



COUNCIL AGENDA March 6, 2024 – 9:00 AM

MEETING DETAILS

In-Person Meeting Location: Mulmur Township Offices, located at 758070 2nd Line East

Phone Connection: 1 647 374 4685 Canada / 1 647 558 0588 Canada

Video Connection: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84829988171>

Meeting ID: 848 2998 8171

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER

2.0 LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

3.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Recommendation: THAT Council approve the agenda.

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4.0 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Recommendation: THAT the minutes of February 7, 2024 are approved.

5.0 DISCUSSION ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

6.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

7.0 PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

8.0 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

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8.1 Michele Fisher - Dufferin Community Foundation (9:15 am)

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8.2 Joe Miedema - 2023 Mansfield Water (11:00 a.m.)

Recommendation: THAT Council receives and approves the 2023 annual and summary reports of the Mansfield Well Supply under the Drinking Water Systems Regulation O. Reg. 170 as submitted by Joe Miedema, P. Eng. General Manager of Dufferin Water Co. Ltd.

9.0 REPORTS FOR DECISION

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9.1 2024 Community Grants

Recommendation: THAT Council approve the following 2024 grant applications:

- Erika Batdorf: \$500
- Primrose Elementary School: \$100
- Headwaters Communities in Action: \$500
- NDACT: \$500
- The Shepherd's Cupboard Foodbank: \$500
- Greg Lloyd: \$500

54 **9.2 2024 Zoning Housekeeping By-law**

Recommendation: THAT Council direct staff to proceed with drafting a by-law and advertising for a public meeting.

56 **9.3 Restatement of Mulmur's 2024 Budget**

Recommendation: THAT Council receive and approve the report of Heather Boston, Treasurer, Restatement of Mulmur's 2024 Budget per O.Reg. 284/09.

58 **9.4 NDCC Capital Needs**

Recommendation: THAT Council THAT Council provide direction on the future operations of the North Dufferin Community Centre.

10.0 COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORTS

- 61 **10.1 Ontario Climate Caucus Meeting Notes: January 2024**
64 **10.2 Shelburne Public Library Minutes: January 16, 2024**
67 **10.3 Rosemont District Fire Board Minutes: February 2, 2024**
71 **10.4 Dufferin County Council Minutes: February 8, 2024**
83 **10.5 Mansfield Parks Advisory Committee Minutes: February 27, 2024**
86 **10.6 Mansfield Parks Advisory Committee: 2023 Annual Report**

Recommendation: THAT Council receives the Committee Minutes and Reports as copied and circulated.

11.0 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

- 87 **11.1 2023 Annual Investment Activity Report**
88 **11.2 2023 Annual Procurement Report**
90 **11.3 2023 Council & Committee Renumeration Report**
91 **11.4 Fireworks Survey Results**
122 **11.5 Shelburne Library Update**
126 **11.6 Town of Mono – MTO Correspondence**
127 **11.7 Primrose Boundary Review Resolution**

- 128 **11.8 Ministry of Environment: Modernizing Ontario's Environmental Assessment Program**
131 **11.9 Ontario Energy Board: Decision to End Gas Pipeline Subsidies**
143 **11.10 Ontario Keeping Electricity Costs Down for Families**
145 **11.11 Government of Canada Announces \$50 million for Ontario's Nuclear Energy**
149 **11.12 Appointment of By-law Officers**

Recommendation: THAT Council receives the information items as copied.

12.0 ENDORSEABLE MOTIONS

- 150 **12.1 Township of Amaranth: Primrose Elementary School**
151 **12.2 Township of Perry: Blue Box Regulations**
152 **12.3 Town of Petrolia: ROMA/OGRA**
154 **12.4 Municipality of Tweed: Enbridge Gas**

Recommendation: THAT the following items be endorsed: _____

13.0 ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- 13.1 User Fee By-law (April 2024)**
13.2 Draft #1: Strategic Plan (April 2024)
13.3 Public Meeting: Armstrong Subdivision (May 2024)
13.4 Public Meeting: Development Charges & Zoning By-law (May 2024)
13.5 Arena Funding Formula and User Fees (June 2024)
13.6 Mono-Mulmur Townline Parking (June 2024)
13.7 Council Meeting Recordings Pilot Program Results (June 2024)
13.8 Fire Department Analysis (June 2024)
13.9 Recreational Trailers and Property By-law Infractions (June 2024)

14.0 PASSING OF BY-LAWS

- 155 **14.1 Appointment of By-Law Enforcement Officers**
156 **14.2 Confirmatory By-Law**

Recommendation: THAT By-Law 14.1 to 14.2 be approved.

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

Recommendation: THAT Council adjourns the meeting at ____ to meet again on April 3, 2024 or at the call of the Chair.



COUNCIL MINUTES

February 7, 2024 – 9:00 AM

Council Present: Mayor Horner, Deputy Mayor Hawkins, Councillors Clark, Cunningham, and Lyon

Staff Present: Tracey Atkinson, Heather Boston, Roseann Knechtel

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2.0 LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We begin this meeting by acknowledging that we are meeting upon the traditional Indigenous lands of the Tionontati (Petun) and Treaty 18 territory of the Anishinaabe peoples. We recognize and deeply appreciate their historic connection to this place and we also recognize the contributions Indigenous peoples have made, both in shaping and strengthening our community, province and country as a whole.

This February we also recognize Black History Month, an annual celebration designed to highlight and honour the actions, achievements and contributions of Black people around the world. Recognizing February as Black History Month is just one small step in addressing, and ultimately ending racism towards Black people and other marginalized groups in our communities. Mulmur is committed to taking steps towards this goal by standing against racism, eliminating inequities and empowering our community to change attitudes by building awareness.

3.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon

THAT Council approve the agenda as amended to include item 8.2 Primrose Elementary School.

CARRIED.

4.0 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Cunningham

THAT the minutes of January 10, 2024 are approved.

CARRIED.

5.0 DISCUSSION ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

6.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillor Cunningham declared pecuniary interest to item 14.0 Notice of Motion.

7.0 PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Cheryl Russel noted displeasure with County Council and sought clarification on the vote surrounding local and upper tier roles and responsibilities. Mayor Horner provided a summary of the County Council meeting proceedings.

Cheryl Russel inquired about the outcome of the County of Dufferin's ROMA delegations. Mayor Horner confirmed the County's delegations and was unable to provide an update.

8.0 PRESENTATIONS

8.1 Hill N Dale Landscaping Business Recognition

Council recognized Hill N Dale Landscaping for 30 years of operation, outstanding achievements with Landscape Ontario, and their continued community involvement.

8.2 Primrose Elementary School

Council recognized Primrose Elementary School and provided a brief presentation on the various levels of government.

9.0 REPORTS FOR DECISION

9.1 Honeywood Minor Hockey: Norduff Room MOU

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Cunningham

THAT Council direct staff to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with Honeywood Minor Hockey for use of the Norduff Room, substantially in the form attached hereto.

CARRIED.

9.2 Dufferin Board of Trade: Mulmur Bizhub MOU

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Clark

THAT Council approve the establishment of a Dufferin Board of Trade Satellite Mulmur Bizhub to be located in the Township administration basement;

AND THAT Council direct staff to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with the Dufferin Board of Trade, substantially in the form attached hereto.

CARRIED.

9.3 Townhall Meeting

Discussion ensued on timing and presentations, including NVCA, OPP and Dufferin County.

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

THAT Council direct staff to organize a Spring Townhall meeting on May 4th, 2024 from 10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. as discussed.

CARRIED.

9.4 Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board Budget

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

THAT Council approve the Mulmur Melancthon Fire Board 2024 Operating Budget in the amount of \$266,703 and Capital Budget of \$734,203 as presented.

CARRIED.

10.0 COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORTS

- 10.1 Dufferin Fire Chief's Minutes: November 28, 2023**
- 10.2 Shelburne Public Library Minutes: December 19, 2023**
- 10.3 Shelburne & District Fire Board Minutes: January 2, 2024**
- 10.4 Dufferin County Council Minutes; January 11, 2024**
- 10.5 Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board Minutes: January 16, 2024**
- 10.6 Dufferin Fire Chief's Minutes: January 16, 2024**
- 10.7 Economic Development Committee Minutes: January 18, 2024**
- 10.8 Economic Development Committee: 2023 Annual Report**
- 10.9 Dufferin County Council Minutes: January 25, 2024**
- 10.10 Mulmur Police Services Board Minutes: January 31, 2024**

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

THAT Council receives the Committee Minutes and Reports as copied and circulated.

CARRIED.

Council recessed at 10:12 a.m. and returned at 10:27 a.m.

11.0 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

11.1 Streetlight Hydro Usage

11.2 Horning's Mills Hall – Financial Request

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Clark

WHEREAS Mulmur recognizes and applauds the work of the Horning's Mills Hall Board in their programming initiatives and service to the community;

AND WHEREAS the Memorandum of Understanding between the Horning's Mills Community Hall Board and the Township of Melancthon provides for annual funding allocations, cost recovery, shortfalls as well as reserves within a Special Activities Fund;

AND WHEREAS Mulmur Council passed its 2024 operating and capital budgets on January 10, 2024 and did not allocate for funding towards the Horning's Mills Community Hall;

NOW THEREFORE Council offer support to the Horning's Mills Hall Board through promotion of their events and programming on Mulmur's communication channels at this time.

CARRIED.

11.3 River Road Survey Results

11.4 NDCC Renovation Strategy – Status Update

Direction was given to staff to draft a NDCC capital improvement plan for consideration at the March Council meeting.

11.5 2024 ROMA Report

11.6 OPP - 2023 4th Quarter Report

11.7 AMO – Social and Economic Prosperity Review

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Cunningham

WHEREAS current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life;

WHEREAS nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year;

WHEREAS municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation;

WHEREAS unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure;

WHEREAS municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and addressing the mental health and addictions crises;

WHEREAS inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity;

WHEREAS property taxpayers – including people on fixed incomes and small businesses can't afford to subsidize income re-distribution programs for those most in need;

WHEREAS the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities;

WHEREAS municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca); Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (minister.mah@ontario.ca); the Minister of Finance (minister.fin@ontario.ca); and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca).

CARRIED.

11.8 CryNot Human Trafficking Proclamation Request

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Cunningham

WHEREAS the Rotary Club of Orangeville and Compass Community Church formed a volunteer-driven group called CryNot (Compass Rotary Youth - No Trafficking) to raise awareness and promote education about the threat of human trafficking in our area;

AND WHEREAS the mission of CryNot is to reduce and eliminate human trafficking by raising awareness, fostering collaboration among like groups and organizations, education, and equipping responsible adults with connections and resources available to defeat the Human Trafficking threat;

NOW THEREFORE Council do hereby proclaim February 22, 2024, as "Human Trafficking Prevention Awareness Day" in the Township of Mulmur.

CARRIED.

11.9 Nonprofit Appreciation Week Proclamation Request

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Lyon

WHEREAS Nonprofit Appreciation Week is an opportunity to say thank you to a sector that goes above and beyond in supporting vulnerable people and strengthening communities;

AND WHEREAS the diversity of nonprofit programs – including food security, housing, mental health, support for seniors, child and youth development, sports and recreation, faith, the environment, and arts and culture – immeasurably enhances our quality of life;

AND WHEREAS there are more than 150 charities and nonprofit organizations serving families and individuals throughout Dufferin County;

AND WHEREAS the people who work at nonprofits are mission-driven and known for their dedication, compassion and leadership;

NOW THEREFORE Council, do hereby proclaim February 12th-18th to be Nonprofit Appreciation Week in Mulmur and encourage all residents to show their appreciation to the people who work in our community's nonprofit sector.

CARRIED.

11.10 NVCA Board Highlights: January 2024

11.11 Z01-2024 Public Meeting Notice (Reid)

11.12 Z02-2024 Public Meeting Notice (Vartija)

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Hawkins

THAT Council receives the information items as copied.

CARRIED.

12.0 ENDORSEABLE MOTIONS

12.1 County of Prince Edward: Fire Department Apparatus Lifespans

12.2 Town of Mono: Road Safety Emergency

12.3 Township of Melancthon: Fire Department Radio System Project

12.4 Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board Resolution: Radio Project

12.5 Municipality of Calvin: Provincial & National Fire Fighting Strategy

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Hawkins

THAT the following items be endorsed: 12.1 to 12.5.

CARRIED.

Council recessed at 11:34 am and returned at 11:39 a.m.

13.0 CLOSED SESSION

13.1 By-law Enforcement

13.2 Broadband Negotiations

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

THAT Council adjourn to closed session at 11:39 a.m. pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended for two (2) matter relating to litigation or potential litigation and one (1) matter related to a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations on behalf of the municipality under section 239(2)(e)(k).

CARRIED.

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

THAT Council do rise out of closed session and into open session at 12:14 p.m. with the following motions/directions:

THAT staff be directed to proceed with enforcement and user fees as discussed in closed sessions.

CARRIED.

14.0 NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor Cunningham declared pecuniary interest and left the Council Chambers.

Moved by Horner Seconded by Clark

WHEREAS Council passed a motion on November 1, 2023 requesting Fire Chiefs work together to discuss benefits, fire equipment purchases and other new initiatives to ensure consistency throughout all fire boards;

AND WHEREAS the County of Dufferin passed a motion on January 5, 2024 related to the study of efficiencies of service delivery and governance;

NOW THEREFORE Council direct staff to gather detailed information in advance of the County's service delivery study for the three fire boards in Mulmur's jurisdiction with respect to compensation, including but not limited to: duty pay,

time sheets, issued equipment, inspections, cost of living, reporting, training per diems and probation periods.

CARRIED.

Councillor Cunningham returned to the Council Chambers.

15.0 ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- 15.1 Fireworks Survey Results (March 2024)**
- 15.2 Arena Funding Formula and User Fees (May 2024)**
- 15.3 Mono-Mulmur Townline Parking (May 2024)**
- 15.4 Council Meeting Recordings Pilot Program Results (June 2024)**
- 15.5 Fire Department Analysis (June 2024)**
- 15.6 Recreational Trailers and Property By-law Infractions (2024)**

16.0 PASSING OF BY-LAWS

- 16.1 2024 Interim Tax By-law**
- 16.2 NVCA Memorandum of Understanding By-law**
- 16.3 Confirmatory By-law**

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon

THAT By-laws 16.1 to 16.3 be approved.

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Lyon

THAT Council adjourns the meeting at 12:28 p.m. to meet again on March 6, 2024 or at the call of the Chair.

MAYOR

CLERK



DUFFERIN
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**Funding charities and building community,
every year, forever.**

Presentation to Mulmur Township Council
March 6, 2024



Who we are

We are the **forever fund** for Dufferin County.

We invest donor gifts into permanent (endowed) funds and use the income earned to give grants to charities every year... *forever!*

We are 100% local. All the grant monies go to qualified donees that serve residents of Dufferin County.



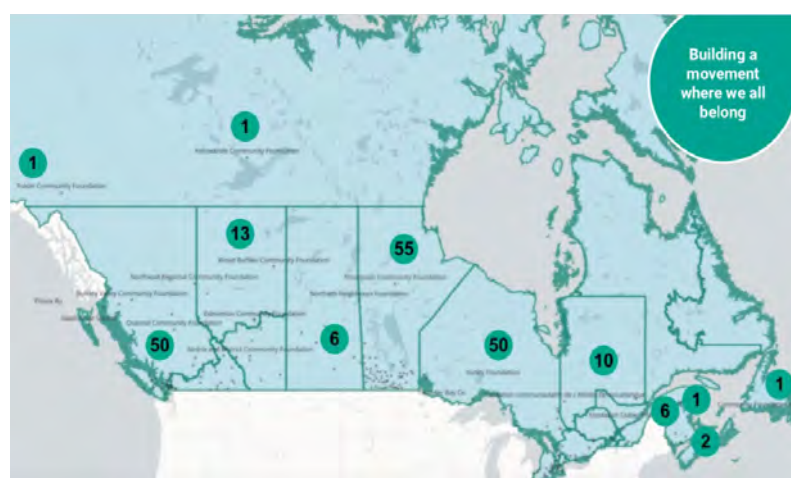


Who we are

We are part of a growing network of more than 200 community foundations across Canada.

As of 2020, community foundations in Canada were managing endowed assets of more than \$6.3 billion.

We started up in 2018 to **serve as a vital link** between donors and charitable causes in Dufferin County.





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Our goal

Fund building:

\$10 million in our first 10 years

Community grants:

= \$450,000 every year for local charities





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Where we are today

Fund building:

\$3.5 million in our first 5 years

Community grants:

2022 - \$35,000

2023 - \$54,000

2024 - **>\$75,000**

2025 - **>\$115,000 & growing**





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As a local community foundation, we are entrusted to distribute funds for government. We also receive funds from national corporate grants programs and disburse them locally.

Community Services Recovery Fund



**Canadian
Red Cross**



**COMMUNITY
FOUNDATIONS
OF CANADA**



**United Way
Centraide
Canada**



**Investment
Readiness**
Program

**Enbridge
Fueling Futures**

NONPROFIT APPRECIATION WEEK

In Dufferin County



Nonprofit Appreciation Week

The Ontario government passed Bill 9 in 2021, proclaiming every third week of February to be Nonprofit Appreciation Week in Ontario.

Dufferin Community Foundation co-leads our local planning committee.



NONPROFIT APPRECIATION WEEK

In Dufferin County



FEBRUARY 12-18, 2024



A sector with social & economic impact

- More than 150 nonprofits (NFPs) serve our community.
- Their programs span food banks, housing, mental health, child development, arts & culture, sports and recreation, faith, the environment, and more.
- Ontario's nonprofit sector is a major contributor to the economy (\$65 billion/7.9% of GDP).
- NFPs are essential to our quality of life.



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An Evening Under the Stars

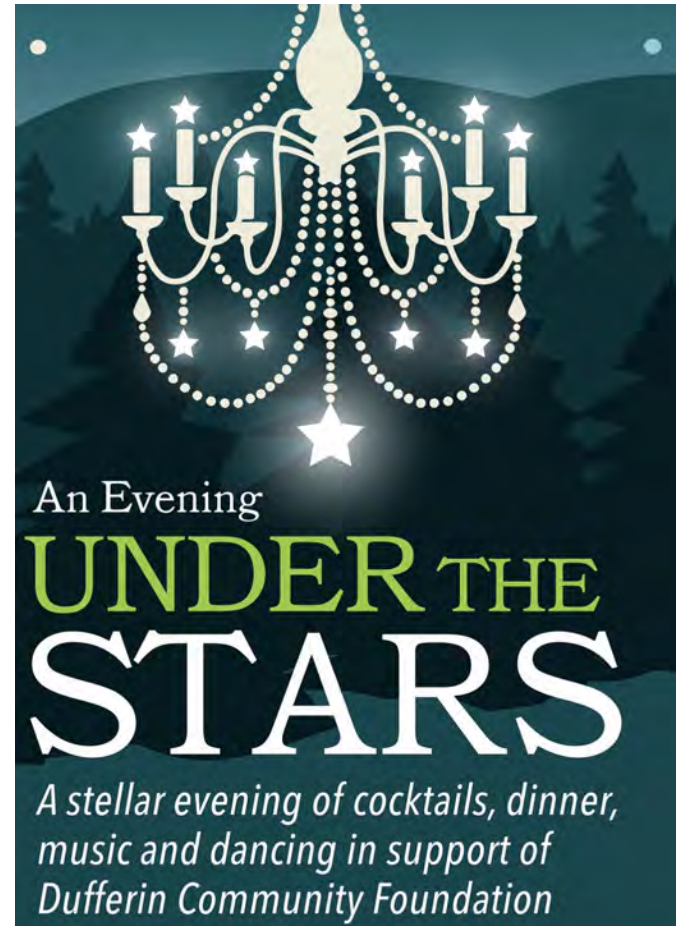
Our sparkling gala event!

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, June 20, 2024

5:30-11:00 pm

Private residence in Mono





Ways we could work together

- Mulmur Community Fund committee
- Partnership agreements with Mulmur nonprofits (NQDs) to access foundation grants
- Managing grants or scholarship programs
- Introduce us to charities and nonprofits operating in your area, especially if they are emerging





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Contact us anytime...



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Mansfield Water System

Large Municipal Residential Drinking Water System

Schedule 22

Summary Report

For the Period:
January 01, 2023 to December 31, 2023

Prepared for the Township of Mulmur
By Dufferin Water Co. Ltd

Introduction

Schedule 22 of O. Reg 170/03 requires the preparation by the water system owner of a "Summary Report for Municipalities." This requirement only applies to large and small municipal residential systems. The Mansfield Water System is classified as a Large Municipal Residential Drinking Water System.

The Summary Report for the preceding year is to be issued by March 31 of the following year. This report was prepared by Dufferin Water Co. Ltd on behalf of the Township of Mulmur.

Distribution of the Summary Report is the responsibility of the owner. For a municipality that owns the water supply, all members of council are to receive the report. If the water system is owned by a municipal service board established under Section 195 of the Municipal Act, 2001 then all members of that board are to receive the report. Finally, if a water supply provides water to another municipality under contract, then the water supply owner shall, give by March 31 a copy of the Summary Report to the Municipality being supplied.

The contents of the Summary Report for the municipality must include the following:

1. A list of the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act and its regulations that the water system failed to meet during the reporting period, including the duration of the failure.
2. A list of the requirements of the water system's Certificate of Approval that the water system failed to meet during the report period, including the duration of the failure.
3. A list of any Orders that the water system failed to meet during the report time frame, including the duration of the failure.
4. For each of the above failures, a description of the measures taken to correct the failure.
5. A summary of the quantities and flow rates of water supplied "including monthly average, maximum daily flows, and daily instantaneous peak flow rates." (*Information is to enable the owner to assess the capability of the water system to meet existing and future demand*).
6. A statement that captures the comparison of the flow information to the rated capacity and flow rates stated in the water supply's approval.

Issues of Non-Compliance

The following table lists the requirements of the Act, Regulations, System Approval (s) and any order that the system failed to meet at any time during the reporting period and measures taken to correct each failure:

| Drinking Water Legislation | Requirements the system failed to meet | Duration | Corrective Action(s) | Status |
|----------------------------|--|----------|----------------------|--------|
| Not Applicable | | | | |

Assessment of System Flows and Rates of Water Taking

The following tables list the quantities and flow rates of the water supplied during this reporting period, including monthly average and maximum daily flows, daily instantaneous peak flow rates and a comparison to the rated capacity and flow rates specified in the system approval:

Well Number One

Approved Daily Volume: 326.88 cubic metres

Approved Flow Rate: 227 litres/minute

| Month | Average Daily Volume (m ³) | Percent Of Approved Volume | Maximum Daily Volume (m ³) | Percent Of Approved Volume |
|-----------|---|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| January | 61 | 19% | 110 | 34% |
| February | 66 | 20% | 139 | 43% |
| March | 66 | 20% | 163 | 50% |
| April | 68 | 21% | 119 | 36% |
| May | 84 | 26% | 171 | 52% |
| June | 93 | 28% | 198 | 61% |
| July | 83 | 25% | 144 | 44% |
| August | 72 | 22% | 135 | 41% |
| September | 68 | 21% | 166 | 51% |
| October | 59 | 18% | 93 | 28% |
| November | 55 | 17% | 82 | 25% |
| December | 72 | 22% | 103 | 32% |

Flow control is in the form of a pressure reducing valve that is equipped to open and close when the well pump is energized. The valve limits the flow of water from the well and prevents the pump from exceeding the permitted flow rates. Average flow rate when this well is operating is 204 litres per minute.

DWCo. LTD

Dufferin Water Co. LTD
13 Rose Ridge Lane
Mono On
L9W 5Y3
Phone 519 942 5695 Fax 519 940
3956

Well Number Two

Approved Daily Volume: 262.08 cubic metres

Approved Flow Rate: 182 litres/minute

| Month | Average Daily Volume (m ³) | Percent Of Approved Volume | Maximum Daily Volume (m ³) | Percent Of Approved Volume |
|-----------|---|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| January | 15 | 6% | 50 | 19% |
| February | 14 | 5% | 26 | 10% |
| March | 11 | 4% | 25 | 10% |
| April | 9 | 4% | 26 | 10% |
| May | 22 | 8% | 55 | 21% |
| June | 30 | 11% | 52 | 20% |
| July | 27 | 10% | 45 | 17% |
| August | 24 | 9% | 43 | 16% |
| September | 22 | 8% | 53 | 20% |
| October | 19 | 7% | 27 | 10% |
| November | 18 | 7% | 44 | 17% |
| December | 23 | 9% | 34 | 13% |

Flow control is in the form of a pressure reducing valve that is equipped to open and close when the well pump is energized. The valve limits the flow of water from the well and prevents the pump from exceeding the permitted flow rates. Average flow rate when this well is operating is 108 litres per minute

DWCo. LTD

Dufferin Water Co. LTD
13 Rose Ridge Lane
Mono On
L9W 5Y3
Phone 519 942 5695 Fax 519 940
3956

Well Number Three

Approved Daily Volume: 362.88 cubic metres

Approved Flow Rate: 252 litres/minute

| Month | Average Daily Volume (m ³) | Percent Of Approved Volume | Maximum Daily Volume (m ³) | Percent Of Approved Volume |
|-----------|---|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| January | 1 | 0% | 5 | 1% |
| February | 0 | 0% | 4 | 1% |
| March | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| April | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| May | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| June | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| July | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| August | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| September | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| October | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| November | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| December | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |

Flow control is in the form of a pressure reducing valve that is equipped to open and close when the well pump is energized. The valve limits the flow of water from the well and prevents the pump from exceeding the permitted flow rates. Average flow rate when this well is operating is 246 litres per minute

DWCo. LTD

Dufferin Water Co. LTD
13 Rose Ridge Lane
Mono On
L9W 5Y3
Phone 519 942 5695 Fax 519 940
3956

Distributed Water

Approved Daily Volume: 951.8 cubic metres
Approved Flow Rate: 661 Litres per minute

| Month | Average Daily Volume (m ³) | Percent Of Approved Volume | Maximum Daily Volume (m ³) | Percent Of Approved Volume |
|-----------|---|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| January | 75 | 8% | 111 | 12% |
| February | 79 | 8% | 167 | 18% |
| March | 78 | 8% | 174 | 18% |
| April | 78 | 8% | 128 | 13% |
| May | 107 | 11% | 231 | 24% |
| June | 124 | 13% | 217 | 23% |
| July | 111 | 12% | 184 | 19% |
| August | 94 | 10% | 162 | 17% |
| September | 92 | 10% | 212 | 22% |
| October | 78 | 8% | 117 | 12% |
| November | 75 | 8% | 97 | 10% |
| December | 100 | 11% | 145 | 15% |

Flow control is in the form of a pressure reducing valve located on the discharge side of each pressure pump. These valves limit the flow of treated water and prevents the distribution flow rate from exceeding the permitted flow rates. Average flow rate when pumps are operating is 330 litres per minute.

OPTIONAL ANNUAL REPORT TEMPLATE

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Drinking Water System Number: | 260063661 |
| Drinking Water System Name: | Mansfield Well Supply |
| Drinking Water System Owner: | Township of Mulmur |
| Drinking Water System Category: | Large Municipal Residential |
| Period being reported: | January 01, 2023 to December 31, 2023 |

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|---|--|
| <p><u>Complete if your Category is Large Municipal Residential or Small Municipal Residential</u></p> <p>Does your Drinking Water System serve more than 10,000 people? Yes [] No[x]</p> <p>Is your annual report available to the public at no charge on a web site on the Internet? Yes [X] No []</p> <p>Location where Summary Report required under O. Reg. 170/03 Schedule 22 will be available for inspection.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Report is available for inspection at the municipal office in Terra Nova</p> </div> | <p><u>Complete for all other Categories</u></p> <p>Number of Designated Facilities served:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> <p>N/A</p> </div> <p>Did you provide a copy of your annual report to all Designated Facilities you serve? Yes [] No []</p> <p>Number of Interested Authorities you report to:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> <p>N/A</p> </div> <p>Did you provide a copy of your annual report to all Interested Authorities you report to for each Designated Facility? Yes [] No []</p> |
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Note: For the following tables below, additional rows or columns may be added, or an appendix may be attached to the report

List all Drinking Water Systems (if any), which receive all their drinking water from your system:

| Drinking Water System Name | Drinking Water System Number |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| N/A | |

Did you provide a copy of your annual report to all Drinking Water System owners that are connected to you and to whom you provide all drinking water? Yes [] No []

Indicate how you notified system users that your annual report is available and is free of charge.

☒ Public access/notice via the web

☐ Public access/notice via Government

Office

☐ Public access/notice via a newspaper

☐ Public access/notice via Public Request

☐ Public access/notice via a Public Library

☐ Public access/notice via other method _____

Describe your Drinking Water System

Water System is classified as a Large Municipal Residential Water System that currently serves approximately 153 service connections. The system is owned by the Township of Mulmur and operated by Dufferin Water Co. Ltd. Water is supplied via three municipal wells, a standpipe and a pump house. Inspection, maintenance and sampling are conducted on a regular basis in accordance with Ontario Regulation 170/03 to ensure the safety of the water supply

List all water treatment chemicals used over this reporting period

12 % Sodium Hypochlorite

Were any significant expenses incurred to?

☐ Install required equipment

☐ Repair required equipment

☐ Replace required equipment

Please provide a brief description and a breakdown of monetary expenses incurred

Provide details on the notices submitted in accordance with subsection 18 (1) of the Safe Drinking Water Act or section 16-4 of Schedule 16 of O.Reg.170/03 and reported to Spills Action Centre

| Incident Date | Parameter | Result | Unit of Measure | Corrective Action | Corrective Action Date |
|---------------|-----------|--------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| N/A | | | | | |
| | | | | | |

Microbiological testing done under the Schedule 10, 11 or 12 of Regulation 170/03, during this reporting period

| | | Number of Samples | Range of E. Coli Results (min#)-(max#) | Range of Total Coliform Results (min#)-(max#) | Number of HPC Samples | Range of HPC Results (min#)-(max#) |
|--------------|--|-------------------|--|---|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Raw | | 151 | 0 to 0 | 0 to 0 | 0 | n.a. |
| Treated | | 52 | 0 to 0 | 0 to 0 | 52 | 0 to 1 |
| Distribution | | 116 | 0 to 0 | 0 to 0 | 52 | 0 to 5 |

Operational testing done under Schedule 7, 8 or 9 of Regulation 170/03 during the period covered by this Annual Report.

| | Number of Grab Samples | Range of Results (min#)-(max#) | Unit of Measure |
|--|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Turbidity | 35 | 0.17 to 0.97 | NTU |
| Chlorine | 8760 | 0.58 to 2.75 | Mg/L |
| Fluoride(If the DWS provides fluoridation) | N/A | N/A | N/A |

NOTE: For continuous monitors use 8760 as the number of samples

Summary of additional testing and sampling carried out in accordance with the requirement of an approval, order or other legal instrument.

| Date of legal instrument issued | Parameter | Date Sampled | Result | Unit of Measure |
|---------------------------------|-----------|--------------|--------|-----------------|
| N/A | | | | |
| N/A | | | | |

Summary of Inorganic parameters tested during this reporting period or the most recent sample results

| Parameter | Sample Date | Result Value | Unit of Measure | Exceedance |
|-----------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|------------|
| Antimony | June 29/21 | ND | ug/L | No |
| Arsenic | June 29/21 | ND | ug/L | No |
| Barium | June 29/21 | 55 | ug/L | No |
| Boron | June 29/21 | 13 | ug/L | No |
| Cadmium | June 29/21 | ND | ug/L | No |
| Chromium | June 29/21 | ND | ug/L | No |
| *Lead | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Mercury | June 29/21 | ND | ug/L | No |
| Selenium | June 29/21 | ND | ug/L | No |
| Sodium | June 29/21 | 5.6 | mg/L | No |
| Uranium | June 29/21 | 0.32 | ug/L | No |
| Fluoride | Aug 18/23 | ND | mg/L | No |
| Nitrite | Dec 07/23 | ND | mg/L | No |
| Nitrate | Dec 07/23 | 1.78 | mg/L | No |

*only for drinking water systems testing under Schedule 15.2; this includes large municipal non-residential systems, small municipal non-residential systems, non-municipal seasonal residential systems, large non-municipal non-residential systems, and small non-municipal non-residential systems

Summary of lead testing under Schedule 15.1 during this reporting period

(applicable to the following drinking water systems; large municipal residential systems, small municipal residential systems, and non-municipal year-round residential systems)

| Location Type | Number of Samples | Range of Lead Results (min#)–(max #) | Unit of Measure | Number of Exceedances |
|---------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Plumbing | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Distribution | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

Summary of Organic parameters sampled during this reporting period or the most recent sample results

| Parameter | Sample Date | Result Value | Unit of Measure | Exceedance |
|--|-------------|--------------|-----------------|------------|
| Alachlor | June 29/21 | ND | ug/L | No |
| Atrazine + N-dealkylated metabolites | June 29/21 | ND | ug/L | No |
| Azinphos-methyl | June 29/21 | ND | ug/L | No |
| Benzene | June 29/21 | ND | ug/L | No |
| Benzo(a)pyrene | June 29/21 | ND | ug/L | No |
| Bromoxynil | June 29/21 | ND | ug/L | No |
| Carbaryl | June 29/21 | ND | ug/L | No |
| Carbofuran | June 29/21 | ND | ug/L | No |
| CarbonTetrachloride | June 29/21 | ND | ug/L | No |
| Chlorpyrifos | June 29/21 | ND | ug/L | No |
| Diazinon | June 29/21 | ND | ug/L | No |
| Dicamba | June 29/21 | ND | ug/L | No |
| 1,2-Dichlorobenzene | June 29/21 | ND | ug/L | No |
| 1,4-Dichlorobenzene | June 29/21 | ND | ug/L | No |
| 1,2-Dichloroethane | June 29/21 | ND | ug/L | No |
| 1,1-Dichloroethylene(vinylidenechloride) | June 29/21 | ND | ug/L | No |
| Dichloromethane | June 29/21 | ND | ug/L | No |
| 2,4-Dichlorophenol | June 29/21 | ND | ug/L | No |
| 2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid(2,4-D) | June 29/21 | ND | ug/L | No |
| Diclofop-methyl | June 29/21 | ND | ug/L | No |
| Dimethoate | June 29/21 | ND | ug/L | No |
| Diquat | June 29/21 | ND | ug/L | No |
| Diuron | June 29/21 | ND | ug/L | No |
| Glyphosate | June 29/21 | ND | ug/L | No |
| HAAs(Note: show latest running annual average) | 2023 | ND | ug/L | NO |
| Lindane(Total) | June 29/21 | ND | ug/L | No |
| Malathion | June 29/21 | ND | ug/L | No |
| Metolachlor | June 29/21 | ND | ug/L | No |
| Metribuzin | June 29/21 | ND | ug/L | No |
| Monochlorobenzene | June 29/21 | ND | ug/L | No |

| | | | | |
|--|------------|------|------|----|
| Paraquat | June 29/21 | ND | ug/L | No |
| Pentachlorophenol | June 29/21 | ND | ug/L | No |
| Phorate | June 29/21 | ND | ug/L | No |
| Picloram | June 29/21 | ND | ug/L | No |
| Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCB) | June 29/21 | ND | ug/L | No |
| Prometryne | June 29/21 | ND | ug/L | No |
| Simazine | June 29/21 | ND | ug/L | No |
| Terbufos | June 29/21 | ND | ug/L | No |
| Tetrachloroethylene (perchloroethylene) | June 29/21 | ND | ug/L | No |
| 2,3,4,6-Tetrachlorophenol | June 29/21 | ND | ug/L | No |
| THMs (Note: show latest running annual average) | 2023 | 8.57 | ug/L | NO |
| Triallate | June 29/21 | ND | ug/L | No |
| Trichloroethylene | June 29/21 | ND | ug/L | No |
| 2,4,6-Trichlorophenol | June 29/21 | ND | ug/L | No |
| Trifluralin | June 29/21 | ND | ug/L | No |
| Vinyl Chloride | June 29/21 | ND | ug/L | No |
| MCPA | June 29/21 | ND | ug/L | No |

List any Inorganic or Organic parameter(s) that exceeded half the standard prescribed in Schedule 2 of Ontario Drinking Water Quality Standards

| Parameter | Result Value | Unit of Measure | Date of Sample |
|-----------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|
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STAFF REPORT

TO: Council
FROM: Roseann Knechtel, Clerk
MEETING DATE: March 6, 2024
SUBJECT: Community Grant Applications

PURPOSE:

To present Council with the 2024 Community Grant applications for consideration.

BACKGROUND:

Council approved a budget of \$3,000 to be utilized for the 2024 community grants. The Clerk's Department has received the following applications for consideration.

| Applicants | Project | Amount Requested | Eligibility | Other |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Moleman Productions – Erika Batdorf | Haunted Honeywood – The Honeywood Schoolhouse | \$500 | Community Group | Connected |
| Primrose Elementary School | 2023 Academic Excellence Award | \$100 | School | Supportive / Sustainable |
| Headwaters Communities in Action | 2024 Headwaters Farm Fresh Local Guide | \$500 | Organization: Not-For-Profit | Supportive |
| NDACT | Community Outreach for the Strada Community Engagement Agreement | \$500 | Organization: Not-For-Profit | Sustainable |
| The Shepherd's Cupboard Foodbank | Not specified | Not Specified. (Max \$500 as per Council Policy) | Organization: Not-For-Profit | Supportive |
| Greg Lloyd | Pine River Fishing Area: Community Trail Development | \$500 | Individual – One Time Special Request | Connected |
| Honeywood Firefighters Association | Mulmur-Melancthon 2024 Fire Fit Team | \$500 | Community Association | N/A |
| GRAND TOTAL | | \$3,100 | | |

ANALYSIS:

Council's approved Community Grant Policy provides limited financial assistance to eligible applicants to assist with programs, project and activities that advance Council's strategic priorities. Eligible applicants must be located in or provide services to Mulmur and demonstrate that the funding received will directly support Mulmur-based projects, programs, activities or events to benefit the community of Mulmur at large.

Applicants located outside of the Township are only to be considered if they can demonstrate a clear benefit to the Mulmur community. Council may wish to consider "The Shepherd's Cupboard Foodbank" within this exception.

The request from the Honeywood Firefighters Association does not meet the requirements of Council's Policy with respect to eligibility, strategic plan alignment or eligible costs.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

1. Growing a Prosperous Mulmur
2. Growing a Connected Mulmur
3. Growing a Supportive Mulmur
4. Growing a Sustainable Mulmur

FINANCIAL IMPACTS:

Council approved a budget of \$3,000 for Community Grants. The total amount requested is overbudget at \$3,100.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council approve the following 2024 grant applications:

- Erika Batdorf: \$500
- Primrose Elementary School: \$100
- Headwaters Communities in Action: \$500
- NDACT: \$500
- The Shepherd's Cupboard Foodbank: \$500
- Greg Lloyd: \$500

Submitted by: Roseann Knechtel, Clerk

Approved by: Tracey Atkinson, CAO

Schedule A – 2024 Grant Applications



Community Grant Application Form

Name of Organization: Moleman Productions/Honeywood Schoolhouse/Erika Batdorf

Address: 706149 Dufferin County Rd 21

Amount Requested: 500 (max \$500)

1. What type of organization are you?

- ☐ Charitable organizations and foundations registered as a charity with the
- ☐ Canada Revenue Agency
- ☐ Organizations incorporated as not-for-profits
- ☒ Volunteer, sports and community clubs/groups providing services in the
- ☐ Township of Mulmur
- ☐ Schools
- ☐ Individual, one-time special request

2. Describe the project and specify what expense the funds will be used to offset.
Please attach a budget for the project.

I am a professional theatre creator/director who purchased the 'Honeywood Schoolhouse' in February 2023 (www.batdorf.org). I plan to do a variety of activities at the school. (I travel a lot for work, so things will start slow!) I am currently working with a group of diverse, emerging actors from Ontario who will create a first draft of 'Haunted Honeywood', a family friendly event at the schoolhouse for October 18-20, 2024. This will be just a first draft (what in theatre we call a 'workshop'), which will be more developed for fall 2025 (the finished production). We have been and still are, meeting with a few local people to source some fun 'ghost stories' in the area. We will also be offering some workshops for children (either at the schoolhouse, through STREAMS or at schools, TBD). This is an ambitious project and we are just starting! We decided to begin with something accessible, fun and relatively simple. We are applying for Ontario Arts Council Projects (pending) and York University (some confirmed) grants. I am a theatre professor at York. I am not an official non-profit (though trust me, I will spend more than I make!) so I am unable to apply to the Dufferin Community grant. We would apply the funds to offset the cost of a portable washroom for the weekend (about 800\$).



3. How does your project align with the Townships Strategic Plan?

Our project addresses many elements of the Mulmur Strategic Plan. It is creating a community event at a location that has a history of community events, to bring residents together. The actors in this project and therefore the stories that will be told, are extremely diverse (Laotian, Jamaican, Mexican, Croatia... to name a few). We are actively connecting with people locally to source the material that will inform the script. We are also reaching out to local businesses for potential collaborations (Lennox Farms for example). This is the beginning of an event that could potentially bring people to rural Mulmur and other local businesses. We are working on creating workshops for the local schools either at the old school itself (Honeywood), or at schools in the area. We are working with STREAMS to connect with high school students to include in the project.

4. Do you provide service to Mulmur residents? ☒ Yes ☐ No

5. How does your project benefit the community of Mulmur?

Our hope is that this provides family entertainment, brings people from outside the area into rural Mulmur. We are in dialogue with the new Executive Director of the Dufferin County Arts Council, Shirley Boxem who has graciously introduced us to Juli-Anne James at STREAMS and Catherine Carpenko of Wild Rose Farm retreat.

We hope to create a fun, local event (that could become annual), where people can gather for a festive fall/hallowe'en event. We see this as a beginning, not a one off, depending on how funding develops. Truthfully, for this project, the actors are willing to work for free to get this started. (Meaning if we do not get OAC funding, we will do it anyway we can, in a rough and tumble way!) Since this grant is due February 1st, there are still many components we are visioning, but are not yet developed/clear. I have extensive experience creating such projects. (See my website www.batdorf.org) This project was inspired by a piece I am developing in Turkey for a major theatre festival there August 2024 and began as a site specific piece in Troy, Turkey.) We decided the serious content for that show was not the best way to begin- so we shifted the content to a more fun/family oriented theme connected to Hallowe'en, as the fall is when we are available to make this happen on a low budget. After consulting with a few people locally, the response around the 'haunted' content was so immediate and positive (people are still contacting me with local stories!), that we are going ahead!

6. What is the total cost of the project? 35000\$



Community Grant Application Form

Name of Organization: _____

Address: _____

Amount Requested: _____ (max \$500)

1. What type of organization are you?

Charitable organizations and foundations registered as a charity with the

Canada Revenue Agency

Organizations incorporated as not-for-profits

Volunteer, sports and community clubs/groups providing services in the

Township of Mulmur

Schools

Individual, one-time special request

2. Describe the project and specify what expense the funds will be used to offset.
Please attach a budget for the project.



3. How does your project align with the Townships Strategic Plan?

4. Do you provide service to Mulmur residents? Yes No

5. How does your project benefit the community of Mulmur?

6. What is the total cost of the project? _____



Community Grant Application Form

Name of Organization: Headwaters Communities in Action (for HFFA)

Address: 246372 Hockley Rd. Mono On. L9W 6K4

Amount Requested: \$500 (max \$500)

1. What type of organization are you?

- ☐ Charitable organizations and foundations registered as a charity with the
- ☐ Canada Revenue Agency
- ☒ Organizations incorporated as not-for-profits
- ☐ Volunteer, sports and community clubs/groups providing services in the
- ☐ Township of Mulmur
- ☐ Schools
- ☐ Individual, one-time special request

2. Describe the project and specify what expense the funds will be used to offset.
Please attach a budget for the project.

The funds will go toward the cost of printing the 2024 Headwaters Farm Fresh Local Food guide. This is an annual food map and listing of all local food sources in the Headwaters region including Mulmur. The map is included in the June issue of In the Hills Magazine and goes to approximately 45,000 homes for free. HFFA pays to have the map printed and overruns of about 5,000 copies can be distributed as stand alone maps in Township offices, restaurants, public places, arenas, etc. This year we are hoping to stitch the map separately so that it can be removed from the magazine and be kept as a separate entity on coffee tables and cars. This would make it available for use more easily all year round.



3. How does your project align with the Townships Strategic Plan?

The map is used as a tool to inform the public of existing food businesses in your region. It makes finding and doing business with these food businesses easy and fun for both the consumers and the farm business. It helps to put money in the pocket of the farm business, money which is then spent in your community which expands economic development in Mulmur. It is a tool that supports the enormous efforts of local farmers--who are not always proficient in marketing their goods. The map helps build awareness that connects the consumer with where their food comes from.

4. Do you provide service to Mulmur residents? ☒ Yes ☐ No

5. How does your project benefit the community of Mulmur?

A food map provides huge benefit to the community. It is a tool to be used to source local, fresh, nutritious food. It creates a communication pathway between consumers and farmers. People can meet the farmers personally and develop relationships the build a stronger and safer community. By sourcing local food the community benefits from a healthy diet where food doesn't have to travel thousands of miles. Mulmur has one of the most successful market farms in Ontario with Fiddle Foot farm. It provides enormous amounts of food to Mulmur and surrioundings. Money is recycled in the community. Kids learn where their food comes from.

6. What is the total cost of the project? \$8000



Community Grant Application Form

Name of Organization: North Dufferin Agricultural and Community Taskforce ("NDACT")

Address: 131 First Ave. E., P.O. Box 875, Shelburne, ON, L9V 3M1

Amount Requested: \$500.00 (max \$500)

1. What type of organization are you?

- ☐ Charitable organizations and foundations registered as a charity with the
- ☐ Canada Revenue Agency
- ☒ Organizations incorporated as not-for-profits
- ☐ Volunteer, sports and community clubs/groups providing services in the
- ☐ Township of Mulmur
- ☐ Schools
- ☐ Individual, one-time special request

2. Describe the project and specify what expense the funds will be used to offset.
Please attach a budget for the project.

NDACT's mission is to preserve and protect the unique and non-renewable resources of North Dufferin County including the headwaters which supply water to hundreds of thousands of Ontarians, Class 1 prime agricultural farmland and the community. Recently, NDACT and Strada Aggregates have engaged in a new approach to Aggregate Licensing - one where the Community, and Aggregate work together to develop the rules of engagement prior to applying for a license and ensures that "win or lose" all parties come out of the ARA process with positive results. NDACT and Strada Aggregates Inc. have been forging such an engagement developing a unique Community Engagement Agreement. which includes, but is not limited to, the Wells and Natural Features schedule which sets out protocol and processes that shall be put in place to guide key stakeholders should there be an unacceptable reduction in groundwater quantity and/or degradation in water quality as a result of below water table extraction at the proposed Strada site. The grant funds would be used to support NDACT's continuing outreach efforts to engage with the community to encourage robust participation of well registration in the Target Participation Area.



3. How does your project align with the Townships Strategic Plan?

NDACT's mission statement and current work developing the pre-application Community Engagement Agreement is in alignment with the Township's strategic goal of Sustainability.

NDACT's co-operation with Strada Aggregates is a unique proof of concept opportunity and is expected to have a wide reaching impact in Dufferin, where there are 48 active quarries. Furthermore, it is hoped this unprecedented co-operation and resulting community agreement will impact other aggregate companies, governing legislation and bodies in Ontario in the future. As such, NDACT is working diligently and proactively in seeking new and innovative ways to ensure the sustainability of our natural resources for future generations.

4. Do you provide service to Mulmur residents? ☒ Yes ☐ No

5. How does your project benefit the community of Mulmur?

NDACT has been an important part of the Dufferin community since 2009 when it was formed by a group of concerned citizens to oppose the proposed mega quarry in Melancthon which application, if allowed, would have extensive negative repercussions to the residents of southern Ontario. Following the successful defeat of the mega quarry, NDACT has continued to be a strong presence in the community acting as an advocate and community liaison. For instance, NDACT participated in and provided valuable feedback and input during the community meeting in November, 2023 regarding the LIT Galaxy Festival permit proposal. NDACT is committed to continuing its good work in protecting agriculture, the community and the headwaters. While the well registration Target Participation Area ("TPA") is just outside the boundaries of Mulmur, water, as we all know, flows and NDACT continues to vigorously negotiate for the expansion of the TPA to include the Pine River Valley headwaters so this area will also be protected by the Wells and Natural Features section of the Community Engagement Agreement with Strada Aggregates. This type of pre-application agreement and engagement is unprecedented and its successful implementation will benefit countless communities in the future.

6. What is the total cost of the project? 650.00

TOWNSHIP OF MULMUR

COMMUNITY GRANT BUDGET PROPOSAL

| VENDOR | MATERIALS | PURPOSE | COST |
|---------------------|-----------------|--|-----------------|
| Staples | Print materials | 100 double-sided, colour prints | \$172.00 |
| Dunwood Signs | Community signs | Purchase of six 2'x 4' event notice signs | \$245.25 |
| Hornings Mills Hall | Community space | Hall rental | \$50.00 |
| Tim Hortons | Donuts & Coffee | Complimentary snacks | \$30.00 |
| TOTAL | | | \$497.25 |

Note: The above material costs are in support of NDACT's community outreach efforts to encourage participation in the well registration process in the Target Participation Area (the well registration workshop sub-project).

Community Grant Application Form

Name of Organization: The Shepherd's Cupboard Foodbank

Address: 1167 Centre St. Door A. Shelburne, ON L9V 3R8

Amount Requested: _____ (max \$500)

1. What type of organization are you?

Charitable organizations and foundations registered as a charity with the

Canada Revenue Agency



Organizations incorporated as not-for-profits

Volunteer, sports and community clubs/groups providing services in the

Township of Mulmur

Schools

Individual, one-time special request

2. Describe the project and specify what expense the funds will be used to offset.
Please attach a budget for the project.

The Shepherd's Cupboard Foodbank has operated for the last 33 yrs. serving the residents of Shelburne, Mulmur, Melancthon, North Amaranth and North Mono. We provide a week of food in packaged + canned goods, hygiene items, meats, eggs, milk, bread + produce, based on the size of the family. Stats recently collected show we are serving nearly 400% more clients than we did in 2015! Still all volunteer based, donations - both cash + in food - go directly to the clients. It is no wonder with the dramatic increase in clients since COVID, that we have to rely more + more on our community partners to help us to be able to ensure that clients, many who have so many struggles, do not go hungry. To this end, we believe we are an essential service and should not be a grant application, but a budget item that every council should respond to annually. It's hard to comprehend applying for money to feed needy residents along with sports or cultural applications.

3. How does your project align with the Townships Strategic Plan?

Each level of government is required to have a poverty reduction strategies identified + we assume we would fit under that or that we are human services as we address needs + senior services as we address their needs. As well, we have many senior volunteers at the foodbank that are residents of Mulumur - of which you can be well provided.

4. Do you provide service to Mulumur residents? ☒ Yes ☐ No

5. How does your project benefit the community of Mulumur?

A recent update of our statistics shows that Mulumur residents represent 60% of our 300+ families that are registered for the foodbank. (files are culled yearly + anyone who has not used the foodbank in 13 mths has their file shredded). Based on recent new clients' addresses, this % will increase again this year. As well as serving clients each month at the foodbank, we deliver to medically fragile clients 1x/mth and three live in Mulumur, and they receive delivery to their kitchen.

We continue to serve any resident who is suffering from food insecurity + resides in Mulumur and are thankful to council for the efforts made this year in making residents more aware of our services + participating in food drives. Thank you! ☺

6. What is the total cost of the project?

Our \$120,000 /annually



Community Grant Policy

Community Grant Application Form

Name of Organization: GREG LLOYD
Address: 607094 RIVER ROAD, MULMUR, ONTARIO L9V2T2
Amount Requested: \$ 500.00 (max \$500)

1. What type of organization are you?

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- ☐ Volunteer, sports and community clubs/groups providing services in the Township of Mulmur
- ☐ Schools
- ☒ Individual, one-time special request

2. Describe the project and specify what expense the funds will be used to offset. Please attach a budget for the project.

TO CONSTRUCT A WALKING TRAIL ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE PINE RIVER PROVINCIAL FISHING AREA, TO CONNECT THE WEST + EAST PARKING LOTS.

3. How does your project align with the Townships Strategic Plan?

THIS WALKING TRAIL WILL PROVIDE A NEW EXPERIENCE FOR HIKERS, PHOTOGRAPHERS + BIRD WATCHERS. ANGLERS WILL ALSO BENEFIT FROM EASIER ACCESS POINTS TO THE LAKE.

4. Do you provide service to Mulmur residents?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

5. How does your project benefit the community of Mulmur?

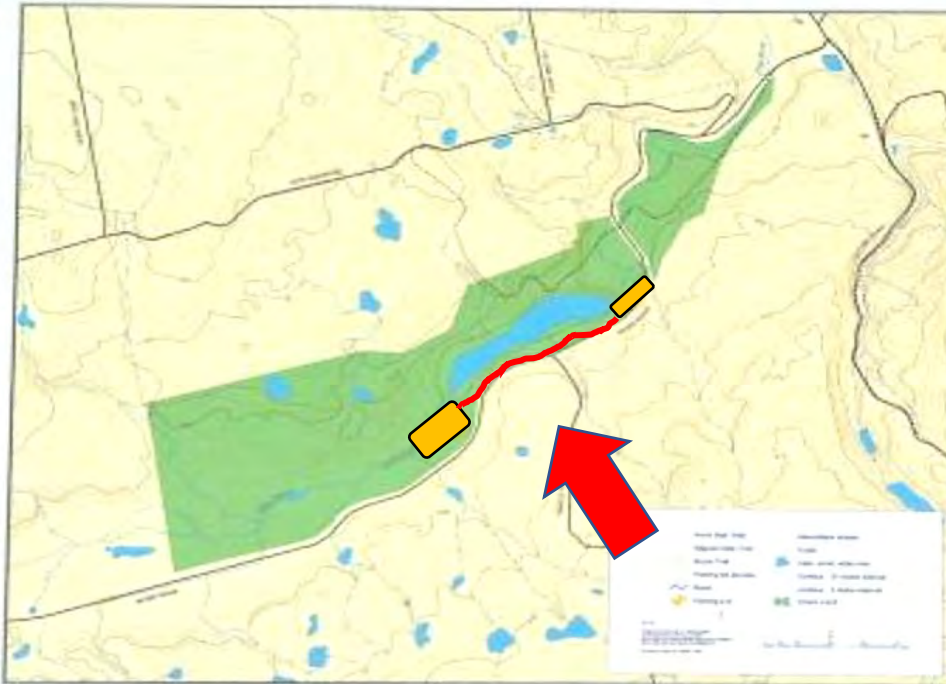
THE PINE RIVER FISHING AREA HAS 2 PARKING AREAS WHICH CAN BE BETTER UTILIZED FOR THE MANY PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY WHO WALK THE BRUCE TRAIL. THE TRAIL WOULD OFFER NEW EXPERIENCES FOR FAMILIES IN NATURE WITH THE BENEFIT OF FISHING.

6. What is the total cost of the project? \$10,000

Pine River Walking Trail Proposal

Oct 06, 2022

PINE RIVER PROVINCIAL FISHING AREA



Year-round day use

**Hunting permitted
in season**

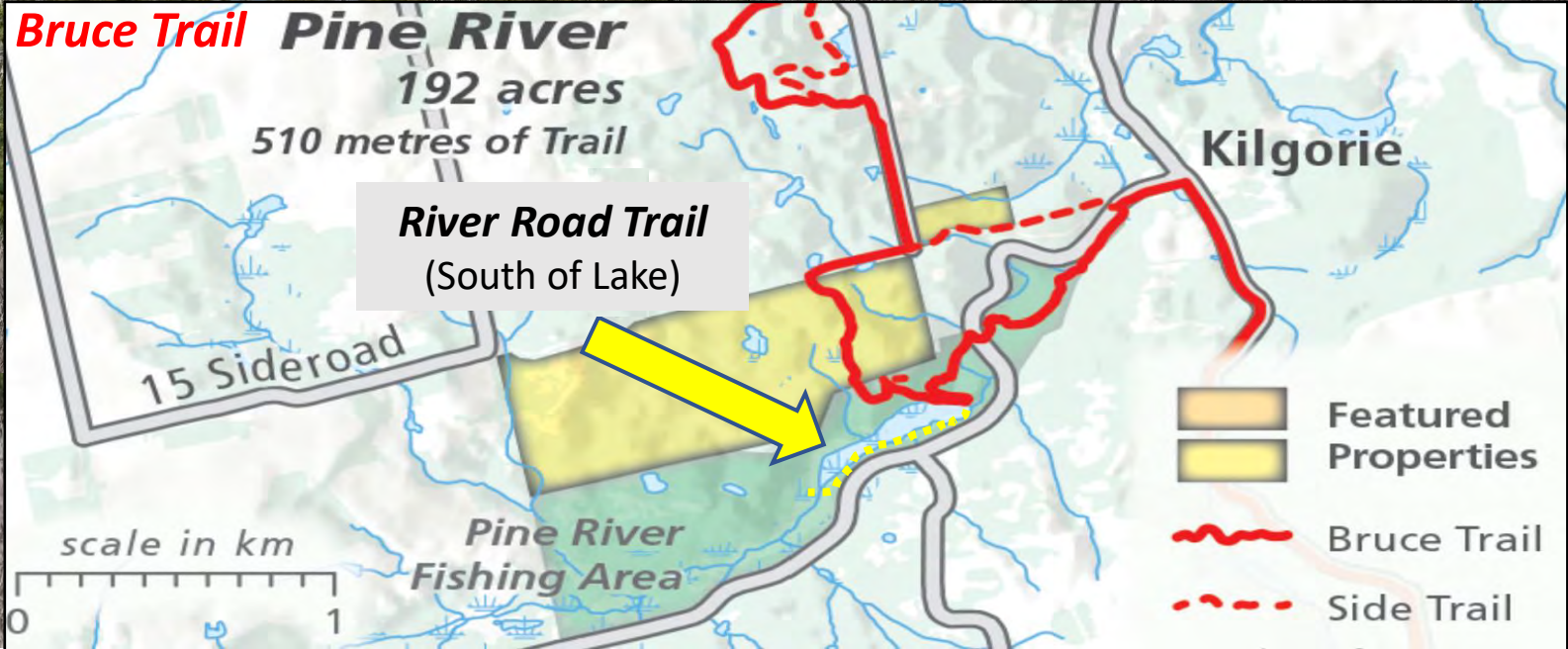
No dumping



**Report Resource Abuse:
1-877-TIPS-MNR
Emergency: call 911
www.mnr.gov.on.ca/MNR/**

Walking Trail

Pine River Provincial Fishing Area - Mulmur



Walking Trail

West Trail Section

- 5 ft wide.
- Gravel path over grass areas.
- 4" drain pipes used in wet areas to maintain any water flow.

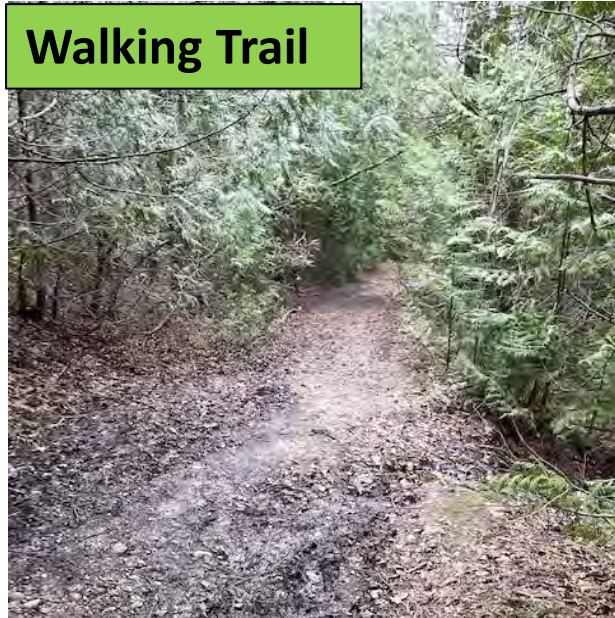


Drain pipes with gravel
for wet areas

East Trail Section

- 3 ft wide trail through the trees.
- Natural wood chips applied using wheel barrels to define the trail.
- Drain pipes used in wet areas and covered with gravel to allow any spring water to flow.

Walking Trail



East entrance of trail. Add some borders as necessary to prevent ATV access



1st 100 meters requires little work



Mid point requires much cutting to clear path



Drain pipe or small bridge required at a least one area



Many lake views and paths available

Roseann Knechtel

Subject: FW: Mulmur Melancthon Firefit Team

From: Michael Mehlhorn
Sent: Friday, February 2, 2024 11:43 AM
Subject: Mulmur Melancthon Firefit Team

Hello Mulmur Council,

The Mulmur-Melancthon FireFit team operates as a subcommittee of the Honeywood Firefighters Association and has been active since 2022. Our goal each year is to compete at the Canadian FireFit Competition at various events in Ontario each summer. The competition consists of firefighting tasks commonly encountered in emergency situations.

Our team this year is made up of seven active MMFD Firefighters which includes three recruits from our latest hiring class. This summer we will be competing in Oshawa and St. Catharines in individual (head to head) and team relay races against volunteer and career firefighters from across Canada.

In the past we have been successful in raising funds from local business sponsors to cover the costs of entrance fees, access to gym facilities, transportation and upgrades to standard firefighting gear. This year our team is quite large and we are requesting support from Melancthon Township in the amount of \$553.70. This would cover one race entry for each of our seven competitors this season. The remaining expenses would be covered by our local small business sponsors or our competitors if necessary.

I believe the FireFit team is worth investing in as it creates additional motivation for our volunteers to be physically fit and in turn able to better serve our community.

<https://www.firefit.com/>

Thank you for your consideration,

Mike Mehlhorn
Honeywood Firefighters Association President
Mulmur Melancthon Fire Department
Acting Captain #421



STAFF REPORT

TO: Council
FROM: Tracey Atkinson, CAO/Planner
MEETING DATE: March 6, 2024
SUBJECT: Housekeeping By-law

PURPOSE:

To present Council with recommendations to update the Zoning By-law to address housekeeping matters and minor zoning amendments.

BACKGROUND:

While processing planning applications and addressing by-law enforcement matters, staff have made note of various sections of our current zoning by-law that need to be addressed. Staff have also noted some inconsistencies between the zoning by-law and other by-laws, such as the site plan control by-law, property standards by-law and sign by-law.

An additional housekeeping by-law is anticipated following the release of the new Provincial Planning Statement, the approval of the County of Dufferin Municipal Comprehensive Review and the Townships Official Plan Update.

ANALYSIS:

The following sections should be addressed:

- Section 3.3.2, Detached Additional Single Dwellings, should be amended to be consistent with the site plan control by-law.
- Floor area definition should clarify whether overhangs, attached verandas and other roofed, open areas, basements and crawl spaces are included in floor areas.
- 3.3.4, Garden suite floor area and general floor areas for additional single dwellings should be reviewed.
- 3.6, Home Industry floor area should match maximum size of accessory structures.
- 3.14.2.10, Parking Space Requirements, needs to be updated to reflect Planning Act maximum parking space requirements for ancillary apartments
- 3.16.3 Commercial Vehicle Parking should be amended to address school buses and weights and reference to "commercial" vehicles.
- 3.16.4 Recreational Vehicle and Equipment (Parking) should be reviewed to address buffering versus location concerns.

- Section 4.1.1 Countryside Area, Permitted Uses should be consistent with section 3.3 in relation to lot areas.
- Section 4.6, General Commercial should be changed to Commercial General, to match the abbreviation.
- Definition of “Attached” should be reviewed.
- Heavy truck and commercial vehicle definitions should be reviewed.
- Assembly hall should be defined.
- Provisions related to signs should be examined to determine overlap with the sign by-law.
- Provisions in the kennel by-law should be examined to determine overlap with the zoning by-law.
- Review of front yard setbacks in relation to attached garages versus detached garages and permitted encroachment.
- Remove the minimum lot area and frontage requirements for the Open Space (OS) Zone.
- Revise the title of section 3.14 to refer to “site development provisions” opposed to “site plan development provisions”, to prevent confusion with Bill 23 legislation

In addition, there are matters identified in the strategic plan that have been identified as needing to be addressed through an amendment to the zoning by-law.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

4. Growing a Sustainable Mulmur: Being Proactive in Sustainable Initiatives to ensure the long term well being of Mulmur (includes Resources/Financial/People).

FINANCIAL IMPACTS:

Circulation costs and staff wages are within the approved budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council direct staff to proceed with drafting a by-law and advertising for a public meeting.

Submitted by: Tracey Atkinson, CAO, BES, MCIP, RPP, Dipl M.M.



STAFF REPORT

TO: COUNCIL
FROM: Heather Boston, Treasurer
DATE: March 6, 2024
SUBJECT: Restatement of Mulmur's 2024 Budget per O.Reg. 284/09

PURPOSE

To restate the 2024 budget per O.Reg. 284/09 to convert it to an accrual basis of accounting rather than a cash basis.

BACKGROUND & DISCUSSION

Attached, as Schedule A, is the restatement breakdown from the Township's cash basis 2024 budget to an accrual basis per O.Reg. 284/09.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact from this report as this is just a restatement for accounting purposes only.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council receive and approve the report of Heather Boston, Treasurer, Restatement of Mulmur's 2024 Budget per O.Reg. 284/09.

Submitted by: Heather Boston, Treasurer - CPA, CA, CGA, BComm

Approved by: Tracey Atkinson, CAO



Re-Statement of Township of Mulmur 2024 Budget per O.Reg 284/09

Adjustments from Cash Basis Budget to Accrual Basis Budget

| | Cash Basis 2024 Budget | "A" Debt Principal | "C" Reserves Withdrawals Tsf From | "D" Reserves Additions Tsf To | "F" Amortization | Accrual Basis 2024 Budget |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|---------------------|------------------------------|
| General Government | | | | | | |
| Revenue | (892,571) | | 170,000 | | | (722,571) |
| Expenses | 1,293,790 | (16,667) | | (37,000) | 22,350 | 1,262,473 |
| Protection Services | | | | | | |
| Revenue | (64,955) | | 0 | | | (64,955) |
| Expenses | 1,207,976 | | | 0 | 106,727 | 1,314,703 |
| Transportation | | | | | | |
| Revenue | (65,552) | | 15,000 | | | (50,552) |
| Expenses | 2,996,043 | (26,640) | | (941,306) | 595,066 | 2,623,163 |
| Environmental Services | | | | | | |
| Revenue | (234,700) | | 0 | | | (234,700) |
| Expenses | 234,700 | | | (90,792) | 92,495 | 236,403 |
| Recreation & Cultural Services | | | | | | |
| Revenue | (136,428) | | 0 | | | (136,428) |
| Expenses | 443,612 | | | (107,000) | 45,765 | 382,377 |
| Health Services | | | | | | |
| Revenue | 0 | | 0 | | | 0 |
| Expenses | 14,700 | | | 0 | 2,444 | 17,144 |
| Planning & Development | | | | | | |
| Revenue | (101,000) | | 4,400 | | | (96,600) |
| Expenses | 59,400 | | | 0 | - | 59,400 |
| Net Department Costs | \$ 4,755,015 | -\$ 43,307 | \$ 189,400 | -\$ 1,176,098 | \$ 864,847 | 4,589,857 |
| Tax Levy | (4,755,015) | | | | | (4,755,015) |
| Net Budgeted (Surplus) deficit | \$ - | | | | | (165,158) |

Notes:

1 Tax levy for 2024 is \$4,755,015 as per motion dated January 10, 2024



STAFF REPORT

TO: Council
FROM: Heather Boston, Treasurer
MEETING DATE: March 6, 2024
SUBJECT: NDCC Capital Needs

PURPOSE:

To seek Council's approval to move forward with the capital projects needed to keep the North Dufferin Community Centre (NDCC) running into the 2024/25 season.

BACKGROUND & DISCUSSION:

Grants & Contributions

The Township's application for the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings (GICB) grant exceeded the minimum program requirements and scored strongly. Mulmur was unsuccessful in securing funding due to the high level of applications received for the program. Although our project complied with all program requirements, our RETScreen report indicated less energy conservation and GHG reductions in comparison to other applications.

2024 Capital Needs

The NDCC requires the following critical repairs to maintain operations.

Replacement of Ice Surface and Boards: The leak in the ice surface piping has deteriorated and poses a significant risk to the ongoing operations of the arena. Immediate replacement is necessary to ensure the arena remains operational.

Arena Roof Above the Norduff Room: Despite previous attempts, the roof above the Norduff room continues to leak and requires replacement to prevent further damage.

FINANCIAL IMPACTS:

NDCC 2024 Capital Needs

| | | |
|------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| 2024 | Replacement of Ice Surface & Boards | \$ 1,500,000 |
| 2024 | Norduff Room Roof & Ceiling | \$ 70,000 |
| | | \$ 1,570,000 |

Funding Sources

Council could utilize the following funding sources to complete the above capital projects.

| Reserve Account | Funding | Ending Balance |
|------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Tax Rate Stabilization Fund | \$ 550,000 | \$ 504,848 |
| Efficiency Reserves | \$ 409,347 | \$ - |
| Recreation Building Reserves | \$ 76,310 | \$ - |
| Contingency Reserve | \$ 113,310 | \$ - |
| Shortfall | \$ 421,033 | |
| | \$ 1,570,000 | \$ 504,848 |

Shortfall Options

1. Request financial support from the other municipalities and users of the facility.
2. Borrow from other reserves. The Township has additional reserves in the amount of \$2.8 million. Funds borrowed must be replaced within two years to ensure critical infrastructure projects as per the asset management plan are not deferred. Deferral could result in road closures.
3. Utilizing the remaining balance in the tax rate stabilization reserves. This would remove Council's opportunity to utilize this reserve to lower and stabilize future tax levies. An automatic 2025 tax levy increase of 3% would be required. Note: In 2024 Council utilized \$150,000 from this reserve to achieve a 3% tax reduction.
4. End investment in the NDCC facility and close the arena. This would decrease the operating budget by approximately \$200,000 per year.

Future Capital Projects for Consideration

| | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Stairs | \$ 4,500 |
| Rubber Flooring | \$ 16,000 |
| Septic System Relocation | \$ 100,000 |
| New Addition - Change Rooms | \$ 3,125,000 |
| Accessibility Lift | \$ 200,000 |
| Accessible Washrooms | \$ 100,000 |
| Norduff Room & Lobby Renovations | \$ 500,000 |
| New Front Wind Break | \$ 300,000 |
| Lighting | \$ 60,000 |
| Engineering & Permits | \$ 600,000 |
| Total | \$ 5,005,500 |

The above-mentioned capital costs are not immediate requirements and can be planned and budgeted for in the future as funding and needs arise. These projects would require further funds. After replenishing the borrowed reserve funds, the Township would need to rebuild the NDCC Building Reserves.

Council may wish to consider initiating fundraising efforts to help fund future capital projects. A fundraising committee, temporary staff, or a consultant may be required to facilitate the creation and implementation of a fundraising plan.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

1. Growing a Prosperous Mulmur: Responsibly managing the fiscal resources of Mulmur and providing opportunities for success.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

Council may wish to discuss the environmental impacts associated with this report and recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council provide direction on the future operations of the North Dufferin Community Centre.

Submitted by: Heather Boston, Treasurer, CPA, CA, CGA

Approved by: Tracey Atkinson, CAO, BES, MCIP, RPP, Dipl M.M.

Roseann Knechtel

Subject: FW: Ontario Climate Caucus Meeting Notes, Draft OEB Ruling re Removal of Fossil Fuel Subsidy for New Developments Motion and Municipal Climate Action 101 & Updates

Attachments: Template Municipal Motion and Issue Summary - v2.docx

From: Gaby Kalapos

Sent: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 8:57 AM

Subject: Ontario Climate Caucus Meeting Notes, Draft OEB Ruling re Removal of Fossil Fuel Subsidy for New Developments Motion and Municipal Climate Action 101 & Updates

Hi there Ontario Climate Caucus Team,

Please see below for the meeting notes from the meeting. Meeting Notes are also available at the Ontario Climate Caucus Resource Hub: <https://guides.co/g/ontario-climate-caucus-hub/190617>

I have also attached the draft resolution for your use to support any council discussions that take place on this important issue. Gaby from Clean Air Partnership and Adrian from Environmental Defense are available for deputations at council for these discussions. Adrian's email is cc'ed to this email.

Ontario Climate Caucus January 31st, 2024 Meeting Notes

A critical development concerning the Ontario Energy Board's (OEB) decision to eliminate fossil fuel subsidies for fossil fuel infrastructure in new developments was discussed. Kent Elson, representing Elson Advocacy, and supports Environmental Defense with OEB discussions shed light on the OEB's ruling, Minister Smith's response, and the significance of this issue for Ontario municipalities.

The OEB made a landmark decision on December 21st, 2023, with far-reaching implications for both decarbonization efforts and energy cost reductions in Ontario. This decision addresses a little-known fossil fuel subsidy, funded by all Enbridge customers, aimed at expanding fossil fuel infrastructure into new developments. It's essential to note that the OEB is primarily a consumer protection organization rather than an environmental body. The OEB decision to remove the fossil fuel subsidy came after extensive consultations through a robust multi-stakeholder process.

The crux of the OEB's decision is to terminate the subsidy for constructing methane gas pipelines in new building construction, effective in 2025. Previously, this subsidy amounted to an average of approximately \$4,500 per home for developers. The OEB's rationale for ending the subsidy is twofold: it is detrimental to both existing gas customers, who bear the cost through higher energy bills (an annual burden exceeding \$250 million), and new homebuyers, as it incentivizes the installation of expensive fossil fuel equipment. Consequently, this subsidy results in higher energy bills for both groups and encourages continued fossil fuel use. Its elimination promises to benefit existing gas customers, new homebuyers, and the environment by reducing carbon emissions.

Presently, developers lack the proper financial incentives to prioritize electrification for building heating. They don't bear the costs associated with expanding fossil fuel infrastructure; these costs are borne by the rate base. This approach risks creating stranded assets, as it can take up to 60 years to recoup the expenses of fossil fuel infrastructure. Additionally, there has been misinformation regarding the affordability of heat

pumps, leading the Competition Bureau to investigate Enbridge's claims about fossil fuels being the cheaper heating option.

The Ontario government's response to the OEB decision was unprecedented. The morning after the ruling, they announced their intention to overturn it through legislation. This has sparked significant backlash, both in terms of rate base costs and concerns about the independence of the OEB's decision-making process.

Enbridge may have reached out to your municipalities seeking support to lobby against the OEB decision. However, it's crucial to emphasize that the OEB's decision is beneficial on multiple fronts: it reduces costs for existing gas customers by over \$1 billion in four years, and it encourages the consideration of heat pump installations for new homebuyers, resulting in energy savings and a transition away from fossil fuels. The OEB ruling applies to both greenfield and infill developments.

A draft resolution/motion and background report has been created for Ontario Climate Caucus (OCC) members to use in advancing this important conversation within their municipal councils.

Is there any updates regarding incentives for incentivize new developments to advance electric heating options, similar to the Greener Homes program but tailored for new developments. This decision does help to level the playing field between how fossil fuel and electricity infrastructure is costed out and in that way help increase consideration of cost effective building heating via air source, or ground source heat pumps or other lower carbon options.

Gaby Kalapos from Clean Air Partnership (gkalapos@cleanairpartnership.org) or Adrian Currie from Environmental Defense (acurrie@environmentaldefence.ca) are available to do deputation on this topic as they are advanced across Ontario municipal councils.

Articles on this topic:

- <https://environmentaldefence.ca/2023/12/22/statement-from-environmental-defence-on-the-ontario-ministry-of-energys-move-to-reverse-the-oeps-decision-on-gas-rates/>
- <https://www.nationalobserver.com/2023/12/22/news/ford-government-fight-ontario-energy-board-decision-developers-not-ratepayers-should>
- [Why Bother with an Independent Energy Regulator?](#)

Municipal Climate Action 101 Course

- We are seeking municipal council members who can go through the online municipal climate course to gather input if you think it would be of value to your fellow council members and input for how you would suggest we get the course offering on your fellow council members radar.

Natural Gas Expansion Program – Enbridge Seeking Municipal Support to Continue Program

Your municipality may have had Enbridge reach out to their council seeking support for the continuation of the Natural Gas Expansion Program.

[The Clean Air Council network developed a consensus-based submission that was sent into the province of Ontario recommending that the Province not extend the Natural Gas Expansion Program.](#) Because expanding natural gas infrastructure amounts to a very expensive fossil fuel subsidy paid for by the rate base and greatly undermines Ontario's ability to meet our 2030 GHG reduction targets, poses significant stranded asset risks that have not been considered thus far and will greatly diminish the ability of Ontario municipalities to achieve their climate commitments and targets.

For example, just based on the back of the envelope analysis from the province's press release on Phase 2 of the program.

- Phase 2: \$234 million for 8,750 connections. Comes to \$26,742 per connection.
- Estimated to save customers an estimated \$250-\$1500 per year (\$2.2 million - \$13 million) it is somewhere between that as it can't be \$13 million since not all save \$1500. Also important to keep in mind these cost savings were based on the costs for fossil fuel gas prior to increases in natural gas prices that have taken place over the last 2 years.
- At \$250/year that comes to a 106 years pay back; and at \$1500 it is a 17 year pay back. We don't know how many are saving 250 versus 1500 so can't calculate actual payback.
- Subsidized on the Ontario wide rate base, estimated at 1\$ per month from ALL natural gas customers - not just those within those newly connected communities. Not able to find info for how long that will be on the rate base. This is another example of a fossil fuel subsidy.
- How might have efficiency, geothermal, air source heat pumps, net metering, etc. compared re costs and benefits of reducing electricity costs for these customers?
- The Natural Gas Expansion program amounts to a very expensive fossil fuel subsidy.

Ontario Climate Caucus Updates

- [King OBC Motion](#)
- [Brock Township OBC Motion](#)
- [Clean Air Council OBC submission](#)
- [Dianne Saxe Toronto motions](#)
- More and more municipalities exploring and advancing Green Development Standards.
- Peterborough is almost completed construction of their net zero carbon fire station.
- Barrie has a net zero carbon transit hub
- Markham is undertaking 5 fire hall net zero carbon retrofits
- Toronto is undertaking a net zero [day care centre](#), a net zero carbon [paramedic station](#) and a net zero [community centre](#).
- If your municipality is advancing a net zero new build or retrofit please do let us know.

Minutes for Shelburne Public Library Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Present: Geoff Dunlop Tricia Field James Hodder
 Patricia Clark Ruth Plowright Susan Graham

Also Present: Rose Dotten, CEO/Head Librarian

Regrets: Mikal Archer, Lindsay Wegener, Sharon Martin

The Chair, Geoff Dunlop, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, January 16, 2024.

Reading of Land Acknowledgement:

“We would like to begin by respectfully acknowledging that the Town of Shelburne resides within the traditional territory and ancestral lands of the Anishinaabe including the Ojibway, Potawatomi, Chippewa and the People of the Three Fires Confederacy. These traditional territories upon which we live, work, play and learn are steeped in rich Indigenous history and traditions. It is with this statement that we declare to honour and respect the past and present connection of Indigenous peoples with this land, its waterways and resources.

Motion 01-24 S. Graham, R. Plowright

Be it resolved that we approve the Agenda of the January 16, 2024, meeting.

Carried

Motion 02-24 S. Graham, T. Field

Be it resolved that we approve the minutes of the board meeting, as amended, dated December 19, 2023.

Carried

Motion 03-24 T. Field, J. Hodder

Be it resolved that we approve the Accounts Payable Register for December, 2023, with invoices and payments in the amount of \$36,002.02;

Carried

CEO/ Head Librarian’s Report:

- **Statistics—Including Social Media and e-resources**

- Attached is a summary of the Monthly Statistics for December, 2023.

- **Programming-**

- **Children’s Programming:**

- Children’s programming started on Wednesday, Jan 10/24 with Lego Time and on Friday Jan 12/24 with morning Story Time.

- **Adult Programming:**

- Coffee, Conversation & Books featuring has been cancelled for February 2024. There are more events scheduled for May and October, 2024.

- **Upcoming events are:**
 - **Archivist on the Road—Laura Camilleri**, will be at the library once a month. The first is scheduled for February 6, 2024, entitled “Using Ancestry to research Black History in Canada.”
 - **Library Literary Event**—The next event will be held at the library on Sunday, February 11/24, at 2 pm, featuring Suzette Daley, discussing her book *The Lucie & Thornton Blackburn Story*. This will be part of our Black History Events for February, 2024.
 - **Rose’s Book Club**—the 4th Tuesday of each month—The first meeting in 2024 will be on January 23, 2024. The club does not discuss one particular book but Rose will discuss some new books and all the participants generally discuss the various books they have read over the past month. Jade and Bev participate as schedules permit and contribute their reads of the month.
 - **Tech Help**—is being offered by a student every Friday afternoon in half-hour segments. Appointments need to be made but walk-ins are admitted if time available.
- **New Events included:**

Business

- **Correspondence**

Rose presented to the Board a resolution from Mulmur Council requesting a meeting in early 2024 with the library staff. This meeting will be arranged as soon as possible. A copy of the resolution from Mulmur is attached to these minutes.

- **Change of Bank signing Authority**

Motion 04-24 R. Plowright, S. Graham

Be it resolved that the SPL Board approves adding James Hodder to the current bank signing authorities so that it will be as follows:

Any two of Gordon Gallagher, Rose Dotten, Geoff Dunlop, and James Hodder.

Carried

- **Change of Library hours**

Motion 05-24 P. Clark, R. Plowright

To extend the library hours, as per attachment, on a pilot basis for 4 months from February 1 to May 31, 2024, to be reviewed at the May meeting.

Carried

The new hours of operation will be as follows:

| | |
|-----------|---------------|
| Tuesday | 10 am to 7 pm |
| Wednesday | 10 am to 5 pm |
| Thursday | 10 am to 7 pm |
| Friday | 10 am to 5 pm |

Saturday 10 am to 4 pm

Motion 06-24 T. Field, J. Hodder

That we now adjourn at 8:15 p.m., to meet again February 20, 2024, at 7 pm., or at call of the Chair.

Carried



MINUTES

Rosemont District Fire Board
Friday, February 2, 2024 at 9:00 am

Present: Melinda Davie – Chair- Town of Mono
Patricia Clark – Township of Mulmur
Elaine Capes-Town of Mono
Mike Blacklaws - Fire Chief
Heather Boston - Secretary-Treasurer

Ronald O’Leary – Adjala-Tosorontio
Earl Hawkins - Township of Mulmur
Julius Lachs–Vice Chair-Adjala-Tosorontio
Chris Armstrong - Deputy Fire Chief

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Secretary called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We begin this meeting by acknowledging that we are meeting upon the traditional Indigenous lands of the Anishinaabe, and Petun peoples.

We recognize and deeply appreciate their historic connection to this place, and we also recognize the contributions Indigenous peoples have made, both in shaping and strengthening our community, province and country as a whole.

3. APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Moved by: Hawkins/Clark

THAT Melinda Davie be appointed as Chair, Julius Lachs be appointed as Vice Chair and that Heather Boston be appointed as the Secretary/ Treasurer.

CARRIED.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Lachs/Capes

THAT the February 2, 2024 agenda be approved.

CARRIED.

5. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Moved by: Hawkins/Clark

THAT the minutes of November 24, 2023, be approved.

CARRIED.

6. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Chair Davie stated that if any member of the Board has a pecuniary interest, they may declare the nature thereof now or at any time during the meeting.

7. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD - NONE

8. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS - NONE

9. TREASURY

9.1 Purchasing Policy Report

- Discussion about the age of various trucks.

Ron O'Leary arrived at 9:10 am

- Underwriters for resident's house insurance use the fire department rating based on the training of firefighters and the age of vehicles.
- Pumpers have to pass the pump test every year.
- The secretary will ask who the third-party expert is.

10. ADMINISTRATION

10.1 Fire Chief General Update

- The Fire Chief's year-end report will be available soon.
- The year ended with 126 calls in 2023.
- Two new recruits started and completed the training in Orangeville.
- 2028 certification on technical rescue, may require changes to the E&R by-law.
- Technical rescue includes common passenger vehicle rescue, rope rescue, confined space, trench rescue, structural collapse, swift water, ice water, and surface water.

11. INFORMATION

11.1 Accounts

Moved by: Lachs/O'Leary

THAT the Board receive the accounts payable listing in the amount of \$113,372.66 that were paid in accordance with the budget.

CARRIED.

11.2 YTD Comparative Income Statement

Moved by: Capes/O'Leary

THAT the Board approve the transfer of any 2023 operating surplus into Capital Reserves.

CARRIED.

11.3 County-Wide Fire Chief's Minutes

- The Board was pleased to see these minutes and asked about some of the acronyms.
- Discussed the possibility of doing training at Honda in Alliston

12. CLOSED SESSION

12.1 Pay Grid Review

Moved by: Hawkins/O'Leary

THAT the Board move into closed session at 9:50 a.m. pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act 2001, as amended for one (1) matter relating to personal matters about an identifiable individual.

CARRIED.

Moved by: Capes/O'Leary

THAT the Board do rise out of closed session at 10:44 a.m. with the following motions/directions:

THAT the Secretary be directed to proceed as discussed in closed session.

CARRIED.

11. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING

- Legal update

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Lachs/Hawkins

THAT the meeting adjourn at 10:50 am to meet again May 10, 2024 at 9:00 am or at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED.

Approved by:

Chair

Secretary/Treasurer



DUFFERIN COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 7:00 pm

W & M Edelbrock Centre, 30 Centre Street, Orangeville ON

Council Members Present:

Warden Darren White (Melancthon)
Councillor John Creelman (Mono)
Councillor Guy Gardhouse (East Garafraxa)
Councillor Chris Gerrits (Amaranth)
Councillor Shane Hall (Shelburne)
Councillor Earl Hawkins (Mulmur)
Councillor Janet Horner (Mulmur)
Councillor Gail Little (Amaranth)
Councillor James McLean (Melancthon)
Councillor Wade Mills (Shelburne)
Councillor Fred Nix (Mono)
Councillor Lisa Post (Orangeville)
Councillor Philip Rentsch (Grand Valley)
Councillor Todd Taylor (Orangeville)

Council Members Absent:

Councillor Steve Soloman (Grand Valley)(prior notice)

Staff Present:

Sonya Pritchard, Chief Administrative Officer
Michelle Dunne, Clerk
Rebecca Whelan, Deputy Clerk
Aimee Raves, Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer
Scott Burns, Director of Public Works/County Engineer
Anna McGregor, Director of Community Services
Rohan Thompson, Director of People & Equity
Brenda Wagner, Administrator of Dufferin Oaks
Tom Reid, Chief Paramedic

Warden White called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Warden White announced that the meeting is being live streamed and publicly broadcast.

The recording of this meeting will also be available on our website in the future.

Upcoming committee meetings will be held in the Dufferin Room at 30 Centre St, Orangeville on Thursday, February 22, 2024 at the following times:

Infrastructure and Environmental Services – 9:00 am

General Government Services Committee – 11:00 am

Health & Human Services Committee – 1:00 pm

Community Development & Tourism Committee – 3:00 pm

1. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT**

Warden White shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

2. **ROLL CALL**

The Clerk verbally took a roll call of the Councillors in attendance.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Post, seconded by Councillor Nix

THAT the Agenda and any Addendum distributed for the February 8, 2024 meeting of Council, be approved.

-Carried-

4. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**

Members of Council are required to state any pecuniary interest in accordance with the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.

Councillor Taylor declared a pecuniary interest regarding General Government Services Item #5 – Update: Non-Union Total Compensation Review as a family member is employed by the County of Dufferin.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Moved by Councillor Horner, seconded by Councillor McLean

THAT the minutes of the Council meeting of January 11, 2024, and the special meeting of Council of January 25, 2024, be adopted.

-Carried-

PROCLAMATIONS, DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

6. Delegation: Dufferin Multicultural Foundation

Gaghan Diwan and Sushil Shundil, Dufferin Multicultural Foundation, delegated to Council to request promotional support, a flag raising and a proclamation in honour of Multicultural Day. Council was supportive of their asks.

7. Proclamation & Delegation: Non-Profit Appreciation Week – February 12 – 18, 2024

Warden White read the following resolution:

WHEREAS Nonprofit Appreciation Week is an opportunity to say thank you to a sector that goes above and beyond in supporting vulnerable people and strengthening communities;

WHEREAS the diversity of nonprofit programs – including food security, housing, mental health, support for seniors, child and youth development, sports and recreation, faith, the environment, and arts and culture – immeasurably enhances our quality of life;

WHEREAS there are more than 150 charities and nonprofit organizations serving families and individuals throughout Dufferin County;

WHEREAS the people who work at nonprofits are mission-driven and known for their dedication, compassion and leadership;

NOW THEREFORE I proclaim February 12 – 18, 2024 to be Non-Profit Appreciation Week in Dufferin County and encourage all residents to show their appreciation to the people who work in our community's nonprofit sector.

Michele Fisher, Executive Director, and Shirley Boxem, Grants Committee Chair, Dufferin Community Foundation, delegated regarding Non-Profit Appreciation Week and Dufferin Community Foundation role and current activities.

8. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions from the public.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATIONS OF REPORTS

9. Infrastructure and Environmental Services Minutes – January 25, 2024

Moved by Councillor Post, seconded by Councillor Nix

THAT the minutes of the Infrastructure and Environmental Services meeting held on January 25, 2024, and the recommendations set out, excluding Item #7 – Road Network Rationalization Plan Implementation – January 2024, be adopted.

-Carried-

10. INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – January 25, 2024 – ITEM #1 Dufferin County Forest – Annual Report

THAT the report, Dufferin County Forest – Annual Report, dated January 25, 2024, from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, be received.

11. INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – January 25, 2024 – ITEM #2 Dufferin County – Oak Wilt Response Plan

THAT the report, Dufferin County Forest - Oak Wilt Response Plan, dated January 25, 2024, from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, be received.

12. INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – January 25, 2024 – ITEM #3 Tri-County Green Development Standard Update – January 2024

THAT the report, Tri-County Green Development Standard Update – January 2024, dated January 25, 2024, from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, be received.

13. INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – January 25, 2024 – ITEM #4 Road & Bridge Capital Update – January 2024

THAT the report of the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, dated January 25, 2024, Road and Bridge Capital Update – January 2024, be received.

14. INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – January 25, 2024 – ITEM #5 Corporate Fleet Management Update – January 2024

THAT the report, Corporate Fleet Management Update – January 2024, dated January 25, 2024, from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, be received.

15. INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – January 25, 2024 – ITEM #6
New Operations Centre Project Update – January 2024

THAT the report, New Operations Centre Project Update – January 2024, dated January 25, 2024, from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, be received.

16. INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – January 25, 2024 – ITEM #8
Town of Mono

THAT the resolution from the Town of Mono, dated December 20, 2023, to call on the Province and municipalities to recycling centres to accept recyclable materials including alcohol containers, household hazardous materials and other items that should be diverted from landfill or incineration, be supported.

17. INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – January 25, 2024 – ITEM #9
Town of Mono

THAT resolution from the Town of Mono, dated January 15, 2024, to declare a road safety emergency and request action from the Province, be supported.

18. INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – January 25, 2024
ITEM #10 – Association of Ontario Road Supervisors

THAT correspondence from the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors, dated January 8, 2024, to request Council pass a resolution calling on the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades to fully fund a Municipal Equipment Operator Course in 2024 through the Skills Development Fund, be supported.

19. INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – January 25, 2024 – ITEM #7
Road Network Rationalization Plan Implementation – January 2024

Moved by Councillor Nix, seconded by Councillor Mills

THAT the report of the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, dated January 25, 2024, Road Network Rationalization Plan Implementation – January 2024, be received;

AND THAT the mechanism for infrastructure transfers from the County to the affected member municipalities be 'Transfer Infrastructure with Concessions';

AND THAT the financial amounts as presented in the approved Road Network Rationalization Plan be used to determine the concessions.

MAIN MOTION IN AMENDMENT

THAT the report of the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, dated January 25, 2024, Road Network Rationalization Plan Implementation – January 2024, be received;

AND THAT the mechanism for infrastructure transfers from the County to the affected member municipalities be ‘Transfer Infrastructure with Concessions’;

AND THAT staff be directed to proceed with the Roads Needs Study in 2024;

AND THAT the 2024 Roads Needs Study be funded through the Rate Stabilization Reserve with an estimated cost of \$60,000.

-Carried-

20. **General Government Services Minutes – January 25, 2024**

Moved by Councillor Gerrits, seconded by Councillor Mills

THAT the minutes of the General Government Services meeting held on January 25, 2024, and the recommendations set out, excluding Item #5 – Update: Non-Union Total Compensation Review, be adopted.

-Carried-

21. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – January 25, 2024 – ITEM #1
Headwaters Communities In Action 2023 Year End Report

THAT the 2023 Year-End report from Headwaters Communities In Action (HCIA), dated January 25, 2024, be received.

22. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – January 25, 2024 – ITEM #2
Access Dufferin Minutes

THAT the minutes from the Access Dufferin meeting on January 17, 2024, be adopted.

23. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – January 25, 2024 – ITEM #3
Whistleblower Policy

THAT the report of the Director of People and Equity, dated January 25, 2024, titled Whistleblower Policy, be received;

AND THAT the attached Whistleblower Policy be approved.

24. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – January 25, 2024 – ITEM #4
Harassment & Respectful Workplace Policy

THAT the report of the Director of People and Equity, dated January 25, 2024, titled Harassment & Respectful Workplace Policy, be received;

AND THAT the attached Harassment & Respectful Workplace Policy #2-04-16, be approved.

25. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – January 25, 2024 – ITEM #6
Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board

THAT the resolution from the Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board, dated January 16, 2024, regarding the Simucast Radio System Capital Project, be received.

Councillor Taylor declared a pecuniary interest regarding Item #5 – Update: Non-Union Total Compensation Review and left the meeting at 7:47 pm.

26. GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES – January 25, 2024 – ITEM #5
Update: Non-Union Total Compensation Report

Moved by Councillor Mills, seconded by Councillor Gardhouse

THAT the report of the Director People & Equity, titled Update: Non-Union Total Compensation Review, dated December 14, 2023, be received;

AND THAT the changes to total compensation outlined in the report be approved.

IN AMENDMENT

Moved by Councillor Little, seconded by Councillor Nix

THAT the proposed vacation entitlement within the report be reduced by five days at each level.

A recorded vote was requested and taken as follows:

| | Yay | Nay |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|
| Councillor Creelman (3) | | x |
| Councillor Gardhouse (2) | x | |
| Councillor Gerrits (1) | x | |
| Councillor Hall (2) | x | |
| Councillor Hawkins (1) | x | |
| Councillor Horner (1) | x | |

| | Yay | Nay |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----|
| Councillor Little (1) | x | |
| Councillor McLean (1) | x | |
| Councillor Mills (2) | | x |
| Councillor Nix (2) | x | |
| Councillor Post (8) | x | |
| Councillor Rentsch (1) | | x |
| Councillor Soloman (1) | ABSENT | |
| Councillor Taylor (7) | ABSENT | |
| Warden White (1) | | x |
| Total (26) | 19 | 7 |
| | -AMENDMENT CARRIED- | |

MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED

THAT the report of the Director People & Equity, titled Update: Non-Union Total Compensation Review, dated December 14, 2023, be received;

AND THAT the changes to total compensation outlined in the report be approved, as amended.

A recorded vote was requested and taken as follows:

| | Yay | Nay |
|--------------------------|--------|-----|
| Councillor Creelman (3) | x | |
| Councillor Gardhouse (2) | x | |
| Councillor Gerrits (1) | | x |
| Councillor Hall (2) | x | |
| Councillor Hawkins (1) | x | |
| Councillor Horner (1) | x | |
| Councillor Little (1) | x | |
| Councillor McLean (1) | x | |
| Councillor Mills (2) | x | |
| Councillor Nix (2) | x | |
| Councillor Post (8) | x | |
| Councillor Rentsch (1) | | x |
| Councillor Soloman (1) | ABSENT | |
| Councillor Taylor (7) | ABSENT | |
| Warden White (1) | x | |
| Total (26) | 24 | 2 |

| | | |
|--|----------------------------------|-----|
| | Yay | Nay |
| | -MAIN MOTION CARRIED- | |

Councillor Taylor rejoined the meeting at 8:42 pm.

Warden White called a brief recess, the meeting resumed at 8:50 pm.

27. **Community Development and Tourism Minutes – January 25, 2024**

Moved by Councillor Post, seconded by Councillor Gerrits

THAT the minutes of the Community Development and Tourism meeting held on January 25, 2024, and the recommendations set out, excluding Item #1 – 2023 International Plowing Match Aggregate Report, be adopted.

-Carried-

28. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM – January 25, 2024 – ITEM #2
2024 Dufferin County Tourism Outlook

THAT the report of the Manager of Economic Development, "2024 Dufferin County Tourism Outlook", dated January 25, 2024, be received.

29. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM – January 25, 2024 – ITEM #3
Q4 Statistics & 2023 Annual Activities Report

THAT the report of the Acting Museum Services Manager, "Q4 Statistics and 2023 Annual Activities Report", dated January 25, 2024, be received.

30. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM – January 25, 2024 – ITEM #4
High School Co-op Student Program

THAT the report of the Chief Building Official, "Highschool Co-op Student Program", dated January 25, 2024, be received.

31. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM – January 25, 2024 – ITEM #5
Building Investigations

THAT the report of the Chief Building Official, "Building Investigations", dated January 25, 2024, be received.

32. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM – January 25, 2024 – ITEM #7
Township of Amaranth

THAT the resolution from the Township of Amaranth, dated December 19, 2023, regarding terminating the Township of Amaranth and Dufferin County Building Services Agreement, be received.

33. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM – January 25, 2024 – ITEM #1
2023 International Plowing Match Aggregate Report

Moved by Councillor Mills, seconded by Councillor Post

THAT the report of the Manager of Economic Development, “2023 International Plowing Match (IPM) Aggregate Report”, dated January 25, 2024, be received.

Moved by Councillor Gerrits, seconded by Councillor Little

THAT the report be deferred back to Committee.

-Carried-

34. **Clerks’ Report – Recruitment for Integrity Commissioner**

A report from the Clerk, dated February 8, 2024, to recommend a recruitment process to hire an Integrity Commissioner.

Moved by Councillor Post, seconded by Councillor Creelman

THAT the report from the Clerk, dated February 8, 2024, regarding the recruitment process for an Integrity Commissioner, be received;

AND THAT staff be directed to recruit for an Integrity Commissioner through the process outlined in the report;

AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to negotiate a contract with the preferred candidate for the position of the Integrity Commissioner.

-Carried-

35. **Chief Administrative Officer’s Report – Monthly Update from Outside Boards**

A report from the Chief Administrative Officer, dated February 8, 2024, to provide Council with an update of activities from outside boards and agencies.

Moved by Councillor McLean, seconded by Councillor Horner

THAT the report of the Chief Administrative Officer, dated February 8, 2024, with respect to Reports from Outside Boards, be received.

-Carried-

36. **Chief Administrative Officer's Verbal Report – Governance and Service Delivery Discussion Framework**

Sonya Pritchard, Chief Administrative Officer, provided a verbal report on options regarding a discussion framework for a Governance and Service Delivery Review.

Moved by Councillor Mills, seconded by Councillor Post

THAT staff proceed with the Governance and Service Delivery Review framework as presented.

-Carried-

37. **STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE**

There was no strategic plan update.

38. **CORRESPONDENCE**

39. **NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

40. **MOTIONS**

41. **CLOSED SESSION**

42. **BY-LAWS**

2024-07 A by-law to provide tax relief to certain low-income seniors and low-income persons with disabilities, who are owners of real property in the County of Dufferin, for the year 2024.
Authorization: Council – February 8, 2024

2024-08 A by-law to ratify the actions of the Warden and the Clerk for executing an agreement between the Corporation of the County of Dufferin and the Shelburne Centre for Health. (Lease Agreement – Mel Lloyd Centre)
Authorization: Council – February 8, 2024

Moved by Councillor Nix, seconded by Councillor McLean

THAT By-Law 2024-07 through to By-Law 2024-08, inclusive, be read a first, second and third time and enacted.

-Carried-

43. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Warden White noted there will be a Special Meeting of Council under Closed Session to continue the Dufferin County Property and Facility Portfolio Workshop on February 29, 2024.

44. **CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

2024-09 A by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Dufferin at its meeting held on February 8, 2024.

Moved by Councillor Horner, seconded by Councillor Gerrits

THAT By-Law 2024-09 be read a first, second and third time and enacted.

-Carried-

45. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Gardhouse, seconded by Councillor Mills

THAT the meeting adjourn.

-Carried-

The meeting adjourned at 9:43 pm.

Next meeting: Thursday, February 29, 2024
Edelbrock Centre, 30 Centre Street, Orangeville ON

Darren White, Warden

Michelle Dunne, Clerk



MINUTES
MANSFIELD PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
February 27, 2024 6:00 PM

Present: Emerson Pendleton, Chair
Gavin Longmuir
Mandy Little
Andrew Cunningham
Krista Harley – Thomson Trail Ice Rink Volunteer
Roseann Knechtel – Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER BY THE SECRETARY

The Secretary called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. APPOINTMENT OF A CHAIR

Moved by Longmuir and Seconded by Little

THAT Emerson Pendleton be appointed Chair of the Mansfield Parks Committee for the year 2024.

CARRIED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Longmuir and Seconded by Little

THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED.

4. PREVIOUS MEETINGS MINUTES

Moved by Longmuir and Seconded by Little

THAT the minutes of August 30, 2023 be approved.

CARRIED.

5. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS - NONE

6. ADMINISTRATION

6.1 Thomson Trail Park

Ice Rink: Krista Harley updated members on the 2023-2024 ice rink season, noting challenging weather and approximately 1 month worth of usage to date.

Members discussed the recent improvements of the new shovels, puck boards and hot water system for flooding. Future improvements were discussed including the purchase of a new hockey net, relocation of signage, repainting the back board, replacing the lock box, and possible installation of netting.

The rink continues to remain a hit in the community. The Committee thanked Krista and the volunteers for all of their hard work.

Parking Lot (Verbal Update): The Secretary provided a verbal update that the development of a parking lot at Thomson Trail has been temporarily put on hold pending the southern subdivision application.

Spring Maintenance: Item deferred. To be discussed at the next meeting with the Director of Infrastructure.

Other – None

6.2 Mansfield Community Park

Spring Maintenance: Members requested another order of clay supply to be kept at the diamond for the upcoming season and that netting be installed on the batting cage by end of April. Further maintenance is to be discussed at the next meeting with the Director of Infrastructure.

Andrew Cunningham arrived at 6:32 p.m.

Spring Community Baseball Tournament: Members discussed the organization of a 2024 Community Baseball Tournament, noting the following:

- Date: June 29th with rain out of June 30th to bring back the historic Dominion Day tournament.
- Number of Teams: 5 team round robin with no finals.
- Umpires: Volunteers.
- Rules and Regulations: Sponge ball. Additional rules and regulations to be considered at a future date.
- Price for Entry: \$200 per team. No cash prizes.
- Food and Drink: Mansfield Minor Ball to run the canteen/food, 50/50 draw, and will look into Smart Serves to run the bar. The Township will assist with securing the liquor licence.
- Profits: All funds to go towards supporting Mansfield Minor Ball.

2024 User Fees: Members reviewed the existing rate schedule and requested fees remain the same.

Other: The Secretary provided an update on the AED system being installed at the Mansfield Community Park and the Honeywood Baseball Diamond Grant Application submitted through Jays Care Field of Dreams.

6.3 Maes Cres Park

Item deferred. To be discussed at the next meeting with the Director of Infrastructure.

6.4 2023 Annual Reporting

Members reviewed the annual report to be submitted to Council.

7. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

7.1 Spring Maintenance

7.2 Baseball Tournament

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Pendleton and Seconded by Longmuir

THAT the Committee adjourns the meeting at 7:05 p.m. to meet again on March 19, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at the Mansfield Community Park, or at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED.



MANSFIELD PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

PURPOSE:

To report to Council on the MPAC's actions for the year 2023.

MANDATE AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

MANDATE GOAL #1: Pursue new opportunities identified in the Recreation Efficiency Study (Connected, G2, A3)

2023 Actions:

- Honeywood Baseball Diamond: made recommendation to Council for improvements to the diamond for use by Minor Ball and the community.
- Thomson Trail Park: Grand opening on new playground
- Maes Crescent Park: members continue to monitor the passive parklands.
- Outdoor Ice Rink: Volunteer recognition

MANDATE GOAL #2: Make recommendations to Council and staff in regard to use fees, future maintenance and park improvements (Transfer Agreement 2009/10)

2023 Actions:

Reviewed and made recommendations related to advertising signage rates and user fees. Identified 2023 maintenance requirements for completion including:

- Batter's Boxes
- Lime Shed Repair
- Fencing Repair
- Repair leaks at equipment shed
- Upgrades to Walking Path
- Edge infield to address encroaching weeds
- Better supply and sanitation at washrooms facilities
- Maintain clay supply for pitcher's mound and home plate at the diamond
- New signage

Respectfully Submitted: The Mansfield Parks Advisory Committee



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INFORMATION

2023 Annual Investment Activity Report

The Township's Investment Policy establishes practices and procedures to invest public funds with the highest return on investment with the maximum security, preservation of capital and appropriate liquidity while meeting daily cash flow demands and conforming to the statutory requirements of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended.

Interest rates have continued to rise and we were able to secure rates from 4.90% - 5.58% on our investments. Below is a summary of the interest earned on investments broken down by each account.

| | Interest Earned |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| General Account | \$ 120,183.10 |
| Development Charges | \$ 22,532.22 |
| Park Land Dedication | \$ 3,550.25 |
| Mansfield Cemetery | \$ 1,242.74 |
| Honeywood Cemetery | \$ 742.02 |
| OCIF | \$ 8,325.16 |
| Gas Tax | \$ 1,064.02 |
| Water Rate Stabilization | \$ 632.53 |
| Water Capital Reserves | \$ 17,033.40 |
| Total Interest Earned | \$ 175,305.44 |

Overall, the Township earned \$175,305.44 in interest on its investments.

Submitted by: Heather Boston, Treasurer
Approved by: Tracey Atkinson, CAO



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2023 Annual Procurement Report

Per by-law 42-2022,

The Treasurer shall submit an annual procurement information report to Council to provide the following information about the Township's activities:

- (a) Procurement activities with a procurement value equal to or greater than \$100,000;
- (b) The circumstances and details of any emergency purchase(s) with a procurement value equal to or greater than \$100,000; and
- (c) The circumstances and details of all non-competitive procurements with a procurement value equal to or greater than \$100,000.

Attached in Schedule A is a summary of the 2023 procurement activities equal to or greater than \$100,000.

Submitted by: Heather Boston, Treasurer
Approved by: Tracey Atkinson, CAO

Corporation of the Township of Mumlur- Tender Results 2023

The following Tenders were awarded by the Corporation of the Township of Mumlur in 2023 for a value of over \$100,000.

Yellow indicates the successful bidder

PWT 2022-01 Supply, Apply Dust Suppressant (second year of contract)

| <u>Company</u> | <u>Price per liter</u> | <u>2023</u> | <u>Quantity</u> | <u>Price Total (before HST)</u> | | | |
|----------------|------------------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Da-Lee | 0.279 | 0.289 | 480,000 | \$133,920.00 | | | |
| Pollar | 0.305 | 0.32 | 480,000 | \$146,400.00 | | | |

RFT#2023-01- Loading hauling, and Spreading of Gravel

| <u>Company</u> | <u>North/Tonne</u> | <u>Quantity</u> | <u>North Total</u> | <u>South/Tonne</u> | <u>Quantity</u> | <u>South Total</u> | <u>Total (Before HST)</u> |
|------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Ralph MacDonald Construction | \$ 10.00 | 12,000 tons | \$ 120,000.00 | \$ 7.20 | 12,000 tons | \$ 86,400.00 | \$ 206,400.00 |

RFT#2023-03- Placement of Hot Mix Asphalt and Shoulder Gravel (Paving)

| <u>Company</u> | <u>Total Cost (before HST)</u> | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| IPAC Paving Limited | \$ 525,779.00 | | | | | | |
| GIP Paving Inc. | \$ 560,569.00 | | | | | | |
| Cox Construction Limited | \$ 609,942.50 | | | | | | |
| E.C. King Contracting | \$ 633,077.00 | | | | | | |

Single Source, Group Procurement or Emergency Procurement Greater than \$100,000

| <u>Item</u> | <u>Company</u> | | | | | <u>Amount</u> |
|-----------------|--|--|--|--|--|---------------|
| Bridge 21 | W.G. Kelly Construction | | | | | \$ 384,416.53 |
| Snow Plow Truck | Viking Civies procured through Canoe Procurement Group | | | | | \$ 378,365.00 |



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2023 COUNCIL & COMMITTEE REMUNERATION REPORT

Pursuant to the provision of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, Section 284 the Treasurer of the municipality shall in each year on or before March 31 provide to the Council an itemized statement of remuneration and expenses paid in the previous year to each member of Council in respect to his or her services as a member of Council or as an officer of the municipal corporation. Remuneration and expenses paid to each person mentioned in Subsections 1(b) and 1(c) of Section 284 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* in respect of his or her services as a member of the board or anybody in the preceding year are also to be disclosed. The following remunerations and expenses were paid under authority of Section 284 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* as provided under the Township of Mulmur by-laws and the by-laws of the applicable other jurisdictions.

Councillors

| | Salary | Per Diems | Total Remuneration | Mileage | Conferences /Expenses | Total |
|-------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Janet Homer | \$ 18,573.36 | \$ 3,056.24 | \$ 21,629.60 | \$ 269.44 | \$ 1,637.93 | \$ 23,536.97 |
| Earl Hawkins | \$ 15,070.20 | \$ 2,090.00 | \$ 17,160.20 | \$ 228.41 | \$ 208.19 | \$ 17,596.80 |
| Patricia Clark | \$ 13,588.44 | \$ 1,350.00 | \$ 14,938.44 | \$ 206.97 | \$ 658.19 | \$ 15,803.60 |
| Andrew Cunningham | \$ 13,588.44 | \$ 825.00 | \$ 14,413.44 | \$ 89.42 | \$ 208.19 | \$ 14,711.05 |
| Kim Lyon | \$ 13,588.44 | \$ 440.00 | \$ 14,028.44 | \$ - | \$ 1,397.97 | \$ 15,426.41 |

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Council Totals | \$ 74,408.88 | \$ 7,761.24 | \$ 82,170.12 | \$ 794.24 | \$ 4,110.45 | \$ 87,074.81 |
|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|

Committee Members

| | | | SITES | MEETINGS |
|----------------------|----------|--|-------|----------|
| NVCA - Shirley Boxem | \$ 82.03 | | | |

| | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Committee Member Totals | 0.00 | \$ 82.03 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|

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Approved by: Tracey Atkinson, CAO



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INFORMATION

Fireworks Survey Results

This report provides Council with information received through the following motions and directions of Council.

BACKGROUND

November 1, 2023:

Fireworks Notice of Motion: Moved by Clark Seconded by Lyon

WHEREAS an educational campaign with Mulmur residents, which focused on the risks associated with the use of fireworks, is now complete;

AND WHEREAS it is important to determine the impact of any marketing or education campaigns;

NOW THEREFORE a follow up survey containing questions regarding fireworks and other questions of concern should be conducted with Mulmur residents, and mailed out in the January 2024 tax bill, and also be available on-line;

AND THAT a draft survey is included in the December 2023 Council Meeting package for approval by Council;

AND FURTHER THAT the results of the follow up survey be included in the March 2024 Council meeting package for review by Council to determine if any restrictions should be considered with respect to the use of fireworks in Mulmur Township. **CARRIED.**

December 13, 2023:

Direction was given to amend the survey questions to generally read as follows:

On May 3, 2023 Council passed the following motion:

THAT Council support enhanced education measures through the Township communication channels including but not limited to the tax bills and newsletters.

From May - August 2023, the Township underwent an educational campaign on fireworks use, focusing on Safety, Wildlife, Livestock/Pets and Post Traumatic Stress/Noise.

1. Did you receive and read the educational information?
 - Yes
 - No
2. Did this information impact your support or opposition towards fireworks use?
 - Yes
 - No
3. Please elaborate:
 - a) My opinion changed, I now support fireworks use in Mulmur on the following statutory holidays: Victoria Day and Canada Day
 - Yes
 - No
 - b) My opinion changed, I now support fireworks use in Mulmur year-round.
 - Yes
 - No
 - c) My opinion changed, I now support a ban on fireworks use in Mulmur.
 - Yes
 - No
 - d) My opinion hasn't changed, I continue to support fireworks use in Mulmur on the following statutory holidays: Victoria Day and Canada Day.
 - Yes
 - No
 - e) My opinion hasn't changed, I continue to support fireworks use year-round.
 - Yes
 - No
 - f) My opinion hasn't changed, I continue to support a ban on fireworks use in Mulmur.
 - Yes
 - No

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark

THAT Council approve the fireworks survey questions as amended for inclusion as part of the Township's greater Strategic Plan Survey and promoted as part of the 2024 January tax bill. **CARRIED.**

ANALYSIS

Full results are attached to this report with a summary being provided below:

- Number of responses: **30**
- **63.33% (19)**: received the educational information.
- For **75.86% (22)** the information did not impact the support or opposition towards fireworks use.

| Question | Yes | No |
|--|---------------------|--------------------|
| Did you receive the educational information? | 63.33% (19) | 36.67% (11) |
| Did this information impact your support or opposition towards fireworks use? | 24.14% (7) | 75.86% (22) |
| My opinion changed, I now support fireworks use in Mulmur on the following statutory holidays: Victoria Day and Canada Day. | 52.17 % (12) | 47.83% (11) |
| My opinion changed, I now support fireworks use in Mulmur year-round. | 25% (6) | 75% (18) |
| My opinion changed, I now support a ban on fireworks use in Mulmur. | 44% (11) | 56% (14) |
| My opinion hasn't changed, I continue to support fireworks use in Mulmur on the following statutory holidays: Victoria Day and Canada Day. | 60% (15) | 40% (10) |
| My opinion hasn't changed, I continue to support fireworks use year-round. | 26.9% (7) | 73.08% (19) |
| My opinion hasn't changed, I continue to support a ban on fireworks use in Mulmur. | 37.04% (10) | 62.96% (17) |

Results of the original fireworks survey are attached for reference.

Submitted by: Roseann Knechtel, Clerk

Approved by: Tracey Atkinson, CAO

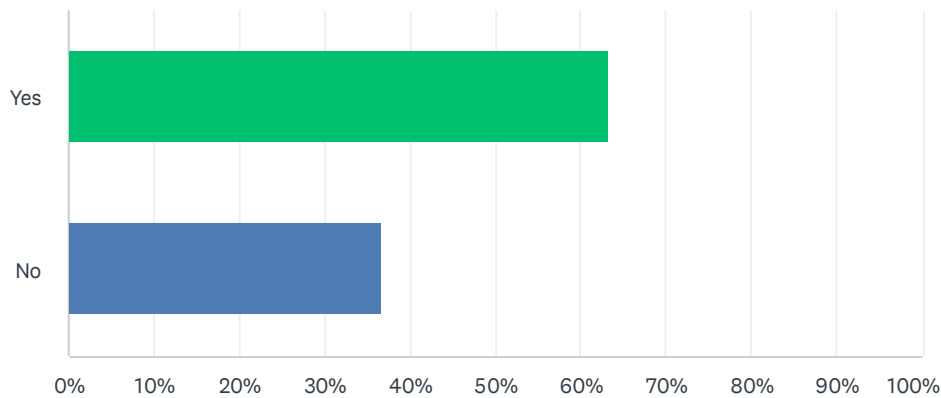
Schedule A – 2024 Strategic Plan Fireworks Survey Results

Schedule B – 2023 Fireworks Survey Results

SCHEDULE A

Q20 On May 3, 2023 Council passed the following motion: THAT Council support enhanced education measures through the Township communication channels including but not limited to the tax bills and newsletters. From May - August 2023, the Township underwent an educational campaign on fireworks use, focusing on Safety, Wildlife, Livestock/Pets and Post Traumatic Stress/Noise. Did you receive and read the educational fireworks information?

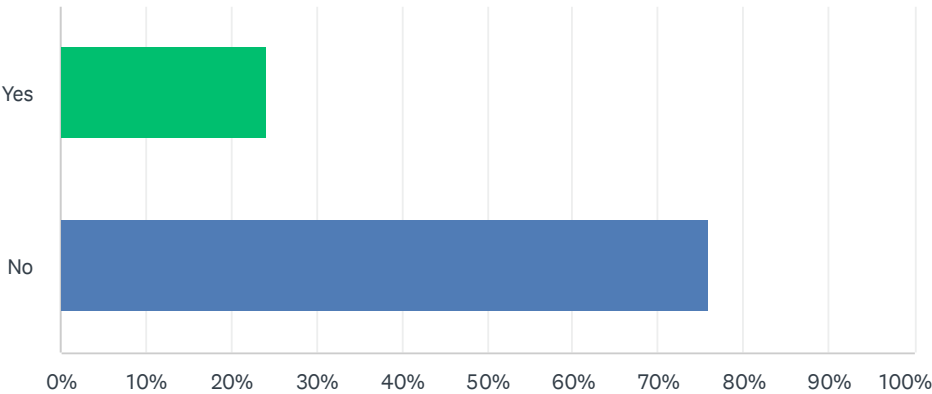
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| ANSWER CHOICES | | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|--|-----------|----|
| Yes | | 63.33% | 19 |
| No | | 36.67% | 11 |
| TOTAL | | | 30 |

Q21 Did this information impact your support or opposition towards fireworks use?

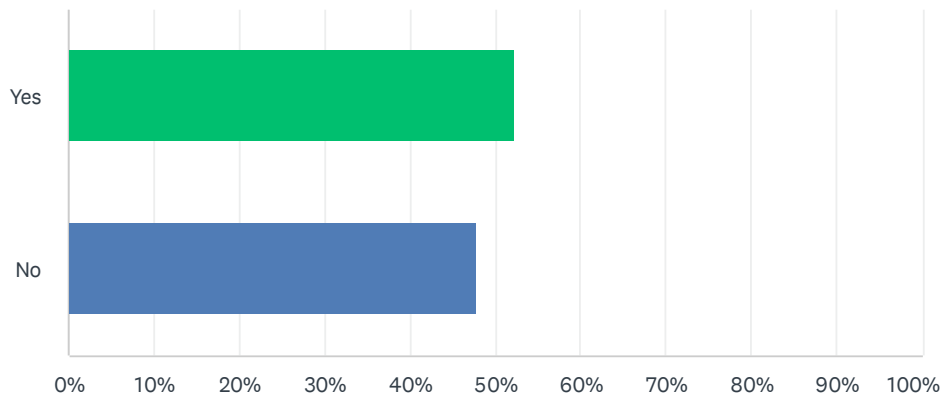
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|----|
| Yes | 24.14% | 7 |
| No | 75.86% | 22 |
| TOTAL | | 29 |

Q22 Please elaborate: My opinion changed, I now support fireworks use in Mulmur on the following statutory holidays: Victoria Day and Canada Day.

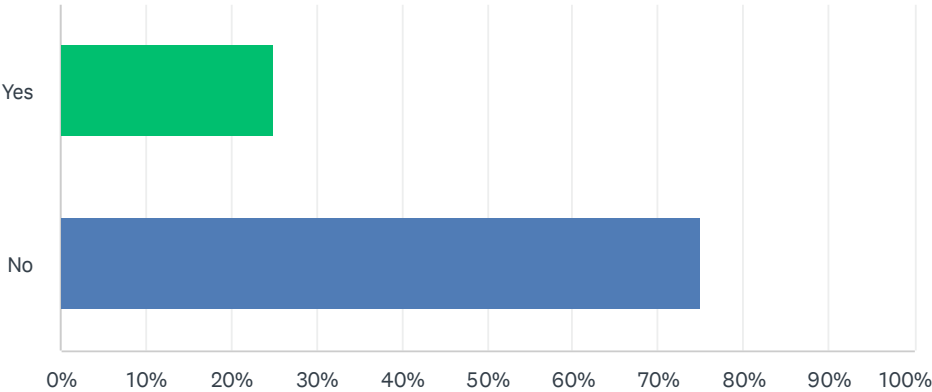
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|-----------------------|-----------|----|
| Yes | 52.17% | 12 |
| No | 47.83% | 11 |
| Total Respondents: 23 | | |

Q23 My opinion changed, I now support fireworks use in Mulmur year-round.

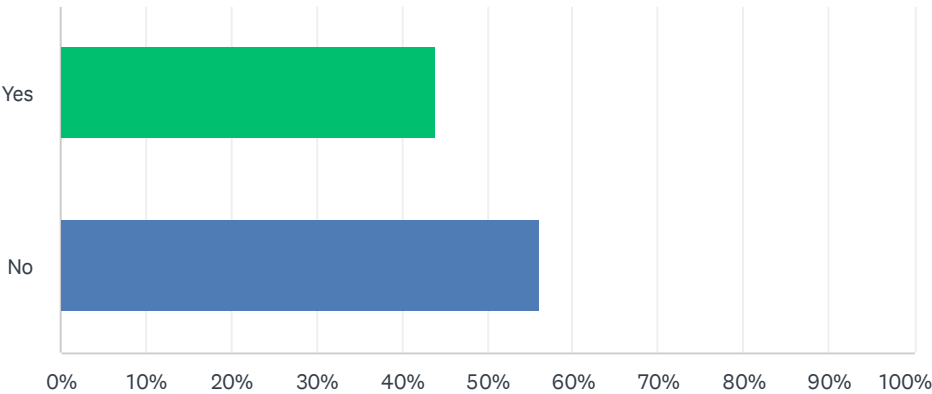
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|----|
| Yes | 25.00% | 6 |
| No | 75.00% | 18 |
| TOTAL | | 24 |

Q24 My opinion changed, I now support a ban on fireworks use in Mulmur.

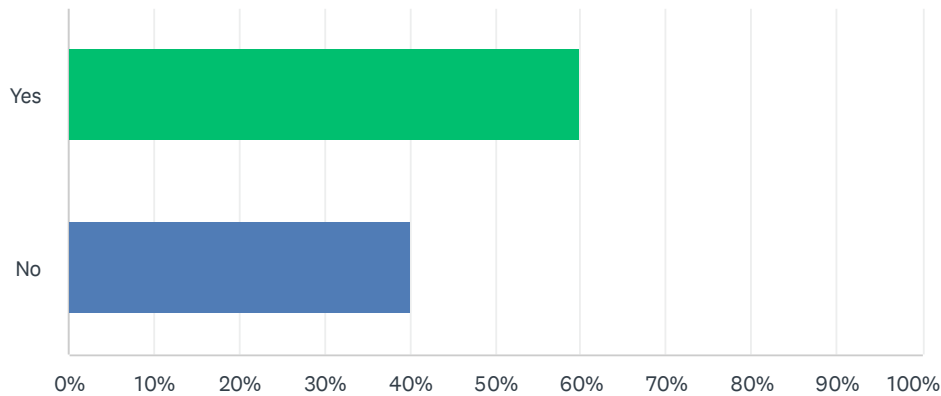
Answered: 25 Skipped: 6



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|----|
| Yes | 44.00% | 11 |
| No | 56.00% | 14 |
| TOTAL | | 25 |

Q25 My opinion hasn't changed, I continue to support fireworks use in Mulmur on the following statutory holidays: Victoria Day and Canada Day.

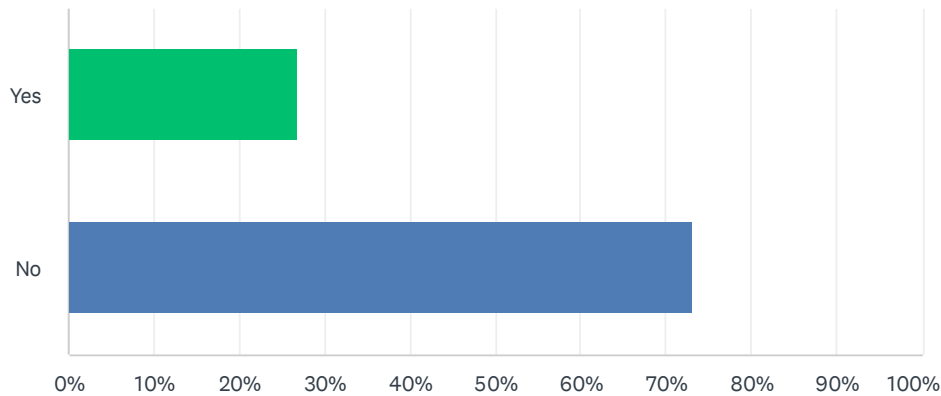
Answered: 25 Skipped: 6



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|----|
| Yes | 60.00% | 15 |
| No | 40.00% | 10 |
| TOTAL | | 25 |

Q26 My opinion hasn't changed, I continue to support fireworks use year-round.

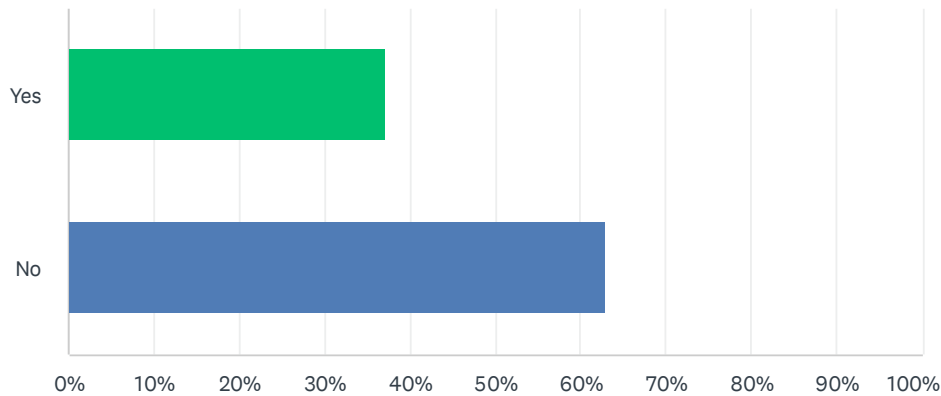
Answered: 26 Skipped: 5



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|----|
| Yes | 26.92% | 7 |
| No | 73.08% | 19 |
| TOTAL | | 26 |

Q27 My opinion hasn't changed, I continue to support a ban on fireworks use in Mulmur.

Answered: 27 Skipped: 4



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|----|
| Yes | 37.04% | 10 |
| No | 62.96% | 17 |
| TOTAL | | 27 |

SCHEDULE B



TOWNSHIP OF MULMUR FIREWORKS SURVEY RESULTS

A survey circulated to all property owners in the Township in January 2023 with the Interim Tax Bill. The survey was also promoted on Township communication channels including the newsletter and social media accounts.

The survey was open to residents and landowners within the Township of Mulmur. Collection began in January 2023 and was closed March 14, 2023 when the Township was no longer receiving responses.

Note: written comments submitted by residents and included below are verbatim and have not been altered.

Summary of Submissions

| | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Total Number of Survey Responses | 340 |
| Ineligible Submissions | 4 (1 Test, 3 Non-Resident) |
| Total Eligible Submissions | 336 |

Q1 – Contact Information

Information provided to the Township within this section is not included to protect the personal and private contact information of respondents.

Q2 – Which type of fireworks should be permitted in Mulmur (Check all that apply)

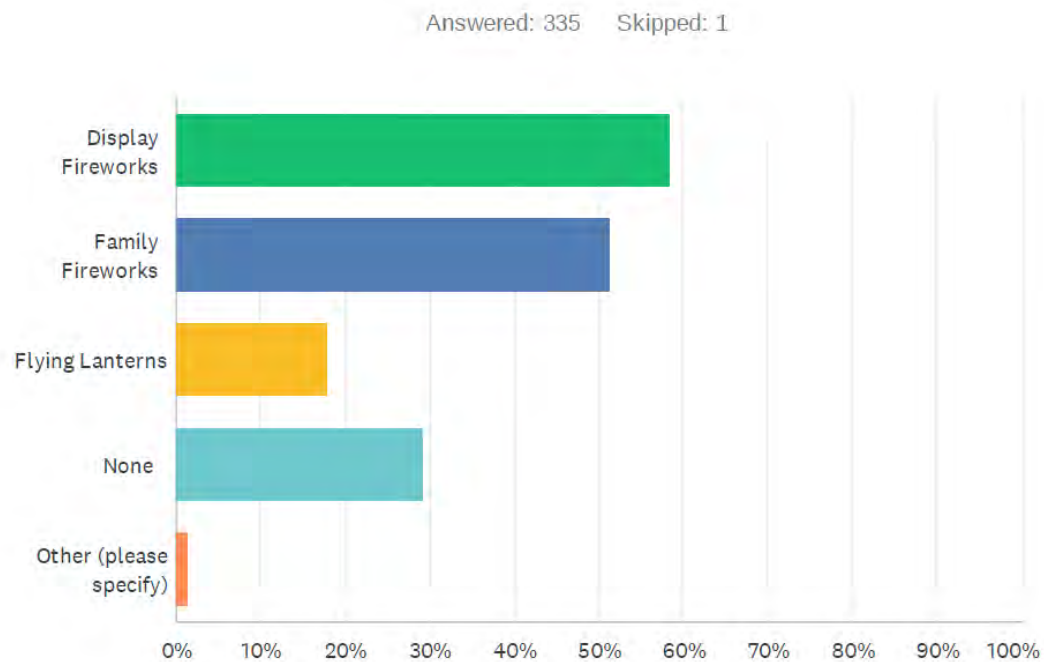
Fireworks should not be permitted: 29.25% (98 respondents)

Fireworks should be permitted 70.75% (238 respondents)

- 58.51% (196) - Display Fireworks
- 51.34% (172) - Family Fireworks
- 17.91% (60) - Flying Lanterns
- 1.49% (5) – Other

Other Comments:

1. All of the above, but it wont let me select that.
2. Sparklers
3. Only permitted in residential towns such as Mansfield. Or commercial properties with permit such as Pine River or Mansfield Ski Club
4. Display fireworks only at scheduled public events
5. Only organized community events or with permits

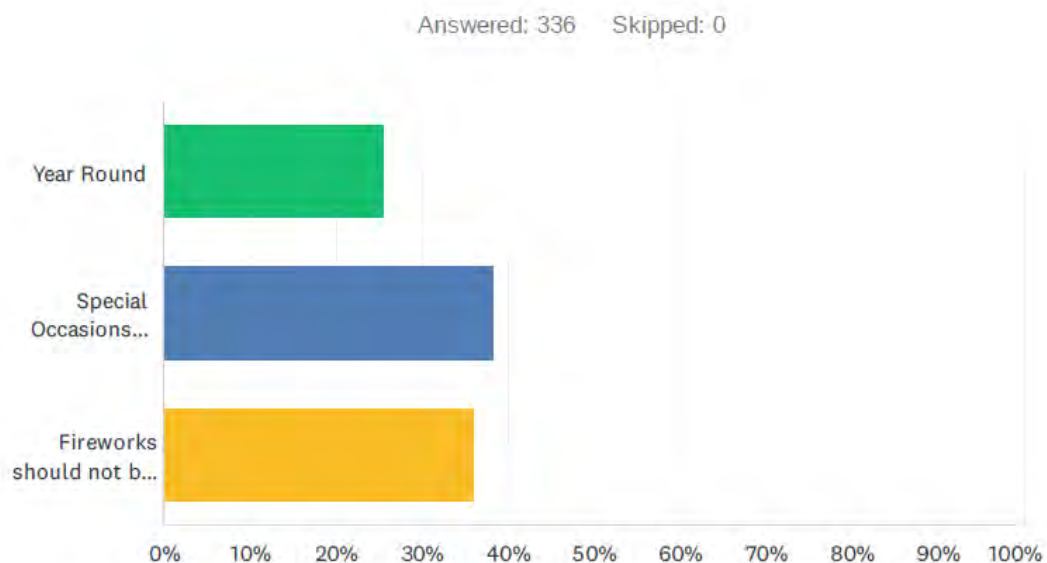


Q3 – If permitted, when should fireworks be allowed?

Fireworks should not be permitted: 36.01% (121)

Fireworks should be permitted: 63.99% (215)

- ***Special Occasions: 38.39% (129)***
- Year Round: 25.6% (86)



Q4 / Q5 – Should fireworks be permitted on specific holidays?

No: 32.11% (105)

Yes: 67.89% (222)

- 98.66% (221) – Canada Day
- 80.8% (181) – Victoria Day
- 68.3% (153) – New Years Eve
- 50.45% (113) – Diwali/Deepawali
- 47.77% (107) – Labour Day
- 46.88% (105) – Civic Holiday

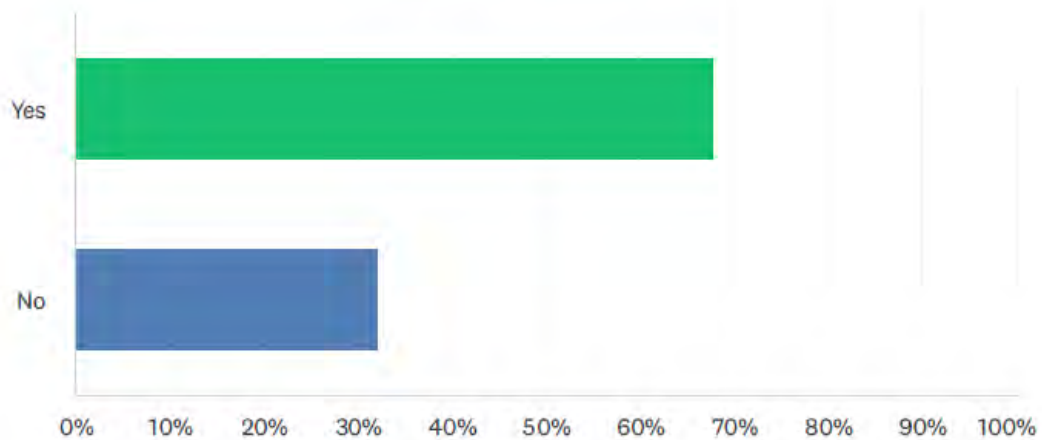
Other Comments:

1. Birthdays and parties
2. None
3. All day everyday, let's not go down this road of restrictions
4. None, give a little, take a mile...time for all or NOTHING
5. With notification to Township and Neighbours
6. Should be allowed year round and not just on holidays.
7. Any time
8. Only in special areas that are controlled
9. Family Day
10. Only in winter with now cover
11. None
12. None
13. Any holiday
14. If a group or family would like to celebrate an event and include fireworks, I don't see an issue with it.
15. Only if put on by the town
16. Keep religious holidays out of it
17. None
18. Any day including holidays
19. Any day
20. People like communal displays as a celebratory bonding event
21. Guy falkes night
22. Special family occasions with permission of township
23. 1) my birthday, 2) if I win the lotto day, 3) if king Charles gets a day, I'd say no to that one
24. Guy fawkes night
25. Family day weekend, thanksgiving weekend, Christmas
26. Sparklers only
27. On selected holidays ONLY in certain designated areas

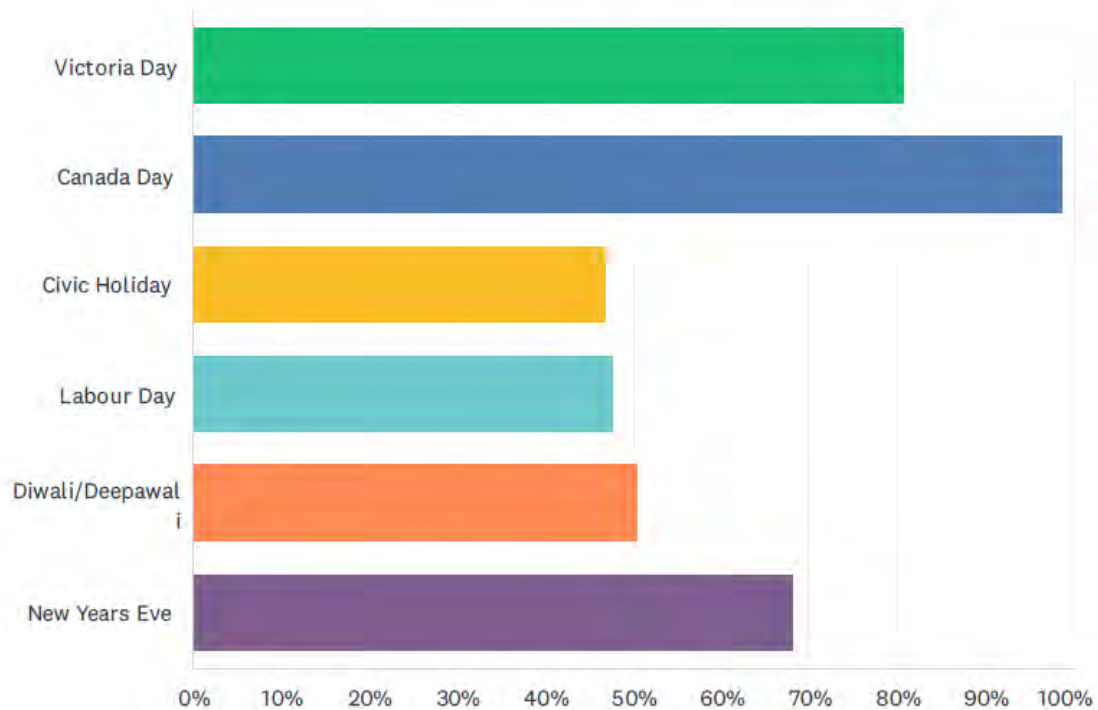
28. Only display fireworks

29. Any of the above, but only community events or by special permit

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Answered: 224 Skipped: 112

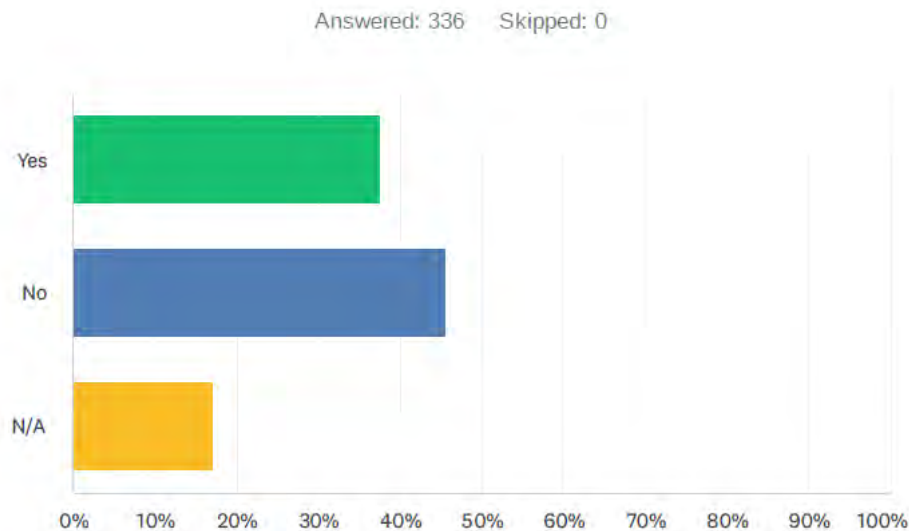


Q6 – Do you think the Township should require permits to set off fireworks?

No: 45.54% (153)

Yes: 37.50% (126)

N/A: 16.96% (57)



Q7/Q8 – Does the current use of fireworks in Mulmur impact you?

No: 46.53% (154)

Yes: 53.47% (177)

- Pets: 73.63% (134)
- Noise: 64.29% (117)
- Sleep: 43.41% (79)
- Safety: 35.71% (65)
- Livestock: 32.42% (59)
- Other: 26.37% (48)
- Mental Health: 22.53% (41)
- Property Damage: 19.78% (36)
- Light: 10.99% (20)

Other Comments:

1. Wildlife disturbance
2. Nesting birds
3. Wildlife endangering
4. Environment

5. Risk of grass and other fires as a result of fireworks
6. Birds, wildlife
7. Wild animals
8. Pollution
9. Wildlife
10. I would be more interested in police to slow down motorcycle and racing cars it's like being t a race track
11. There is a high risk for fire on neighbouring roofs and trees. Especially during droughts! Why are you permitting fireworks during dry spells in the township? No one is adhering to the bylaws regarding fire and fireworks and no one is enforcing the bylaws! Why waste the taxpayers cash having sub committee meetings to pass bylaws if there is no enforcement?
12. Wildlife is impacted
13. Wildlife
14. Climate (bad for environment)
15. Environment
16. Fire during dry times
17. Wild life
18. Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and war-related stress
19. Letting of fireworks in a subdivision should be illegal. They are very disruptive to pets and people
20. There are people in Mansfield who let off fireworks almost every weekend and destroy our evenings with the noise. Also see remnants of fire work casings often in the park and on the path that links the two subdivisions
21. Wildlife
22. Wild fire risk
23. Concerns for people's safety
24. The shock of fireworks kills animals
25. Our dogs are stressed each time there are fireworks here..as much as we use to love the fireworks, out hearts break to see our own dogs in our neighbourhood so terrified. So for this reason only, we wish we had no fireworks in residential areas...so many of our friends and neighbours feel the same way too...love the fireworks as humans, but not when we see our canine family suffer.
26. Wildlife
27. Wildlife
28. Fireworks are a joyful occasion
29. Wildlife
30. WILD LIFE
31. Fireworks are expected at the traditional events in a year, but random setting off of fireworks can be rather annoying/cause for concern
32. I once saw someone set off a paper lantern. It rose into the air and drifted off out of you. It was found a half a kilometer later, and luckily did not land on anyone's house.
33. Wildlife
34. Environmental and waste of money
35. Wildlife, including birds

36. Very worried about property damage with fireworks going off in neighbourhoods
37. Forest fire risk
38. It is very harmful to wildlife
39. Concerns with possible fires
40. None
41. Mental health :cheerfulness:people are enjoying themselves
42. Potential property damage! SO many accelerants
43. Scare horses cause injury
44. Disruptive impacts on wildlife
45. Disruption to wildlife habitat
46. I worry about our cattle and horses on the days that fireworks are set off. Not happy when they panic and run fences.
47. We have no fire hydrants and a volunteer firefighters, too much risk
48. There have been none near me in the past 12 years but if there were, some of the above would be a concern.

Q9 – Should the Township look for alternatives to traditional fireworks?

No: 65.06% (203)

Noiseless/silent fireworks: 21.15% (66)

Lightshows: 18.59% (58)

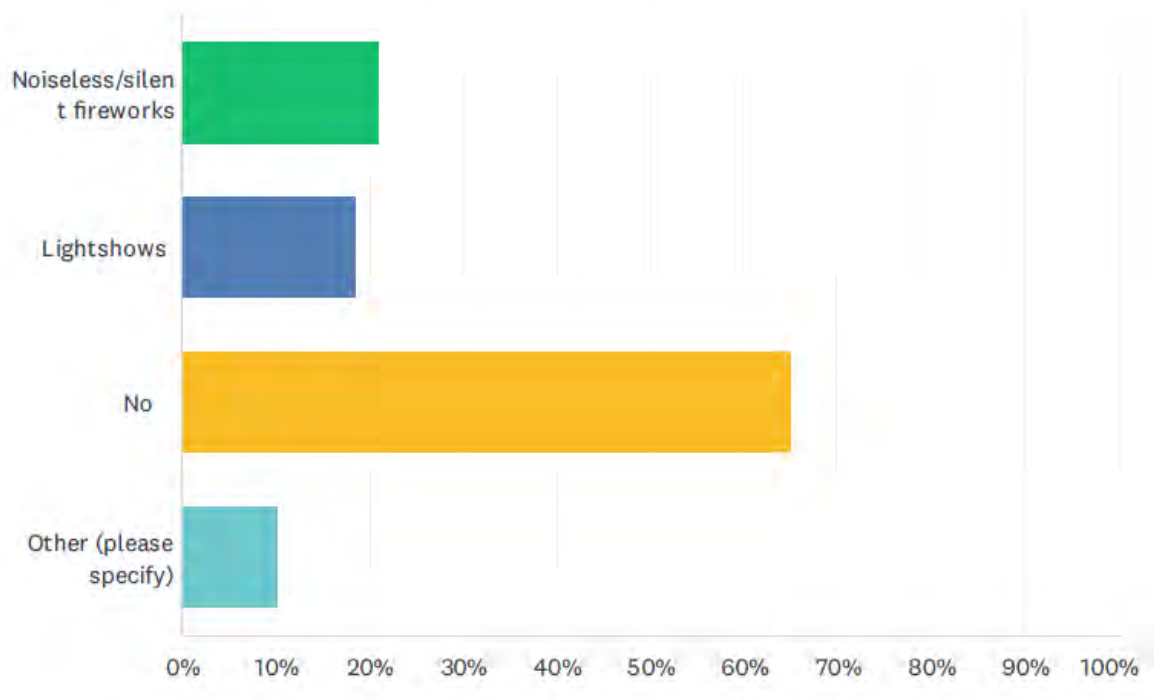
Other: 10.26% (32)

Other Comments:

1. Star gazing as a planned event at times when we have expected meteor showers
2. There are more important concerns
3. Controlled by township
4. No use at all
5. Solutions need to be environmentally responsible
6. Lighted drone displays
7. We wouldn't be opposed to alternatives but don't feel traditional fireworks need to be banned
8. Yes, look into alternatives and allow regular fireworks
9. We need more policeman
10. I have never heard of silent fireworks. But it that's an option, possibly
11. Fireworks should one be in town parks
12. NO NONE ALLOWED
13. Music or other

14. Drone
15. Professionally staged only
16. No more light pollution. Find another way to celebrate, it can be done and done well
17. Not sure an alternative exists
18. Sometimes the noise is half of the entertainment
19. If they don't harm anything, yes!
20. The township should not waste resources addressing foolish issues and start doing what it can to limit climate impact
21. Drone light shows !!
22. Not aware of other options, therefore, no comment at the moment
23. People need to adapt to change. Fireworks are noisy and waste of both money and resources. I'm sure we can celebrate without using fireworks
24. I guess, I don't know... I'd like to just be able to answer YES but there is no option
25. Parades, Community event during day with youth focus
26. Only professional displays by certified operators
27. Drones
28. If they can firework then yes they should replace it with something above
29. At community parks, but approved personnel for Canada day
30. Even the noiseless fireworks leave debris which animals consume and die
31. Collaborate with other larger venues in Dufferin and encourage people to join the larger group with less environmental sensitivities
32. Drones! Example:
<https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&source=web&rct=j&url=https://www.dronelightshow.ca/&ved=2ahUKEwjC4drX8cz8AhX-kokEHTnBuUQFnoECCAQAQ&usg=AOvVaw35WsMmknoksBeZK-CUXEkY>

Answered: 312 Skipped: 24



Q10 – Other Comments, Concerns or Suggestions

1. More problems and costs will be created by regulating fireworks.
2. People do not set fireworks every night. Usually it happens on weekends on summer time because they hold parties or family gatherings. During winter time it happens only on New Year's eve. It is our simple right to have entertainment and happiness in our lives. We have way too many restrictions already. Fireworks brings joy to kids and to adults.
3. I don't believe that fireworks are the best way to entertain the community and think money is best spent on other planned community events. If fireworks are used they should be in community settings and away from livestock and wildlife. China is the worlds largest manufacturer and exporter of fireworks. Is this where we want our municipal funds to go? There must be alternative entertainment ideas that can support and bring together our community, without setting off explosives into the sky.
4. Allowing fireworks by permit would be pointless. The main hazard is idiots (and there are many) burning down the escarpment. The escarpment will burn with or without a permit. The sale/purchase and use of fireworks should be banned outright, and there should be a significant fine for non-compliance.
5. Some things should just e left alone
6. I think fireworks as a fire hazard and waste of money
7. Why the extra expense? Scares and disturbs wildlife. Everybody complains about the noise and want to save the environment, here is a start! Mulmur Township is already in danger of losing its untouched beauty.

8. Mainly irritating for noise and pet upset when fireworks going off. Summer evenings by individuals/groups celebrating private events.
9. Believe it or not the main concern should be towards the nesting and migrating birds, otherwise the noise does not bother us. Another exception is the fall out toxic? Hmmm
10. 1) Dealing with aftermath of clean up from neighbours setting off fireworks, ash/paper all over rooftops, vehicles and ground having to be picked up or hosed down (property damage). @)Neighbours with no respect for others that have to work. setting off fireworks at late hours 11pm, 2am etc 3) It would be beneficial that any fireworks events should be controlled in designated, suitable areas, appropriate with professional handlers, controlled by the township or local authorities for all celebrations
11. Fireworks are a completely irresponsible and frivolous way of stating one's interest in some sort of celebration. I live directly across the road from the town hall on second line. I am bordered to the north and south by a multi culture of softwood and hardwood forests. Our planet is experiencing an unprecedented increase in temperatures and extreme weather events that are extremely dangerous in themselves let alone adding free falling sparks and unsupervised use of fireworks and any ignition generating apparatus (lighters and matches et cetera) All combustible materials used for this type of display of cheer are completely inappropriate and highly dangerous for wildlife, Silva culture , the environment and private property. PLEASE DONOT USE PYROTECHNICS AS A WAY TO CELEBRATE ANYTHING!
12. We are OK with permits, but the permit cost needs to be based on the size type of the event.
13. To regulate is just one more example of our over-regulated nation!
14. Who will enforce rules??we don't have by-law enforcement
15. Please do not ban any fireworks. We live away from Toronto and major cities for a reason.
16. I think we have too many laws and I don't see what fireworks are hurting to anybody or anything
17. Our livestock is frightened by seasonal fireworks
18. I think it would be great to celebrate special events like Canada Day and New Years Eve as a community
19. Please leave well enough alone. There is absolutely NO reason why the township of Mulmur should concern itself with fireworks. If Mulmur residents are troubled by fireworks, they should deal with it themselves, or if danger is involved, they should call the police. The last thing we need is more money going out to pay for firework permits.
20. Fireworks are not only unnecessary they have many adverse impacts. Besides the issues listed in question 8, fireworks can cause fires, they pollute and they adversely impact wildlife and other animals.
21. We already have more than enough noise and light pollution in the township. Fireworks are a scourge, bad for the environment, livestock, pets, wildlife...the list is endless, no benefits that I can think of though.
22. Current noise is from personal fireworks in peoples backyards

23. Would like permit to include basic guidelines for firework use and safety. Permits are not a perfect solution but at least will allow those willing to follow basic consideration on timing and use opportunity to continue celebrating with fireworks.
24. This is a non issue in the country. Space and minor use would onyl impact a vocal minority of population
25. We need to consider the negative effects of fireworks on the local wildlife
26. Just regulate appropriately
27. Cant people just enjoy the quiet time in the country?! Do we have to impart every inch of this planet with noise and pollution, there are other ways to celebrate. thank you for asking us about this issue.
28. Our concern is livestock and safety
29. We are out in the country. We are not in the city. Let's just be normal.
30. Airshows should not be allowed either. They cause ++ pollution and impact animals and livestock. Thanks for this survey. I would love to see more surveys from Mulmur Township
31. We pay taxes to maintain roads, etc. We don't require additional government overreach. Thankyou
32. Fireworks should be prohibited when fire risk dictates. Sadly, common courtesy of respecting ones neighbor is all too rare. This will likely result in mandates. Rules are required for those lacking common sense.
33. Permits should be required for Display Fireworks
34. I feel that it can be very dangerous if livestock is frighten as they can run/bolt and breakdown or go through fences in their panic, get onto a busy road and cause a fatal vehicle accident. Also I worry with backyard private fireworks that there is the possibility that a firework or flying lantern could land on roof or other part of a property and start a fire. I am deeply against private fireworks and believe they should be banned. Only authority run and operated public displays should be allowed on a few traditional holidays
35. Keep up the great work Mulmur!
36. Regarding Question 6. Display fireworks should require a permit. Permits should not be required for family or small gathering fireworks. A reasonable limit could be set after which a permit would be required. As a suggestion, Limit could be set based on a combination of attendance and number of fireworks to be set off, ie. The more people attending it is assumed that the fireworks display would be proportionally larger.
37. Restrict the hours of setting off
38. Glad the Township is doing this. To me, the biggest emphasis should be on safe operation of fireworks, recognizing the climate is warming, drought is more common and hence the fire risk is becoming higher.
39. THERE SHOULD BE A FIREWORKS BAN IN DROUGHT/DRY CONDITIONS REGARDLESSOF HOLIDAYS. WE ARE ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT FIRES/SMOKE IN CLOSEPROXIMITY TO OUR HOUSE BY NEIGHBOURS WHO DON'T SEEM TO CARE. FLYINGLATERNS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED FOR OBVIOUS REASONS - WE HAVE MANY DRYFIELDS & FORESTS AT RISK.
40. Just FYI: We will be building on our Mulmur property later this year and have no objections to any kind of fireworks in the township.
41. Don't take the fun out of it - but be safe, you're only young once!

42. The Township should NOT interfere in peoples lives. A friendly reminder to neighbourhood when fireworks are planned would be a courtesy. Please, let people be response for themselves
43. Permits on fireworks? Taxing fun? Who thought of that?
44. RE # 4 when heard, always think initially it is gunshots and am very concerned about effect on animals and birds and also possible fire hazards. Do we not have enough "explosions" going off in our world without creating more for entertainments purposes?
45. Any property near Dufferin Forest should be restricted
46. Display fireworks should be allowed but should require a permit from the town. Family fireworks should be permitted but not after 11:00 pm or before 8:00 am.
47. We used to host an annual fireworks party at the farm - May 24th long weekend. That was the one time in the year we used fireworks.
48. I only concern the flying lanterns may easily get property fires or forest fires
49. Fireworks should only be allowed before 11pm.
50. Fire works are not a problem in mulmur township should be looking at a taxes reduction for noise pollution and the lack of police
51. I don't believe in government permits. Liability laws are enough to protect 3rd parties.
52. You will obviously do what you want and will get quorum for what the "town" wants. But I will tell you, it is not safe to have indiscriminate fireworks during droughts and dry spells. You will start a fire on someone's roof or on a neighbour's treeline/copse. Stop it! It is absolutely ridiculous to have fireworks permitted during dry spells! We have trouble putting out fires during dry spells. Why would you have boombastic private neighbourhood fireworks during dry spells and droughts? Irresponsible! Not only that, the town should make sure that anyone who wants a private fireworks display on their property should firstly, have the appropriate site for it. Secondly, provide an endorsement of multi liability insurance and fire insurance of several million of dollars. And, there should be random inspections during the summer WHEN THE FIREWORKS DISPLAYS ARE RUNNING! Bonfire infractions and fireworks displays always happen on the long weekends and at night - why are the bylaw officers not doing spot checks during those times! Why are they not working on the long weekends and during holidays. Come on! Let's get on with it. It was a problem before the pandemic and our complaints were ignored. And bylaw infractions for bonfires and fireworks were worse during lockdown. Come on! I say no fireworks during dry spells and droughts. That means from May 1 to September 30th. If you are going to permit the fireworks, the council should make sure the resident provides a multimillion dollar insurance endorsement to the township for the event and post it on the website so we are apprised when the fireworks will be displayed. Please let's get on with responsible community government and stop these fire risks!
53. Flying lanterns should not be permitted at any time
54. Fireworks are used very minimal, so I do not have a problem with them.
55. I don't find fireworks a problem due to their minimal use.
56. Thank you councillor Clarke for asking the public.
57. I used to love fireworks until I learned how detrimental they can be to pets and wildlife. We need to preserve our community and it's peacefulness, and consider

the pets and abundant wildlife that we live with, first and foremost. Wildlife can be especially terrified by fireworks not to mention pets and livestock.

58. Fireworks and flying lanterns over forested areas are a potential forest fire hazard also farmer fields with certain crops is permitted should only be in controlled areas
59. STOP WASTING TAX PAYERS MONEY ON RIDICULOUS SURVEYS. HOW ABOUT FIXING 10TH SIDEROAD FROM AIRPORT ROAD TO PRINCE OF WALES AND CLEAN THE SNOW AND SAND BETTER. THIS WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO THE PEOPLES SAFETY AND MENTAL HEALTH.
60. Fire hazard is a concern. Should only be allowed with sufficient snow cover.
61. I have a direct neighbour shoot fireworks directly over my property causing my horses to almost go through the fences. It was an extremely dry year and a distinct fire hazard. People don't think before using fireworks. Please leave them for the urban centre displays.
62. -
63. THE AREA IS HEAVILY FORESTED WITH DRY LEAVES ON THE GROUND AS WELL AS DRY EVERGREEN NEEDLES. IT WOULD BE HIGHLY IRRESPONSIBLE TO ALLOW PEOPLE TO SHOOT FIREWORKS AND START FIRES. THERE ARE MANY OTHER WAYS HOW PEOPLE CAN CELEBRATE SPECIAL OCCASIONS WITHOUT ENDANGERING SAFETY.
64. Flying lanterns should be prohibited for fire safety reasons.
65. How would you enforce a ban on fireworks
66. In my opinion, Fireworks have been out of control. Ok for specific holidays with permits. They are not meant for regular use. Animals especially affected by them
67. Hold the persons responsible of irresponsible use, for example, lighting off on random summer nights past midnight. Canada Day and Victoria Day
68. There are plenty of well-supervised responsible firework displays already available on appropriate dates. A specific ethnic group that wishes otherwise should follow the same responsible framework as outlined above... an appropriate date and site, well-supervised and responsibly performed.
69. Not familiar enough with their use. A real concern however is the use of fireworks that could lead to grass or forest fires, especially during a dry season.
70. Light up the sky with colour on holidays and special occasions 😊
71. Let tax payers enjoy their beliefs and traditions, North America is becoming a 3rd world country with all these policies We are becoming a communist country, it's bullshit what I see my country turning into because of a few people that are miserable Pretty soon we might have to remove Christmas and Halloween at this rate Geeeeeeze
72. We live in a country setting not in the city where you have 4 feet between you and your next door neighbour and have 20 feet dept of back yard. If you have 1/2 acre or more there should not be an issue at all.
73. Thank you for reviewing this
74. I thought paper lanterns were always illegal? Ban them all!
75. Consideration for property owners with pets, livestock
76. having a bylaw is beside the point- people don't know the rules, it is a don't ask/don't tell situation. people will set off fireworks as they please. and a bylaw is unenforceable. Having suggested guidelines is as about as effective as you are going to get.

77. I would like to hear some positive response regarding the removal of the landscaping business operations across the road from me! Please let's respect our communities
78. Questions 3 and 4 are conflicting. I don't think they should be set off any day but I think that if fireworks were only permitted on holidays then residents could take appropriate action to keep their animals and pets in the house/barn and safe. If I didn't have pets that hated the noise I may feel differently about fireworks.
79. Honestly, the fact that this survey is deemed necessary is ridiculous. Firstly, fireworks have been in use in our country since before I was born and it was never an issue anywhere that I've lived, which as a military veteran includes the cities of Toronto, Calgary, Kingston and Newmarket, as well as rurally in AB, ON and NFLD. Secondly, the vast majority of Mulmur is rural and as such there is more noise from hunters using guns, and the artillery/small arms fire coming from Base Borden. How is fireworks even an issue! Surely there must be other things far more important for people and our Council to be concerned with addressing.
80. I live in Honeywood, my dog does not like the noise, kept me away in the summer but I really feel they are a summer tradition that should not stop. Thanks
81. I think fireworks should be allowed at a specific location like a park where people can gather to watch rather than at people's private residences.
82. It's a great tradition, nice way to get the community together. It would be interesting to explore an alternative that is a) reusable b) environmentally made and disposed of c) less chemicals. For the price of professional fireworks you can do a lot of things that might give a better return.
83. I am against fireworks in our rural community because of fire hazards, threat to pastured livestock etc. Nobody checks the website if only certain days are permitted, no enforcement available. This should not end up as a policing issue. People do the strangest things and please for forgiveness after. The simplest act is to not permit them at all.
84. Is the Township doing them I'm OK with that as long as safety precautions are taken. I don't agree with private individuals/families using fireworks even with a permit. Too high fire risk
85. I think finding ways to connect with friends, family, neighbour's and community is wonderful and necessary. We however also have to be more cognizant of how we do this and how it affects others, the environment and the life around that isn't just human. Fireworks and lightshows although exciting and beautiful have detrimental impact to the animals we share this land with along with our pets. We have to find ways to celebrate that are in harmony with our surroundings not opposed to them.
86. Fireworks notifications should be mailed/delivered to every household prior to event; private fireworks displays should be fined
87. Thank you for taking steps to address the use of fireworks in Mulmur. Fireworks are extremely distressing and cause risk to our environments. Please seriously consider stopping or restricting use like other townships/communities are doing.
88. Fireworks time has come and gone. Too many people are abusing it. They need to be banned.
89. If an alternative firework were approved, I think it would still leave the door open for some setting off of unapproved fireworks. Easier to just say "no" across the board to avoid grey areas and pleas of ignorance. Unless the fines were extreme, I'm not convinced there would be complete adherence.

90. Given the fire risks involved with fireworks in a rural setting, they should only be allowed with proper supervision at the Township office and/or Mansfield ball park.
91. Whatever decision is agreed upon, survey should be reviewed every 3-5yrs as demographics change. Thanks
92. People who set off fireworks here tend to be visitors or occasional tenants (Mulmur is their 2ndhome). They fire them ALL weekend and at midnight. I have horses and a licensed dog kennel. My visiting dogs often have fear of fireworks and to have to medicate them ALL weekend is unfair to them. Be nice to say you only have from 8-10 pm to fire them and be end of it all. Fireworks should be set off at least 55 ft from the house so in town no fireworks are safe as it pertains to property damage. How is Mulmur going to man those violators. I know if I called fire or police on these occasions, the phone would be busy and there would not be enough workers to come out to ticket violators. Trust is, they have better things to do - keep our stores and constituents safe from criminals.
93. I think that if people can target practice and unload firearms in the area all day long at any given time, I don't think fireworks on occasion are not a concern. With the exception of new years, maybe a timeframe would be beneficial. Sort of coinciding with the noise bylaw, after 11 could get you in trouble.
94. Looking into alternatives is a wonderful idea, just don't take the fun out of a true fireworks show.
95. the ban as of april 2022 in Caledon could be the model as can the Nov 2022 decision to ban fireworks in Brampton.
96. For the sake of our wildlife, please either go to none or silent!
97. A fire hazard risk should be only reason to ban fireworks, there should be a provision in dry conditions to temporarily ban use of fireworks to prevent grass/forest fires.
98. I'm ok with fireworks on the above noted holidays. It's the people that abuse their right, and set them off until 2 am on any weekend in the summer. It is extremely disruptive to neighbours. Victoria Day and Canada Day are ok with my family
99. I think alternatives to traditional fireworks are a good place to start. A lot of people enjoy them. It would be good if the town could find alternatives and put on the shows for holidays. At least if it's the town putting it on, people can be aware of the date and make other arrangements for pets, themselves, etc. It becomes difficult if multiple people on a line are doing fireworks throughout an entire holiday weekend and "rapid fire" of the fireworks. I also am some what concerned about potential damage to property.
100. LEAVE PEOPLE ALONE THERE IS A REASON WE LIVE IN THE COUNTRY. PEOPLE NEED TO MIND THERE OWN BUSINESS
101. Doubt that a permit system would work but people need to know how to handle them safely at home. Definitely would support move to noiseless as less harmful to pets and wildlife.
102. I have neighbours that routinely light off fireworks in the summer. I don't have a problem in reasonable hours, but this doesn't happen. One time it was at 12:30 at night. Another time it was late in the evening and it appeared that the fireworks got out of control and we were concerned that the evergreen trees separating our property would catch fire. Not sure how to manage this but people need to keep them to reasonable times, and under control (ie, don't light them off if there is a strong wind)

103. We love how fireworks look, but they're much too dangerous for wild/domestic animals. If there is an environmentally friendly alternative, we'd love it :) Thanks for asking.
104. My primary objection is the risk of fire.
105. Fireworks are a very occasional occurrence. The very few occasions they are let off generate little or no inconvenience for us, in fact they are a delight to see. We would be very disappointed to see them restricted or god forbid, banned. Fireworks o
106. There are other ways of celebrating with music, dance, outdoor theatre or movies. We need to be considerate of our farming community that have livestock affected by the noise and light.
107. Occasional fireworks do not bother us, though happy for rules to be changed if they bother other residents. Does not impact us either way. I do NOT think fireworks should be allowed for some special occasions (eg Victoria day) and not others (eg Diwali).
108. The township absolutely should permit family fireworks for special occasions / holidays without the need for a permit. If banned in a rural area, what problem is being solved ?
109. Our dog gets very distressed from the noise of fireworks even when indoors. My neighbors set them off and they have damaged two of our vehicles. It is difficult to sleep for myself and my children when they are going off at 11pm or later. I feel that this survey should not be permitted to have fireworks
110. I can't see a huge problem if allowed any day. The novelty just isn't there to expect people firing them off at all times. Besides, they are not readily available for purchase except on certain holidays like Canada Day or Victoria Day.
111. Common sense goes a long way ! We don't need more rules and regulations !
112. we suggest fireworks remain allowed without permits
113. Fireworks are good family fun a couple times a year.
114. Fireworks are normally for celebrations, whether it be a specific holiday, a birthday/retirement/anniversary celebration or a family gathering. They can be enjoyable and bring smiles to people's faces. So many things are being regulated lately and eliminated from everyday life which had brought enjoyment and comradery. Let's continue to allow people to express their happiness and partake in these types of celebrations. Thanks for the opportunity to engage in this survey.
115. Why is "the threat of wildfire" not listed?? ALL FIRES SHOULD BE PROHIBITED as the majority of residents now have no appreciation for the risk and severity of impact. The natural environment does not need yet another invasive human activity, nor do residents who value what is left of the natural environment want to see more encroachment.
116. Given the amount of forested and agricultural land in Mulmur, combined with relative dry/drought conditions I am very concerned about the fire risk posed by indiscriminate use of fireworks by the general public. Use of fireworks should be limited to municipality sponsored events at controlled sites.
117. I think fireworks could be done on a permit basis with a small fee for special occasions and holidays. That will deter people from setting them off unnecessarily but will still allow people to use them for celebrations.
118. The garbage that people leave in public parks, the streets and on private properties (the church tree field in Mansfield) after they set off fireworks is ridiculous. In this day and age the fact that people are littering at all and worse in spaces used by

children and families is unacceptable. This needs to be addressed. Plus the fact that people trespass onto private property because they think of it as an empty field in town is also unacceptable and a major disturbance to the people who live beside these properties. I have also unfortunately witnessed drunk individuals setting off fireworks in the streets of Mansfield, so something needs to be done to enforce these activities. I enjoy firework displays but there is a time and a place and if the town invested in some silent firework shows then maybe this would help curb the reckless activities in town.

119. Fireworks should be banned in residential areas. I have witnessed pets running off in fear. I have been woken up numerous times because of fireworks in our area, our dog freaks out every time, can you imagine the effects on wildlife. I believe they should be only allowed with permits, which should be at a cost of no less than 1000 dollars, which should include notification of the event to neighbors. Very little common sense these days!
120. A by-law can't be enforced so don't bother. Perhaps a permit requirement and education might help control the issues around fireworks but I expect not.
121. The tide is turning against loud displays. I think families should be able to have fireworks, whether I like them or not; but a permit for commercial use seems reasonable. Seeking alternatives that aren't incendiary seems like a good idea.
122. If things stay the same, I won't be overly concerned, but it makes sense to reduce usage to limit nuisance bother to others and the risk of fire or injury to humans or wildlife (especially in the case of wire-framed lanterns).
123. Not everything needs regulation in this world.
124. I am not in favour of everybody being able to set off fireworks at any time they wish.
125. Fireworks are fun and enjoyable all year round
126. Occasional display fireworks operated by a pro would be nice. Responsible and safe use of fireworks should be strongly encouraged...thx
127. Please spend funds on more productive ways to increase service and overall well being of Mulmur residents
128. There are too many fireworks and too much light pollution in Mulmur Township. Less is better.
129. Let people live their lives and have fun! Fun doesn't hurt anyone.
130. Fireworks are unnecessary and have too many negative side effects to wildlife and the environment to allow them. They should not be allowed, period.
131. Fireworks have been enjoyed by many for years and most people use a common sense approach to using them, at the traditional occasions. The random, inconsiderate folks may be causing undue distress for neighbours and the township. Perhaps having to register for setting off fireworks would help encourage appropriate timing and use.
132. Fireworks are a fun for families. The unfortunate change, the last number of years, has been the size and scope of fireworks and the frequency of use by families. They are now heard in the week and many weekends during the summer and now other seasons. Personal and fire safety is an issue.
133. While I don't think permitting is necessary, education and policy is required. Areas for use should be determined and made available. Communication and enforcement of non-permitted times and locations should also be resourced (ie: fire bans, wooded areas, other risks)

134. My main concern is for animals: domestic and wildlife. Mulmur is mostly rural with a health wildlife population - let's respect and protect that. We can go to larger population centers where display fireworks are done on holidays like Canada Day. But they should not be allowed on private property, nor anywhere in Mulmur.
135. Frankly, it's a lot of money allocated for something that has a great impact on pets and wildlife. Not to mention, the waste considering its money literally, going up in smoke. Money that could be spent on community events more lasting.
136. I know this is a contentious issue, but I've been against fireworks for years. They are a complete waste of resources and money. With everything that's going on in the world the least we can do is get rid of fireworks.
137. Ban when fire risk is extreme, require they be set off a certain distance from a wooded area, put in a after sunset and before midnight time restriction
138. I think the reason you are collecting personal information should be clearly stated. You should state WHY you are interested in our opinions. Question 3 and 4 don't make sense to me. For 3, If I'm saying I'm in favour of fireworks in question 2, then why would there be an option for "fireworks should not be permitted" in question 3, since I already said that in question 2? Also, for question 3, you say holidays and your examples don't include Gov't holidays. I don't agree with any of the options offered in 3 and it's a mandatory question!!! So I have to answer something that is going to give you false input. I have to wait until question 5 to answer it. You could wrap 4 and 5 into one question. Why does question 6 have an option for N/A? If it's not applicable, then isn't it basically a no? What does N/A refer to? Question 9 says Should the township look for alternatives. There's no option for me to say YES. Maybe I don't know what alternatives I am thinking of, I just want to say YES, township should look for alternatives. What was the logic behind the mandatory questions. why those ones? Basically you're saying, of all these questions, these are the ones we NEED answered for our information gathering exercise. So if people only answered questions 1, 3 and 6 it would be sufficient? Also, wouldn't this have been a perfect opportunity to request express consent offer an check box for people to opt into the email list and newsletters in a continued effort to engage with residents???You're collecting information already, can't you just add a check box with a friendly opt instatement?
139. Have designated areas within the township where individuals can go to set off recreational fireworks. These area would ideally be where the least amount of negative impacts occurs(noise)
140. Questions 2 and 3 limit response options therefore control survey result. I would prefer to choose that fireworks be allowed BUT only on specific Holidays that are relevant to all residents on the same days and therefore controlled and presented by the township.
141. When fireworks explode they release chemicals that are carcinogenic and/or toxic to humans, animals, and plants. These chemicals pollute the air, water, and soil. The noise and light from fireworks disrupt and frighten wildlife, including nesting birds. Light shows as an alternative can also be problematic as can artificial light in general. www.darksky.org/light-pollution/wildlife
142. If fire works are limited to specific holidays and put on by the township then no need for permits. In my opinion, individual residences should not be allow to set off fire works for any reason. It's a fire and safety hazard.

143. As a retired, professional firefighter, I have seen many home fireworks displays gone bad. Personal injury and property damage. Never underestimate the carelessness of some negligent and/or drunken people. I really can't comprehend how the sale of fireworks at corner retail stands has not been prohibited by the Government of Ontario. When done by certified professionals, fireworks displays are awesome and can be enjoyed by everyone SAFELY.
144. Forest fire risk is too high. Many people are simply too irresponsible to be trusted to follow rules and safety guidelines. NO fireworks.
145. The noise from exploding fireworks can be terrifying. Panicked pets can bust through door screens or even windows to run away. Frightened cows and horses can easily trample through fences. Animals are often seriously injured in their attempts to escape, including lacerations, sprains and broken limbs. Many dogs are fearful of fireworks. When frightened, dogs who are normally friendly can sometimes act out of character. This places members of the public, including children, at risk of being bitten. Fireworks also frighten, disorient and disturb wild animals. When scared from dens and roosting sites, wildlife can run into busy streets or fly into buildings. This often has fatal results. Fireworks can also interrupt their natural feeding and breeding behaviours and even cause them to abandon their young. When accidentally ingested, the debris from exploded fireworks can cause life-threatening illness. Animals can be poisoned by the chemicals or suffer from gastrointestinal obstruction.
146. Pets be mindful of the animals pls
147. Ontario bylaw permits fireworks and we are part of Ontario. If people are following the safety guidelines, there shouldn't be any issues. If someone has a pet that doesn't like the sound, put it in the house like I used to do with my dogs. Fireworks have been around for many years without hassle. I think people have too much time on their hands for consistent complaining.
148. As above, the concern of fires is huge with "live fireworks" .I do think sparklers should be permitted on listed choices of holidays.
149. Thousands in vet bills spent after fireworks. Horses are terrified of fireworks and this should not be permitted!!
150. As much as fireworks are wonderful it is evident from the current research that they are harmful to livestock, wildlife, and humans who suffer from ptsd or individuals who may not have ptsd but are traumatized by loud noises. It's time for Mulmur to ban fireworks and protect our residents, local wildlife, and livestock.
151. At the right time...in the right area (where noise and light already exists due to street lights and/or density) fireworks should be permitted. With restrictions on timing, permit required. And limited to special holidays synonymous with fireworks such as Victoria Day and July 1
152. Mulmur recently issued a Climate Change emergency. Allowing fireworks does not support that policy.
153. Only display fireworks that have a permit on holidays should be allowed
154. The big offenders are those from the city that visit on long weekend and set them off EVERY long weekend including Thanksgiving and Easter, at all hours with ZERO regard for the effect it has on pets, wildlife and livestock!!
155. Thank you for asking the Community.
156. bad for livestock and the environment
157. Celebrations with the use of fireworks should always be welcome in the community

158. Fireworks displays Re extremely disruptive to bird navigation, polluting and unnecessary
159. Fireworks have become so regular now that it is not a treat like it used to be on holidays. People in our neighbourhood set them off whenever. Also the increase in pets that escape from fear is incredible. That also becomes safety issues when scared animals are loose.
160. Fireworks should not be allow due to the dry conditions of the pine forest. Due to the amount of forests in the area. Noisy. Disturbs our animals.
161. To date, there have been no fireworks around my home so there hasn't been a real impact. However, during Diwali, we visited friends in a Caledon subdivision and we were shocked at the unsafe fireworks practice in that area, with many families lighting off fireworks on their driveways, very close to people, cars and homes. Our car was hit by fireworks, as was the garage of the home we visited. I am pleased Mulmur is considering its policy related to fireworks. If they are allowed, I recommend very strict guidelines related to safety and location. I don't think it is necessary to allow fireworks on private property, especially without permits. I do support occasional, community fireworks which are properly staffed and safe.
162. I love fireworks!



INFORMATION

Shelburne Library Levy

The purpose of this report is to advise Council on the status of discussions regarding the Shelburne Library Levy.

BACKGROUND:

Council provided the following direction at the November 2023 Council meeting:

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Clark

WHEREAS the Township values the services of the Shelburne Library;

AND WHEREAS the Township has reviewed the qualifying addresses;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Mulmur has experienced a significant increase in the budget and Mulmur's proportion of the levy;

NOW THEREFORE Council request that the library staff host a meeting in early 2024 to review the funding formula, 2025 budget projections/caps, campaign, statistics on usage per member and in-person/digital renewals.

CARRIED.

Mulmur staff met with staff of the Shelburne Library on January 22, 2024.

Funding Formula

The group reviewed the funding formula. Changes to the formula would require the support of the majority of municipalities. It was decided that Tracey Atkinson would canvas the CAOs to determine if there was an interest in furthering discussions regarding the formula. The benefits of changing the formula to number of households within a fire boundaries would be that the budget would remain constant. If the formula reflected with or without assessment where an area had growth such area would pay a larger share, which would correlate with an increased tax base. (Note: Mulmur currently contributes 8% based on fire boundaries formula and 15% based on library formula.)

The group also discussed the costs of being a member of the board versus withdrawing from the agreement and considering a per-household fee for its residents. Library staff indicated that the household information had been updated, and would provide an updated out-of-area user charge to Mulmur staff. More specifically, the Library staff provided the following in response:

“Our apologies for the incorrect information being displayed. We are working on a website revamp and that detail was overlooked. Currently, costs for servicing library patrons is \$230 per Household. It was discussed at the Board meeting that an administrative charge of 20% be added for non- resident users to cover staff costs of separate data collection and work associated with that. This is the practice currently followed by Orangeville Library.

Two additional items to be considered:

- 1.The more members the library has, the lower the cost per Household user.
2. In discussing the charges levied by Clearview and New Tecumseth with the Librarians at both libraries, the following information was given: They are only charging a small service fee to Mulmur because the numbers are not really indicative of use. They are not a reflection of the costs per household for servicing their Resident patrons. In fact, in the instance of Clearview, with a million plus budget, it is not a significant income stream. As an aside, the Librarian at Clearview, said she was amazed at the number of programmes and service we were able to offer considering the[small]size of our budget.”

2025 Budget

There was agreement from Library staff to provide the first draft of the budget, and that such draft budget would be made available as part of the agenda package.

Campaigns

Mulmur staff asked that the library staff not initiate renewals. Mulmur staff indicated that the intent of limiting direct calls and requiring in-person visits was not intended to reduce users but rather to ensure that those acquiring membership are using the facilities. Mulmur’s desire is to ensure that non-users are not offsetting the costs to other municipalities, and that Mulmur is maintaining a fiscally responsible approach to Mulmur’s tax dollars and rate payers. Library staff indicated that the system autogenerates an email to be sent to users upon expiration of a memberships. There is no technical obstacle for eliminating the telephone canvassing for renewals. Library staff indicated that they would think about the pros and cons of the ask. Mulmur staff indicated that they would be willing to present this to the Board.

Library staff have provided the following additional information:

“Our system generates an automatic reminder to patrons for renewal; this is obviously only for existing patrons who have provided us with an email address to use. As a part of our mandate to be the primary cultural, educational and recreational resource for our patrons, we find it imperative to be able to communicate our offerings to patrons, using methods that are meaningful to them. In some cases, the method to communicate our offerings with patrons would require the use of a phone. As with all community organizations and businesses, the attraction and retention of patrons is critical, and can only be achieved through multiple marketing channels. Quite often patrons are surprised that their cards expire at all, never mind annually.”

Mulmur staff asked that the library require in-personal membership renewals. Library staff had concerns regarding in-person renewals in that it may decrease retention.

Mulmur staff indicated that is only interested in ensuring that those who have a membership are utilizing the library's services such that tax dollars are not being wasted. Library staff indicated that they would think about the pros and cons of the ask. Mulmur staff indicated that they would be willing to present this to the Board.

Library staff have provided the following addition information:

"As residents of any municipality in Ontario are guaranteed Library services by the Ontario Public Library Act, no library card issued would be a waste of tax dollars. Having a library card opens many doors, both physically and digitally to our patrons. Some of the physical things available to patrons include: thousands of print books, including books in several World Languages, talking books, magazines, DVDs, Chromebooks for UGDSB students, educational kits for teachers, and technology to improve access to information. Similarly, many patrons choose to extend their use of our physical offerings to include digital offerings like the Dolphin EasyReader app for patrons with print disabilities, thousands of electronic newspapers and magazines in over 60 languages, language learning software, e-books through Libby and Hoopla and so much more. Most importantly, it's not up to us to dictate how and when patrons are able to access these items—we're here to let them know what's available to them as a part of our community for use at anytime, with a library card. Similarly, being able to procure and renew a library card through digital means with proper identification is both commonplace and expected in 2023. As is the opportunity to pay bills and taxes, etc., also a standard practice these days. Requiring in-person renewals for a specific municipality creates a barrier for those residents; our job is to make library services accessible to all and break down barriers to create equity for all community members. This aligns with other practices such as becoming fine-free in 2020, to better serve our community."

Statistics

Mulmur staff asked for high-level statistics on Mulmur's digital versus paper usership information. Library staff indicated that this was protected information. Mulmur staff asked whether this could be included in the sign-off for sharing qualifying address information. More specifically, Mulmur is seeking what percentage of users are signing out books/paper materials (which are trackable by membership card) versus prescribing to digital books (which are not trackable). In-library programs, use of the facility/resources/computers do not require memberships.

Library staff have provided the following response to the request:

"A breakdown, even at that high level, is protected information and will not be shared. Library resources are available to patrons to use as they see fit. Distributing information as to number of items read, or the use of digital vs print materials would raise questions of inequity and judgemental identification of one group vs another. Community Members with privileges at a given library are able to make use of all resources at their leisure; there is no threshold on the use of a given material on which to judge usage."

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

1. Growing a Sustainable Mulmur: Being Proactive in Sustainable Initiatives to ensure the long term well being of Mulmur (includes Resources/Financial/People).

FINANCIAL IMPACTS:

There are financial implications as a result of the library formula, number of households with library memberships and overall users.

Submitted by: Tracey Atkinson, CAO



Sent via email: minister.mto@ontario.ca

February 12, 2024

Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria
Minister of Transportation

Dear Minister,

As you are aware, the Ministry of Transportation has committed to a two phase study of Highway 10 safety in Caledon and Dufferin County. We understand the first phase within Caledon is underway. Both Caledon and Mono are very concerned about road safety. Mono has passed, and Caledon has supported, our declaration of 'road safety emergency'.

Any objective review of Highway 10 must consider more than just existing design features and whether its current configuration can handle the present and future volume of traffic. Critical to any comprehensive review should be an analysis of speed, accidents and fatalities. To this end, we are inquiring whether MTO intends to take these factors into consideration and, in particular, deploy speed measuring technology on Highway 10 as part of its study.

The Town of Mono invested in 'Black Cat' technology to permit our local OPP detachment to identify speeding on local roads. It has been extremely helpful and we believe use of 'Black Cat' or similar technology on Highway 10 as part of the study and possibly going forward would result in useful data.

Finally, we are also concerned that neither Mono nor our local OPP detachment appears to have been approached by MTO for comment on data that would assist with this study. Please advise whether these elements, including use of speed measuring technology, will be part of your Ministry's review of Highway 10 in Caledon and Dufferin.

Yours truly,

John Creelman,
Town of Mono Mayor

PRIMROSE ES BOUNDARY REVIEW

Date: February 15, 2024

From: Planning Department planning.info@ugdsb.on.ca

The following motions were passed:

THAT the school board continues the efforts to secure a new school site to support a long-term solution for enrolment pressure.

Carried

February 16, 2024

Greetings,

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (ministry) continues to take action to modernize Ontario's environmental assessment (EA) program.

Building on our [spring 2023 proposal](#) to evaluate environmental assessment (EA) requirements for municipal infrastructure projects, I would like to inform you about a new proposal arising out of the spring proposal. This new proposal is to revoke the Municipal Class EA and make a regulation under the *Environmental Assessment Act* that will clearly identify which municipal infrastructure projects are subject to the streamlined EA process and the process they must follow. This approach will help us eliminate unnecessary burden on lower-impact projects and reduce duplicative requirements.

As you may be aware, Ontario has been working to modernize its almost 50-year-old environmental assessment program since 2019. We have been working to make changes that will reduce delays on infrastructure projects that matter most to Ontario communities, while maintaining appropriate environmental oversight and consultation opportunities.

In July 2020, Ontario amended the *Environmental Assessment Act* (EA Act) to enable moving to a project list approach. To fully implement these changes, regulations are needed to list projects subject to comprehensive EA (i.e. Part II.3 projects), list projects subject to streamlined EA regulation requirements (Part II.4 projects), and set out the streamlined EA process for Part II.4 projects. The streamlined EA project list and process regulations will eventually replace the current complex system of class environmental assessments that apply to certain types of projects. It is the ministry's vision that the modernized streamlined regulations will eliminate duplication and provide clear expectations regarding consultation and defined timelines while maintaining environmental protections.

Implementation of the 2020 EA Act amendments started with the proposal for projects that will be subject to comprehensive (Part II.3) EA requirements, which remains under consideration. The new proposal is premised on the comprehensive EA project list proposal being implemented, and the relevant EA Act amendments proclaimed into force.

The ministry is seeking your feedback as we develop the first of the streamlined EA project lists and process regulations. The proposed regulation would set out municipal infrastructure projects undertaken by municipalities, that will be subject to the new Part

II.4 of the amended Act. These projects would be required to undertake a streamlined EA process set out in the regulation (the proposed Municipal Project Assessment Process (MPAP)).

The proposed streamlined MPAP would be a time-limited process. The proposed regulation would create a six-month timeline for the process. The regulation would be accompanied by guidance for proponents of projects subject to the new regulation. The guidance would help Indigenous communities and the public understand the process and how to get involved in a project.

For more information about this proposal, please visit <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-7891>. Please note that the comment period ends on March 17, 2024.

Please do not hesitate to contact the ministry's EA Modernization team at EAmmodernization.mecp@ontario.ca with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Cross'.

Annamaria Cross
Director, Environmental Assessment Modernization Branch
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

January 30, 2024

Your Worship and Members of Council,

I am writing to inform you of our concerns with the Ontario Energy Board's (OEB) decision on Phase 1 of the Enbridge Gas 2024 rebasing application, issued on December 21, 2023. The disappointing decision puts future access to natural gas in doubt and sets a deliberate course to eliminate natural gas from Ontario's energy mix. This decision is about the millions of Ontarians who rely on natural gas to keep their homes warm, and the many businesses throughout Ontario who depend on natural gas for day-to-day operation.

Our 2024 rate rebasing application was designed to provide our customers with safe and reliable natural gas at a reasonable cost, in addition to measured steps to help Ontario advance a practical transition to a sustainable energy future. Natural gas plays a critical role in Ontario's energy evolution mix while supporting the reliability of Ontario's electricity system. Natural gas meets 30 percent of Ontario's energy needs, which can not be easily or quickly replaced.

We are taking action to secure the future of natural gas in your communities. We have filed a motion to review evidence with the OEB and are seeking a judicial review of this decision.

Without natural gas, communities across Ontario will feel the impacts of this decision in their everyday lives – the stakes are high.

- **Energy Affordability:** Those looking to connect to natural gas will be required to pay an upfront fee, which creates a significant financial barrier to all forms of residential and commercial development. This resulting fee adds thousands of dollars to individual consumers' cost to obtain or expand gas service.
- **Economic Growth:** This decision will put economic developments in your community at risk. The decision limits the ability of future expansion projects to support regional investment to meet the ever-growing energy needs in your community and communities across Ontario. That includes greenhouses, grain dryers, industrial parks, and any new businesses or housing developments seeking access to natural gas.
- **Energy Access:** Preserving customer choice is critical. Constraining access to natural gas through a reduction in capital will significantly limit the future development of essential energy infrastructure vital to moving manufacturing, agriculture, and the consumer goods industry in Ontario.
- **Energy Security:** On an annual basis, natural gas delivers twice the energy to Ontario than electricity, and five times the maximum peak capacity of Ontario's electricity grid at a quarter of the cost. Even in the worst weather conditions, our reliable natural gas system delivers.

As local leaders across the province, your voice matters, and we encourage you to take action.

Reach out to your MPP to share your support for the government's [quick action](#) and write the OEB about the consequences of reduced access to the natural gas grid to support economic development, housing growth, energy reliability. Use your voice to acknowledge the need for natural gas and infrastructure in Ontario today and into the future while we take a measured step towards energy transition.

We ask that you reach out to your municipal advisor or find us at municipalaffairs@enbridge.com to get started.

Sincerely,



Michele Harradence
President
Enbridge Gas Inc.

February 12, 2024

Your Worship and Members of Council,

Re: OEB Decision Supporting Gas Affordability

We are writing regarding the decision of the Ontario Energy Board ("OEB") to end the subsidy for methane gas pipelines in new residential developments and reduce spending on gas pipelines generally. This is an excellent decision that will help to lower the energy bills of your residents and help achieve municipal climate targets. Unfortunately, Enbridge has been working to overturn the decision because it would greatly reduce their profits.

We know that Enbridge has asked municipalities to lobby the Ontario Government to pass legislation reversing the decision, based on incorrect and misleading information. We are writing to correct the record.

Enbridge's letters exclude key facts. For instance, **they don't mention how much** the OEB decision would save gas customers – over \$2 billion over five years, or approximately \$600 per customer.¹ The OEB decision would also encourage more heat pumps in new buildings, which would lower energy bills for new homebuyers while lowering carbon pollution.² Enbridge says there is no subsidy for pipelines in new construction and that the OEB decision will eliminate gas from Ontario's energy mix while undermining housing supply and affordability. The opposite is true.³ The OEB decision promotes housing affordability and avoids the risk of gas prices spiralling out of control in the future due to excessive spending on fossil fuel infrastructure today.⁴

The subsidy for new gas pipelines conflicts with municipal climate targets and plans. Natural gas is also known as methane gas or fossil gas. It is a fossil fuel that causes approximately one-third of Ontario's greenhouse gas emissions.⁵ Heating homes and businesses with gas accounts for approximately 19% of **Ontario's greenhouse gas emissions**.⁶ Municipalities cannot achieve net zero without eliminating the use of methane gas for building heating.⁷

New gas pipelines generally have a 60-year lifetime, extending far beyond 2050, and are only financially viable if they can be paid off over a long period extending far beyond 2050. It is financially and environmentally irresponsible to

be building new pipelines and installing gas equipment in new developments with a massive subsidy worth over \$250 million each year.

These recent letters to municipalities are not the first time Enbridge has tried to deceive people with omissions and deceptive statements. The Commissioner of Competition recently commenced an inquiry **into Enbridge's deceptive** marketing under the *Competition Act*.⁸ Enbridge has been telling Ontarians that gas is the cheapest way to heat homes, which is not true.⁹ Heat pumps are the cheapest systems to use.¹⁰ When armed with the truth, we hope that municipal leaders will **stand up for the OEB's decision, for the sake of lower energy bills** for residents and a cleaner future for all municipalities.

Background – The OEB's Sensible Decision

The OEB's decision ended a subsidy for the cost of extending natural (methane) gas pipelines in and within new developments effective 2025. These costs are covered by other gas users.¹¹

The OEB ended the subsidy because it is bad for existing gas customers and bad for new homebuyers. The subsidy is bad for existing gas customers because they pay for the subsidy through higher energy bills. This is a major capital cost, amounting to over \$250 million each year.¹² The subsidy is also bad for new homebuyers because it incentivizes developers to install gas equipment, which is much more expensive to operate than the heat pumps now available.¹³ As such, the subsidy causes higher energy bills for both existing gas customers and new homebuyers. The subsidy also encourages fossil fuel use. Eliminating it is a win-win-win – for existing gas customers, for new homebuyers, and for reducing carbon pollution. The only real loser is Enbridge, which would see reduced profits when the subsidy is eliminated.

The OEB also reduced other spending on pipelines by \$250 million a year.¹⁴ Those two changes amount to approximately \$600 in savings per customer over the five-year term of the OEB decision.¹⁵

Fact and fiction

Enbridge argues that there is no subsidy for gas pipelines in new construction and that the OEB decision will reduce housing affordability, restrict housing supply, eliminate gas from Ontario's energy mix, and put renewable natural gas projects at risk. None of this is true.

1. **The gas pipeline subsidy:** Enbridge says that there is no subsidy for pipelines in new developments.¹⁶ That is false. Most developers pay

nothing for the pipelines to and in their developments.¹⁷ These costs are paid by all ratepayers. There is no surcharge levied on developers nor the new homebuyers to pay off the pipeline costs over time. Instead, the new homebuyers pay the same rates as other gas customers. It encourages fossil fuel expansion because all gas ratepayers cover the upfront cost of extending the gas expansion.¹⁸

2. **Housing affordability:** Enbridge argues that the OEB decision will undermine housing affordability. The opposite is true. It will encourage developers to install heat pumps, which are cheaper to operate than gas equipment.¹⁹
3. **Housing supply:** Enbridge argues that the OEB decision will slow down residential construction. This is untrue. Developers can simply forgo gas if they do not want to pay for gas pipelines. This requires changes that some developers do not want to make, but it need not inhibit construction.
4. **Gas for existing customers:** Enbridge argues that the decision will eliminate natural gas from Ontario's energy mix.²⁰ This is patently false. Instead, the decision protects gas customers from excessive spending that could lead to gas costs spiraling out of control.²¹ Enbridge was planning to spend \$7 billion over the next five years (including over \$1 billion for the new construction subsidy) on fossil fuel infrastructure.²² **This would all need to be recouped from Ontario's gas customers.** This plan was too expensive and risky, particularly as we phase out fossil fuels. **The OEB's decision was consistent with the province's recent report** of the Electrification and Energy Transition Panel, which discussed the need to keep costs down as customers become increasingly likely to leave the gas grid.²³ The OEB is a consumer protection agency and it simply did its job to protect customers.
5. **Low-carbon gases:** Enbridge is providing municipalities with template lobbying letters touting decarbonization through low-carbon gases, like biogas (which is gas captured from sources such as waste water, not extracted from underground). These gases are important for the hardest to decarbonize sectors, but they cannot replace any more than a tiny portion of the fossil-based methane gas we use today to heat our buildings.²⁴ We continue to need a huge amount of electrification even if we use low-carbon gases to their fullest. Also, the cost of the gas system must be cut dramatically for pipelines to have a viable future serving customers with low-carbon gases.²⁵

6. **Biogas:** Enbridge says that the OEB decision puts biogas projects at risk. That would be contrary to the OEB's decision, which did not cut funding for biogas. Those projects are usually self-funded in any event.
7. **Electricity availability:** Enbridge argues that there is not enough electricity to replace gas. That is not true – increasing electricity supply is feasible and cost-effective.²⁶ But in any event, the OEB did not call for gas to be replaced by electricity. It simply said that costs must be reduced and that the subsidy for *new* pipelines must end. Ontario can certainly serve new housing with electricity if developers choose to install heat pumps instead of gas.

Omissions

Enbridge's letter omits key details about the OEB decision. The decision, if allowed to stand, would benefit all Ontarians. Those benefits include the following:

- **Lower energy bills for existing gas customers:** The decision would lower energy bills for existing gas customers by ending the subsidy and cutting capital costs. The savings would be over \$2 billion over the five-year term of the decision (approximately \$600 per customer).²⁷
- **Encourage the most cost-effective development decisions:** Developers do not have the right incentives now because they do not pay for gas infrastructure and do not pay the ongoing energy costs to run the expensive gas equipment they install.²⁸ Eliminating the pipeline subsidy will encourage developers to install equipment that is best for the homebuyers.²⁹
- **Many benefits for new homebuyers:** Better incentives for developers will encourage them to install heat pumps and induction stoves, which have many benefits for new homebuyers, including the following:
 - **Lower energy bills:** Heat pumps and induction stoves are much cheaper to operate than gas.³⁰
 - **Avoid future retrofit costs:** Installing electric equipment now will avoid retrofit costs that would otherwise be needed in the future for homes to get off fossil fuels for heating and cooking.³¹
 - **Eliminate carbon monoxide poisoning:** Electric equipment fully eliminates the risk of carbon monoxide poisonings and fatalities from gas appliances.
 - **Indoor air quality:** Gas equipment, especially stoves, emit toxic gases into homes, which can contribute to respiratory problems,

especially in children, seniors, and asthma sufferers.³² One study found that 13% of childhood asthma in the United States is attributable to gas stove use.³³ Electric equipment results in cleaner air and healthier families.

- **Safety and convenience:** Induction stoves heat water faster than gas, are easier to clean, and are much safer for children as the surface does not get hot.³⁴ Heat pumps are stronger and more efficient than traditional air conditioners, providing better and cheaper cooling in the summer.³⁵ These are just some of the additional benefits of electric equipment.
- **Lower carbon pollution:** Encouraging less gas helps to avoid the carbon pollution that is already causing more frequent wildfires, drought, and green Christmases.
- **Jobs and growth:** Electric heating is much better for our economy than gas heating. Spending on gas flows out of the province and is lost to our economy. Spending on electricity will fund the growth of made-in-Ontario electricity generation, distribution, and transmission, creating good jobs, economic growth, and government revenue.

Municipal climate plans and targets

Many jurisdictions, including New York State and Montreal, are prohibiting methane gas connections in new construction.³⁶ This makes a great deal of sense as a way to lower energy bills now *and* avoid expensive retrofit costs down the road. It also shows that housing development does not require gas. It would be ill-advised to not only allow new gas-heated subdivisions, but to maintain a *subsidy* for new gas connections. That subsidy is completely inconsistent with municipal climate plans and targets.

Conclusion

The OEB decision would save gas customers over \$2 billion, but also slash Enbridge profits. Not surprising, Enbridge is rolling out a concerted effort against the OEB and its decision. As part of that effort, it is asking municipalities to write to their MPPs to ask the government to overturn the decision. We hope you will do the opposite, and write your MPP, the Minister of Energy, and the Premier in support of the OEB decision. Without this, the OEB decision will likely be reversed by the government, as they have already said they would do.³⁷ If the Government of Ontario wades in and reverses this OEB decision to support **Enbridge, it would raise your residents' energy bills and make municipal climate targets even harder to reach.**

If you have any questions about this letter, or would like to discuss this matter further, please don't hesitate to contact me at the email address listed below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the letters 'K' and 'B' followed by a long, horizontal, slightly wavy line.

Keith Brooks, Programs Director
Environmental Defence
kbrooks@environmentaldefence.ca

Attachment 1

Excerpts from OEB Decision re Excessive Capital Spending

The OEB concludes that Enbridge Gas's proposal is not responsive to the energy transition and increases the risk of stranded or underutilized assets, a risk that must be mitigated.

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Enbridge Gas identified the energy transition as a source of increased business risk. Despite this, Enbridge Gas has proposed approximately \$14 billion in capital expenditures for the 2023 to 2032 period (an average of \$1.4 billion per year), based on a forecast that shows continued growth in natural gas peak demand, extending the historic trendline, with a very small impact from the energy transition. The actual capital spend for the prior five years (2018 to 2022) was \$5.7 billion (average of \$1.1 billion year).

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The risk that arises from the energy transition results from gas customers leaving the gas system as they transition to electricity to meet energy needs previously met by natural gas. This departure gives rise to assets that are not fully depreciated but are no longer used and useful. This results in stranded asset costs that Enbridge Gas would seek to recover from the remaining gas customers. This in turn would increase rates for those gas customers, leading more customers to leave the gas system, potentially leading to a continuing financial decline for the utility, often referred to as the utility death spiral.

In the face of the energy transition, Enbridge Gas bears the onus to demonstrate that its proposed capital spending plan, reflected in its Asset Management Plan, is prudent, having accounted appropriately for the risk arising from the energy transition.

The record is clear that Enbridge Gas has failed to do so.

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The OEB is not satisfied that Enbridge Gas's proposal will not lead to an overbuilt, underutilized gas system in the face of the energy transition.[38](#)

Attachment 2

Excerpts from Electrification and Energy Transition Panel Report

[E]merging evidence shows that it is unlikely the natural gas system can be fully decarbonized and continue to deliver cost-effective building heat. The development of regulatory frameworks and the evolution of natural gas **infrastructure will need to align with the province's overarching clean energy economy commitment and protect customers as the role of natural gas changes in the province.** A failure to align these regulatory frameworks with **government's overarching policy commitments could result in significant cost hazards for customers or threats to overarching government policy commitments and an effective, orderly and well-aligned transition to a clean energy economy.**

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The speed at which customers would change their heating source is uncertain and dependent on a large number of individual factors, such as equipment age and personal preferences and values, as well as system-level and policy factors, such as cost development, availability of equipment and qualified technicians, and supportive policies and incentives. Nonetheless, this could lead to many customers disconnecting from the natural gas system absent any personal motivation to lower their carbon footprint. As a result, there is a real risk of stranding assets in home heating and the gas distribution grid over the medium to long-term, with significant risk to customers, investors and public finances. As more customers exit the natural gas grid to adopt electric heating, those customers who are least able to afford to electrify could be forced to pay higher and higher proportions of the network cost to keep the system running safely.

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In either case, it is in the interest of the province, for the purpose of customer protection, to ensure that the regulatory mechanisms for the governance of the natural gas grid are aligned with a range of plausible outcomes, notably those that pose the greatest risks to customers.³⁹

Template Municipal Motion and Issue Summary

Support for OEB Decision to Lower Energy Bills

Recommendations

[Mover name], seconded by [seconder name], recommends that:

1. City Council pass the following resolution:

WHEREAS: Residents are struggling with energy bill increases and need relief;

AND WHEREAS: Natural gas is no longer the cheapest way to heat homes because electric heat pumps are now much more efficient, can provide all heating needs even in the cold climates, and result in far lower energy bills compared to gas heating;

AND WHEREAS: Natural gas is methane gas, which is a fossil fuel that causes approximately one-third of Ontario's GHG emissions, and must be phased out because it is inconsistent with all climate targets, while heat pumps result in the lowest GHG emissions and are consistent with a zero-carbon future;

AND WHEREAS: The Ontario Energy Board (“OEB”) decided to end a subsidy for methane gas pipelines to be built in new construction developments, effective 2025, finding that this would lower energy bills for existing gas customers and improve affordability for new homebuyers, but this decision is at risk of being overturned by the provincial government;

AND WHEREAS: The OEB decision will help lower energy bills and encourage heating systems that are consistent with climate targets and plans;

AND WHEREAS: The construction of *new* methane gas pipelines, which have 60-year lifetimes, should not be subsidized because they are inconsistent with the City’s climate targets and will result in higher carbon emissions, higher energy bills, higher future decarbonization retrofit costs to get off fossil fuel heating, and a continued financial drain as dollars leave the province to pay for fossil fuels extracted in other jurisdictions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. THAT the [municipality name] expresses its support for the decision of the Ontario Energy Board to end the gas pipeline subsidy and ask the Ontario Government to allow the decision to stand.

2. AND THAT this resolution be circulated to the President of AMO, Colin Best, Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Energy, Todd Smith, The Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy and all regional municipalities requesting support of the proposed changes.

Summary:

This motion would support a decision by the Ontario Energy Board (“OEB”) to end a subsidy for constructing methane gas pipelines in new building construction, effective 2025. The subsidy was previously worth approximately \$4,500 per home on average to developers.¹ The OEB ended the subsidy because it is bad for existing gas customers and bad for new homebuyers. The subsidy is bad for existing gas customers because they pay for the subsidy through higher energy bills. This is a major capital cost – amounting to over \$250 million each year.² The subsidy is bad for new homebuyers for many reasons, including that it encourages developers to install gas equipment, which is much more expensive to operate.³ As such, the subsidy causes higher energy bills for both existing gas customers and new homebuyers. The subsidy also encourages fossil fuel use. Eliminating it will be a win-win-win – for existing gas customers, for new homebuyers, and for reducing carbon pollution.

The subsidy for gas pipelines undermines municipal climate targets. Natural gas is also known as methane gas or fossil gas. It is a fossil fuel that causes approximately one-third of Ontario's GHG emissions.⁴ Heating homes and businesses with gas accounts for approximately 19% of Ontario's greenhouse gas emissions.⁵ Municipalities cannot achieve net zero without eliminating the use of fossil gas for building heating. Gas pipelines generally have a 60-year lifetime, extending far beyond 2050. It is financially and environmentally irresponsible to be building new pipelines and installing gas equipment in new units.

Many jurisdictions, including New York State and Montreal, are prohibiting methane gas connections in new construction.⁶ This makes a great deal of sense as a way to lower energy bills now *and* avoid expensive retrofit costs down the road. It also shows that housing development does not require gas. It would be ill-advised to not only allow new gas-heated subdivisions, but to maintain a *subsidy* for new gas connections.

The Ontario Government is contemplating overriding the decision out of concerns that it will impact the construction of new homes.⁷ But there will not be a negative impact on housing

¹ OEB Decision and Order in EB-2022-0200, December 21, 2023, p. 34 ([link](#)).

² OEB Decision and Order in EB-2022-0200, December 21, 2023, p. 48 ([link](#)); The cost is over \$300 million annually including all cost categories, such as capitalized overhead per Exhibit J13.7 ([link](#), PDF p. 305).

³ The OEB's decision and many studies confirm that heat pumps achieve lower costs versus gas equipment - see: Evidence of the Energy Futures Group in OEB File # EB-2022-0200, p. 23 ([link](#)); Dr. Heather McDiarmid, *An Analysis of the Financial and Climate Benefits of Electrifying Ontario's Gas-Heated Homes by Installing Air-Source Heat Pumps*, August 2, 2022, p. 11 ([link](#)); Corporate Knights, *GREEN house effect: Calculate the savings from electrifying your home*, June 20, 2023 ([link](#)); Ontario Ministry of Energy, *Discussion Paper*, August 2023, pp. 10-11 ([link](#)); OEB Decision and Order in EB-2022-0200, December 21, 2023, p. 41 ([link](#)) and see also p. 34 regarding the perverse incentives for developers.

⁴ Enbridge Evidence in Ontario Energy Board File #EB-2022-0200, Exhibit 1, Tab 10, Schedule 3, Page 2 ([link](#)). upstream leaks add at least an additional 40% to the harmful climate impact (likely more if the latest science and measurements are used)

⁵ Dr. Heather McDiarmid, *An Analysis of the Financial and Climate Benefits of Electrifying Ontario's Gas-Heated Homes by Installing Air-Source Heat Pumps*, August 2, 2022, p. 8 ([link](#)).

⁶ Over 20 jurisdictions in the United States have prohibited gas connections in new construction. See EB-2022-0200, Exhibit J8.3, Attachment 1 ([link](#), PDF p. 66)

⁷ Ontario Government Press Release, December 22, 2023 ([link](#)).

supply – developers can simply forgo gas connections, avoiding those costs and the time needed to add the gas infrastructure.⁸ And the OEB decision will certainly improve housing affordability. Many groups and experts have spoken out in favour of the OEB decision and the importance of respecting its independence and evidence-based processes. A recent letter from a coalition of environmental groups outlined the following benefits of allowing the OEB decision to eliminate the subsidy stand:

- **Lower energy bills for existing gas customers:** Eliminating the subsidy will lower energy bills for existing gas customers by avoiding over \$250 million each year in unnecessary gas pipeline costs covered by gas rates.⁹
- **Encourage the most cost-effective development decisions:** Developers do not have the right incentives now because they do not pay for gas infrastructure and do not pay the ongoing energy costs to run the expensive gas equipment they install.¹⁰ Eliminating the pipeline subsidy will encourage developers to install equipment that is best for the homebuyers.¹¹
- **Many benefits for new homebuyers:** Better incentives for developers will encourage them to install heat pumps and induction stoves, which have many benefits for new homebuyers, including the following:
 - **Lower energy bills:** Heat pumps and induction stoves are much cheaper to operate than gas.¹²

⁸ Forgoing gas totally eliminates the cost and time of bringing gas pipes to the development and to each home's gas meter. It also eliminates the time and cost of bringing in gas fitters to install gas pipes inside each home after they have been framed in. There is also no incremental cost for developers to install heat pumps instead of gas furnaces. Developers generally do not pay for heating equipment costs. Instead, the homebuyers pay the cost directly through rental agreements. Again, homeowners end up with lower energy bills because heat pumps are roughly three times as efficient as gas furnaces and they do not need to pay fixed monthly charges for a gas connection, which are more than \$310 annually.

⁹ OEB Decision and Order in EB-2022-0200, December 21, 2023, p. 48 ([link](#)); The cost is over \$300 million annually including all cost categories, such as capitalized overhead - see Exhibit J13.7 ([link](#), PDF p. 305).

¹⁰ OEB Decision and Order in EB-2022-0200, December 21, 2023, p. 34 ([link](#)).

¹¹ OEB Decision and Order in EB-2022-0200, December 21, 2023, p. 41 ([link](#)) (“When a developer is faced with the full cost of including gas service in a development, that developer will be fully incented to choose the most cost effective, energy efficient choice in a manner that not only achieves efficiency in the cost of housing in a competitive market and lowers the operating cost of that housing, but also maximizes the contribution to achieving government decarbonization policy goals.”)

¹² The OEB's decision and many studies confirm this. See Evidence of the Energy Futures Group in OEB File # EB-2022-0200, p. 23 ([link](#)); Dr. Heather McDiarmid, An Analysis of the Financial and Climate Benefits of Electrifying Ontario's Gas-Heated Homes by Installing Air-Source Heat Pumps, August 2, 2022, p. 11 ([link](#)); Corporate Knights, GREEN house effect: Calculate the savings from electrifying your home, June 20, 2023 ([link](#)); Ontario Ministry of Energy, Discussion Paper, August 2023, pp. 10-11 ([link](#)); OEB Decision and Order in EB-2022-0200, December 21, 2023, p. 41 ([link](#)).

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The City has a strong interest in seeing this decision stand, both for the sake of lowering resident's energy bills and ensuring policies that are consistent with the City's climate targets. It is therefore important that the City write to the Minister of Energy in support of the OEB decision.

¹³ OEB Decision and Order in EB-2022-0200, December 21, 2023, p. 38 ([link](#)).

¹⁴ CBC, *After seeing how gas stoves pollute homes, these researchers are ditching theirs*, April 7, 2022 ([link](#)); CBC,

¹⁵ Taylor Gruenwald et al, Population Attributable Fraction of Gas Stoves and Childhood Asthma in the United States, *Int. J. Environ. Res. Public Health* 2023, 20(1), 75 ([link](#)).

¹⁶ CBC, *Professional chefs tout the culinary — and environmental — advantages of induction stoves*, April 7, 2022 ([link](#)).

¹⁷ Evidence of the Energy Futures Group in OEB File # EB-2022-0200, p. 22 and footnote 48 ([link](#)).

Ontario Keeping Electricity Costs Down for Families

Expansion of Ontario Electricity Support Program launches today

March 01, 2024

[Energy](#).

TORONTO – The Ontario government is keeping electricity costs down for about 100,000 additional families by expanding the eligibility for the [Ontario Electricity Support Program](#) (OESP). New income eligibility thresholds, which have increased by up to 35 per cent, take effect today.

“Our government is increasing our investment in the Ontario Electricity Support Program by \$50 million to provide targeted support to those who need it most,” said Todd Smith, Minister of Energy. “While previous governments implemented schemes that led to skyrocketing energy prices, we’re using every tool in our toolbox to keep costs down for families.”

The government’s increased investment in the OESP will support a significant [expansion of the program](#). For example, a four-person household can now have a combined maximum income of \$65,000 after tax deductions, to qualify for a monthly rebate of \$40. That’s an increase of \$17,000 from the previous maximum of \$48,000.

“This investment in the Ontario Electricity Support Program demonstrates how serious our government is about making life more affordable for Ontarians,” said Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services. “Our government will continue to find even more ways to bring down costs to ensure that nobody in our province gets left behind.”

Households eligible for the OESP can receive credits of \$35 to \$75 through the program depending on household size. Higher monthly credits of between \$52 to \$113 are available to customers who are Indigenous, living with Indigenous family members, using electric heating, or using certain electricity-intensive medical devices.

In addition to the OESP, the Ontario Electricity Rebate (OER) keeps electricity bills for families and small business affordable. Last fall, the on-bill [OER was increased from 11.7 per cent to 19.3 per cent](#) – reducing a typical household’s electricity bill by a total of \$26 each month – or \$312 a year.

Quick Facts

- In 2022, the OESP provided energy relief to approximately 212,000 households across the province.
 - Families can apply for the OESP at any time. There is no application deadline, but the sooner they apply and are accepted into the OESP, the sooner they will begin to receive the on-bill credits.
 - Customers who are eligible for Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) are likely also eligible for OESP. [LEAP](#) provides emergency financial assistance for electricity or natural gas customers who are at risk of having their service disconnected for non-payment.
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Government of Canada Announces \$50 million for Ontario's Expansion of Clean, Reliable and Affordable Nuclear Energy

February 29, 2024

[Energy](#).

OTTAWA – For decades, Canada and Ontario's nuclear technology has been world-leading, providing safe, reliable, and affordable non-emitting energy, as well as good jobs for workers, with over 75,000 hard-working Canadians employed across the nuclear supply chain. Today, the governments of Canada and Ontario are working together to advance new nuclear power generation in Ontario to cement our globally recognized competitive advantage, meet growing demand for clean energy and create even more good-paying jobs for Canadians.

Today, on the margins of the Canadian Nuclear Association conference, the Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Canada's Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, announced an investment in Ontario's expansion of nuclear energy with up to \$50 million in federal funding for Bruce Power's assessment of new generation opportunities at its site in Tiverton, Ontario. This funding, from the federal Electricity Predevelopment Program, enables the exploration of a project that could produce power for up to 4,800,000 homes and businesses in Ontario.

This work builds on the [Honourable Todd Smith, Ontario's Minister of Energy's initial announcement in July 2023](#) and is an important step in building the first large-scale nuclear build in Canada in more than 30 years. This project is part of *Powering Ontario's Growth*, the province's plan to meet growing electricity demand and reduce emissions through Ontario's clean electricity grid.

This project alone represents more than 25 percent of the new nuclear capacity required for Ontario to meet its clean electricity needs in 2050, as recommended by Ontario's Independent Electricity System Operator's *Pathways to Decarbonization Report*, and it will help Canada with its ongoing efforts to achieve a clean, reliable and affordable electricity grid.

This project also represents a significant domestic economic opportunity, further establishing Canada and Ontario as international leaders on nuclear energy by building on our legacy of developing and deploying safe and reliable nuclear technology in Canada and around the world.

Bruce Power will use the federal funding to support important project pre-development work, including the completion of an Impact Assessment and Licence to Prepare Site application; early engagement activities with local municipalities and Indigenous communities; and technical, environmental and engineering studies and evaluations. This information is crucial for decision-making on a project that has the potential to create and sustain many high-quality jobs in Bruce, Grey and Huron counties, as well as across the Canadian nuclear supply chain.

This investment comes as the Governments of Canada and Ontario are working together on the Canada-Ontario Regional Table collaboration framework, with priorities that include advancing the nuclear industry in Ontario, along with joint actions on electrification, critical minerals, hydrogen, and the forest sector, as well as an improved permitting process and increased regulatory effectiveness and efficiency to get clean energy projects online in time to meet rising demand.

Canada and Ontario are also continuing to work collaboratively on the draft Clean Electricity Regulations, as they have since the first draft was released, to address the concerns raised by Ontario's expert system planners with the goal of ensuring the final regulation will maintain Ontarians' access to a reliable, affordable and clean electricity system.

These actions build on steps already taken by both governments to meet emerging energy needs and ensure a reliable, affordable and clean electricity supply, including the following initiatives from the Government of Canada:

- A \$970-million investment from the Canada Infrastructure Bank to advance Canada's first grid-scale small modular reactor (SMR) at Ontario Power Generation's (OPG) Darlington site;
- NRC's Electricity Predevelopment Program — which is a \$250-million program to support pre-development activities of clean electricity projects like the one announced today;
- \$4.5-billion worth of investments under the Smart Renewables and Electrification Pathways Program (SREPs), including previously announced support for five other clean energy projects in Ontario that will support Ontario's grid;

- Regulatory tools like the Clean Electricity Regulations, on which the Government of Canada and Ontario continue to collaborate to support the development of a clean, reliable and affordable grid;
- A 15-percent refundable Investment Tax Credit for Clean Electricity for eligible investments in nuclear generation for new builds and refurbishment

This also includes the following initiatives from the Government of Ontario:

- Procuring 4,000 MW of [new electricity generation and storage resources](#), which includes the largest planned procurement of clean energy storage in Canada's history.
- Rolling out [\\$342 million in new and enhanced energy efficiency programs](#) while helping families and businesses reduce their electricity use so they can save money on their energy bills.
- Supporting Ontario Power Generation's (OPG) [refurbishment of the Pickering Nuclear Generating Station](#).
- [Building four grid-scale small modular reactors](#) (SMR), including the first in the G7, at OPG's Darlington site.
- [Establishing an Electrification and Energy Transition Panel](#) to advise the government on how it can continue to leverage Ontario's clean grid and innovative energy sector to power Ontario's growing economy and population.

As Canada and Ontario work together to compete for historic investments, we need to be future-forward in order to seize the economic opportunities afforded by the transition to a clean energy economy. Through their strategic investments and initiatives, the Governments of Canada and Ontario will continue to work together to position Ontario and Canada as a global supplier of clean energy and new technologies, while creating new opportunities, good jobs and a clean, reliable, and affordable electrical grid for all.

Quick Facts

- Ontario's Independent Electricity System Operator's *Pathways to Decarbonization Report* indicates that as much as 17,800 MW of nuclear capacity could be required in Ontario to meet its clean electricity needs in 2050.
- Nuclear energy is an important part of Canada's energy mix — currently providing 14 percent of our electricity nationally and over 50 percent in Ontario.
- The nuclear sector helps Canada avoid approximately 45 million metric tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions annually. As a country where 82 percent of our electricity comes from low- or non-emitting sources already, nuclear continues

to be a complement to the strong renewables sector in continuous development.

- In September 2023, Minister Wilkinson announced \$3 billion in export financing for Romania to build two new CANDU reactors, Cernavoda 3 and 4. This financing will give around 200 Canadian companies the opportunity to bid on up to \$3 billion in work, create hundreds of Canadian jobs and help avoid 8 million tonnes of carbon emissions annually.
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INFORMATION

Appointment of By-law Officers

This information report provides an overview of the proposed Appointing By-law being presented for consideration at the March 6, 2024 Council meeting.

The Township of Mulmur contracts its by-law enforcement services to the Town of Orangeville. One of Mulmur's appointed by-law enforcement officers has retired. As such, a by-law is being presented to update the Township's appointments to remove the retired officer and appoint a new one.

A by-law is presented for consideration as item 14.1 in the March 6, 2024 Council meeting.

Submitted by: Roseann Knechtel, Clerk

Approved by: Tracey Atkinson, CAO



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February 12, 2024

Upper Grand District School Board
500 Victoria Road N.
Guelph, ON
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Sent by email to: Peter Sovran c/o Amy Villeneuve, amy.villeneuve@ugdsb.on.ca

Re: Resolution on Primrose Elementary School

At its regular meeting of Council held on February 7, 2024, the Township of Amaranth Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution #: 5

Moved by: A. Stirk

Seconded by: S. Graham

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Whereas Township of Amaranth Council members have heard from many community members expressing concerns about the Primrose Elementary Boundary School Review process and the drinking water issues at the school;

Be It Resolved That the Council of the Township of Amaranth has concerns with the process and timing of the Primrose Elementary Boundary School Review as well as the lack of attention to the drinking water issues at the school;

And That this resolution be sent to all municipalities within Dufferin County, Sylvia Jones MPP, Premier Doug Ford and Minister of Education Stephen Lecce along with the Upper Grand District School Board

CARRIED

Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you require any further information on this matter.



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February 26, 2024

Via Email

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office
Room 281, Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford,

**RE: Request to the Province to Amend Blue Box Regulation for
'Ineligible' Sources**

At their last regular meeting on Wednesday February 21, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry supported the following:

"Resolution #2024-52

Moved by: Paul Sowrey

Seconded by: Jim Cushman

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

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

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

Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue

Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources;

And further that Council hereby request the support of all Ontario Municipalities;

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, the Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka, and to all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried."

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bm', is positioned above the typed name of the signatory.

Beth Morton
Clerk-Administrator

BM/ec

c.c. Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka
All Ontario Municipalities

February 8, 2024

Rural Ontario Municipal Association
Attn: Board of Directors
Via email roma@roma.on.ca

Ontario Good Roads Association
Attn: Board of Directors
Via email info@goodroads.ca

Via email

RE: return to combined ROMA and OGRA conferences

Dear ROMA & OGRA Board of Directors,

During the February 5, 2024 regular meeting of council, council in response to a notice of motion from Deputy Mayor Joel Field the following resolution passed:

MOVED: Bill Clark

SECONDED: Chad Hyatt

WHEREAS as a past attendee of combined conferences, it makes great sense for the OGRA & ROMA conferences to be returned to a combined conference effort, not only financially for the municipality but also for availability for participation of members of Council and staff; and

WHEREAS these conferences afford a vital opportunity for delegations with members of our provincial parliament, returning to a combined conference provides a better respect to their availability and participation; and

WHEREAS during the 2019 OGRA conference AGM a resolution was passed regarding the re-establishment of an annual combined conference for both OGRA & ROMA; and

WHEREAS it is understandable that little movement has happened since the resolution at the 2019 OGRA conference AGM was passed, due to delays of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS not all persons who wish to attend can do so in person, that a hybrid participation option be considered for the sessions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Petrolia call upon both the ROMA & OGRA boards to re-establish a combined OGRA & ROMA annual conference.

FURTHERMORE that this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister Paul Calandra, MPP Bob Bailey and be circulated to Municipalities of Ontario; as amended

Carried

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**Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting
Council Meeting**



Resolution No.

94

Title:

Enbridge Gas Inc.

Date:

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Moved by

J. DeMarsh

Seconded by

J. Flieler

WHEREAS access to natural gas is important to residents and businesses in our community for affordability and reliability;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Energy Board's (OEB) decision on Phase 1 of the Enbridge Gas 2024 rebasing application, issued on 21 December 2023, has concerning implications including putting into question the future access to natural gas that support of economic development, affordable housing growth, and energy reliability in communities such as the Municipality of Tweed;

AND WHEREAS Ontario is growing and access to affordable energy to support this growth for homes and businesses is crucial, as is a measured approach to energy transition as not having access to natural gas will stifle economic growth and put housing and energy affordability at risk;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Municipality of Tweed supports a measured approach to Ontario's energy transition;

AND FURTHER, that the Municipality of Tweed recognizes that there may not be enough electricity available to replace the energy provided by natural gas and meet the increased demand from electrification;

AND FURTHER, that natural gas must continue to play an integral role in meeting the energy needs of Ontario;

AND FURTHER, that the Municipality of Tweed supports the work the Government of Ontario has done to date, including the Natural Gas Expansion Program and Electrification and Energy Transition Panel's call for a clear policy on the role of natural gas to secure access to affordable energy;

AND FURTHER, that this resolution be circulated to the President of AMO, Colin Best, Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Hon. Todd Smith, the Minister of Energy, Ric Bresee, Member of Provincial Parliament for Hastings-Lennox and Addington, all regional municipalities as significant actors to ensuring the need for natural gas in Ontario as part of a measured approach towards energy transition, and submitted to municipalaffairs@enbridge.com.

Carried



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MULMUR

BYLAW NO. -2024

BEING A BYLAW TO AMEND BY-LAW 38-2021 BEING THE BY-LAW APPOINTING MUNICIPAL BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

WHEREAS section 15 of the Police Services Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P. 15, authorizes Council to pass by-laws for the appointing of municipal by-law enforcement officers;

AND WHEREAS Section 227 of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, c.25, authorizes Councils to pass by-laws for appointing such officers and employees as may be necessary for the purposes of the Corporation, for carrying into effect the provisions of any by-law of the Council;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur deems it desirable to amend By-law 38-2021 to ensure the appointment of municipal by-law enforcement officers remains current;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MULMUR HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT Schedule A to By-law 38-2021, being the by-law to appoint municipal by-law enforcement officers, is hereby amended to read as follows:

CANINE CONTROL

AgapiK9 Inc. (Municipal K9 Control)

MUNICIPAL BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Carrie Cunningham (Town of Orangeville)

Chris Taylor (Town of Orangeville)

2. THAT By-laws 14-2022 and 39-2022, being by-laws to amend By-law 38-2021 are hereby repealed.

PASSED THIS 6TH DAY OF MARCH, 2024.

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JANET HORNER, MAYOR

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ROSEANN KNECHTEL, CLERK



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MULMUR

BY-LAW NO. - 2024

BEING A BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF
THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MULMUR FOR
MARCH 6, 2024

WHEREAS Section 5(1) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, provides that the powers of a municipality shall be exercised by Council;

AND WHEREAS Section 5 (3) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, provides that municipal powers shall be exercised by by-law;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MULMUR HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. All actions of the Council and Committees of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur for the aforementioned date in respect to every report, motion, by-law or other action passed and taken by Council or Committees of Council, including the exercise of natural person powers, are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed by its separate by-law.
2. The Mayor of the Township and the proper officers of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the said action, to obtain approvals where required and except where otherwise provided, to execute all documents necessary in that behalf.

PASSED on this 6TH day of MARCH 2024.

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JANET HORNER, MAYOR

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ROSEANN KNECHTEL, CLERK