



MUNICIPALITY OF ARRAN-ELDERSLIE

Council Meeting

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

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September 25, 2023

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MUNICIPALITY OF ARRAN-ELDERSLIE

Council Meeting

MINUTES

Monday, June 26, 2023, 9:00 a.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 9:00 am. A quorum was present.

2. Mayor's Announcements (If Required)

- The Mayor introduced Devan Baker to Council. Devan is the new administrative coordinator, supporting the Senior Management Team. She is on a one-year contract.
- July 1st is Canada Day. The Municipal Administration Office will be closed on Monday July 3rd.
- The Arran Landfill will be closed on Saturday July 1st.
- The Kinsmen Club of Chesley will be holding their annual July Fest in Chesley starting on June 28th to June 30th. There is a ball tournament as well as a DJ on Friday from 9 – 1. On Sunday, there is a Car Show starting at 9:00 a.m. and breakfast from 9 – 11a.m.

- The Summer Municipal Newsletter is out and is available on our webpage as well.
- The Paisley Market will be open on July 16th and August 20th from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Jess Pridham, our Economic Development and Communications Coordinator will be available at the Chesley, Tara and Paisley libraries one day a week from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. from July 20th to September 7th. Jess will be there to support any economic development and tourism questions.
- The Paisley Splash Pad had its grand opening on Friday.

3. **Adoption of Agenda**

Council passed the following resolution:

186-14-2023

Moved by: Councillor Nickason

Seconded by: Councillor Hampton

Be It Resolved that the agenda for the Council Meeting of Monday, June 26, 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 **June 12, 2023 Council Minutes**

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

187-14-2023

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 June 12, 2023.

Carried

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

8. Minutes of Sub-Committee Meetings

None.

9. Public Meeting(s)

9.1 Zoning By-law Amendment - Abraflex (2004) Ltd. -Z-2021-101 and Local Official Plan Amendment - L-2022-014

Mayor Steve Hammell called the public meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. He stated that the purpose of the public meeting was to consider a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment Z-2021-101 and a Local Official Plan Amendment – L-2022-014 for Abraflex (2004) Ltd..

Jenn Burnett, Planner for the County of Bruce, attended the meeting.

She noted that Abraflex (2004) Ltd. is proposing to reconfigure their land holdings to facilitate future development of the business park use. Previous submissions have been amended and reactivated.

The change would involve severing the existing Abraflex facility (lot area of 15,385 m², with a frontage of 40.07 m on Bruce County Road 3) and the business office/residence (lot area of 9,156 m², with a frontage of 238 m on North Street) into two separate parcels; thereby retaining a 15.05 ha vacant business park parcel with 219.63m of frontage onto North Street. No development is currently proposed for the retained parcel.

An Official Plan Amendment is required to remove the Special Policy Area constraint (SPA 3.10.1) from the lands and redesignate the proposed severed parcel on North Street from Industrial to Residential. A Zoning By-Law Amendment is required to rezone the severed parcels from BP1 – Business Park to R1 - Residential: Low Density Single. Related application B-2021-103 for a water and sewer easement to service the Abraflex facility was conditionally approved January 18, 2022.

She noted that there would be a holding provision included as part of the Zoning Amendment as there had been no previous engagement with SON.

Comments were received from the following agencies:

- Hydro One provided email comments dated May 12, 2023 noting no comments or concerns at this time.
- In email comments dated May 15, 2023, the Historic Saugeen Métis (HSM) Lands, Resources and Consultation Department noted no objection or opposition to the proposed Land Severance(s), Zoning and Local Official Plan Amendment as presented. Saugeen

Valley Conservation Authority provided comments dated March 3, 2022 and May 26, 2023 requesting that a holding provision within 30 metres of the existing hazard land limit be implemented on the proposed retained and severed residential lots. The purpose of the holding zone would be to prohibit development and site alteration until SVCA is satisfied with a slope stability study that assesses slope conditions and provides an erosion hazard setback to future development.

- Bruce County Transportation Services noted no comment on the applications. (undated correspondence)
- Residents: No written comments submitted by the report submission deadline.
- Arran-Elderslie Public Works - there is private water line to the existing house. This will need to be decommissioned as part of the severance application.

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

Councillor Dudgeon asked if the existing residence would be its own separate property.

Deputy Mayor Shaw asked if the residence will be rezoned residential and the remainder of the property as commercial.

Councillor Penner asked if the residence would have a well and if the lagoons were now gone.

The Mayor asked Works Manager Scott McLeod if there were services. In order for the house to be serviced, the water and sewer mains would be required to be extended on North Street.

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

Juliane Von Westerhold was in attendance on behalf of the client.

The Mayor asked if any members of the public wished to make a submission either in favour or opposed to the proposed application.

The Mayor asked the Clerk if any correspondence had been received regarding the applications.

The Clerk noted that she had received no further correspondence.

Members of Council and the public were provided a final opportunity for questions prior to the closing of the public meeting.

No further questions were raised and the Mayor declared the public meeting closed at 9:19 a.m.

Subsequent to further discussion, the following motion was passed:

188-14-2023

Moved by: Councillor Steinacker

Seconded by: Councillor Dudgeon

Be It Resolved that Council hereby,

1. Adopt Official Plan Amendment Number L-2022-014 for Abraflex (2004) Ltd, and that the necessary by-law be forwarded to County Council for approval at the next available Council meeting; and
2. Approve Zoning By-law Amendment Z-2021-101 for Abraflex (2004) Ltd and that the necessary by-law be forwarded to Council for adoption at the next available Council meeting; and
3. That the above approval is subject to a review of submissions arising from the public meeting.

Carried

10. Delegations

The Paisley Splash Pad Committee, Dale and Cheryl Steinhoff and Maggie Gamble were invited by Council to thank them for their hard work.

Council thanked the Committee, Facilities Manager, Carly Steinhoff, and the Water and Works Departments.

11. Presentations

12. Correspondence

12.1 Requiring Action

None.

12.2 For Information

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

189-14-2023

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 AMO Policy Update - Strong Mayor Powers Expanded

12.2.2 AMO Watchfile - June 15, 2023

12.2.3 AMO Watchfile - June 22, 2023

12.2.4 Grey Sauble Conservation Foundation - Memorial Forest Ceremony

12.2.5 Clean Energy Frontier Newsletter

12.2.6 AMCTO Municipal Minute - June 21, 2023

13. Staff Reports

13.1 CAO/Clerks

13.2 Finance

13.3 Public Works

13.3.1 SRW.23.13 Award Winter Sand Tender

190-14-2023

Moved by: Councillor Dudgeon

Seconded by: Councillor Nickason

Be It Resolved that Council hereby:

1. Award the contracts for winter sand and salt, as per the terms and conditions posted by Bruce County, to Ed Karcher Construction Ltd., in the amount of \$58,731.75 including HST, based on a volume of 3,300 tonnes of sand and \$12,911.66 including HST for the salt from Compass Minerals; and
2. That this purchase be financed from Account #01-2520-4340 – Winter Sand/Salt – Material & Supplies.

Carried

13.3.2 SRWS.23.04 Riverside Overflow Event

Water Foreman, Chris Legge presented his report to Council for information purposes.

13.4 Building/Bylaw

13.5 Facilities, Parks and Recreation

Facilities Manager Carly Steinhoff noted that a grant had been submitted on behalf of the Chesley Lawn Bowling Club.

13.6 Emergency Services

The Fire Chief noted that he had attended a funeral on Friday for a fallen firefighter.

13.7 Economic Development and Planning

14. Notice of Motion

None.

15. Members Updates

Shaw:

Deputy Mayor Shaw attended the Paisley Splash Pad, judged the Arran-Tara Fall Fair Ambassador Competition, attended the market in Paisley, attended the Kincardine and Owen Sound PRIDE festivals and stopped at Hatten's Home Hardware for their 50th anniversary celebrations.

Hampton:

Councillor Hampton noted that July Fest is this weekend in Chesley, he will be touring downtown Chesley on July 14th with Jessica Pridham, and MEI will be celebrating their 40th anniversary in business.

Dudgeon:

Councillor Dudgeon had nothing to report.

Steinacker:

Councillor Steinacker attended the Paisley Splash Pad opening, and toured the new dry land training facility in Tara.

Penner:

Councillor Penner attended a Chamber meeting in Paisley, the sculpture installations, and presented a certificate to a new business in Paisley. She attended the Splash Pad opening and "Isotopes for Hope" at the nuclear plant.

Nickason:

Councillor Nickason attended a BASWR meeting on June 14th.

Hammell:

Mayor Hammell attended Hatten's Home Hardware for their 50th anniversary celebrations, the Paisley Splash Pad opening, OPP Inspector Krista Miller's retirement, Kinett's 30th anniversary, SBGHC Update, and the Arran-Tara Fall Fair Ambassador Competition.

16. New Business

None.

17. By-laws

None.

18. Closed Session (if required)

191-14-2023

Moved by: Councillor Hampton

Seconded by: Councillor Penner

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;
- () labour relations or employee negotiations;
- () litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;
- () advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
- () 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:

CAO Sylvia Kirkwood, Clerk Christine Fraser-McDonald, Public Works Manager
Scott McLeod, Fire Chief Steve Tiernan, Treasurer Tracey Neifer

Carried

19. Resolution to Reconvene in Open Session

Mayor Hammell noted that Council directed staff to formalize the costing for grading and for staff to continue formal negotiations for the acquisition of approximately one acre land to the north of the proposed fire hall site in Paisley.

192-14-2203

Moved by: Councillor Hampton

Seconded by: Councillor Dudgeon

Be It Resolved That Council of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie does now return to the Open Session at 11:11 a.m.

Carried

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

Direction was given to staff in Closed Session regarding the disposal of Municipal Lands.

21. Adoption of Closed Session Minutes

193-14-2023

Moved by: Councillor Hampton

Seconded by: Councillor Steinacker

Be It Resolved that Council of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie adopt the minutes of the Closed Session dated May 23, 2023.

Carried

22. Confirming By-law

22.1 By-Law 36-2023 - Confirm the Proceedings of the June 26, 2023 Council meeting

Council passed the following resolution:

194-14-2023

Moved by: Councillor Hampton

Seconded by: Councillor Penner

Be It Resolved that By-law No. 36-2023 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 36-2023 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Council meeting of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie held Monday, June 26, 2023.

Carried

23. Adjournment

Subsequent to further discussion, Council passed the following resolution:

195-14-2023

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Shaw

Seconded by: Councillor Nickason

Be It Resolved that the meeting be adjourned to the call of the Mayor at 11.14 a.m.

Carried

24. List of Upcoming Council meetings

July 10, 2023

August 14, 2023

September 11, 2023

September 25, 2023

Steve Hammell, Mayor

Christine Fraser-McDonald, Clerk



Joint Health and Safety Committee Minutes

**January 19, 2023
10:00 am**

Members Present	Scott McLeod Julie Hamilton Katrina Eke Mark Faust Len Phillippi Steve Tiernan Ben Overeem
Members Absent	Corey Mannerow Richard Pepper

1. Call to Order

Co-Chair Steve Tiernan called the meeting to order.

2. Adoption of Previous Minutes

The Committee passed the following resolution:

JHSC-2023-01

Moved By Scott McLeod

Seconded By Katrina Eke

Be It Resolved that the Joint Health and Safety Committee hereby approves the minutes of the meeting dated December 1, 2022.

Carried

2.1 JHSC Minutes - December 1, 2023

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

Sharps Training

The Paisley Arena is the only one who has not completed the training signoff and Katrina has received no reply.

Part One JHSC Certification Course

Steve is still waiting to hear back from some firefighters for interest and dates. The training will likely be on a weekend but something will be worked out for Richard to attend.

2022 Inspections

There are a number of outstanding inspections from 2022 that no paperwork has been received for. It is important to ensure that inspections are taking place, that the follow up is being performed and the paperwork is provided to Katrina.

Katrina distributed the inspection schedules and forms for 2023 to the Committee members.

3.1 Health and Safety Policy Manual Update

The Public Safety Policy and Confined Space Policy have been updated and were reviewed by the Committee.

Subsequent to further discussion, the Committee pass the following resolution:

JHSC-2023-02

Moved By Mark Faust

Seconded By Len Phillippi

Be It Resolved that the Joint Health and Safety Committee hereby approves the revised Health and Safety Policy manual and directs the Recording Secretary to finalize the draft and prepare it for presentation to Council for final approval at the next available meeting.

Carried

4. Incident Reports

Scott provided the Committee with an overview of a few recent incidents.

1. There was an incident where CH15 was damaged when moving brush. It was determined that the forks were not the best device for this task and use of the bucket instead could have avoided the incident.
2. A wrench slipped and struck a worker while working on equipment. There was no medical attention needed. Body position and a firm grip should be used in the future. The task has been completed several times since without incident.
3. A slip and fall on ice occurred going from one building to another in the parking lot. The parking lot is now being sanded and a bucket has been placed at the location as well.
4. There was damage to a snowplow when pushing back snow backs. The employee was not hurt. There will be a staff meeting to discuss and follow up measures determined. An SOP will potentially be developed for snow removal measures.

5. New Business

Julie noted that the 2023 green books are being ordered. Each main work location will receive an updated version.

6. Next Meeting Date

April 6, 2023

June 15, 2023

September 14, 2023

7. Adjournment

The Committee passed the following resolution:

JHSC-2023-03

Moved By Katrina Eke

Seconded By Len Phillippi

Be It Resolved that the Joint Health and Safety Committee meeting is adjourned at 10:38 am.

Carried



Chair



Steve Tiernan

Co-Chair



Recording Secretary

Renewable Energy in Arran-Elderslie

Request for Municipal Support Resolution

Bogdan Dinu and Grant Johns





ABOUT US

Catalyzing a more sustainable future

Shift Solar Inc. is an Ontario-based solar and energy storage developer with clients in Canada and the United States. Our goal is to expedite the adoption of green energy initiatives and support the shift to sustainable energy infrastructure.

With a development motto of "do the greatest good," the Shift team strives to maximize a site's energy production capabilities, while being mindful of the impacts to the land and the communities that surround it.



OUR COMMITMENT

We're all in this together.

We're committed to working alongside our municipal partners to bring out the best in every project and every community. Here are the values that keep us on track.



PEOPLE

Restoring environmental balance through sustainable infrastructure is a team effort. We want to take care of each other, our partners, and the communities where we work so everyone can prosper as we build a healthier, happier planet.



PLANET

We strive to do the greatest good for the planet by maximizing energy production, minimizing environmental impact, and establishing thoughtful rehabilitation measures at the end of a project's life.



INTEGRITY

We believe integrity is all about working respectfully. We choose to operate with honesty, humility, and transparency to ensure we amplify our impact



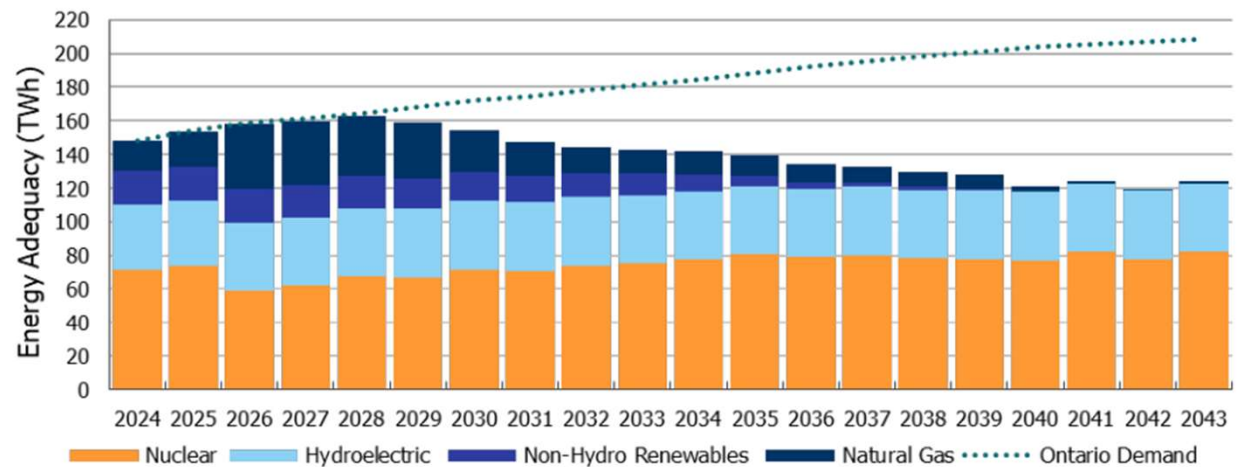
THE NEED FOR NEW STRATEGIES

Ontario is on the brink of an energy crisis

In their planning outlooks, the IESO predicts an energy and capacity shortfall as soon as 2026.

- Between 2025 and 2027, Ontario needs 4,000 MW of new supply
- The gap between demand and generation is expected to expand for 20 years

Figure 21 | Energy Adequacy Outlook (Case 1)



www.ieso.ca/en/Sector-Participants/Planning-and-Forecasting/Annual-Planning-Outlook

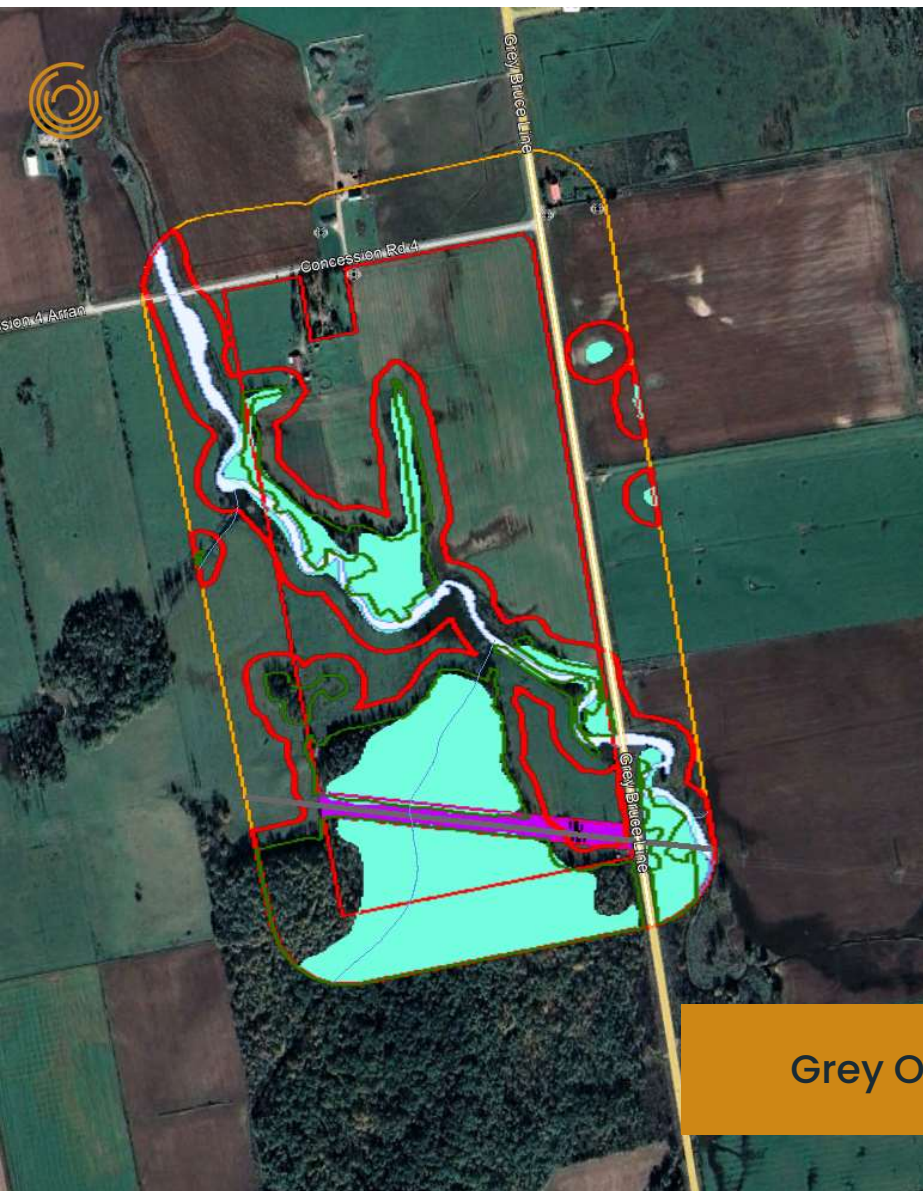


THE NEED FOR NEW STRATEGIES

But, there is some good news

In 2022, IESO released a Long-Term RFP (LTR1 RFP) to competitively procure year-round capacity from dispatchable New Build and Eligible Expansion resources. This includes a target of 1,600 MWs of energy storage resources. The RFP timeline is as follows:





Grey Owl Storage

THE SOLUTION

Save it for a rainy day

This project is proposed to be a 200MW battery energy storage system with 4 hours of capacity (800MWh) connected to the 230kV transmission lines. It will sit on roughly 40 acres of land.

Why was this location chosen:

- Close to growing populous to provide power locally
- Close to distribution and major transmission lines to easy interconnection
- Land that is flat and cleared to cause no new environmental disruptions
- Long major roadway for ease of delivery during construction
- Limited residences affected and can be visually concealed
- While there is a local waterway, setbacks will be carefully assessed and measured



THE PERKS

Here's how your community can benefit



Grid Modernization for Greater Reliability

Solar and energy storage infrastructure can help protect against power interruptions, increase power quality to local circuits and prevent against energy price fluctuation.



Economic Boost

Increase in business patronage during construction (lodging, fuel, food, materials) as well as providing jobs stimulus during construction and long-term maintenance.



Emission Reduction

Solar and energy storage infrastructure do not produce greenhouse gas emissions during operation.



Pollinator Habitats

Undisturbed land creates a healthy, abundant, and safe habitat for pollinators to flourish. In Canada, insect pollination is estimated to directly contribute 3.18 billion dollars to national crop production.



THE PERKS

Here's how your community can benefit



Conserving Fresh Water Resources

Traditional power generation uses massive amounts of fresh water in their processes to cool systems. This is not required for solar and energy storage resources.



Fallow Land

Solar and energy storage resources allow farmland to rest. When land is left to fallow, the soil has a chance to recover and restore helpful organic matter and nutrients while improving the soil's ability to hold moisture.



Supporting Community Growth

In a broader commitment to the communities we work, we strive to negotiate options for:

- Creating scholarships or charitable funds during project life
- Building local EV charging stations during construction
- Planting pollinator habitats within the project
- Other alternatives by suggestion



WHAT TO EXPECT

Here's our approach to making great things happen



Step One – Engagement

Through out the project development cycle, Shift will consult with key stakeholders to illicit and address concerns. This includes indigenous communities, neighbouring residents, special interest groups and interested members of the public.

Step Two – Provincial Level

Large Energy Storage projects must file a Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities with MECP.

Step Three – Municipal Level

Like any development, solar and energy storage projects must follow local processes for land use permits which typically involve site plan applications and aligning with existing zoning by-laws.



THE ASK

**You have the power to
make sustainability a
reality in Arran-Elderslie**

Municipal Support Resolution

The IESO has stated municipal support to be a mandatory requirement to submitting a bid into the LT1 RFP to address Ontario's energy crisis.

We ask that you provide support in the form of a signed MSR. A MSR will allow us to participate in the procurement process.

If awarded a contract from the IESO, the project will go through all the normal permitting processes where we can discuss the options to further benefit your community.



Questions





Contact us.



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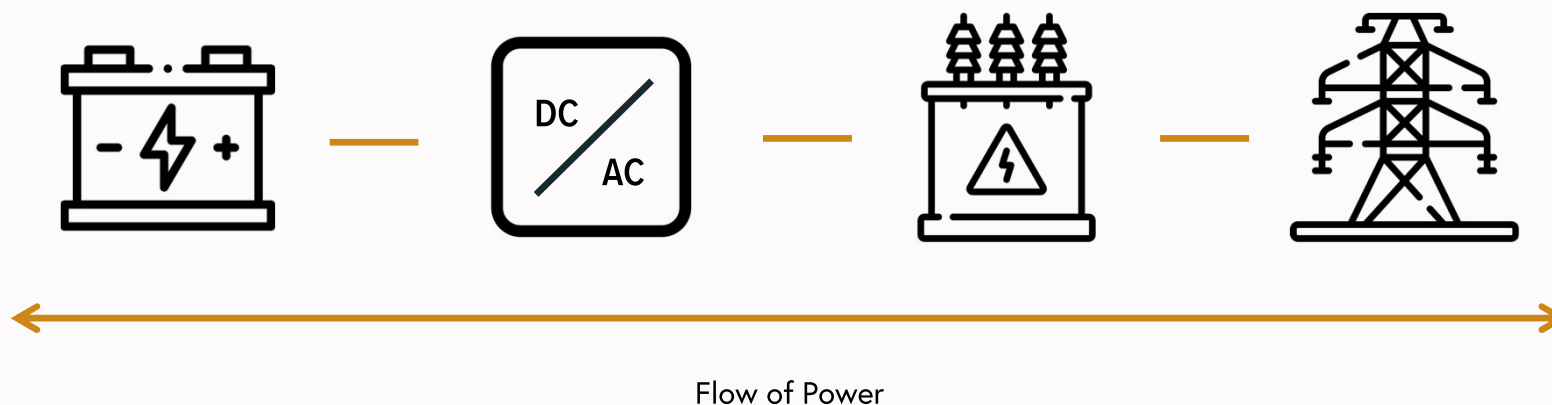
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THE TECHY BITS

Here's how energy storage works



Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS), are power plants that enable energy from the electrical grid, to be stored and then released when customers need power most. Lithium-ion batteries, which are used in mobile phones and electric cars, are currently the most-used storage technology for large scale energy storage projects. A site consists of containerized batteries, inverters, medium voltage transformers, gravel internal access roads, buried collector and communication cabling, a small transmission substation, potential garage and operations and maintenance building.

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and REGIONAL TRANSIT

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REPORT TO ARRAN-ELDERSLIE – July 5th, 2023

Saugeen Mobility and Regional Transit, or SMART, as its nickname, specializes in public transit serving the mentally and physically challenged residents of Arran-Elderslie, Brockton, Chatsworth, Grey Highlands, Hanover, Huron-Kinloss, Kincardine, Saugeen Shores, Southgate and West Grey. This covers more than 5000 square kilometers, the largest geographical transit area in Ontario and the second largest in Canada.

SMART currently has a fleet of 20 vehicles and 19 drivers. The fleet includes 9 9-passenger accessible buses, 10 accessible minivans and one 30-passenger accessible bus.

SMART is run by a Board of 10 Directors, one from each client municipality, and Councillor Townsend is one of the Directors.

local and personal since 1977

SMART is also a registered Canadian charity. Donations are gratefully received and tax receipts are issued for all donations.

Individual user fees are currently \$2.00 plus \$.55/km with a \$7.50 minimum per ride. Waiting time is charged at \$22.00 per hour. Out of area rides or where a vehicle and driver are deemed to be 'chartered' are charged at \$.55/km plus \$22.00 per hour from the time the vehicle arrives at the client's residence until the client is done with the vehicle. There are no 'deadhead' charges. Deadhead charges are those related to the passenger-less vehicle getting to and from the client's residence.

A 'ride' is defined as one person going from point 'A' to point 'B'. A 'return trip' is 2 'rides'. As per the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, each client may have a companion or attendant ride free of charge. As well, extra stops between destination points are counted as rides since there is a charge for them.

In the view of the Ontario Ministry of Transportation, public transit services are a municipal responsibility. The Government of Ontario, however, provides funding to all transit systems in the province to support their operations through the Ministry of Transportation's Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program. Funds under this program are paid based on population and ridership data from two calendar years prior (for example, March 2022 funding was based on 2020 statistics).

In keeping with MTO methodology, municipal contributions are calculated annually with a 30% weight applied to population and a 70% weight applied to ridership. This overall contribution percentage or 'share' is then applied to the total municipal contribution to give the amount due from each municipality.

The Town of Hanover acts as SMART's 'Host Municipality' for the purpose of receiving and holding 'in trust' this dedicated Gas Tax funding until such time as it is used for capital purchases, operational deficits or other projects deemed to be improvements to the transit service in accordance with MTO guidelines and criteria.

Currently, Arran-Elderslie has 134 active clients. Arran-Elderslie's share of the 2023 municipal contribution is \$72,132, compared to \$62,104 in 2022.

In 2022, clients from your community took 2244 rides, compared to 1805 in 2021. Number of rides are steadily going back to

pre-pandemic numbers where, for example, there were 2423 rides in 2019.

For local taxpayers, SMART represents a tremendous value when compared to other specialized public transit services. SMART serves a population of more than 100,000 which makes it one of 21 transit agencies in Ontario serving populations of 50,000 to 150,000.

For those who use and depend on SMART, this is a service that is highly valued. The service provided by SMART helps to keep the most vulnerable members of your community independent, mobile and involved. Many studies have shown a direct link between mobility and good health, both physical and mental.

Medical related rides constitute an estimated 36% of the rides supplied by SMART. The remaining rides are for social outings, shopping and work-related transportation.

Municipal services like SMART are not simply expenditures. They are investments in building communities. People no longer just live where they were raised or work; they live where they can find the 'life' balance they want. Public services, especially municipal services, are a large part of that equation. If the services they want (or need) are not available in a particular community, they will choose (or perhaps be forced) to live somewhere else where those services are available.

The population of Canada, especially in rural areas, is aging (as you no doubt know). There will only be increasing demand for this type of service over the next few decades. According to statistics from the 2021 census, both Grey and Bruce Counties had 26% of their population aged 65 or older. This compares to 18.5% for the Province of Ontario as a whole. The average age of the population in Bruce County is 45 years old and in Grey County it is 46 years old, compared to 42 years old provincially.

Luckily, the provincial government recognizes this fact and appears very interested in transportation issues, especially in rural areas.

In response to these demographics, communities in Grey and Bruce have been adding a considerable number of new housing units for their aging residents. A safe, dependable and affordable transportation service for those residents is going to be a critical part of their quality of life and their being able to remain independent for as long as possible.

SMART is also considering moving to three Levels of Service (LOS):

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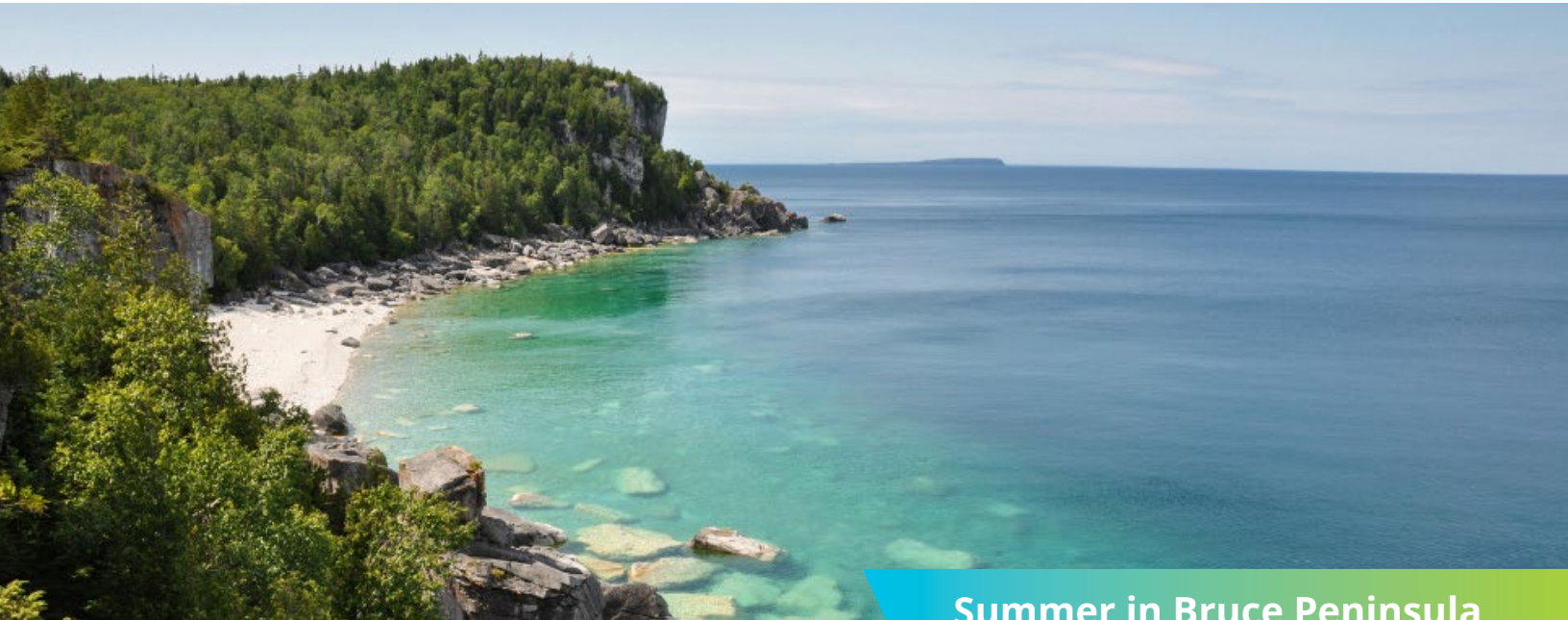
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If you have further questions or comments regarding SMART, I can be reached at 519-881-2589 or by e-mail at stephan@saugeenmobility.ca.



Summer in Bruce Peninsula

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

June 2023

It's hard to believe we're six months into the year. Just a few months ago the Clean Energy Frontier program opened a conversation about nuclear sector retention and expansion. I'm pleased to say the Nuclear Sector Sustainability and Growth Study is now complete, and reports have been delivered to two stakeholders: Bruce Power and economic development leaders for the tri-counties of Bruce, Grey and Huron.



During the process of interviews and roundtable discussions, suppliers were asked about workforce, business development, and their experience of doing business in the region. And the results reminded us there are a lot of **advantages** to doing business in the Clean Energy Frontier region. There are barriers, too—and this is where we can get to work.

Bruce Power and the tri-counties have an opportunity to continue our collaborative effort. The barriers identified in the study will **need the time and attention** of the nuclear industry, elected officials and municipal staff. There are action items coming from this study that **align** with what we heard at the 2023 Clean Energy Frontier Summit event in Walkerton this January. With these findings in hand, we are informed and willing to take action toward **retention and expansion** efforts for the nuclear sector.



Beyond the sector study...

The Clean Energy Frontier program is pleased to continue engagement with elected officials. On June 28th, we will welcome elected officials from Bruce, Grey and Huron and Regional Steering Committee members to the Bruce Power Visitors' Centre. The group will experience the always-informing Bruce Power Bus Tour and hear a presentation from the Clean Energy Frontier Program. If you have not RSVP'd, it's not too late—send Jessica an email at Jessica.Linthorne@nii.ca.

DON'T FORGET!

The Bruce Power Bus Tours are offered all summer, and they're free! To sign yourself and your family and friends up for a tour, visit brucepower.com/bustours.



Wishing you an incredible summer!

JESSICA LINTHORNE, DIRECTOR

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NII **has announced plans** to turn an existing building in Kincardine's Bruce Energy Centre into a state-of-the-art technology hub that will expand the region's ability to deliver high-quality educational programs.

Bruce Power supplier Sargent & Lundy has become the **first company to join NII in its newly created "Supporters" category**, strengthening NII's ability to deliver community programming, from STEM education classes to local environmental projects and skilled trades development.

STEM at work in our region: the first-ever NII Explore Science Olympics recently brought together teams of exceptional high school students from across Bruce and Grey counties to compete at Georgian College's Owen Sound campus.

UPCOMING DATES

- JUN 28** Clean Energy Frontier Program Bus Tour and Presentation, Bruce Power Visitors' Centre
- AUG 20-23** Association of Municipalities of Ontario Conference, London
- SEPT 22** Regional Steering Committee Meeting

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Hamilton taxpayers will soon be picking up a \$54-million tab for developers. That's a

direct result of recent provincial legislation that waives development charges for some types of projects — a major source of revenue the city has relied on to build new infrastructure like roads, sewers, parks and water and fire services, staff told council on Wednesday. City staff said the \$54-million loss was calculated by a consultant they hired in recent months. [Read More](#)

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Can Olivia Chow and Doug Ford work together? Where they agree, and disagree

Global News

As Olivia Chow came to terms with her new title — Toronto Mayor — she received a call from a man who just days earlier had told an entire city she would be an "unmitigated disaster." Ontario Premier Doug Ford, and his housing minister Steve Clark, were among the well-wishers who called to congratulate Chow on Monday night. [Read More](#)

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Ontario moves to ban 'ugly' floating homes after controversy in cottage country

National Post

Floating accommodations — "ugly sea cans" and water squatters, as their critics have described them — can no longer drop anchor overnight on Ontario's waterways, the province announced Friday. As of July 1, any floating structure not primarily designed for navigation will be prohibited from docking overnight on public land covered by water, under an amendment to Ontario's Public Lands Act. [Read More](#)

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Ontario city defers vote on potentially unconstitutional bylaw changes amid public outcry

Global News

The City of Barrie, Ont., is backtracking following public backlash on proposed bylaw changes that would have impacted agencies and people's ability to help individuals experiencing homelessness. Wednesday night's meeting saw a packed council chamber of residents holding signs protesting the bylaw's changes. Council ultimately voted unanimously to defer the issue back to staff for further review after several legal experts said it violated the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and changes from a local organization. [Read More](#)


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Peel council to consider borrowing \$11.1B to pay for infrastructure to meet growth targets

Brampton Guardian

Brampton Mayor Patrick Brown put forward an idea that truly shocked some members of

Peel regional council, and left others wondering if it would be breaking the law. At the regional council meeting on June 22, Brown put forward a motion calling for the Region of Peel to commit to paying the \$11.1 billion in infrastructure needed to meet the new provincial housing targets set out in the More Homes Built Faster Act. [Read More](#)

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City continues steady march toward MAT

The Sun Times

The City of Owen Sound is one step closer to charging a four per cent municipal accommodation tax for short-term stays in the city. On Monday evening at its regular meeting, council carried a recommendation from its community development, tourism and culture advisory committee to have a draft municipal accommodation tax bylaw brought forward for council's approval following a legal review. [Read More](#)

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Dissolving Simcoe County would be a mistake, say councillors

Midland Today

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Municipalities may now require cottagers to have liability insurance for uses off their property

Cottage Life

A growing number of cottage owners and cottage associations are being asked by local municipalities to take out liability insurance to cover a range of activities and uses, from short-term rentals to the use of unassumed roads or other easements to access a lakefront property. Terry Rees, the executive director of the Federation of Ontario Cottage Associations, points out that, in some cases, these requirements have arisen because municipalities (such as the Township of Tiny and the Township of Muskoka Lakes) have begun to license activities, such as short-term rentals, and have added liability insurance as a condition to ensure they are indemnified in the event of lawsuits. [Read More](#)

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Research: Your love for work may alienate your colleagues

Harvard Business Review

Research shows that employees who are passionate about their work are more productive, innovative and collaborative. New research suggests that these employees also see passion for work as a moral imperative, and they're more likely to judge colleagues who are motivated by other reasons, such as financial stability, social status or familial obligations. [Read More](#)

17 leadership tips to motivate teams and still hold them

accountable

Forbes

The COVID-19 pandemic brought about a significant shift toward remote work, prompting senior business leaders to become more attuned to the needs of their employees. However, recent news has highlighted instances where executive leaders made insensitive remarks when communicating changing expectations to their teams, leading to public backlash. [Read More](#)

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RICK BYERS, MPP
 Bruce - Grey - Owen Sound

Canada and Ontario Increasing Access to High-Speed Internet Service in Bruce County

Rural Ontarians benefitting from expanded broadband access

For Immediate Release

For June 30, 2023

BRUCE COUNTY – The governments of Canada and Ontario are investing more than \$913,000 to bring reliable high-speed internet to 233 families, farms, and businesses in Bruce County.

“Providing reliable internet access is especially important for rural communities to prosper in our increasingly digital world,” said Tim Louis, Member of Parliament for Kitchener—Conestoga, on behalf of the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities. “Today’s announcement marks another milestone for homes, businesses, and farms in Bruce County that can now connect to essential online services and enjoy the additional economic opportunities made available through high-speed internet.”

The federal and provincial governments have partnered with Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT) Inc. and are proud to announce that residents in the communities of Sauble Beach, Tolmie, and Skipness now have the broadband infrastructure in place to enable access to high-speed internet service.

“Our government continues to deliver on its commitment to expand access to high-speed internet to communities across the province,” said Lisa Thompson, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. “By building new broadband infrastructure in Bruce County, we’re helping to build Ontario and strengthen rural communities. This investment is helping people stay in touch with loved ones, enabling them to access the supports they need while providing a much-needed boost to the local economy.”

This announcement marks the completion of one more project under SWIFT and builds on the Ontario government’s plan to get the right infrastructure in the right places - ensuring people can live, work, and farm where they want.

“It’s great to see this ongoing investment for internet access in Bruce County,” said Rick Byers, MPP for Bruce, Grey, and Owen Sound. “These projects will improve the quality of life in these rural communities, and I am delighted to see this work being completed.”

The contract to expand broadband services in Bruce County was awarded by SWIFT, a not-for-profit corporation initiated by local municipalities to address connectivity in Southwestern Ontario.

“We’re pleased to celebrate the successful completion of a high-speed fibre-optic network in Bruce County, bringing greater connectivity to the region,” said Gary McNamara, SWIFT Board Chair. “This strategic infrastructure investment will have far-reaching positive impacts, unlocking greater digital opportunities that will support economic growth and elevate the overall quality of life for all residents. We would like to thank the governments of Ontario and Canada for their ongoing support and partnership in addressing broadband service gaps throughout Southwestern Ontario.”

More than \$255 million has been invested by the governments of Canada and Ontario and the private sector to bring high-speed internet access to more than 63,000 homes and businesses in Southwestern Ontario through SWIFT.

QUICK FACTS:

- The governments of Canada and Ontario are each contributing more than \$63 million to SWIFT through the New Building Canada Fund's Provincial-Territorial Infrastructure Component – Small Communities Fund.
- The Ontario government is investing nearly \$4 billion to bring high-speed internet access to every corner of the province by the end of 2025. This is the largest single investment in high-speed internet in Canadian history.
- In July 2021, the governments of Canada and Ontario announced a [historic agreement](#) that will bring high-speed internet access to more than 280,000 Ontario households across the province through a joint investment totaling more than \$1.2 billion.
- Ontario launched a new interactive online map that shows where provincially funded high-speed internet projects are planned, currently under way, or have been recently completed in communities across the province. Ontarians can visit [Ontario.ca/highspeedinternet](https://ontario.ca/highspeedinternet) and search by address, community or municipality to find out more about provincially funded high-speed internet projects and where high-speed internet service is currently available.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

- [Ontario Connects: Making High-speed Internet Accessible in Every Community](#)
- [Ontario Builds: our infrastructure plan](#)
- [High-Speed Access for All: Canada's Connectivity Strategy](#)

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COPPER WIRE THEFTS ON THE INCREASE

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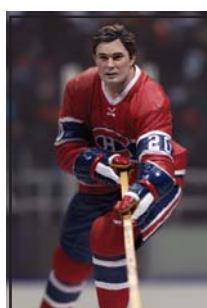
Crime Stoppers Golf Tournament a huge success



Great weather welcomed the 16 Crime Stoppers Volunteers and 152 Golfers to the Saugeen Golf Club on June 1st, 2023. This was the 31st year for this event organized by Germania Insurance, MacLean's Brewery and Bayshore Broadcasting. Special guest for the evening was hockey legend Peter Mahovlich.



Left to right are: Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Chairperson Peter Reid; Evan Hayter - Honorary Tourney Co-Chair; Dan Hill - Tourney Co-Chair; and Joe Dietrich - Tourney Co-Chair



In his 16-year NHL career, Pete Mahovlich totalled 288 goals and 485 assists for 773 points in 884 games. Internationally, he was a member of the 1972 Summit Series, in which he scored a memorable shorthanded goal in Game 2 of the series. He also played on the 1976 Canada Cup team.

Mahovlich is also the brother of former Canadian Senator and former hockey star Frank Mahovlich. The two were teammates on the Red Wings from 1967 to 1969 and on the Canadiens from 1971 to 1974.

Pete Mahovlich was a scout for the Edmonton Oilers before joining the Tampa Bay Lightning and then the Florida Panthers. He is currently retired and living in Florida.

METAL WIRE THEFT



A rising crime that affects everyone

Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce and the South Bruce OPP are asking for the public's assistance in solving the theft of copper.

Sometime between August 18 at 2:00 p.m. and August 22, 2016 at 7:00 a.m. a Hydro One site located in the 700 Block of the Huron-Kinloss Town Line was forcibly entered and a quantity of copper wire was taken. The value of the stolen wire is estimated to be more than \$200.00.

Other Crime Stopper locations have also reported similar thefts. For the second time in a month, some rural Kingston, Ont., residents were without internet as a thief cut a fibre optic cable to steal copper.

It was another day of lost business for Josh Anderson when his internet service was suddenly interrupted due to an intentionally cut telecommunication cable.

"I woke up early this morning, had alerts that the internet was down at our small business and, lo and behold, the fibre was down again," said Anderson.

Kingston Police were called to the area north of Kingston to investigate theft of a section of Bell telecommunications line. The cables, much like catalytic converters, have precious metals in them: copper.

Overnight it appears that someone cut down the Perth Road Cables and made off with the copper, much to the chagrin of people like Anderson.

"For businesses out here, it's crippling. I mean, fibre's a great service until somebody does this," added Anderson.

Kingston city councillor Gary Oosterhof, who represents the affected area, said his first concern was peoples' safety.

"People have certainly seen what's happening and



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it's pretty devastating. I can imagine it's not going to be easy to fix, so we certainly hope that this doesn't happen again," he said.

A representative from Bell Canada told Global News in a statement: "In this latest incident, thieves cut down a section of telecommunications fibre cable to steal the copper wire, disrupting service for more than 1,000 customers."

It's a problem that Oosterhof and Anderson said needs a solution. "There are measures that, you know, could be implemented I think to make it less attractive to be stealing copper," said Oosterhof.

"I feel like more regulation around the recycling and scrap industries. It's the same situation of stealing catalytic converters. It's the same," added Anderson.

Kingston Police said that the matter has been handed over to an investigator, and Bell is urging anyone who sees suspicious activity around electric lines to call police or Crime Stoppers..



A rising crime for thoughtless thieves

Copper wire thefts have been steadily on the rise across North America, thanks to recent upswings in its selling price. Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta have all reported recent increases in the frequency of copper wire thefts on businesses, homes and construction sites alike.

There is a tragic part to this form of crime:

- In 2007, a father and son in Radford, Va., were electrocuted while allegedly trying to steal copper pipe from air conditioning units on top of an abandoned manufacturing plant.
- Earlier last summer, a man was killed in West Virginia while allegedly trying to steal copper from utility lines.
- In late July, a man was severely burned and was found dangling from atop a utility pole after allegedly trying to steal copper from the electric company.

Big risk for a small return

Such cases are on the rise, said John Shepelwich, a spokesman for Appalachian Power. "Certainly I would think a person would have to be pretty desperate. The risks that these people are taking are so high and the return is probably pretty small."

Copper has been used for thousands of years and is distinctively known for its reddish brown color. Thieves have stolen the valuable metal for decades, often from construction sites, factories, land-line phone companies, and even coal mines. But the theft of cop-

per from electric utilities is more likely to make headlines, partly because it often causes power outages, and because it can result in deadly consequences.

While copper wire thefts aren't anything new, Dana Lohnes, Bell Aliant's director of field operations for Atlantic Canada, said levels have certainly increased since "late summer [2022], heading into the fall."

Copper wire thefts in Nova Scotia are estimated to have resulted in \$1.4 million in losses to businesses, homes and government departments, according to police.

But far more can be lost in a copper wire theft—interfering with electrical units housing the metal can be extremely dangerous. A recent theft in Spryfield, N.S. resulted in a brief power outage for more than 11,000 hydro customers, while another local theft had a far more tragic outcome after police discovered a body near a Nova Scotia power substation. The medical examiner con-

cluded the man died of electrocution.

"We're investigating the attempted theft of copper wire," police said on Feb. 7, following the discovery.

In New Brunswick, Codiac Regional RCMP says reports of copper wire theft come in almost weekly. Bell reported 50 thefts in the province between October and December, which prompted the company to hire private security.

In Ontario, provincial police are seeking information after copper wire was cut directly from a Belleville telecommunications line, resulting in nearly \$10,000 worth of damage. In August 2022, Leduc, Alta., police reported that nearly \$500,000 worth of copper wire was stolen from a trucking business in the hamlet of Lac La Biche.

Current and former employees suspect

Given the intricacy and danger of dealing with copper wire, some experts suggest thieves have some knowledge of working with metal.

"We find these thieves are generally people who've worked in some type of industry where they understand metal," said Ben Stickle, associate professor in criminal justice at Middle Tennessee State University. He went on to list occupations in roofing and HVAC as examples.

Last year, Statistics Canada reported that metal thefts in 2021 in Canada were at the highest levels recorded since 2013.

Stickle told the CBC that he doesn't expect the problem to disappear anytime soon, especially with a higher focus on electrification on the horizon.

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Armed Robbery



(FEVERSHAM) On May 19, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. police responded to a robbery at a financial business on Grey Road 2 in Feversham. It was reported that two individuals armed with a firearm entered the business, bound the employees, and stole a quantity of currency.

One suspect was described as male, black, thin build, 5'8"-5'10" tall. The second suspect was described as male, thin build, and 5'8"-5'10" tall.

30,000 broiler chick heist



(SOUTH HURON, ON) - Huron County Ontario Provincial Police is investigating the theft of approximately 30,000 chicks from a farm in South Huron.

On Thursday April 20, 2023, Huron OPP officers received a report that the 15-day-old baby chicks were stolen sometime overnight on April 19/20 between approximately 3:30 p.m. and 2:20 a.m.

The chicks are valued at \$1.40 each which calculates to a total of \$42,000 in losses.

These chickens have been bred to grow very big very quickly (especially their breast muscles), and most reach slaughter weight at just six to eight weeks old. If you are a person with knowledge of this industry an anonymous tip could be submitted to Crime Stoppers around July 1st if any unusual transactions occur involving large quantities of broilers.



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Denali trailer stolen



(TOWN OF ERIN, ON) - Wellington County Ontario Provincial Police are actively investigating a theft occurrence from Third Line, Erin. It was reported that between April 4, 2023, and May 21, 2023, unknown individuals stole a white, 32', Dutchman Denali fifth wheel camper trailer.

Contact: Constable Joshua Cunningham

\$9,000 In tools stolen from trailer

(GODERICH, ON) - Huron County Ontario Provincial Police is investigating the theft of tools from a locked trailer in Goderich.

On May 8th, 2023, police received a report that numerous construction tools were stolen from a locked enclosed trailer sometime between May 5th and May 8th. The trailer had been parked at a construction site near Cove Road in the Town of Goderich. The suspect(s) damaged the lock to access the trailer, then stole various DeWalt brand power tools and a Topcon Laser device.

Shop break, enter and theft

CENTRE WELLINGTON, ON) - On March 31, 2023, Wellington County Ontario Provincial Police responded to a theft at a business in Centre Wellington. It was reported that two individuals entered the retail store and stole approximately \$3000 in products.

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Professional Shoplifting



(FERGUS ON) - On April 9, 2023, members of the Wellington County Ontario Provincial Police received a report of theft that occurred at a retailer on Tower Street South, Fergus. It was reported that two unknown persons shoplifted approximately \$10,000 in cosmetics.

Suspect 1 - Black toque, black coat, grey Adidas pants with black stripes, black shoes, carrying red shopping bag.

Suspect 2 - Black baseball cap, black face mask, red shirt, jacket, black pants, black shoes, carrying large black duffel bag.

Vehicle - White new model Volkswagen sedan.

Harley Davidson with sidecar stolen



(ARRAN TWP) Sometime between 3:00 p.m. and 6:20 p.m. on May 18, 2023 a black Harley Davidson Electra Glide motorcycle, bearing plate 9V8P1 and valued at \$20,000, was taken from a location along the B Line in Arran Township.

The serial number for the stolen motorcycle is 5HD1FV4177Y614467.

Three fires in close proximity under investigation



(MOUNT FOREST) - On June 4, 2023, at approximately 3:00 a.m., Wellington County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to two fires in Mount Forest. The first was a structure fire at a business on Sligo Road West and second was a shed and vehicle fire on Cork Street. No injuries were reported, and initial estimates puts the combined loss at over one million dollars.

On June 7, 2023, at approximately 5:00 p.m., the Wellington County OPP and the Wellington North Fire Department responded to a report of a vehicle on fire in a field off of Sligo Road East. The Wellington County OPP Crime Unit is continuing to investigate but unsure if all are related.

Investigators are considering the fires suspicious and are continuing to investigate. The Office of the Fire Marshal was notified.

Stolen trailer used in major lawn mower theft



(MOUNT FOREST) - Sometime overnight between 11:30 pm April 11, 2023 and April 12, 2023, a black 14 foot enclosed trailer with "Weber Lane" on the top of it and with Ontario license plate **R3873T** was stolen from a business in Mount Forest.

Between April 11, 2023 at 1 1:30 p.m. and April 12, 2023 at 1:00 a.m., two zero-turn lawn mowers were stolen from a second business in Mount Forest. A dark coloured pick-up truck pulling a trailer that matched the description of the stolen trailer was observed on the property. A person of interest was also observed and is described as a white male, medium build wearing jeans, a blue and black/grey coat, a black balaclava, black and red gloves and brown footwear. Photographs are attached.

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

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

Chatsworth - Theft (Shoplifting)



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

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Three pickup trucks stolen in one day



On Tuesday, June 13th, 2023, Huron OPP officers received reports of three separate vehicle thefts as follows:

1) Central Huron - Clinton: Black 2005 GMC Sierra pickup truck with Ontario plates # 85522NC and serial # 2GTEK13T851207937 was stolen from an Albert Street address between 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. on June 13th.

2) South Huron - South of Exeter: Red 2004 GMC Sierra pickup truck with Ontario plates # BR15816 and serial # 1GTEC14X04Z298352 was stolen from an address on London Road at approximately 3:40 p.m. This vehicle has multiple stickers attached to it, and aftermarket rims and tires. (Last seen travelling southbound on London Road).

3) Central Huron - Clinton: Black 2001 GMC Sierra pickup truck with Ontario plates # 5597HS and serial # 2GTEK19T911130349 was stolen from an Ontario Street address at approximately 8:45 p.m. (This vehicle was involved in a fail-to-stop incident with police and managed to escape. Last seen travelling southbound on London Road).

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Guelph police want to know if this is your stuff

(Guelph Today)



A search following an arrest, for breach of condition, led to suspected fentanyl and stolen property being found, police say.

Guelph police are looking for the owners of property believed to be stolen following a man's arrest Thursday morning.

Officers patrolling on Speedvale Avenue West spotted a sitting in the driver's seat of a vehicle and knew him to be on a release order with a condition not to occupy any driver's seat. The man was arrested for breaching the order, and a subsequent search revealed a small amount of suspected fentanyl, two stolen licence plates and a quantity of tools believed to be stolen.

A 38-year-old is charged with failing to comply with a release order, two counts of possessing stolen property and possessing a controlled substance. He will appear in a Guelph bail court June 6, 2023.

Anyone who recognizes the seized tools is asked to call Constable Bakir Medencevic at 519-824-1212, ext. 7235, or email him at bmedencevic@guelphpolice.ca.

Calgary police arrest two in series of online marketplace thefts

(Calgary Herald)

Two teens have been arrested in connection to a dozen robberies in Calgary in response to online ads for iPhones for sale.

The thefts occurred between April 23 and May 29 across the city. A buyer using the Facebook profile with the name "Chris Luma" would respond to the ad, show up at the meet and then take off without paying. It is believed multiple suspects were using the same account. Multiple reports of the same getaway vehicle led Calgary Police Service investigators to two suspects.

On June 5th, search warrants were executed and three young persons arrested and property recovered.

Police say to be cautious of selling to online profiles that have recently been created, and have few personal photos or friends. They also encourage people to meet in a public place where there is CCTV coverage like a coffee shop or police district parking lot and to bring someone with you. Saugeen Shores Police station has such a location.

Refrain from going to a stranger's house to deliver items or meeting at your own residence.

Request an e-transfer instead of cash, as this will serve as a deterrent for thieves, and do not factory-reset your phone until the sale has been completed as it can still be tracked with "Find My App."

Stay alert and observe your surroundings. If something feels wrong (like an overly nervous buyer), back away from the sale. Always report suspicious people, behaviour or crimes in progress to law enforcement by calling 9-1-1 or contact Crime Stoppers.

Human Trafficking victims rescued

(Toronto Star)



Peel police say they have rescued 13 human trafficking victims through a multi-jurisdictional human trafficking investigation dubbed 'Project Pacific.'

In a press conference Peel police also announced the arrest of five people as part of the year-long investigation.

Peel police also announced the seizure of over \$48,000 of property and currency.

Det. David Laing, with the Specialized Enforcement Bureau — Vice/Human Trafficking division said the investigation started in April 2022 after Peel police received a community complaint regarding an illegal bawdy house operating out of a condominium in Mississauga.

"Members of this criminal network were using the vulnerabilities of the victims to coerce and manipulate them into working and living within these illegal (bawdy houses)," said Laing.

Police say all 13 victims are of Chinese descent and have various immigration statuses; 12 of the 13 were recruited domestically.

On March 27, police executed a residential and vehicle search warrant in Mississauga and two residential search warrants in Milton in Markham resulting in the arrest of two women.

Deputy Chief Nick Milinovich, of the Investigative and Emergency Support Services Command added that the GTA is a "major hub for human trafficking."

"Human trafficking is something that can happen anywhere to anyone," he said.

Laing said police believe there are additional victims and witnesses.

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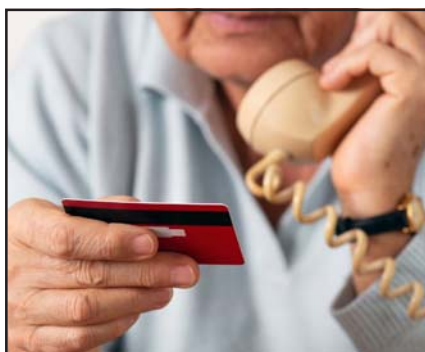
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Fraud awareness during Seniors Month

June is Seniors Month in Ontario and the 2023 theme is "Working for Seniors." The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) would like to raise awareness about frauds that target Ontario seniors, who have spent their entire life saving funds for their golden years. The OPP asks that we work collectively at sharing important fraud prevention tips with seniors in your life.

Being able to recognize frauds targeting seniors will go a long way in helping to combat cyber enabled frauds. With the public's help they want to deliver information, tips and strategies for Ontario's Seniors.

In 2022, the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) received fraud reports totalling a staggering \$531 million in victim losses. A devastating \$138 million (26%) in losses were reported by senior victims. According to the CAFC, seniors lose on average 33 per cent more than other demographics. It is estimated that only five to ten per cent of victims report scams



and frauds to law enforcement.

According to the CAFC, in 2022, the top frauds affecting seniors were:

- Investment frauds represented \$79.1 million in reported losses in 2022. Ontario victims reported losing over \$36.5 million.
- Romance frauds represented \$19.5 million in reported losses in 2022. Ontario victims reported losing over \$8.8 million.
- Service scams represented \$8.5 million in reported losses in 2022. Ontario victims reported losing over \$6 million.

- Extortion frauds represented \$7.7 million in reported losses in 2022. Ontario victims reported losing over \$542,000.
- Emergency-Grandparent scams represented \$7.1 million in reported losses in 2022. Ontario victims reported losing over \$4.3 million.

Remember...if you fall victim to a fraud or know someone who has, contact your local police service to report the crime and report it to the CAFC at 1-888-495-8501 or online on the Fraud Reporting System (FRS), even if a financial loss did not occur.

The OPP encourages the public to visit the CAFC website to learn more about the frauds mentioned here go to antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca.

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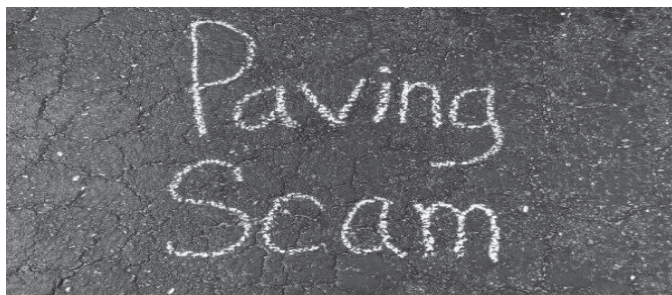
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Police issue paving scam warning after multiple residents duped



(Global)

Spring has sprung up across the area, as have paving scams, according to Waterloo regional police. The service has issued a warning to area residents after receiving numerous reports of people being victimized in paving scams.

Police say they have been contacted by seven people this month who were duped by phony contractors, with losses totalling more than \$40,000.

In one case, a group of people approached one victim to say they were doing paving work near Moore Street in Cambridge.

The victim paid them cash to come back the following day to pave their driveway but they never did the work.

In this case, the victim never signed any paperwork with the group, according to police.

Police say residents should research door-to-door companies offering these types of services to confirm their legitimacy before they provide any payment.

Suspect arrested in mortgage fraud

A man renting a home impersonated the owner, applied for a mortgage and then took the funds, Toronto police allege, and officers say the suspect may have committed other similar crimes.

Toronto police said in a news release Thursday that beginning in May 2021, the suspect rented a home using an online rental application. While renting, the suspect allegedly obtained identity information on the homeowner.



Jay A. MacDougall

The suspect then impersonated the homeowner, applied for a mortgage on the property, and collected the proceeds, police said.

On May 25, Toronto resident Jay Allen MacDougall, 42, was arrested. He's been charged with five counts of fraud over \$5,000 and laundering proceeds of crime.

"Investigators believe he may have committed other similar crimes and are requesting the public to contact them with any information," police said.

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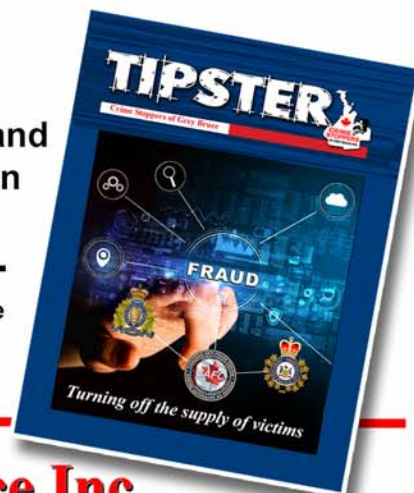
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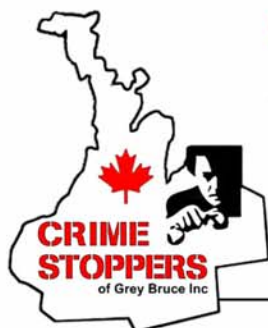
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FINANCIAL REPORT

DECEMBER 31, 2022

GREY SAUBLE CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

DECEMBER 31, 2022

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GREY SAUBLE CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FINANCIAL REPORT

The accompanying financial statements of the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority ("the Authority") are the responsibility of the Authority's management and have been prepared in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards, established by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada, as described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The preparation of financial statements necessarily involves the use of estimates based on management's judgment, particularly when transactions affecting the current accounting period cannot be finalized with certainty until future periods.

The Authority's management maintains a system of internal control designed to provide reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded, transactions are properly authorized and recorded, reliable financial information is available on a timely basis for preparation of the financial statements. These systems are monitored and evaluated by management. The Board of Directors meet with management and the external auditor to review the financial statements and discuss any significant financial reporting or internal control matters prior to their approval of the financial statements.

The financial statements have been audited by Baker Tilly SGB LLP, the independent external auditor appointed by the Authority. The accompanying Independent Auditor's Report outlines their responsibilities, the scope of their examination and their opinion on the Authority's financial statements.

Tim Lanthier

Chief Administrative Officer
May 24, 2023

Alison Armstrong

Finance Coordinator
May 24, 2023

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors of Grey Sauble Conservation Authority:

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority ("the Authority"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2022, and the statements of operations, change in net financial assets and cash flow for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Authority as at December 31, 2022, and its results of operations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Authority in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Authority's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Authority or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Authority's financial reporting process.



Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Authority's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Authority to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Baker Tilly SGB LLP

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Chartered Professional Accountants
 Licensed Public Accountants
 Collingwood, Ontario
 May 24, 2023

GREY SAUBLE CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT DECEMBER 31

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Financial assets		
Cash - Operating fund (Note 2)	648,704	763,964
Cash - Reserve funds (Note 2)	590,105	549,203
Accounts receivable (Note 12)	171,877	165,430
Investment portfolio - Reserve funds (Note 3)	1,504,011	1,494,204
	2,914,697	2,972,801
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	273,326	189,196
Other payables (Note 5)	62,785	75,114
Government remittances payable	63,370	53,314
Deferred revenue (Note 6)	207,329	254,397
	606,810	572,021
Net financial assets	2,307,887	2,400,780
Non-financial assets		
Prepaid expenses	34,628	30,323
Tangible capital assets (Note 8)	7,734,408	7,759,192
	7,769,036	7,789,515
Accumulated surplus (Note 9)	10,076,923	10,190,295

Approved S. Carleton Director

A. Greg Director

The accompanying notes are an integral part of
these financial statements

GREY SAUBLE CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31

	Budget 2022	Actual 2022	Actual 2021
	\$	\$	\$
	(Note 11)		
Revenue			
Municipal levies	1,557,630	1,557,630	1,474,436
Government grants - operating	37,056	110,040	90,957
Rebates	-	24,297	7,174
Risk assessment of flood hazards	-	14,151	4,899
Grey Sauble Forestry/Ontario Trees	245,625	197,820	302,366
Grey County Forest Management	200,895	192,501	182,255
Timber and wood sales	25,000	77,532	43,600
User fees	589,350	742,294	675,931
Sourcewater protection	188,660	195,639	182,322
Rental recoveries (net of \$72,695 expense; 2021 - \$80,155)	19,996	792	(6,514)
Donations (Note 12)	1,600	14,937	83,344
Risk management	50,200	45,180	43,650
Miscellaneous (Note 12)	39,959	62,768	49,409
Interest earned (Note 12)	2,000	23,836	9,624
Income on reserve accounts (Note 3)	-	37,892	127,301
	2,957,971	3,297,309	3,270,754
Expenses			
Water management	175,727	160,710	134,803
Environmental planning	514,002	629,909	519,181
Forestry			
-Operations on Authority land	141,959	149,760	134,287
-Grey Sauble Forestry/Ontario Trees	249,602	184,827	239,726
Grey County Forest Management	200,895	191,440	180,897
Conservation lands policy and procedure	234,903	235,188	189,432
Conservation lands operations	328,844	362,676	319,431
Conservation information and education	163,434	147,687	91,348
Administrative support	598,750	631,348	597,066
Major projects	-	1,579	23,768
Miscellaneous	-	25,649	18,643
Source water risk management	67,460	67,225	61,449
Sourcewater protection	188,660	195,639	182,322
GIS/IT department	277,494	285,807	234,416
Risk assessment of flood hazards	-	21,152	-
Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets	-	620	6,870
Amortization of tangible capital assets	-	119,465	122,583
	3,141,730	3,410,681	3,056,222
Annual (deficit) surplus (Note 11)	(183,759)	(113,372)	214,532
Accumulated surplus, beginning of year	10,190,295	10,190,295	9,975,763
Accumulated surplus, end of the year (Note 9)	10,006,536	10,076,923	10,190,295

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STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET FINANCIAL ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31

	Budget 2022	Actual 2022	Actual 2021
	\$	\$	\$
	(Note 11)		
Annual (deficit) surplus	(183,759)	(113,372)	214,532
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(182,800)	(95,301)	(176,472)
Amortization of tangible capital assets	-	119,465	122,583
Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets	-	620	6,870
Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets	-	-	2,170
Change in prepaid expenses	-	(4,305)	(5,740)
Change in net financial assets	(366,559)	(92,893)	163,943
Net financial assets, beginning of year	2,400,780	2,400,780	2,236,837
Net financial assets, end of year	2,034,221	2,307,887	2,400,780

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Cash flows from (for):		
Operating activities		
Annual (deficit) surplus	(113,372)	214,532
Non-cash items:		
Amortization of tangible capital assets	119,465	122,583
Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets	620	6,870
	6,713	343,985
Changes in:		
Accounts receivable	(6,447)	55,659
Accounts receivable - government partnership	-	96,851
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	84,130	(33,887)
Other payables	(12,329)	6,755
Government remittances payable	10,056	4,175
Deferred revenue	(47,068)	138,084
Prepaid expenses	(4,305)	(5,740)
	30,750	605,882
Investing activities		
Increase in investment portfolio	(9,807)	(308,891)
Capital activities		
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(95,301)	(176,472)
Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets	-	2,170
	(95,301)	(174,302)
Net change in cash position	(74,358)	122,689
Cash, beginning of year	1,313,167	1,190,478
Cash, end of year	1,238,809	1,313,167
Comprised of:		
Cash - Operating fund	648,704	763,964
Cash - Reserve funds	590,105	549,203
	1,238,809	1,313,167

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Nature of Operations

The Grey Sauble Conservation Authority ("the Authority") is established under the Conservation Authorities Act of Ontario to further the conservation, restoration, development and management of natural resources, other than gas, oil, coal and minerals, for the watersheds within its area of jurisdiction. The watersheds include areas in the Municipalities of Arran-Elderslie, Grey Highlands and Meaford, the Town of The Blue Mountains and the Town of South Bruce Peninsula, the Townships of Chatsworth and Georgian Bluffs and the City of Owen Sound.

The Authority's mission is:

"In partnership with the stakeholders of the watershed, to promote and undertake sustainable management of renewable natural resources and provide responsible leadership to enhance bio-diversity and environmental awareness."

The Authority is a registered charity and is exempt from income taxes.

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements are the representation of management prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles for organizations operating in the local government sector as recommended by the Public Sector Accounting Board of The Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada. Significant aspects of the accounting policies adopted by the Authority are as follows:

(a) Basis of Accounting

Sources of revenue and expenses are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. The accrual basis of accounting recognizes revenues as they become available and measurable. Expenses are recognized as they are incurred and measurable as a result of receipt of goods or services and the creation of a legal obligation to pay.

(b) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on deposit and short-term deposits with a maturity of less than three months at acquisition.

(c) Investment Portfolio

The investment portfolio is recorded at cost, which approximates amortized cost.

Gains and losses on sale of investments are recognized when the assets are sold. All other distributions from the portfolio investments are recognized when they are received or become receivable.

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1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

(d) Revenue Recognition

Government grants are recognized in the financial statements in the period in which events giving rise to the transfer occur, providing the transfers are authorized, any eligibility criteria have been met and reasonable estimates of the amount can be made.

General and special municipal levies are recognized as revenue when the amounts are levied on the municipalities.

Authority-generated revenue is recognized when the price is fixed or determinable, collectability is reasonably assured and services are provided to customers. Types of services include tree planting, site inspections, forest maintenance, property access fees, rentals and planning.

All other revenues are recognized on an accrual basis.

(e) Deferred Revenue

Revenue restricted by legislation, regulation or agreement, and not available for general purposes, is reported as deferred revenue on the statement of financial position. The revenue is reported on the statement of operations in the year in which it is used for the specified purpose.

(f) Tangible Capital Assets

Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost, which includes all amounts that are directly attributable to acquisition, construction, development or betterment of the asset. Cost includes overheads directly attributable to construction and development.

Amortization is reflected on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the assets. The useful life of the assets is based on estimates made by management. The following rates are used:

Bridges and trails	6 - 30 years
Buildings	40 years
Dams and weirs	50 years
Equipment	15 years
Flood forecast equipment	10 - 20 years
Information technology infrastructure	3 - 15 years
Office furniture	20 years
Vehicles	10 years

Contributed tangible capital assets are recognized as assets and revenue at fair value at the time they are received.

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1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

(g) Vehicles

The Authority operates a pool of vehicles. Internal charges for the use of vehicles are made to the various projects of the Authority based on an hourly or distance travelled rate, which is designed to recover all costs of operating the pool including replacement.

These internal charges are included in the appropriate expense classifications. Expenditures incurred by the motor pool for operating costs are netted against the internal charges and are reported in the statement of operations.

(h) Pension Plan

The Authority offers a pension plan for its full-time employees through the Ontario Municipal Employee Retirement System ("OMERS"). OMERS is a multi-employer, contributory, public sector pension fund established for employees of municipalities, local boards and school boards in Ontario. Participating employers and employees are required to make plan contributions based on participating employees' contributory earnings. The Authority accounts for its participation in OMERS as a defined contribution plan and recognizes the expense related to this plan as contributions are made, even though OMERS is itself a defined benefit plan.

(i) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. The principle estimates used in the preparation of these financial statements are the determination of the estimated useful life of tangible capital assets and valuation of tangible capital assets when testing for possible impairment. Actual results could differ from management's best estimates as additional information becomes available in the future.

2. Cash

On December 31, 2022 the Authority had cash of \$1,238,809 (2021 - \$1,313,167) at one chartered bank. The Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation (CDIC) insures up to a maximum of \$100,000 per depositor at a CDIC member institution. Included in operating cash is \$207,329 (2021 - \$254,397) of funds restricted for the purposes as described in Note 6.

3. Investment Portfolio

The investment portfolio includes Canadian, U.S. and International equities, as well as bonds and cash. The fair market value of the investments at year end was \$1,438,446 (2021 - \$1,590,203). During the year, the investment portfolio generated investment revenue of \$34,433 (2021 - \$45,326), realized capital loss of \$9,172 (2021 - capital gain of \$78,963) and incurred management fees in the amount of \$13,916 (2021 - \$13,866). Income on reserve accounts, as reported on the statement of operations, includes all income and losses generated by the portfolio in addition to interest earned from reserve cash accounts.

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4. Pension Plan

The employees of the Authority participate in the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System ("OMERS"). Although the plan has a defined retirement benefit for employees, the related obligation of the Municipality cannot be identified. The Authority has applied defined contribution plan accounting as it has insufficient information to apply defined benefit plan accounting. The OMERS plan has several unrelated participating municipalities and costs are not specifically attributed to each participant. Amounts paid to OMERS for 2022 were \$160,611 (2021 - \$153,237) for current service.

OMERS is a multi-employer plan, therefore any pension plan surpluses or deficits are a joint responsibility of Ontario municipal organizations and their employees. The most recent actuarial valuation of the Plan was conducted at December 31, 2022. The results of this valuation disclosed total actuarial liabilities of \$130.3 (2021 - \$120.8) billion in respect of benefits accrued for service with actuarial assets at that date of \$123.6 (2021 - \$117.7) billion, indicating a going concern actuarial deficit of \$6.7 (2021 - \$3.1) billion.

5. Other Payables

The Authority holds monies collected by the Beaver River Water Initiative ("BRWI"), Friends of Hibou, Fishing Islands Phragmites group, Conservation Authority Collaborative Information Sessions ("CACIS") and the Arboretum Alliance. These funds are distributed when these organizations require payment for expenses which they have incurred. As at December 31, 2022 the Authority held \$8,901 (2021 - \$15,366) on behalf of the BRWI, \$6,639 (2021 - \$3,725) on behalf of Friends of Hibou, \$7,936 (2021 - \$15,956) on behalf of Fishing Islands Phragmites group, \$10,381 (2021 - \$11,881) on behalf of CACIS and \$28,927 (2021 - \$28,207) on behalf of the Arboretum Alliance.

6. Deferred Revenue

Deferred revenue consists of the following:

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Forestry donation	10,000	10,000
Source water	23,832	82,801
Risk management legal contingency	78,338	73,318
Stewardship grants	69,675	62,373
Outstanding planning permits	13,530	13,510
Miscellaneous other deferrals	11,954	12,395
	207,329	254,397

7. Contingent Liabilities

In the ordinary course of operations, various actions and legal proceedings can arise involving the Authority. The amount and likelihood of loss resulting from such actions is unknown at this time. Any payment made by the Authority will be expensed in the year of settlement.

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8. Tangible Capital Assets

Tangible capital assets consists of the following:

	Balance 2021	Additions	Disposals	Balance 2022
Cost	\$	\$	\$	\$
Land	6,270,222	-	-	6,270,222
Bridges and Trails	440,851	-	-	440,851
Buildings	1,047,587	17,668	(4,957)	1,060,298
Dams and Weirs	2,116,930	-	-	2,116,930
Equipment	290,355	11,670	-	302,025
Flood Forecast Equipment	66,943	-	-	66,943
Information Technology Infrastructure	171,807	11,014	(7,048)	175,773
Office Furniture	55,807	3,773	-	59,580
Vehicles	320,240	28,076	-	348,316
Work in Progress	-	23,100	-	23,100
	10,780,742	95,301	(12,005)	10,864,038
Accumulated Amortization				
Bridges and Trails	207,205	13,894	-	221,099
Buildings	809,672	12,006	(4,337)	817,341
Dams and Weirs	1,406,043	41,294	-	1,447,337
Equipment	173,334	15,300	-	188,634
Flood Forecast Equipment	42,896	3,824	-	46,720
Information Technology Infrastructure	126,738	13,672	(7,048)	133,362
Office Furniture	43,145	2,075	-	45,220
Vehicles	212,517	17,400	-	229,917
	3,021,550	119,465	(11,385)	3,129,630
Net Book Value				
Land	6,270,222			6,270,222
Bridges and Trails	233,646			219,752
Buildings	237,915			242,957
Dams and Weirs	710,887			669,593
Equipment	117,021			113,391
Flood Forecast Equipment	24,047			20,223
Information Technology Infrastructure	45,069			42,411
Office Furniture	12,662			14,360
Vehicles	107,723			118,399
Work in Progress	-			23,100
	7,759,192			7,734,408

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9. Accumulated Surplus

Accumulated surplus consists of individual fund surplus and reserves as follows:

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Invested in tangible capital assets	7,734,408	7,759,192
Operating surplus (Note 11)	234,400	283,945
Reserve funds (Note 10)	2,048,115	2,087,159
Working capital reserve	60,000	60,000
	10,076,923	10,190,296

10. Reserve Funds Set Aside for Specific Purpose

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Lands reserve	564,516	468,353
Computer replacement and special projects	34,252	36,194
Major dam maintenance	266,170	247,815
Vehicle replacement	149,924	176,119
Risk management	160,353	180,458
Administration	426,432	480,937
Forest management	415,261	471,143
Youth	31,207	26,140
	2,048,115	2,087,159

11. Budget

Under Canadian public sector accounting principles, budget amounts are to be reported on the statement of operations and changes in net financial assets for comparative purposes. The 2022 budget amounts for Grey Sauble Conservation Authority approved by the Board have been reclassified to conform to the basis of presentation of the revenues and expenses on the statements of operations and change in net financial assets. The budget numbers have not been audited. The following is a reconciliation of the budget approved by the Board:

	Budget 2022	Actual 2022	Actual 2021
	\$	\$	\$
Annual surplus	(183,759)	(113,372)	214,532
Prior year general surplus	283,944	283,944	241,648
Transfers from (to) reserves	194,199	39,044	(127,387)
Tangible capital asset acquisitions, disposals and write-down	(181,800)	(94,681)	(167,432)
Amortization	-	119,465	122,583
Operating surplus	112,584	234,400	283,944

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12. Related Party Transactions

The Grey Sauble Conservation Foundation was founded to receive, accumulate and distribute funds and/or the income therefrom for the benefit of the Authority. The Foundation is incorporated under the Ontario Corporations Act and is a registered charity under the Income Tax Act. The Authority has representation on the Foundation's Board of Directors. Funds are solicited by the Foundation to further the mission of the Authority. Thus, as defined in the accounting recommendations of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada, the Authority has an economic interest in the Foundation.

Transactions with Grey Sauble Conservation Foundation include accounts receivable of \$11,532 (2021 - \$10,187), interest revenue of \$2,734 (2021 - \$3,643), donations for Hibou boardwalk and Family Fun day of \$3,200 (2021 - \$5,000 for Hibou Playground) and other transfers to fund Authority activities included in miscellaneous revenue of \$6,120 (2021 - \$2,000).

13. Comparative Figures

Certain comparative figures on the statement of operations have been reclassified to conform with the current year's presentation.

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SCHEDULE 1 SCHEDULE OF REVENUE FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 (UNAUDITED)

	Budget 2022	Actual 2022	Actual 2021
	\$	\$	\$
Government Grants			
Provincial and Federal - Programming			
Flood control and warning	37,056	37,056	37,056
Stewardship program	-	66,009	52,951
Other	-	6,975	950
	37,056	110,040	90,957
Federal and local governments - Risk assessment of flood hazards	-	14,151	4,899
	37,056	124,191	95,856
Grey Sauble Forestry/Trees Ontario			
Trees and landscape stock	108,000	73,837	143,772
Trees Ontario and One Tree Planted	137,625	123,982	158,594
	245,625	197,819	302,366
User Fees, Service Fees and Other Revenue Sources			
Parking fees	137,900	249,246	239,350
Planning fees	325,000	384,031	380,788
Rentals	64,488	61,258	55,783
The Great Outdoors Day Camp	59,962	47,659	-
GIS consulting	2,000	100	10
	589,350	742,294	675,931

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SCHEDULE 2 SCHEDULE OF RENTAL RECOVERIES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 (UNAUDITED)

	Budget 2022	Actual 2022	Actual 2021
	\$	\$	\$
Recoveries			
Vehicle			
Flood control and warning	5,950	6,414	5,260
Operating conservation property	23,500	29,085	33,153
Forest management	22,500	22,404	20,932
Grey Sauble Forestry/Trees Ontario	8,000	6,051	6,989
Erosion control	300	83	31
Land use planning and regulation	18,000	8,164	7,026
Information and education	750	542	-
Administrative support	2,000	594	196
Special programs	2,500	150	54
	83,500	73,487	73,641
Expenditures			
Vehicle			
Fuel	30,000	30,294	28,853
Repairs	8,504	26,108	35,440
Licenses and insurance	25,000	8,744	9,239
Salaries and benefits	-	1,816	2,569
Equipment			
Fuel	-	1,959	1,051
Repairs	-	3,774	3,003
	63,504	72,695	80,155
Excess of recoveries over expenditures (expenditures over recoveries)	19,996	792	(6,514)

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SCHEDULE 3 SCHEDULE OF WATER MANAGEMENT EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 (UNAUDITED)

	Budget 2022	Actual 2022	Actual 2021
	\$	\$	\$
Flood Forecast and Warning			
Salaries and benefits	127,017	123,510	101,119
Service contracts	5,160	4,252	5,390
Vehicle and equipment rentals	4,000	4,784	3,533
Materials and supplies	3,000	1,496	1,160
Training	1,000	-	-
	140,177	134,042	111,202
Flood Control Structures			
Clendenan dam	12,350	13,168	10,791
Taylor Street retention pond	-	13	216
	12,350	13,181	11,007
Dams			
Salaries and benefits	18,000	9,898	10,005
Vehicle and equipment rentals	1,600	1,332	1,101
Materials and supplies	1,500	1,831	1,162
	21,100	13,061	12,268
Erosion Control			
Salaries and benefits	800	342	294
Vehicle and equipment rentals	300	84	31
Materials and supplies	1,000	-	-
	2,100	426	325
	175,727	160,710	134,802

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SCHEDULE 4 SCHEDULE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 (UNAUDITED)

	Budget 2022	Actual 2022	Actual 2021
	\$	\$	\$
Stewardship			
Salaries and benefits	58,776	54,584	53,993
Vehicle and equipment rentals	3,000	221	548
Materials and supplies	1,000	61,788	20,448
	62,776	116,593	74,989
Watershed Management			
Salaries and benefits	17,528	21,580	29,454
Vehicle and equipment rentals	5,000	3,883	4,579
Materials and supplies	400	162	649
Watershed monitoring	14,000	16,176	14,775
	36,928	41,801	49,457
Land Use Planning and Regulation			
Salaries and benefits	397,298	435,859	357,218
Service contracts	2,000	23,901	30,676
Vehicle and equipment rentals	10,000	4,060	2,394
Materials and supplies	5,000	7,695	4,447
	414,298	471,515	394,735
	514,002	629,909	519,181

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SCHEDULE 5 SCHEDULE OF FORESTRY EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 (UNAUDITED)

	Budget 2022	Actual 2022	Actual 2021
	\$	\$	\$
Operations on Authority Land			
Salaries and benefits	132,159	137,388	127,257
Service contracts	200	5,088	-
Vehicle and equipment rentals	8,000	4,807	4,053
Materials and supplies	1,600	2,477	2,977
	141,959	149,760	134,287
Grey Sauble Forestry/Trees Ontario			
Purchases and Trees Ontario expenses	136,300	85,346	132,459
Salaries and benefits	112,802	92,266	99,567
Other	500	7,215	7,700
	249,602	184,827	239,726
Grey County Forest Management			
Salaries and benefits	186,395	170,282	161,903
Vehicle and equipment rentals	14,500	17,739	16,879
Supplies	-	3,419	2,115
	200,895	191,440	180,897

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SCHEDULE 6 SCHEDULE OF CONSERVATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 (UNAUDITED)

	Budget 2022	Actual 2022	Actual 2021
	\$	\$	\$
Conservation Lands Operations			
Salaries and benefits	267,044	292,881	248,083
Vehicle and equipment rentals	22,000	26,511	31,799
Materials and supplies	23,150	22,766	23,457
Services, rents and utilities	16,650	20,468	16,092
Eugenia Falls	-	50	-
	328,844	362,676	319,431
Conservation Lands Policy and Strategy			
Salaries and benefits	117,632	138,569	114,777
Service contracts	30,000	22,549	1,479
Vehicle and equipment rentals	1,500	2,574	1,354
Property taxes	85,000	70,464	70,574
Materials and supplies	771	1,032	1,248
	234,903	235,188	189,432
Conservation Information and Education			
Salaries and benefits	82,126	129,617	83,391
Contracts and services	10,350	7,919	6,792
Vehicle and equipment rentals	500	542	-
Materials and supplies	3,250	442	609
Advertising contracts	100	3,114	738
The Great Outdoors Day Camp	67,108	6,053	(182)
	163,434	147,687	91,348
Administrative			
Salaries and benefits	390,218	403,985	387,829
Board members' allowances	-	1,552	2,044
Vehicle and equipment rentals	1,000	594	274
Materials and supplies	6,500	7,906	17,547
Services, rents and utilities	201,032	217,311	189,372
	598,750	631,348	597,066

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SCHEDULE 7 SCHEDULE OF PROGRAMMING EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 (UNAUDITED)

	Budget 2022	Actual 2022	Actual 2021
	\$	\$	\$
Sourcewater Protection			
Salaries and benefits	169,160	171,683	160,125
Committee members' allowance	-	3,822	6,057
Vehicle and equipment rentals	1,500	154	61
Materials and supplies	18,000	5,870	1,942
Services, rents and utilities	-	14,110	14,137
	188,660	195,639	182,322
Risk Management			
Salaries and benefits	54,460	56,792	52,395
Vehicle and equipment rentals	1,000	261	54
Materials and supplies	2,000	10,172	9,000
Services, rents and utilities	10,000	-	-
	67,460	67,225	61,449
GIS and IT Support			
Salaries and benefits	253,739	268,623	216,159
Service contracts	17,855	12,370	16,728
Vehicle and equipment rentals	1,000	-	65
Materials and supplies	4,900	1,068	692
Hardware and software	-	3,746	772
	277,494	285,807	234,416
Risk Assessment of Flood Hazards in the Georgian Bay Shoreline Areas of Grey County			
Services and supplies	-	21,152	-

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SCHEDULE 8 SCHEDULE OF OPERATING SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 (UNAUDITED)

	Budget 2022	Actual 2022	Actual 2021
	\$	\$	\$
Revenue			
Municipal levies	1,557,630	1,557,630	1,474,436
Government grants	37,056	110,040	90,957
Rebates	-	24,297	7,174
Risk assessment of flood hazards	-	14,151	6,096
Grey Sauble Forestry/Ontario Trees	245,625	197,820	302,366
Grey County Forest Management	200,895	192,501	182,255
Timber and wood sales	25,000	77,532	43,600
User fees	589,350	742,294	675,931
Sourcewater Protection	188,660	195,639	182,322
Net rental recoveries	19,996	792	(6,514)
Donations	1,600	14,937	83,344
Risk management	50,200	45,180	43,650
Miscellaneous	39,959	62,768	49,409
Interest earned	2,000	23,836	9,624
Proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets	-	-	2,170
	2,957,971	3,259,417	3,146,820
Expenditures			
Water management	175,727	160,710	134,802
Environmental planning	514,002	629,909	519,181
Forestry			
-Operations on Authority land	141,959	149,760	134,287
-Grey Bruce Forestry/Ontario Trees	249,602	184,827	239,726
-Grey County Forest Management	200,895	191,440	180,897
Conservation lands policy and procedures	234,903	235,188	189,432
Conservation lands operations	328,844	362,676	319,432
Conservation information and education	163,434	147,687	91,348
Administrative support	598,750	631,348	597,066
Miscellaneous	-	25,649	18,643
Risk management	67,460	67,225	61,449
Sourcewater protection	188,660	195,639	182,322
GIS/IT department	277,494	285,807	234,416
Risk assessment of flood hazards	-	21,152	-
Major projects (Schedule 9)	181,800	96,880	200,240
	3,323,530	3,385,897	3,103,241
Net (expenditures) revenues	(365,559)	(126,480)	43,579
Appropriations			
From reserve funds	239,195	76,936	(183,304)
To reserve funds	(44,996)	-	183,218
	194,199	76,936	(86)
Net surplus (deficit) for the year	(171,360)	(49,544)	43,493
Operating surplus, beginning of the year	283,944	283,944	240,451
Operating surplus, end of the year	112,584	234,400	283,944

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SCHEDULE 9 SCHEDULE OF MAJOR AND OTHER PROJECT EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 (UNAUDITED)

	Budget 2022	Actual 2022	Actual 2021
IT equipment	\$ 10,000	\$ 11,015	\$ 18,196
Vehicle replacement	35,000	28,076	77,604
Aerial photography	-	-	10,351
Admin centre - renewal	100,000	23,100	3,026
Other equipment	5,000	945	4,482
Office furniture	5,000	3,771	3,038
Playground - Hibou	-	-	66,552
Gatehouses	-	-	6,778
Entrance signs	4,800	17,669	53
Stone repointing	6,000	46	-
Spirit Rock - upgrades	-	-	6,351
Inglis Falls - upgrades	-	-	3,809
Lake Charles - washroom removal	2,000	588	-
Feversham - washroom	5,000	-	-
Water management	9,000	11,670	-
	181,800	96,880	200,240

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July 6, 2023

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- Provide your feedback on AMO's digital communications.
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- Input sought on revisions to Cannabis Standards.
- Off-road vehicle consultation.
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- Registration for AMO-LAS Energy Symposium is now open!
- Mini workshop: Uncovering Savings in Water/Wastewater Plants.
- Deadline extended for BPS energy reporting.
- Canoe vendor spotlight: Radiomobile, L3Harris, Getac, Whelen.
- Careers: AMO, Ministry of Transportation, MMAH, London, Malahide.

AMO Matters

Please complete this [six-minute survey](#) on AMO's brand and digital communications. Help AMO shape our future brand and member engagement!

AMO has issued a call for expression of interests for building the AMO 2024 list of nominees for the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) Board of Directors. Application deadline has been extended - [apply now](#).

Provincial Matters

The Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) is looking for input on proposed revisions to the Registrar's Standards for Cannabis Retail Stores. The deadline is July 11. [Register](#) to provide feedback.

The Ministry of Transportation is seeking feedback on Off-Road Vehicle safety enhancement proposals in a session on July 17. Materials will be distributed in

advance. To register email kemar.palmer@ontario.ca.

Organizations are invited to provide submissions to the [Electrification and Energy Transition Panel](#) via email at energypanel@ontario.ca until June 30 at 5:00 pm. Feedback will inform the Panel's report to the Minister of Energy.

Federal Matters

Learn more about the [Housing Accelerator Fund](#) by attending a virtual information webinar on July [13](#) or [18](#). Applications are due August 18.

Eye on Events

AMO is excited about this year's Conference hosted by the City of London at RBC Place London and DoubleTree by Hilton, August 20-23. View the preliminary [program](#) and [register](#) now for this important event.

We are offering a number of training opportunities focused on both the fundamentals of land use planning and strategic decision making at this years conference, Saturday, August 19 and Sunday, August 20. [Register today](#) for one of the limited spots.

Secure your spot in AMO's iconic councillor training this fall. This training provides councillors in all stages of their careers information, insights, and the necessary tools to be an effective local leader. [Register today](#).

Understanding your role and responsibilities as an elected official when it comes to [Human Rights & Equity](#) is critical. This training examines your legislative responsibilities and understanding what equity means and how it can be implemented. [Register today](#) to build your knowledge in these complex areas.

Join Local Authority Services (LAS) and Intact Public Entities (IPE) in discussion on Navigating the Road to Resilience in examination of critical municipal risk issues such as climate resiliency, cyber security, risk data management and more. [Register today](#) as space is limited. Deadline to Register: September 27.

The AMO and Local Authority Services (LAS) are pleased to be hosting the 2023 Municipal Energy Symposium on November 2- 3 at the Novotel Centre Toronto. [Registration](#) is now open. Space is limited.

LAS

Does your water/wastewater treatment plant use a lot of energy? [Register](#) for a free virtual mini-workshop with LAS and Stephen Dixon. We'll show you how you can identify energy conservation opportunities at your plant using RETScreen. [Contact Christian Tham](#) for further details.

The Ministry of Energy has extended the reporting deadline for 2021 energy usage data under O. Reg 25/23 until October 31, 2023. Watch for additional Ministry-hosted webinars in September. For any questions related to MOE's energy reporting requirements, please email BPSSupport@ontario.ca.

The Canoe Procurement Group continues to expand! Our Enforcement Solutions category is growing with the addition of Radiomobile, L3Harris, Getac, and Whelen Engineering. Simplify procurement while keeping your community safe. Contact Sarah to learn more.

Careers

Senior Manager, Policy - AMO. This is a leadership role as a key contributor to AMO's overall policy and government relations strategy and activities. Submit cover letter and CV via confidential email to: careers@amo.on.ca, subject: Senior Manager, Policy by July 7.

Senior Advisor - AMO. Advise Senior Management and Board of Directors on policy and government relations strategies related to housing, LUP and natural resource / environmental management. Submit cover letter and CV via confidential email to: careers@amo.on.ca, subject: Senior Advisor by July 7.

Director, Standards and Contracts Branch - Ministry of Transportation. Provides technical, operational and strategic leadership to a team that leads the planning, development, implementation and delivery of the ministry's highway engineering and construction standards, specifications and policies. Please apply online only, by July 11.

Municipal Policy Specialist - Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. Lead and coordinate policy and program development initiatives and projects related to local government strategies, policies, programs, and research activities. Please apply online only, by August 1.

Deputy City Manager, Legal Services - City of London. The DCM is responsible for providing the vision, strategic direction, and overall management of the Legal Services Service Area. Applications should be submitted online ideally by August 4.

Chief Administrative Officer - Township of Malahide. The CAO will be instrumental in the completion and execution of the strategic plan. Apply to hr@malahide.ca by July 26.

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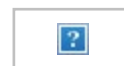
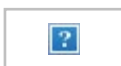
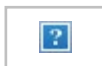
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Greetings:

I am pleased to inform you that the proposed Management Plan for Northern Sunfish, prepared under the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA), will be published on the Species at Risk Public Registry (the 'Registry') for a 60-day public comment period next week. This document was prepared by Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) in collaboration with many partners and we wish to take this opportunity to engage you in the next steps of the process including seeking your comments on the proposed document. English and French versions of the document will be available on the Registry.

SARA strengthens and enhances the Government of Canada's capacity to manage and protect Canadian species and populations that are at risk. The Northern Sunfish is listed as Special Concern under the Act.

Once an aquatic species is listed as Special Concern under SARA, the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans must use the best available information to develop a Management Plan. A Management Plan is a strategic document that describes the species and its needs, outlines threats, and identifies conservation measures to ensure that a species does not become Threatened or Endangered.

We invite you to comment on the proposed Management Plan, including any potential effects on your community or organization. The proposed Management Plan for Northern Sunfish in Canada will be open for a 60-day comment period. Following the conclusion of this 60-day comment period, DFO will consider the comments received and post the final Management Plan on the Registry, which will provide a framework to guide DFO and partners in our efforts to recover the species.

DFO values your input on the proposed Management Plan. We encourage you to share this information with others who you think may be interested.

Thank you for your contribution to the development of this important document and your continued dedication and interest in the conservation of aquatic species at risk.

Sincerely,

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: July 10, 2023

Subject: SRW.23.14 Queen Street Reconstruction Cost Increase

Report from: Scott McLeod, Public Works Manager

Appendices: None

Recommendation

Be It Resolved that Council hereby,

1. Support the changes to the original tender as coordinated by Bruce County;
2. That the costs for the watermain changes of \$78,608.52 be funded from reserves 01-0000-7232; and
3. That the costs for the remaining changes of \$283,661.38 be funded from roads reserve 01-0000-2124.

Report Summary

The intent of this report is to receive Council's support for the additional changes to the original tender and approve the associated costs that are associated with the Queen Street Reconstruction portion of the Teeswater Bridge replacement project.

Background

In 2021, Arran-Elderslie partnered with Bruce County to incorporate the Queen Street Reconstruction portion of the Teeswater Bridge project into the tendering process for the total project. The reconstruction will take place from the north side of the bridge to Church Street on Queen Street and will be a complete road rebuild, including watermain, storm sewers, curb, gutter and sidewalks, along with new asphalt.

The County is responsible to fund the road, storm and traffic control and the Municipality contributes to the watermain, sanitary, sidewalks and lighting.

Analysis

During the original tender, the lowest tender bid for the temporary bridge detour, bridge replacement and Queen Street reconstruction was a total of \$10,923,708.35 including all taxes.

The Municipal share of the tender bid was \$1,063,405.16 including taxes or 9.7% of the total contract price. This included the watermain, sanitary sewer, electrical work, asphalt and sidewalks and funds for provisional items.

As part of the Canadian Urban Institute's My Main Street Grant process staff worked with the Toronto Metropolitan University Urban Planning graduate students to develop a placemaking strategy for Paisley. The students final report included some key community design features that could be considered at the time of improving streetscaping. Nak Design Strategies, provided landscape architectural mentorship and support to the graduate students during the report preparation.

Nak was then subsequently retained to provide an overall design strategy of the streetscape works in keeping with some of the concepts identified in the placemaking report. Their proposed improvements along with modifications to infrastructure contributed to the increased costs. The additional costs are estimated to total \$362,269.90 including HST and are outlined below.

- Additional sewer work to be completed on Mill Street
- Changes to the watermain on the south side of the bridge
- An increase of the sanitary sewer size on the north side of the bridge
- Additional engineering costs associated with the changes
- A ramp to access the dyke in place of the steps to support accessibility
- Concrete parking bays in place of asphalt
- Concrete planters placed along the Paisley Arena

The Mill Street sewer main and changes to the water main on the south side of the bridge support development in the area. The sewer work on Mill Street was noted as potential work during the budget process and \$100,000 was allotted at that time so sufficient funds have been budgeted to support the sanitary sewer changes. The increase to the sanitary sewer on the north side of the bridge is based on recommendations from GSS Engineering Consultants Ltd., and Public Works staff.

The previous pedestrian access to the Paisley Dyke was by a set of steel stairs, which were removed during the construction. The *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act* requires that accessibility standards be implemented when a new or substantial renovation of public use spaces is undertaken. To maintain compliance, it is proposed that the steps be replaced with a ramp. Looby Construction is to provide a quotation on the cost of this initiative. It is currently estimated to be a cost of \$30,000.

Additional costs associated with the firehall site abutments and fill as well as the locational sign on the bridge are anticipated to be covered under provisional items.

Link to Strategic/Master Plan

6.1 Protecting Infrastructure, Recreation and Natural Assets

6.2 Supporting Businesses and the Local Economy

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding/Link to Procurement Policy

	Current Budget	Revised Budget	Additional Funding
Road, Sidewalk, Elec etc.	\$397,600.00	\$588,627.77	\$191,027.77
Watermain Related	\$314,100.00	\$383,665.06	\$69,565.06
Dyke Access Ramp		\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
Engineering		\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
Total before HST	\$711,700.00	\$1,032,292.83	\$320,592.83

The current budget also includes \$329,500.00 for sanitary sewer related costs with the revised budget being \$261,702.05. Sanitary sewer costs are funded through sanitary sewer user fees and the savings of \$67,797.95 will be deposited back into the reserve fund. The additional funding necessary to support the remaining changes to the scope of the project is approximately \$362,269.90 including the HST.

Staff propose funding the additional costs be funded as follows:

Item	Additional Funds	Reserve
Watermain Related	\$ 78,608.52	01-0000-7232
Road, SW, parking, planters, engineering etc.	\$283,661.38	01-0000-2124

Council will be provided with a full summary of costs when the final details become available.

Approved by: Sylvia Kirkwood, Chief Administrative Officer



The Corporation of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie

Information Report

Report From: Pat Johnston, Chief Building Official

Meeting Date: July 10, 2023

Subject: SRCBO.23.02- Building Permit Statistics for January to June 2023

Attachments: Appendix A – Building Permit Activity – January to June 2023

Report Summary

The report provides Council with an update on building permit applications submitted for the period from January through June 2023, as well providing the previous four (4) years of historical comparatives.

Background

Building permit activity and associated fees are presented to Council on a quarterly basis.

Analysis

The 2023 building permit applications submitted in Arran-Elderslie from January to June, 2023 are historically lower than the average over the last four (4) years, but the same number of permits that were received in 2022.

Total agricultural construction values for 2023 remain strong at \$5.5 M, making up 29.9% of the total construction values to date. Although the permit applications may be lower the building permit values and construction values are the highest yet in 2023 compared to the previous four (4) years. With construction values sitting at \$18 M and permit values at \$147 K, the forecast for 2023 is encouraging.

Link to Strategic/Master Plan

6.3 Facilitating Community Growth

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding

In the 2023 Operating Budget \$175,000 was budgeted for permit application values. The applications submitted have produced a promising result for building permit fees with an expected total of \$147,058 making up 77% of the forecasted yearly Operating Budget in the first 6 months.

Approved By: Sylvia Kirkwood, CAO



Municipality of Arran Elderslie

Construction Forecast

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Building Department

Jan-June

Jun-23

The following permits have been submitted for Approval:

Class	Type	Month- Jan-June 2023														
		Permits Submitted					Construction Values					Permit Values				
		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Residential - House		19	12	22	7	5	\$ 7,335,000.00	\$ 4,556,000.00	\$9,031,844.55	\$3,225,000.00	\$2,750,000	\$60,322.50	\$ 40,162.00	\$81,170.25	\$ 28,052.50	\$19,172
Residential - Addition / Reno		10	6	14	11	12	\$ 807,000.00	\$ 274,500.00	\$1,161,460.00	\$ 889,000.00	\$1,048,000	\$ 5,675.00	\$ 3,646.62	\$12,588.94	\$ 6,361.57	\$9,350
Residential - Deck / Porch		11	5	5	7	4	\$ 70,500.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 65,900.56	\$73,000	\$ 1,470.00	\$ 989.40	\$ 1,195.60	\$ 1,973.10	\$1,247
Residential - Accessory		10	3	8	16	7	\$ 292,300.00	\$ 60,500.00	\$ 353,000.00	\$ 447,000.00	\$449,000	\$ 5,422.00	\$ 1,348.00	\$ 6,410.50	\$ 9,754.75	\$3,800
Residential - Multi-Unit		1	3	1	4	1	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 140,000.00	\$ 600,000.00	\$3,250,000.00	\$7,000,000	\$ 510.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 6,687.33	\$ 25,758.59	\$48,855
Other (Pool, Fireplace, etc)		0	4	12	4	0	\$ -	\$ 41,600.00	\$ 483,000.00	\$ 215,000.00	\$0	\$ -	\$ 575.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$0
Agricultural - Barn / Access.		17	5	18	8	14	\$ 3,168,000.00	\$ 505,000.00	\$3,946,100.00	\$3,415,000.00	\$4,001,000	\$25,342.00	\$ 5,215.00	\$43,626.15	\$ 26,700.30	\$34,110
Agricultural - Add. / Reno		6	6	1	0	5	\$ 380,000.00	\$ 117,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ -	\$760,000	\$ 3,791.20	\$ 2,442.50	\$ 597.50	\$ -	\$5,884
Agricultural - Grain Bin / Silo		6	4	3	4	3	\$ 375,000.00	\$ 235,000.00	\$ 430,886.00	\$ 210,000.00	\$663,000	\$ 3,307.00	\$ 2,946.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 1,317.60	\$3,060
Agricultural - Manure Storage		0	0	0	1	1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,000.00	\$60,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,050.00	\$3,393
Com/Ind/Ins - New Building		6	1	2	1	0	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 682,300.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$0	\$ 2,680.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 3,767.55	\$ 130.00	\$0
Com/Ind/Ins - Addition		3	2	0	0	2	\$ 815,000.00	\$ 165,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$103,000	\$ 9,060.40	\$ 768.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$280
Com/Ind/Ins - Renovation		5	2	3	2	6	\$ 2,360,000.00	\$ 470,000.00	\$ 225,000.00	\$ 252,000.00	\$742,400	\$ 5,790.04	\$ 552.10	\$ 1,996.00	\$ 3,130.00	\$7,778
Septic - New System		8	3	2	2	3	\$ 84,000.00	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$545,000	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$7,800
Septic - Repair Existing		5	2	5	4	4	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 63,000.00	\$ 58,000.00	\$65,000	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$1,400
(Refer Below)		0	0	0	0	0	\$ 46,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 13,200.00	\$ 32,679.00	\$57,000	\$ 525.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 390.00	\$ 820.00	\$930
Monthly Building Totals		107	58	96	71	67	\$15,942,800.00	\$6,644,600.00	\$17,124,790.55	\$12,174,579.56	\$18,316,400.00	\$128,995.14	\$62,519.62	\$165,029.82	\$108,848.41	\$147,058.67
Cancelled		0	0	0	0	1										
Plumbing Permits		0	0	0	0	0										
New Sewer Connections		0	0	0	0	0										
Demolition Permits		4	2	3	3	6										
Change in Use, Tents, Etc.		1	0	0	2	2										
Total # of Permits issued		112	60	99	76	76										

Original Signed by
P. Johnston
Chief Building Official



The Corporation of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: July 10, 2023

Subject: SRREC 23.09 Curling Club Agreements

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

Appendices: Appendix A – Curling Club Overview

Recommendation

Be It Resolved that Council hereby:

1. Directs staff to update the agreements with the Tara Curling Club and Paisley Curling Club to reflect the following changes:
 - Each Club shall receive up to \$1,000.00 in complimentary facility bookings that can be used anytime through the calendar year, provided that the rental does not conflict with any other events.
 - Should the Club provide proof of their liquor license extension for the facility, the Municipality shall apply the non-licensed facility rental rate to the Council donation account;
2. Direct staff to bring a future report to Council regarding the status of each agreement; and
3. That the Grant and Donation Policy be amended to reflect the change to the Tara Curling Club and Paisley Curling Club agreements.

Report Summary

The intent of this report is to follow up on the delegation from the Tara Curling Club and the internal request from the Paisley Curling Club regarding facility rentals and waiving of fees.

Background

Tara Curling Club

In 2023, members of the Tara Curling Club spoke to Council regarding facility usage and cost. Members indicated to Council that the facility costs associated with bonspiels made it challenging for the Club to raise funds. The Club also experienced issues with their ice plant and are investigating the cost to repair or replace the asset.

The agreement between the Tara Curling Club and the Municipality states that the Club is the absolute owner of the Curling Club floor and all capital equipment within the facility. The Club received one (1) free curling floor rental during the non-curling season. This agreement is in full force until mutually amended.

Paisley Curling Club

The Paisley Curling Club agreement will expire in 2023. Staff have met with Club members to discuss the terms of the agreement and have requested additional facility rentals at no cost, so that the Club will have an opportunity to raise funds for future capital repairs.

The agreement between the Paisley Curling Club and the Municipality states that the Club pays a monthly fee to the Municipality during the curling season for use of the Curling Club floor and Lounge. The Club receives two (2) free hall rentals per year.

Chesley Curling Club

The Chesley Curling Club agreement is in full force until mutually amended. The Club receives fifteen (15) free uses of the Kitchen and Boardroom, one (1) free use of the Community Hall, Kitchen, and Boardroom for the annual banquet and four (4) free uses of the Curling Floor during the off season.

Attached to this report is an overview of each agreement with the Curling Club's and the Municipality.

Analysis

After meeting with members of the Tara Curling Club and Paisley Curling Club, staff are recommending updating the agreements between both parties. The recommendation is as follows:

- Each Club shall receive up to \$1,000.00 in complimentary facility bookings per year that can be used anytime throughout the calendar year, provided that the rental does not conflict with any other events.
- Should the Club provide proof of their liquor license extension for the requested facility, the Municipality shall apply the non-licensed facility rental rate to the Council donation account.

Should Council approve the recommendations within the report, staff will amend the Tara Curling Club agreement and update the Paisley Curling Club agreement and bring a future report to Council for approval.

Link to Strategic/Master Plan

6.5 Engaging People and Partnerships

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding/Link to Procurement Policy

The recommendation within this report would require \$1,000.00 for the Paisley Curling Club and \$1,000.00 for the Tara Curling Club to be allotted annually within the budget, being drawn from the Council Grant and Donation account. The Grant and Donation Policy will be updated to reflect this.

Approved by: Sylvia Kirkwood, Chief Administrative Officer

Municipality of Arran-Elderslie Overview of Curling Club Agreements

	Chesley	Paisley	Tara
Date	February 1994 Open end	November 2018 Exp. Apr.15/2023	January 2000 Open end
Ice Season	Oct.1 to Apr. 30	Nov.15 to Apr.15	Oct.1 to Apr.15
Ownership:			
Facilities	Municipality	Municipality	Municipality
Curling Rink	Municipality	Municipality	Club
Curling Equipment	Club		
Use of Community Centres	15 days Kitchen and small viewing room Annual Banquet Hall, kitchen, bar 4 days Floor use, non-curling season	2 uses Hall and kitchen	1 use Non-curling season
Municipal Financial Commitment (Schedule D - Grant & Donation Policy)	\$ 3,605.05	\$ 957.16	\$ 478.58
Monthly Payments	25.2% of utility costs	Annual monthly fee for ice season	No fee, as owner AE pays utilities Apr. 16-Sep.30
Ice Plant	34.3% R&M and capital	100% of 30hp Compressor 100% Components of Club 50% Start-up/Shut-down 33% Approved Capital	100% Costs
Insurance	Club	Club	Club



The Corporation of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: July 10, 2023

Subject: SRREC 23.10 Tara Sport Field Changes

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

Appendices: Appendix A – Tara Ball and Soccer Current Configuration
Appendix B – Tara Ball and Soccer Proposed Reconfiguration

Recommendation

Be It Resolved that Council hereby,

1. Accepts the proposed reconfiguration of the Tara Soccer Field and directs staff to work with Tara Minor Soccer to turn the field and add topsoil and grass seed as required;
2. Direct staff to work with the Tara Agricultural Society to move and relocate the horse tie ups to a safer location on the grounds; and
3. That staff proceed with the purchase of a new set of soccer frames and nets from Sports-Inter at a cost of \$ 6,836.50, to be financed by Recreation Reserve #7250.

Report Summary

As minor sports continue to grow in Tara, proximity challenges are presented between the second ball diamond and the soccer field, which is creating safety issues when both ball and soccer occur at the same time. Staff are working with members of both organizations to develop a solution that is beneficial for all parties and will allow maximized participation on both the ball diamond and soccer field.

Background

The current configuration of the ball diamond and soccer field are shown as Appendix "A" to this report.

There is minimal space between ball diamond two outfield and the soccer goal on the north end. As soccer and ball practices and games often overlap, safety issues are presented when balls enter the playing surface of one or the other.

Staff became aware of this issue in 2022 and worked with both organizations to adjust the soccer field by shifting it to the direction of the proposal shown in Appendix B.

In spring 2023, staff were made aware of challenges of the reconfiguration presented by minor soccer. The organization indicated that the Agricultural Society's horse tie ups were in a hazardous location for players. Also indicated was the rough terrain and that topsoil and field levelling would be required to reduce the chance of injuries. Finally, last year's field location did not allow for corner kicks to be completed in a safe manner.

As the 2022 reconfiguration was on a trial basis, Minor Soccer moved the field back to its original location, which is presenting challenges to both organizations during games and practices.

Staff have met with both organizations to try and minimize scheduling conflicts; however this solution is temporary. Staff need to move the north soccer goal multiple times per week to allow both organizations to participate fully. The soccer goals are aging and this has been a challenge for all involved.

Analysis

In order to maximize recreational opportunities for everyone involved, staff and organization members feel that the best course of action is to shift the field as shown in Appendix "B". This configuration will allow for ball and soccer to safely take place at the same time with minimal interference for each sport. Staff will involve Minor Soccer to ensure that field measurements are adequate. Topsoil and grass seed will be added to the low points of the field following the 2023 season and plan to roll the field and address any other deficiencies in spring 2024. Staff will also work with members of the Tara Agricultural Society to determine the best location for the horse tie-ups.

Since soccer is the group that is required to move, staff are recommending purchasing a new set of goals for the field. As the goals have been moved several times and because they are between 10 to 15 years old, they are due for replacement and the organization has requested upgraded goals. Staff have sourced three (3) quotes for the new goals that are 8' x 24'.

Sports-Inter	\$ 6,836.50 including shipping and HST
Avanti Sports	\$ 7,689.15 including shipping and HST
Sport Systems Canada	\$ 7,812.82 including shipping and HST

Link to Strategic/Master Plan**6.5 Engaging People and Partnerships**

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding/Link to Procurement Policy

Should the recommendations within the report be approved, there will be staff time to prepare the field and costs associated with topsoil, grass seed and rolling. These costs will be included within the 2024 Operating Budget.

In order to secure prices, staff are requesting to purchase a new set of soccer goals from Sports-Inter at a cost of \$ 6,836.50 inclusive of HST that will be financed from Recreation Reserve #7250.

Approved by: Sylvia Kirkwood, Chief Administrative Officer



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The Corporation of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: July 10, 2023

Subject: SRREC 23.11 Tara Community Centre Request for Concession Operations

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

Appendices: None.

Recommendation

Be It Resolved that Council hereby,

1. Directs staff to enter into an agreement for the 2023-2024 ice season for Tara Community Centre for Concession Operations.

Report Summary

To inform Council of the interest of a local individual requesting to operate the concession in the Tara Community Centre for the 2023-2024 ice season.

Background

Concession operations within Municipal community centres have become increasingly challenging to obtain an concession operator. Annually, staff put out a call for vendors wishing to operate each concession. During the 2022-2023 season, only Chesley had an operator for two (2) months of the season. Within the Municipal Fees and Charges By-Law, the cost for an operator is \$50.00 per month.

There had been some interest during the 2022-2023 ice season for concession operations in Tara, but for various reasons, they did not come to fruition. A challenge for many potential vendors is the cost of general liability insurance to operate and the varied hours that are involved.

Analysis

Staff have been approached by a local individual wishing to operate the concession booth at the Tara Community Centre during the 2023-2024 ice season. This individual has indicated that they plan to have drinks, snacks and other food items and plans to be available during hockey games, practices, and figure skating. This individual has confirmed with staff that they have a safe food handling certificate, has experience in similar settings and will engage the Health Unit prior to opening. This person has also indicated that they will provide proof of general liability insurance.

Should Council approve the recommendation within the report, staff will prepare the necessary agreement with this individual.

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6.5 Engaging People and Partnerships

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding/Link to Procurement Policy

There will be minimal staff requirements associated with this agreement. Should Council approve, the agreement will begin in November 2023 and end in March 2024. This will generate \$250.00 in rental revenue for the Tara Community Centre.

Approved by: Sylvia Kirkwood, Chief Administrative Officer



The Corporation of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: July 10, 2023

Subject: SRREC 23.12 Paisley Community Centre 2nd Level Renovation, Award Construction Contract – Domm Construction Ltd.

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

Appendices: None

Recommendation

Be It Resolved that Council hereby,

1. Accept the proposal from Domm Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$346,203.75, inclusive of applicable taxes for the Paisley Community Centre Second Level Renovation; and
 2. That this project be financed through Capital Account 02-3975-4300, Paisley Community Centre 2nd Floor Rehabilitation.
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Report Summary

To outline the proposal provided by Domm Construction Ltd., for renovation work of the second level of the Paisley Community Centre.

Background

A Request for Proposal to complete renovation work on the second level of the Paisley Community Centre closed on June 30, 2023. The document requested a renovation of the upper level of the Community Centre to include provisions for a Library and repairs to the Community Hall.

This report is a follow up to the March 13, 2023 Council report where the concept of relocating to Paisley Library branch into the former Legion Room and coincide this work with the approved elevator project.

Analysis

The document was posted on the Municipal website and Biddingo, an online government contract portal. One (1) bid proposal was received from Domm Construction Ltd. The bid met all specifications of the proposal.

The work that is involved with this project includes removal and replacement of flooring, t-bar ceiling and replacement of current lighting system to LED throughout the community hall (includes the multi-purpose recreational space). Within the common space between the Library and hall, an accessible vestibule will be created to allow patrons to either access the Library or Community Hall. Each space will have a dedicated entrance with this work. Within the Library area, flooring will be replaced, the existing wall on the west side of the current kitchen area will be removed and a circulation desk area will be created. The existing washroom in the Library will be upgraded to meet accessibility requirements. A new HRV unit including duct work will be installed within Library. Work on the canopy on the west side of the building (underneath the Community Centre main entrance) windows will be installed and two (2) new windows will also be installed on the north side of the Library space. Electrical upgrades including motion sensors in washroom, additional receptacles in the common areas and relocate emergency exit and lighting will be completed. Also included within the proposal is to insulate the duct work in the hall and install an ERV system.

The Proposal received from Domm Construction Ltd. included allowances for cabinetry, countertops and circulation desk, which will be communicated with Bruce County Library staff during this project.

Domm Construction Ltd., has been awarded the contract for the elevator installation and proposes to complete the projects during the same timeframe to minimize disruption in service. This project is anticipated to begin in fall 2023 and completed in early 2024.

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6.6 Modernizing Services

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding/Link to Procurement Policy

The 2023 Capital Budget has approved \$453,863 from 21-RECC-0013, with \$100,000 of this total being funded through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program's Covid Stream.

The proposal received from Domm Construction Ltd. is \$346,203.75 inclusive of applicable taxes.

Approved by: Sylvia Kirkwood, Chief Administrative Officer



The Corporation of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie

Information Report

Report From: Steve Tiernan, Fire Chief

Meeting Date: July 10, 2023

Subject: SRFIRE.23.04 Arran-Elderslie Fire & Emergency Services – Statistics from January to June, 2023

Attachments: Appendix A – January to June Fire Statistics 2023

Report Summary

The intent of this report is to update Council on the Arran-Elderslie Fire and Emergency Services Operations and Statistics for the first half of the Operational Period of 2023.

Background

The following information is comprised of Fire Responses, Training, Apparatus Information, Fire Prevention and Public Education completed for the first six months of 2023 (January to June).

Analysis

A completed analysis of information from January 1st to June 30th, 2023 and total year to date calls for each station, was prepared from the information received from the Arran-Elderslie Fire & Emergency Services. Statistics are identified in Appendix A – First Six-Month Fire Statistics 2023.

Summary of Training

With the continuation of mandatory certification, a Training Committee has been created, made up of two (2) firefighters from each station. The Fire Chief met with the committee in the beginning of the year to discuss annual training and mandatory certification training. The committee works as each station's lead on scheduling of training to ensure firefighters are ready for the first step in certification. (NFPA 1001 Firefighter Level 1 testing tentatively set for April of 2024).

Participants, including seven Captains and Acting Captains, completed their NFPA 1021 Level 1 Officer course. The class was held over two (2) weekends with many hours of pre-class completed.

Captains and Acting Captains completed their online course to receive their Assistant to the Fire Marshall cards. This is a new mandatory program from the Office of the Fire Marshall. Officers must now complete this 3-hour online class to know their authority as Assistants to the Fire Marshall under the Fire Protection and Prevention Act (FPPA) before receiving their cards.

The new training facility sea-container has been delivered and work has started in-house on the fabrication of this live fire training prop.

A new forcible entry prop and K12 cutting prop have been ordered, being supplied by H&R Machine. Both these props were made available from a successful grant application to the Ontario Power Workers Union. Special thanks to firefighter Mitch Tobin for making the Fire Chief aware of the grant opportunity.

Firefighters attended Bruce Power for live fire training. Firefighters from all three (3) stations attended Bruce County Fire School, this year hosted by Northern Bruce Peninsula Fire service, Tobermory Station.

Two (2) firefighters from each station attended a NFPA 1006 Auto Extrication Technician course in Huron Kinloss.

Apparatus and Equipment Review

The following maintenance and inspections were completed in the first six-month period:

- Annual MTO fire truck inspections
- Annual pump and ladder testing
- Total fleet modernization of fire truck radios made available by a Fire House Subs grant completed by the Fire Chief
- Pumper 92 had the primer valve fixed
- Tanker 85 had new rear tires installed
- Paisley Firefighters Association purchased a set of Amkus E Hydraulic extrication tools (cutter and spreader)

- Chesley Firefighters Association purchased a Cutters Choice vent saw, TFT Decontamination Pack and a FLIR thermal imager

Prevention and Inspections

Inspections of commercial businesses through requests and complaints are ongoing throughout the Municipality.

Public Education Activities in the first six (6) months include the following:

- Grey Bruce Childrens Water Festival held in Chesley. 1200-1400 children participated in the Chesley fire department safety presentation. Firefighters from Chesley and Paisley participated over the 3-day period.
- Fire halls visits by the schools.
- Hattens Home Hardware 50th anniversary day.

Monthly news articles are also published in the Paisley Advocate paper and our social media sites.

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Fire Masterplan 2020

Corporate Strategic Plan:

6.1 Protecting Infrastructure, Recreation and Natural Assets

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding

There are no financial implications at this time resulting from this report.

Approved By: Sylvia Kirkwood, CAO

Appendix "A"

First Six-Month Fire Statistics 2023

	Fires	Medical	Motor Vehicle Collisions	Alarms	Other; Gas Leak, Hydro Wires, Spills Burn Complaints, Etc.	Mutual, Station, Other Department, Aid	Cancelled	Total Calls
TARA Station 70	2	2	5	0	4	4	4	21
PAISLEY Station 80	4	12	2	1	4	3	0	26
CHESLEY Station 90	3	9	4	0	9	2	2	29
Total Calls For First Six Months							76	
Year to Date							Total YTD	76

The Corporation of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie

By-Law Number 34-2023

Being a By-Law to adopt Amendment No. L-2022-014 to the Corporation of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie Official Plan for lands described as Part Lot 16-17 Con A Elderslie; Plan 156, Part Lot 3-25; RP3R-7788 Municipality of Arran-Elderslie

Whereas The Corporation of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie is empowered to amend its Official Plan as required;

Whereas the Planning Act, RSO 1990 Section 17 provides provisions for the passing of official plan documents;

And whereas the Planning Act, RSO 1990 Section 22 provides provisions for making amendments to official plans.

And whereas in accordance with the Planning Act, application has been received to change the Arran-Elderslie Official Plan provisions for Part Lot 16-17 Con A Elderslie; Plan 156, Part Lot 3-25; RP3R-7788 Municipality of Arran-Elderslie

Now therefore the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie enacts as follows:

1. **That** Amendment No. L-2022-014 to the Corporation of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie Local Official Plan, a copy of which is attached to and forms part of this by-law, is hereby adopted.
2. **That** the Clerk is hereby directed to forward the adopted Amendment together with the necessary supporting documentation to the County of Bruce for final approval.
3. This by-law shall come into force and take effect pursuant to the provisions and regulations of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13.

Read a first and second time this 10th day of July, 2023.

_____ Mayor

_____ Clerk

Read a third time and finally passed this ____th day of _____, 2023.

_____ Mayor

_____ Clerk

Part B – The Amendment Number L-2022-014

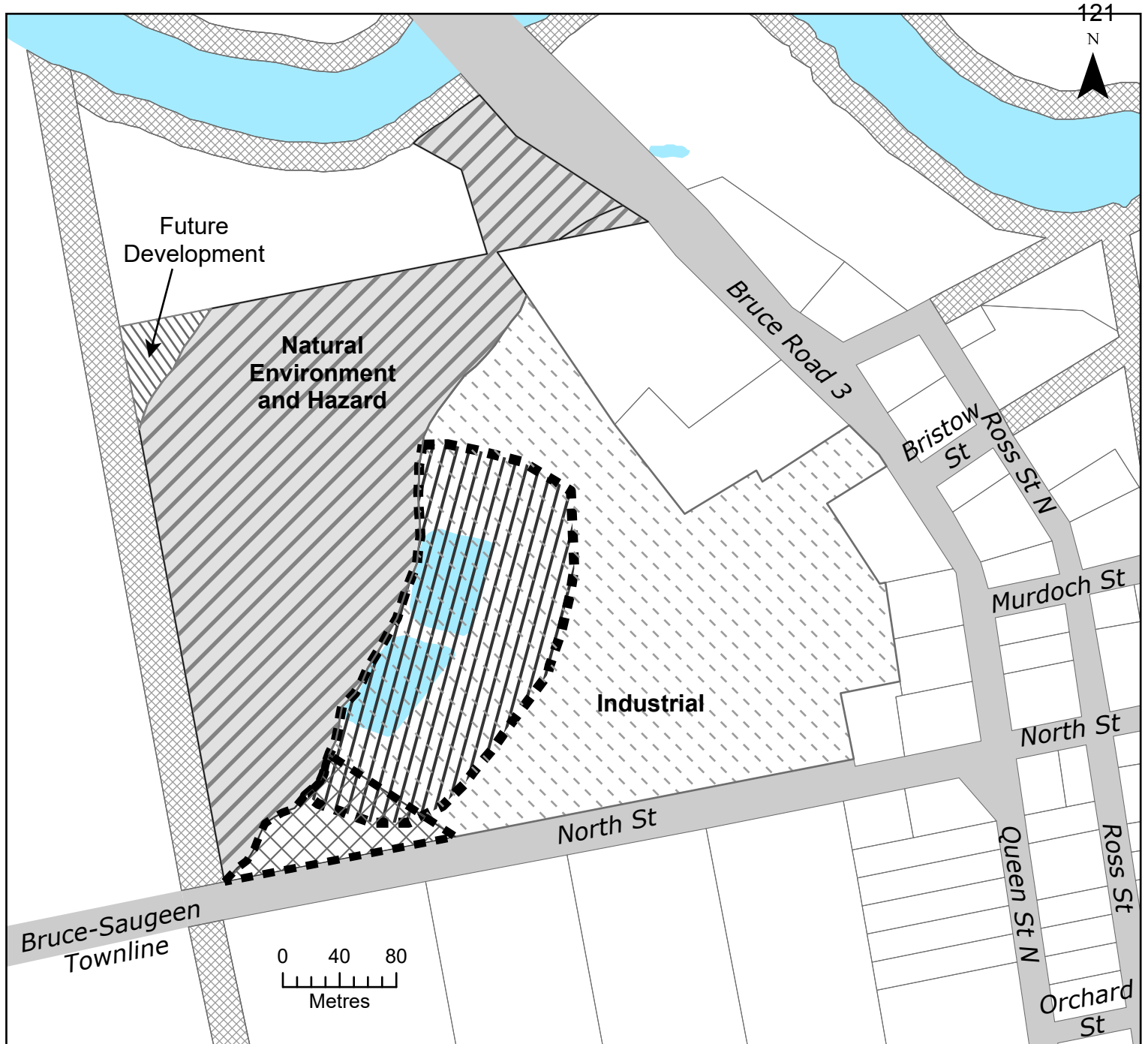
Introductory Statement

All of this part of the document entitled "Part B – The Amendment" and consisting of the following text, and attached map designated as Schedule "A", constitutes Amendment No. L-2022-014 to the Corporation of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie Local Official Plan.

Details of the Amendment

The Corporation of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie Local Official Plan is proposed to be amended as follows:

1. "Schedule A: Land Use Plan" to the Corporation of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie Official Plan is hereby amended by changing the land use designation on lands described as Part Lot 16-17 Con A Elderslie; Plan 156, Part Lot 3-25; RP3R-7788 Municipality of Arran-Elderslie from 'Industrial (IND), Future Development (FD) and Natural Environment and Hazard (ENVH)' to 'Future Development (FD), Industrial (IND), Natural Environment and Hazard (ENVH) and Residential (RES)', as outlined in the attached Schedule "A". Special Policy SPA 3.10.1 is hereby removed.



Schedule 'A'
to
Amendment NO. L-2021-014
Arran-Elderslie Official Plan

3437 Bruce Road 3
Concession A Part Lots 16 & 17
Plan; 156 Lot 3 to 25
Roll 410338000101900
Municipality of Arran-Elderslie
(geographic Township Elderslie)
County of Bruce



Lands to be designated to Residential



Special Policy Area
Overlay 3.10.1 to be removed

File: L-2021-014

Applicant: Abraflex c/o Ian Eriksen (GM BluePlan)

Date: July 2023

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

BY-LAW NO. 35 – 2023

Being A By-Law to amend Comprehensive Zoning By-Law No. 36-09, as amended, of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie.

Whereas the Council of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie deems it in the public interest to pass a By-law to amend Bylaw No. 36-09.

And Whereas pursuant to the provisions of Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, By-laws may be amended by Councils of Municipalities.

Therefore, the Council of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie enacts the following:

1. By-law No. 36-09 is hereby amended as it affects lands described as Part Lot 16-17 Con A Elderslie; Plan 156, Part Lot 3-25; RP3R-7788 Municipality of Arran-Elderslie, 3437 Bruce Road 3, Paisley and shown on Schedule "A" affixed hereto.
2. Schedule "A" to By-law No. 36-09, as amended, being the Comprehensive Zoning By-law for the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie, is hereby further amended by changing the zoning from Business Park 1 'BP1' to Residential: Low Density Single 'R1', 'R1-35-2023-H', 'BP1', 'BP1-35-2023-H1-H2 and BP1-35-2023-H3' on the subject lands, as outlined in Schedule 'A', attached hereto and forming a part of this by-law.
3. By-law No. 36-09, is further amended by adding the follow subsection to Section 10.5 thereof:

'R1-35-2023-H'

"Notwithstanding Section 10 to this By-law shown as 'R1-35-2023-H' on Schedule 'A' no development or site alteration is permitted within 30 m of the existing hazard land limit identified on Schedule 'A' to this by-law. The holding symbol 'H' shall be lifted subject to the submission of the following:

- a. a slope stability study that assesses slope conditions and provides an erosion hazard setback to future development. All other provisions of By-law 36-09 shall apply."

4. By-law No. 36-09, is further amended by adding the following subsection to Section 15.5 thereof:

'BP1-35-2023-H1-H2'

"Notwithstanding Section 15 to this By-law shown as 'BP1-35-2023-H1-H2' on Schedule 'A', the holding symbol 'H1' shall be lifted subject to the criteria stated in Section 4.4.4 of Zoning By-law 36-09."

"Notwithstanding Section 15 to this By-law shown as 'BP1-35-2023-H1-H2' on Schedule 'A', the holding symbol 'H2' shall be lifted subject to the submission of the following:

- a. an Environmental Impact Study that demonstrates future development will not have an impact on significant valleylands, significant wildlife habitat, fish habitat, and habitat of endangered/threatened species; and,
- b. a hydrogeological study that demonstrates future development will not negatively impact groundwater quality and quantity; and
- c. an agreement to connect to full municipal services. All other provisions of By-law 36-09 shall apply."

'BP1-35-2023-H3'

“Notwithstanding Section 15 to this By-law shown as ‘BP1-35-2023-H3’ on Schedule ‘A’, no development or site alteration is permitted within 30 m of the existing hazard land limit identified on Schedule ‘A’ to this by-law. The holding symbol ‘H3’ shall be lifted subject to the submission of the following:

- a. a slope stability study that assesses slope conditions and provides an erosion hazard setback to future development. All other provisions of By-law 36-09 shall apply.”

5. Schedule ‘A’ attached, and all notations thereon are hereby declared to form part of this By-law.
6. THAT this By-law takes effect from the date upon which the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie Official Plan Amendment No. L-2022-014 comes into force and effect, subject to compliance with the provisions of the *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended*.

READ a FIRST and SECOND time this 10th day of July, 2023.

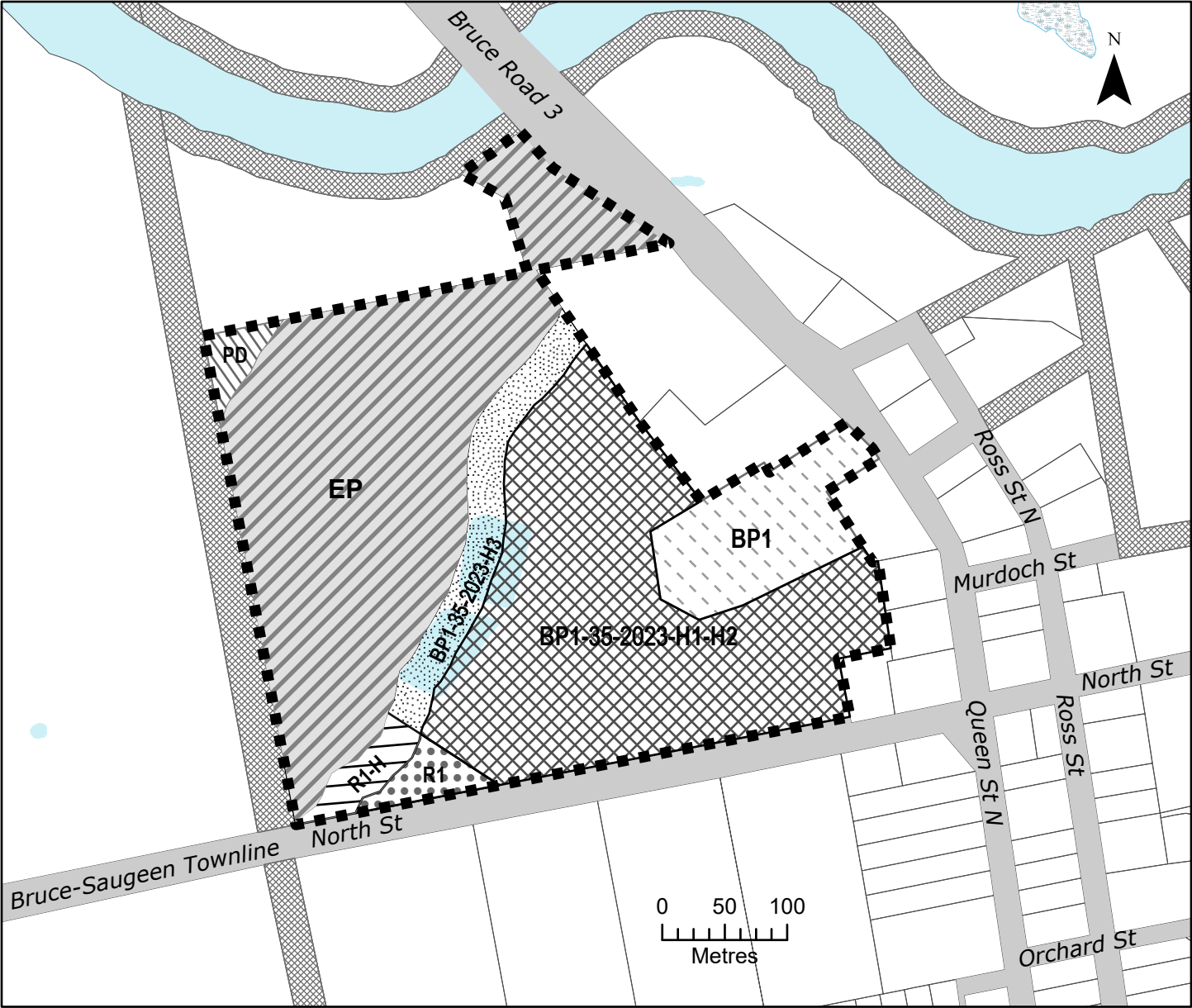
READ a THIRD time and finally passed this 10thday of July 2023.

Steve Hammell, Mayor

Christine Fraser-McDonald, Clerk

Schedule 'A'

3437 Bruce Road 3 - Concession A Part Lots 16 & 17 Plan;156 Lot 3 to 25 - Roll # 410338000101900
Municipality of Arran-Elderslie (geographic Township Elderslie)



- Subject Property
- Lands zoned BP1 - Business Park
- Lands to be zoned BP1-35-2023-H1-H2 - Business Park Special Holding
- Lands to be zoned BP1-35-2023-H3 - Business Park Special Holding
- Lands zoned R1-35-2023 - Residential: Low Density Single Special
- Lands zoned R1-35-2023-H - Residential: Low Density Single Special Holding
- Lands zoned PD - Planned Development
- Lands zoned EP - Environmental Protection

This is Schedule 'A' to the zoning by-law amendment number 35-2023 passed this 10th day of July, 2023.

Mayor _____
Clerk _____

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

BY-LAW NO. 37-2023

**BEING A BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF
THE MUNICIPALITY OF ARRAN-ELDERSLIE
HELD JULY 10, 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 July 10, 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 July 10, 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 10th day of July, 2023.

READ a THIRD time and finally passed this 10th day of July, 2023.

Steve Hammell, Mayor

Christine Fraser-McDonald, Clerk