



MUNICIPALITY OF ARRAN-ELDERSLIE

Council Meeting

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Monday, June 12, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
Council Chambers
1925 Bruce Road 10, Chesley, ON

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MUNICIPALITY OF ARRAN-ELDERSLIE

Council Meeting

MINUTES

Meeting No. 12-2023

Tuesday, May 23, 2023, 4:30 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
Tracey Neifer - Treasurer
Carly Steinhoff - Recreation Manager
Pat Johnston - Chief Building Official - Present Electronically
Steve Tiernan - Fire Chief

1. Call to Order

Mayor Hammell called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

2. Mayor's Announcements (If Required)

- I would like to ask Council to move the Closed Session to 5:00 p.m. on today's agenda and then we will have any delegations starting at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Bruce County Planner discussing her planning report. He also requested that Council allow an amendment to the Procedural By-law to allow five delegations.
- On May 17th at the Grey County Public Works Association, Len Phillippi placed 1st, Casey Hillier placed 2nd and Lewis Catto placed 3rd for the Bruce County division. Len will have a spot at the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS) Provincial Safety Truck Rodeo on September 27, 2023. This year's Provincial meet is hosted by Huron County. Last year Len Phillippi placed 4th at the Provincial level.

- May 21-27th is National Public Works Week. Across North America, more than 30,000 members in the U.S. and Canada use this week to energize and educate the public on the importance of public works to their daily lives: planning, building, managing and operating at the heart of their local communities to improve everyday quality of life.
- I would like to give a shout out to our Facilities Manager Carly Steinhoff for her great job at updating the Community Calendar. We encourage community groups to inform us of their events as well as they can add their events to our calendar.
- May 31st – A Paisley “Come and Go” meeting is being held at the Community Centre from 6pm to 7pm to get updates on some of the key initiatives happening in the Paisley Community.
- June is Pride Month – We will be raising the Pride Flag to support the LGBTQ2+ community.

3. **Adoption of Agenda**

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

159-12-2023

Moved by: Councillor Hampton

Seconded by: Councillor Nickason

Be It Resolved that the agenda for the Council Meeting of Tuesday, May 23, 2023 be received and adopted, as distributed by the Clerk.

Carried

4. **Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**

None.

5. **Unfinished Business**

None.

6. **Minutes of Previous Meetings**

6.1 **May 8, 2023 Regular Council Minutes**

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

160-12-2023

Moved by: Councillor Steinacker

Seconded by: Councillor Dudgeon

Be It Resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie adopt the minutes of the Regular Council Session held May 8, 2023.

Carried

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

8. Minutes of Sub-Committee Meetings

None.

9. Public Meeting(s)

None.

10. Delegations - 6:00 p.m.

10.1 Explanation of Water Usage at the Micro-Cannabis Facility- Greg Thorn

Mr. Thorn gave an updated presentation to Council regarding water usage of his proposed micro-cannabis facility.

He noted that there will be 1893 sq. ft for grow space.

He also noted that a one gallon pot could not possibly use 23 litres per day. This would be for an outdoor, American plant. They use drip lines to water the plants to control water usage. Top consumption would be 2,000 litres per day.

He would be willing to meter the water consumption to demonstrate good stewardship. His current drilled well produces 4.5 gallons per minute and is 180 feet deep.

He will have the appropriate HVAC people to help with the dehumidification process.

Council thanked Mr. Thorn for his explanation.

10.2 Emily Azevedo - Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment - Micro-Cannabis Facility - Thorn

Emily Azevedo noted that the spreadsheet showed that each address provided was not in a residential area. One or two locations might have a home nearby.

There are actually two grow rooms planned. She was puzzled by where the numbers came from regarding the water usage. She felt the numbers were underestimated as cannabis requires 80 to 90% water. It does not include the water consumption for the flushing of plants or cleaning. It would use 54,000 litres for flushing.

There is also the question of run-off and where it is going. Neighbours should not have to be worried about contamination.

The water consumption could deplete the water for Tara. She also felt that this facility will affect property values.

10.3 Jeff Horning - Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment - Micro-Cannabis Facility - Thorn

Mr. Horning addressed Council. He felt that the water usage is between the figures supplied and the worst fears of those concerned.

Are there provisions to restore water supplies, if anyone is affected.

The effluent is going into a septic bed and into the existing water table. If individuals are concerned, they could check their water quality. He suggests that this would be to everyone's benefit to check their water before the plant is constructed and then compare further in the year.

10.4 Gary Thorn - Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment - Micro-Cannabis Facility - Thorn

Gary Thorn noted that other plants that have a similar construction. Have they been looked at and is there a smell around these locations.

Deputy Mayor Shaw noted that she had spoken with a producer and there is only odour when they are harvesting.

10.5 Marion Ace - Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment - Micro-Cannabis Facility - Thorn

Marion Ace noted that Tara is a great place to live. They are subjected to nasty odours which are seasonal or temporary. The Lallemant Plant causes odours, but it is not constant. They have gone to great lengths to try to prevent the odours.

How can this new micro cannabis facility be any better regarding the smell? Will the Health Canada requirements be enough? She feels the odour will be present every day. She hopes Council will take this into consideration.

11. Presentations

11.1 BDO - 2021 Audit

Tracey Smith presented the 2021 Audit to Council.

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

161-12-2023

Moved by: Councillor Hampton

Seconded by: Councillor Dudgeon

Be it Resolved that Council hereby accept the Audited Financial Statements as presented by BDO Canada for the year ending December 31, 2021.

Carried

12. Correspondence

12.1 Requiring Action

12.1.1 Request for Lapel Pins

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

166-12-2023

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Shaw

Seconded by: Councillor Hampton

Be it Resolved that Council directs staff to prepare 65 lapel pins for the Normoska Car Tour.

Carried

12.1.2 Request for Lapel Pins - Heritage Farm Show

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

167-12-2023

Moved by: Councillor Dudgeon

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Shaw

Be it Resolved that Council directs staff to prepare 40 lapel pins for a Farm Tour.

Carried

12.2 For Information

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

168-12-2023

Moved by: Councillor Hampton

Seconded by: Councillor Nickason

Be It Resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie receives, notes, and files correspondence on the Council Agenda for information purposes.

Carried

12.2.1 Rick Byers - Media Release

12.2.2 SMART Annual Letter to Councils

13. Staff Reports

13.1 CAO/Clerks

13.2 Finance

13.3 Public Works

13.3.1 SRW.23.11 Award Hot Mix Pavement Tender

Works Manager, Scott McLeod responded to questions from Members of Council.

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

169-12-2023

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Shaw

Seconded by: Councillor Nickason

Be It Resolved that Council hereby,

1. Awards the supply and application of HL3 Asphalt Cement to E.C. King Contracting in the amount of \$58,227.21 including HST for Industrial Road in Chesley;
2. That the project be funded through Account #23-TRAN-0023 ROADS with the remaining funds being used to finance the costs associated with the preparation of the existing road for pavement;
3. Awards the supply and application of HL3 Asphalt Cement to E.C. King Contracting in the amount of \$25,568.91 including HST for Albert Street in Paisley;
4. That the project be funded through Account #23-TRAN-0028 ROADS; and

5. That any remaining funds be used to offset costs towards SRW.23.12 – Micro-Surfacing Tender – Elderslie-Arran Townline.

Carried

13.3.2 SRW.23.12 Award Micro-Surfacing Tender

Works Manager, Scott McLeod responded to questions from Members of Council.

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

170-12-2023

Moved by: Councillor Dudgeon

Seconded by: Councillor Nickason

Be It Resolved that Council hereby,

1. Awards the Supply and Application of Type II Micro-surfacing to Duncor Enterprises Inc., in the amount of \$236,208.42 inclusive of HST for the Elderslie-Arran Townline;
2. That the project be funded through Account #23-TRAN-0024 ROADS;
3. Awards the Supply and Application of Type II Micro-surfacing to Duncor Enterprises Inc., in the amount of \$149,973.60 inclusive of HST for the Concession 10, Elderslie;
4. That the project be funded through Account #23-TRAN-0025 ROADS; and
5. That the additional funding of \$4,469.10 be financed through Reserve 01-0000-7266 – Roads general.

Carried

13.4 Building/Bylaw

13.5 Facilities, Parks and Recreation

13.6 Emergency Services

Treasurer Tracey Neifer noted that they were applying for a \$10,000 grant for the Paisley Fire Station through the Hensall Co-op.

13.7 Economic Development and Planning

13.7.1 Zoning By-law Amendment Z-2022-017 - Thorn

Planner Megan Stansfield noted that the application proposes to establish definitions in the Municipality's Zoning By-law for a 'micro-cultivation facility' and 'micro-processing cannabis facility' and to permit these uses on the subject lands with limits on the size of the use, and prohibition of on-site retail. The application also proposes a holding provision on the lands as they have 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 license to be obtained from Health Canada.

The proposed building is approximately 469 square metres in size with a grow surface of up to 200 square metres. The building will be completely enclosed, with a single exterior window, and an air filtration system that prevents odour escaping the building.

The lands are located at 46 Bruce Road 17, in the village of Tara/Invermay, Arran-Elderslie.

The Public Meeting for this file was held on April 5, 2023, and a Planning Report was presented at that time with some additional information.

Councillor Steinacker requested a recorded vote.

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

166-12-2023

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Shaw

Seconded by: Councillor Penner

That Council approve Zoning By-Law Amendment Z-2022-127 (Thorn) to facilitate the construction and operation of a Micro Cultivation and Micro Processing Cannabis Facility, located at 46 Bruce Road 17, in the Village of Tara/Invermay, under a license to be obtained from Health Canada.

For (4): Deputy Mayor Shaw, Councillor Nickason, Councillor Dudgeon , and Councillor Penner

Against (3): Mayor Hammell, Councillor Hampton, and Councillor Steinacker

Carried (4 to 3)

14. Notice of Motion

Deputy Mayor Shaw requested support for Huron County's request for clarification regarding the County of Huron Warden's Letter regarding a review of the Cannabis Act and the current legislative framework for cannabis.

15. Members Updates

Shaw:

Deputy Mayor Shaw attended the Queen's Park Rally for the Chesley Hospital, the Human Trafficking session and participated in the Transit Workshop.

Hampton:

Councillor Hampton noted that the new portion of the Riverside Park has been cleaned up. The Chesley Community Classic is this Saturday, and he would like to recognize Deputy Mayor Shaw for attending the Queen's Park Rally regarding the Chesley Hospital.

Dudgeon:

Councillor Dudgeon requested a bi-weekly update from staff regarding any projects in the Municipality.

Steinacker:

Councillor Steinacker attended the Human Trafficking meeting session and thanked Deputy Mayor Shaw for attending the Queen's Park Rally.

Penner:

Councillor Penner attending a Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority meeting and had questions regarding a natural cemetery.

Nickason:

Councillor Nickason attended a Wind Turbine meeting, and a BASWR meeting.

Hammell:

Mayor Hammell thanked Deputy Mayor Shaw for attending the Queen's Park Rally, attended the Human Trafficking session, and the Bruce County Library Board meeting. He noted that the Chesley Community Classic is this Saturday, as well as decoration day at Tara Hillcrest Cemetery and the Tara Rotary 85th Anniversary. There will be a come and go public information session in Paisley on May 31st.

16. New Business

16.1 Friend of the Chesley Hospital Queen's Park Rally

Deputy Mayor Shaw attended this rally on behalf of the Municipal Council.

By-law 37-2021 - Council Remuneration and Expenses Policy, Section 10
- Special Events Policy states:

- A per diem payment to a member of Council for attending a special event will be paid by the Municipality where a majority of Council approves the member of Council to attend.
- For any other special events not covered by Resolution of Council, the Mayor and Deputy Mayor may attend and receive a per diem payment. The Mayor may designate up to two (2) members of Council who may attend such special events and receive a per diem payment.

Mayor Hammell noted that he supported the Deputy Mayor attending this event and in doing so, the Deputy Mayor will receive a per diem payment.

17. By-laws

17.1 By-law 31-2023 - Zoning By-law Amendment Z-2022-017 (Thorn)

Council requested that the neighbouring wells be monitored and tested, mitigation of odour and noise, and wastewater be included in a Site Plan Agreement to be registered on title.

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

167-12-2023

Moved by: Councillor Dudgeon

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Shaw

Be It Resolved that By-law No. 31-2023 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 31-2023 being a By-law to amend By-law 36-09 by changing thereon from Agriculture 'A1' zone to Agriculture Special 'A1-31-2023-H' zone for the lands located at 46 Bruce Road 17 to allow for a Micro-Cultivation and Micro-Processing Cannabis Facility as an an additional permitted use.

Tabled

18. Closed Session (if required) at 5:00 p.m.

162-12-2023

Moved by: Councillor Steinacker

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Shaw

Be It Resolved, That the Council of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie does now go into closed session to discuss an item(s) which relates to:

- () the security of the property of the municipality or local board;
- () personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
- (X) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; Surplus Land
- () labour relations or employee negotiations;
- () litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;
- (X) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; Fire Services
- () a matter in respect of which a council, board, committee or other body may hold a closed meeting under another Act;
- () information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them;
- () a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization;
- () a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial or financial information that belongs to the municipality or local board and has monetary value or potential monetary value; or
- () a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

Staff Authorized to Remain:

Item 1 (Fire Services) - CAO Sylvia Kirkwood, Treasurer Tracey Neifer, Fire Chief Steve Tiernan, Clerk Christine Fraser-McDonald and Municipal Solicitor Jamie Burns, Hicks and Morley

Item 2 (Surplus Land) - CAO Sylvia Kirkwood and Clerk Christine Fraser-McDonald

Carried

19. Resolution to Reconvene in Open Session

Mayor Hammell reported out of closed and note that Council directed staff to bring back further financial information including any clarifications from OMERS as soon as possible.

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

163-12-2023

Moved by: Councillor Dudgeon

Seconded by: Councillor Hampton

Be It Resolved That Council of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie does now return to the Open Session at 5:55 p.m.

Carried

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

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

164-12-2023

Moved by: Councillor Steinacker

Seconded by: Councillor Nickason

Be It Resolved that Council hereby,

1. Receives the appraisal as prepared by The Appraiser's Network at an appraised value of \$4,200.00;
2. Declares the lands described as Part Lot 5, Plan 424, Chesley, Roll # 4103-390-004-00600, as surplus to the Municipality's needs; and
3. That this property be sold to Nick Mazzotta as a direct sale, as per the Sale of Surplus Lands Policy 01-2021, and that the Clerk and the Chief Administrative Officer be directed to authorize the sale of the subject lands.

Carried

21. Adoption of Closed Session Minutes

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

165-12-2023

Moved by: Councillor Hampton

Seconded by: Councillor Penner

Be It Resolved; that Council of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie adopt the minutes of the Closed Session dated May 8, 2023.

Carried

22. Confirming By-law

22.1 By-law 32-2023

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

171-12-2023

Moved by: Councillor Dudgeon

Seconded by: Councillor Hampton

Be It Resolved that By-law No. 32-2023 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 32-3023 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Council meeting of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie held Tuesday, May 23, 2023.

Carried

23. Adjournment

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

172-12-2023

Moved by: Councillor Nickason

Seconded by: Councillor Hampton

Be It Resolved that the meeting be adjourned to the call of the Mayor at 8:34 p.m.

24. List of Upcoming Council meetings

June 12, 2023

June 26, 2023

July 10, 2023

August 14, 2023

Steve Hammell, Mayor

Christine Fraser-McDonald, Clerk

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February 1, 2023

Sent via email.

Re: Call to Action: Review of the Cannabis Act

Please note that on February 1, 2023 Huron County Council passed the following motion:

Moved by: Councillor G. Finch and Seconded by: Councillor M. Anderson

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve the report by CAO Meighan Wark dated February 1, 2023 titled Report to Council: Cannabis Act Information as presented;
 AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron advocate for improvements to the Cannabis Act and current legislative framework for cannabis in Canada by sending the report titled *Report for Council: Cannabis Act Information*, including the correspondence found in the appendices, to the Western Ontario Warden's Caucus (WOWC) for discussion and consideration;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron approve forwarding Call to Action Letters to the following for support:

- Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
- All Municipalities in Ontario
- Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)
- Premier of Ontario
- Provincial Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
- Provincial Minister of Agriculture
- Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Member of Parliament
- Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food
- Federal Minister of Health

CARRIED

The County of Huron calls for a review and amendments to the Cannabis Act and the current legislative framework for cannabis in Canada.

To be clear, the County of Huron is not against or opposed to cannabis and we appreciate the role that both the federal and provincial governments provide in assisting municipalities. However, when new legislation is implemented, it is often at the municipal level that the impacts of change can be observed, and notations can be made for areas of improvement. It is vital that municipal governments pay attention and provide information and recommendations to higher levels of government so that continual improvements can be made over time.

It is in this spirit that we provide the following recommendation:

As a municipal government for one of Canada's most agriculturally productive regions and a popular tourism destination, we have been in the position to observe the last several years of legal cannabis production under the Cannabis Act as managed by Health Canada.

Under the current legislative and regulatory framework, we have observed, and continue to observe, serious odour impacts on local communities and residents from cannabis production facilities; including concerns from local medical practitioners about these impacts. Most often, these odour impacts arise from properties used for 'The Production of Cannabis for Own Medical Purposes by a Designated Person'.

In our local municipal experience, these facilities are often established without complying with local municipal zoning and nuisance by-laws, often contain hundreds of cannabis plants for each of the four assigned individuals, and usually do not include adequate odour controls to manage impacts on surrounding homes, public facilities, and the community at large.

To help manage public impacts of cannabis production facilities, we request that all production facilities, including facilities used by a designated person to produce cannabis for an individual's medical purposes, to require confirmation from the local municipality that the facility/site selected complies with all local municipal by-laws and regulations prior to an application being approved by Health Canada. We also request that Health Canada implement a system of minimum setbacks between cannabis production facilities and sensitive odour receptors, including homes and public facilities.

As an agricultural community, we have had extensive experience with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs' Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) Formula, an approach which has been used to successfully manage land use conflicts resulting from odour between livestock facilities and sensitive receptors for almost 50 years. We believe a system based on MDS would be appropriate to manage the

impacts of Health Canada's approved cannabis facilities, including both licensed commercial producers and designated growers for individuals.

In conclusion, we strongly recommend further notice and enhanced consultation with municipal governments when drafting and implementing legislation and regulations related to cannabis production, as there is a direct impact on local municipal operations, local residents, and in some cases, serious issues of non-compliance with local municipal by-laws.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glen McNeil".

Glen McNeil
Warden, Huron County
On behalf of Huron County Council

Whereas it has been identified that there are no gateway signs at the four corners of the Municipality to acknowledge to visitors that they have entered the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie;

Whereas gateway signage on municipal boundaries will support the Economic Development Strategic Plan to effectively attract and retain investment and demonstrate the Municipality's' value proposition;

Whereas gateway signage that reflects the style and character of the community will help to build the municipal brand;

Whereas gateway signage will position Arran-Elderslie as the home of Allenford, Paisley, Chesley, Tara, the various hamlets, and surrounding areas and will unify communities under the municipal umbrella as well as developing a sense of place and welcome visitors and residents alike to the community;

Whereas the attached draft concept be forwarded to Bruce County for their review and consideration; and

Therefore Council directs staff to prepare a report which will address the final design concept, placement of gateway signage at the four corners of the Municipality, outline permits and application costs, and timing of the installation of the signs.



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SAUGEEN MOBILITY

and REGIONAL TRANSIT

GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Friday, April 28, 2023, 1:30 p.m.

Boardroom, 603 Bruce Rd 19, Walkerton, ON

Board Members Present: Ed McGugan, Councillor, Huron-Kinloss, President
 Doug Townsend, Councillor, West Grey, Vice-President
 Warren Dickert, Deputy Mayor, Hanover, Past President
 Cheryl Grace, Councillor, Saugeen Shores
 Kym Hutcheon, Councillor, Brockton
 Doug Kennedy, Councillor, Kincardine
 Scott Mackey, Mayor, Chatsworth
 Jennifer Christie-Shaw, Deputy Mayor, Arran-Elderslie
 Monica Singh-Soares, Councillor, Southgate (via video)

Board Members Absent: None

Others Present: Stephan Labelle, SMART Manager
 Catherine McKay, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None declared.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Motion #2023-023

Moved by Scott Mackey; Seconded by Kym Hutcheon

That the agenda for March 24, 2023 be accepted as circulated.

Carried

4. Delegations

There were no delegations.

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting – March 24, 2023

Motion #2023-024

Moved by Warren Dickert; Seconded by Doug Townsend

That the minutes of the March 24, 2023 General Board Meeting be accepted as circulated.

Carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

A. Van Sale

Motion #2023-025

Moved by Warren Dickert; Seconded by Jennifer Christie-Shaw

That the four “hippo” vehicles be disposed of.

Carried

B. HCSS Collaboration

The Manager contacted Home and Community Support Services and subsequently sent information so that HCSS can estimate the service it might require from SMART. SMART is awaiting HCSS’s response.

C. Masks Policy

Motion #2023-026

Moved by Cheryl Grace; Seconded by Doug Kennedy
That the Masks policy be approved as presented.

Carried

7. New Business

A. LOS, HR, Executive Committees

The Board discussed the need for the committees it had in the past, i.e. Level of Service, Human Resources and Executive which were dissolved as of January 2023 when a new Board was formed. An Executive Committee would be beneficial to, for example, conduct the Manager's performance review, and would likely meet three times a year. The need for the Committee would be assessed annually and the Board could create additional committees if required.

Motion #2023-027

Moved by Warren Dickert; Seconded by Scott Mackey
That the Board create an Executive Committee comprised of the Board President, Vice-President and the immediate Past President and an additional member to be appointed on a rotating basis.

Carried

B. Minutes and Operational Report Documents

The Board discussed which meeting documents should be sent to Municipal Clerks. Anyone with questions about a SMART agenda item can contact their municipal representative on the Board, and so it was deemed not necessary to make meeting documents publicly available.

Motion #2023-028

Moved by Cheryl Grace; Seconded by Jennifer Christie-Shaw
That only minutes of Board meetings be sent to the Clerks of the partner municipalities.

Carried

C. Degree of Detail in Minutes

There will be one set of minutes for Board meetings to reflect the main points of discussion.

Discussion turned to whether the Municipal Act applies to SMART as a non-profit corporation with charitable status. SMART currently provides public notice of meetings through its web site, and no public concerns have arisen. Complying with the Municipal Act may impose additional obligations such as having an Integrity Commissioner and it was agreed that the issue should be examined at the Strategic Planning Committee, possibly with resources available from the municipal clerks. It was suggested that a municipal clerk be invited to a meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee to discuss the matter, since SMART does not have the expertise to determine if the Municipal Act applies. The President agreed to contact Loucks & Loucks, the law firm which provided a legal opinion on the application of the Municipal Act to obtain clarity on the matter.

D. Plans of Service

Discussion of this item is related to the work of the Strategic Planning Committee and it was thus deferred to item 10. A. Committee Reports, Strategic Planning Committee.

E. Ontario Transportation Expo

The Manager provided a verbal report on this event as follows:

"This year's Ontario Transportation Exposition sought to maximize face to face discussions between attendees as this was the first year of this event in-person.

The expo was held on April 17 to 19 and was organized by the Ontario Public Transit Association. The event was aimed at bringing together paratransit service providers, disability advocates, policymakers, and other stakeholders to discuss issues related to transit and paratransit (including rural paratransit) services, and to identify best practices in providing safe and efficient transportation for people. The conference started with an opening address by Transportation Minister Mulroney, who welcomed the attendees and highlighted the importance of transit services in enabling people to move away from less efficient modes of transportation such as cars.

Subjects of discussion during the conferences were diverse and I tried to attend the ones that would have the most impact for SMART. For example, I attended the Crisis Communication session, which had excellent tips and advice on how to deal with emergencies from a communications perspective. I can provide details separately from this meeting as there are sensitive issues.

A representative from the Ministry of Transportation confirmed that Gas Tax amounts for fiscal year 23-24 will be announced after the Fall of 2023, which may mean sometime in 2024.

I also got a few tidbits of info such as the fact that sometime later in the year, we should get information about the Permanent Transit Fund, the successor to ICIP. The Permanent Transit Fund is supposed to take effect in 2026, and could include an inflationary escalator, which would be good news for all.

I met with Susan Mills, the Transit coordinator for Huron Shores. Her service is for everybody, not just paratransit. Fares are \$2 and \$4, including trips to London. They have two accessible buses.

In summary, it was very worthwhile conference to attend. “

Discussion noted the possibility of having to replace gas tax funds if electrification becomes more widespread, but this subject was not discussed at the expo event. Electric vehicles are expensive to repair and the federal government only provides funds to buy them, rather than maintain them. Some transit services have returned to their pre-pandemic ridership levels.

8. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

9. Reports and Recommendations

A. Report on March 2023 Operations

The Manager noted the 27% increase in rides and a 9% increase in fees over March 2023. The client database is updated every day, and when information is received that a client has passed away, the person is removed and if a period of time has passed with no contact, clients are removed. SMART has 2,300 registered users with at least 90% of the information being accurate. Efforts to update the list, such as sending out requests for up-to-dates would be costly, although clients who have not used the service in five years could be asked to re-register. Funding requests often rely on ridership, so it is in SMART's interests to ensure that its client list is accurate. It needs to know the number of clients when it is hiring and for any service changes. Some of the complexities of obtaining data for level of service decisions arise from the vast amount of data and the fact that a person can book to go five different places which counts as 5 rides and if they have an attendant, the number of rides increases. The Manager will report on the number of clients to the Strategic Planning Committee.

Motion #2023-029

Moved by Warren Dickert; seconded by Cheryl Grace

That the Manager report to the Board at its next meeting on the number of registered clients by municipality versus the number of users.

Withdrawn

Motion #2023-030

Moved by Jennifer Christie-Shaw; seconded by Doug Kennedy

That the Board approve Report SL2023-0428 March 2023 Operational Report as presented.

Carried

B. Report on Delegation to Kincardine Council's Accessibility Advisory Committee

The President thanked Doug Kennedy for his support and said that the meeting was very positive.

Doug Kennedy said the SMART representatives did an excellent job and Kincardine is very interested in expanding the service it receives.

The Strategic Planning Committee will discuss how to respond to Kincardine's request for additional service which should be available if a municipality is willing to pay for it. There are very few accessible taxi services since under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, a company cannot charge a disabled person more than a non-disabled person for a service. The level of service requested by Kincardine would require at least two additional drivers and vehicles which would be a challenge unless volunteers are used. The "deadhead" issue is complex in terms of time and costs when vehicles with no passengers go out or return from a call. A service in Kincardine might be efficient if drivers and vehicles were located in Kincardine to avoid "deadheads" and the associated costs. Analysis is required to identify alternatives and there may be other ways for Kincardine to get the requested service, including issuing a Request for Proposal. If Kincardine is requesting an additional level of service, it, rather than SMART, should perhaps be responsible for gathering the data to determine the demand for the service. One option might be to provide service in Kincardine on certain days of the week to satisfy the request for on demand service while managing the cost. The Manager noted that the busiest days of the week are Wednesday, followed by Thursday, Tuesday, Monday, Friday and Saturday. Ultimately, if "on demand" service is realistic, it should be presented to all municipalities as an available option.

Motion #2023-031

Moved by Scott Mackey; seconded by Kym Hutcheon

That the Board receive for information Report SL2023-0428 Smart Delegation to Kincardine Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Carried

10. Committee Reports

A. Strategic Planning Committee

i. SMART Tag Line Update and Logo

A draft logo was reviewed and it was decided to use the statement "empowering mobility".

Monica Singh-Soares will generate more ideas for the Strategic Planning Committee to consider and the President thanked her for her work on the logo and tag line.

ii. Social Media Policy

The President noted that the issue relates specifically to platforms such as YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, TikTok and whether using them would be helpful. One of the issues is that people can comment on these platforms which can leave an organization open to criticism and attacks, although they can be useful for marketing. The Manager indicated that maintaining a Facebook page for SMART would be manageable. Jen Christie-Shaw agreed to share Arran-Elderslie's social media policy, adding that using Facebook alone would be manageable, and social media is the way to communicate these days at no cost. Having a code of conduct would lay out what can and cannot be done on it. One of the tasks in using social media is to ensure that questions are responded to promptly, although an automatic response will let people know that their message was received and will be responded to in due course. Also, the ability to comment can be limited or turned off. Videos can be a useful educational and marketing tool, but thought should be given to whether they are being used to grow a business and parameters should be in

place to decide how much growth and over what period of time. SMART's rates have not increased and it is a reasonably priced service, the alternatives are very costly, and what the municipalities are required to contribute should be mitigated through fees. Rates geared to income would not be feasible since it would be necessary to obtain and verify client incomes. Developing a social media policy is premature, and when the time comes, the Strategic Planning Committee will review the social media policies of Saugeen Shores and Arran-Elderslie.

The President reviewed his report on Menu of Services previously distributed via email which noted that the levels of service will depend on the data analysis and since municipal and SMART's budgets are annual, the ability to make changes is limited. Individual municipalities could contract for the level of service they want and agreements should contain a commitment clause. A county wide service would increase efficiency, and serve more people with a broader range of options. However, increased rides result in increased costs which could be a budget problem, but if more municipalities join, Counties might have an incentive to join.

The Strategic Planning Committee will continue working on the logo, data analysis re levels of service, and social media. Decisions on levels of service and costing will be made by the Board.

There was discussion as to whether SMART's eligibility criteria should be extended to seniors who can no longer drive and it was agreed that the eligibility criteria should be reviewed at some point.

11. Closed Session

Motion #2023-032

Moved by Scott Mackey; seconded by Doug Townsend

That the Board of Directors of SMART move into Closed Session at 4:15 p.m. to consider personal matters about identifiable individuals.

Carried

The Board of Directors of SMART reconvened in open session at 4:20 p.m. and the President confirmed that the Board had gone in closed session and discussed personal matters about identifiable individuals and that no other matters were discussed. There was no direction provided coming out of in camera.

The Manager confirmed that Grey Highlands was invited to the meeting, but had not yet identified its representative. The Manager will advise SMART's lawyer about membership changes, and discussion ensued about which, if any, municipalities had given notice of their intention to leave the partnership at the end of 2023. The Manager is to follow up to clarify the positions of Chatsworth and Southgate.

12. Adjournment & Upcoming Meeting Dates

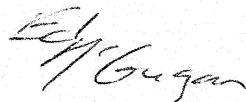
The next meeting of the Board will take place on Friday, May 26, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in the Boardroom at SMART or at the call of the Chair.

Motion

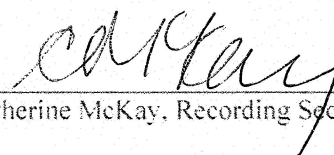
Moved by Cheryl Grace; Seconded by Warren Dickert

That the Board of Directors of SMART adjourn at 4:26 p.m.

Carried



Ed McGugan, President



Catherine McKay, Recording Secretary







From: noreply@esolutionsgroup.ca on behalf of [Chris Miller](#)
To: [Christine Fraser-McDonald](#)
Subject: Open Burn Permit request
Date: May 24, 2023 2:03:22 PM

Hi,

I live at 345 Queen Street South in Paisley, Ontario. I just bought this house in 2022 and last summer we put a fire pit in the backyard and had a fire, and our neighbors behind us told us that we needed a permit to have a campfire. I went online to get a permit and found out I am in the business section catchment where I am not allowed to obtain a burn permit.

I am seeking/requesting the possibility of getting an exemption so I can obtain a permit. I also had Fire Chief Steve Tiernan come and view my fire pit.

My neighbors behind, Albert street I believe, their backyard fire pit (which they are allowed to have) is less than 50 ft away from where mine is.

I have attached some pictures of my backyard so my fire pit can be seen.

Thank you for the time in reading this and look forward to hearing back.

Chris Miller
345 Queen Street South
Paisley, Ontario

This email was sent to you by Chris Miller<

**GREY SAUBLE CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
MINUTES**
Annual General Meeting & Full Authority Board of Directors
Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 1:15 p.m.

The Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA) Board of Directors' meeting was held in a hybrid format of in-person at the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Administrative Office and virtually via the meeting application, WebEx.

1. Call to Order

Chair Sue Carleton called the meeting to order at 1:18 p.m., welcomed all those present in person and virtually, and made a land acknowledgement declaration.

Directors Present In-Person: Chair Sue Carleton, Vice Chair Scott Greig, Scott Mackey, Robert Uhrig, Tobin Day, Nadia Dubyk,

Directors Present Virtually: Jon Farmer, Jennifer Shaw

Regrets: Alex Maxwell, Tony Bell, Jay Kirkland

Guest: Mike Konopka

Staff Present: CAO, Tim Lanthier; Administrative Assistant, Valerie Coleman; Manager of Information Services, Gloria Dangerfield; Water Resources Coordinator, John Bittorf; Manager of Conservation Lands, Rebecca Anthony, Forestry Coordinator, Mike Fry;

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

The Directors were reminded to disclose any pecuniary interest that may arise during the course of the meeting. No disclosures of pecuniary interest were expressed at the time.

3. Call for Additional Agenda Items

Nothing at this time.

4. Adoption of Agenda

Motion No.:
FA-23-042

Moved By: Jon Farmer
Seconded By: Scott Greig

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors approve the agenda of April 26, 2023.

Carried

5. Approval of Minutes

Motion No.: FA-23-043	Moved By: Seconded By:	Scott Mackey Nadia Dubyk
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THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors approve the Full Authority minutes of March 22, 2023.

Carried

6. Business Out of Minutes

Nothing at this time.

7. Consent Agenda

Motion No.: FA-23-044	Moved By: Seconded By:	Robert Uhrig Jennifer Shaw
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THAT in consideration of the Consent Agenda Items listed on the April 26, 2023, agenda, the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors receives the following items: (i) Environmental Planning – Section 28 Permits – March 2023; (ii) Administration – Receipts & Expenses – March 2023; (iii) Correspondence – Donations made to GSCA; (v) Minutes – GSC Foundation – February 28, 2023 & IFAA – March 6, 2023; (vi) Recent Media Articles

Carried

8. Presentation

i. **Mike Konopka – TD Wealth Management**

Mike Konopka of TD Wealth Management and GSCA's Investment Portfolio Manager provided a presentation on the status of GSCA investments. Mr. Konopka noted that he has been working with TD for 20 years and worked with GSCA staff in 2015 to develop the portfolio. Mr. Konopka noted that TD employs a not-for-profit specialist, Andrea Robinson, that would be a beneficial contact with a significant knowledge base in the needs of not-for-profit agencies.

Mr. Konopka explained that there is a TD investment policy statement for the GSCA portfolio and suggested that if GSCA does not already have its own investment policy, it would be a good idea to create one.

Mr. Konopka reviewed the parameters and goals of the portfolio and noted that in 2021 funds were shifted into Environment Social Governance (ESG) funds.

The provided portfolio was current as of April 18, 2023, and showed a total value of \$1.4 million, however; Mr. Konopka noted that the value as of April 25, 2023, was sitting at \$1.505. 2022 was the worst year since the portfolio's inception with a return of negative 9.5 percent. So far in 2023, the portfolio has experienced a four percent increase in the first quarter, though Mike cautioned that this level of growth will likely not continue. It was noted though that while Bonds did not perform well in 2022, they will perform much better in 2023 with the current market outlook.

Mr. Konopka outlined how GSCA's investments are allocated. It was noted that GSCA's cash balance was increased and is seeing a 4.2 percent return. The remainder is in bonds and equities, primarily North American equities; however, there is some movement back to European equities.

Mr. Konopka stated that his outlook for the fund is cautiously optimistic but noted that there are indicators of a recession possible in late 2023. Though he noted that bonds do very well under those conditions.

Mr. Konopka recommended that the Board, in conjunction with staff, look at including some private asset class investments. GSCA's portfolio is currently made up of publicly traded assets. It was noted that private asset class investments can perform very well and help to counter volatility in the market. However, the funds would only be available quarterly, and are therefore less liquid. Further, there would be a one percent increase in management fees on funds invested in private assets (not the whole portfolio). Mr. Konopka stated that it is their policy to only commit a maximum of 10 percent of the total portfolio to private assets.

Mr. Konopka reviewed the fee schedule and noted that as a not-for-profit, GSCA has been granted a 20 percent discount on fees. The fee schedule is tiered and once the fund reaches the two million dollar mark the fees are reduced further.

A Member asked if the fees are negotiable. Mr. Konopka answered that these fees were negotiated by staff at the inception of the fund and noted that an increase in funds being invested could result in lower fees. Mr. Konopka stated that he would have a look at the fees and report back to staff.

There was discussion about asset allocation, ESG funds, and other investment options. CAO Tim Lanthier noted that the Board may not want to lock up too many funds for a long period based on the anticipated capital needs of the Authority over the next few years.

9. Business Items

i. Administration

a. Investment Portfolio Update

Motion No.:
FA-23-045

Moved By: Nadia Dubyk
Seconded By: Robert Uhrig

WHEREAS, every calendar year near the anniversary date of Grey Sauble Conservation Authority's investment of reserve funds with TD Wealth Management our portfolio manager reviews the portfolio structure and reconfirms our objectives;
AND WHEREAS, each year we renew our Investment Policy Statement (Guidelines and Solutions);
THAT, the GSCA Board of Directors accept our Portfolio Manager's market update and continue to follow the advised strategy.

Carried

b. Programs and Services Inventory

CAO, Tim Lanthier, provided an update on the Ministry required Programs and Service Inventory with a brief review of the three categories. Presentations to member municipalities have been made with

very little comment aside from interest expressed in expanding educational programming. This will be something that staff explore more in the future.

Mr. Lanthier expanded on the Category 3 program areas. These programs fall outside of the “mandatory” category and require agreements with participating municipalities in order to continue to levy municipalities for these program costs. It was noted that the Category 3 programs requiring levy contribution only comprise 2% of the total budget.

Mr. Lanthier outlined next steps for GSCA and the Board. An agreement will be presented to the Board at either the June or August Board meeting for approval. Once approved and signed they will be circulated to member municipalities.

Motion No.:
FA-23-046

Moved By: **Scott Greig**
Seconded By: **Scott Mackey**

WHEREAS on October 4, 2021, the Province of Ontario released Ontario Regulation 687/21 – Transition Plans and Agreements for Programs and Services Under Section 21.1.2 of the Act,

AND WHEREAS the GSCA Board of Directors approved GSCA’s Inventory of Programs and Services for consultation,

AND WHEREAS GSCA Staff have consulted on the Inventory of Programs and Services,

THAT the GSCA Board of Directors endorse the attached “Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Final Programs and Services Inventory” as presented,

AND THAT the CAO be directed to negotiate and finalize agreements with GSCA’s participating municipalities for certain Category 3 Programs and Services,

AND THAT the GSCA Board of Directors direct Staff to bring the final Category 3 Agreements back to the Board of Directors for endorsement prior to execution.

Carried

The Board recessed session at 2:56 p.m. for a 10-minute break.

The Board resumed session at 3:05 p.m.

c. Prosecutor Pilot Project

CAO, Tim Lanthier, presented a proposed pilot project wherein Grey County’s legal counsel would prosecute Provincial Offences Act cases, under the Conservation Authorities Act, on behalf of the GSCA. Mr. Lanthier noted that this began with questions from the Board around utilizing the Crown Prosecutor for Conservation Authority Act offences as opposed to private counsel. It was discovered that it is not possible as Crown Prosecutors are restricted to criminal cases. In the course of discussions with Grey County’s legal team the option of having an agreement with Grey County to have the Grey County legal team prosecute GSCA offence cases. Grey County required bringing Saugeen Valley CA into the agreement as well and prepared a draft agreement for review.

As prosecuting offences with private prosecutors is very expensive for the GSCA this agreement will ultimately provide for a more effective use of public funds. GSCA would still reserve the option of utilizing a private prosecutor at any time.

Motion No.:
FA-23-047

Moved By: Scott Greig
Seconded By: Robert Uhrig

WHEREAS the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA) is responsible for enforcing Sections 28, 29 and 30 of the Conservation Authorities Act CAA,

AND WHEREAS under Section 21(1)(n) of the CAA, GSCA may collaborate and enter into agreements with municipalities, other organizations or individuals,

AND WHEREAS it is in the best interest of the efficient and responsible use of public resources for GSCA and Grey County to collaborate on this item,

THAT the GSCA Board of Directors direct the CAO to negotiate and execute a one-year pilot project agreement with Grey County for prosecution services.

Carried

ii. Water Management

Nothing at this time.

iii. Environmental Planning

Nothing at this time.

iv. Operations

Nothing at this time.

v. Conservation Lands

a. Inglis Falls Management Plan Presentation

Manager of Conservation Lands, Rebecca Anthony, provided a presentation on the Inglis Fall Management Plan. Mrs. Anthony spoke to the rationale of the plan, its scope, and deliverables.

Member Scott Mackey left the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

Mrs. Anthony outlined consultation and public outreach process. The proposed projects are organized into five categories; Conserve & Protect, Visitor Experience, Heritage, Partnerships & Education, and Operations & Risk Management. Mrs. Anthony gave a brief overview of the proposed projects within each category.

A Member expressed concern with regard to the cost of some of the project ideas and suggested that the list could be coded in a way to prioritize projects.

A Member asked if staff have established a funding plan or strategy for completing the listed projects. It was stated that the renovation of the Administrative Building is an immediate priority, however; with the success of parking revenues, some of the listed projects could be achieved. Additionally, it was noted that staff will be investigating granting opportunities and funding partners to assist with project costs.

b. Town of the Blue Mountains Lease Agreement Report

Manager of Conservation Lands, Rebecca Anthony, spoke to the lease agreement between GSCA and the Town of the Blue Mountains for a suite of GSCA properties within the Town of the Blue Mountains. Mrs. Anthony outlined some of the changes to the agreement, including: a provision for the TBM to collect parking revenues at the GSCA Peasemars property; an agreement that the TBM will share 25% of the net earnings this program with the GSCA, and recognition of the GSCA Members Parking Pass at the Peasemars property.

Motion No.:
FA-23-048

Moved By: Scott Greig
Seconded By: Nadia Dubyk

WHEREAS, the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA) is the fee-simple owner of the lands known to us as Clarksburg Floodplain, Haines Dam, Clendenan Conservation Area and Peasemars Nature Preserve, (herein, the Properties) in the Town of the Blue Mountains (herein, the Town);

AND WHEREAS, under Section 21(n) of the Conservation Authorities Act, GSCA has the ability to collaborate and enter into agreements with ministries and agencies of government, municipal councils and local boards and other organizations and individuals;

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors approve GSCA staff signing this agreement with the Town of The Blue Mountains.

Carried

vi. Forestry

a. Carbon Credit Report Back

Forestry Coordinator, Mike Fry, and Manager of Conservation Lands, Rebecca Anthony, spoke to the completed Carbon Credit Feasibility Report from Carbonzero. Staff identified two specific concerns with the report; percentage of land that is managed forest and the concept of "leakage". These result in the potential revenue being significantly reduced. With the limited potential for revenue and high development costs, staff are not recommending moving forward with this carbon credit project at this time.

Motion No.:
FA-23-049

Moved By: Robert Uhrig
Seconded By: Tobin Day

WHEREAS, Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors approved Motion # FA-21-135 to engage Carbonzero to conduct a Feasibility Assessment of GSCA lands to assess the potential of a viable Forest Carbon Offset project;

THAT the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Board of Directors accept the Carbon Credit Feasibility Report Update (Report Code 017-2023) as information.

Carried

vii. Communications/Public Relations

Nothing at this time.

viii. Education

Nothing at this time.

ix. GIS/IT

Nothing at this time.

x. DWSP

Nothing at this time.

10. New Business

Nothing at this time.

11. CAO's Report

The CAO, Tim Lanthier, started his report with a thank you message from the Municipality of Meaford Planning Department for the quality of work being completed by GSCA's planning staff.

Mr. Lanthier spoke to the recent court decision regarding a land claim in Sauble Beach. It was Mr. Lanthier understanding that the Municipality of South Bruce Peninsula will be appealing the decision. The immediate result is that the lands that have been returned to the Saugeen First Nation Reserve #29 are no longer under the jurisdiction of GSCA.

In place of the Board's regular meeting in July, staff will be providing a guided bus tour of a portion of the GSCA watershed, including some of GSCA's properties. Transportation and lunch will be provided. All Members will be invited along with a selection of staff, committee chairs, Mayors, and Deputy Mayors.

Mr. Lanthier updated the Board on the GSCA Summer Day Camp. All slots are full, and three camp staff have been hired.

Mr. Lanthier and Chair Carleton attended the Conservation Ontario Annual General Meeting on April 2, 2023. Election results were: Chair - Chris White (GRCA), Vice Chair - Pierre Leroux (SNC), Vice Chair - Robert Rock (KRCA), Directors - Rob Baldwin (LSRCA), Chandra Sharma (NPCA), and Linda Laliberte (GanRCA).

Mr. Lanthier attended two focus group sessions for Grey County. One was focused on Economic Development and Tourism within the County, and the other was focused on the future of Grey Roots Museum and Archive.

The GSC Foundation hosted its annual Earth Day Film Festival on April 20th. While the evening showing didn't have the attendance they were hoping for, the two daytime shows were both full with students.

On April 21st, Mr. Lanthier joined members of the Friends of Hibou to do an annual beach clean up.

On April 27th, the Manager of Conservation Lands, Rebecca Anthony hosted a student volunteer cleanup at West Rocks CA.

GSCA Staff attended the Owen Sound Earth Day event.

12. Chair's Report

Chair Carleton reported on the CO Annual General Meeting. Chair Carleton also noted that she had participated in a webinar speaking about changes to the Conservation Authorities Act.

13. Other Business

Nothing at this time.

14. Resolution to Move into Closed Session

Nothing at this time.

15. Resolution Approving the Closed Session Minutes

Nothing at this time.

16. Reporting out of Closed Session

Nothing at this time.

17. Next Full Authority Meeting

Wednesday May 24, 2023

18. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Motion No.:
FA-23-050

Moved By: Scott Greig
Seconded By: Robert Uhrig

THAT this meeting now adjourn.

Carried



Sue Carleton, Chair



Valerie Coleman
Administrative Assistant



A DRAGONS' DEN INSPIRED EVENT

30-May-23

Municipality of Arran-Elderslie

1925 Bruce Road 10, P.O. Box 70
Chelsey, ON
N0G 1L0

Dear Mayor Steve Hammell and Council,

The 3rd Hawks' Nest Competition was a huge success and we couldn't have done it without you! As one of our community sponsors, we want to give you a great, big **thank you** on behalf of Bruce Community Futures Corporation and the Saugeen Economic Development Corporation.

You understand the importance of small business in our communities; your regional thinking is so refreshing and so required in our rural communities. This event could not have happened without the financial support and commitment of engaged community members like yourselves.

Your participation strengthens the economic development of rural Ontario and will have a lasting impact on the entrepreneurs who pitched their ideas to the Hawks that evening. Your contribution will also help strengthen the communities where these hard-working risk-takers operate their businesses.

We sincerely hope you enjoyed the event and consider it time well spent. Thank you again for your much-appreciated support. We hope we can count on your continued support for Hawks' Nest 2025!

Warm regards,

Rose Austin, General Manager
Saugeen Economic Development Corporation

Barb Fisher, General Manager
Bruce Community Futures Development
Corporation



A DRAGONS' DEN INSPIRED EVENT

News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 24, 2023

Over \$36, 000 in investments and loans invested at the Hawks' Nest!

WOW, what a show!

The third Hawks' Nest drew a crowd of 225 people at the Roxy Theatre in Owen Sound for a very entertaining evening!

The "Dragon's Den" inspired competition, covering the areas of Grey, Bruce, Wellington North, Minto and the City of Owen Sound, saw seven entrepreneurs pitch their business ideas to the Hawks, our local angel investors. Hawks, Tony Solecki from Caframo Ltd. (Warton), Howard Sher from Quality Homes (Wellington-North), Amanda Farrell Walsh from Miller Insurance (Kincardine), Ed Bosman from Bosman Home Front Ltd. (Minto), Rhonda Kirk from Home Décor and More by Rhonda Kirk (Owen Sound/Hanover), Craig Beck from The Beck Auto Group (Kincardine/Owen Sound). Wow! Their commitment to entrepreneurialism is remarkable. We cannot thank them enough for sharing their expertise, their time and providing financial assistance. Each Hawk committed to invest \$5,000 in the entrepreneurs during the evening, totalling a minimum of \$30,000. But after hearing the presenting entrepreneur's pitches, negotiations resulted in \$36,000 in investments as well as mentorships and more. As well, Olivia Schlosser, (Mutts About You), tied with Youth Finalist Olivia, Sierra and Cole Griffin (Griffin's Sweet Sensations) for the People's Choice Award Winners! They were presented the People's Choice Award, which included a cash prize of \$565 each and \$500 advertising certificate from Shoreline Radio each.

Entrepreneurs:

Olivia Schlosser, "Mutts About You" (Hanover), received \$5,000 in investments, mentorship and was one of the winners of the People's Choice Award and will receive \$565 cash and \$500 of Free Advertising on Shoreline Radio. Mutts About You provides organic, single ingredient pet treats. Visit her website www.muttsaboutyou101.com

Amy Caperchione, “iSUP Saugeen” (Sauble Beach), received \$3,500 in investments, as well as mentorship and marketing assistance including a feature article in Miller Insurance Magazine. iSUP Saugeen is a mobile surf shop, specializes in rentals, aquatic recreation and outdoor swim lessons and water education. Check out everything they offer at isupsaugeen.ca

Julia Downer and Sharon Black, “Black Forest Eco Oasis” (Priceville) received \$2000 in investments, marketing assistance, insurance, mentorship, and assistance with zoning and building permits processes from the hawks. They are hoping to provide off-grid, eco-friendly accommodations.

Nicole Ireland, “Stilara” (Kincardine) received \$4500 in investments, marketing, mentorship and supplier sourcing assistance. Stilara is a local artisan shop that showcases handmade, and sustainable products. Visit her store’s website www.stilarakincardineshop.com

Monique Travale, “Dill Doughs” (Kincardine), received \$7000 in investments, coverage for marketing costs, and mentorship. Dill Doughs provides handcrafted, internationally themed and inspired, artisan bread mixes. Check out what the products at www.dilldoughs.ca

Jennifer Osborn, “EcoWool Canada Inc.” (Ayton), received \$10,000 in investments and mentorship. EcoWool initiates sustainability and supports farmers by upcycling wool and fiber waste into valuable products. See everything they offer www.ecowool.ca

Youth Entrepreneur siblings **Olivia, Sierra and Cole Griffin**, “Griffin’s Sweet Sensations” (Tiverton), received \$3000 in investments, advertising, insurance and two hawks made standing 1-year orders for their products. Griffin’s Sweet Sensations provides high quality baked goods specializing in brownies and blondies. griffinssweetsensations.com

Barb and Rose had one special presentation for a second Youth Applicant. 12-year-old **Keegan Hill**, “KH Carpentry” (West Grey) was invited onto the stage to receive investment of \$500 from Rose Austin of SEDC and Barb Fisher of Bruce CFDC. Hawk Craig Beck decided to match theirs with his own \$500 investment! Find Keegan on Instagram @keeganscarpentry

The seven entrepreneurs walked away with valuable advice and feedback from the six high profile business leaders.



Back Row Left to Right: Finalists Olivia Schlosser (Mutts About You) Hanover, Cole, Sierra and Olivia Griffin (Griffin's Sweet Sensations) Tiverton, Amy Caperchione (iSUP Saugeen) Sauble Beach, Nicole Rae Ireland (Stilara) Kincardine, Monique Travale (Dill Doughs) Kincardine, Jennifer Osborn (EcoWool Canada Inc.) Ayton, Julia Downer and Sharon Black (Black Forest Eco Oasis) Priceville.

Front Row Left to Right: Hawk Investors Tony Solecki from Caframo Ltd. (Warton), Craig Beck from The Beck Auto Group (Kincardine/Owen Sound), Home Décor and More by Rhonda Kirk (Owen Sound/Hanover), Howard Sher from Quality Homes (Wellington-North), Ed Bosman from Bosman Home Front Ltd. (Minto), Amanda Farrell Walsh from Miller Insurance (Kincardine).

The third Hawks' Nest competition was deemed a huge success by the presenting partners. Rose Austin, General Manager for Saugeen Economic Development Corporation is pleased with the new partnerships formed with the Hawks and the participation of the sponsors. "Partnerships are of vital importance to any project, they are the reason for success. Small business is the backbone of our communities and with all the people involved in the Hawks' Nest, we can't fail."

"We're thrilled with the results and hope to do it again. More than 25 entrepreneurs took part in free business planning, all contestants attended expert pitch training, which definitely helped with their live presentations – they were all great, making difficult choices for the Hawks. It was an entertaining evening, and we believe everyone was a winner", commented Barb Fisher, General Manager for Bruce Community Futures Development Corporation.

Rose and Barb would like to congratulate all the entrepreneurs and thank everyone who helped to make this event a success.

Thank you to our generous Corporate and Partner Sponsors and everyone who participated.



We would also like to Thank our Partner Level Sponsors!



The SEDC and the Bruce CFDC offer a wide variety of programs and services supporting community economic development and small business growth. In particular, they provide:

- Community strategic planning and socio-economic development
- Support for community-based projects
- Business information, training and planning services, and
- Access to capital for small and medium-sized businesses and social enterprises.

The SEDC and the Bruce CFDC are not-for-profit organizations that have partnered to provide an avenue for existing businesses looking to expand and entrepreneurs wanting to start a business.

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[Bruce Community Futures Development Corporation](#)

The Saugeen Economic Development Corporation and the Bruce CFDC are two of 36 CFDCs in southern Ontario funded by the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario) through the Community Futures Program. CFDCs are independent, not-for-profit organizations delivering programs and services that support rural economic development and small business growth. They employ local staff and are each governed by a volunteer board of directors, made up of local residents representing the community.



Fire Chiefs declare Open-Air Burning Ban for Bruce County Press Release

Release date: June 1, 2023.

Bruce County Fire Chiefs declare a Fire Ban on Open-Air Burning. Fire Danger Rating raised to Extreme.

For immediate release:

(Bruce County) – Fire chiefs across Bruce County collectively have declared a fire ban on all open-air burning, with the exception of campfires for cooking and warmth, effective immediately.

The Fire Danger Rating in Bruce County has been raised to Extreme. Fire danger rating levels take into account current and antecedent weather, fuel types, and both live and dead fuel moisture. The fire danger rating expresses a variety of factors that could increase the threat of an open fire, such as ease of ignition, wind speed, precipitation levels and difficulty of control.

All open-air burning permits, agricultural burn permits, and fireworks permits are suspended effective immediately. Although campfires are permitted for cooking and warmth only, all campfires must be supervised at all times and extinguished immediately upon completion of cooking and/or providing warmth.

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For more information please contact:

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Or contact your local Fire Chief


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May 30, 2023

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Re: Proposed Provincial Planning Statement, 2023

Please be advised that at their Regular Council Meeting of May 15, 2023, South Huron Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution 211-2023
Moved: A. Neeb
Seconded: T. Oke

That South Huron Council receives the report of Craig Metzger, Senior Planner regarding the proposed Provincial Planning Statement, 2023 and Bill 97 Changes to the Planning Act; and

That South Huron Council directs staff to submit comments to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing on the proposed Provincial Planning Statement, 2023 as outlined in the report.

Carried (5-0)

Enclosed please find Planner Metzger's report dated May 10, 2023 which provides staff comments in relation to the proposed changes to the Provincial Planning Statement including agricultural lot severances, settlement area expansions, employment areas and employment land conversions, growth targets, and natural heritage.

Respectfully,

Alex Wolfe, Deputy Clerk
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Encl. Report of Craig Metzger, Senior Planner – Proposed Provincial Planning Statement, 2023 and Bill 97 Changes to the Planning Act – dated May 10, 2023

Cc: Association of Municipalities Ontario, Lisa Thompson, MPP, Ontario Municipalities, Rebekah Msuya-Collison, Acting CAO/Clerk, Mike Rolph, Director of Planning and Building/CBO, Craig Metzger, Senior Planner, Vanessa Culbert, Planning Coordinator

CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF HURON

Planning and Development Department

To: Mayor and Members of South Huron Council
From: Craig Metzger, Senior Planner
Date: May 10, 2023
Subject: Proposed Provincial Planning Statement, 2023 and Bill 97 Changes to the Planning Act

RECOMMENDATION

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BACKGROUND

On April 6, 2023, the Province released a proposed Provincial Planning Statement (PPS), 2023. This new document integrates the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 with A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe to create a single, province-wide, housing focused land use planning policy document. On the same day, the Province also introduced Bill 97, the Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act which received first reading. It proposes a series of legislative amendments to several Acts, including amendments to the Planning Act. These changes are part of the Province's Housing Supply Action Plan with the goal of achieving the construction of 1.5 million new homes across Ontario by 2031.

The Provincial Planning Statement is posted on the Environmental Registry of Ontario for a 60 day commenting period until June 5, 2023 and Bill 97 is posted for comment until May 6, 2023.

COMMENTS

The following is an overview and comments on the proposed Provincial Planning Statement, 2023 and the changes to the Planning Act under Bill 97 that are relevant to planning in South Huron.

Proposed Provincial Planning Statement (PPS), 2023

1. Agricultural Lot Severances

Proposed Changes

The most significant change for South Huron proposed under the new PPS 2023 is new policies for residential lot creation in prime agricultural areas. The current Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 discourages residential lot creation in prime agricultural areas, with the exception of surplus farm residence severances. The changes would allow additional permanent residences and the severance of the additional residences, and the creation of new residential lots in the agricultural area subject to the following criteria:

4.3.2.5 Subordinate to the principal dwelling, up to two additional residential units may be permitted in prime agricultural areas, provided that:

- a) any additional residential units are within, attached to, or in close proximity to the principal dwelling;
- b) any additional residential unit complies with the *minimum distance separation formulae*;

- c) any additional residential unit is compatible with, and would not hinder, surrounding agricultural operations; and
- d) appropriate *sewage and water services* will be provided.

The additional residential units may only be severed from the lot containing the principal dwelling in accordance with policy 4.3.3.1.

4.3.3.1 Residential lot creation in prime agricultural areas is only permitted in accordance with provincial guidance for:

- a) new residential lots created from a lot or parcel of land that existed on January 1, 2023, provided that:
 - 1. agriculture is the principal use of the existing lot or parcel of land;
 - 2. the total number of lots created from a lot or parcel of land as it existed on January 1, 2023 does not exceed three;
 - 3. any residential use is compatible with, and would not hinder, surrounding agricultural operations; and
 - 4. any new lot:
 - i. is located outside of a *specialty crop area*;
 - ii. complies with the *minimum distance separation formulae*;
 - iii. will be limited to the minimum size needed to accommodate the use while still ensuring appropriate *sewage and water services*;
 - iv. has existing access on a public road, with appropriate frontage for ingress and egress; and
 - v. is adjacent to existing non-agricultural land uses or consists primarily of lower-priority agricultural lands.
- b) a residence surplus to an agricultural operation as a result of farm consolidation (subject to criteria that remain essentially unchanged including the prohibition of a residence being constructed on the retained farm parcel).

Examples of a specialty crop area include: Holland Marsh, Niagara Peninsula (tender fruit and grapes), Thedford Marsh, and Grey County's apple growing area.

It should be noted that the new PPS also states that Official Plans and Zoning By-laws cannot contain provisions that are more restrictive than those found in 4.3.3.1 (a) except to address public health or safety concerns. This prohibition does not apply to surplus residence severances.

Staff Comments

Residential lot creation in prime agricultural areas has been discouraged since the Countryside Planning/Foodland Guidelines were issued by the Province of Ontario in the 1970s. The purpose of this provincial-wide planning document was to ensure the protection of prime agricultural land for food production.

South Huron is a prime agricultural area and agriculture is extremely important to the economy and the production of food. For over 40 years, South Huron and its former municipalities have had strong Official Plan policies protecting this agricultural resource and directing non-agricultural related development to settlement areas. Staff and Council recognize the need for housing in the agricultural area and have allowed for on-farm housing for farm labour. The Province's proposal to allow for scattered residential development through lot creation does not further the interests of the agricultural industry.

The opening up of scattered residential lot creation in our prime agricultural area may:

- increase conflict with modern farming practices,
- increase MDS restrictions on the placement of new barns;

- reduce the number of units being built in settlement areas where municipalities have invested substantial funds on services (hard and soft),
- result in lost opportunities for infrastructure efficiency in settlement areas;
- increase the demand on municipalities to provide enhanced rural services (e.g. more frequent snow plowing, road maintenance, garbage collection, emergency services, etc.); and
- ring serviced settlement areas with unserviced residential development making it more difficult and costly for future settlement area expansions and extension of services.

It is requested the Province provide clarification on the criteria in the policies for creating new residential lots; for example: what is considered to be adjacent to a non-agricultural use and what are lower-priority agricultural lands. It is unclear if this is limited to adjacent to Settlement Areas, Recreational uses and Institutional uses, or does it open it up for new residential lots next to all existing residences including farm residences and those that have been severed as surplus. And further, does this also allow residential lot creation on any area that a farm considers lower priority or inconvenient to farm rather than just areas with lower capability soils. Clarification is also requested on the criteria that requires an existing access on a public road and whether that access must exist or can it be obtained as part of the severance process. This clarification would help to determine the number of new residential lots that could be eligible to be severed in South Huron (and across Huron County) and the effect of the policy on the agricultural industry.

If the Province's intention is to permit 3 residential lots from every farm parcel, this has the potential to result in thousands of non-farm related lots in the agricultural area across the County. The Province should reconsider this substantial policy direction change and the long term effects it will have on the protection of prime agricultural lands and on maintaining the ability for farmers to farm. In addition, there may be other unintended consequences such as the effect of additional residences on the potential for future aggregate extraction.

The County of Huron has completed an assessment of the impacts of the policy to determine the potential for new residential lot creation in the prime agricultural area in the County. The analysis included the number of properties zoned AG1, AG1-Special, AG2 or AG2-Special where a minimum of 25% of the property was zoned AG1. The analysis did not include parcels zoned AG3 or AG4. The results indicate that there are 8,304 parcels within these agricultural zones and with the potential for 3 new lots per parcel, the effect could be 24,912 new residential parcels in the prime agricultural area (of which 3,351 would be in South Huron). It is recognized this estimate may vary due to the impacts of Minimum Distance Separation and access permits but does still give a sense of the potential impacts of the policy change. The information is provided in the chart below.

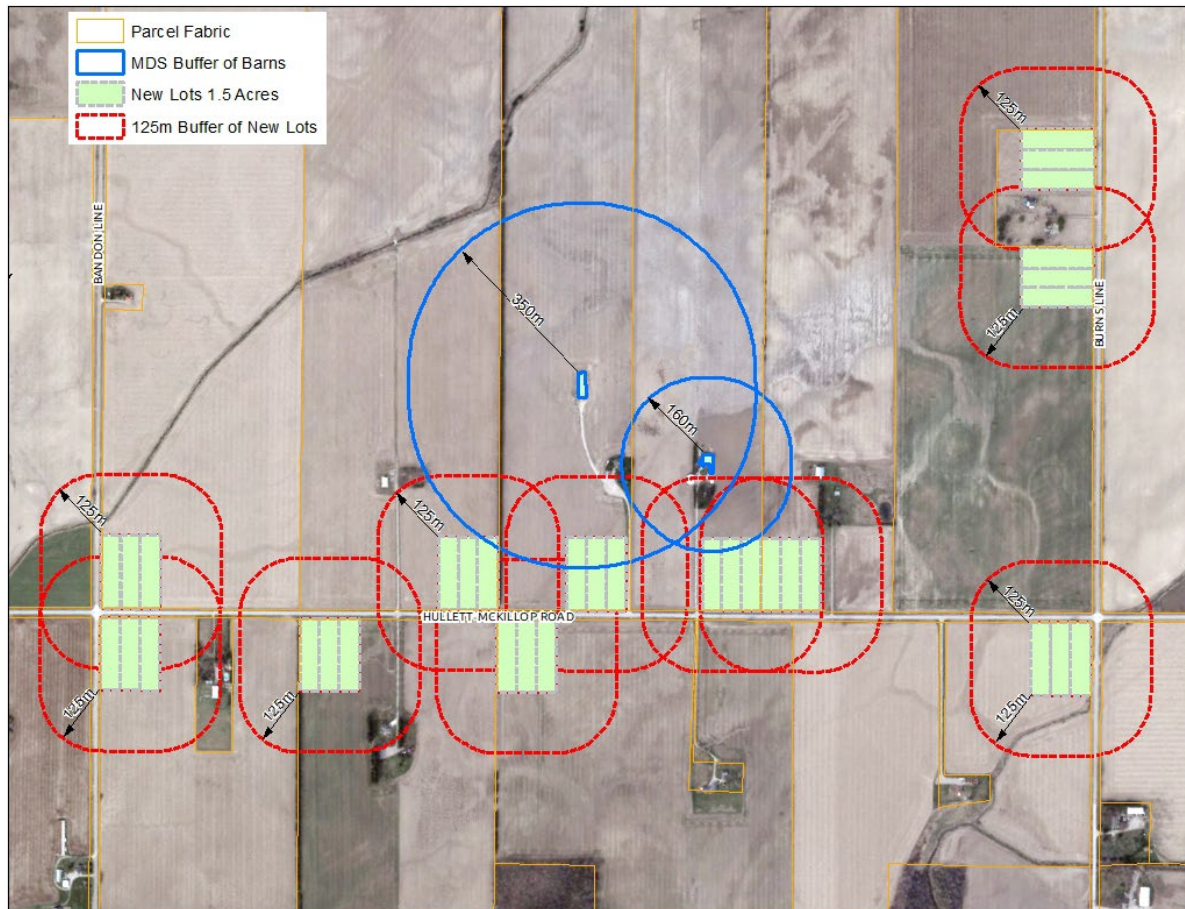
Chart 1: Assessing the Impact of Proposed Provincial Planning Statement Lot Creation Policy in Prime Agricultural Areas within Huron County

Local Municipality	Number of Parcels zoned AG1 and AG1- Special	Number of Parcels zoned AG2 and AG2- Special	Total Number of Eligible Agricultural Parcels	Potential New Lots if 3 per parcel is possible
Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh	1,367	0	1,367	4,101
Bluewater	1,027	0	1,027	3,081
Central Huron	1,105	45	1,150	3,450
Howick	622	44	666	1,998
Huron East	1,593	111	1,704	5,112
Morris-Turnberry	852	55	907	2,721
North Huron	340	26	366	1,098
South Huron	1,026	91	1,117	3,351
County of Huron	7,932	372	8,304	24,912

Note: Due to the impacts of Minimum Distance Separation and access permits, three (3) residential lots may not be possible from every identified parcel. AG2 zones typically represent retained farmland from surplus farm residence severances. In ACW & Bluewater, these lands are re-zoned to an AG1-special zone which is why no AG2 zones exist in these municipalities.

To provide a visual context, an example was mapped using one Concession Block in Huron County, including the number of potential residential lots and the increased area that would no longer be eligible for the construction of a livestock barn due to Minimum Distance Separation setback requirements to these new lots.

Image 1: Example of Potential Impact of Proposed PPS Lot Creation Policy on Rural Concession



As discussed in the next item of the report, the Province is proposing to permit Settlement boundary expansions without the requirement for a Comprehensive Review. Understanding that some agricultural land may be needed to address the demand for housing, staff are supportive of eliminating this requirement for expansions and directing development to settlement areas which is a more efficient use of agricultural land than scattered residential development throughout the countryside.

Rather than the creation of non-farm related residential lots to increase the potential for housing in the agricultural area, the Province could consider amending the policy for surplus farm residence severances that requires the retained farmlands to be rezoned to prohibit a residence. The current limitation on the retained land could be removed, allowing a residence on these farm parcels where the severance was completed a certain number of years ago – perhaps 10-15 years or longer to avoid speculation. This would allow for additional housing related to agriculture and would not result in additional severances.

2. Settlement Area Expansions

Proposed Changes

The requirement for a Comprehensive Review to identify a new settlement area or expand a settlement area boundary has been removed in the proposed PPS. With no requirement for municipal comprehensive reviews, municipalities could consider settlement area expansions at any time. The tests to be applied are not as stringent as they were, but would still require consideration of adequate servicing, phased progression of urban development, and impacts on agriculture including minimum distance separation through an Agricultural Impact Assessment. There is no limit on the ability of landowners to apply for an expansion, although the Planning Act continues to limit the ability to appeal the refusals of any such applications.

Staff Comments

As indicated above, staff are supportive of the change to streamline the process for expanding settlement areas where required based on adequate servicing (provided priority is given to expansion in fully serviced areas), logical extensions and addressing agricultural impacts. This is a more efficient use of land than scattered residential lots in the prime agricultural area. The Province only encourages municipalities to set density targets for these expanded areas, but should give consideration to stronger language to ensure efficient use of these additional development lands.

3. Employment Areas and Employment Land Conversions

Proposed Changes

The definition of 'employment areas' is proposed to be changed in both the Planning Act and the new PPS to only include areas with heavy industry, manufacturing, and large-scale warehousing. It does not include commercial, institutional, retail or office not accessory to heavier industry.

The PPS is proposing to allow the removal of lands from an employment area to permit other uses without the requirement for a Comprehensive Review. Municipalities can consider (and landowners can apply for) the removal of land from employment areas where it can be demonstrated that there is a need for the removal, the proposed uses will not negatively impact the overall viability of the employment area, and infrastructure is planned or available to accommodate the proposed use. The Planning Act continues to limit the ability to appeal refusals or non-decisions of such applications.

Staff Comments

No concerns with this proposed change as the South Huron Official Plan already limits employment areas to Industrial designations and does not include Commercial or Community Facility designated lands as employment areas.

4. Growth Targets

Proposed Changes

When updating official plans, municipalities will be required to have enough land designated for at least 25 years (a change from up to 25 years), with planning expressly allowed to extend beyond this horizon for infrastructure and employment areas.

Municipalities will no longer be required to have an intensification target but will need overall density targets.

Staff Comments

No concerns. The County of Huron is preparing updated population and housing needs projections which will assist in establishing minimum density policies.

5. Natural Heritage

Proposed Changes

There is a note in the PPS that indicates as of April 6, 2023, natural heritage policies and related definitions remain under consideration by the government. Once proposed policies and definitions are ready for review and input, they will be made available through a separate posting on the Environmental Registry of Ontario.

Staff Comments

Staff will update Council once the Natural Heritage policies are provided by the Province for review.

Bill 97 – Changes to the Planning Act

The proposed changes to the Planning Act under Bill 97 are more minor and technical in nature and include the following:

1. New Ministerial Powers

The Minister will be given the power to:

- Exempt lands that are the subject of a Minister's Zoning Order (MZO) from complying with provincial policies and official plans when other planning approvals are applied for, such as plans of subdivision. This gives the Minister the ability to address circumstances where a Minister's Zoning Order permits residential uses in an area where the official plan does not.
- Make regulations regarding transition related to the applicability of a new provincial policy statement.
- Make regulations regarding the powers of municipalities to regulate demolition and conversion of residential rental properties, including to pass a by-law requiring a landowner to provide compensation.

2. New Effective date for Bill 109 Planning Fee Refunds

The effective date for planning application fee refunds for Zoning By-law and Site Plan Approval applications where no decision is made within the statutory time periods that were originally in place for applications filed on or after January 1, 2023, is proposed to be changed to July 1, 2023. If any fee refunds were owing because of applications filed and not decided on between January 1 and July 1, 2023, the refund is deemed not to have been required.

A report was provided to Council outlining process improvements to reduce the need for refunds.

3. Parking for Additional Units

Bill 23 put in place restrictions on the ability to require more than one parking space where additional residential units are permitted as of right. Bill 97 proposes to clarify that official plans and zoning by-laws can still require more than one parking space for the primary residential unit.

4. Site Plan Control for Developments of 10 or Fewer Units

Bill 23 had previously removed the authority for municipalities to require Site Plan Control for housing developments with 10 or fewer units. A new regulation has been posted on the Environmental Registry of Ontario which prescribes areas where site plan control could apply to developments containing 10 or fewer residential units, specifically within 120 metres of a shoreline and within 300 metres of a railway line. This would allow South Huron to apply site plan control within these areas if issues such as drainage, servicing connections, etc. are determined to be best addressed through this process.

NEXT STEPS

The County of Huron is submitting their own separate, similar comments on the proposed Provincial Planning Statement and encourages local municipalities to also submit comments to the Province.

The next step is for Council direct staff to submit the comments from this report and any additional comments identified by Council to the Province for consideration and clarification.

OTHERS CONSULTED

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

Greetings,

Ontario's aggregate industry plays a key role in our government's vision to Build Ontario, supporting vital development and jobs across the province. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (the ministry) is proposing changes to [Ontario Regulation 244/97](#) under the *Aggregate Resources Act* to expand the list of changes that can be made to existing pit or quarry site plans without ministry approval, called self-filing changes (subject to conditions and eligibility), as well as seeking feedback on a new policy that provides direction for making changes to licences, permits and site plans that do require ministry approval.

The ministry is proposing to expand the list of small or routine site plan changes to an existing pit or quarry that can be self-filed, provided they satisfy detailed eligibility requirements and specified conditions. If approved, five additional site plan changes will be added to the list of self-filed amendments in the regulation. These are:

- Enabling recyclable aggregate material to be imported (concrete, asphalt, bricks, glass, or ceramics) to aggregate sites
- Adding or relocating entrances or exits to aggregate sites when the operator can provide proof of the relevant road authority approval for the change
- Adding, removing or changing portable processing equipment at aggregate sites (e.g., for crushing or screening aggregate material)
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In addition, the ministry is proposing a new policy to clarify requirements including notification requirements when amendments are proposed to existing licenses, permits, or site plans that require ministry approval. The ministry is also outlining criteria or considerations to determine whether these changes are significant or not.

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3. By mail to:
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If you have any questions, you can contact Jamie Prentice at aggregates@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Keyes,
Director, Resources Planning and Development Policy Branch

From: [Aggregates \(MNRF\)](#)
Subject: Proposed Streamlining of Approvals under the Aggregate Resources Act and Supporting Policy
Date: May 29, 2023 3:23:42 PM
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June 2, 2023

Re: Res. #23-12-01 – Letter to the Ontario Minister of Health re: Health Care Crisis

The Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores passed Resolution #23-12-01 at the Special Meeting held Wednesday, May 31st, 2023, as follows:

“WHEREAS the North Shore Health Network has temporarily closed the Emergency Department at the Thessalon site on May 24th, May 25th, May 29th, and May 31st, due to physician shortages;

AND WHEREAS having no primary care physicians to help service the Thessalon site and catchment area is particularly concerning;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Huron Shores authorizes Mayor Seabrook to draft a letter to the Minister of Health to address the current health care crisis occurring in rural and Northern Ontario;

AND THAT the letter be circulated to all Northern Ontario municipalities, the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Health, and Northern Ontario MPP's;

AND THAT the letter be posted on the Municipal website and social media accounts.”

Should you require anything further in order to address the above-noted resolution, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Natashia Roberts

CAO/Clerk

NR/KN

**Municipality of Huron Shores**

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Ontario Ministry of Health
The Honourable Sylvia Jones
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May 31, 2023

Minister Jones;

I am writing to you today regarding urgent and deeply-concerning challenges in medical care in the Municipality of Huron Shores and surrounding areas.

Over the past week, the Emergency Department at North Shore Health Network – Thessalon Site has been shut down four times due to a lack of available physicians. This is especially concerning as we have no primary care physicians in the four practices at two medical clinics that help service this site and catchment area. We currently rely on locum coverage.

Your Ministry recently decided to cancel the CTSLPE funding, a key tool in attracting the locums who have helped keep our Emergency Department open for the last two years. The removal of this program, with no replacement, has made the arduous task of attracting locums even more challenging.

As well, the RNPGA contract that our primary care physicians work under needs a major overhaul. It is no longer relevant, and acts as an impediment to attracting doctors to practice in the North, particularly in our small medical clinics that serve thousands of patients. This is as significant an issue as the discontinuation of the CTSLPE funding. Under a different contract, the neighboring practices in Blind River have full complements, including physicians who live in our Municipality. While we appreciate efforts like adding 30 undergraduate positions at NOSM, these are potential long-term fixes that do not address the current crisis.

**Municipality of Huron Shores**

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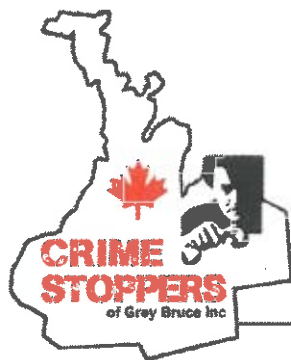
The daily closures I mentioned are not the only ones we will face at the Thessalon Site over the next few months. As you can appreciate, any Emergency Department closure puts patients at risk, particularly as the next nearest sites are significant distances away. We call on you and your government to engage with stakeholders in the North and provide the tools necessary to keep our Emergency Department open, and to attract physicians to the practices currently sitting empty.

Northern Ontario residents deserve quality local medical care.

Regards,

Matthew Seabrook, Mayor
Municipality of Huron Shores

c.c: Northern Ontario Municipalities
The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Michael Mantha, MPP Algoma – Manitoulin
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Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Inc.

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May 16, 2023

Municipality of Arran-Elderslie
1925 Bruce Road 10, P.O. Box 70
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Attention: Christine Fraser-McDonald, Clerk



Dear Mayor Hammell and Members of Council;

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce, I express our sincere gratitude to the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie for its 2023 grant in the amount of \$500. Through your generous ongoing financial support you continue to be part of the solution to crime in Grey and Bruce counties.

Crime Stoppers is a volunteer program that collaborates with the public, media, and police to solve crimes and help ensure the safety of our communities. Crime Stoppers is a non-profit, charitable organization that relies on the financial support of municipalities such as yours.

2023 marks the 36th year of operations for Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce. We use many progressive approaches to encourage tip submissions from the public via our secure Web Tips service at www.cstip.ca, our P3 Tips mobile app, and our 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) Tips Line.

We are confident that with your municipality's support we will continue to have a positive impact on community life in Grey and Bruce.

Sincerely,

Peter Reid
Chairperson
Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Inc.

Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Statistics Since Inception May 1987

Tip Reports	18,072
Arrests	1,772
Cases Cleared	2,739
Property Recovered	\$4,751,401
Narcotics Recovered	\$50,241,899
Rewards Approved	\$287,060



May 18, 2023

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AMO Matters

AMO is responding to Bill 97. Recently AMO made a [submission](#) responding to Schedules 4 and 6 and delivered [remarks](#) and a [written submission](#) to Standing Committee. More to come.

AMO [submitted](#) comments to the Ministry of Energy on IESO's Pathway to Decarbonization Study, supporting IESO's no regret actions, the role of municipal governments and Indigenous communities, and strengthening connections.

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

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The LAS IPE Risk Management Symposium will discuss critical municipal risk issues such as climate resiliency and the Natural Assets Initiative, cyber security, risk data management and more. Registration is now open.

AMO and eScribe are pleased to be joined by Becky Jamieson, Director of Corporate Services and Municipal Clerk for the Township of Scugog, to explore the benefits of meeting management platforms. See first-hand how eScribe helps governments leverage technology to make their public meetings easier and engage with their constituents better.

The [LAS Energy Planning Tool](#) takes the stress out of reporting annual consumption under O.Reg 25/23 (formerly 507/18). [Get your data ready today](#) and beat the July 1 deadline. While you're at it, update your conservation measures and you'll be that much closer to your 5-year CDM plan.

Looking to add some outdoor washrooms to your public spaces this summer? The [Canoe Procurement Group](#) has you covered. Niu Toliet offers smart mobile and permanent washroom solutions to blend in with your public community spaces and special events. [Contact Sarah](#) to learn more.

Municipal Wire*

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Careers

[Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Specialist - Brantford Police Service](#). Coordinate policy, programs, and evaluation development, and work to identify, address and prevent systemic racism in policy, practices, programs and services. [Apply online](#) by May 24.

[Manager, Finance - Town of Wasaga Beach](#). Responsible for the administration and oversight of analytical accounting activities. [Apply online](#) by June 2.

[Corporate Project Manager - County of Hastings](#). The position will oversee all aspects of corporate projects to ensure that scope, quality, schedule, budget resources and risks are managed during each project phase. Apply to careers@hastingscounty.com by May 31.

[Senior Financial Planning Analyst - City of Orillia](#). Participate in the development and implementation of policies / procedures and internal control processes reflecting industry best practice. [Apply online](#) by May 28.

[Chief Administrative Officer - County of Essex](#). Responsible for the strategic leadership and efficient delivery of all the administrative and operational services. Apply to careers@waterhousesearch.net by June 5.

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AMO Matters

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LAS

AMO has long been involved with housing and homelessness advocacy and is working to help municipal leaders find solutions that are appropriate for their communities. [Read more](#) about the Homelessness Symposium.

Looking for some new uniforms? We're pleased to welcome [UniFirst Corporation](#) to the Canoe Procurement Group. Keep your staff looking great with on-site analysis and fittings, laundering, deliveries, repairs, and inventory controls. [Contact Sarah](#) to learn more.

Municipal Wire*

FCM's free, *Gender-Based Analysis (GBA) Plus as an Equity Lens for the Municipal Sector* online course is an opportunity for municipalities to gain information and insight into supporting your own GBA and equity goals. Click [English](#) or [French](#) to register for the first cohort starting in June.

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GREY BRUCE CHILDREN'S WATER FESTIVAL

A Division of the Grey Bruce Children's Water Education Council

June 1, 2023

Municipality of Arran Elderslie
1925 Bruce Road 10
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Dear Katrina,

Please extend our gratitude to the municipality staff and council for their support of the Grey Bruce Children's Water Festival. Special thanks to the arena staff, Water Department staff and the fire fighters who all provided their time and expertise to make this even successful!

Our mission is to cultivate in every child and adult who participates in the festival an understanding of and appreciation for the water they use and the environment in which they live. With your help we were able to bring our message over 2100 participants and volunteers, all free of charge!

Our event wouldn't be successful without the support of our community partners.
Thank you!

Sincerely,

Joyce Nicoll
Sponsorship and Volunteer Coordinator
Grey Bruce Children's Water Festival

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March 24, 2023

Dear Municipal Clerks,

At the March 9, 2023 meeting of the MMWTWG, the Membership heard two presentation regarding Battery Energy Storage Systems. Both of these presentations complimented each other in providing both technical and regulatory information regarding the matter.

The presentations show a high probability that a severe fire hazard could present itself and these failures could potentially result in fires beyond the capabilities of local emergency services. There are further risks of toxic fumes and run-off during fire suppression measures.

The Members passed a motion that both presentations be provided to the Member Municipalities and recommends that they be forwarded to the respective Fire Chiefs for their review. The information may also be helpful to Members of Council.

The Working Group would welcome any comments that the Fire Chief's may have regarding the matter.

Warm Regards,



Julie Hamilton,
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Battery Energy Supply Systems

Impact on Host Municipalities

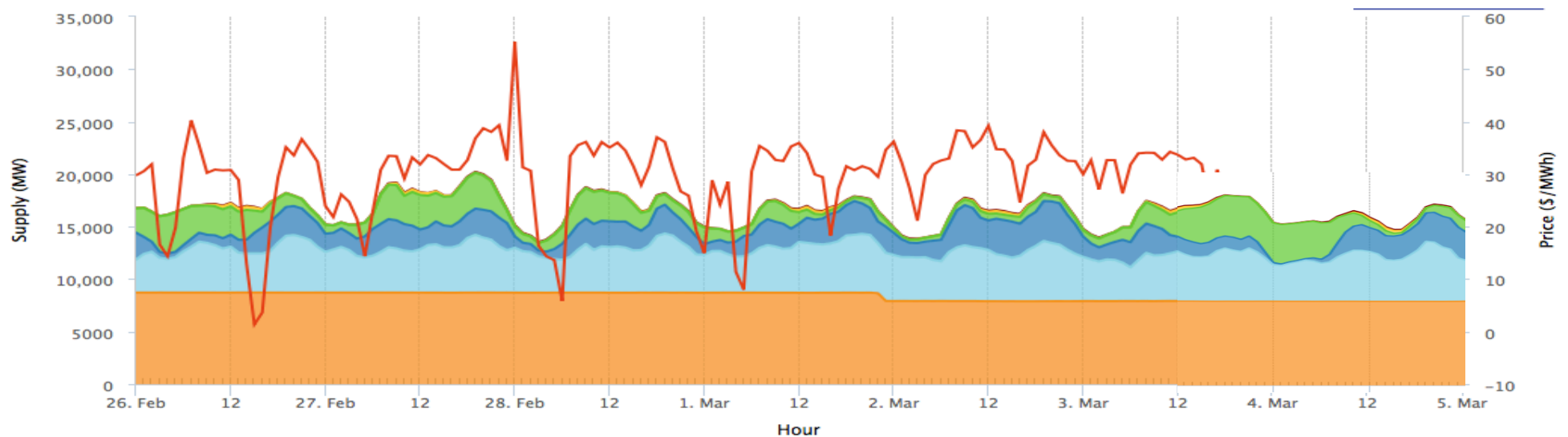
Presentation to Multi Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group

March 9, 2023

Bill (William K.G.) Palmer P. Eng.

What's the Issue?

Supply does not match Demand – Here's Last Week



Today 2-4 Mar 26 Feb-4 Mar

● Generation By Fuel Type - Hourly
 Nuclear — Hydro — Gas —
 Wind — Solar — Biofuel —

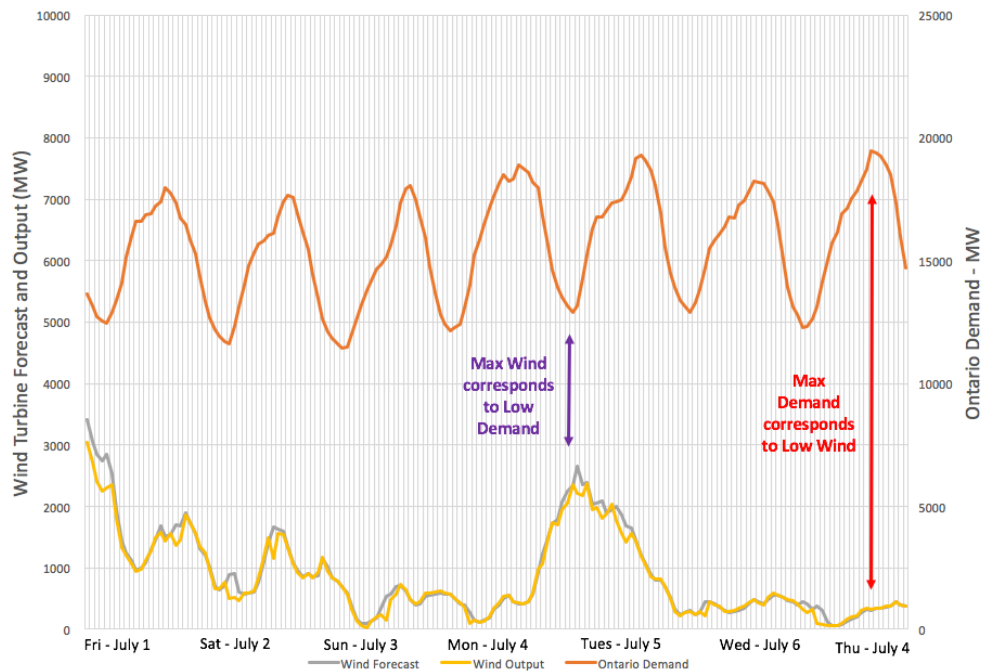
○ Imports Hourly —
 Exports Hourly —
 ○ Net Import/Export - Hourly —

Compare With

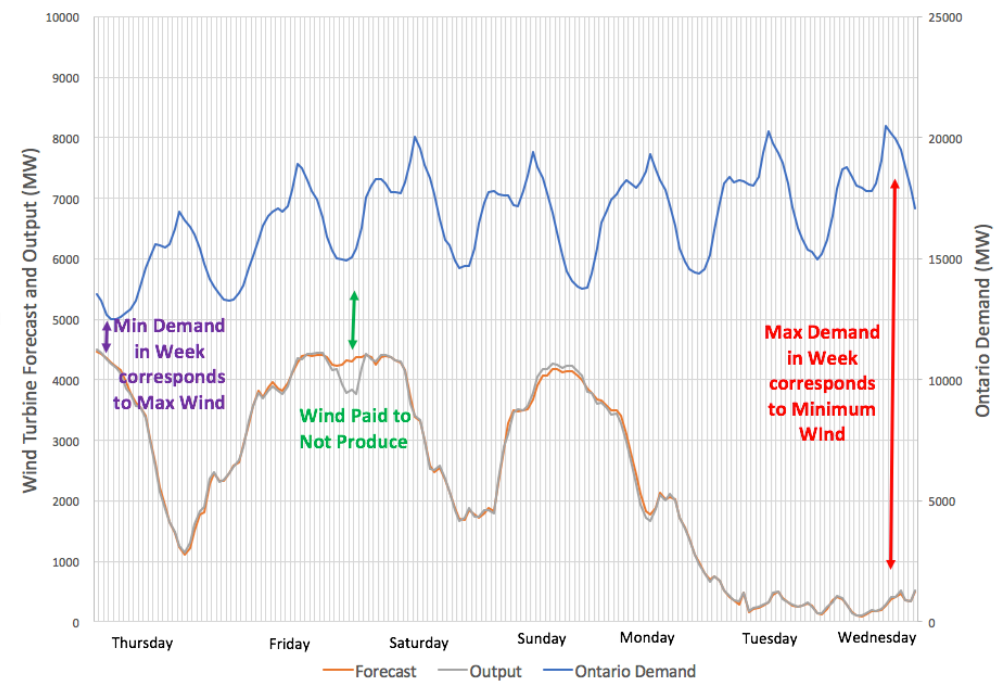
○ None
 ● HOEP —

Two more examples of why adding more wind will make the need for storage more apparent

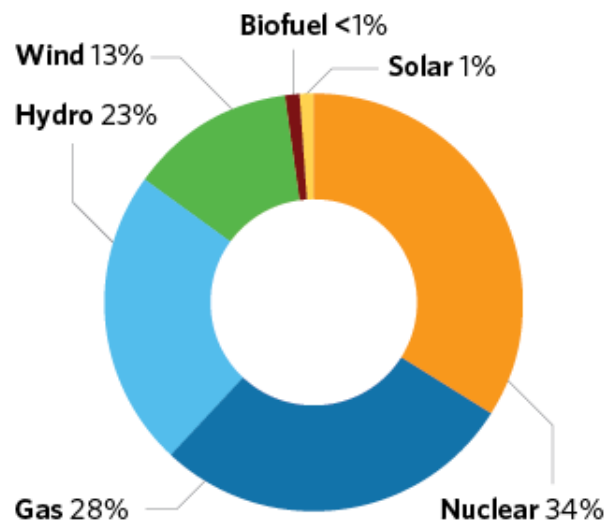
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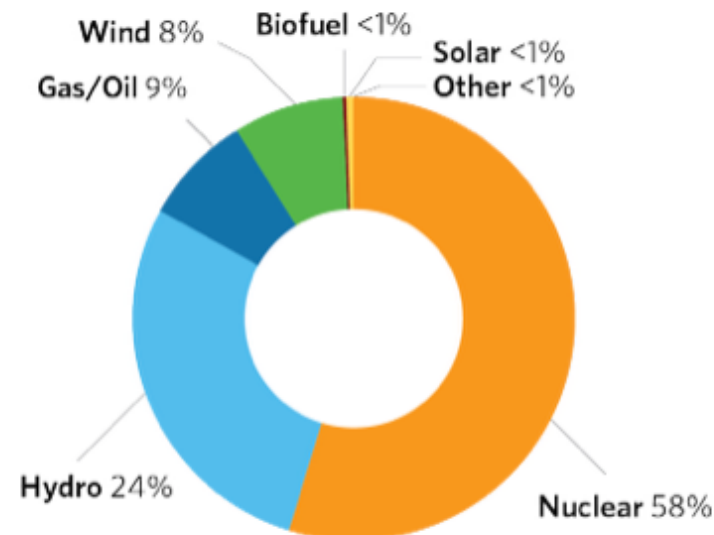
Ontario Demand and Wind - Dec 1-7, 2022



The Supply – Demand Mismatch is Growing



Nuclear	13,089 MW
Gas/Oil	10,482 MW
Hydro	8,868 MW
Wind	4,883 MW
Biofuel	296 MW
Solar	478 MW



Nuclear	83.0 TWh
Hydro	34.2 TWh
Gas/Oil	12.2 TWh
Wind	12 TWh
Biofuel	0.4 TWh
Solar	0.75 TWh
Other	0.01 TWh

Total 142.6 TWh

Here's today's Ontario Supply
Wind capacity > 38% of Nuclear

Here's What they Generated in 2021
Wind Generated < 15% of Nuclear

As the Proportion of Unreliable Generation Grows – There will be a Need for Batteries to Smooth the Valleys

- IESO “Pathways to Decarbonization” foresees the need by 2050 as:
 - 2,500 MW of battery storage – (by 2027- in 4 years!) \ (Perhaps not enough)
 - 6,000 MW of new solar (compared to 488 MW grid connected today)
 - **17,600 MW of new wind** (compared to 4,883 MW grid connected today)
 - 657 MW new hydro
 - 17,800 MW of new nuclear (with only 300 MW committed today)
 - 15,000 MW of hydrogen equivalent (from ... somewhere else ???)
- BUT – the “Pathways” Document only *mentions* the transportation shift from petroleum to electricity in passing – sourced from who knows where?

Here's What IESO Expects by 2050

Figure 7 | Energy Demand

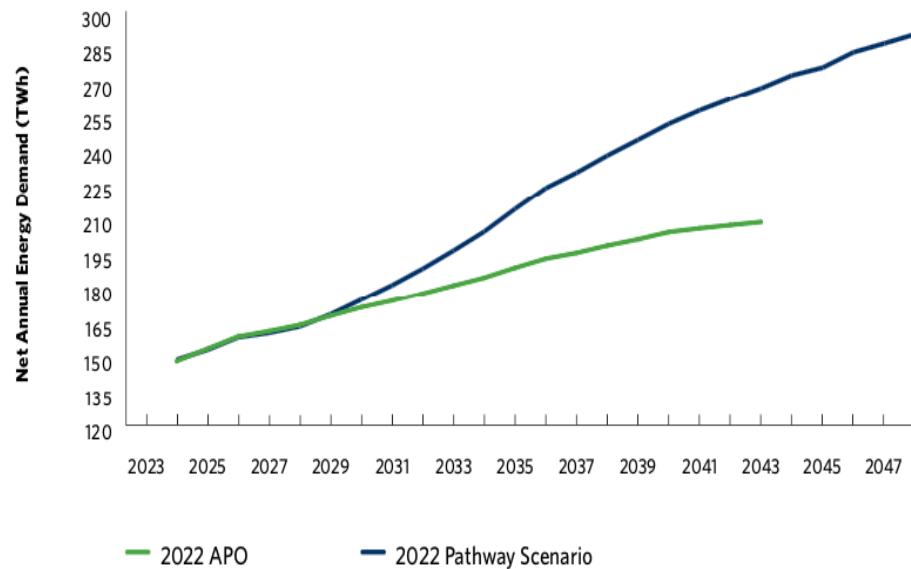
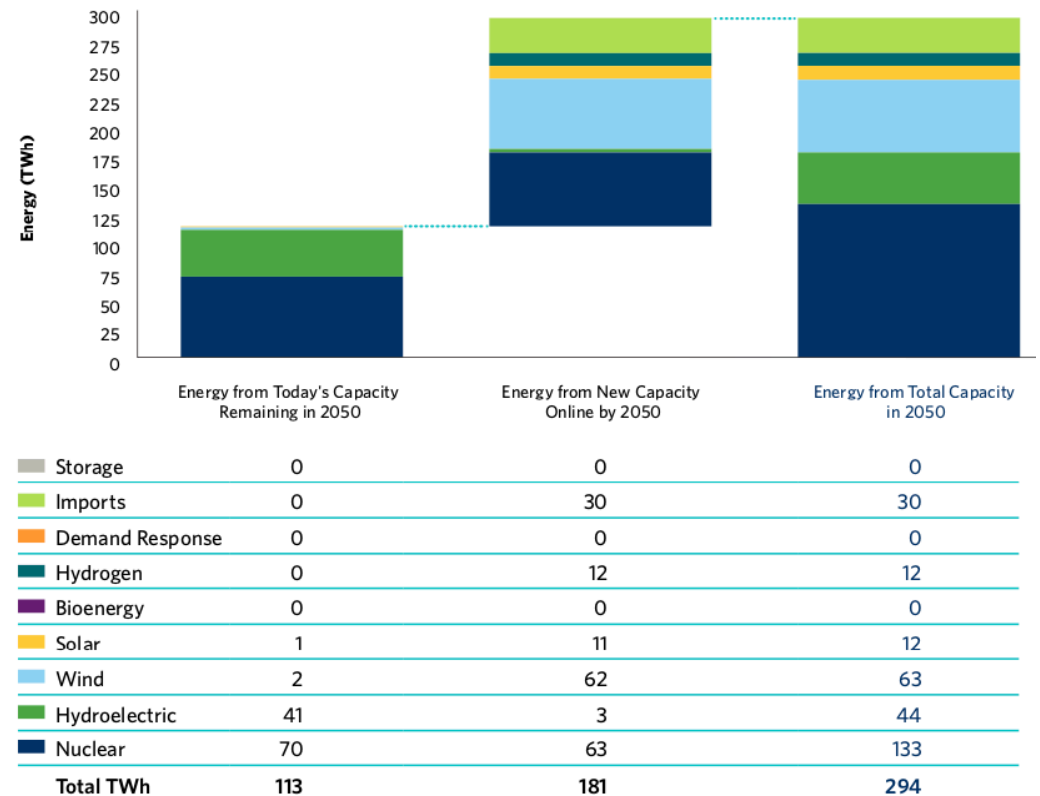


Figure 13 | Pathway Scenario - Energy in 2050



IESO expects demand to double, and the increase in wind turbines to supply 22% of energy by 2050.

What was Ontario's Energy Demand (in 2019)

Figure 5: End-Use Demand by Sector (2019)

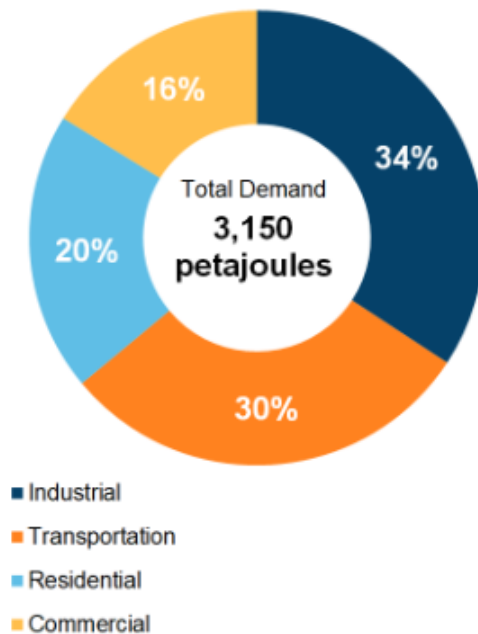
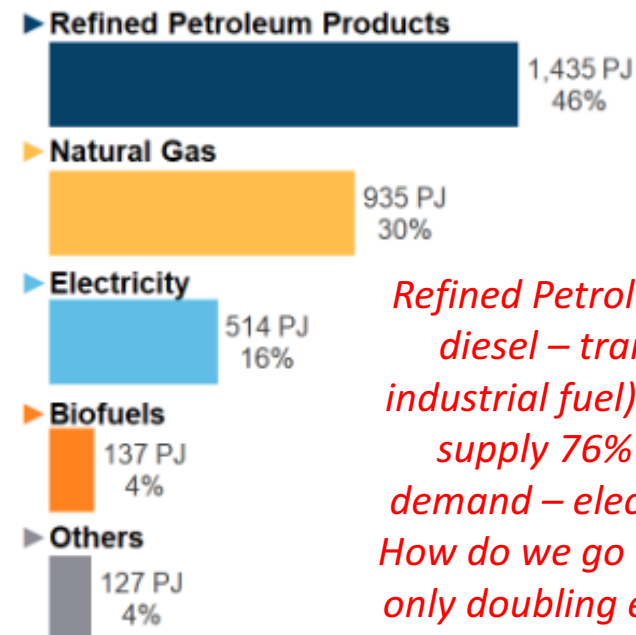


Figure 6: End-Use Demand by Fuel (2019)



Refined Petroleum (gasoline & diesel – transportation & industrial fuel) plus natural gas supply 76% of the energy demand – electricity only 16%. How do we go off oil and gas by only doubling electrical supply?

Battery Options

- Lithium Ion is the present champion (some 90% of industrial/electrical supply storage batteries)
 - has mostly replaced lead – acid as storage battery of choice except for motor vehicle starting duty
- Li-ion generally good for fast response, up to 4 hour discharge time. Barely adequate for shifting night supply to daytime usage of energy, a poor choice for storage needing days or weeks, vs, hours of storage, due to Li-ion self-discharge over time. Expensive ~ 135 to 250 US\$ per MWh, lithium scarce, fire hazard.
- Alternatives under development
 - Flow Batteries (charge stored in liquid electrolyte tanks, outside battery cell) e.g.
 - “Primus” zinc-bromide battery, said to be non-toxic, long term storage, good for 100 hour discharge
 - “ESS” iron-flow battery, said to be non-toxic, reduced need for fire protection than Li-ion.
 - Metal/Air Batteries
 - “Form Energy” iron-air batteries, cheaper than Li-Ion, said good for 100 hour discharge
 - “Zinc8” zinc-air battery, a Canadian start-up, designing for 8 hour + discharge cycle, cheaper than Li-Ion
 - “Aluminum-Air” battery, still in development, perhaps for long range motor vehicles. Replaceable not rechargeable.
 - Gravity storage
 - Pumped hydro (as at Meaford)
 - Energy-vault (crane storing blocks in tower, recover energy lowering blocks) aka “Gravity Storage”
 - Thermal storage, “thermo photo voltaic” cells sensitive to heat energy stored in carbon blocks for days
 - “HydroStor” compressed air storage - pilot plant now at Goderich, ON
 - Hydrogen extraction from water by electricity (electrolysis) – Later generation of electricity from fuel cells or as a heating fuel – BUT, mind the expense, as each step costs \$\$\$.

Li-Ion Grid Backup (BESS) Risks (1st example)

Lithium ion battery energy storage systems (BESS) hazards (published Feb, 2023)

- Over 30 large-scale (1 MW +) Li-Ion BESS experienced failures resulting in destructive fires in the past 4 years
- contain flammable electrolytes, can create unique hazards when the battery cell enters thermal runaway.
- paper focusses primarily on small containerized BESS are often installed in standard shipping containers ranging from 8 feet to 53 feet in length, with a width and height of approximately 8 feet each.
- typically equipped with smoke detection, fire alarm panel, and some form of fire control and suppression system
- initiating event frequently a short circuit which may be a result of overcharging, overheating, or mechanical abuse. During thermal runaway, large amounts of flammable and potentially toxic battery gas will be generated.
- Journal of Loss Prevention in the Process Industries, Vol 81, Feb. 2023, 104932
- <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jlp.2022.104932>

Li-Ion Grid Backup (BESS) Risks (2nd example)

Battery Hazards for Large Energy Storage Systems (Published 2022)

- Li-ion batteries have become popular in new grid-level installations due to rapidly decreasing prices and wide availability
- variety chemistries, from lithium iron phosphate (LFP) cathode to those with a nickel manganese cobalt oxide (NMC) cathode and with graphite, silicon composite, or lithium titanate (LTO) anodes. (Different Chemical Risks – Must Know the Specifics)
- The reactive and hazardous nature of Li-ion batteries under off-nominal conditions can lead to safety incidents and may cause extensive damage to the BESS. 42 reported failure incidents from 2011 to 2021.
- Li-ion batteries are prone to overheating, swelling, electrolyte leakage venting, fires, smoke, and explosions.
- gases produced as a result of a fire, smoke, and/or thermal runaway can accumulate to a combustible level and cause explosion.
- High and low temperatures lead to different unsafe conditions. High temperatures lead to ... violent venting, fire, and thermal runaway. Low temperatures increase the viscosity of the electrolyte ... leads to increased internal cell temperatures ... thermal runaway and fire. *Heaters installed, to heat batteries before charging, but if heaters fail “off” – or “on” can lead to same destructive result.*
- combustible gases such as hydrogen, carbon monoxide, methane, ethylene, and propylene can be produced in concentrations above the TLV.
- [doi: 10.1021/acsenergylett.2c01400](https://doi.org/10.1021/acsenergylett.2c01400)

Li-Ion Grid Backup (BESS) Risks (3rd example)

What are the fire safety risks of lithium-ion batteries? (Published Aug 2022)

- Dr Amer Magrabi, principal fire engineer at Lote Consulting, gave a talk on battery fire safety at the [Australasian Fire and Emergency Services Council \(AFAC\) conference](#) in Adelaide.
- “It’s an emerging risk, we’re still coming to grips with it.”
- “Once alight, lithium-ion battery fires are very hard to extinguish. Common fire suppressants don’t work and the fire can burn very fiercely. In some circumstances, the battery can explode.”
- “If you have a problem with one cell, it’s going to start spreading.” This unstoppable fire is called “thermal runaway.”
- Water may assist with absorbing heat from some small fires, but it reacts dramatically with lithium – making it a bad decision to go directly on fires.
- Lithium-ion fires don’t burn cleanly: batteries can vent toxic gases. It’s not always clear what these gases will be, as battery chemistry is a closely guarded commercial secret.”
- Some fire services have a code of not intervening in lithium-ion battery fires: they’re unlikely to suppress them because the risk to firefighters is too high.
- Instead, they wait for the reaction to finish, and protect the surrounding environment.
- 26 August 2022 / COSMOS Magazine

Li-Ion Grid Backup (BESS) Risks (4th example)

- **A comprehensive investigation on the thermal and toxic hazards of large format lithium-ion batteries with LiFePO₄ cathode** (Published 2020)
- Toxic gases released from lithium-ion battery fires pose a **very large threat** to human health.
- Li-Ion Batteries with higher state of charge (SOC) are found to have greater fire risks in terms of their burning behavior, normalized heat release rate, and fire radiation, as well as the concentration of toxic gases.
- The major toxic gases detected from the online analysis are [CO](#), [HF](#), SO₂, [NO₂](#), [NO](#) and [HCl](#).
- Results show that the effects of irritant gases are much more significant than those of asphyxiant gases. [HF](#) and SO₂ have much greater toxicity than the other fire gases. The maximum [FEC value](#) (*fractional effective concentration – a measure of toxicity impact*) is approaching the critical threshold in such fire scenarios.
- <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jhazmat.2019.120916>.

Li-Ion Grid Backup (BESS) Risks (5th example)

- **Toxic fluoride gas emissions from lithium-ion battery fires** (published 2017)
 - Lithium-ion battery fires generate intense heat and considerable amounts of gas and smoke.
 - the emission of toxic gases can be a larger threat than the heat.
 - large amounts of hydrogen fluoride (HF) may be generated - HF can pose a serious toxic threat
 - The amounts of HF released from a large burning Li-ion battery packs could be 200 kg for a 1 MWh battery. The immediate dangerous to life or health (IDLH) level for HF is 0.025 g/m³ (30 ppm) and the lethal 10 minutes HF toxicity value is 0.0139 g/m³ (170 ppm). The release of hydrogen fluoride from a Li-ion battery fire can therefore be a severe risk and an even greater risk in confined or semi-confined spaces.
 - 15–22 mg/Wh of another potentially toxic gas, phosphoryl fluoride (POF₃), was measured in some of the fire tests
 - Using water mist resulted in a temporarily **increased** production rate of HF but the application of water mist had no significant effect on the total amount of released HF.
 - <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-017-09784-z>

Now – You Have the “Big Picture”

- so what can you do? (Other than reject BESS?)

- **6 practical steps to improve community safety near lithium-ion energy storage systems** (Published Sept. 2021)
- By Steve Kerber *Vice President of Research at UL Firefighter Safety Research Institute.*
- most first responders have limited experience with Li-Ion battery fires - behave differently than typical fires
 - Lithium-ion batteries have flammable chemical electrolytes and are susceptible to thermal runaway
 - lithium-ion batteries can spontaneously reignite hours or even days later after a fire event
 - safety requirements for ESS sites are still evolving as more information about the technology becomes available
- what can be done right now to improve safety?
 - Lithium-ion battery ESS should incorporate gas monitoring that can be accessed remotely.
 - Lithium-ion battery ESS should incorporate robust communications systems to help ensure remote access to the battery management system, sensors and fire alarm control panel remains uninterrupted.
 - Owners and operators of ESS should develop an emergency operations plan in conjunction with local fire service personnel and the authority having jurisdiction and hold a comprehensive understanding of the hazards associated with lithium-ion battery technology.
 - Signage that identifies the contents of an ESS should be required on all ESS installations to alert first responders to the potential hazards associated with the installation.
 - Lithium-ion battery ESS should incorporate adequate explosion prevention protection as required in National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 855 or International Fire Code Chapter 12, where applicable, in coordination with the emergency operations plan.
 - New lithium-ion battery ESS should be built in accordance with NFPA 855, the most current standards available for safety, and we are calling on local governments to mandate adoption within their cities and municipalities.
- <https://www.utilitydive.com/news/6-practical-steps-to-improve-community-safety-near-lithium-ion-energy-storage/585938/>

The “Other” Current Hype - Hydrogen

- Invest 20 minutes to watch, “The Trouble With Hydrogen” It’s easy watching, and very informative.
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zklo4Z1SqkE>
- Briefly:
 - Most (>90%) hydrogen produced today is from fossil fuels. To produce “green hydrogen” from renewable electricity (solar or wind) will be “cost prohibitive” (3 or 4 times greater)
 - Hydrogen for vehicle fuel cells is stored under very high pressure of about 10,000 PSI
 - Needs heavy cylinders, with carbon fibre reinforced barriers
 - Hydrogen under pressure tends to react with metal, forming brittle hydrides, degrading the storage vessel.
 - Fuel cells to make electricity from hydrogen for vehicle propulsion need platinum or irridium – neither are cheap nor plentiful.
- Not mentioned in video:
 - Adding hydrogen above about 7% in concentration to natural gas supply network requires modifying ALL combustion equipment (furnaces, etc.) connected to the gas line for safety reasons, so that’s not an easy option.
 - Batteries can typically reuse between 80–90% of the chemical energy stored, but fuel cells generally transform only 40% to 60% of their energy to produce electrical power. (There are more losses, hence less efficiency.)
 - Overall, “Green Hydrogen” supply/usage efficiency is about 30%. 70% of the energy is wasted. That’s economically undesirable.
 - However, there are Big government subsidies for Green Hydrogen (big-hype) Too Good to be True ... usually is.
- An internet search for “Green Hydrogen Hype” returns over 6,000 results.

Battery Energy Storage Systems

Assessment of Community Risks

Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine
Working Group
March 9, 2023

IESO New Capacity Initiatives

Ministerial Directive – January 27, 2022

- Oneida Energy Storage – 250 MW

Ministerial Directive – October 6, 2022

Program	Capacity		Decision
Expedited	1500 MW	Expansions or new projects	Feb 2023
Upgrades	300 MW	Improve facility; amend contract	Q1 2023
LT1 RFP	2200 MW	Expansions or new projects	Oct 2023

Specific Requirements – October 7, 2022

- Storage - 1500 MW – Contracts up to 2047
- Natural Gas – 1500 MW – Contracts end in 2040

Battery Storage Incidents

- Press report of 2021 fire at Tesla's 300 MW battery storage project in Victoria, Australia:

*“The fire started on the morning of Friday July 30 and was not brought under control until the afternoon of Monday August 2. More than 30 **fire trucks** and support vehicles and about **150 fire fighters** from the County Fire Authority and local Fire Rescue Victoria responded, containing the flames so they only **affected two Megapacks** of the approximately 210 that make up the system”.*

- Incident is not isolated – other reports from US

IESO's RFP Requirements

Proposal/Contract Requirements

- Price, financial arrangements
- Municipal Support
- Indigenous Engagement/Participation
- Community Engagement
- Meet “good engineering and operating practices”

Municipal Support Submission

- Technology
- Location
- Capacity

Approval Process?

Standards for BESS Projects

National Fire Protection Association

- Standard 855 – 2020; Revised 2023
- Significant safety hazards – toxic/flammable gases; fire intensity and explosion control

Underwriters Laboratory

- ANSI/CA/UL9540 – April 2021
 - Fire detection/suppression/containment
- ANSI/CA/UL9540A - November 2019
 - Test methods at cell, module, unit & installation levels
 - Must meet performance criteria at each level

Setback Requirements

Hydro One

- Intense heat and smoke for prolonged periods represent increased risk to their system
- Setbacks of 250 m to 500 m from stations
- Setbacks of 150 m to 500 m from rights of way

Other Rules

- 359/09 applies to specified renewable energy projects while other types of projects excluded
- Battery storage projects are not in either list.
- No known provincial setbacks.

Municipal Zoning Rules

- Technology is too new to be covered in municipal zoning

Noise Emissions

Noise Issues Discussed at Meetings

- Focused on air cooling systems
 - Small projects would be allowed within noise by-laws
 - Noise emissions in large projects?
 - Need to be confirmed
- Regulation 359/09 outlines requirements for transformer stations associated with other renewable projects
 - Apply to Battery Storage?
- Need to include acoustic barriers in project design if required.

Issues to Consider

Design Considerations

- Management of toxic and explosive gases
- Dry sprinkler systems
- Access to large quantities of water
- Separation of modules to allow fire equipment access
- Acoustic barriers

Local Emergency Support Requirements

- Specialized training for unique hazards
- Scale and duration of emergency situations
- Ability to handle toxic fumes and run-off

Status of Known Projects

Projects with Municipal Support

- Sault Ste. Marie – at least one supported
- Guelph – one project supported
- Lambton Shores - 3 Enbridge projects supported.
- Arran-Elderslie – Solar Flow Through Project supported
- City of Ottawa – one project supported

Projects Refused Municipal Support

- Sault Ste. Marie – at least one declined
- Prince Edward County – rejected Solar Flow Through Project plus one other project
- Enniskillen – rejected one project

Recommendations

- Add Battery Storage to Regulation 359/09
- Establish minimum setbacks from all activities
- Require design certification by an accredited body (UL9540A) and meets all standards (i.e. UL9540, and NFPA 855)
- Monitoring and fire containment systems linked to local emergency services
- Assessment of all noise emissions with abatement as required
- Emergency plan agreed with local authorities including specifications on support required
- Final package presented to municipal council for approval before permits issued.



The Corporation of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: June 12, 2023

Subject: SRLCK.2023.05 – Christmas Holiday Office Closure

Report from: Christine Fraser-McDonald, Clerk

Appendices: Appendix A: December/January 2023/2024 Calendar

Recommendation

Be It Resolved that Council hereby,

1. Supports the closure of the Municipal Administrative Office between Christmas and New Year's Day for 2023/2024 (December 27th – January 1st) inclusive;
2. At the time of the closure, staff will be required to use their vacation time, banked time or take time unpaid, based on availability or any combination to cover the closure; and
3. That in keeping with the historical principle established by Council, the Municipal Administrative Office shall be closed annually between Christmas and New Year's and that Council supports this moving forward such that the CAO will advise staff and Council accordingly of the dates each year.

Report Summary

Christmas/New Year holiday closure of the municipal administrative office has been approved by Council for the many years. Staff is recommending that in keeping with Council's historical principle established over the years, that rather than presenting a report every year to Council, the CAO will advise Council and staff accordingly as to what days are necessary for the Christmas/New Year Office closure.

Background

The timeframe between Christmas and New Year's Day historically is a quieter time of the year. It is recommended to close the municipal administrative office between Christmas and New Year's Day. Staff would be required to use their eligible vacation entitlement, unpaid leave or other hours banked.

Analysis

Throughout the year, Staff is not always able to take their eligible vacation entitlement or banked lieu time based on workload requirements. Closing the administrative office is an opportunity for staff to use their vacation or lieu time during this time frame.

Staff working in operations (public works, landfill, recreation facilities) are not included in the municipal administrative office closing as they provide essential services for the Municipality, i.e., winter control operations, emergency responses, etc.

This year, Christmas and Boxing Day fall on a Monday and Tuesday and the office would remain closed for the rest of the week. New Year's Day falls on a Monday and shall be observed as the statutory holiday.

If implemented, the holiday closure would be a total of six (6) days for Christmas 2023 with staff being required to use their vacation or banked lieu time for the three (3) days (December 27th to December 30th).

Link to Strategic/Master Plan

6.5 Engaging People and Partnerships

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding/Link to Procurement Policy

N/A

Approved by: Sylvia Kirkwood, Chief Administrative Officer

December 2023

November '23							January '24							98
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	Christmas Day	Boxing Day	Office Closed			
31	1	Notes				

Calendar Templates by Vertex42
<https://www.vertex42.com/calendars/>

January 2024

December '23							February '24							99
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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The Corporation of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: June 12, 2023

Subject: SRFIN.23.18 Vendor of Record for Operating Costs

Report from: Tracey Neifer, Treasurer

Appendices: Vendor of Record List for 2023

Recommendation

Be It Resolved that Council hereby,

1. Acknowledges the identified companies as a Vendor of Record for 2023 for the provision of goods and services required to maintain operations of the Municipality;
2. That Staff works with the Vendors to ensure appropriate agreements or terms of service are in place for 2023; and
3. That in accordance with Article 4 of the Procurement Policy, Council waives the requirement to obtain three (3) written competitive quotes for the ongoing supply of goods and services used in operations.

Report Summary

The report highlights vendors that are regularly engaged with the Municipality for the provision of goods and services on an annual basis, without a written agreement or purchase order. Identification as a Vendor of Record for 2023 will ensure compliance with procurement practices.

Background

Municipal staff are currently working on an updated Procurement Policy as the current policy was adopted by By-Law 59-09 on November 9th, 2009. The current policy does not define the purchase amount that is referred to in Article 4, Expenditure Controls, and therefore can be interpreted as the individual purchase amount. Procurement should refer to the total value of the contract over the expected term of service.

Using this understanding, staff have reviewed the annual spend by vendor in 2022, to identify vendors that are engaged regularly for the provision of goods and services to maintain ongoing operating costs across the municipal departments.

Analysis

A vendor summary was prepared to identify the total spending by Vendor based on 2022 transactions. The list was reviewed to identify vendors that supported:

- Capital projects
- Contracted services
- Consulting services
- Payroll benefits and remittances
- Tax levy
- General materials and supplies

The vendors that were identified as supplying general materials and supplies on a regular basis throughout the year have been identified in the Appendix, Vendor of Record List for 2023. The annual spend for each of these vendors in 2022 exceeded \$20,000, except for a few that were less, but have been included as they are used on a regular basis for the supply of materials or services.

Staff will continue to engage with these vendors in 2023. Moving forward with a new Procurement Policy planned to be brought forward this year will define appropriate steps in establishing a Vendor of Record for 2024 and future years. In the interim, Staff are asking to secure a Vendor of Record List for 2023.

Link to Strategic/Master Plan

6.4 Leading Financial Management

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding/Link to Procurement Policy

The acknowledgement of a Vendor of Record List for 2023 does not circumvent the requirements of the Procurement Policy for the identified expenditure controls for individual purchases. Staff will continue to be financially responsible to obtain the best value for the Municipality and work within the approved departmental operating budgets.

Approved by: Sylvia Kirkwood, Chief Administrative Officer

Appendix

Vendor of Record List for 2023

Vendor	Purpose
Bruce Service Sales and Rentals	Materials & supplies, building and equipment; also a contracted service for garbage pick up
A.J. Stone Company Ltd.	Fire, materials and supplies
Allen's Home Building Centre	Materials and supplies, general
Barclay Wholesale Ltd.	Materials and supplies, cleaning
Beckett Tree Service Inc.	Tree cutting and chipping
Bev Nicoll Construction	Storm, Water and Sewer, services
Carson Supply	Water and Sewer, materials and supplies
Chemtrade Chemicals Canada Ltd.	Sewer, chemicals
Compass Minerals Canada	Hwy salt mix
Da-Lee Dust Control	Roads, calcium chloride
Ed Karcher Construction Ltd.	Snow removal, water services
Enbridge Gas Inc.	Natural gas
Esso Mobil	Fuel
Evans Utility & Municipal	Water, meters and supplies
Foster Sewer Services	Sewer, services
Hartman Communications	Fire, radio equipment and maintenance
Hatten Building Centre	Materials and supplies, general
M&L Supply	Fire, materials and supplies
MacDonnell Fuels Limited	Fuel, diesel, grease and oil
McCullough's Service Centre	Fuel, equipment and vehicle parts and repairs
Morrow Sales and Service Ltd.	Vehicle parts and repairs
Pollard Distribution Inc.	Roads, dust control
Roberts Farm Equipment	Vehicle parts and repairs
Ron Gibbons Construction	Snow removal and winter sand
SGS Canada Inc.	Water and Sewer, lab services
Sparling's Propane	Propane and furnace oil
Sprucedale Agromart Ltd.	Materials and supplies, roadside spraying
Stinson Electric Ltd.	Building maintenance, services and supplies
T&W Enterprises	Arena, equipment maintenance
Toromont Cat	Vehicle parts and repairs
UPI Energy	Fuel, diesel, grease and oil



The Corporation of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: June 12, 2023

Subject: SRW.23.11 Vehicle Purchases

Report from: Scott McLeod, Public Works Manager

Pat Johnston, Chief Building Official

Appendices: Appendix A – Five Year Fleet Mileage Details

Recommendation

Be It Resolved that Council hereby,

1. Approves the purchase of a 2023 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 crew cab from Bud Rier Chevrolet Ltd. for the amount of \$66,797.76 inclusive of HST;
2. Approves the purchase of a 2022 Dodge Ram 1500 crew cab from Rankin's Garage and Sales Inc. for the amount of \$61,042.71 inclusive of HST;
3. That the purchases be financed through Transportation account #23-TRAN-0019 and Building account #23-BLDG-0001; and
4. That \$2,153.45 be transferred from Road Reserve #7266 to finance the additional costs under capital id. 23-TRAN-0019.

Report Summary

The intent of this report is for Council to approve the purchase of two (2) vehicles, one for Public Works and the other for Building Services which will be added to existing municipal fleet.

Background

The 2023 capital budget identified the need for two (2) additional pick-up trucks/vehicles to be added to the municipal fleet. One of these trucks was for the Public Works Department and the other was for Fire & Emergency Services.

Further budget refinement and Council discussions led to the passing of the following resolution of Council:

Be It Resolved that Council hereby,

- 1. Directs that the Arran-Elderslie Fire and Emergency Services command/response unit be acquired by the purchase of the used 2019 Dodge Ram from the Building Department for its current value; and*
- 2. That Council approves \$3,000.00 for the upfit for the emergency lighting/siren, and reflective package to meet NFPA 1901 "Standard for Automotive Fire Apparatus" and the funds of such be removed from the appropriate fire department reserves; and*
- 3. That the funds from the fire and emergency services department for the purchase of the truck be deposited into the Building Reserves; and*
- 4. That the Building department be permitted to issue a tender for the purchase of a new vehicle with the cost being financed from the Building Reserves.*

Following the change in direction, Staff discussed the various vehicle options and subsequently issued two (2) Request for Proposals, one for the potential procurement of a ½ ton pick-up truck and one for a mid-size pick-up truck. The tenders also identified that in addition to a new vehicle that consideration would be given to a demonstrative, used or similar vehicle would be considered.

Analysis

Tenders were issued on May 15, 2023 and closed on May 25, 2023. The results of both tenders are listed below which includes taxes and registration.

RFP-2023-05 – ½ Ton Pick-Up Truck

Vendor	Make & Model	Total Price	Delivery Date
Morrow Sales & Service/ Hallman Motors	2023 Chevrolet 1500 Silverado Crew Cab 4x4	\$68,808.17	In Stock
Morrow Sales & Service/ Hallman Motors	2023 Chevrolet 1500 Silverado Crew Cab 4x4	\$66,323.30	November 2023
Bud Rier Chevrolet	2023 Chevrolet 1500 Silverado Crew Cab 4x4	\$66,797.76	In Stock

Rankin's Garage	2022 Dodge Ram 1500 Crew Cab 4x4	\$61,042.71	In Stock
Finch Chevrolet	2023 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Crew Cab 4x4	\$74,984.78	June 2023

RFP-2023-06 – Mid Sized Pick-Up Truck

Vendor	Vehicle	Total Price	Delivery Date
Morrow Sales & Service/Hallman Motors	2023 Colorado Crew Cab LT 4 x 4	\$52,772.37	October 2023

Staff have considered the following factors during the proposal review process.

Fuel Consumption

The following figures were used for the configurations:

- **2023 Average Gas price in Owen Sound for June 6, 2023 - \$1.578/L**
- Average Annual Mileage for CBO Vehicle – 12,500 km

Vehicle Size	Vehicle	Engine Size and Fuel Mileage (Avg. Hwy/City)	Fuel Cost/year	Fuel Difference ½ ton vs mid-size/year
½ ton	2023 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Crew Cab 4 x 4	5.3 L 12.95 L/100 km	\$2,554.39	+\$108.49
½ ton	2022 Dodge Ram Crew Cab 1500 4 x 4	5.7 L 13.6 L/100 km	\$2,682.60	+\$236.70
mid-size	2023 Chevrolet Colorado Crew Cab 4 x 4	2.7L Turbo 12.4 L/100 km	\$2,445.90	N/A

Availability and Delivery Timelines

RFP-2023-05 for the procurement of a ½ ton pickup identified that three (3) of the five (5) presented were in stock and available immediately. RFP-2023-06 for the procurement of a mid-sized pickup truck had only one bid with an estimate delivery timeline of October 2023.

In order to provide some historical context regarding the most recent truck purchases, was in February of 2021 at which time the Municipality awarded the tender of two (2) pick-up trucks to one vendor. One was a Crew Cab and the other was a Double Cab. Covid-19 supply restrictions of parts and labour eventually caused General Motors to officially cancel the tendered Municipality fleet orders in January 2022.

Due to availability issues, industry demands and pricing and Municipal needs, these two cancelled orders were replaced by the purchase one new ½ ton pickup truck and a used ½ ton pickup truck, both at a higher cost than the original ordered trucks.

Fleet Versatility

The Municipality retains purchased vehicles in its fleet for many years and historically the practice has been to move vehicles between departments based on age, usage and needs, with the newer purchases staying with the departments who utilize them the most and the older vehicles shifting to the more under used areas. The ½ ton pickup truck is more versatile to support the various functions of each department with a higher towing capacity, larger cab size and larger truck bed capacity.

Recommendation

Based on the consideration of the above, Public Works recommend that the purchase of the 2023 Chevrolet 1500 Silverado for \$66,797.76 is the preferred vehicle for the Department's needs. Although, the mid-size Colorado has a lower purchase price and slightly better fuel economy, the Building Department prefers the 2022 Dodge Ram 1500, as the vehicle is available immediately. Building and Public Works staff recommend that the purchase of these two (2) ½ ton pick-up trucks would best support the needs of the Municipality at this time.

Savings of \$8,270.34 could be realized if the purchase was deferred until October 2023 when the 2023 Colorado Crew Cab becomes available at Morrow Sales & Service/Hallman Motors, as noted in RFP 2023-06. Notwithstanding, this the two (2) preferred trucks proposed to be purchased are as follows:

Bud Rier Chevrolet 2023 Chevrolet 1500 Silverado Crew Cab 4x4 5.3 L engine	\$66,797.76	In Stock	Public Works
Rankin's Garage 2022 Dodge Ram 1500 Crew Cab 4x4 5.7 L Engine	\$61,042.71	In Stock	Building Services

Link to Strategic/Master Plan

6.4 Leading Financial Management

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding/Link to Procurement Policy

The 2023 Capital Budget allotted funding for the purchase of a ½ ton pick-up truck to account #23-TRANS-0019 in the amount of \$58,000 and #23-BLDG-0001 for \$56,000. The purchase of the Building Department vehicle is being offset by the sale of the 2019 Dodge Ram to Fire and Emergency Services, valued at \$26,090.53. Therefore, the net cash output to the Building Department is \$28,880.32.

The total cost for the two trucks after the HST rebate is \$115,141.19. The Building Department vehicle is within budget; however, the Transportation vehicle is over budget by \$2,153.45. The additional cost will be financed by account 7266 Roads Reserve.

Additional savings of \$8,270.34 could be realized if the purchase was deferred until October 2023 when the 2023 Colorado Crew Cab becomes available at Morrow Sales & Service/Hallman Motors, as noted in RFP 2023-06.

Approved by: Sylvia Kirkwood, Chief Administrative Officer



The Corporation of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie

Information Report

Report From: Carly Steinhoff, Park, Facilities and Recreation Manager

Meeting Date: June 12, 2023

Subject: SRREC.23.08 Splash Pad Update

Attachments: Appendix A – Chesley Splash Pad Financial Review
Appendix B – Paisley Splash Pad Financial Review
Appendix C – Tara Splash Pad Financial Review
Appendix D – Chesley Park Enhancement Photos
Appendix E – Paisley Splash Pad Layout
Appendix F – Tara Splash Pad Layout

Report Summary

To provide an update regarding the status of each splash pad in the Municipality.

Background

The Municipality received funding in 2022 from the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario to fund multiple projects, including three (3) splash pads. The Kinsmen Club of Chesley were in the planning phase of upgrading the existing pad and had begun fundraising efforts. Community members in both Paisley and Tara expressed interest in the facilities in their respective communities and volunteer committees were formed to fundraise the costs of the pads and associated features.

Chesley

Splash Pad construction began in the spring of 2022 and had its grand opening in July 2022. The project included removal of existing pad and attributes, excavating, new concrete pad with new water features. The project also included the addition of two (2) benches and two (2) accessible tables surrounding the pad and an archway entrance with accessible path for all abilities to utilize. The Chesley Splash pad has been given the name of "Chesley Kinsmen Splash Pad".

Paisley & Tara

Construction for both splash pad's, Paisley and Tara, began in the fall of 2022 and continues through today.

Analysis

Paisley

All features have been installed for the splash pad. The water line and hydro are ready to be hooked into the system. The Splash Pad Committee has ordered a portable washroom that will be located on the west side of the splash pad and will be accessible to the sanitation company to pump out. The unit has one (1) toilet, sink with running water and room for a change table. The Committee has also secured five (5) benches and two (2) accessible shade tables to surround the pad. A concrete walkway has been poured from Inkerman Street to the splash pad to allow access for all abilities. The walkway will have a 4' x 6' archway entry, similar to Chesley's entrance. Both the archway and portable washroom are exempt from Saugeen Valley Conservation Area regulations however, the Authority has provided parameter about each structure that will be adhered to. Staff are continuing conversations with the Authority regarding both assets. The entrance will include signage noting the "Paisley Splash Pad" and associated donor signage. The Splash Pad will be known as the "Paisley Rotary Splash Pad" as the Paisley Rotary group donated \$50,000.00 toward the project and the feature is situated in Rotary Park. Sod has also been ordered to place around the pad where construction took place. Finally, a donor sign concept continues to be developed with a local sign company. This area will be levelled out and installed during the second week of June. The Splash Pad Committee has a grand opening event planned on June 23, 2023.

Tara

All features have been installed for the splash pad. The Splash Pad Committee and staff continue to seek clarification regarding the Hamilton Street Watermain Project, as the water connection to the splash pad is contingent on the watermain project. Staff are working with an electrician to ensure it is complete. The Committee has ordered six (6) benches and two (2) accessible picnic tables to surround the pad. The Committee and staff will be working with a local contractor to install a brick pathway from the north end driveway to the splash pad. Many of these bricks will be engraved with donor insignia. The Committee is planning to complete landscaping around the splash pad with low maintenance shrubs and stones. There will also be shrubs installed along the north side of the splash pad to assist with privacy between the splash pad and the neighbouring homes. The Committee would also like to construct a shade shelter with the assistance of the Tara Rotary Club.

The shade structure will be located on the southwest corner of the splash pad and will be installed on a concrete slab that is 17' x 23'. This structure will require a building permit, which staff and the Committee will obtain. The Committee is optimistic for a July 1, 2023 grand opening however, more information regarding the Hamilton Street project is needed prior to making this an official opening day.

Community Support

The Kinsmen Club of Chesley, Paisley Splash Pad Committee and Tara Splash Pad Committee have all worked tirelessly on their respective projects to make these community assets available and should be commended for their commitment, hard work and dedication to each project.

Link to Strategic/Master Plan

6.3 Facilitating Community Growth

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding

Detailed financial reports, as of May 30, 2023, are attached to this report.

Chesley Splash Pad

The Municipality has received \$261,156.23 in grants and donations for this project and expenses incurred to date are \$200,156.23. The surplus revenue from the Kinsmen Club of Chesley will be utilized for the upgrades to the Chesley playground, located beside the splash pad.

Paisley Splash Pad

The Municipality has received \$257,918.06 in grants and donations for this project and expenses incurred to date are \$198,704.15. Outstanding expenses for the splash pad project include remaining cost of the washroom, water and electrical costs, ground levelling, sod and associated landscaping, entrance structure and signage. It is unknown if there will be any surplus funds at project completion, but staff will continue to work with the Committee should this arise to determine if funds can be applied to future operational costs or be redirected to another Council approved project.

Tara Splash Pad

The Municipality has received \$244,025.53 in grants and donations for this project and expenses incurred to date are \$177,775.21.

Outstanding expenses for the splash pad project include remaining cost of the water and electrical costs, ground levelling and associated landscaping, shade structure and signage. It is unknown if there will be any surplus funds at project completion, but staff will continue to work with the Committee should this arise to determine if funds can be applied to future operational costs or be redirected to another Council approved project.

Ongoing Operational Costs

The 2023 approved operating budget includes \$1,000 for each of the splashpads.

Recreation staff have been working with staff in the Works and Water Department and have agreed to utilize the Swimming Pool flat rate fee within the 2023 Fees and Charges By-Law, which is \$1,565.38 per pad. The splash pad in Paisley will have a water meter installed, so staff will be able to monitor usage to determine if this rate is comparable to actual usage.

Hydro at each site will be added to existing services.

The purchase of the portable washroom at the Paisley site will have monthly costs for the unit to be pumped. This cost is estimated at approximately \$103.00 per month of operation. Chesley Splash Pad has access to a portable washroom at the south end of the park, beside the Dave Spencer Pavilion. This unit is a monthly rental from May to September. The Tara Splash Pad will utilize the washroom at the Kinette Pavilion. Staff will be monitoring operating costs with each pad to determine more accurate figures to be included within the 2024 budget once this season of operation has been completed.

Approved By: Sylvia Kirkwood, CAO

**Municipality of Arran-Eldersle
Chesley Splashpad
Capital ID: 02-7033 (Grant ID: 415)
As of May 30, 2023**

	Total	2023	2022	2021
Revenue Received				
Grant - total as per Agreement	131,250.00		131,250.00	
Contribution from Chesley Kinsmen Club	58,306.23		38,306.23	20,000.00 **
Municipal Reserves	-		-	
Donations	71,600.00	61,000.00	600.00	10,000.00
	<u>261,156.23</u>	<u>61,000.00</u>	<u>170,156.23</u>	<u>30,000.00</u>
Expenses Incurred				
Entrance Way	4,482.53		4,482.53	
Excavating and Asphalt	9,969.19		9,969.19	
Fencing	1,017.60		1,017.60	
Hydro and Power Supply	9,531.23		9,531.23	
Splashpad Installation	155,155.68		155,155.68	
Splashpad Downpayment	20,000.00			20,000.00 **
	<u>200,156.23</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>180,156.23</u>	<u>20,000.00</u>
Funds Required to Cover Expenses (Net Revenue Received)				
	<u>(61,000.00)</u>	<u>(61,000.00)</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>(10,000.00)</u>

**** downpayment, paid direct by Chesley Kinsmen Club**

Notes:	
<i>Grant Claim Submission #1 prepared July 27, 2022</i>	
<i>Total expenditures at time of claim:</i>	<i>170,097.74</i>
<i>Grant eligibility, pending approval of Claim</i>	<i>127,573.31</i>
Grant:	
<i>Eligibility Date - April 19, 2021 to March 31, 2023</i>	
<i>Total Eligible Expenditures</i>	<i>175,000.00</i>
<i>Total Grant (75%)</i>	<i>131,250.00</i>

Municipality of Arran-Eldersle
Paisley Splashpad
Capital ID: 02-7034
As of May 30, 2023

	Total	2023	2022
Revenue Received			
Municipal Reserves	-		-
Grant - Canada	131,250.00		131,250.00
Donations	126,668.06	30,189.81	96,478.25
	<u>257,918.06</u>	<u>30,189.81</u>	<u>227,728.25</u>
Expenses Incurred			
Electrical Work	8,659.78	8,659.78	
Waterline & Connections	3,079.60	556.77	2,522.83
Washroom Trailer	8,929.44		8,929.44
Permit Fees	786.00		786.00
Splashpad Installation	173,407.89		173,407.89
Benches	3,841.44	3,841.44	
	<u>198,704.15</u>	<u>13,057.99</u>	<u>185,646.16</u>
Surplus Funds Received	<u>59,213.91</u>	<u>17,131.82</u>	<u>42,082.09</u>
Grant: <i>Eligibility Date - April 19, 2021 to March 31, 2023</i>			
<i>Total Eligible Expenditures</i>			175,000.00
<i>Total Grant (75%)</i>			131,250.00
Budget: <i>Expenses</i>			175,000.00
<i>Financed by:</i>			
Grant			131,250.00
Donations			43,750.00


Municipality of Arran-Elderslie
Tara Splashpad
Capital ID: 02-7035
As of May30, 2023

	Total	2023	2022
Revenue Received			
Municipal Reserves	10,000.00		10,000.00
Grant	131,250.00		131,250.00
Donations	102,775.53	21,555.50	81,220.03
	<u>244,025.53</u>	<u>21,555.50</u>	<u>222,470.03</u>
Expenses Incurred			
Splashpad Installation	177,086.32		177,086.32
Parts	688.89		688.89
	<u>177,775.21</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>177,775.21</u>
Surplus Funds Received	<u>66,250.32</u>	<u>21,555.50</u>	<u>44,694.82</u>
Grant: <i>Eligibility Date - April 19, 2021 to March 31, 2023</i>			
<i>Total Eligible Expenditures</i>			175,000.00
<i>Total Grant (75%)</i>			131,250.00
Budget: <i>Expenses</i>			175,000.00
<i>Financed by:</i>			
Grant			131,250.00
Donations			43,750.00

Chesley Park Enhancement Photos

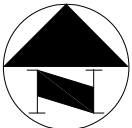






ARRAN-ELDERSLIE
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ALL CONSTRUCTION TO MEET
THE ONTARIO BUILDING CODE

PROJECT NORTH



PROJECT	PAISLEY SPLASH PAD
CLIENT	ARRAN-ELDERSLIE
DRAWING	AERIAL SITE

DRAWN	AE
DATE	MAY 2023
SCALE	1"=30'
FILE	410341000122100
REV No.	0.01

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Tara Splash Pad Layout and Concept





The Corporation of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: June 12, 2023

Subject: SRFIRE.23.03 Fire Department Radio Modernization

Report from: Steve Tiernan, Fire Chief

Appendices: Hartman Communication Quote - Fire House Subs Grant

Recommendation

Be It Resolved that Council hereby,

1. Awards the purchase to Hartman Communications for the purchase of radios for the Fire House Subs grant, in the amount of \$16,409.86; and
 2. Provides an exemption from Article 4 of the Municipal Procurement Policy.
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Report Summary

The report has been prepared to award the purchase of radios to Hartman Communications, without the requirement to proceed with obtaining three (3) competitive quotes.

Background

The Fire Chief was notified of a grant opportunity involving Fire House Subs and their annual Emergency Services Grant. As part of the modernization program identified by the Fire & Emergency Services was to look at the fire departments' fleet radio needs that would assist with inter-operability with other Municipalities during emergency responses, as well as the departments own operational needs.

Hartman Communication was able to assist in identifying the radio needs to modernize the radio system. They provided a quote for the Fire House Subs Grant and identified future radio needs of the fire service moving forward.

The grant was applied for, and the Fire Chief was successful in being awarded the grant for \$16,409.86 for Harman Communication to install the radios identified in the grant application. No additional costs are required from the Municipality.

Analysis

On May 11th a funding agreement was signed with Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation of Canada for the donation of \$16,409.86 for the purchase of 10 Kenwood NX5700K series radios and 3 Kenwood NX5200K series radios. The amount of the donation supports the quote provided by Hartman Communication, as submitted with the grant application.

Article 4 of the Procurement Policy requires three (3) written competitive quotes with a recommendation submitted to Council for approval. Staff are requesting an exemption from the Policy, whereby “for reasons of time, or due to the nature of the goods and services to be supplied, the interests of the Municipality would be best served by a direct purchase”, and that the purchase is awarded to Hartman Communication.

Link to Strategic/Master Plan

6.6 Modernizing Services

Master Fire Plan 2020

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding/Link to Procurement Policy

The purchase of the radios is fully supported by the grant awarded by Firehouse Subs.

Approved by: Sylvia Kirkwood, Chief Administrative Officer



Arran Elderslie Fire Dept
Attention : Chief Steve Tiernan

Mar 02,2023

Radio communications system Quotation

Currently your radio system is a older analog system and with the changes in other departments surrounding you to digital platforms this has rendered your current radio's redundant for any kind of mutual aid or inter-operability .

There are two different digital platforms in use to your neighbouring Municipalities , NXDN and DMR digital therefore only the NX5700 series mobiles and NX5200 series portables will be compatible to communicate with your mutual aid partners . These series of radio's are what is in use now with surrounding Municipal departments and moving forward will be the series recommended to your department to standardize across the county .

Unfortunately your neighbours changed leaving your department behind without any inter-operability and we recommend immediate upgrade to your units for the safety of your personnel to be able to communicate effectively on scene .

The pricing per unit for the recommended radio's is as follows :

Mobiles or Truck Radio's

NX5700K	10	Kenwood 50 watt , VHF Radio with DMR , NXDN ,P25	\$ 944.00 each	\$ 9440.00
		Analog , programmed with all partnering departments		
Install	10	Removal of old Radio , Install new system per unit	102.00 each	\$ 1020.00

Total Cost less taxes with ten trucks the total is \$10460.00

Portables or Handheld Radio's

NX5200K	3	Kenwood 6 watt , VHF Radio with DMR , NXDN ,P25	\$ 1106.00 each	\$ 3318.00
		Analog , programmed with all partnering departments ,		
		Comes with Lithium battery , antenna , rapid charger .		
KMC72	3	Speaker microphone	138.00 each	\$ 414.00
KWD-5002SD		micro SD card activation for recording all audio on scene	\$ 110.00 each	\$ 330.00

3 portable command units required , total cost \$4062.00 .

System cost \$ \$14522.00
HST 1887.86
TOTAL \$ 16409.86

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

BY-LAW NO. 33-2023

**BEING A BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF
THE MUNICIPALITY OF ARRAN-ELDERSLIE
HELD JUNE 12, 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 June 12, 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 June 12, 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.

READ a FIRST and SECOND time this 12th day of June, 2023.

READ a THIRD time and finally passed this 12th day of June,
2023.

Steve Hammell, Mayor

Christine Fraser-McDonald, Clerk