

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JOHNSON

February 17, 2016

5:00 P.M.

COUNCIL MEETING

*******New Location: Johnson Township Community Centre Hall*******

1 Cameron Avenue, Desbarats, ON

AGENDA

PLEASE NOTE – ALL ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS MUST TO BE TURNED OFF DURING COUNCIL MEETINGS

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

C. ACCOUNTS: As presented.

D. MINUTES:

1. Approve minutes of Councils regular meeting for January 20, 2016 as presented.

E. DELEGATIONS:

1. 5:00 to 5:30 p.m. – Carlo DiCandia, Algoma Financial Group, discussion on township coverage.
2. 5:30 to 5:45 p.m. – Gavin Grant, discussion of the Gordon Lake Hall.

F. STAFF REPORTS:

1. By-Law Officer/CBO Report – Ontario Trillium grant update.

G. COUNCIL/COMMITTEE MINUTES & REPORTS: None

H. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION:

1. Michael Mantha, MPP – correspondence to Greyhound Transportation Canada asking them to address the concerns on the reduction of services in the Algoma-Manitoulin.

I. OLD BUSINESS:

1. J. T. Farmers Market – yearly review of fee schedule.
2. Public Meeting – discussion.

J. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Autism Ontario – a) Invitation to participate in Autism Ontario’s “Raise the Flag”.
b) Proclaim April 2, 2016 as World Autism Awareness Day in the Township of Johnson.
2. Dr. Harold S. Trefry Memorial Centre – requesting financial assistance.
3. Town of Thessalon – requesting support for their resolution to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care asking them to provide funding to construct the new hospital facility.

K. BY-LAWS:

1. By-Law # 2016- 816, being a by-law to confirm meeting proceedings.

L. HEALTH & SAFETY:

1. Health & Safety Training – 8 staff members have completed the First Aid and Defibrillator training.

M. CLOSED MEETING: None

N. ADJOURNMENT:

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JOHNSON
Council Meeting
January 20, 2016

These minutes are comprised of resolutions and the Clerk's interpretation of the meeting held on Wednesday January 20, 2016 at the Township of Johnson Community Centre, 1 Cameron Avenue, Desbarats.

Presided by: Mayor Ted Hicks

PRESENT:

Council: Councillors – Marlee Hopkins, Jason Kern, Cameron Ross
Staff: Clerk – Ruth Kelso, CBO/By-Law Officer – Kevin Morris, Randy Spurway, Public Works Superintendent

Absent with regrets: Lorne Robinson

Visitors: Attached list.

A) CALL TO ORDER:

Res: 01 Moved by: C. Ross Seconded by: M. Hopkins
 Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson open the meeting at 5:30 p.m.
 Carried

B) CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None Declared

C) ACCOUNTS:

Res: 02 Moved by: C. Ross Seconded by: M. Hopkins
 Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson approve the Accounts as presented.
 Carried

D) MINUTES:

Res: 03 Moved by: C. Ross Seconded by: M. Hopkins
 Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson approve the Minutes of December 16, 2015 as presented. Carried

E) DELEGATIONS:

1. Zahida Croskery – Discuss the future of the Gordon Lake Hall.
 - Would like to have the time to explore different options to keep the hall going.
 - Gave a history of the hall from the start of a public school to the designation as a recreation center in 1975.
 - The Social club has done many updates over the years.
 - Talked about what is a “Community” and moving all the social events from the Gordon Lake Hall to the Johnson Township Community Centre would erode the Gordon Lake community.
 - The Gordon Lake Hall has been used for many events over the years from funerals to weddings.
 - The closing of the hall would be a “drop in the bucket” in the overall township budget.
 - Look at increasing the use of the hall – home schooling, monthly pot lucks, occasion parties for children, yoga, card parties.
 - The Club would be willing to check to see if they may be trained to do the water sampling.
 - Would like to ask Council for their support to keep the hall open permanently.

Mayor Ted – thanked Zahida for the presentation and the show of support from the audience and said Council would take her presentation into consider when they make a final decision on the hall.

F) STAFF REPORTS:

1. Public Works Superintendents Report – Roads amalgamated tenders.

Res: 04 Moved by: M. Hopkins Seconded by: J. Kern
Be it resolved that Council of the Township of Johnson accepts the amalgamated tender as amended (as attached). Carried

Res: 05 Moved by: M. Hopkins Seconded by: J. Kern
Be it resolved that the Council of the Township accepts the Public Works Superintendents Report on amalgamated tenders. Carried

2. Fire Chief Report – Upgrading of status of fire fighters and transfer of a Fire Fighter from Tarbutt Township roster.

Res: 06 Moved by: M. Hopkins Seconded by: C. Ross
Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson accepts the following recommendations of the Volunteer Fire Chief to remove the “recruit” status from the following Volunteer Fire Fighters:

- Craig Rankin
 - Isaac Rankin
 - Timothy Rankin – Junior
 - Maggie Fremlin
- Carried

Res: 07 Moved by: C. Ross Seconded by: M. Hopkins
Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson accepts the following recommendation from the Volunteer Fire Chief:

- Add David MacDonald to our Volunteer Fire Department Roster. Carried

3. Public Works Superintendents Report – Sale of 2001 Plow Truck.

Res: 08 Moved by: C. Ross Seconded by: J. Kern
Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson accepts the Public Works Superintendents Report on the sale of the 2001 Plow Truck at a submitted tender of \$17,500.00. Carried

4. Treasurer’s Report – update water and sewer

Res: 09 Moved by: J. Kern Seconded by: C. Ross
Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson accepts the Treasurers Report on outstanding Water and Sewer Accounts as of January 15, 2016. Carried

5. Clerk’s Report – update property taxes.

Res: 10 Moved by: C. Ross Seconded by: J. Kern
Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson accepts the Clerk’s Report on outstanding Property Taxes as of January 15, 2016. Carried

6. Recreation Coordinator’s Report – North Shore Healthy Kids Challenge

- The program was rolled out by the Ministry late - \$825,000 for the 14 partners/ communities across the north shore.
- \$10,000.00 has been committed to the playground equipment at CASS
- Has \$2,000.00 for public skating
- Not all area municipalities were willing to sign in.
- Both Algoma Public Health and the Algoma District School Board are partners in the program.

Res: 11 Moved by: M. Hopkins Seconded by: J. Kern
Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson approves the signing of the “Collaboration Agreement” for the North Shore Healthy Kids Community College. Carried

G) COUNCIL/COMMITTEE MINUTES & REPORTS:

1. Councillor Marlee Hopkins Report – Huron North West Professional Recruitment and Retention Committee meeting held December 14, 2015.

- The recruiter works for both the HNWRP and the Matthews Memorial Hospital Association Boards. Each board has different expenses they cover i.e. housing allowance, moving expense, signing bonus.
- Looking at expanding beyond recruitment for Doctors to include: nurses, lab tech's etc.
- Asking for a committee of \$3,000.00 of the 5 members.
- The township supports both boards financially due to our population use of both facilities.

Res: 12 Moved by: J. Kern Seconded by: C. Ross

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson approves the 2016 financial contribution of \$3,000.00 to the Huron North West Professional Recruitment and Retention Committee. Carried

Res: 13 Moved by: J. Kern Seconded by: C. Ross

Be it resolved that Council of the Township of Johnson accepts Councillor M. Hopkins Report on the December 14, 2015 meeting of the Huron North West Professional Recruitment and Retention Committee. Carried

H) CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION:

1. Council education portion – articles of interest from “Municipal World” on Ombudsman and accountability of Ontario.
 - Information only.
2. Michael Mantha MPP – response to Sault Ste. Marie Mayor and Council with concerns raised by communities in the Algoma-Manitoulin about proposed Firefighters cuts in Sault Ste. Marie.

Res: 14 Moved by: J. Kern Seconded by: M. Hopkins

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson accepts Section “H” Correspondence/Information as presented. Carried

I) OLD BUSINESS:

1. Algoma District School Board – re: Johnson Tarbutt School property on Margaret Street, Desbarats for sale at Fair Market Value. Deadline for submitting offer is March 1, 2016. Deferred from December 16, 2015 meeting.
 - Mayor Hicks – in talking with the school board was told they want to sell the school and property as one package, not break up sports fields from school.
 - Mayor Hicks – as requested by Council, to check with the board if the township pays for the consent application to sever the sports fields from the property would they be willing to sell them separately.
2. The Town of Bruce Mines & the Township of Johnson Police Services Board minutes from November 23, 2015 – response to request for assistance pertaining to safety due to “horse droppings” on township roads.
 - The OPP are not able to help in this situation
 - No further action
3. Emergency Management Program – Phoenix Emergency Management Logics proposal and subsequent action from the December council meeting: Councillor C. Ross to contact a person who may be able to assist with the townships Emergency Management Program.
 - It was ascertained that this contact person would not be able to assist in what the township requires i.e. volunteers and funding for what is needed (generators and communication system for the EOC and alternate locations (Emergency Operations Centre) and evacuation center.
 - No further action at this time.
4. Proposal in response to the Town of Bruce Mines – request for By-Law Enforcement Services for the Town of Bruce Mines.
 - Council approved the draft proposal
 - Proposal will be sent to the Town of Bruce Mines with an enquiry if they would like the township to assume the CBO department also.

Res: 15 Moved by: C. Ross Seconded by: J. Kern
Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson accepts the drafted proposal to the request from the Town of Bruce Mines for By-Law Enforcement Services. Carried

J) NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ministry of Environment and Climate Change – Desbarats Drinking Water System Inspection Report # 1-C2N7G. No issues of non-compliance reported. Report available to view at the office.

Res: 16 Moved by: J. Kern Seconded by: M. Hopkins
Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson accepts the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Report on the Desbarats Drinking Water System Inspection. Carried

2. Algoma Family Services – requesting approval to sell “The Great Escape Dream Draw” tickets in the Township of Johnson.

Res: 17 Moved by: M. Hopkins Seconded by: J. Kern
Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson approve the selling of the “Great Escape Dream Draw” tickets in the Township of Johnson. Carried

3. Municipality of Wawa – Algoma Public Health Governance and 2016 APH levy concerns.
4. Town of Thessalon – Requesting interest in taking over the administration of the “Healthy Kids Community Challenge” program from the Town of Thessalon.
5. Township of Johnson Budget 2016 - process. Budget session times and dates to be confirmed.
6. Municipality of West Nipissing – requesting support on the following:
 - a) Amendment to Northern Health Travel Grant (NHTG) – request the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to amend the qualifying criteria so that all roundtrips exceeding 100 km in total travelled distance are eligible for the NHTG.
 - b) Re-classification of winter highway classes – request the Ministry of Transportation to expedite its re-classification of all winter highway classes in Northern Ontario to ensure each receives the appropriate level of maintenance during the winters months.
 - c) Expansion of Natural Gas Services – request to the Ministry of Energy to expand the natural gas services to Northern Ontario.

Res: 18 Moved by: C. Ross Seconded by: M. Hopkins
Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson endorses and supports the Municipality of West Nipissing in the following request:

- Amendment to Northern Health Travel Grant (NHTF) – request the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to amend the qualifying criteria so that all roundtrips exceeding 100 km in total travelled distance are eligible for the NHTG. Carried

Res: 19 Moved by: M. Hopkins Seconded by: J. Kern
Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson endorses and supports the Municipality of West Nipissing in the following request:

- Re-classification of winter highway classes – request the Ministry of Transportation to expedite its re-classification of all winter highway classes in Northern Ontario to ensure each receives the appropriate level of maintenance during the winters months. Carried

Res: 20 Moved by: J. Kern Seconded by: M. Hopkins
Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson endorses and supports the Municipality of West Nipissing in the following request:

- Expansion of Natural Gas Services – request to the Ministry of Energy to expand the natural gas services to Northern Ontario.

7. Desbarats to Echo Bay Planning Board – consent Application # J2016-01, R. McGorman and D. Morettin, Roll’s# 006-140 & 150, plus Planners report.

Res: 21 Moved by: C. Ross Seconded by: M. Hopkins
Be it resolved that the Council approve the consent Application # J2016-01, R. McGorman and D. Morettin, roll # 57-16-000-006-140 & 150 as recommended by the Township Planner. Carried

K) BY-LAWS:

1. By-Law # 2016 – 812, being a bylaw respecting Committee, Boards and Appointments for the Township of Johnson.

Res: 22 Moved by: M. Hopkins Seconded by: C. Ross
Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson approve By-Law # 2016-812, being a by-law respecting Committee, Boards and Appointments for the Township of Johnson in 2016 as amended. Carried

2. By-Law # 2016 – 813, being a bylaw to authorize the borrowing to meet expenditures in 2016.

Res: 23 Moved by: J. Kern Seconded by: M. Hopkins
Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson approve By-Law # 2016-813, being a by-law to authorize the borrowing to meet expenditures in 2016. Carried

3. By-Law # 2016 – 814, being a bylaw to set Tax Classes and Tax Ratios for 2016.

Res: 24 Moved by: C. Ross Seconded by: J. Kern
Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson approve By-Law # 2016-814, being a by-law to set Tax Classes and Tax Ratios for 2016. Carried

4. By-Law # 2016 – 815, being a bylaw to provide for an interim tax levy for 2016.

Res: 25 Moved by: M. Hopkins Seconded by: C. Ross
Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson approve By-Law # 2016-815, being a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy for 2016. Carried

5. By-Law # 2016 – 816, being a by-law to confirm meeting proceedings.

Res: 26 Moved by: J. Kern Seconded by: C. Ross
Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson approve By-Law # 2016-816, being a by-law to confirm meeting proceedings. Carried

L) HEALTH & SAFETY:

1. Health & Safety Committee has organized the following for Staff training – First Aid & CPR.
• Two day sessions – January 21st and February 4th. to be held at the JTCC hall.

M) CLOSED MEETING:

The public that were present – were asked to leave during the closed session.

1. Closed session – pertaining to an appraisal report on the market value of the Gordon Lake Hall, 1800 Gordon Lake Road.

Res: 27 Moved by: C. Ross Seconded by: M. Hopkins
Be it resolved that the Township of Johnson Council proceed in Closed Session at 7:05 p.m. in order to address a matter pertaining to:
• A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board. Carried

Res: 28 Moved by: C. Ross Seconded by: M. Hopkins
Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson open the meeting to the public at 7:12 p.m. Carried

The lobby was checked to see if anyone was waiting to return to the meeting after closed session was finished.

Gordon Lake Hall – discussion on what the next step is:

- Council proceeded with discussion on rather to sell or keep running the Gordon Lake Hall
- Keeping open represents \$8.00 cost per property owner per year - this does not include any revenue that may come in.
- Need to increase the use, therefore the revenue to cover the expenses.
- Talked about lack of handicap accessibility and lack of parking
- Older building – what repairs will we be looking at in the future.
- Need to fix the existing problem with the south wall.
- Appraiser of the building comment on revenue on area local halls was an average of 15% - Gordon Lake Hall was 5%
- Should offer the hall to the Gordon Lake Social Club
- Council drafted two options to be given to the Gordon Lake Social Club – options as follows:

Option # 1:

- Offer the Gordon Lake Hall to the Social Club for \$1.00
- Give the Social Club \$5,000.00, a onetime contribution to the hall operations costs.
- Supply the cement blocks already purchased for the repair of the wall.

Option # 2:

- Offer two years from this date for the township to continue to operate the Gordon Lake Hall with the township covering the operating costs.
- The Gordon Lake Social Club guarantee \$4,000.00 in contribution in 2016 to assist with the recent repairs completed and yet to be completed to the wall.
- During the two years offered, the revenue must meet a minimum of 50% of the operating costs of 2015.

Res: 29

Moved by: M. Hopkins

Seconded by: J. Kern

Be it resolved that the Council approves the communication by correspondence to the Gordon Lake Social Club of the 2 options drafted by Council.

N) ADJOURNMENT:

Res: 30

Moved by: J. Kern

Seconded by: C. Ross

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Johnson adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.
Carried

Date Adopted

Ted Hicks, Mayor

Ruth Kelso, CAO/Clerk

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REQUEST FORM FOR DELEGATION AT A FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING

1. Person/Organization attending: Gavin Grant

Contact Information: 705-782-6600
grantcustom@sympatico.ca

2. Date wish to attend: ~~Dec 16 2015~~

February 17, 2016

3. Reason for attendance:
Discussion of the Gordon Lake Hall

G. Grant
Jan 19/16

4. Background for Council: Discuss finance costs to operate the hall and its future existence.

5. Please explain what response you are looking for from Council: example – Decision/resolution, Agreeing/Disagreeing with subject, letter of support, further investigation by Council etc.

Interested to see a fair and fiscally responsible decision in the interest of all rate payers to Johnson Twp.

Note:

- Delegations will have 15 minutes to present their concern.
- Only one person representing the delegation to present their concern.
- Your time requested will be confirmed by the Clerk.

G. Grant
07 Dec 15.

**Township of Johnson
By-Law Officer/CBO Report
To Council**

Date: February 17, 2016

Public Information: yes
Confidential: no

Recommendations:

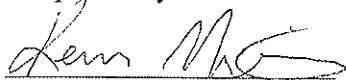
Information only.

Information:

1. Ontario Trillium Foundation grant update.

- I attended the Ontario Trillium Foundation seminar February 11, 2016 in Sault Ste. Marie about the grants that are available through their organization.
- The municipality can only apply for grants related to recreation, arts and culture.
- There are two categories where the grant targets for municipalities and they are under Active people or Inspired people. I have attached a description of the grant results that outline those two categories.
- We do not fall under these categories for accessibility to the municipal office as it is not under one of the grant results to be achieved in the two categories.
- The seed grant is to develop, launch or test a new idea or event, convene around an emerging issue, or conduct a feasibility study. The feasibility study for the housing project will not be covered under the seed grant because they stated that these grants are for something never been tried before anywhere. (I spoke to them and asked specifically about the project.) Another note that was pointed out at the meeting is that land purchase can be submitted under the Capital grants. This is an option that is new this year.
- I would recommend to council that we should apply for equipment through the Capital grant for the Recreation Department (Arena) for a new condenser and battery operated edger. If successful we would save our community money on future capital expenses.
- Please note that we still have to deal with accessibility issues at our municipal office as it is mandatory to comply.

Respectfully Submitted



Kevin Morris

By-Law Officer/CBO



ACTION AREAS

Fostering more active lifestyles

Building inclusive and engaged communities together

Encouraging people to support a healthy and sustainable environment

Enriching people's lives through arts, culture and heritage

Supporting the positive development of children and youth

Enhancing people's economic wellbeing

Higher quality programming and infrastructure to support physical activity

More people become active

Diverse groups work better together to shape community

Reduced social isolation

More ecosystems are protected and restored

People reduce their impact on the environment

Better quality programming and infrastructure to experience culture, heritage and the arts

More people connect with culture, heritage and the arts

More children and youth have emotional and social strengths

More youth are meaningfully engaged in the community

Increased economic stability

Increased economic opportunity

Trained and certified coaches, officials and volunteers

Infrastructure is accessible and available for physical activity

People have a say shaping the services and programs that matter to them

People who are isolated have connections in their community

People participate in ecosystem conservation and restoration efforts

Arts, culture and heritage have appropriate spaces

Access to arts-based learning opportunities and compelling artistic, cultural and heritage experiences

Youth facing barriers volunteer and are in leadership roles

Parents, caregivers and adult allies have the skills to support children and youth who are facing barriers

People who are economically vulnerable have access to community services that enhance financial stability

People have the skills and knowledge to achieve greater financial independence

Programs are safe, inclusive, fair, and age- and ability-appropriate

Ontarians participate in an active lifestyle

People who are marginalized take on leadership roles in their communities

Conservation and restoration efforts are better planned and more sustainable

Skills and knowledge are transferred to the next generation of artistic leaders

People and resource users take deliberate actions to benefit the environment

People are engaged in community-based arts creation

Youth are involved in creating solutions for challenges facing their communities

Children and youth who are facing barriers develop strong emotional and social skills

People who are economically vulnerable are able to meet their basic needs

People become and stay employed

People become entrepreneurs

GRANT RESULTS

Infrastructure for unstructured and structured physical activities

Diverse groups work together to improve community life

Mechanisms are developed to promote responsible resource stewardship

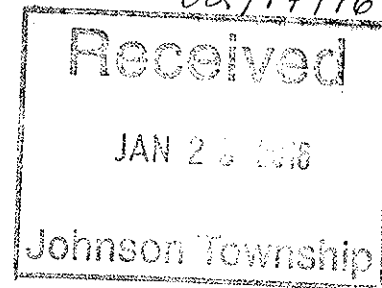
Preservation and animation of cultural heritage

For more details, visit otf.ca

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Michael Mantha MPP/député
Algoma-Manitoulin

January 11, 2016

Greyhound Canada Transportation Corporation
1111 International Blvd., Ste. 700
Burlington, ON
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Dear Greyhound Transportation Canada:

As MPP for Algoma-Manitoulin, my office has received a substantial quantity of telephone calls, letters and emails from constituents across the riding who have expressed concern regarding reduction in the number of regularly scheduled buses travelling the *TransCanada Highway* between Thunder Bay and Sudbury Ontario. Constituents, municipalities and First Nations band offices have contacted my office expressing frustration and dissatisfaction with the services made available to the public due to recent cuts by *Greyhound Canada*. According to the information we have received, there is only one trip heading east and west daily rather than the two runs that ran each way prior to changes last fall.

As you are likely aware, living in Northern Ontario presents numerous financial and geographical challenges in themselves. Algoma-Manitoulin represents a host of small but thriving northern rural communities, many of which stretch along the *TransCanada Highway*. While these small communities are in many ways self-sufficient, often residents are forced to seek out special services that are only available in larger centres which may require from two to six hours of travel. Many of our families and seniors face the realities of surviving on fixed incomes. For this reason, many are unable to afford their own vehicles for travel. Some seniors and disabled persons are no longer able to safely drive long distances on their own. Such residents are therefore forced to rely upon public transportation to access required services which are only available in larger centres.

Since Greyhound has cut services to the region, constituents have advised me that in many cases, they have no option other than catching Greyhound busses which are only available at very inconvenient times such as 0400 or 0500 hours. This is no small feat, especially for seniors and young families. Many must make special arrangements with family, friends and neighbours to find some form of transportation from their own communities down to where the bus passes on the *TransCanada*. They are forced to stand on the shoulder of the highways and wave down the bus in darkness, putting their lives in danger, especially on snowy or dark rainy mornings or nights.

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Some constituents have informed me that after travelling for a medical appointment during the day, they are then forced to wait until 2200 or 2300 hours to catch the only bus available to take them home after a long day of consultations or treatments. This means that, no matter what physical or mental condition they are in, they are forced to travel well into the small hours of the morning to reach their home. Then, after reaching the stop closest to their community, they may find themselves stranded, trying to arrange for transportation from that point, only to find that most businesses are closed. And in many cases, cellular phone service is not available along long stretches of the highways. This again raises concerns for the travellers' safety and welfare.

As you can clearly see, for many individuals and families, such conditions described above make travel so stressful or prohibitive that they are unable to make a trip which is necessary for their health or welfare.

In light of the correspondence that my office has been receiving on this matter, I ask how *Greyhound Canada* plans on addressing these serious concerns of safety and reasonable access to quality service for the people of Algoma-Manitoulin.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Michael Mantha, MPP
Algoma-Manitoulin

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MM: gb

- C.c. Chief Patsy Corbiere, Aundek Omni Kaning First Nation
Chief Dean Sayers, Batchewana First Nation
Chief Kevin Tangie, Brunswick House First Nation
Chief Keith Corston, Chapleau Cree First Nation
Chief Paul Syrette, Garden River First Nation
Chief Anita Stevens, Chapleau Ojibway First Nation
Chief Joe Buckell, Michipicoten First nation
Chief Jason Gauthier, Missinabie Cree First Nation
Chief Reginald Niganobe, Mississauga First Nation
Chief Wayne Sabourin, Pic Moberg First Nation
Chief Paul Eshkakogan, Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation
Chief Elaine Johnston, Serpent River First Nation
Chief Aguonie, Sheguiandah First Nation
Chief Dean Roy, Sheshegwaning First Nation
Chief Alfred Bisailon, Thessalon First Nation
Chief Franklin Paibonsai, Whitefish River First Nation
Chief Duke Peltier, Wikwemikong First Nation
Chief Irene Kells, Zhiibaahaasing First Nation
Sandra Ferund, NIHB Health Canada, Thunder Bay

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JOHNSON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTRE
RENTAL AGREEMENT

Schedule "C"
(to by-law # 2011-665)

SECURITY DEPOSIT

A security deposit of \$75.00 is required in addition to the rental fee. The deposit will be returned at the end of each year if the following conditions have been met:

- Tables/Chairs return to storage area were applicable.
- Garbage bagged and removed from venue's as per Section (8) of Schedule "A"
- Floor swept clean of spills etc. & ready for scrubbing
- Washrooms checked for running water and toilets flushed
- The whole facility must be left free from damage

Total Rental Fees for 2011 Season: \$1,350.00 + H.S.T.

1. Rental Season Period: June 1st to October 15th, 2011, rental times as per Schedule "B" - J.T. Farmers' Market Association Season 2011 of By-Law # 2011-665. The J.T. Farmers' Market shall submit a revised schedule before commencement of the Farmers' Market each year.
2. Billing will be as per Schedule "A", Section 6 - Rental & Security Costs of By-Law #2011-665.
3. Venues included as per Schedule "A" - Use, Section 2, of By-Law #2011-665.
- * 4. The Fee Schedule and Venues included will be reviewed before commencement of the Farmers' Market each year.

Please note - no increase in 2014. At present they pay \$1,450.00 + HST

2015 - increase $\frac{100.00 + HST}{1550.00}$

Farmer's Market 2015 (June to October - 19 Rentals)		Per Rental
Pavilion Rental		\$ 50.00
Half Day Rental (Zamboni room, skate sharpening room, lobby)		\$ 50.00
Canteen Rental (Light use kitchen)		\$ 55.00
Hydro (Weekly cost for Freezers and fridge)		\$ 12.37
Total		\$ 167.37
Total number of rentals x Total Rental (19 rentals x \$167.37)		\$ 3,180.03
Total	\$	3,180.03
Farmer's Market Rental Payment	\$	1,550.00
Amount subsidized by Municipality	\$	1,630.03

Totals - without HST

Based on the 2015 rentals the amount subsidized by the municipality for the Farmer's Market is \$1630.03 (51%)
Hydro numbers were calculated using the Hydro One appliance calculator.

Large Chest Freezer - \$16.90 per month

Upright Freezer - \$16.90 per month

Small Fridge - \$15.69 per month

Total cost per month is \$49.49 x 4.5 months divided by 19 rentals = \$12.37 per rental week.

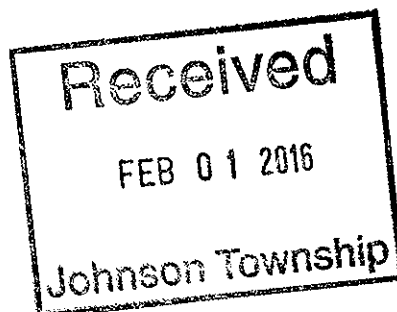
(Note* - appliances left plugged in for the 19 week Farmer's Market season.)

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January 22, 2016

Dear Township of Johnson,
Township of Johnson
1 Johnson Drive, PO Box 160
Desbarats ON P0R 1E0

Re: Invitation to participate in Autism Ontario's "Raise the Flag" campaign on **April 4th 2016** in celebration of World Autism Awareness Day.

Dear Sir / Madam,

April 2, 2016, will mark a historic day in Canada for the autism community. For the fourth year, Canadians will officially recognize World Autism Awareness Day.

To formally acknowledge the day, Autism Ontario is inviting all municipalities to proclaim April 2, 2016 as World Autism Awareness Day and **raise Autism Ontario's Flag on Monday, April 4th, 2016 due to weekend office closures on the official day.**

By participating in our 2016 "Raise the Flag" campaign, you are increasing public awareness about Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), and the day-to-day issues faced by people with autism and their families.

If your community is interested in supporting autism awareness by participating in Autism Ontario's "Raise the Flag" campaign on **April 4, 2016**, please return the attached RSVP form by mail on or before March 11, 2016.

Last year we requested that municipalities keep the flag for future use. We have a limited number of flags available for those who require one; please make note when completing the RSVP form if you require one.

The March 11, 2016 registration deadline will allow us to mail out flags to those who need it, and to advertise through our communication channels that your municipality will be participating. We recognize municipalities have a formal approval process for recognizing charitable proclamations and flag raisings, and may not be able to register by the deadline. If this is the case we still invite you to proclaim the day and raise a flag, if you have one. Please notify us of your participation by emailing rtf@autismontario.com.

Please visit www.raisetheflagforautism.com in the coming weeks to access new engaging resources and to share your stories of inclusion!

For questions regarding participation, please contact the Raise the Flag committee at 416-246-9592 or at rtf@autismontario.com.

Sincerely,

Autism Ontario's Raise the Flag Committee
1179 King Street west, Suite 004
Toronto, Ontario
M6K 3C5
416-246-9592
rtf@autismontario.com

About Us

Autism Ontario is the leading source of information on autism and one of the largest collective voices representing the autism community in Ontario. Today, 1 in 94 children are diagnosed with autism in Canada. Through improved public awareness, Autism Ontario strives to increase opportunities and acceptance for over 100,000 people living with Autism Spectrum Disorder in Ontario, ensuring that each person with ASD is provided the means to achieve quality of life as a respected member of society.

Learn more at www.autismontario.com

Enclosure:

- Proclamation
- RSVP form

Follow us on Twitter!

@AutismONT and tweet your Raise the Flag photos with #RaisetheFlagforAutism

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DR. HAROLD S. TREFRY MEMORIAL CENTRE

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ST. JOSEPH
Seniors and Disabled Persons Programs



The Township of Johnson

January 27, 2016

Dear Council Members:

The Dr. Harold S. Trefry Memorial Centre opened in 1994 as a Provincial pilot project to provide affordable and necessary services to seniors and persons with disabilities which would allow them to remain in their own homes and community, surrounded by family and friends, for a longer period of time. Our programs are offered to approximately 1,645 seniors in a catchment area that encompasses eight municipalities: The Township of St. Joseph, Township of Jocelyn, Township of Hilton, Village of Hilton Beach, Township of Johnson, Tarbutt and Tarbutt Additional, Township of Laird and MacDonald, Meredith and Aberdeen Additional.

The services include delivery of a hot, nutritious meal three days each week, two congregate dining events each month, transportation to medical appointments and for basic necessities, help with home maintenance, snow removal and yard care costs, a day outing with fun activities for clients offering respite for their caregivers, regular in-home visiting providing social contact and safety checks, falls prevention exercise classes, cards, quilting and several other social and health related endeavours designed to enhance an individuals' mental, emotional, and physical wellbeing.

The majority of the funding for our community support services is provided by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care through the North East Local Health Integration Network (NE LHIN). We have not received an increase in the annual Provincial funding since 2011, even though we have applied each year to the LHIN for more funds to accommodate the increased demand for services and rising costs to run the programs. As a result, non-urgent clients are still being placed on a waitlist. Councils in each of the municipalities in the catchment area are once more being asked to consider assisting with the cost of existing services based on the population of seniors in their respective townships.

As you enter into deliberations for your 2016 budget, we are asking you to please keep The Trefry Centre in mind. We would be grateful for your consideration of this request of support this year. Your representative on our Seniors and Disabled Persons Advisory Committee, Girlie Collings, along with The Trefry Centre staff, would be more than pleased to meet with you to discuss current services, possible expansion of services to better meet the increasing needs, and to answer any questions you may have.


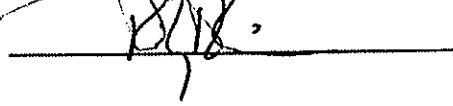
Letters to the Local Health Integration Network (LHIN), the Minister of Health, and our MPP Michael Mantha would also help to raise awareness of the funding shortages that restrict programming for seniors and persons with disabilities that result in growing waitlists for services.

Thank you for your consideration as it is most appreciated and will help ensure the continuation and success of our programs.

Sincerely,

Melinda Thomas
Program Coordinator, Seniors and Disabled Persons Services

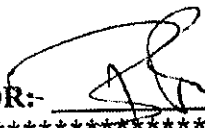
**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF THESSALON**

Moved by:  Date: January 18, 2016
Seconded by:  Resolution No.: 3

WHEREAS in Thessalon, Ontario, the Hospital which is part of the Blind River District Health Centre, provides 24 hour emergency services, in-patient acute care services and medical imaging. The existing site is over 50 years in age and was initially designed as a Long Term Care Facility.

WHEREAS the next closest inpatient hospitals include the Sault Area Hospital (SAH) which is 54.2 miles away and requires travel time of 1 hour and 2 minutes and the Blind River District Health Centre which is 35.9 miles away and requires travel time of 38 minutes. Treatment delays due to proximity issues can lead to substantial illness and fatalities.

WHEREAS this facility is part of the Dawson Street Partnership and Health Campus Model which is comprised of Algoma Manor Nursing Home (houses 96 residents), PHARA complex that hosts 33 totally accessible units with 5 being barrier free, the North Channel Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinic which provides primary health care, plus the Thessalon Hospital. This model supports the Multi-Sector Rural Health Hub Framework for Ontario.

CARRIED: _____ DEFEATED: _____ MAYOR: 

Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

James Orlando: _____
Jordan Bird: _____
Kimberly Hamilton: _____
Darlene McColman: _____
Randy Rankin: _____
Bill Rosenberg: _____
Ben Tetreault: _____

Recorded Vote (only if required as per Municipal Act, Sec. 61):

Jordan Bird: _____
Kimberly Hamilton: _____
Darlene McColman: _____
Randy Rankin: _____
Bill Rosenberg: _____
Ben Tetreault: _____
James Orlando: _____

The Mayor will circle the name of the member deemed to have requested the vote.

WHEREAS the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC) has already invested 15.3 million dollars into the construction of the Algoma Manor Nursing Home, over half a million dollars into the renovations to accommodate the North Channel NPLC, plus a huge investment on the part of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to develop the PHARA complex. The municipalities and First Nations directly invest substantially into physician recruitment initiatives plus the MOHLTC invests into the Northern Rural Recruitment and Retention program.

WHEREAS according to a Harvard Business Review, a new hospital reduces the chance of infections due to private rooms by 50% and decreases the length of stay by 10%. The current facility has a small emergency room with inadequate space to accommodate equipment and personnel when caring for seriously ill patients plus a high risk for exposure to infectious diseases with contamination of equipment and supplies. There is a lack of privacy which could result in violation to the Personal Health Information Protection Act (PHIPA), no wall suction or negative pressure room plus there are no restricted areas for Mental Health patients.

WHEREAS the new hospital would cost approximately 10 million dollars with 1 million of that provided by the municipalities. Fundraising initiatives are being planned and confirmed pledges have been made. The Board of Directors of the Algoma Manor Nursing Home has committed the property to construct the new facility which is adjacent to their facility. The property lease would cost \$1 annually with a 99 year term.

WHEREAS the construction of the new hospital supports Minister Hoskins' initiative entitled *Patients First: Action Plan for Health Care* and commitment to improve the health care systems in Ontario.

AND WHEREAS we require a commitment to receive funding to construct a new hospital to replace the existing one.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Thessalon respectfully requests that the Honourable Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC) provide the funding to construct the new hospital facility.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to the following requesting their support:

Mayor Gil Reeves, Municipality of Huron Shores

Mayor Lory Patteri, Town of Bruce Mines

Mayor Beth West, Township of Plummer Additional

Mayor Ted Hicks, Township of Johnson

Mayor Chris Burton, Township of Tarbutt and Tarbutt Additional

Mayor Dick Beitz, Township of Laird

Mayor Lynn Watson, Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional

Mayor Mark Henderson, Township of Jocelyn

Mayor Jody Wildman, Township of St. Joseph

Mayor Robert Hope, Village of Hilton Beach

Reeve Rodney Wood, Township of Hilton

Pam Ficociello, Administrator - Algoma Manor

Alice Radley, Executive Director - PHARA

Mary Anne Beith, Administrator - The North Channel NPLC

Algoma District Municipal Association (ADMA)

Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the following:

Honourable Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long Term Care

Honourable Ted McMeekin, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Danielle Belanger-Corbin, Chair of the Board of Directors, North East Local Health Integration Network (NELHIN)

Gaston LaVigne, CEO, Blind River Health Centre

Adriana Tetley, CEO, Association of Ontario Health Centres (AOHC)

Honourable David Oraziotti, Minister of Government and Consumer Services

Michael Mantha, MPP, Algoma Manitoulin.