (Proof of WSIA Coverage) shall apply *mutatis mutandi* with respect to such requirements.

#### **15.05 Health and Safety**

*(a) Occupational Health & Safety Act*

- (i) The Vendor shall comply with OHSA, and any obligations of the Vendor as an “employer” thereunder, and with all regulations made under the OHSA.
- (ii) The Vendor shall report to Metrolinx and the Purchaser any non-compliance by a subcontractor in the performance of the Work with the regulations under the OHSA if and when brought to the attention of the Vendor.
- (iii) The Vendor acknowledges that lack of compliance with applicable provincial or municipal health and safety requirements will be and are intended to be documented and kept on file, and that such lack of compliance may cause:
  - (A) the Vendor’s performance of the Work to be suspended; or
  - (B) this PA to be cancelled by the Purchaser.
- (iv) The Vendor will be under an obligation to cease the Work, or any part thereof, if an authorized representative of Metrolinx or the relevant Purchaser so requires orally or in writing on the grounds that there has been any violation of the OHSA or any of the regulations under it, and thereafter the Work or affected part thereof shall not resume until any such violation has been rectified.
- (v) The Vendor shall be responsible for any delay caused by the Vendor in the progress of the Work as a result of any violation of provincial or municipal health and safety requirements by the Vendor, it being understood that such delay shall be not be a force majeure for the purposes of extending the time for performance of the Work or entitling the Vendor to additional compensation, and the Vendor shall take all necessary steps to avoid delay in the final completion of the Work without additional cost to Metrolinx or the Purchaser, which shall not be responsible for any additional expense or liability resulting from any such delay.
- (vi) Nothing in this Section 15.05 shall be taken as making Metrolinx or the Purchaser the “employer” (as described in Section 15.05(a)(i) of any workers employed or engaged by the Vendor for the Work, either instead of or jointly with the Vendor.

#### **15.06 Safety Requirements**

- (a) The Vendor shall comply with the “Safety Requirements” and “Environmental Protection”, if applicable, Sections of the Scope of Work. Safety of Persons at or



near a designated site or location of the Work and the public is of paramount concern to the Purchaser. In the performance of the Work, the Vendor shall not in any manner endanger the safety of, or unlawfully interfere with, Persons on or off the designated site or location of the Work, including the public.

- (b) The Vendor specifically covenants and agrees that:
- (i) it shall comply with best industry practice in Ontario respecting health and safety in a manner that recognizes and minimizes the risk to workers, other individuals, property and the operations of Metrolinx and the Purchaser, to the extent that such practices are not inconsistent with an express instruction set out in the Master Agreement or provided by Metrolinx and/or the PA or provided by the Purchaser, as applicable;
  - (ii) it shall comply, and shall ensure that all Vendor Personnel comply, in all regards with the requirements of OHSA and/or the Canadian Labour Code, Part II, as applicable;
  - (iii) it shall comply, and shall ensure that all Vendor Personnel comply, in all regards with the safety requirements set out in the Contract;
  - (iv) it shall maintain, strictly enforce and comply, and ensure that all Vendor Personnel comply, in all regards with the Vendor's own health and safety program, to the extent not inconsistent with this Contract and Metrolinx's and/or the Purchaser's health and safety program;
  - (v) it shall comply, and shall ensure that all Vendor Personnel comply, with any and all safety-related directives or instructions issued by Metrolinx and/or the Purchaser, as applicable;
  - (vi) it shall take all steps reasonable in the circumstances to ensure the health and safety of all workers for which it has responsibility under OHSA; and
  - (vii) it shall make available, at the Purchaser's request, such policies and procedures relating to its occupational health and safety matters as the Purchaser may from time to time request, and hereby covenants that all Vendor Personnel have been properly trained and are knowledgeable with respect to these policies and procedures.

#### **15.07 Workers' Rights**

- (a) The Vendor shall at all times pay or cause to be paid any assessments or compensation required to be paid by the Vendor or its subcontractors pursuant to any applicable workers' compensation legislation, and upon failure to do so, Metrolinx and/or the Purchaser may pay such assessments or compensation to the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board and may deduct such assessments or compensation from monies due to the Vendor. The Vendor shall comply with all regulations and laws relating to workers' compensation.

#### **15.08 Vendor Participation in Proceedings**

The Vendor shall, at its expense, to the extent requested by the Purchaser, participate in or conduct the defence of any Proceeding against any Indemnified Parties referred to in this Article and any negotiations for their settlement. The Purchaser may elect to participate in or conduct the defence of any such Proceeding by notifying the Vendor in writing of such election without prejudice to any other rights or remedies of the Purchaser under the



Contract, Master Agreement, Purchase Agreement, at law or in equity. Each party participating in the defence shall do so by actively participating with the other's counsel. No settlement shall be entered into by the Vendor unless it has obtained the prior written approval of the Purchaser. If the Vendor is requested by the Purchaser to participate in or conduct the defence of any such Proceeding, the Purchaser agrees to co-operate with and assist the Vendor to the fullest extent possible in the Proceedings and any related settlement negotiations. If the Purchaser conducts the defence of any such Proceedings, the Vendor agrees to co-operate with and assist the Purchaser to the fullest extent possible in the Proceedings and any related settlement negotiations. The Vendor shall provide the Purchaser with prompt notice of any Claims or Proceedings arising hereunder.

#### **15.09 Limitation on Liability**

- (a) Subject to Section 15.09(b), in no event shall either Party be liable for indirect, consequential, exemplary, punitive or special damages relating to the Contract even if such Party has been advised in advance of the possibility of such damages. The Vendor acknowledges and agrees that any damages awarded by a court of competent jurisdiction against the Purchaser as a result of a third party claim is to be deemed to be direct damages.
- (b) The limitations of liability set forth in Section 15.09(a) shall not apply with respect to:
  - (i) the death of or bodily injury to any agent, employee, customer, business invitee, business visitor or other person, including a member of the general public, to the extent caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of the Vendor or any Vendor Personnel;
  - (ii) damage, loss or destruction of any real or tangible personal property, to the extent caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of the Vendor or any Vendor Personnel;
  - (iii) damage or loss arising from Article 14 of this Purchase Agreement and/or Article 5 of the Master Agreement; or
  - (iv) damage or loss incurred by the Purchaser due to a third party alleging that any Deliverable violates, infringes or misappropriates any patent, trade-mark, copyright, industrial design, trade secret or any other rights in such third party's Intellectual Property.

This Section 15.09 shall survive the termination or expiry of the Contract.

### **16.0 ARTICLE 16 - REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES AND COVENANTS OF THE VENDOR**

#### **16.01 Representations, Warranties and Covenants of the Vendor**

- (a) The Vendor covenants and agrees with and represents and warrants to the Purchaser, and acknowledges and confirms that the Purchaser is relying on such covenants, agreements, representations and warranties, as follows:
  - (i) the Vendor is validly existing under the laws of the location of its head office;
  - (ii) the execution and delivery of the Contract, the consummation of the transactions contemplated herein and compliance with and performance of the provisions of the Contract does not and shall not:



- (A) result in a breach of or constitute a default under, or create a state of fact, which after notice or lapse of time or both, or otherwise, would constitute a default under any term or provision of the constating documents of the Vendor, the by-laws or resolutions of the Vendor or any agreement or instrument to which the Vendor is a party or by which it is bound, or
  - (B) require the Vendor to obtain any approval or action of any other Persons and, if required, any such approvals have already been obtained as of the date of the Contract;
- (iii) the Contract constitutes a legally valid and binding obligation of the Vendor enforceable against it in accordance with its terms, subject only to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency and other similar laws affecting the enforceability of the rights of creditors generally, the principles of equity and that equitable remedies such as specific performance and injunction are available only in the discretion of a court of competent jurisdiction;
- (iv) the Vendor has carefully reviewed the whole of the Contract , and all other documents made available to the Vendor by Metrolinx and the Purchaser, and, to the Vendor's knowledge, nothing contained herein or therein inhibits or prevents the Vendor from performing the Work in accordance with the Required Standard of Care so as to achieve and satisfy the requirements of the Contract;
- (v) the Vendor has engaged and shall engage only Vendor Personnel, including subcontractors that are qualified and competent to perform the portions of the Work they are responsible for and possess the requisite Domain Expertise;
- (vi) the Vendor has available the resources and personnel to complete all of its obligations under the Contract in a timely, efficient and professional manner in accordance with the Required Standard of Care;
- (vii) the Vendor is not aware of any legal action instituted, threatened or pending against the Vendor that could have a material adverse effect on its ability to perform its obligations under the Contract;
- (viii) the Vendor, its affiliates and its subcontractors, and any of their Vendor Personnel, are in compliance with all Requirements of Law related to economic and political sanctions. None of the Vendor, its affiliates or its subcontractors, or any of their Vendor Personnel, is, or has ever been, a Sanctioned Person or a Sanction Linked Person, or acts directly or indirectly for any Sanctioned Person or Sanction Linked Person, and no Sanctioned Person or Sanction Linked Person has, directly, or indirectly, an Economic Interest in any of the Vendor, its affiliates or its subcontractors, or any of their Vendor Personnel, provided that, without derogating from the foregoing, if any of the Vendor, its affiliates or any subcontractor, or any of their Vendor Personnel, becomes a Sanctioned Person or a Sanction Linked Person, then the Vendor shall immediately notify Metrolinx and Metrolinx may, at its discretion (without incurring any liability of any nature whatsoever): (i) require that the Vendor remove such Sanctioned Person or Sanction Linked Person from the performance of the Work, or (ii) take any other action Metrolinx deems necessary in order for Metrolinx to comply with Requirements of Law relating to economic or political sanctions, including terminating or suspending all or



any part of this Purchase Agreement with immediate effect by notice to the Vendor;

- (ix) except as disclosed in the Proposal, the Vendor is free of any actual or potential Proposal Conflict of Interest;
- (x) the Vendor is registered as an employer pursuant to the *Workplace Safety and Insurance Act* (Ontario) and has completed all filings and paid all assessments as required pursuant to that Act and the regulations thereunder;
- (xi) the Vendor is familiar with the obligations imposed on an “employer” as defined in the OHSA, and that it has in place a health and safety program to ensure that it takes all steps reasonable in the circumstances to ensure the health and safety of all workers for which it has responsibility under that Act; and
- (xii) the Vendor represents, warrants and covenants to the Purchaser that the Vendor is and shall remain duly registered for the purposes of Part IX of the *Excise Tax Act*.

#### **16.02 Continuing Effect of Representations, Warranties and Covenants**

The Vendor hereto agrees that its covenants, representations and warranties contained in this Article 16 are continuing covenants, representations and warranties and shall apply and be true and correct at all times during the Term.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** the Parties hereto have executed this Purchase Agreement as of the date first above written.

**Temiskaming Shores**

Signature:

Name: **Jeff Laferriere**

Title: Mayor

Date of Signature:

I have the authority to bind the Purchaser.

Signature:

Name: **Logan Belanger**

Title: Municipal Clerk

Date of Signature:

I have the authority to bind the Purchaser.

**Creative Carriage Ltd.**

Signature:

Name: **Darryl Nunn**

Title: VP of Operations

Date of Signature:

I have authority to bind the Vendor.



## SCHEDULE A TO PURCHASE AGREEMENT

### (DELIVERABLES)

**Include for example:**

- detailed description of the Deliverables and Options selected
- geographic regions in which Deliverables are to be provided
- milestones, dates, timelines
- description of standards to be achieved/quality management plan
- reporting requirements
- delivery schedule, locations
- early payment discounts

## SCHEDULE B TO PURCHASE AGREEMENT

### (PRICE)

**Provide detail for:**

- Prices as per the Master Agreement
- Pricing for selected Options
- Invoicing process if different from Section 6.02

## ADDITIONAL SCHEDULES TO PURCHASE AGREEMENT (if applicable)

- Subsequent Option Year orders and/or new purchase orders are to be added in to this Schedule.



**Creative Carriage Ltd.***Low Floor Bus Transit Vehicle*

2022 ARBOC Spirit of Freedom

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**SOF Configuration for Temiskaming Shores**

Name	Description	Quantity	Cost Per Unit	Subtotal
<b>ARBOC SOF</b>	2WC, 21AMB	2	<b>\$276,493.72</b>	<b>\$552,987.44 *</b>

*Bus Description Below**\* Plus Applicable HST***Chassis Information:**

27' GM 4500 with GVWR 14,200

Gas Engine – Vortec 6.6L

6 – Speed Automatic Transmission (MYD)

Heavy Duty Disc Brakes w/ Four-Wheel ABS

Internal Rear Disk Park Brake

GM Spring Suspension

Auxiliary Battery Compartment w/ Stainless Tray &amp; Door

220 Amp Alternator

**Chassis:**

Transpec Rear Bumper w/ Anti Ride

Driver Side Running Board – 12" w/o Wing

Front Mud Flaps

Spare Tire &amp; Wheel (Shipped Loose)

Tow Hooks Rear

Altro Flooring w. 8" Coving on Sides – Storm Grey

CSA Upfit

Exhaust Outlet Routed to Streetside

Stainless Steel Wheel Wells

Mor/Ryde Rear Suspension

Undercoating

5/8" Wolmanized Sub Floor

**Mirror Options:**

Interior Convex Mirror

Remote Heated Velvac w/ LED Turn Signal Door Mounted

**Window Options:**

Window Behind Driver

Double T Slider Windows (EX210WB)

Extra Standard Egress Window Front Driver Side

**Exterior Options:**

Side Turn Market Lights (Includes Armouring) (2)

Rear Centre Brake Light

Armouring for Front &amp; Rear Marker Lights

Amber Lens for Turn Signal

Interior Lights on w/ Door Opening

Exterior Light at Entry Door w/ 5 Second Delay (Door Actuated)





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**Door/Hatch/Luggage Options:**

Rear Door (Outside Key Lock, Inside Manual Locking Lever) w/ 2 Windows & 2 Side Windows, Door Alarm, & Exit LED Light  
Rear Door Alarm Package (Audible & Flashing Switch on Console if Door is Unlatched or Open)  
Roof Hatch – Transpec Econo  
OH Driver Storage Compartment Box w/ Key Lock Door  
Sensitive Door Edge – Main Entry  
Entry Door Header Access Door w/ 2 Thumb Latches

*Changes/Additional/Deleted Options:*

Sportworks 2 Bike Rack (Black)  
OH Driver Storage Box Roadside w/ Door (Thumb Latch)

**Electrical Options:**

Alarm Backup  
Driver Console Switch Panel  
Auxiliary Battery, Compartment w/ Tray & Door Key Lock  
Stainless Steel Battery Tray  
Rotary Disconnect Switch  
Fast Idle  
Egress Window Lights (4)  
Under Hood Lite (2)  
Ext Door Toggle Switch  
Ramp Activation System (Includes: Ext Ramp Toggle Switch)  
Ramp Activation Warning Light & Buzzer  
4 Way Flasher/Hazard Switch  
Wiring Harness Over 5' Containing 5 Wires (Plus) Will Include 2 Extra Wires 14ga Red & Yellow in Conduit for Spares

*Changes/Additional/Deleted Options:*

Destination Sign Luminator Digital Front & Side Horizon Amber  
USB Port (Drivers Console)  
Jump Start Connector w/o Cap Mounted in Battery Box  
Aisle Lights (6) w/ 10 Second Delay  
Rear (2) Interior Transition Lights w/ Separate ON/OFF Switch on Dash

**Audio Options:**

Pull Wire for 2 Way Radio – Behind Driver  
Passenger Stop Request Easy STOP Wired Buttons w/ Chime  
AM/FM/CD w/ 4 Speakers Jensen-PA Ready  
Buss Bar w/ (2) 6way Fuse Blocks (1) Ignition Hot, & (1) Battery Hot  
Prewire 2 Way Radio (w/ Hot & Ground 30 AMP Fuse)  
Ontario AODA Annunciation Speakers & Prewire Harness





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**Interior Environment Options:**

60K BTU Heater Slim Line  
65K BTU Heater Low Profile  
In-Line Circulating Pump  
Dash Mounted Defrost Fan  
Heater Shut Off Valve: Brass w/ Label  
Constant Torque Clamps All Hoses  
Silicone Heater Hoses

*Changes/Additional/Deleted Options:*

Insulate Heater Lines  
ACC – A/C Tropicool TC60H21 75K Heat/Cool Combo – 100K Roof Mount Evaporator/135K Condenser Combo Unit w/ TM21 Compressor  
Trans Air A/C 70K + 60K Heat Strip Roof Mounted [DELETE]

**Interior Options:**

Driver's Coat Hook  
LH Entry Stanchion w/ Grab Handle Yellow Powdercoat  
RH Entry Stanchion w/ Grab Handle Yellow Powdercoat  
Assist Handles on Entry Doors Yellow Powdercoat  
Curved Driver Stanchion w/ Modesty Panel & Plexiglas – Yellow Powdercoat  
FRP Ceiling  
FRP Side Walls  
Quarter Turn Interior ABS Plastic Fasteners Package

*Changes/Additional/Deleted Options:*

Ceiling Grab Rail (2) Yellow Powdercoat  
Pre Wire Only for Fare Box at RH Stanchion

**Seating Driver Options:**

USSC G2E Evolution Driver Seat (Black Cloth) w/ Upgraded Skirt  
Power Seat Base

**Seating Passenger Options:**

(2) Double BV Foldaway Seat w/ Notch – Level 4 Seating Fabric (Vinyl Wave Freestyle Blue #004)

*Changes/Additional/Deleted Options:*

(4) Mid High Double Seat – Level 4 Seating Fabric (Vinyl Wave Freestyle Blue #004)  
(1) Mid High Single Seat – Level 4 Seating Fabric (Vinyl Wave Freestyle Blue #004)  
(4) Double BV Foldaway Seat w/ Notch – Level 4 Seating Fabric (Vinyl Wave Freestyle Blue #004)  
(2) Flip Seat Single – Level 4 Seating Fabric [DELETE]  
(2) Flip Seat Double – Level 4 Seating Fabric [DELETE]





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**Seating Accessory Options:**

Grab Handle at Top of Seat Back – Black Padded (Mid/Low Back Seats) (4)  
US Armrest (4)

*Changes/Additional/Deleted Options:*

***Seatbelts removed from all seats***

Grab Handle at Top of Seat Back – Black Padded (Mid/Low Back Seats) (7)  
US Armrest (7)  
Retractable Seat Belt (2) [DELETE]  
Priority Seating Printed on Seating Vinyl by Freedman Seating (2) [DELETE]  
Non-Retractable Seat Belts (10) [DELETE]

**Safety Options:**

Standee Line w/ Sign Yellow  
Metro Safety Kit, Includes D409: (2) 5lb Fire Extinguishers, 16 Unit First Aid, & Additional Belt Cutter

**Para Transit Options:**

Q'Straint Q8100-A-SC3 4 MAX Retractors (Slide & Click) (2)  
ADA Decals (2)  
Wheelchair Decals (2)  
Entry Ramp w/ Intermotive – Braun 34" x 62"

*Changes/Additional/Deleted Options:*

Wheelchair Belt Storage Under Seat for Q'Straint Slide & Click (2)  
Q'Straint Q8100-A-SC3 4 MAX Retractors (Slide & Click) (3) [DELETE]  
Wall Storage Slide & Click Wheelchair Restraint [DELETE]  
ADA Decals (3) [DELETE]  
Wheelchair Decals (3) [DELETE]

*Changes/Additional/Deleted Options:*

Install SEON Camera Cable Harnesses (5)  
Custom SEON TH8 System Pre-Wire Kit for Temiskaming  
Opticom 794T Emitter w/ Green LED Notification Light in Drivers Console  
Custom Temiskaming Consat Pre-wire

**Delivery F.O.B – Temiskaming Shores**

Delivery Expectation: 18-20 Months Receipt of Purchase Order & Finalized Floor Plan

*Quote Prepared by: Amanda Tufts*  
*Sales Coordinator*



Creative Carriage Ltd. 6 Ridgeview St. Saint George, ON, 4  
NOE 1N0



<b>Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores</b>			14-Aug-23	
325 Farr Drive, PO Box 2050, Haileybury, ON P0J1K0		<b>Schedule B</b>		
<b>Metrolinx RFP-2022-PROC-355</b>				
Supply and Delivery of 8 Meter Low Floor Specialized Gasoline Transit Buses				
Mitch McCrank- C.E.T Manager of Transportation				
<a href="mailto:mmccrank@temiskamingshores.ca">mmccrank@temiskamingshores.ca</a>		<i>Pricing for Selected Options</i>		
Additional SOF Options for Temiskaming Shores				
<i>Prices Listed Below Are Per Bus</i>				
<b>Description</b>	<b>QTY</b>	<b>Item Number</b>	<b>Selection Reference</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>
<b>Base Bus</b>	1	1		\$ 229,438.50
<b>Vehicle Capacity as quoted, 21 Ambulatory, 2Wheelchair occupant positions, Driver.</b>				
GM 4500 commercial cut away chassis (gasoline)				
MORryde RSX suspension system				
Transpec energy absorbing rear bumper				
Spare tire and wheel				
E-Coat for steel frame structure				
Stainless steel casing, piping, mounting straps, Ex				
Stainless Steel wheel wells				
Wolmanized sub floor				
Velvac remote / heated exterior mirrors w/led turn				
T-Slider windows				
Rear door with upper and lower window				
Upper over head storage compartment w/key lock				
Lower overhead access only door with thumb latch				
Exterior 10" grab rail by rear door, Yellow				
Skid plate to protect forward front corner				
Back-up alarm				
Aux battery compartment Stainless Steel w drain				
Exterior door toggle switch				
Exterior ramp activation switch				
Ramp activation warning system				



Jump start connector				
Exterior light at entry door w/5 sec delay				
Pre-wire two way radio				
Wired call buttons w/chime & red light on dash				
Veleo A/C and heat, roof mounted, w/inline pump				
2x 60K floor heaters				
Dash mount defroster fan				
Insulated heat lines				
4x vertical stanchions				
Ceiling grab rails x2				
Entry door assist handles R/L				
Driver's stanchion curved with modesty				
Left entry stanchion, grab handle				
USSG G2E drivers seat w/power base				
Triple Flip Seat x2				
GO-ES Double fold away seat x2 w/FTA foam				
Level 6 Freedman upholstery				
D409 fire extinguisher, triangle warning, belt cutter				
D409 first aid kit				
Braun A300 accessible Ramp system				
Q-Straint Slide and click (x5)				
Scooter tie down kit x2				
All fasteners of corrosion resistant material				
As built wiring diagram				
Special Metrolinx Body warranty				
Add foam to inside of all interior access doors				
Pre-wire for passenger counter				
AODA annunciation speakers & pre-wire harness				
ADD	Qty	Item #	Selection Ref #	Price
Additional Interior Aisle LED Light	1			\$ 423.00
USB Port(s)	2	29	4.6.1.1	\$ 534.66
Q'Straint Slide & Click Under Seat Belt Storage	2	12	4.4.3.9	\$ 324.00



Price for Pre-wire & Instal of Seon Camera System	1	39	4.7.7	\$ 8,169.66
Destination Sign Luminator Digital Front & Side Horizon Amber	1	37	4.7.5	\$ 11,206.00
Pre-Wire only for Diamond Farebox & Universal Stanchion Instal	1			\$ 145.00
Additional passenger seats above +10	11		4.4.4.2	\$ 17,969.00
Presto Pre-Wire 12V				\$ 95.00
Constat Pre Wire -(Creative Carriage Install ) Will need to reach out to Vendor- NOT asv	1			\$ 11,193.00
Standee Straps	7			\$ 140.00
Sportworks Apex Bike Rack	1			\$ 3,978.00
Insulated Heater Lines	1			Inc in base
Ceiling Grab Rail (2) Yellow Powder coat	1	24	4.4.4.4	Inc in Base
GO ES Double Foldaway w/ 3pt Seat Belts	2			Inc in Base
US Armrest	6			Inc in Base
Installation of Passenger Emergency Request System (wired Push Button)	1	31	4.6.7	Inc in Base
<b>Total:</b>				\$ 283,615.82
<b>DELETE</b>				
Credit to delete the water mist fire suppression system	1	7	4.4.1.8	\$ (-7,122.10)
<b>Sub Total:</b>				\$ 276,493.72
			<b>Subtotal Per Unit:</b>	<b>\$ 276,493.72</b>
			Plus applicable tax	



NOTE:

1. E-EGRESS WINDOW LOCATION.
2. HEATER LOCATION

Priority Seating = PS

Retractable Seat Belts = RSB

### Interior Camera Locations

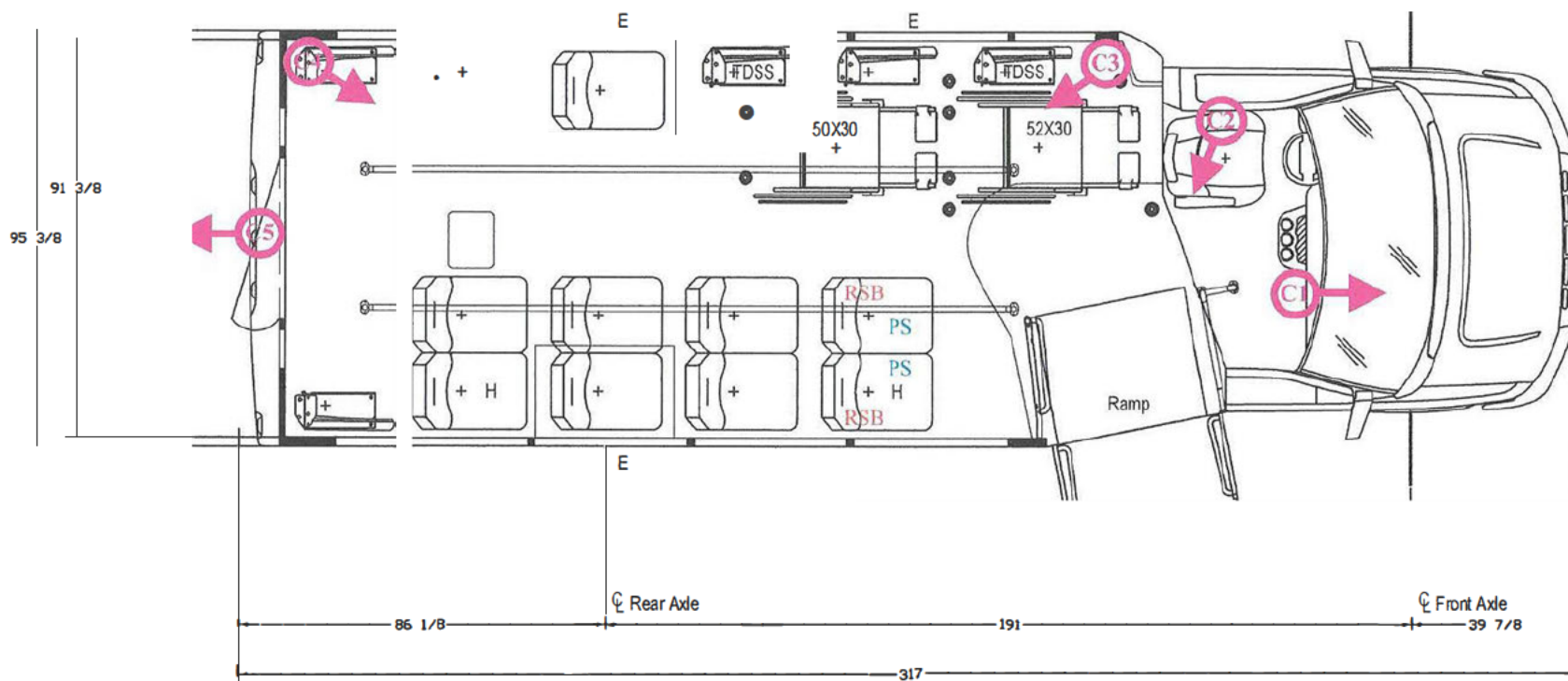
C1: Interior, Forward Facing through the windshield

C2: Interior, Above the Driver, facing the passenger entry door

C3: Interior, Facing from Front to Rear

C4: Interior, On the Back Wall Facing Forward

C5: Exterior, Mounted on the Back viewing traffic behind the bus.









## **The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores**

### **By-law No. 2023-104**

#### **Being a by-law to enter into a Lease Agreement with Smitty's Canteen / Michael Smith for the operation of the Shelley Herbert Shea Memorial Arena Concession (September 22, 2023 to April 30, 2024)**

**Whereas** under Section 8 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, the powers of a municipality shall be interpreted broadly to enable it to govern its affairs as it considers appropriate and to enhance the municipality's ability to respond to municipal issues; and

**Whereas** under Section 9 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under this or any other Act; and

**Whereas** under Section 10 (1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, a single-tier municipality may provide any service or thing that the municipality considers necessary or desirable for the public; and

**Whereas** Council considered Administrative Report RS-021-2023 at the September 5, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting, and directed staff to prepare the necessary by-law to enter into a lease agreement with Smitty's Canteen / Michael Smith for the use of the Shelley Herbert-Shea Memorial Arena Concession from September 22, 2023 to April 30, 2024, for consideration at the September 19, 2023 Regular Council meeting; and

**Whereas** the Council of The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores deems it desirable to enter into a Lease Agreement for the operation of concession services at the Shelley Herbert-Shea Memorial Arena.

**Now therefore** the Council of The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores hereby enacts the following as a by-law:

1. That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to enter into a Lease Agreement with Smitty's Canteen / Michael Smith for the use of the Shelley Herbert-Shea Memorial Arena Concession from September 22, 2023, to April 30, 2024, a copy of which is attached hereto as Schedule "A" and forming part of this by-law.
2. That the Clerk of the City of Temiskaming Shores is hereby authorized to make minor modifications or corrections of a grammatical or typographical nature to the By-law and schedule, after the passage of this By-law, where such modifications or corrections do not alter the intent of the by-law or its associated schedule.



**Read a first, second and third time and finally passed** this 19<sup>th</sup>, day of September, 2023.

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Mayor

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Clerk





Schedule “A” to  
**By-law No. 2023-104**  
Lease Agreement between  
**The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores**  
and  
**Smitty’s Canteen / Michael Smith**

For the operation of the Shelley Herbert-Shea Memorial Arena Concession from  
September 22, 2023, to April 30, 2024



This agreement made this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023

Between:

**City of Temiskaming Shores**  
(Hereinafter called the “City”)

And:

**Smitty’s Canteen / Michael Smith**  
(Hereinafter called the “Tenant”)

**Whereas** the City is the owner of the lands in the City of Temiskaming Shores, in the District of Temiskaming as described herein;

**And whereas** the parties hereto have agreed to enter into this Lease.

### **1. Leased premises**

The City hereby demises and leases to the Tenant part of the City's Building known as the Shelley Herbert-Shea Memorial Arena Concession containing a rentable area for concession operations in the City of Temiskaming Shores, Ontario being hereinafter called the "premises".

### **2. Term**

**To hold** the premises for a term commencing **September 22, 2023**, to **April 30, 2024**.

### **3. Rent**

The Tenant shall pay **One Hundred Dollars (\$100)** plus applicable taxes per month payable on the first day of each month for the term of this agreement. To be specific, the total amount payable for the full term of the agreement is Seven Hundred Dollars (\$700) plus applicable taxes.

### **4. Renewal**

The Tenant, upon the satisfaction of the City, shall have the right to renew the agreement under the same conditions and provisions contained herein.

The City reserves the right to seek proposals or renegotiate the conditions and provisions for the lease of the premises if it is felt in the best interest of the City to do so.

### **5. Business Services**

The Tenant will work in good faith with the City of Temiskaming Shores to schedule hours in accordance with Appendix 02 of this agreement. The Tenant shall work in good faith to be open for all Temiskaming Shores Minor Hockey Association games and all special events on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays of this agreement.



## 6. Healthy Eating at Recreation Settings (HERS)

The Tenant shall support the promotion of affordable healthy options at municipal facilities by committing to the Healthy Eating at Recreations Settings (HERS) program as outlined in Appendix 01 attached herein.

## 7. Vending Services

The Tenant acknowledges and confirms that this agreement does not provide the Tenant with any privileges for the provision of vending services within the Shelley Herbert-Shea Memorial Arena and all vending services within the Shelley Herbert-Shea Memorial Arena are at the sole discretion of the City.

## 8. Tenant’s Covenants

- a) **Rent** - to pay rent;
- b) **Insurance** - To provide General Liability Insurance for coverage of all areas under this lease in the joint names of the Tenant and the City of Temiskaming Shores with the limits of not less than (\$2,000,000) **two million dollars (Canadian)**, inclusive per occurrence for bodily injury, death or damage for property including loss of use thereof, with property deductible of five hundred dollars (\$500). Proof of insurance must be supplied to the City prior to occupying the facilities and thereafter to provide proof of insurance on each anniversary of the date of occupation; and, to provide proof of insurance forthwith upon request by the City at any time.
- c) **Repair** - to repair, reasonable wear and tear and damage by fire, lightning and tempest only excepted; and to permit the City to enter and view the state of repair and to repair according to notice in writing, reasonable wear and tear and damage by fire, lightning and tempest only excepted; and to leave the premises in good repair, reasonable wear and tear and damage by fire, lightning and tempest only excepted;
- d) **Cost of repair where Tenant at fault** - that if the building including the premises, boilers, engines, pipes and other apparatus (or any of them) used for the purpose of heating or air conditioning the building, or if the water pipes, drainage pipes, electric lighting or other equipment of the building or the roof or outside walls of the building get out of repair or become damaged or destroyed through the negligence, carelessness or misuse of the Tenant, his servants, agents, employees or anyone permitted by him to be in the building (or through him or them in any way stopping up or injuring the heating apparatus, water pipes, drainage pipes, or other equipment or part of the building) the expense of any necessary repairs, replacements or alterations shall be paid by the Tenant to the City forthwith on demand;
- e) **Assigning or subletting** - not to assign, sublet or part with possession of any part of the premises without leave of the City, which leave shall not be unreasonably withheld, and which leave shall not be required in the event of a sublease to add any personnel to the group comprising the Tenant or to a management corporation which may be incorporated by the Tenant;



- f) **Entry by City** - to permit the City or its agents to enter upon the premises at any time and from time to time for the purpose of inspecting and making repairs, alterations or improvements to the premises or to the building, and the Tenant shall not be entitled to compensation for any inconvenience, nuisance, or discomfort occasioned thereby; provided that the City shall give reasonable advance notice to avoid inconvenience to the Tenant, given the private and confidential nature of the profession of the Tenant;
- g) **Indemnity** - to indemnify and save harmless the City against and from any and all claims by or on behalf of any person or persons, firm or firms, or corporation or corporations arising from the conduct or any work, by or through any act of negligence of the Tenant or any assignee, subtenant, agent, contractor, servants, employee or licensee of the Tenant;
- h) **Alterations** - not to make or erect in or to the premises any installation, alteration, addition, or partition without submitting plans and specifications to the Tenant and obtaining the Tenant's prior written consent (in each instance); such work shall if the Tenant so elects, be performed by employees of or contractors designated by the Tenant; in the absence of such election, such work may be performed with the Tenant's consent in writing (given prior to letting of contract) by contractors engaged by the City but in each case only under written contract approved in writing by the Tenant and subject to all conditions which the Tenant may impose; the City shall submit to the Tenant or the City's contractors (as the case may be), when due the costs of all such work and of all materials, labour and services involved therein and of all decoration and all changes in the building, its equipment or services, necessitated thereby; provided, that it is at this time understood by the Tenant that certain equipment is to be installed and to be placed at convenient places as designated by the City;
- i) **Use of Building** - the Tenant shall not allow the building and/or property to be used for any purpose other than to carry on the business of a Concession Stand.

## 9. City's Covenants

The City covenants with the Tenant;

- a) **Quiet enjoyment** - for the quiet enjoyment;
- b) **Taxes** - to pay all taxes and rates, municipal, parliamentary or otherwise, levied against the premises or the Tenant on account thereof;
- c) **Electricity and water** - to pay for the electricity and water supplied to the premises;
- d) **Refuse Collection** – The City **shall not** provide any additional refuse or recycling receptacles or collection specific to this operation;
- e) **Structural soundness** - to keep the premises, common areas and parking lot structurally sound and to look after any structural defects which may arise.



## 10. Provisos

Provided always and it is hereby agreed as follows:

- a) **Fire** - In case of damage to the premises by fire, lightning or tempest, rent shall cease until the premises are rebuilt. The City may at its option terminate this lease on giving written notice to the Tenant.
- b) **Damage to property** - The Tenant shall not be liable nor responsible in any way for any loss of or damage or injury to any property belonging to the City or to the employees of the City or to any other person while in the building or in the yard of the building unless such loss, damage or injury shall be caused by the negligence of the Tenant or its employees, servants or agents for any damage to any such property caused by steam, water, rain or snow which may leak into, issue or flow from any part of the building or from the water, steam or drainage of the building or from any other place or quarter nor for any damage caused by or attributable to the condition or arrangement of any electric or other wiring omitted by any other City;
- c) **Right of termination by the City** - The City shall have the right to terminate this lease forthwith by leaving upon the Premises, or sent by ordinary mail to his usual place of business, sixty (60) days' notice in writing of its intention, and thereupon any payments owing to the Tenant under this lease shall be computed, apportioned and paid in full to the date of such termination, and the Tenant shall immediately deliver up possession of the Premises to the Landlord, and the Landlord may re-enter and take possession of the Premises.
- d) **Right of termination by the Tenant** - the Tenant, in addition to all other rights, shall have the right to terminate this lease forthwith by leaving upon the premises notice in writing of its intention, sixty (60) days' notice in writing of its intention, and thereupon rent and any other payments for which the Tenant is liable under this lease shall be computed, apportioned and paid in full to the date of such termination, and the Tenant shall immediately deliver up possession of the Premises to the City, and the City may re-enter and take possession of the premises;

## 11. Headings

The headings in this lease have been inserted as a matter of convenience and for reference only and in no way define, limit or enlarge the scope or meaning of this lease or any provisions hereof.

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Signed and Sealed in  
the presence of

Owner/Operator – Michael Smith

Mayor – Jeff Laferriere

Clerk – Logan Belanger



## **Healthy Eating at Recreation Settings**

The City of Temiskaming Shores supports the promotion of affordable healthy options at municipal facilities, the Concession Operator is required to commit to the following:

- Fruit smoothies and fresh fruit are mandatory menu items and must be available at all times when the concessions are open. The Haileybury beach concession must also have at least one healthy grilled sandwich available at all times, and the other 2 concessions must have at least 1 grilled sandwich available on tournament weekends.
- Commit to have bottled water available at all times and consider option of 100% fruit juice in smaller bottles, as well as milk.
- Fruit smoothies and healthy grilled sandwiches must be prepared following the recipes provided/approved by the Timiskaming Health Unit Registered (THU) Dietitians. Preparing fruit smoothies with fruit juice and/or flavored syrup is not permitted.
- If Vending Machines are included in the lease agreement the Concession Operators must commit to include at least 20% (1 healthy option for every 4 other options available) of healthy items in the vending machines. A list of healthy options from the THU will be provided. If in doubt about what other healthy options can be included in the vending machines please contact the Registered Dietitians at the Timiskaming Health Unit.
- Prices for healthy options to be the same or lower than the prices for similar menu options.
- Freggie Fuel branded materials must be used by concession operators to promote the healthy options available at all times. This includes: a posted menu board for healthy choices, a sandwich menu board, a large Freggie cut-out and Freggie Fuel stickers for both smoothie cups and fresh fruit pieces. If in need for more materials (such as stickers) contact the Timiskaming Health Unit. The Proponent to include other branded materials suggested and provided by the City of Temiskaming Shores.
- The City of Temiskaming Shores may plan and implement ongoing promotional initiatives to encourage patrons’ consumption/purchase of the healthy options available. These initiatives will be at no-cost to the operators.
- Additional healthy items – Adding other healthy options to the menu is encouraged by the City of Temiskaming Shores. Those healthy items must follow these general healthy eating guidelines: high in vitamins & minerals, whole grains and fiber **and** low in sodium, added sugars, trans and saturated fat. Any new proposed healthy items to be submitted to the Timiskaming Health Unit for approval.
- Concession operators are required to keep track of the sales for the healthy options and provide the City of Temiskaming Shores with this information on a monthly basis for the term of the lease. A tracking sheet will be provided.
- The City of Temiskaming Shores reserves the right to modify the HERS requirement.



# **The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores**

## **By-law No. 2023-105**

### **Being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores for its Regular meeting held on September 19, 2023**

**Whereas** under Section 8 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, the powers of a municipality shall be interpreted broadly to enable it to govern its affairs as it considers appropriate and to enhance the municipality's ability to respond to municipal issues; and

**Whereas** under Section 9 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under this or any other Act; and

**Whereas** under Section 10 (1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, a single-tier municipality may provide any service or thing that the municipality considers necessary or desirable for the public; and

**Whereas** it is the desire of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores to confirm proceedings and By-laws.

**Now therefore** the Council of The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores hereby enacts the following as a by-law:

1. That the actions of the Council at its Regular meeting held on **September 19, 2023** with respect to each recommendation, by-law and resolution and other action passed and taken or direction given by Council at its said meeting, is, except where the prior approval of the Ontario Municipal Board is required, hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed.
2. That the Mayor, or in his absence the presiding officer of Council, and the proper officials of the municipality are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the said action or to obtain approvals where required, and except where otherwise provided, the Mayor, or in his absence the presiding officer, and the Clerk are hereby directed to execute all documents required by statute to be executed by them, as may be necessary in that behalf and to affix the corporate seal of the municipality to all such documents.

**Read a first, second and third time and finally passed** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023

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Mayor

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Clerk