



# MUNICIPALITY OF ARRAN-ELDERSLIE

## Council Meeting

## AGENDA

Monday, April 24, 2023, 9:00 a.m.  
Council Chambers  
1925 Bruce Road 10, Chesley, ON

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2. Mayor's Announcements (If Required)
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5. Unfinished Business
  - 5.1 Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group Membership Fee and Terms of Reference Update 1

The MMWTWG has updated it's Terms of Reference to cover all energy generation facilities and storage infrastructure. The revised TOR are required to be approved by the Council's of the Member Municipality's.

The Annual Membership Fee is also required to be Approved by the Council's of the Member Municipality's.
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**Agenda Number:** 6.1.  
**Resolution No.** MMWTWG-2023-11  
**Title:** Revisions to the Terms of Reference  
**Date:** Thursday, March 9, 2023


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**Moved by:** Dan Wickens - Municipality of Grey Highlands  
**Seconded by:** Ryan Nickason - Municipality of Arran-Elderslie

Be It Resolved that the Multi Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group hereby approves the Terms of reference as amended and direct the Recording Secretary to forward a copy to each member Municipality for approval by their respective Councils.

**Carried**

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Chair Initials

  
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Recording Secretary Initials

## **Terms of Reference**

### **Multi-Municipal Energy Working Group**

### **MMEWG**

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**Name:**

The committee shall be known as the Multi-Municipal Energy Working Group (the "Committee"). The Committee may be cited by its short title MMEWG, when appropriate to do so.

**Purpose:**

The purpose of the Committee is to draw together representatives from municipalities to share, discuss and advocate "best practices" and other means to address mutual concerns regarding energy generation facilities and storage infrastructure to all the relevant Government Ministries and Agencies.

**Activities:**

The Committee will meet on a regular basis to discuss ongoing matters and, where applicable, make recommendations to the Councils of the member municipalities for support and/or action as applicable.

The Committee will also undertake research into various related topics and liaise with other similar working groups as appropriate to share information and ideas.

The Committee may form sub-committees to concentrate on specific matters, which sub-committees will report back to the Committee on an ongoing basis.

**Delegated Authority:**

The Committee is a working group and has no delegated authority except for the advocacy of best practices.

The Committee has no authority to direct staff from any of the member municipalities, and any recommendations requiring implementation, reports, staff action, or a commitment to expend money must first be approved by the respective Council or Councils as the case may be, depending on the municipality(ies) impacted, before any action by staff may be taken.

**Committee Composition:**

The membership of the Committee will be comprised of representatives appointed by Council resolution or by-law from participating municipalities as follows:

- Two members of council from each participating municipality appointed as regular members of the Committee
- One member of council from each participating municipality appointed as an alternate to attend in the absence of one or both of the regular member representatives from that municipality (appointment of alternate is at the discretion of each member municipality)
- One citizen member may be appointed by each member municipality for the purpose of bringing additional expertise to the discussion

Should any participating municipality wish to opt out of the Committee, a resolution from the participating municipality shall be received by the Committee by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year they wish to cease membership. There will be no refund of the annual fee to the municipality wishing to opt out.

### **Term of Office:**

All members of the Committee shall be appointed for the term of the Council of the member municipality that appointed them.

Each appointing Council reserves the ability to replace its appointees at its sole discretion and may do so at any time by notifying the Recording Secretary by way of resolution or by-law.

### **Administration of the Committee:**

The Committee will elect a Chair and Vice-Chair from amongst its members on an annual basis, at the beginning of each calendar year.

The Committee will be governed by the Procedural By-law of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie, except as set out in these Terms of Reference.

Meetings of the Committee shall be open to the public, subject to the exceptions set out in Section 239 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended.

A maximum of three (3) delegations will be permitted to be placed on the agenda for any Committee meeting, or at the discretion of the Committee. The request to be added to the agenda and the nature of the delegation must be provided to the Recording Secretary not less than five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Each delegation will be allotted ten (10) minutes for their presentation, at the discretion of the Committee.

Notwithstanding the limit to the number of delegations to be placed on the agenda, with the approval of a majority of the Committee members present, up to an additional three (3) 5-minute delegations may be permitted to address the

Committee at any given meeting on short notice.

Delegations will not be permitted to appear before the Committee to present the same information on more than one occasion, nor shall multiple delegations be permitted to repeat the same information as previous delegations, and the ruling of the Chair of the Committee with respect to this matter shall be final.

Staff attending meetings of the Committee are not members of the Committee.

All members of the Committee agree to provide financial support for the secretarial support for the Committee by forwarding, to the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie an amount as established by the Committee, and approved by consensus of the Councils of the participating municipalities. The Committee will review and levy this amount on an annual basis, at the beginning of the calendar year and this levy must be paid by June 1<sup>st</sup> in each year. In case of any participating municipality discontinuing their participating in Committee, the said municipality shall remain liable for payment of their support for that calendar year.

If the Committee is disbanded, the members of the Committee at the time of disbandment shall agree how the remaining funds shall be distributed, and approved by consensus of the Councils of the remaining participating municipalities.

The Committee shall provide an annual fee structure which shall be approved by Councils of the participating municipalities. A year-end financial statement will be forwarded to the Clerks of the participating municipalities by April 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year.

Minutes from Committee meetings will be presented for adoption by the Committee at its next regular meeting and once adopted, forwarded to the member municipalities for information and disposition of recommendations as necessary.

### **Membership:**

A yearly record of membership will be established by the Recording Secretary and the agendas and minutes will reflect the name of the appointed member's municipality represented. This record of membership shall be updated from time to time as required, and be provided to all participating municipalities.

### **Quorum:**

Quorum shall be a representation of appointed officials from a majority of the participating municipalities, either by one, two or three of the appointed

members or the alternate appointee (where such appointee exists). Quorum shall be more than 50% of the participating municipalities.

If there is no quorum within thirty minutes after the time appointed for the meeting, the Recording Secretary shall call the roll and record the names of the members present and the meeting shall stand adjourned until the next regular meeting or until a special meeting is called.

### **Voting Strength:**

Each appointed member shall carry a voting strength of one (1) vote per individual.

### **Agendas and Minutes:**

The Agendas will be prepared by the Recording Secretary and distributed to each participating municipality for posting in accordance with their standard practices.

The minutes, once adopted by the Committee, will be forwarded to each participating municipality and made public by each participating municipality in accordance with their standard practices.

### **Meeting Schedule:**

It is expected that the Committee will meet on a bi-monthly basis, or at the call of the Chair, as may be determined from time to time.

Meetings will be primarily held virtually using Microsoft Teams or other suitable virtual platform in an effort to broaden the membership and participation area. Meetings may also be held in other appropriate formats to accommodate the needs of the Committee.

The platform in which meetings are held will be reviewed by the committee from time to time and altered to accommodate the needs of the committee by a general consensus of the committee members.

The Committee will establish a proposed meeting schedule on an annual basis at the beginning of the year to facilitate planning.

### **Remuneration:**

Committee members shall be compensated for meeting attendance by their respective member municipality in accordance with their municipalities remuneration policy and/or procedures.



**Staff Resources:**

Secretarial support including preparation of agendas and minutes of meetings will be provided by the Recording Secretary who is hired by the Committee.

The Committee may appoint a technical assistant at a rate to be determined, and approved by consensus of the Committee, but will not exceed the annual budget.

**Miscellaneous:**

These Terms of Reference for the Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group are established by consensus of the Councils of the participating municipalities and can only be altered by consensus of those municipalities.

Date of Adoption of Terms of Reference: February 2011

Date of Amendment: September 2015

Date of Amendment: March 2023

**Agenda Number:** 8.1.3.  
**Resolution No.** MMWTWG-2023-18  
**Title:** 2023 Membership Fee  
**Date:** Thursday, March 9, 2023


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**Moved by:** Dan Wickens - Municipality of Grey Highlands  
**Seconded by:** Mark Davis - Municipality of Arran-Elderslie - Citizen Appointee

Be It Resolved that the Multi Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group hereby approves that the 2023 Membership Fee remain to be set at \$400.00 per Member Municipality.

**Carried**

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Chair Initials

  
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Recording Secretary Initials



## MUNICIPALITY OF ARRAN-ELDERSLIE

### Special Council Meeting

### MINUTES

**Meeting No. 8-2023**  
**Wednesday, April 5, 2023, 5:30 p.m.**  
**Council Chambers**  
**1925 Bruce Road 10, Chesley, ON**

Council Present: Mayor Steve Hammell  
 Deputy Mayor Jennifer Shaw  
 Councillor Ryan Nickason  
 Councillor Darryl Hampton  
 Councillor Brian Dudgeon  
 Councillor Moiken Penner  
 Councillor Peter Steinacker

Staff Present: Sylvia Kirkwood - CAO  
 Christine Fraser-McDonald - Clerk  
 Julie Hamilton - Deputy Clerk  
 Scott McLeod - Public Works Manager

#### 1. **Call to Order**

Mayor Hammell called the Special Council meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

#### 2. **Adoption of Agenda**

Council passed the following resolution:

**109-08-2023**

**Moved by:** Councillor Hampton

**Seconded by:** Councillor Steinacker

Be It Resolved that the agenda for the Special Council Meeting of Wednesday, April 5, 2023 be received and adopted, as distributed by the Clerk.

**Carried**

#### 3. **Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**

None.

#### 4. Public Meeting(s)

##### 4.1 Public Meeting - Zoning By-law Amendment Z-2022-127 - Thorn

Mayor Steve Hammell called the public meeting to order at 5:30 p.m..

He stated that the purpose of the public meeting was to consider a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment Z-2022-127 (Thorn). The purpose of the application is to establish definitions in the Municipality's Zoning Bylaw for a 'micro-cultivation facility' and 'micro-processing cannabis facility'. The application seeks to permit these uses on the subject lands and to place limits on its scale operation. The application also proposes a holding provision on a portion of the lands with high archaeological potential. If approved, the proposed amendment would facilitate the construction and operation of a Micro Cultivation and Micro Processing Cannabis Facility on the subject lands, under a licence to be obtained from Health Canada.

Mayor Hammell noted that Council would not be making a decision tonight on this application.

Megan Stansfield, Planner for the County of Bruce, attended the meeting and gave her report as well as with the Manager of Planning Jack Van Dorp. She will not be making a recommendation to Council at this time. The Notice of Decision will be sent out after the decision and there is a 20 day appeal period. It is Council's decision. If they do not pass the by-law, the applicants have the opportunity to appeal the decision. You must have participated in the process before the decision has been made in order to appeal. There is a \$400 appeal fee.

The Mayor asked Members of Council if they had any questions.

Deputy Mayor Shaw asked about cannabis being an industrial crop and if there were other facilities in the County and what was the zoning in Brockton?

Councillor Penner asked what constituted a "micro" growth and the odour. Is it a constant odour?

Councillor Hampton asked if there were any other facilities in residential areas in Bruce or Grey. He also asked for examples of similar sized facilities for Council to inquire about.

Councillor Steinacker was concerned about the smell and its mitigation. Why build in an urban area? Why not in the country? He thanked the applicants and the public for coming out.

Councillor Dudgeon asked what is done with the left-over plant? Is the applicant's family being hired to work in this business?

Deputy Mayor Shaw asked about community engagement.

Mayor Hammell believes the biggest hurdle is odour and a belief that the carbon filtration system will only do an adequate job. Will Health Canada be easily contacted?

The Mayor asked if the applicant or agent were present and wished to make a submission.

Miriam Vasni, Planner for the applicant made a presentation. Greg Thorn, owner, was also present to discuss the day to day operations.

She noted that the development will promote a diversified economic opportunity and is compatible with the surrounding rural landscape. It will be privately serviced (septic well). The subject lands front onto a County Road maintained year round and there is no need for the expansion of municipal infrastructure.

The proposed Micro cultivation and Micro Processing Cannabis Facility will promote diversification of the economic base and employment opportunities through goods and services. The proposed Micro cultivation and Micro Processing Cannabis Facility will promote a diverse agricultural use on the subject lands.

The proposed development will not be a risk to public health or safety or property damage and will not create new hazards.

Deliveries and shipments are transported via cube vans.

She note that the proposed Zoning By law Amendment has merit, is in the public interest and constitutes good planning.

Owner Greg Thorn explained who his company is and he is an accountant. He worked for the largest private producer in Niagara where he was the CFO. Everything is completed by hand and pruners. They will not be selling on site, but rather delivering it to the retailer. There will be landscaping completed. Health Canada will be able to inspect at any time. There will also be security cameras. This will be a sealed building with an HVAC system that will contain the smell. it is not a greenhouse. There will be 1200 plants in a 5,000 sq. foot building with 5 people employed. There will be not increase in traffic. The Fire Department will have access to the property if necessary. Health Canada requires them to notify the OPP and Fire. Water from the dehumidifiers is reclaimed and reused.

The left over plants are mixed with kitty litter and water to "de-nature" it. The entire plant has to be accounted for.

The plants only use one litre of water as opposed to the suggested 22 litres of water.

Dario Jeginovic, Senior Consultant CannDelta Consulting Inc. also spoke regarding the presentation. He noted that there will be no noise or lights

visible. Health Canada attends the location fairly often, at least once a year. They have an email that they can be contacted through if there are any compliance issues.

Emily Azevedo noted that she has a petition and has read through the documents. She had issues regarding the smell, issues with wells as she feels that lots of water will be used to maintain the plants, issues with the vinegar and soil and people walking by, this does not economically benefit Tara with the exception of land taxes, and the smell is not going to be completely gone.

Jeff Horning stated that there were no signs posted and he was worried about odour. Will the compost end up in the landfill. What is the notice for Health Canada to show up. Greg Thorn noted that the signs were posted.

Norm Caplin - had never been asked to sign a petition and is concerned about security.

Jennifer Tedford - concerned about the stigma of cannabis.

Craig Bartlett - concerns regarding cannabis supply or lack of supply that would necessitate having a micro cultivation facility here in this area.

Mary Trelford - has property close to the back of the proposed facility and feels that her property will be devalued if council goes ahead with the proposal.

Brenda Funston - thanked the owners for answering all the questions and they didn't know that his family was moving into the house and what will the taxes be for this property once it is up and running.

Gary Thorn - how often do the plants flower and for how long? Will they guarantee that if there are smells or complaints, will they shut down until the problem is corrected.

Marion Ace asked when it would be opening and how will the carbon filters work well enough?

Doreen Kirkland - opposed - air quality, smell, and close to the church. The operation needs to be located away from the community and is inappropriate to be located near the church and cemetery.

Adam Alpaugh - not opposed to business, but location. Is it a suitable location as it is near the church, community centre etc.

David McLeod - concerns about odours, maintenance, composting waste, security, audible alarms, nearest OPP response is Walkerton, are there retail sales?

Shawn Trelford - providing examples of like businesses in a residential area? Will they have generators? Concerns about decrease in property taxes.

Kelsey Nixon - how are they going to support local businesses and give back to the community.

Chantelle Thomas - concerns about security.

Kevin and Natalie Tedford - what qualifies them to run this business, size of building, and peak times for water consumption.

Jeff Horning - is there any chance of increasing transparency to increase the area of notification to be greater than 120m to cut down on innuendos and suspicion?

The Clerk noted that all written submissions that had been received in relation to the application had been forwarded to the County Planning Department for inclusion in the planning report.

Councillor Penner asked if there was any waste water?

Councillor Nickason asked about fire suppression and dehumidifiers? Is the water reclaimed?

No further questions were raised and the Mayor declared the public meeting closed at 8:15 p.m.

## **5. Confirming By-law**

### **5.1 Confirming By-law 25-2023**

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

**110-08-2023**

**Moved by:** Councillor Dudgeon

**Seconded by:** Councillor Hampton

Be It Resolved that By-law No. 25-2023 be introduced and read a first, second and third time, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed with the Seal of the Corporation, and engrossed in the By-law Book.

By-law 25-2023 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Special Council meeting of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie held Wednesday, April 5, 2023.

**Carried**

## **6. Adjournment**

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

**111-08-2023**

**Moved by:** Councillor Steinacker

**Seconded by:** Councillor Hampton

Be It Resolved that the meeting be adjourned to the call of the Mayor at 8:20 p.m.

**Carried**

## **7. List of Upcoming Council meetings**

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Steve Hammell, Mayor

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Christine Fraser-McDonald, Clerk





## **MUNICIPALITY OF ARRAN-ELDERSLIE**

### **Committee of Adjustment Meeting**

### **MINUTES**

#### **Meeting No. 1-2023**

**Tuesday, April 11, 2023, 9:00 a.m.**

**Council Chambers**

**1925 Bruce Road 10, Chesley, ON**

Council Present:	Mayor Steve Hammell Deputy Mayor Jennifer Shaw Councillor Darryl Hampton Councillor Moiken Penner Councillor Peter Steinacker
Council Absent:	Councillor Ryan Nickason Councillor Brian Dudgeon
Staff Present:	Sylvia Kirkwood - CAO Christine Fraser-McDonald - Clerk Julie Hamilton - Deputy Clerk Scott McLeod - Public Works Manager Carly Steinhoff - Recreation Manager Pat Johnston - Chief Building Official - Present Electronically Steve Tiernan - Fire Chief

#### **1. Call to Order**

Chair Hammell called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was present.

#### **2. Adoption of Agenda**

Subsequent to further discussion, the Committee passed the following motion:

**01-01-2023**

**Moved by:** Councillor Hampton

**Seconded by:** Deputy Mayor Shaw

Be It Resolved that the agenda for the Committee of Adjustment Meeting of April 11, 2023 be received and adopted, as distributed by the Clerk.

**Carried**

### 3. **Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**

None.

### 4. **Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)**

The Committee passed the following resolution:

**02-01-2023**

**Moved by:** Councillor Hampton

**Seconded by:** Councillor Penner

Be It Resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie adopt the minutes of the Committee of Adjustment meeting held November 28, 2022.

**Carried**

### 5. **New Business**

#### 5.1 **Public Hearing - Minor Variance A-2022-089 - Martin - 125 Concession 4 (Arran) - County Planner Julie Steeper**

Chair Hammell advised that this was a Public Meeting under the Planning Act to consider a Minor Variance application made by Benjamin and Roselyn Martin.

The application proposes to seek relief from the side yard setback and from the Minimum Distance Separation II from the proposed dairy barn to the side property boundary. The proposed side yard setback is 13.7 m whereas the required in the bylaw is 20 m. The proposed Minimum Distance Separation II from the proposed dairy barn is 13.7m whereas the required setback is 19m. If approved, the application would facilitate the new construction of a 30 m by 68 m dairy barn.

The property is located at 125 Concession 4 in the geographic Township of Arran. The site is surrounded by agricultural uses.

Julie Steeper, Planner for Bruce County, presented the planning report.

The Chair said if attendees wished to be notified of the adoption of the proposed Minor Variance or of further proceedings regarding the variance a written request could be made by email to [publicmeetingcomments@brucecounty.on.ca](mailto:publicmeetingcomments@brucecounty.on.ca).

Member Darryl Hampton asked what agencies were circulated for comments.

Deputy Mayor asked what is the purpose of an interior sideyard setback and if there is anything related to the manure tank?

Member Moiken Penner asked what the reason was for an interior sideyard setback.

Chair Hammell asked if there were any comments from the public either in support or opposition to the application.

Walter Fenton asked what the reason was to move closer to the fence line and the adjoining property.

Hearing no further comments from the public, Chair Hammell declared the public meeting closed at 9:17 a.m.

The Committee passed the following resolution:

**03-01-2023**

**Moved by:** Councillor Penner

**Seconded by:** Councillor Hampton

The application for Minor Variance A-2022-089 for Benjamin and Roselyn Martin, from Comprehensive Zoning By-law 36-09 is hereby granted subject to the following conditions:

1. That the decision applies only to the proposed development as indicated on Schedule 'A' attached to and forming part of this decision.
2. That the interior side yard setback be no less than 13 m.
3. The MDS II setback from barn located at CON 4 LOT 34 W PT LOT 35 to the side property boundary shall be no less than 13 m.

Reasons:

1. The variance maintains the intent and purpose of the Official Plan.
2. The variance maintains the intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law.
3. The variance requested is desirable for the appropriate and orderly development and use of the lands and buildings.
4. The variance is minor in nature.

**Carried**

**5.2 Public Hearing - Minor Variance A-2022-090 - Wark -414 Bruce Road 40 (Elderslie) - County Planner Robyn McIntyre**

Chair Hammell advised that this was a Public Meeting under the Planning Act to consider a Minor Variance application made by Dan Wark.

The purpose of this minor variance is to allow for the construction of an accessory structure with a height of 6.21 metres whereas Section 3.6.4.2 of the Zoning Bylaw requires accessory structures to have a maximum height of 5.0 metres. Also, this minor variance would provide relief from Section 3.23.4 of the Zoning Bylaw which requires the accessory building to be inline with the existing dwelling to meet the required setback from the centre line of the County Road (Bruce Road 40) whereas the garage will be located partially in front of the dwelling due to site topography.

If approved, the proposed amendment would facilitate the construction of a detached two-bay garage

The subject lands are located at 414 Bruce Road 40.

Robyn McIntyre, Planner for Bruce County, presented the planning report.

The Chair said if attendees wished to be notified of the adoption of the proposed Minor Variance or of further proceedings regarding the variance a written request could be made by email to [publicmeetingcomments@brucecounty.on.ca](mailto:publicmeetingcomments@brucecounty.on.ca).

Deputy Mayor Shaw asked about the height restriction and if it is applied across the municipality.

The Chair advised if anyone present wished to make oral or written submission either in favour or opposed to the proposed for the property owners were present and available to answer questions from Council and the public.

Hearing no further comments from the public, Chair Hammell declared the public meeting closed at 9:28 a.m.

The Committee passed the following resolution:

**04-01-2023**

**Moved by:** Deputy Mayor Shaw

**Seconded by:** Councillor Penner

The application for Minor Variance A-2022-090 for Dan Wark, from Comprehensive Zoning By-law 36-09 is hereby **granted** subject to the following conditions:

1. That any future development on the property conforms to the provisions of the Zoning By-law; and
2. That the decision applies only to the proposed development as indicated on Schedule 'A' attached to and forming part of this decision; and
3. That the development be completed within 2 years of this decision; and
4. That a maximum accessory structure height of 6.36 metres be permitted; and
5. That a minimum setback to the centreline of the County Road (Bruce Road 40) be 25 metres.

**Reasons:**

1. The variance maintains the intent and purpose of the Official Plan.

2. The variance maintains the intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law.
3. The variance requested is desirable for the appropriate and orderly development and use of the lands and buildings.
4. The variance is minor in nature.

**Carried**

## **6. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9: a.m.

**05-01-2023**

**Moved by:** Councillor Hampton

**Seconded by:** Councillor Steinacker

Be It Resolved that the meeting be adjourned to the call of the Chair at 9:30 a.m.

**Carried**

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Steve Hammell, Mayor

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Christine Fraser-McDonald, Clerk

## **Multi Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group MINUTES**

**MMWTWG-2023-01  
Thursday, January 12, 2023, 7:00 p.m.  
Virtually via Microsoft Teams**

Members Present: Mark Davis - Municipality of Arran-Elderslie - Citizen  
Appointee  
Ryan Nickason - Municipality of Arran-Elderslie  
Scott Mackey - Township of Chatsworth  
Paul McQueen - Municipality of Grey Highlands  
Tom Allwood - Municipality of Grey Highlands  
Dan Wickens - Municipality of Grey Highlands  
Don Murray - Township of Huron Kinloss  
Jim Hanna - Township of Huron Kinloss  
Mike Hentz - Municipality of Dutton-Dunwich  
Todd Dowd - Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula  
Bill Palmer - Consultant

Others Present: Julie Hamilton - Recording Secretary

### **1. Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. A quorum was present.

### **2. Adoption of Agenda**

The Working Group passed the following resolution:

#### **MMWTWG-2023-01**

**Moved by:** Scott Mackey - Township of  
Chatsworth

**Seconded by:** Dan Wickens - Municipality  
of Grey Highlands

Be It Resolved that the Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group hereby adopts the agenda of the Thursday, January 12, 2023 as distributed by the Recording Secretary.

**Carried**

### **3. MMWTWG Membership Update**

The Recording Secretary provided an update on the membership of the Working Group.

#### **Returning Municipal Members and Appointees**

##### **Municipality of Arran-Elderslie**

Ryan Nickason

Brian Dudgeon

Mark Davis - Citizen Appointee

##### **Township of Chatsworth**

Scott Mackey

Terry McKay

##### **Municipality of Grey Highlands**

Paul McQueen

Tom Allwood

Dan Wickens

##### **Township of Huron Kinloss**

Don Murray

Jim Hanna

##### **Municipality of Dutton-Dunwich**

Mike Hentz

##### **Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula**

Rod Anderson

Todd Dowd

##### **Unconfirmed Membership**

Municipality of Kincardine

Municipality of Central Huron

##### **Non-Returning Members**

Town of Grand Valley

Municipality of Brockton

Township of Melancthon

Township of West Lincoln

#### **4. Annual Election of Chair and Vice-Chair**

As per the Terms of Reference for the Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group, the Chair and Vice-Chair shall be elected annually at the first meeting of the year.

The Recording Secretary opened the floor to nominations for Chair of the Working Group for 2023.

Member Mackey nominated Member Allwood.

Member Allwood accepted the nomination.

The Recording Secondary called a second and third time for nominations. No further nominations were heard.

Nominations were subsequently closed and Tom Allwood was elected Chair for 2023.

The Recording Secretary opened the floor to nominations for Vice-Chair of the Working Group for 2023.

Member Murray, Member Davis and Member McQueen and Member Hanna declined nomination.

No other nominations were made. Member Hanna agreed to accept the nomination in the absence of further nominations.

Nominations were subsequently closed and Jim Hanna was elected Vice-Chair for 2023.

Tom Allwood resumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

#### **5. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**

None.

#### **6. Minutes of Previous Meetings**

##### **6.1 MMWTWG November 10, 2023 Minutes**

##### **MMWTWG-2023-02**



**Moved by:** Mark Davis - Municipality  
of Arran-Elderslie - Citizen  
Appointee

**Seconded by:** Scott Mackey - Township of  
Chatsworth

Be It Resolved that the Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group hereby approves the minutes of the Thursday, January 12, 2023 meeting as presented by the Recording Secretary.

**Carried**

## **7. Business Arising from the Minutes**

### **7.1 Letter Re: Wind Turbine Taxation**

There has been no response to the letter sent to the Minister of Finance regarding the Wind Turbine Taxation letter.

It was also noted that no response from the Minister of Environment had been received regarding the letter sent in December 2021 regarding wind turbine failures. The Recording Secretary will look into this further to confirm.

Members of the Working Group feel that it would be beneficial to invite MPP Rick Byers, who is also the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance, to the next meeting to introduce him to the Working Group and follow up on the letter.

Subsequent to further discussion, the Working Group passed the following resolution:

#### **MMWTWG-2023-03**

**Moved by:** Scott Mackey - Township of  
Chatsworth

**Seconded by:** Dan Wickens - Municipality  
of Grey Highlands

Be It Resolved that the Multi Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group hereby invite MPP Rick Byers to the next meeting of the Working Group to discuss the letter sent to the Minister of Finance regarding Wind Turbine Taxation.

**Carried**

## **7.2 Response to November 10, 2022 letter requesting quarterly reports from the MECP.**

The Working Group believes that the complaints would not be considered confidential. The request is for information regarding the complaints themselves and is not to obtain the names of who the complaint is regarding. It was decided that a follow up letter should be sent challenginng the response that was sent to the Working Group.

Subsequent to further discussion, the Working Group passed the following resolution:

### **MMWTWG-2023-04**

**Moved by:** Jim Hanna - Township of Huron Kinloss

**Seconded by:** Todd Dowd - Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula

Be It Resolved that the Multi Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group hereby,

1. Directs that a follow up letter be sent to the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks requesting that the data regarding the complaints be sent to the Working Group, with any confidential information redacted; and
2. That the letter be copied to MPP Rick Byers and MPP Lisa Thompson as well.

**Carried**

## **7.3 Ruby Mekker - Wind Turbines defined as a Health Hazard**

Ms. Mekker is unable to attend and this item is being deferred to a future meeting.

Chair Allwood provided some information that he had an opportunity to speak with Dr. Arra, the local Medical Officer of Health in Grey-Bruce regarding this issues. Dr. Arra indicated that he was aware of the MMWTWG and its mandates and although he finds the issues interesting, there is not the money and resources available to properly investigate the health affects.

Ms. Mekker is seeking an amendment to the original motion passed by the Working Group that indicated that a letter be sent to the local Medical Officer's of Health.

The Working Group will discuss this matter further and provide direction at a future meeting.

#### **7.4 MECP FOI Requests**

The Recording Secretary reported that the fee estimate has been paid however, no further information has been received.

### **8. Delegations/Presentations**

#### **8.1 IESO Update - Warren Howard**

Mr. Howard provided an update on the IESO.

The IESO is seeking additional capacity and has issued an RFP to obtain proposals for achieving this.

There has been some differing views on the requirement for municipal support of the proposed projects between the government and IESO. On December 23, the RFP was changed which made the municipal support requirement mandatory to the application.

There have been a number of proposals presented to Council's all over the province. Some of the questions being raised relate to location, aboriginal support and zoning. Online public consultations have also been allowed. Mr. Howard suggested that if proposals do come to local Council tables, it is important that Council asks a number of questions.

He also provided some information on the plan for decarbonization. Minister Smith requested a plan to decarbonize electricity production in Ontario. Consultations were held with more than 70 organizations. A plan was developed with 2 scenarios and there has been a positive response from the environmental sector. Mr. Howard feels that a response from both the MMWTWG and individual municipalities would be appropriate.

The plan projects that wind capacity will double which would allow them to phase out natural gas. There is no backup supply discussed for intermittent wind and solar sources. The plan also highlights a need to address decommissioning. There is the possibility that the IESO's view of needing 17,760 MW of wind

capacity by 2050 could be out of step with the government's view on the matter.

It was noted that the IESO decarbonation plan also includes a significant contribution of 15,000 MW of hydrogen generation which should also be included in any response drafted from the Working Group.

Mr. Howard also provided a brief update on the North Kent well water issues, indicating that a study was completed showing that the water contamination was linked to wind turbines. There is a local campaign to raise funds to complete further in depth testing in the area. The contamination is the result of the vibrations coming from the turbines.

Members raised questions regarding the various storage technologies that will be seen as a result of the IESO RFP, two of the main sources being lithium ion battery storage and hydrogen. The carbon footprint could be made much larger from the mining required for the production of all these batteries.

There is a storage facility proposed for Chesley. It consists of sea container type buildings full of batteries that fill up with power during the off peak times and send it back out during the peak times.

The IESO requires that the projects have the power be available on demand with 4-6 hours of continuous power so a wind turbine without storage would be able to support this demand.

It was also noted that oftentimes the benefits are examined but not always are the consequences associated with alternative energy solutions are considered.

There have been issues raised regarding fire suppression measures related to the battery storage facilities and the large quantities of water that would be required to combat a fire if it occurred.

Member Palmer offered to bring forward a presentation on battery storage facilities for the benefit of members at the next meeting in March.

Subsequent to further discussion, the Working Group passed the following resolution:

**MMWTWG-2023-05**

**Moved by:** Todd Dowd - Municipality  
of Northern Bruce  
Peninsula

**Seconded by:** Jim Hanna - Township of  
Huron Kinloss

Be It Resolved that the Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group hereby receives agenda item 8.1 IESO Update from Warren Howard, for information purposes.

**Carried**

## **9. Correspondence**

### **9.1 Requiring Action**

#### **9.1.1 Approval of Recording Secretary Invoice**

The Working Group passed the following resolution:

#### **MMWTWG-2023-06**

**Moved by:** Scott Mackey - Township of  
Chatsworth

**Seconded by:** Don Murray - Township of  
Huron Kinloss

Be It Resolved that the Multi Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group hereby approve the invoice for the Recording Secretary for November and December 2022.

**Carried**

### **9.2 For Information**

#### **9.2.1 MOE Response to Letter Re: IESO Handling Municipal Support for Energy Projects**

A response to the letter sent to the Minister of Energy dated September 28, 2022 has been received.

The letter confirms that municipal support will be a requirement of the RFP process associated with the IESO additional storage requirements.

The Working Group passed the following resolution:

#### **MMWTWG-2023-06**

**Moved by:** Jim Hanna - Township of Huron Kinloss

**Seconded by:** Mark Davis - Municipality of Arran-Elderslie - Citizen Appointee

Be It Resolved that the Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group hereby receives agenda item, 9.2.1 MOE Response to Letter Re: IESO Handling Municipal Support for Energy Projects, for information.

**Carried**

## **10. Members Updates**

The Recording Secretary formally introduced the new Member Municipality, Northern Bruce Peninsula, along with each returning and newly appointed member.

Members introduced themselves and provided some background for the benefit of the Working Group.

A general discussion took place regarding the various projects and issues that have arose from those projects in the member municipalities that currently have wind turbines.

## **11. New Business**

Member Murray raised the point that the group was originally formed to combat wind turbine issues, however, other issues are coming forward regarding storage facilities and other alternative energy solution.

The Working Group agreed that it would warrant revisiting the Terms of Reference to make amendments to allow for the group to address concerns with other alternative generation facilities.

The Working Group passed the following resolution:

### **MMWTWG-2023-07**

**Moved by:** Don Murray - Township of Huron Kinloss

**Seconded by:** Mark Davis - Municipality of Arran-Elderslie - Citizen Appointee

Be It Resolved that the Multi Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group hereby agrees to review the Terms of Reference and revise them to reevaluate the MMWTWG mandate and address other alternative energy sources.

**Carried**

**12. Closed Session (if required)**

**13. Resolution to Reconvene in Open Session**

**14. Adoption of Recommendations Arising from Closed Session (If Any)**

**15. Adoption of Closed Session Minutes**

**16. Confirmation of Next Meeting**

The next meeting was confirmed for Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 7:00 pm virtually via Teams.

**17. Adjournment**

The Working Group passed the following resolution:

**MMWTWG-2023-08**

**Moved by:** Mark Davis - Municipality  
of Arran-Elderslie - Citizen  
Appointee

**Seconded by:** Don Murray - Township of  
Huron Kinloss

Be it Resolved that the meeting of the Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group is hereby adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

**Carried**

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Tom Allwood, Chair

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Julie Hamilton,  
Recording Secretary

**2023 Outdoor Patio Proposal  
for  
The Paisley Common Restaurant  
526 Queen Street South  
Paisley, ON**



## Patio Proposal for The Paisley Common, 526 Queen Street South, Paisley, ON

### **2021 Context**

- In the summer of 2021, the Arran-Elderslie council approved an outdoor patio to be erected in front of The Paisley Common restaurant

### **The patio was considered a great success:**

1. It was enjoyed by all of our patrons, local townspeople and tourists alike; people wanted a place to eat outdoors in our beautiful town, especially during the pandemic
2. It helped to slow down traffic, which generally runs fast on our main street, and led people to get out of their vehicles to walk on the downtown core and enjoy the local businesses and street art
3. The patio had support of Bruce County; so much so that we were provided a grant by the County to build the patio structure that is now reusable for years to come

## Patio Proposal for The Paisley Common, 526 Queen Street South, Paisley, ON

### **2022 Context (the motion was denied in April 2022)**

- The bridge reconstruction project has started, and traffic will be diverted to the temporary bridge within the next month. This creates a lot of uncertainty for our town: potentially fewer visitors and less through traffic, reducing the potential for a strong tourist economy that is vital to our local businesses
- In light of the bridge construction and the ongoing uncertainty of Covid, it is our strong belief that we continue to need amenities in our town like an outdoor patio to encourage people to come to our town and enjoy themselves – **this is about stimulating economic development for all of our businesses in light of economic uncertainty driven by the bridge reconstruction**
- In March 2022, the Arran-Elderslie town council denied a motion to re-establish The Paisley Common patio in the same form as last year. Some of the key reasons for this, as we understand it, are:
  - 1. Parking availability** – it is believed that parking scarcity is an issue already, the patio will only exacerbate this
  - 2. Disability parking** – some citizens have raised concerns that moving the handicapped parking spot creates issues for the elderly and those with disabilities – proximity to the lawyer's office, bank and drug store are critical
  - 3. Public safety** – it is believed that because of construction uncertainty and due to high speed traffic that generally flows down the main street, we are putting people in harm's way by setting up a patio
- **We are listening intently to these concerns and would like to propose a compromise to council**

## Patio Proposal for The Paisley Common, 526 Queen Street South, Paisley, ON

### **2023 Updated Proposal to Council – A Compromise**

#### **We are humbly requesting the following:**

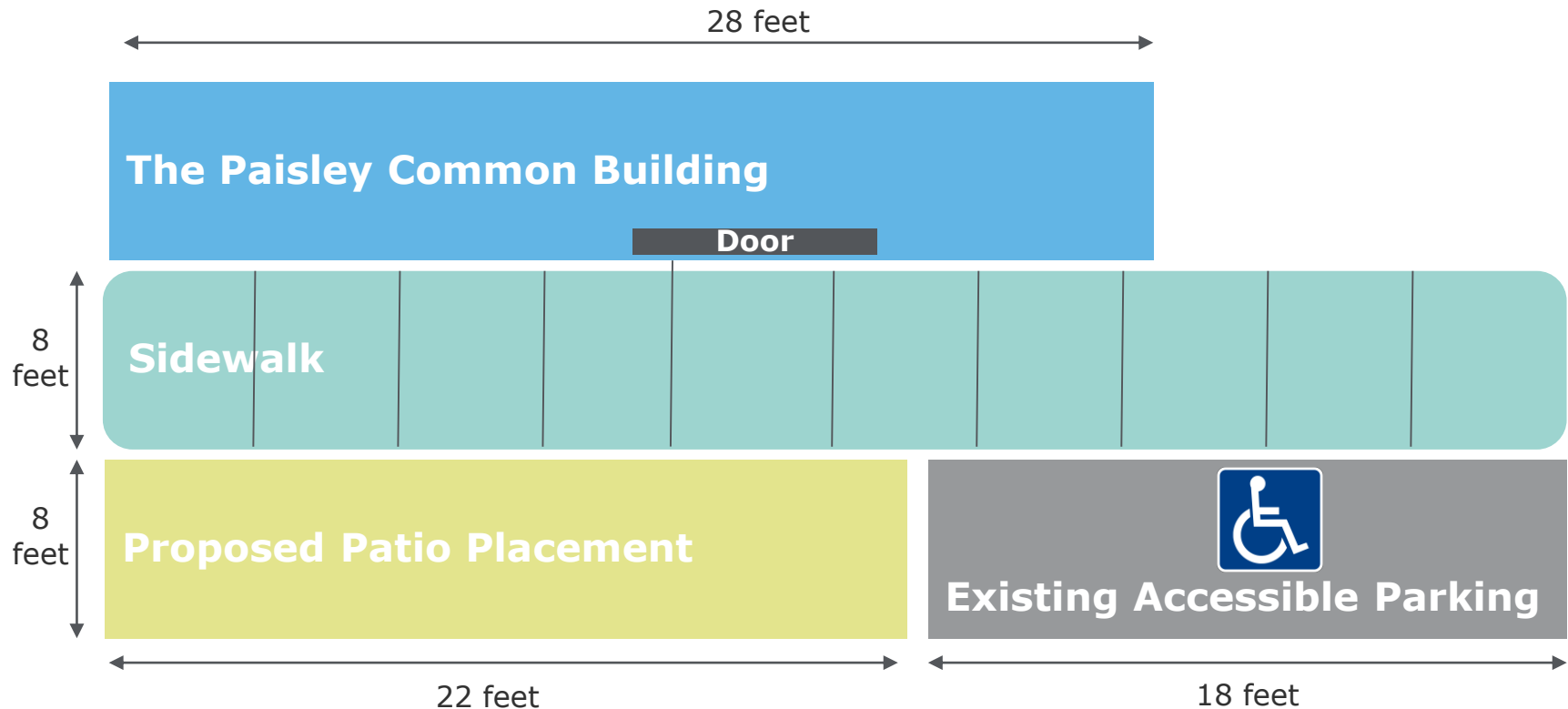
- Erect a smaller patio in the front – **22 feet long instead of 36 feet long**
- This would cover one parking spot instead of two, and leave the Accessible Parking spot intact and available – it will be on the left side of the building when facing it
- All safety precautions will be undertaken, including signage, reflectors, rebar rails
- No encroachment on neighbouring properties' parking
- We will also limit the use of umbrellas when there are no patrons sitting at the tables to optimize sight lines
- We will only have two tables on the patio, but it still send the signal 'Paisley is open for business'

#### **Why are asking again, despite council denying motion in 2022?**

- Paisley needs this – we need to generate as much 'buzz' in our community to encourage visitors during our bridge reconstruction
- **We maintain a petition with signatures from 275 people** – many of whom are local – to keep our patio and to enjoy our patio – there is strong demand to have this in our community
- We want to do everything we can to maintain our sustainability and viability as a business during the bridge reconstruction – we employ 20+ people and we want to maintain every one of these jobs
- This is a positive step forward for Paisley – a thriving community of residents, entrepreneurs, and artists
- We have advocacy from Bruce County; the Bruce County Warden and the Mayor of the Town of South Bruce Peninsula, Janice Jackson, is supportive of this idea and recognizes compromises are critical to a strong democracy – the road is Bruce County land and our County supports this

## Patio Proposal for The Paisley Common, 526 Queen Street South, Paisley, ON

### Proposed Floor Plan – Bird's eye view



## Patio Proposal for The Paisley Common, 526 Queen Street South, Paisley, ON

### Quotes from our Patrons and Citizens of Paisley

*"Traffic will be at a crawl this summer with the bridge re-construction, all local businesses should be able to have a patio with advertised parking on side streets. Let's get this town rockin, give the small business owners a chance....Add the patios, slow the traffic."* – **Mike Watt, Paisley resident and general manager of Home Hardware in Port Elgin**

*"Patios add fun and life to our restaurant dining experience and encourage people to stop and explore our local businesses. Patios are good for Paisley!"* – **Daniel Liu, Paisley resident and Owner, Midtown Convenience**

*"I don't understand why they'd deny having the patio. It's a great outdoor space for locals to congregate...James and Ranna are amazing hosts and the perfect people to welcome passerbys to our town....the community is changing, growing and that's okay."* – **Lindsey Grummet, Paisley resident, and Communications Specialist, Bruce Power**

*"We have to recover from two years COVID,, and now the bridge... we need creative options...[the patio is a creative option]"* – **Tammie Mcfarlane, Paisley resident and Owner, Tomboi Ice Cream**



## Confirmation of Support from Municipal Government or Equivalent Authority

APPLICANT: Paisley Blues Festival

Name of festival: Paisley Blues Festival

Funding by the Program is conditional upon confirmation of cash and/or in-kind support from the applicant's municipal government or equivalent authority (referred to below as - "the municipality").

For applications from a local band council, local tribal council, other local Aboriginal government or equivalent authority, that authority must provide written confirmation of support. Public organizations such as police, public transportation, waste management, or libraries, if directly under the municipal authority, can also provide municipal support. Financial support from the discretionary funds of elected officials is considered a donation from an individual and cannot constitute municipal support.

This form, once completed and signed, constitutes proof of support from the municipality. Support may also be confirmed in a letter that includes the cash and/or in-kind value of the municipal contribution for the event or activity. Should the municipality withdraw its support, the applicant must immediately notify the Department of Canadian Heritage.

**Please complete this form, print it and have it signed by an authorized representative of your municipality or equivalent authority and submit with your application. Authorized representatives are employees of the municipal administration or equivalent authority or any elected official with signing authority.**

<b>CASH</b>	
This amount <b>must</b> appear in the budget.	
Total:	\$1,300.00

<b>IN-KIND</b> (monetary value)	The in-kind support for this festival will be as described in the following table. (Use additional pages if necessary) Please itemize contributions of in-kind goods and services.
\$1,300.00	Set up/take down of tables and chairs at municipal festival venue
Total: \$1,300.00	

Name of authorized representative (required): Authorized representatives are employees of the municipal administration or equivalent authority or any elected official with signing authority.	
Title and municipality (required):	
Telephone number (required):	
Authorized representative's signature (required):	
Date YYYY-MM-DD (required):	

**Canadian Heritage Community Anniversaries  
Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage**

**Trinity Theatre  
Paisley Artscape Society**

**Paisley 150: Celebrating Our Heritage Through Art**

Local arts organizations, Trinity Theatre and Paisley Artscape Society are partnering to celebrate our “Artistic River Village” 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We will use an inclusive, intergenerational, inter-arts approach to draw together local artists, artisans, musicians, storytellers, filmmakers, performers and community members to honour the history and heritage of this beautiful village situated on the confluence of the Saugeen and Teeswater Rivers.

The proposed weekend for this event is July 12-14, 2024, wrapped around the annual Artists on the River (AOTR) event.

A Community Play will be developed by Trinity, presenting the history of Paisley through the lens of the community’s infrastructures, i.e. civics, heritage, education, commerce, health, environment, faith and the arts. The play will be developed through a community-based process of research, interviews, conversations, meetings, workshops, with Paisley residents, local stakeholder groups, and community organizations (Treasure Chest Museum, Rotary, Legion, Chamber, Agricultural Society, etc.) The play will be presented in different styles and venues over the three days, and will be accompanied by an animated Paisley walking tour, musical performances, storytelling, etc. A set will be created for this community play comprised of a series of mural panels depicting heritage moments of the past 150 years. At the conclusion of the performance of the community play, these mural panels will then be mounted on the Thompson Building, replacing the murals currently on this gallery wall.

AOTR will be augmented and enhanced by the inclusion of heritage artisans demonstrating wood turning, forging, quilting, spinning, weaving, etc., and indigenous arts such as quill boxes, beadwork, etc. The Treasure Chest Museum will be invited to hold a period tea party at the AOTR site. There will also be a Community Mural project during AOTR that will involve community members participating in the creation of a mural (using a paint-by-number technique with participants each getting to paint a colour designated by a number) on the walls of the pump house located on Water Street. The theme of this mural will be the history of the river.

The implied needs from the municipality (in this first draft proposal) for the July 12-14 events, for which we will need in-kind dollar figures:

- Approval to paint pumphouse, or attach panels
- Road closure, signage for AOTR
- Liability for hanging murals, performances in town square, in front of community centre, inside arena, along the dykes, etc.
- Use of community centre for marshalling actors, volunteers, etc.
- Hanging banners on lamp posts
- Use of sound equipment, etc.
- Use of 8x8 tents
- Use of town hall, community center, arena for indoor performances

**From:** [Boyko, Amy](#)  
**To:** [C&A SARA Consultations / C&A LEP Consultations \(DFO/MPO\)](#)  
**Subject:** Approved Critical Habitat Order for the Silver Shiner  
**Date:** April 6, 2023 4:14:30 PM

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Greetings,

This email is to inform you that the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Canada has established a Critical Habitat Order under the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA) to protect the critical habitat of a freshwater fish species at risk, the Silver Shiner. Critical habitat was identified for this species in a recovery strategy published on the [Species at Risk Public Registry](#). The final version of the Critical Habitat Order was published recently in the [Canada Gazette, Part II](#).

A Critical Habitat Order reinforces existing regulatory mechanisms to manage the prohibition in SARA subsection 58(1) by providing the crown mandatory measures to prosecute individuals, corporations and non-profit organizations violating SARA subsection 58(1), and statutory penalties with which to enforce the measures. Since threats to the critical habitat of Silver Shiner are already managed under existing regulatory mechanisms, which remain unchanged with the coming into force of the Critical Habitat Order, there will not be additional compliance and administrative measures on the part of Canadians and Canadian businesses.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

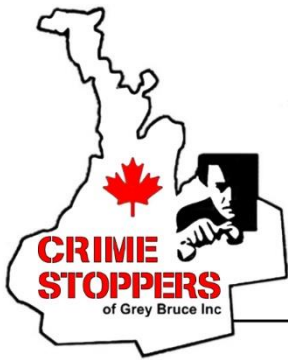
Thank-you,  
Amy

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## Program Coordinator's Report JANUARY 1 TO MARCH 31, 2023 – Q1 Drew Kalte

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## TIP STATISTICS FOR JANUARY 1 TO MARCH 31, 2023

- Total Tips (Phone, Web, and Mobile, including follow ups): 633
- New Tips (Phone, Web, and Mobile): 168

## Tips Allocated: 213 (45 tips were allocated to multiple recipients)

- Grey Bruce OPP: 82 (38%)
- South Bruce OPP: 41 (19%)
- The Blue Mountains OPP: 1 (0.5%)
- Owen Sound Police Service: 29 (14%)
- Hanover Police Service: 22 (10%)
- Saugeen Shores Police Service: 21 (10%)
- West Grey Police Service: 12 (5%)
- Neyaashiinigmiing First Nation Police: 0 (0%)
- Ontario MNRF: 3 (1.5%)
- Ontario MOF (contraband tobacco): 1 (0.5%)
- Ontario MECP (environment, conservation, parks): 0 (0%)
- OPP Contraband Tobacco Enforcement: 1 (0.5%)
- OPP Historic Crimes: 0 (0%)
- OPP AGCO Investigations: 0 (0%)
- OPP Anti Human Trafficking Coordination Unit: 2 (1%)
- RCMP: 0 (0%)
- CBSA: 0 (0%)

### Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Statistics Since Inception May 1987

Tip Reports	18,001
Arrests	1,767
Charges	2,454
Cases Cleared	2,737
Property Recovered	\$4,624,501
Narcotics Recovered	\$50,173,114
Rewards Approved	\$287,060

### **Tip Totals Year to Date**

- 168 new tips have been received during the first quarter of 2023, which is ahead of the first quarter of 2022 by 38 tips.

### **MEDIA**

- LITE 99.3, Bayshore Broadcasting, Bounce Radio 92.3, Blackburn Radio (Cool 94.5 & 101.7 The One), Shoreline Classics, and Bluewater Radio continue to receive Crime of the Week segments that are sent out from our office on a weekly basis.
- Monthly Crime of the Week columns are forwarded to the Bruce County Marketplace magazine.
- Crimes of the Week are being forwarded to the Owen Sound Hub and the Saugeen Times online news, as well as Eastlink TV.

### **FUNDRAISING**

- Nevada ticket revenues are declining but continue to assist in funding eligible expenses.
- We applied for funding from the Port Elgin, Hanover, and Owen Sound Walmarts for 2023 and are awaiting outcomes.
- We applied to the Community Services Recovery Fund toward developing a supporter membership initiative and upgrading the required technology.
- In the first quarter of 2023 Northern Bruce Peninsula donated to our program, and we are very grateful for their support.
- We have reached out to each of the Police Services Boards and Municipalities of Grey and Bruce to request funding commitments for our program.
- In the first quarter of 2023 the Kincardine, Hanover, and Owen Sound Royal Canadian Legions generously donated a combined \$2,500 to our program.
- We are planning a summer-long 50/50 raffle, and separate 50/50 raffles in conjunction with four classic car events during the summer.

### **EVENTS AND PROMOTIONS**

- The winter 2023 edition of TIPSTER Magazine was released in January. This magazine features articles and editorials focusing on regional current and historic crimes and community safety topics, and has been very well received by our partners and the community.

### **CRIME STOPPERS BOARD**

- With the addition of one new member we currently have ten members on our Board of Directors. We are continuing to recruit new members to the Board and are seeking specific skill sets, such as a Treasurer and people with fundraising experience.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Attending the Meaford 50+ Lifestyle and Leisure Connections Fair on April 20, 2023.
- Attending the Saugeen Shores Police Service police week event on May 18, 2023.
- Our 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Golf Tournament is set for Thursday June 1, 2023 at Saugeen Golf Club in Port Elgin and arrangements are well underway.
- We are participating in the South Bruce County Classic Car Tour on June 25, 2023; The Bruce Peninsula Classic Car Run on August 13, 2023; and the Keppel Classic Colour Tour on September 24, 2023; as well as the Sauble Beach Sunset Cruisers Classic Car Shows on Tuesday nights June 13 to September 12, 2023.



Cyprus Lake, Ontario

# FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

April 2023

The Clean Energy Frontier Program hosted the first **Regional Steering Committee** of 2023 on March 24 at the Bruce Power Visitors' Centre. It was a wonderful meeting, including an update presentation from **John Peevers**, Program Co-Chair and Director of Community and Media Relations and Economic Development at Bruce Power, as well as a presentation from **Chad Richards**, Director of the Centre for New Nuclear and Net Zero Partnerships (those are a couple of long titles!).

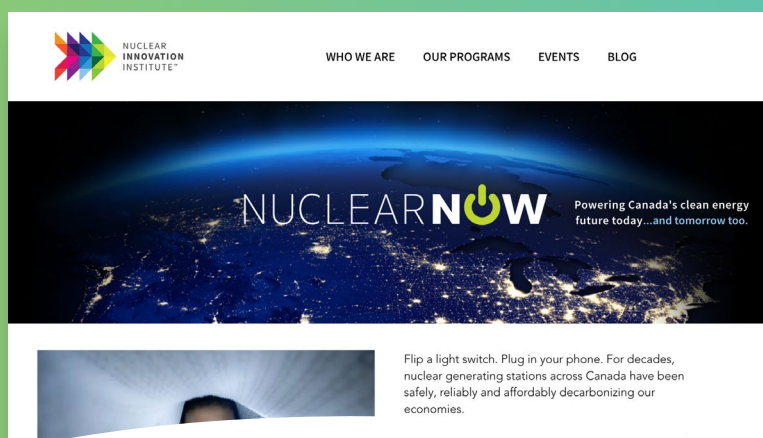




John's presentation provided committee members with an overview on medical isotope production at **Bruce Power, Project 2030** (increasing energy output) and an update on the **Major Component Replacement**. It was well received and wonderful insight for committee members to bring home to their communities.



Chad's presentation provided an overview on a new campaign launched by NII, titled **Nuclear Now**. He shared his passion and campaign objective to increase awareness of nuclear and how we—as Ontarians and Canadians (same could be said for the world!)—will **need nuclear to reach net zero**. Chad also shared an update on research and thought leadership work as it relates to **decarbonization** of difficult-to-abate industries, such as **steel, manufacturing (auto) and agriculture**. You can look forward to learning so much more from Chad Richards and the NII team.



# NUCLEAR NOW

[nii.ca/nuclearnow](http://nii.ca/nuclearnow)

## Members of the committee also reviewed reports relating to:

- The Summit/evaluation
- Sustainable Growth (developed from the round table activity at the Summit)
- An update on committee appointments
- An update on the Nuclear Sector Sustainability and Growth Study

Lots of good work continues to support the clean energy economy in Bruce, Grey and Huron counties.

## Clean energy lives here.

The annual **Clean Energy Frontier Summit**, hosted by Bruce Power, Bruce County and the Nuclear Innovation Institute, provides a platform for **two-way communication** between stakeholders and the clean energy sector.

This year's event brought together the Clean Energy Frontier Regional Steering Committee, local elected officials from Bruce, Grey, Huron and local Indigenous communities, nuclear sector supply chain representatives, education sector representatives, municipal staff, and economic development stakeholders to share strategies toward **sustainable growth**.

During the Summit, participants were asked to consider strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and actionable steps toward sustainable growth. The roundtable discussions considered housing, workforce, training, education, culture and recreation, and municipal infrastructure.

**One thing is for certain: opportunity is abundant in the Clean Energy Frontier region.** It is up to everyone to be ready for growth and to leverage the opportunities presented by the clean energy sector.

### Here's what you said:

Local training opportunities would support workforce

Inclusive communities — Grey Bruce Local Immigration Partnership

We have an opportunity to be more united

Encouraging trades and industry

Speaking of good work in the region, I had the privilege to attend the South Bruce Nuclear Exploration Forum on April 4th and 5th. The event included international speakers who have experience with the process of learning and building deep geological repositories for nuclear waste.

It was incredible to hear stories of process, progress and success. Congratulations to the team at the Municipality of South Bruce for delivering such an invaluable experience for residents and those of us working in the nuclear sector.

Lastly, I'll share I had the privilege of joining **Warden Chris Peabody, Mayor Ian Boddy and many others** from the region and nuclear sector at the **Isotopes for Hope** launch event. The Empire Club of Canada hosted a wonderful discussion with **James Scongack** of Bruce Power, explaining the opportunity isotopes present. Not only can the medical isotope portfolio at Bruce Power provide economic opportunity, this program and the production of medical isotopes will **save lives around the world**.

If you're looking for more information, check out the Canadian Nuclear Isotope Council's news release.

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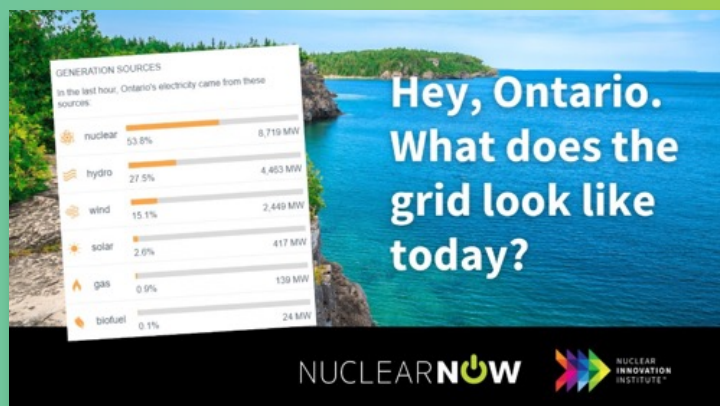
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**Nuclear Now** webpage

**Budget by the numbers** blog post

## UPCOMING DATES

**JUNE** Bruce Power Bus Tours are back!



Are you connected to the Clean Energy Frontier program? Follow us online.





# TIPSTER



Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce

SPRING 2023

A hand is shown pointing at a digital interface. The interface has a dark blue background with various icons: a magnifying glass, a cloud, a location pin, and a gear. The word "FRAUD" is prominently displayed in the center. Below the hand, there are three logos: the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) crest, the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) logo, and the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) crest. The CAFC logo is circular with a red maple leaf in the center and the text "CANADIAN ANTI-FRAUD CENTRE" and "CENTRE ANTIFRAUDE DU CANADA" around it. The background also features a faint grid pattern and some data-like elements.

**FRAUD**

*Turning off the supply of victims*





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***We're Moving Forward!***



Bayshore Broadcasting, Germania Mutual Insurance Company, and MacLean's Ales take pleasure in inviting you to attend the 31st Annual Golf Tournament in support of

***Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce***

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**Thursday, June 1, 2023**

Through the support of participants and sponsors this annual golf tournament has raised over \$600,000 to benefit this community-based charity.

**Tournament Entry Fee includes:**

All golf related activities, all meals, 31st Anniversary Souvenir and all post-play festivities, including the Grand Prize Draw.

Last, but not least, a chance to mingle with the guest celebrities of the day.

This tournament will fill up again this year and you are requested to complete and return the registration form by **April 28, 2023**.

Thank you for being a past supporter.

The organizers look forward to hosting you and your fellow golfers at Saugeen Golf Club in support of ...

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# Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce

## Program Coordinator's Quarterly Report

January 1 To March 31, 2023

Drew Kalte - Program Coordinator

### Tip Statistics For January 1 To March 31, 2023

- Total Tips (Phone, Web, and Mobile, including follow ups): 633
- New Tips (Phone, Web, and Mobile): 168

### 213 Tips Allocated

(45 tips were allocated to multiple recipients)

- Grey Bruce OPP: (38%)
- South Bruce OPP: (19%)
- The Blue Mountains OPP: (0.5%)
- Owen Sound Police Service: (14%)
- Hanover Police Service: (10%)
- Saugeen Shores Police Service: (10%)
- West Grey Police Service: (5%)
- Neyaashiinigmiing First Nation Police: (0%)
- Ontario MNRF: (1.5%)
- Ontario MOF (contraband tobacco): (0.5%)
- Ontario MECP (environment, conservation, parks): (0%)
- OPP Contraband Tobacco (0.5%)
- OPP Historic Crimes: (0%)
- OPP AGCO Investigations: (0%)
- OPP Anti Human Trafficking Unit: (1%)
- RCMP: (0%)
- CBSA: (0%)

### TIP TOTALS - YEAR TO DATE

168 new tips have been received during the first quarter of 2023, which is ahead of the first quarter of 2022 by 38 tips.

### MEDIA

- LITE 99.3, Bayshore Broadcasting, Bounce Radio 92.3, Blackburn Radio (Cool 94.5 & 101.7 The One), Shoreline Classics, and Bluewater Radio continue to receive *Crime of the Week* segments that are sent out from our office on a weekly basis.
- Monthly *Crime of the Week* columns are forwarded to the *Bruce County Marketplace* magazine.
- *Crimes of the Week* are being forwarded to the *Owen Sound Hub* and the *Saugeen Times* online news, as well as Eastlink TV.

### FUNDRAISING

- *Nevada Ticket* revenues are declining but continue to assist in funding rewards.
- We applied for funding from the Port Elgin, Hanover, and Owen Sound Walmarts for 2023.
- We applied to the *Community Services Recovery Fund* toward developing a supporter membership initiative and upgrading the required technology.

- In the first quarter of 2023 Northern Bruce Peninsula donated to our program, and we are very grateful for their support.
- We have reached out to each of the Police Services Boards and Municipalities of Grey and Bruce to request funding commitments for our program.
- In the first quarter of 2023 the Kincardine, Hanover, and Owen Sound Royal Canadian Legions generously donated a combined \$2,500 to our program.
- We are planning a summer-long 50/50 raffle, and separate 50/50 raffles in conjunction with four classic car events during the summer.

### EVENTS AND PROMOTIONS

The winter 2023 edition of *TIPSTER Magazine* was released in January. This is the fifth edition of the magazine which features articles and editorials focusing on regional current and historic crimes and community safety topics. It has been very well received by our partners and the community.

### CRIME STOPPERS BOARD

With the addition of one new member we currently have ten members on our Board of Directors. We are continuing to recruit new members to the Board and are seeking specific skill sets, such as a Treasurer and people with fundraising experience.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- We will be attending the Meaford *50+ Lifestyle and Leisure Connections Fair* on Thursday April 20, 2023.
- Our 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Golf Tournament is set for Thursday June 1, 2023 at Saugeen Golf Club in Port Elgin and arrangements are well underway.
- We are participating in the *South Bruce County Classic Car Tour* on June 25, 2023; *The Bruce Peninsula Classic Car Run* on August 13, 2023; and the *Keppel Classic Colour Tour* on September 24, 2023;
- The *Sauble Beach Sunset Cruisers Classic Car Shows* on Tuesday nights from June 13 to September 12, 2023.

### **CRIME STOPPERS OF GREY BRUCE** **Statistics Since Inception May 1987**

<b>Tip Reports</b>	<b>18,001</b>
<b>Arrests</b>	<b>1,767</b>
<b>Charges</b>	<b>2,454</b>
<b>Cases Cleared</b>	<b>2,737</b>
<b>Property Recovered</b>	<b>\$4,624,501</b>
<b>Narcotics Recovered</b>	<b>\$50,173,114</b>
<b>Rewards Approved</b>	<b>\$287,060</b>

# Please don't pay the con artist

## Over \$72,000 lost year to date in Southern Bruce County

by Cst. Kevin Martin

This is Fraud Prevention month, and the South Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is asking residents to continue watching out for cons and scams after more than \$72,000 has been sent to scammers, year-to-date, by residents of Southern Bruce County.

Cons and scams are attempted daily through online platforms, by phone, by letter mail, or by fax. The reality is that fraud is a multi-million-dollar enterprise that will only end when the con artists stop making money.

Year to date; Twenty-four fraud reports have been received by the South Bruce OPP. Seven of these scam attempts resulted in total dollar losses of \$72,950. All of these "successful" scams were for the purchase of goods arranged online.

Although scammers will change tactics and come up with new schemes, here are some of the common "tools" in a con artists toolbox:

- **Spoofing.** Appears to be contact from a friend, legitimate company or even a branch of the government, but it's not. They can manipulate caller-ID to display a number they want. To avoid the scam; end the call and connect with the real person, company, branch of the government. If it's an email, hover over "reply" and see what email address shows up.
- **Urgency.** "Act now", "limited time offer", "click now". The scammer doesn't want you to consider the offer as suspi-

cious. To avoid the scam; time is on your side. Verify the contact BEFORE you go any further.

- **Emotional manipulation.** Con artists will play on your emotions to get your money. Romance scam, emergency scam, grandparent scam, charity scam. To avoid the scam; be suspicious when they play on your emotions. Check out the Anti-Fraud Centre's A-Z index of scams, maybe this is a listed scam.
- **Pop-ups.** Boxes that appear on your computer or device screen. "You've won a prize", "your device is infected", etc. A toll-free number is provided for you to call. To avoid the scam; install anti-virus, pop-up blockers, clear your cache, block cookies - when possible. Don't use public Wi-Fi - particularly for online banking. Never call the number in a pop-up.

The South Bruce OPP is offering you some tips to help protect you from a con artist:

- If it sounds too good to be true, it likely is.
- Remember that you can't win a contest that you didn't enter in the first place.
- If you have a concern about your computer, take it to a reputable repair shop for service. Do not provide remote access to a "tech" that calls you out of the blue
- Gift cards are a red flag. If someone contacts you and directs you to buy gift cards, you need to hang up the phone.
- Your best defence is to verify any unsolicited contact. Unsolicited means that you didn't ask for it.

Anyone interested in more information on fraud can contact the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1 888 495 8501 or check online at <http://www.antifraudcentre.ca/>.

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# Tackling Fraud Crime

## *Turning off the supply of victims*

by Nicole Brockbank (CBC)

Police and prosecutors work together from the beginning at the Serious Fraud Office.

More than 500 investors from across Canada lost about \$40 million altogether between 2013 and 2017 in a Ponzi scheme orchestrated by a Barrie, Ont., man involving point-of-sale terminals that never existed.

When Charles DeBono claimed he sold the company, Debit Direct, and took off to the Dominican Republic with investors' money, reports flooded at least nine different police services.



"Initially, it was very unorganized," said Peter Hammond, one of DeBono's victims, who lost \$55,000. "Depending on who you were, and where you were calling from, they'd direct you to one police department or another."

But then, a newly formed initiative that brought police and prosecutors in Ontario together to try and tackle major fraud took on the case and centralized the investigation. *Project Debit Direct* was one of the first cases the province's Serious Fraud Office (SFO) worked on after forming five years ago.

Last June, after a four-year investigation and prosecution, DeBono was sentenced to seven years in prison, which was cut down to just over four years after he received credit for pre-sentence custody. DeBono was also ordered to pay nearly \$29 million in restitution to victims.

The case exemplifies both the benefits of dedicated fraud resources and specialists working together — and the limitations even those efforts face when it comes to victims recoup-

ing their losses.

"We're going in after the fact where we're fighting uphill," said Det. Supt. Dominic Chong, director of the Serious Fraud Office for the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP).

"We have restrained or seized about \$2.4 million in Canadian funds and about \$4 million US in the Dominican — that's a drop in the bucket."

### Trying to set precedents

Since its inception in 2018, Ontario's SFO's investigation branch has taken on 12 cases, Chong said, which are generally lengthy and take years. So far, investigators have laid charges in four of those cases. Two are still before the courts, and the other two, which includes the Debit Direct case, ended in convictions.

"I look at the SFO as a centre of excellence for fraud investigation and fraud prevention," said Chong.

"If there is something out there that no other police or law enforcement agencies have tackled before, and if we can successfully address that issue — that kind of sets the benchmark for other agencies and other police services to follow."

Chong credits the SFO's ability to take on those kinds of cases to resources that allow it to overcome some challenges facing other fraud investigators. Unlike other units, the office is self-sufficient when it comes to otherwise shared resources such as digital forensics, includes full-time investigators from both the OPP and several Greater Toronto Area police services and works with dedicated Crown attorneys from the get-go.

"Fraud investigations are very complicated," he said. "It would be very challenging to have a Crown attorney assigned at the end of the investigation and be able to catch up enough to understand a case and be able to effectively prosecute the case."





*Det. Supt. Dominic Chong*

### Fraud prosecutors could help address dropped charges

Extending fraud specialization from police to prosecutors is one way to address the roughly half of fraud charges Crown lawyers end up dropping in Ontario, according to the president of the International Centre for Criminal Law Reform.

“You could reduce that substantially if you knew that the prosecutors that are dealing with these cases are specialists in this area, and that they are dealing with judges who also are specialists in this area,” said Peter German, a lawyer and former deputy commissioner of the RCMP.

“I think it will reduce a lot of the disclosure problems.”

CBC Toronto requested an interview with the SFO’s chief Crown counsel to learn more about how the prosecution side operates, but Ontario’s Ministry of the Attorney General declined the request.

German argues Canada needs a national strategy for financial crime.

“Federal, provincial, municipal governments have to sit down at the table and say, ‘this is a significant issue,’” said German. “It’s not just for the politicians, it’s also for those that work within policing systems, prosecutorial systems, and the courts to advocate what they feel can best deal with this problem.”



*Peter German*

Last year’s federal budget provided \$2 million to Public Safety Canada to begin the initial work of developing and designing a Canada Financial Crimes Agency, which would become the national

enforcement body for investigating complex financial crimes. But at this point the scope of jurisdiction for the proposed agency and how that would affect police services across the country remains unclear.

### ‘Fraud impacts everyone’

Outside of bolstering and fixing enforcement systems, many of the fraud experts CBC Toronto spoke to put just as much or more emphasis on changing the way society thinks about victims.

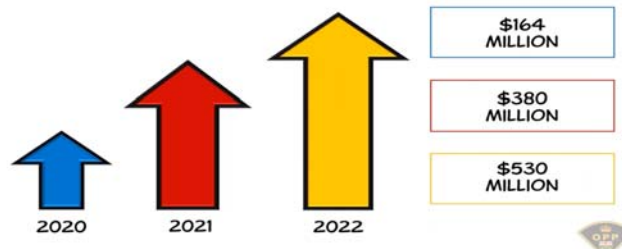
“We need to create this critical mass in terms of understanding fraud impacts everyone,” said Chong.

The OPP — and by proxy, Chong — oversee both the investigations branch and adjunct services for the SFO. The office’s adjunct services include crime prevention, public education, training and victim services.

“What we realized when the SFO was established was that the victims of fraud really were not receiving the appropriate support that they need through no fault of anybody, just limited resources,” said Chong. “Fraud is often forgotten.”

SFO’s victim services liaise with the victims in their cases

## 2022 CANADA LOSSES



throughout the process, from investigation through prosecution and beyond.

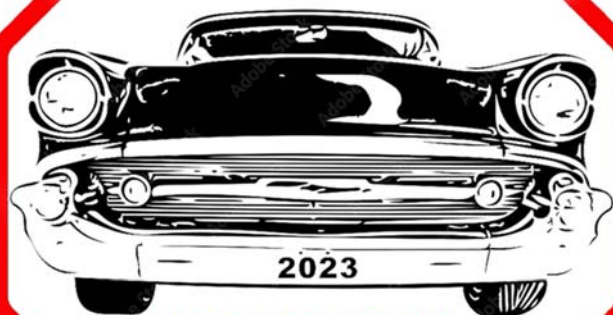
Aline Vlasceanu would like to see that kind of support expanded so fraud victims have access to the same services as other victims of crime.

“The psychological impact, the social impact, the financial impact, the emotional toll that it takes on victims is just as big as if it were a violent crime,” said Vlasceanu, executive director of Canadian Resource Centre for Victims of Crime.

Given the limited police resources, Chong sees public education as the strongest tool to fight fraud — whether that be warning bulletins about prominent frauds from the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre, or the SFO flagging scams to affected industry groups or communities being targeted.

“What we need to do is turn off the supply of victims, and limit the number of people that can be victimized by fraudsters.”

## SHOW 'N GO CLASSIC CAR TOURS



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**MORE DETAILS AND ROUTE MAPS AT [www.CSTIP.CA](http://www.CSTIP.CA)**



With all demographic groups being expected to use technology for many facets of their lives, Canadians are being increasingly targeted by cyber criminals.

Being able to recognize these techniques will go a long way in helping to combat cyber crimes. In the past decade, technology has completely transformed the fraud landscape, which is more widespread and sophisticated than ever before. With the public's help the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre wants to deliver information, tips and strategies for Ontarians to fight back.

In 2022, the CAFC received fraud reports totalling a staggering \$530 million in victim losses. This was nearly a 40 per cent increase from the 2021, unprecedented \$380 million in losses. In 2021, approximately 75 per cent of all reports the CAFC received were cyber enabled, and this is expected to increase year-over-year. It is estimated that only 5-10 per cent of victims report scams and frauds to the CAFC or law enforcement.

According to the CAFC, in 2022, the top frauds affecting Canadians on a daily basis were:

- Investment frauds represented \$308 million in reported losses in 2022. Ontario victims reported losing over \$136 million.
- Romance frauds represented \$59 million in reported losses in 2022. Ontario victims reported losing over \$20 million.
- Spear phishing frauds (Business Email Compromise) represented \$58 million in reported losses in 2022. Ontario victims reported losing over \$21.1 million.
- Service scams represented \$20.5 million in reported losses in 2022. Ontario victims reported losing over \$8.1 million.

- Extortion frauds represented \$19 million in reported losses in 2022. Ontario victims reported losing over \$4.8 million.

### How fraudsters use technology

Fraudsters will create spoofed websites, will use spoofed telephone numbers using Voice over internet protocol (VoIP) to mimic legitimate numbers, will have victims download remote entry software providing access to devices and computers or send out phishing texts pretending to be businesses or governments offering refunds.

Dominic Chong, Detective Superintendent, Director of Anti-Rackets Branch & Serious Fraud Office of the Ontario Provincial Police, points out that citizens must be vigilant watching out for predators ever seeking to take advantage of the naive or vulnerable.

"Fraud continues to devastate lives in Ontario and across this country," Chong says. "One of the best ways to combat fraudsters is to be armed with knowledge, information and awareness. I encourage everyone to learn the information and tips being made available to protect yourself, and to share these with your loved ones to help protect them. Together we can fight back and lessen the impact of fraud on our communities."

"Every year millions of dollars are defrauded from the citizens of Ontario utilizing various means and schemes. Together we can spot fraud and help to prevent our loved ones and friends from becoming victims," Chong concluded.



## CANADIAN ANTI-FRAUD CENTRE

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**FRAUD: RECOGNIZE, REJECT, REPORT**



# FRAUD PREVENTION MONTH

(OTTAWA, ON) - The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC), Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and Competition Bureau of Canada launched their 19th edition of the Fraud Prevention Month (FPM) in March.

This year's Fraud Prevention Month focused on *"Tricks of the trade: What's in a fraudster's toolbox?"*. The campaign reflects a need to educate and equip Ontario consumers and businesses alike about some of the most common fraud techniques in the marketplace right now.

Readers are encouraged to copy and distribute this material widely.



## PHONE THREAT

Be extremely cautious if...

- 1 Caller says they are **The CANADA REVENUE AGENCY**, organizations would:  
Never request payment by prepaid credit or gift cards.  
Never threatens with court charges, jail or deportation.
- 2 Caller claims to be **TECH SUPPORT** company:  
Never agree to unsolicited PC or technical support.
- 3 Caller claims to be a **BANK INSPECTOR** asking you to help catch a criminal:  
Never withdraw money from your account to assist in an undercover operation.
- 4 Caller claims to be your **GRANDCHILD** in trouble and needs money sent immediately:  
Never send money before verifying details with police or CAFC.

**NOT SURE? HANG UP!**



## DOOR THREAT

Be extremely cautious if...

- 1 **UNKNOWN** person at your door:  
**DO NOT** open it...  
Talk through it!
- 2 If approached in **YOUR YARD**:  
**DO NOT** invite them in!
- 3 Suspicious **SALESPERSON** tries to rush you to buy something:  
**REFUSE!**
- 4 Salesperson suggests they are **WORKING IN YOUR AREA**:  
**DO NOT** believe them...  
Get Estimates!

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## EMERGENCY-GRANDPARENT SCAM

Fraudsters are targeting seniors by calling and pretending to be a family member in distress, the police or a justice official claiming that a loved one or grandchild is in trouble, and needs money immediately. Victims are told there's a gag order, and can't speak to anyone.

### PROTECT YOURSELF



#### Fraudsters...

-  **Call demanding immediate payment for bail, or fines to avoid going to jail.**  
Remember! The courts won't ask for cash to bail out someone in custody, and will require people to be present in court.
-  **Claim to be a lawyer, police or family member in an emergency situation demanding funds.**  
Be suspicious of call that require immediate actions. Hang up! Call your local police and contact the family member directly.
-  **Request cash and send couriers for pick up, or demand the victim send cash by courier services or via cryptocurrency.**  
Never send cash, cryptocurrencies or any other funds to unknown persons, unverified addresses or bank accounts.

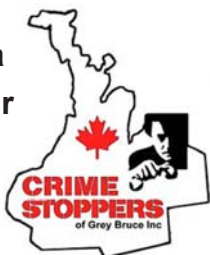
If you believe you have been scammed, contact your local police and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre:

1 (888) 495-8501 / antifraudcentre.ca

**FRAUD. Recognize. Reject. Report.**

## REMEMBER

You could be eligible for a reward up to \$2,000 if your tip leads to an arrest or recovery of property.



Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce

## Multiple vehicle's rolled for catalytic converters



On January 13, 2023, Wellington County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a report of multiple thefts of vehicle components at a gravel pit in Aberfoyle. Investigators discovered that overnight unknown persons entered the compound, turned over seven vehicles and removed their catalytic converters.

OPP continue to investigate and are asking anyone with information related to this crime or have access to surveillance footage in this area to contact Wellington County OPP at 1-888-310-1122. Investigators are looking to identify a White Ford F-250 single cab, with a steel rear bed liner and toolbox that was in the area.

Any person with information regarding this person should contact the Wellington County OPP at 1-888-310-1122. Should you wish to remain anonymous, you may call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or submit a tip online at [www.csgw.tips](http://www.csgw.tips). You may be eligible for a reward from Crime Stoppers of up to \$2,000.

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# CRIME STOPPERS WATCH BOARD

## Saugeen First Nation - Break & Enter



On February 27, 2023 at 1:24 a.m. police responded to a break and enter at a business along Highway 21 on the Saugeen First Nation.

Police are seeking to identify one of the involved individuals, described as:

- 30-40 years of age
- Approximately 6 feet tall
- Gray jacket
- Gray ball cap worn backwards
- Running shoes

## Arran Township - Truck Theft



**VIN # 1GCGK23R2XF059041**

Sometime between January 11, 2023 and January 22, 2023, a gray ¾ ton Chevrolet Silverado pick-up truck, bearing plates AY80666, was taken from a residence along Concession 4 in Arran Township. The VIN is 1GCGK23R2XF059041.

During the same time period, a red Kawasaki Bayou ATV was taken from an outbuilding on the property. The ATV has no license plate attached, but the serial number is JKALF8C1GVB562452.

## Meaford - Residential Break & Enter



On January 23, 2023 police began investigating a break and enter that occurred at a residence on Highway 6 & 10 in the Municipality of Meaford.

Police are asking for assistance in identifying a person of interest, described as male, roughly 40-50 years of age, approximately 5 foot 10 inches to 6 feet tall, and wearing a light coloured jacket and toque.

## Kincardine - Break & Enter, Damage

On February 16, 2023 at 4:07 a.m., police responded to an alarm at a local business on Lambton Street in Kincardine to discover that an unknown individual had gained entry and caused damage to the inside of the building.

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### Huron Kinloss - Break & Enter



South Bruce OPP are seeking the public's help with a Township of Huron-Kinloss break and enter investigation.

Although police know this individual is wearing a mask, have a look at the photo and see if you can identify the suspect:

### Port Elgin - Theft (Shoplifting)



Saugeen Shores Police Service are seeking the public's help in identifying two males connected to a shoplifting.

On December 28, 2022 two unidentified males entered the Shoppers Drug Mart, located on Goderich Street in Port Elgin. The men proceeded to steal several bottles of perfume, valued at approximately \$800.

### Georgian Bluffs - Business Break & Enter



On January 7, 2023 police responded to an alarm at Peavey Mart, located on the Sunset Strip in Georgian Bluffs, and discovered that a suspect gained access to the store and broke into a locked glass display, stealing three handgun style BB guns and a pellet rifle, valued at \$568. The suspect fled on foot prior to police arrival.

The suspect was recorded on security video and appeared to be a male in his 30's, wearing a black face covering, red/orange winter jacket, a purple "DC" sweatshirt, gray toque, blue jeans, black shoes, gloves, and a dark coloured backpack.

### Chatsworth - Theft (Shoplifting)



Police received a report of theft that occurred at a retailer in Chatsworth. It was reported that an unknown person entered the store and shoplifted a quantity of goods.



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# High Value Theft - Exeter

**Over \$10,000 in e-bikes, skateboards and shoes stolen during break & enter**

**Gray DAMCO E-Cruise +2**  
Serial # **G21E02253**  
Value \$3,389.00



**Black MARIN Sausalito E2**  
Serial # **F22031879**  
Value \$4,145.97



(SOUTH HURON, ON) - Huron County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is actively investigating an overnight break, enter and theft that took place in Exeter.

In the early morning hours of Saturday March 18th, 2023, unknown suspect(s) forced entry into a business located on Main Street in Exeter. Once inside the business, the suspect(s) stole a quantity of skateboards, shoes, an Apple iPhone, and two e-bikes. The total value of stolen items exceeds \$10,000.

The two e-bikes are unique as one has orange striping and the other is a light grey colour (shown in photos).

## ATV STOLEN FROM RURAL PROPERTY



( VIN # 4XASXM95XMB779547 )

(ASHFIELD-COLBORNE-WAWANOSH TWP, ON) - Huron County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is investigating the theft of a 2021 Polaris Sportsman All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) from a rural residence located on Dungannon Road in Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Township.

On March 11, 2023, Huron OPP officers received a report that the machine was stolen sometime overnight on March 10 to 11 from the driveway of a private property. The keys were not with the ATV.

The ATV is grey and orange in colour and is a Highlifter 1000 cc XP model with vehicle identification number (VIN) #4XASXM95XMB779547. It has two light bars and a sound system on the front that make it unique. No licence plate was attached at the time of the theft.

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## Two snowmobiles and trailer stolen from parking lot



Replica Images



(GODERICH, ON) - Huron County Ontario Provincial Police are investigating the theft of two snowmobiles and a snowmobile trailer from a parking lot in Goderich.

On Sunday March 12, 2023, Huron OPP officers received a report that the snowmobiles and trailer were stolen sometime between 8:00 p.m. and 8:40 p.m. while the owner was grocery shopping at a business on Huron Road in Goderich. The trailer and snowmobiles were connected to the owner's vehicle in the main parking lot area on the south side of the grocery store. The suspect(s) removed a lock that was affixed to the trailer, then stole the trailer and two machines.

The snowmobiles and trailer are described as follows:

- White 2012 Ski doo 600 bearing Ontario licence plate #8AD969, VIN: 2BPSDDCA6CV000496
- White 2012 Ski doo 600 bearing Ontario licence plate #8AD970, VIN: 2BPSDDCAXCV000498
- Silver 1996 Hyland 8x8 open snowmobile trailer bearing Ontario licence plate #X2633L, VIN: 2H9SS1111SB059200

## Repeat Offender in Thornbury Collingwood area



Can you help identify this individual in relation to a theft investigation in Town of The Blue Mountains and the Town of Collingwood? He was last seen driving a black Lexus sedan.

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# Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce TIPSTER MAGAZINE NEWS DESK

## Local Opioid deaths increasing

Seven lives have been lost in seven days due to opioids, four of those in Simcoe County region.

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is issuing a dire warning of the possibility of a highly potent and potentially fatal strain of illicit opioids circulating in central Ontario.

Police say four of the suspected overdoses in the past week were in Huronia West, Orillia, Southern Georgian Bay, and Huntsville.

The ages and genders of the victims was not released "as the investigations are continuing," OPP stated.

OPP cautions the public that fentanyl is an extremely potent synthetic opioid, up to 100 times more potent than morphine and up to 40 to 50 times more potent than heroin.

Another drug currently on the streets, carfentanyl, is a synthetic opioid up to 100 times more potent than fentanyl.

The prevalence of illicit opioids distributed through drug trafficking networks continues to increase, police say.

Fentanyl can be lethal in very small quantities. However, if someone's drug of choice is mixed with or contains fentanyl, it can potentially kill them, experts say.



Opioid users have a higher risk of experiencing an overdose due to fentanyl potency, especially when the fentanyl is illicit and not sourced from a pharmaceutical company, OPP states.

Police warn users that it's impossible for a user to determine the quantity of fentanyl they may be using because you can't see, smell or taste it.

Symptoms of fentanyl/opioid exposure can include:

- Difficulty walking, talking or staying awake
- Blue lips or nails
- Very small pupils
- Cold and clammy skin
- Dizziness and confusion
- Extreme drowsiness
- Choking, gurgling or snoring sounds
- Inability to wake up, even when shaken
- Slow, weak or not breathing

Residents at risk of experiencing an overdose are encouraged to have naloxone kits, which are available free of charge at the health unit. Naloxone can temporarily reverse the effects of opioids.

The Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act (GSDOA) provides legal protection for individuals seeking emergency help during an overdose.

The GSDOA protects the person who seeks help, whether they stay or leave the overdose scene before help arrives, the person experiencing the overdose, and anyone else at the scene when help arrives.



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## Thieves using AirTags to identify, steal high end cars, Ontario police warn

Ontario police are warning vehicle owners about thieves they say are using Apple tracking devices to identify expensive cars, track them to their home address and then steal them.

Over a 24-hour period, Ontario Provincial Police said officers from its Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry detachment were told about two instances where Apple AirTags were found on vehicles.

Police said one of the owners, notified of the devices by their iPhone, found it in the fuse box under the hood.

The thieves placed the AirTags under the vehicles while they are parked in a public space so they could later track them to the owner's homes and steal them from the driveway, police suggested.

Vehicle owners are being warned to look for AirTags on or under their cars.

"An iPhone user will receive a notification that an Air-Tag is nearby. If you own an Android phone, you can download an app called Tracker Detect, which will provide the same alert," OPP said.

Conversely, adding an AirTag to your car yourself can help to locate it if it is stolen. "You as the owner can respond using the same tools," an OPP media release said.

"Equipping your vehicle with your own AirTag could assist police in locating your vehicle if it was ever stolen."

## Man Cleared for Giving Children Chocolates

(National Post)

A "suspicious older male" under investigation for handing out chocolates in the Ontario town of Hanover turned out to simply be doing random acts of kindness, police say.

On Friday, a news release from the police department in the town of 7,600 people said officers were on the lookout for a "suspicious older male" with grey hair and grey facial hair, who may have had prescription sunglasses on.

The man, the release said, had pulled over his vehicle last Wednesday afternoon, approached a youth and

offered him a box of Pot of Gold chocolates. The boy, the release noted, refused the chocolates, but the man insisted and said he was to take them home to his mom instead.

The police sprang into action, issuing a news release and noting a second suspicious incident from last Thursday in which a man had been seen taking photos of children playing in a backyard. As it turned out, the two incidents weren't linked.

"The person who handed out the 'Pot of Gold' chocolates has been identified and interviewed," wrote Police Chief Christopher Knoll on Twitter. "They handed out chocolates to several people of varying ages inspired by random act of kindness. Police determined the motives were pure and genuine. Thank you to everyone for helping us."

Police in Hanover, which is located about 180 kilometres from Toronto, are still looking for the second man who's alleged to have taken photos of kids.

## Look out for crooks with gleaming smiles

On March 5, 2023, Wellington County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a report of a freight theft on Highway 7 in Guelph/Eramosa Township.

It was reported that a white Volvo semi-truck and a white 53' trailer (Ontario #V2698F) labeled with decal #53101R on it, had been stolen from a storage lot.

The trailer was reported to contain approximately \$250 000 worth of toothpaste.

## 64 Mexicans rescued from Ontario human trafficking ring

York Regional Police say 64 Mexican-born nationals have been rescued from an international labour trafficking ring that was operating in Ontario and several people have been charged.

Deputy police chief Alvaro Almeida told reporters on Friday that the information learned through Project Norte was "just as disturbing as it is compelling." "Sixty-four of them were subject to deplorable living conditions with no way out," Almeida said. "Our members were shocked at the conditions they were living in."

"If anyone suspects a farm, factory, warehouse or any other business mistreating foreign workers please report it to the police or Crime Stoppers."



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# SHOW 'n GO 2023 Classic Car Tours



Following upon the successes of the past three years, Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce have planned three activities for Classic Car owners throughout the summer of 2023. Although you are invited to all of these events for a walk down an automotive memory lane, you can simply wait for them to come to you. Each event starts with a tour around specified back roads and viewers can simply bring out their lawn chairs and watch the procession.

Crime Stoppers will host a 50/50 Draw at all events. There is no admission fee for any of these events but donations will be gratefully accepted by Crime Stoppers. Donations over \$20 are receiptable.

## South Bruce County Classic Tour and Show June 25, 2023

All roads will lead to Paisley as the South Bruce County Classic Car Tour will invite drivers to tour the back roads, farms, rolling hills and villages of south central Bruce County. Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce will host a stationary car show at the Paisley Palace Park starting at 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. This event will include a 1:00 PM shotgun start from Sauble Beach, Port Elgin and Kincardine. At all locations Crime Stoppers volunteers will be handing out route maps for participants.

## The Bruce Peninsula Classic Car Run August 13, 2023

Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce will host their annual Bruce Peninsula Run and Classic Car Show. Classic and hobby cars will gather at Port Elgin, Sauble Beach, Wiarton and Lion's Head and move out on a shotgun start at 1:00 PM on various routes around Northern Bruce Peninsula. Crime Stoppers

volunteers will have route maps for participants. All routes will end off at the Wiarton Keppel International Airport for an afternoon stationary show that will last until around 5:00 PM.

## The Keppel Classic Colour Tour September 24, 2023

The third annual Keppel Classic Colour Tour will be hosted by Crime Stoppers. A 1:00 P.M. shotgun start from Sauble Beach, Wiarton, Owen Sound and Port Elgin will take Classic Car enthusiasts on a fall colour tour of old Keppel Township in the municipality of Georgian Bluffs. Maps supplied by Crime Stopper volunteers at all locations will show several scenic routes that guarantee spectacular scenery of the forests, cliffs and waters around this most colourful part of Ontario. All routes will end off at the Wiarton Keppel International Airport for an afternoon stationary show that will last until around 5:00 PM.

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To keep up to date on these events go to the Facebook pages of Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce or the web page at [crimestop-gb.org](http://crimestop-gb.org).



# \$20,000 worth of equipment stolen from Guelph historical train



by Santana Bellantoni  
Guelph Today

Restoring trains is a labour of love for members of the Guelph Historical Railway Association (GHRA), but it has turned into a little more than they had bargained for after a theft over the weekend of February 11th.

With an estimated \$20,000 of equipment stolen from one of its train cars, the GHRA says the restoration that was expected to be finished this spring will now take another year or two.

The thieves were able to get into the train car from underneath, going through the sheet metal, said Drew Goff, one of the directors at GHRA. They also broke into a caboose car and the thieves defecated in it.

Copper piping from the heating system was stolen, the wiring was cut, and many other items were damaged. After spending about \$3,000 on new control boards, and wires, it was stripped, said Goff.

Empty cans of alcohol and tools presumably left by the thieves were strewn inside and outside the train car, he said. Some of the items stolen are irreplaceable since they are original to the train car. "We've been collecting all the pieces to put back, Goff said. "You can't buy these light fixtures. You can't buy the door fixture. We're trying to collect them and bring it back to its 1960s appearance and of course it's metal and they want metal to scrap."

"The initial intention was when you walk into this car you're walking back into 1960 as it was," said Steve Host, GHRA president.

The train car was acquired in 2020 from the Waterloo Central Railway. "To us it's a citizen's asset for the city. And the railway is part of our fabric as part of our community," said Host.

"It's becoming a money pit, obviously," said Eric Repaci, founding member of GHRA. The ultimate plan is to have the train run and collect fares to help with the cost of operations. Unlike many museums the GHT is actually a live rail and the railway does move our equip-



ment. "It would have given people the opportunity to experience a train ride in that era," said Repaci.

The GHRA will be fundraising in the future to raise money for the restoration and the association has reached out to the VIA Historical Association in Toronto, and have been offered components and parts.

Thieves came well prepared with grinding discs, Sawzalls, pipe cutters, all manners of tools and in the course of a night gutted the coach. Also taken are over 20 metres of steam heat shielding and steam heat piping, window frames and curtains as well as "CC&F" specific interior trimmings and finishing's and at least three coach seat frames.

Air conditioning piping, plumbing between the "A" end bathrooms, overhead panels as well as tools including a \$1500 Huck rivet gun.

They cut the brake pipe in three places, including what seems like an attempt to take the air reservoir underneath the coach. The hot water boiler that provided heat via the steam heating pipes was completely destroyed.

"We firmly believe that if we can get the funds to repair this coach we can have in a state to show off our progress in its restoration come spring, and be well on our way to having it completely restored to its 1960s appearance," said Repaci. "This passenger car to us is more than just a passenger car, it's a community asset and we plan to use it as such once it's complete."

To read more about the Guelph Historical Railway Association and equipment, check out their website at: [www.ghra.ca](http://www.ghra.ca). Anyone wishing to donate to their restoration can donate to them by going to [GoFundMe.com](http://GoFundMe.com).



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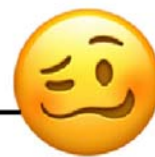
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# On the Laughter Side of Life



*The school called me today to tell me my little boy was telling lies. I told her "Oh yes! and he is very good at it too. It is nice that he gave you my phone number but you see... I don't have any children.*

-Author unknown

**Teacher:** "Whoever can answer my next question can go home early."

One boy at the back of the class throws his school bag out the window.

**Teacher:** "Who threw that?"

"Me," replied the boy, "and I'm going home."

"Sometimes, someone unexpected comes into your life outta nowhere, makes your heart race, and changes you forever. We call those people cops."

"When one door closes and another door opens, you are probably in prison."

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**What do you call an ant who fights crime?**

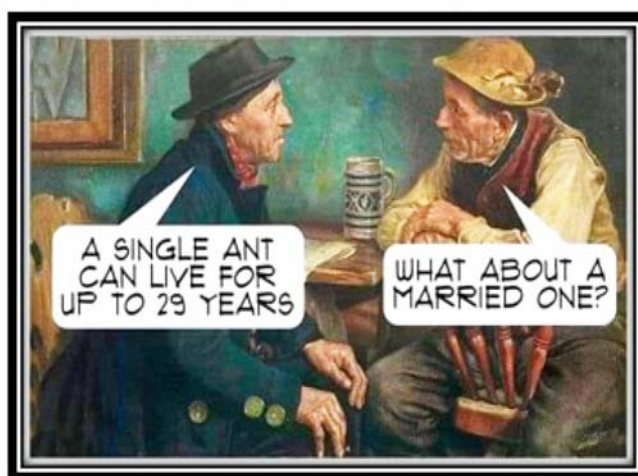
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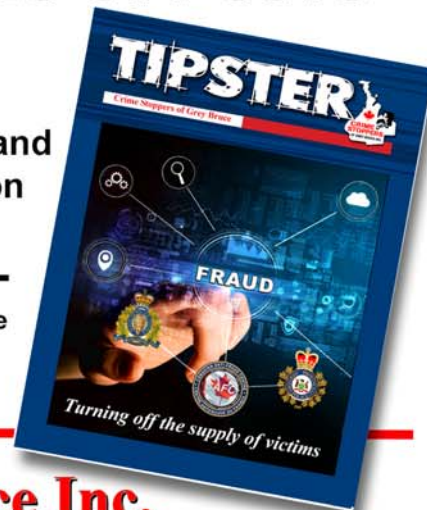
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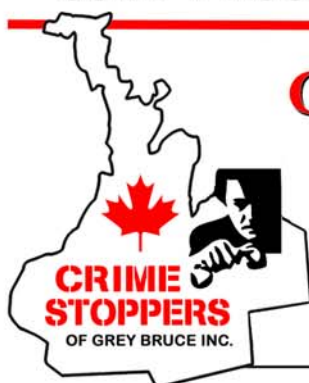
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### **AMO Matters**

AMO's Regional Energy Planning webinar is now available to watch on [YouTube](#)! [Slides](#) from the presentations are also available. The webinar covers regional energy planning and the role of municipalities.

The [PJ Marshall Award](#) recognizes municipal governments demonstrating excellence in the use of innovative approaches in the areas of capital, service delivery showcasing examples where Ontario municipalities have implemented and can point to tangible outcomes from new, more cost-effective ways of providing public services and facilities. The deadline to submit is May 26.

### **Provincial Matters**

Public Safety Answering Points will be notified on applications for NG-911 transition funding for 2022-2023. The funding program has been implemented to help support the transition CRTC deadline of March 4, 2025.

There are between 1500-2000 summer student positions at Ontario Parks across the province. Municipalities may share [opportunities](#) with students in their communities. Students can contact [ontarioparksjobs@ontario.ca](mailto:ontarioparksjobs@ontario.ca) with any questions.

Applications for the [2023-24 Inclusive Community Grants](#) are open until April 20. Municipalities and other organizations can apply for up to \$60,000 for projects that help older residents and people with disabilities participate in community life.

### **Federal Matters**

The Drainage Superintendents Association of Ontario and AMO have prepared a



template letter for Councils to send to the Minister of Transport. Councils are also encouraged to support Warwick's resolution.

### **Eye on Events**

AMO understands action is required and is holding an Ending Homelessness Symposium May 3-4. This important event will offer perspectives on the root causes of homelessness including income insecurity, insufficient supply of deeply affordable housing, insufficient responses to mental health and addictions challenges and the policy responses required. The one and a half-day event is open to elected officials; municipal staff; social, health, and economic partners; and all interested sector associations. Register today - space is limited.

AMO is excited about this year's Conference hosted by the City of London at RBC Place London and DoubleTree by Hilton, August 20-23. Register now for this important event.

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Save on Energy is offering three online workshops in May and June to help municipal facility and energy staff save energy in their buildings. Learn how to benchmark and analyze your energy use. Space is limited. Email trainingandsupport@ieso.ca for more info or to participate.

We're pleased to welcome Coast Wholesale Appliances to the Canoe Procurement Group. They supply, deliver and service many of the residential-type appliances used in municipal housing and other facilities. Save time and money with this new cooperative purchasing contract. Contact Sarah to learn more.

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Canada's premier Cycling Planning and Policy conference will run April 30 to May 2 in Hamilton, Ontario.

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Financial Officer - District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board. Responsible for maintaining a variety of accounting, financial and administrative services. Apply to [jobs@psdssab.org](mailto:jobs@psdssab.org) by April 27.

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## The Corporation of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie

# Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: April 24, 2023

Subject: SRFIN.23.14 Tax Sale Properties Vested with Municipality

Report from: Tracey Neifer, Treasurer

Appendices: Appendix A – File 19-10 Property Map  
Appendix B – File 21-03 Property Map

### **Recommendation**

Be It Resolved that Council hereby,

1. Authorize staff to write off property taxes in accordance with *Municipal Act* Section 354, \$6,181.20 for File 19-10 and \$10,233.05 for File 21-03, totalling \$16,414.25.

### **Report Summary**

On November 10, 2022, the Municipality completed a property tax sale on two properties, for which no tenders were received. As a result, the report recommends the write off of the tax arrears and proceeding with the Notice of Vesting.

### **Background**

Section 354 of the *Municipal Act* addresses the write off of taxes, and that taxes shall not be written off except in accordance with this provision. Subsection 2 lists the conditions that provide for the removal of unpaid taxes:

- a) the Council of the local municipality, on the recommendation of the treasurer, write off the taxes as uncollectible;
- b) the taxes are no longer payable as a result of tax relief under section 319, 345, 357, 358, 362, 364, 365, 365.1 or 365.2 or a decision of any court; or

c) the taxes are no longer payable because the tax liability arose as a result of the assessment of the land under subsection 33(1) of the Assessment Act for a period during which a regulation made under subsection 33 (1.1) of that Act provides that subsection 33(1) of that Act does not apply to the land.

Subsection 3 states further that, a local municipality may only write off taxes under clause (2) (a) after an unsuccessful tax sale under Part XI and may at that point write off the taxes whether or not the property vests in the municipality under that part.

The properties referred to in this report is the result of unsuccessful tax sales that were held on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and staff recommend proceeding with the vesting of the two (2) properties.

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## **Analysis**

The properties in question are:

- File 19-10 - Lot 4 E Queen Street North, Paisley; Registered June 14, 2019
- File 21-03 - Plan 15 Park PT Lot 1, Tara; Registered June 11, 2021

The tax sale was posted in the Newspaper, on the Municipal Website and on the Ontario Tax Sales website for a period of 6 weeks prior to the sale. The minimum tender amounts at the time were:

- File 19-10 - \$6,082.88
- File 21-03 - \$9,333.58

No tenders were received. As a result, there are a few options to consider:

- 1) Write off and charge back** – Council, on the Treasurer's recommendation, can write off the taxes pursuant to Section 354 (2) and (3) of the Municipal Act, 2001 and charge back to the upper tier and school board, its proportionate share of the unpaid taxes that are written off (subsection 353(3)) regardless of whether or not the Municipality decides to vest the property in the Municipality's name.
- 2) Register Notice of Vesting** – the Municipality may register on title a Notice of Vesting within two years of the tax sale date pursuant to subsections 379 (5b) and (7.1). The property will then be owned by the Municipality. If the Municipality decides to chargeback, then vest and subsequently sell the lands within 7 years of the registration of the Notice of Vesting, it does not need to share the proceeds, as the cancellation price was less than \$10,000.

The Notice of Vesting, when registered, vests in the municipality an estate in fee simple in the land free and clear of all estates and interest including any estates or interests claim by the Province of Ontario, except restrictive covenants, any interest of the Crown in right of Canada; and any interest acquired by "squatters rights".

There were no crown interests registered on title as of the last title and execution searches.

- 3) Readvertise within two years** – The Municipality may advertise the property for sale a second time within two years of the tax sale date pursuant to section 380.1.

If the Municipality does not register a Notice of Vesting or re-advertise within 2 years of the tax sale date, the whole process is deemed to be cancelled. The Municipality may then start the tax sale process with the registration of a new Tax Arrears Certificate (subsection 379(15)).

The following property information was included with the Ontario Tax Sales Listing:

Description	File 19-10	File 21-03
Annual Taxes	\$42.52	\$438.43
Assessed Value	\$3,200	\$33,000
Property Size	214 m2	400 m2
Is the property accessible	No	No – unopened road allowance
Zoning	EP	R1
Is it possible to obtain a building permit	No – Regulated under SVCA; no road frontage	Yes – if the road is constructed. Need sufficient area for well and septic
<b>The balance on the account as of the preparation of this report</b>		
Total Tax Arrears	\$6,181.20	\$10,233.05

## **Link to Strategic/Master Plan**

### 6.4 Leading Financial Management

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#### **Financial Impacts/Source of Funding/Link to Procurement Policy**

The total taxes to be written off are \$16,414.25, of which there will be a portion that will be recovered from the County and School Board. The costs incurred for property standards/enhancements is considered a betterment to the property and can be capitalized and recovered upon a future sale of these lands. The Municipal Act allows for a chargeback to the School and County for any charges due to non-payment (penalties and interest), along with other charges that have been added to the tax account, in proportion to the taxes originally charged, except for water billings and property standards, which are not shareable.

Once a property is vested/registered to the Municipality, it can be considered for sale.

On the sale of a property, S,353(5) allows for the municipality to deduct from the proceeds the costs of any improvements made to the land and its reasonable administrative costs.

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Approved by: Sylvia Kirkwood, Chief Administrative Officer

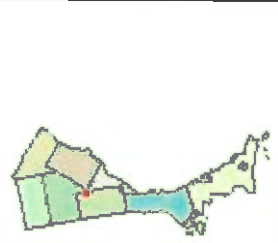




Part Park Lot 4 E, Town Plot of Paisley

Roll #: 4103-410-002-13010

(Property is zoned Environmental Protection and is regulated by the  
Sageen Valley Conservation Authority)



Legend

- Rural Community point, labelled
- Ferry
- Provincial Highway
- County Road
- > Bridge reconstruction
- Municipal or Other Road
- Bridge Detour
- Propane Facility Buffer
- Severance
- Sewered portion
- Retained portion
- Subdivision
- Draft Approved
- Final Approved
- Body of Water
- Evaluated Wetland
- Watercourse
- Permanent Stream
- Intermittent Stream
- Road Allowance/Right-of-way
- Private Road Allowance
- Right-of-Way
- Road Allowance or Canto Road
- Unopened Road Allowance
- Wetland
- Body of Water
- Built-up area
- Adjacent Counties
- Lake Huron and Georgian Bay

Notes

4103 410 002 130200





Part Park Lot 1, Plan 15, as in R240671, geographic Township of Arran



# The Corporation of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie

## Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: April 24, 2023

Subject: SRFIN.23.15 Accounts Receivable – Write-off old Accounts

Report from: Tracey Neifer, Treasurer

Appendices: None

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### **Recommendation**

Be It Resolved that Council hereby,

1. Approves the write-off of accounts receivable from 2021 and prior years totalling \$19,299.64; and
  2. That Staff prepare an Accounts Receivable Collections Policy.
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### **Report Summary**

Staff have been working towards the compilation of a streamlined billing and collection process. Part of this process has included the establishment of a monthly meeting to review unpaid accounts and status of accounts with the Credit Bureau. It is the recommendation of this report to write-off uncollectible accounts that have been outstanding since December 31, 2021, and prior years, and develop a formal Accounts Receivable Collections Policy.

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### **Background**

The Fees & Charges By-law establishes that unpaid accounts will be sent to collections after 90 days. The Municipality works with a local Credit Bureau to assist with collections, but in some cases the amount owing is minimal and not pursued, or the Credit Bureau has exhausted their efforts and the account is deemed to be uncollectible. Where uncollected fees are related to a property owner in Arran-Elderslie, the unpaid fees are added to the property taxes (ie. sewer, water, dog tags). Issues may arise when collecting from non-residents or non-property owners.

## **Analysis**

An accounts receivable collection policy will ensure the collection of all revenues due to the Municipality in a prompt, effective, efficient, and secure manner. All municipal invoices are issued through the financial software Keystone, except for recreation programs and facility bookings, as they are processed through the online platform, Book King.

On a regular basis municipal staff issue arrears notices and statement of accounts, as well as direct communications to follow up on unpaid invoices. Staff will also follow up with the respective manager for additional information.

It has been identified that there are unpaid invoices from 2021 and prior years that remain uncollectible and should be written off. Staff would like authorization to write off old accounts.

<b>Total Accounts</b>	
Chesley Fire	4,539.36
Chesley Trailer Park	1,832.55
Dog Tags	1,360.00
General Receivables	6,641.28
Paisley Fire	1,350.00
Program Registration	100.31
Recreation Facility Booking	1,550.44
Tara Fire	1,925.70
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,299.64</b>

The policy developed will address the steps taken to collect on the account and provide authority where deemed appropriate to write off accounts. Steps will also be noted to address circumstances where accounts will be frozen or require payment up front to prevent future collectability issues.

## **Link to Strategic/Master Plan**

### 6.4 Leading Financial Management



**Financial Impacts/Source of Funding/Link to Procurement Policy**

The write-off of accounts has a negative impact on the Municipality as the services have been provided without the collection of the associated fees for the provision of that service. Staff have been working to clean up accounts and improve processes. The outcome of the work will be the development of an Accounts Receivable Collection Policy to ensure the minimization of future write-offs. The report addresses accounts with arrears related to 2021 and prior years totalling \$19,299.64. A further review of 2022 accounts will be completed as part of the year end account reviews.

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Approved by: Sylvia Kirkwood, Chief Administrative Officer



## The Corporation of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie

# Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: April 24, 2023

Subject: SRW.23.08 Vacuum Sweeper Truck Purchase

Report from: Scott McLeod, Public Works Manager

Appendices: None.

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### **Recommendation**

Be It Resolved that Council hereby,

1. Approve the purchase of a 2023 Scarab Vacuum Sweeper Truck in the amount of \$463,386.22 inclusive of HST from Cubex Limited;
2. That the purchase be funded from Account #23-TRAN-0017-HVY/EQUIP – Sweeper Truck;
3. That Council declare the 1997 Ford Vacuum Sweeper unit as surplus upon delivery of the new vacuum sweeper unit and that it be placed for sale on Gov Deals in accordance with Article 7 of the Procurement Policy - Disposal of Surplus Goods as amended by By-Law 23-2019; and
4. That the funds from the sale of the 1997 Ford Vacuum Sweeper unit be deposited into reserve 01-0000-7265 – Equipment.

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### **Report Summary**

The intent of this report is to obtain Council approval to purchase a vacuum sweeper truck, as approved in the 2023 Capital Budget.

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### **Background**

The Municipality currently has a 1997 Ford Vacuum Sweeper in its fleet that is still in operation. It was purchased brand new prior to amalgamation by the Town of Paisley. It currently has 83,336 km on it and 7,826 hours. Although this unit has withstood the test of time, it is becoming tired and in need of replacement.

The unit is capable of more than just street sweeping because of its vacuum capabilities. It is also used for cleaning out storm sewers and drains and excavating closely around infrastructure where digging could cause damage.

Each spring, Bruce County hires the Municipality to sweep County roads and bridges within our Municipality. The unit cleans salt, sand and debris that has accumulated over the winter months and this time is billed back to the County, which generates some additional revenue.

Due to the added benefits of have the vacuum function, staff recommends replacing the unit with a new vacuum sweeper.

### **Analysis**

Staff utilized the LAS Canoe Procurement opportunity and requested quotes from five (5) vendors. Quotes were accepted until March 15, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. The following quotes were received.

<b><u>Vendor</u></b>	<b><u>Quoted Price</u> <b><u>(incl. HST)</u></b></b>	<b><u>Delivery</u></b>	<b><u>Single or</u> <b><u>Dual Engine</u></b></b>	<b><u>Year</u></b>
Cubex	\$525,128.61	Oct/Nov 2023	Single	2023
Cubex	\$463,386.22	September 2023	Dual	2023
Joe Johnson Equipment	\$519,352.75	September 2023	Single	2024
Joe Johnson Equipment	\$429,374.01	June 2023	Single	2020 – Demo Unit
NexGen	\$508,108.99	April 2023	Dual	2023
NexGen	\$510,978.84	April 2023	Single	2023

Staff evaluated the two lowest quotes based on the following criteria:

- Quoted Price (50%) - Preference will be given to the lowest whole life cost submitted, meeting the specifications.
- Conformation with Specifications (30%) - Preference will be given to bidders fully complying with or exceeding the specifications.

- Experience (5%) - Preference will be given to bidders with a proven history of supply/manufacture and continuous product improvement.
- Service Back-Up (10%) - Preference will be given to bidders with a proven history of service, parts, back up and warranty provisions.
- Operator Comfort & Ergonomics (5%) - Preference will be given to bidders that provide a product that is designed based on human engineering principles.

Based on the above criteria the preferred unit is the following:

### **Cubex Ltd. – 2023 Scarab Maven 65**

Cubex has been supplying machinery and equipment to the municipal, construction and mining industries since 1973. Scarab have been making sweepers since 1979. The unit proposed is a 2023 Scarab Maven 65 mounted on a Freightliner cab and chassis.

The unit is new and comes with a two-year warranty on the sweeper and lifetime warranty on the sweeper body since the hopper is stainless steel.

### **Conclusion**

Staff recommends that Council approve the purchase of the Scarab, Maven 65 from Cubex Limited.

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### **Link to Strategic/Master Plan**

6.1 Protecting Infrastructure, Recreation and Natural Assets

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### **Financial Impacts/Source of Funding/Link to Procurement Policy**

There is \$425,000 identified in the Capital Budget Account #23-TRAN-0017-HVY/EQUIP – Sweeper Truck for this purchase.

The total cost of the unit after the HST rebate would be:

2023 Scarab - \$417,293.93 – A budget savings of \$7,706.07.

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Approved by: Sylvia Kirkwood, Chief Administrative Officer

**THE CORPORATION OF THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF ARRAN-ELDERSLIE**

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**BY-LAW NO. 28-2023**

**BEING A BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF  
THE MUNICIPALITY OF ARRAN-ELDERSLIE  
HELD APRIL 24, 2023**

WHEREAS by Section 5(1) of the *Municipal Act 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended*, grants powers of a Municipal Corporation to be exercised by its Council; and

WHEREAS by Section 5(3) of the *Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended*, provides that powers of every Council are to be exercised by By-law unless specifically authorized to do otherwise; and

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient that the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie for the period ending April 24, 2023, inclusive be confirmed and adopted by By-law.

NOW THEREFORE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ARRAN-ELDERSLIE HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The action of the Council of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie at its Council meeting held April 24, 2023 in respect to each motion and resolution passed, reports received, and direction given by the Council at the said meetings are hereby adopted and confirmed.
2. The Mayor and the proper Officials of the Corporation are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the said action of the Council.
3. The Mayor and Clerk, or in the absence of either one of them, the Acting Head of the Municipality, are authorized and directed to execute all documents necessary in that behalf, and the Clerk is authorized and directed to affix the Seal of the Corporation to all such documents.

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READ a FIRST and SECOND time this 24th day of April, 2023.

READ a THIRD time and finally passed this 24th day of April, 2023.

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Steve Hammell, Mayor

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Christine Fraser-McDonald, Clerk