

Regular Council Meeting Agenda April 17th, 2024 6:00 PM

Location: 1 Johnson Drive
The New Council Chambers

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:
- 2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:
- 3. DELEGATIONS:
 - a) Andrew Hallett PUC (Water pipe information)
 - b) Algoma Power Annual Update Michael Degilio
 - c) Agriculture Representatives from the Echo Bay to Desbarats Planning Board Jason Koivisto and Paul
- 4. MINUTES OF Previous Meeting: March 2024
- 5. STATEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF: March 2024
- **6. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Clerks Report, Recreation Report, Treasurer Report, Roads Report, Fire Dept. and Arena, Animal Control
- 7. ADOPT ADDENDUM:
- A. OLD BUSINESS:
- **B. NEW BUSINESS:**
 - 1. Resolution 2024- 65 Phone poll on March 21st, 2024 to give Stobie Mechanical permission to purchase a motor for the fire truck. Stobie Mechanical has graciously agreed in turn to install the motor at no charge to the Township.
 - 2. By-Law 2024-1102 being a by-law to assume and open portions of a public road owned by the Corporation of the Township of Johnson known as Parts 7,8,9&10 of 1R-8287 (a Portion of Deplonty Road)
 - By-law 2024-1103 being a by-law to assume and open portions of a public road owned by the Corporation of the Township of Johnson known as part 2 of Part 2 of Government Road and Part 2 of Fisher Road specifically being Parts PT LT 5 Con 6 PL 58 Johnson Except PT 1 1R-11801; PT LT 6 CON PL 58; Being PT 2 1R-14030; Johnson
 - 4. Resolution To appoint Ironside Consulting Services Inc. as the Integrity Commissioner for 2024-2027 as set out in the agreement.
 - 5. Resolution to approve the Public Works plan for 2024 as presented prior to budget adoption
- C. INFORMATION:



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- 1. Desbarats Drinking water annual and summary reports 2023 from PUC
- 2. Algoma District Services Administration Board Minutes from Feb. 22nd 2024
- 3. North Shore Health Network is expanding Medical Imaging Services at Thessalon and Richards Landing-Matthews Sites
- 4. Dr. Harold S. Trefry Memorial Centre presents funding information for 2024
- 5. Maamwesying Ontario Health Team and Algoma Public Health (Collaboration Agreement)
- 6. Res. Prince Edward County where the AODA aims to develop, implement and enforce standards related to good, services, accommodation, employment and buildings before Jan. 1 2025.
- 7. Res. Township of Adelaide Metcalfe to request the Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) consider increasing the maximum annual Tile loan limit to a minimum of \$100,000.00

D. MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS:

1. ADMA April 20, 2024

E. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

F. CLOSED SESSION:

- 1. 239.2 D To Address Matters related to Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations
 - Presentation of the Pay Equity Report
 - Animal Control Compensation

G. ADJOURNMENT:



The Corporation of the Township of Johnson

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST – Municipal Conflict of Interest Act

I, Council member (print)	, declare a potential (deemed/direct/indirect) pecuniary
interest on Council Agenda (check)	_ Committee Agenda (check)
Dated	Agenda Item Number
	for the following reason:
Year The Esperant Control of the Con	
Signature of member of council or committee	print name
NOTE: To be recorded in a registry along with	h the associated Minutes and available upon request for public inspection

Definition of interests:	
Indirect pecuniary interest	
2 For the purposes of this Act, a member has a board, as the case may be, is concerned, if,	an indirect pecuniary interest in any matter in which the council or local
(a) the member or his or her nominee,	
(i) is a shareholder in, or a director or senior o	officer of, a corporation that does not offer its securities to the public,
(ii) has a controlling interest in or is a director	or senior officer of, a corporation that offers its securities to the public, or
(iii) is a member of a body,	
that has a pecuniary interest in the matter; or	
(b) the member is a partner of a person or is in matter. R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50, s. 2.	the employment of a person or body that has a pecuniary interest in the

Interest of certain persons deemed that of member

3 For the purposes of this Act, the pecuniary interest, direct or indirect, of a parent or the spouse or any child of the member shall, if known to the member, be deemed to be also the pecuniary interest of the member. R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50, s. 3; 1999, c. 6, s. 41 (2); 2005, c. 5, s. 45 (3).





February 21, 2024



2024 Community Delegation Meetings Agenda

1. Introductions

2. Health Safety & Environment

- Third party work in proximity
- Environmental Sustainability Initiatives

3. Work plans in your Community

- o 2024 API Annual Roads Superintendents Meeting & Contractor Night
- Accelerated Broadband Project Update
- Major Capital Projects
 - > Line Rebuilds/Pole Replacements Projects:
 - Station & Reliability Projects
 - > Other Major Capital Projects
- Major Maintenance Activities
 - Vegetation Management Annual Work Program

4. What's happening in your community?

- Community Energy Planning
- o Major Development Plans

5. Customer Service

- Customer Engagement Surveys
- Customer Portal E-billing, bill access, online payments, online forms
- Streetlight Additions and Upgrades
- Emergency Preparedness

6. Regulatory

- Cost of Service
- o Distribution System Code Amendments Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure
- Reliability/Scorecard
- 2024 Distribution Rates

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Date: New 17 2034

Minutes of the Regular Meeting March 20th, 2024 1 Johnson Drive, Desbarats

The following minutes are comprised of resolutions and the Clerk's interpretation of the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM.

Present: R. McKinnon, E. McKinnon, J. Kern, K. Stobie, G. Grant

Staff: J. Maguire, F. Labelle, T. Phillips, R. Smith, J. Boucher, D. Methot

Pecuniary Interest was filed by Mayor McKinnon for Item B2 on the agenda.

Res: 2024-43 J. Kern, G. Grant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL accepts the minutes for the February 2024 meeting as

presented. (cd)

Res: 2024-44 G. Grant, J. Kern

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL accepts the statements for the February 2024 meeting as

presented. (cd)

Councillor Stobie came in at 6:08pm

Res: 2024-45 E. McKinnon, G. Grant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL accepts the staff reports for February 2024 as presented. (cd)

BE IT THAT COUNCIL agreed on t-shirts to wear at different functions that say STAFF on them.

Res: 2024-46 E. McKinnon, G. Grant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL request an extension of the CACC agreement until other items

are dealt with and reviewed. (cd)

Res: 2024-47 J. Kern, E. McKinnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL accepts the addendum as presented. (cd)

Res: 2024-48 G. Grant, E. McKinnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL adopt By-law 2024-1098 being a Human Resource Policy for the Corporation of the Township of Johnson. (cd) $\frac{1}{2}$

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting March 20th, 2024 BE IT THAT COUNCIL adopt the updated version of the Human Resource Policy change the Bereavement Days to say paid.

Res: 2024-49 J. Kern, K. Stobie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL accept the resignation of the Treasurer with regret. (cd)

Res: 2024-50 J. Kern, G. Grant

Whereas Council participated in a tender for Bridge and Culvert Inspections, facilitated by Plummer Township.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL accept the tender bid from Kresin Engineering for the Bridge and Culvert inspections. (cd)

Res: 2024-51 K. Stobie, E. McKinnon

Whereas the Algoma Federation of Agriculture has focused their efforts on safety matters as it relates to farmers

And Whereas, the Federation has secured funding from the Ontario Federation Association to provide some assistance with the installation of 911 field entrances for Algoma farmers, therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL accepts the application form created for 911 field Entrance signs that farmers are required to obtain and submit for partial reimbursement from OMAFRA. (cd)

Res: 2024-52 K. Stobie, G. Grant

Where the Township of Johnson supports the resolution from the Township of St. Joseph regarding the closure of the PHO lab in Sault Ste. Marie;

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL SUPPORTS A RESOLUTION OF OPPOSITION TO Ontario's Minister of Health, addressing the impacts of the closure of not only the Sault Ste. Marie lab, but other impacted PHO labs. (cd)

Res: 2024-53 J. Kern, E. McKinnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL support the Town of Cobourg, requesting provincial and federal levels of government examining the affordability of water and wastewater systems in small, rural municipalities

AND FURTHER that Council advocate with AMO, FONOM, ROMA and FCM to examine if the unaffordability of water and wastewater system operational costs is systemic, provincially and nationally.

Res: 2024-54 G. Grant, K. Stobie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL support a resolution for the Town of Aurora regarding the need for updated Municipal Codes of Conduct to include tools that address expectations of council member behavior. (cd)

Res: 2024-55 J. Kern, G. Grant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL accepts a resolution for the Town of Goderich recommending a combined conference of the Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) and Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA) conferences to assist with the financial burden of attending and to improve attendance by Council members and staff. (cd)

Res: 2024-56 E. McKinnon, K. Stobie

WHEREAS the Ontario Heritage Act (27(16) Stipulates that any non-designated heritage property listed in the municipal register of properties as of December 31, 2022 shall be removed from the municipal register on or before January 1, 2025, if the Council of the municipality does not give notice of intention to designate the property under subsection 29(10) of the Ontario Heritage Act on or before January 1, 2025;

And WHEREAS the town of Cobourg is requesting the Province of Ontario to permit extensions of the timeline to January 1, 2030

BE IT RESOLVD THAT COUNCIL SUPPORTS THE Town of Cobourg in their request. (cd)

Res: 2024-57 K. Stobie, E. McKinnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL supports the Township of Georgian Bluffs in their efforts to petition the Minister of Tourism, Culture and sport for the increased funding for Libraries and Museums. (cd)

Res: 2024-58 J. Kern, K. Stobie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL supports Coleman Township in their efforts to support the Ontario Conservation Authority Association to have Conservation Officers in the Province of Ontario be classified as Enforcement Officers, and to be compensated fairly And further, that a letter of support be forwarded to Ontario Premier Doug Ford regarding this matter. (cd)

Res: 2024-59 K. Stobie, G. Grant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL move into closed session at 7:05pm to address the following matters:

239(2) Labour relations or employee negotiations including terms of employment and compensation relating to specific employees. (cd)

Res: 2024-60 J. Kern, G. Grant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL came out of closed session at 7:34 pm. (cd)

Res: 2024-61 J. Kern, E. McKinnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL adopt By-Law 2024-1100 to move the Deputy-Treasurer into the Treasurer position.

Res: 2024-62 E. McKinnon, J. Kern
BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL direct staff advertise for the position of a Deputy
Treasurer/Office Admin staff person. (cd)

Res: 2024-63 G. Grant, K. Stobie
BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL adopt By-law 2024-1101 being a confirming by-law to adopt, ratify and confirm the actions of Council. (cd)

Res: G. Grant, E. McKinnon
BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL adjourns at 7:34pm until the next scheduled meeting on April 17, 2024 or at the call of the Mayor. (cd)

CAO/Clerk Janet Maguire

Mayor: Reg McKinnon

Corp. of the Township of Johnson Income Statement 01/01/2024 to 03/31/2024

Agenda Item 3

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Tax Levy	891,381.02
Grants	
Grants - Provincial	399,830.00
Total Grants	399,830.00
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Utility Environmental Total	41,324.07
Arena Subtotal	24,769.37
Recreation Revenue	
Recreation - Annual Events	3,158.35
Recreation - Gordon Lake Hall	564.76
Recreation Subtotal	3,723.11

Other Revenue	
Other Income	881.00
Fire Dept - Other Revenue	3,801.21
Kitchen Rentals	900.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	1,532.64
Donations	117.00
Recreation Annual Programs	10.00
Total Other Revenue	7,241.85
TOTAL REVENUE	1,368,269.42
EXPENSE	
Payroll Expense	
Total Payroll	228,570.03
School Board Expense	
Tax Expense - English Public	43,808.44
Tax Expense - French Public	246.60
Tax Expense - English Seperate	4,260.35
Tax Expense - French Seperate	554.75
Total School Board Expense	48,870.14
Expenses	
Accounting & Legal	2,004.62
Banking \ Late Fees	575.22

Training \ Conferences	3,143.39
Courier & Postage	3,485.03
Memberships & Subscriptions	4,311.62
Travel & Meals	889.58
Insurance	124,869.66
Office Supplies	1,771.51
Computer Supplies\Services	4,116.85
Utilities Expense	29,880.10
Telephone\Internet	4,137.87
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,825.48
Equipment Costs - Projects	14,557.46
Small Equipment	6,474.32
Equipment Rental	990.34
Equipment Repairs & Maintenance	45,196.14
Consumables	1,116.58
Building Maintenance	21,124.95
Rec. Project Costs	759.05
Vehicle Fuel/Gas	12,405.62
Materials	86,461.88
Joint Landfill	6,176.87
Rail Maintenance \ Flashers	6,151_16
Funded Projects	23,476.34
Policing Services	38,600.00
EMO Emergency Management	300.00
Algoma Public Health	16,053.00
Library Services	2,405.00
Algoma District Services Board	88,658.01
Contracts	42,268.78
Chief Bldg Officer Contract	9,964.81
Planning	35,759.14
MPAC Contract	5,488.67
By-Law Enforcement Officer Contract	707.28
Animal Control Officer Contract	400.00
Safety Equip/Clothing	742.83
Donations	100.00
Total Expenses	647,349.16
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TOTAL EXPENSE	924,789.33
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NET INCOME	443,480.09

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Corp. of the Township of Johnson Payment Log from 03/01/2024 to 03/31/2024

16282		Payee	Amount	Cheque Date
	Payment	Linde Canada Inc.	\$ 164.81	03/10/2024
16283	Payment	Technical Standards and Safety Authority	\$ 250.00	03/10/2024
16284	Payment	Nor-Therm Ltd. Holder header extract from	\$ 7,334.46	03/10/2024
16285	Payment	Da-Lee Calcinia	\$ 23,413.60	03/10/2024
16286	Payment	ANP Office Supply	\$ 258.92	03/10/2024
16287	Payment	Bugland Pest Mgmt Inc	\$ 322.05	03/10/2024
16288	Payment	Co-operative Regionale De Nippissin	\$ 4,362.70	03/10/2024
16289	Payment	Northern Powertrain	\$ 245.18	03/10/2024
VP430	Payment	Algoma Power Inc	\$ 8,798.63	03/10/2024
VP431	Payment	McDougall Energy	\$ 1,341.93	03/10/2024
VP432	Payment	Enbridge Gas Inc	\$ 2,749.09	03/10/2024
VP433	Payment	Algoma Office Equipment	\$ 887.72	03/10/2024
DD91229-91240	Payroll	Payroll Ending 2024.03.09	\$ 19,058.29	03/12/2024
16290	Payment	Dennis Seabrook	\$ 435.00	03/14/2024
16291	Payment	Michael Johnson	\$ 435.00	03/14/2024
16292	Payment	Ruth Thompson	\$ 240.00	03/14/2024
16293	Payment	North Shore Sentinel	\$ 62.15	03/14/2024
16294	Payment	Johnson Farmers' Market	\$ 40.00	03/14/2024
16295	Payment	Terry Phillips Cools	\$ 259.88	03/18/2024
16296	Payment	Township of Plummer Additional	\$ 2,825.00	03/18/2024
16297	Payment	Data Cabling Communications	\$ 2,167.79	03/18/2024
16298	Payment	Tulloch Engineering Inc	\$ 720.94	03/18/2024
16299	Payment	17E Trading Post	\$ 440.11	03/18/2024
16300	Payment	Minister of Finance OPP	\$ 12,904.00	03/18/2024
16301	Payment	PUC Services Inc.	\$ 8,572.55	03/18/2024
16302	Payment	A. J. Clarke and Associates Ltd	\$ 17,825.75	03/18/2024
16303	Payment	Algoma Public Health	\$ 8,026.50	03/18/2024
16304	Payment	Soo Overhead Doors	\$ 2,727.42	03/18/2024
16305	Payment	ThyssenKrupp Elevator	\$ 2,518.63	03/18/2024
16306	Payment	Algoma District Services Administration Board	\$	03/18/2024
16307	Payment	Tyler A. Bertrand	\$	03/18/2024
	Payment	Gallagher Benefit Services (Canada) Group Inc.	\$	03/18/2024
16309	Payment	CB Technologies	\$ -	03/18/2024
16310	Payment	Northern Rural Net, Inc.	\$	03/18/2024
16311	Payment	Dana Whittle	\$	03/18/2024
16312	Payment	McClelland's Hardware	\$	03/18/2024
16313	Payment	Trefry Memorial Centre	\$	03/18/2024
16314	Payment	Matthew's Memorial Hospital Assoc.	\$	03/18/2024
16315	Payment	North Shore Health Network	\$	03/18/2024
16316	Payment	Heritage Home Hardware	\$	03/19/2024
VP436	Payment	Algoma Office Equipment	\$	03/19/2024
VP437	Payment	Huron Central Railway Inc.	\$	03/19/2024



The Township of Johnson

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Date: April 17 2024

April 2024

Clerks Report:

The Public Works Department have started grading, and cleaning Lake Huron Drive this week. Plans are to start on Summer works as soon as possible.

Recreation had a gathering last night that brought out a few interested people that will help with different events. The people that came also brought a lot of good ideas and information that will build the recreation events.

They are also gearing up for community night so if you have ideas or can help out, reach out to flabelle@johnsontownship.ca and she can give you information.

Building permit season has started and it seems to getting off on a good start.

There have been a lot of calls regarding dogs running loose, barking all the time and aggressive dogs. Also, to keep in mind that that the animal by-law 2003-459 there is to be only three dogs in one dwelling and all dogs must be vaccinated and Township Dog tags be issued by the office. With that being said cats also have been getting out of hand in the hamlet. Even though cats are good for rodent control they can also cause damage to people's property. There is also a few people that have animals within the hamlet, there are to be no animals within the Hamlet. The animal control person has the right to catch an animal that is even one inch off your property and take it to the pound and when they take it there, some animals especially cats are only held overnight due to overcrowding.

Janet Maguire CAO/Clerk



Recreation & Events Coordinator Report for April 17, 2024

This report covers information about programming completed in and March along with upcoming programs, marketing information, and grant updates.

Recreation Committee Update:

Meetings are scheduled once a month for 2024. Past Recreation meeting minutes and agendas are available upon request and at the recreation office.

Volunteer Recruitment/Recreation meeting was held April 10th,2024.

April 2024, Programming Results:

Earth Day is scheduled for April 20th, we are in a challenge with our neighboring townships to see who collects the most bags of garbage. They get the bragging rights.

Upcoming Programs:

May will start roller-skating Baseball starts May 13th weather pending

Booking Highlights:

- Yoga hosted by Terri Veerman Tuesday's
- 50+ Club Wednesday's 1pm-3pm in the Hall

Marketing Updates:

- Newsletter: The monthly Newsletter for April went out the beginning of April (issue 119)

Grant Updates:

- Applied for students grants for summer 2024 waiting for confirmation
- Applied for the Participation grant 2024 waiting for confirmation

Current Projects:

Kitchen Renovation plans, tender went out April 8, 2024
 with renos starting middle of July with completion date of August 30, 2024

Report Completed By:

Frieda Labelle

Events & Recreation Coordinator/Marketing & Promotions Johnson Township flabelle@johnsontownship.ca | 705-782-6601 x 205 | 705-971-2181



Public Works Department
Terry Phillips Road Superintendent
705-257-7761
publicworks@johnsontownship.ca

With the weather starting to straighten up we have been able to get most of the roads graded up. The tower building has a new roof and the steel should be on this week. Potholes has been a bit of a problem on the surface treatment but have been trying to stay on top of them. We are done brushing GLR and the corner on Diamond Lake Rd, I still have a couple small spots I want to brush before we take the head off.

I have my locates submitted and hope to start my work plan in the couple weeks. Attached you will find my work plan for 2024.

Thanks

Terry

Johnson Township Fire Dept.

- Report to Council - 4/17/24

- 1) Jason Scourse and I attended the North Eastern Education Fire Conference in Hunstville in March.
 - a. Several topics of interest arose along with the opportunity to view new tools, PPE and equipment for a wide variety of applications.
 - b. Topics included
 - i. Evacuations Lessons learned
 - ii. Updates from the OFM (Ontario Fire Marshal) and OAFC (Ont.Assoc of Fire Chiefs)
 - iii. OPP & OTM Book 7 Hwy Temporary Conditions MGMT
 - iv. Fireground Rehabilitation
 - v. Wildland Fires
 - vi. Digitizing Data Community Risk Assessment
 - vii. Mental Health Program for First Responders
 - viii. Cancer Prevention
- 2) Of particular interest was the Digitizing of Data and having an opportunity to see the complexity of the latest Community Risk Assessment that is due in July of this year.
 - a. There is a significant amount of data required to complete this task
 - b. CEMC involvement will be required
- 3) With the recent engine failure on the Rescue truck, the age and overall reliability of the vehicle comes into question. With any 30 year old vehicle that is carrying a substantial equipment load and used for emergency responses there is a time to look at replacement rather than to continue to repair.
 - a. A request has been made through the OAFC for used Rescue trucks that may be coming up for sale in the near future.
 - i. Our current vehicle was purchased used, and has served us well. It is however, time to look for a replacement vehicle that would bring us forward in the 2000's. The current vehicle's replacement parts are becoming more difficult to locate and it is only a matter of time before we have another significant issue.
 - b. A number of sources are being utilized to locate a suitable replacement, and it should be noted that these vehicles tend not to stay on the market very long.
 - c. Specs are being defined for a replacement apparatus new versus used is a part of the conversation along with overall cost of replacement.
- 4) The discussion with our dispatch service provider will continue. Recent discussions in SSM are looking at the potential to combine fire & police dispatch in Sault Ste. Marie. The suggestion was made that this could provide an additional provider for services to smaller fire departments.
 - a. CACC is going to continue providing dispatch services, however, they have suggested they would not notify Bruce Mines when a call comes through for Johnson Dept.
 - b. I would suggest we do not want to sign a 4 year agreement with them until we have more details defined.
 - c. Quattra has been asked to provide a quote for assuming our dispatch and I am expecting to hear from them soon.
 - i. First indication is that they will be higher cost, and may not in fact be able to provide the same level of service we currently have.



Johnson Township Community Centre

Denise Methot: Facility Manager

705-782-6601 ext.801

arena@johnsontownship.ca

Apr. 17th Regular Council Meeting

JTCC Facility Report to Council

Mar/ Apr Items:

- Because our last ice booking was on Good Friday we turned up the plant just enough to make scraping easier. On Tuesday Plant was shut completely down and there wasn't much ice left just on corners.
- Obtained a quote for lights above rink surface
- Obtained a quote to put power to pavilion
- Submitted most of my budget items
- Purchased an industrial size shop vac to save time and energy on taking out the left-over water on rink surface to speed up an otherwise very time-consuming job to clean up rink surface.
- Figured out that both Zambonis can be stored in the Zamboni room for the summer season with the door open to the rink.
- Door and netting have been removed
- Measurements have been taken to make an aluminum ramps which will be built in time for our first event on the rink surface.

Denise Methot, Facility manager

Janet Maguire

From: Leanne Thomas <thomasndow@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2024 11:25 AM

To: Janet Maguire

Subject: Monthly report for March 2024.

There were no dog incidents to report for the month of March 2024.

Although there were no dog incidents; I did receive several calls regarding stray cats. Cats have never been included in the by-laws and without financial assistance, I will no longer be accepting cat calls. The humane society will not respond, nor PAWS for trapping of any cats. It would be fantastic if the township could find a registered, insured rescue that I could refer these calls.

Respectfully

Leanne Dow Animal Control Officer



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2024-65

Date: March 21st, 2024

Moved By: Jason Kern

Seconded By: Gavin Grant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL Approves permission for Stobie Mechanical to purchase a motor for the 1995 fire truck for the price of \$3,300.00 US plus taxes and Stobie Mechanical has graciously agreed in turn to install the motor at No Charge to the Township.

	Conflict	Conflict of Interest		<u>Against</u>	Absent
RECORDED VOTE: DEFEATED: TABLED: WITHDRAWN: DEFERRED: CARRIED: (Phone Poll)	E. McKinnon J. Kern G. Grant K. Stobie R. McKinnon				
<i>MAYOR</i> : Reg McKinnon		<i>CLERK/CA</i> Janet Mag		t Magu	ul



Agenda Item B 2

Date: April 17 2084

The Corporation of THE TOWNSHIP of JOHNSON

By-Law 2024-1102

BEING A BY-LAW to assume and open portions of a public road owned by the Corporation of the Township of Johnson.

WHEREAS the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c. 25 allows for a Municipality to establish ownership and pass By-laws regarding public roads; and

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Township of Johnson has taken ownership of part of specifically being Parts 7,8,9 &10 on a Reference Plan deposited as 1R-8287 (a portion of Deplonty Road); and

WHEREAS the lands affected by this By-law where acquired by the Municipality for the purpose of a highway; and

WHEREAS Parts 7,8,9&10 of 1R-8287 (a portion of Deplonty Road) have been and are used to form part of the public highway; and

NOW THEREFORE the Corporation of the Township of Johnson hereby enacts as follows:

- 1. The ownership of the lands being Part 7,8,9&10 on Plan IR-8287 have been assumed and are declared open and the same are established and laid out as a public highway within the Corporation of the Township of Johnson.
- 2. That this By-law shall take immediate effect upon its passing.

THAT this By-Law shall repeal and replace any and all By-Laws or Policies previously passed for this purpose.

READ for a first and final time and passed this 17th day of April, 2024

Mayor	
Reg McKinnon	
Clerk/CAO	SEAL
Janet Maguire	

IR-8287



Agenda Item B 3

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WHEREAS the lands affected by this By-law where acquired by the Municipality for the purpose of a highway; and

WHEREAS Part 2 of Government Road and Part 2 of Fisher Road specifically being Parts PT LT 5 CON 6 PL 58 Johnson Except PT 1 1R-11801; PT LT 6 CON 6 PL 58; Being PT 2 1R-14030 Johnson have been and are used to form part of the public highway; and

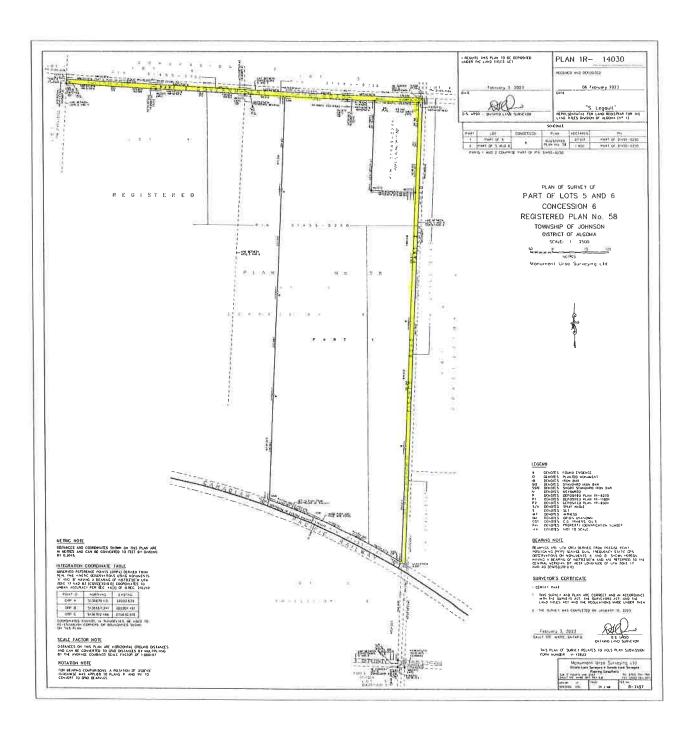
NOW THEREFORE the Corporation of the Township of Johnson hereby enacts as follows:

- 1. The ownership of the lands being Part 2 of Government Road and Part 2 of Fisher Road, Specifically being Parts PT LT 5 CON 6 PL 58, Johnson Except PT 1 1R-11801; PT LT 6 CON 6 PL 58; Being PT 2 1R-14030; Johnson have been assumed and are declared open and the same are established and laid out as a public highway within the Corporation of the Township of Johnson.
- 2. That this By-law shall take immediate effect upon its passing.

THAT this By-Law shall repeal and replace any and all By-Laws or Policies previously passed for this purpose.

READ for a first and final time and passed this 17th day of April, 2024

Mayor	
Reg McKinnon	
Clerk/CAO	SEAL
Janet Maguire	







Resolution or By-Law No Date: April 17, 2024 Moved By: Seconded By: BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL ______ on a Ironside Consultants to be the Integrity Commissioner for the Township of Johnson for 3 years ending in April 2027, at which time a new Integrity Commissioner or a renewed contract will be done. Conflict of Interest for <u>Against</u> <u>Absent</u> E. McKinnon RECORDED VOTE: J. Kern DEFEATED: ___ G. Grant TABLED: ___ K. Stobie WITHDRAWN: ___ R. McKinnon DEFERRED: ____ CARRIED: MAYOR: CLERK/CAO: Reg McKinnon Janet Maguire

ENGAGEMENT OF INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF JOHNSON

THIS AGREEMENT made IN DUPLICATE THIS	DAY OF	MONTH	YEAR):
BETWEEN:			

The Corporation of the Township of Johnson (Hereinafter referred to as the "Township"

And

Ironside Consulting Services Inc.
(Hereinafter referred to as the "Integrity Commissioner)

THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSES THAT in consideration of the mutual promises and obligations contained herein, the Parties agree as follows:

1. INTREGRITY COMMISSIONER

The integrity commissioner is Ironside Consulting Services Inc., and the role and function may be assigned to Antoinette Blunt, or another employee or sub-contractor deemed by the company to be qualified to perform the role and function as defined in this agreement.

2. TERM

This agreement (the "Agreement") shall commence (date) and end (date). The "Term" provided that this Agreement is not previously cancelled or terminated by the Township in accordance with this Agreement by operation of law or otherwise, and further provided that the Integrity Commissioner has faithfully complied with an performed all the covenants and conditions as set out in this Agreement on its part to be performed during the Term.

The Township reserves the right to extend the Agreement upon mutual agreement of the Parties hereto and on completion of the Term as set out herein.

3. DESCRIPTION OF WORK

The work (the "Work") shall consist of:

(1) Provide all that is necessary and required to perform all the work shown and described in this Agreement and attached as Schedules "A" and "B" to this Agreement.

4. EXECUTION OF WORK

- (1) The Integrity Commissioner shall carry out the work in a diligent manner.
- (2) No information about any account shall be given to any person or entity by the Integrity Commissioner either during or after the Term unless prior written authorization to do so

has been provided by the Township and only then, in accordance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, R.S.O. 1900, c. M. 56. Upon expiry of this Agreement, the Integrity Commissioner shall provide to the Municipality all accounts and related documentation pertaining to such accounts.

5. PAYMENT FOR SERVICES

(1) The Integrity Commissioner shall invoice the Township monthly for the Work performed for the Township at the rates noted as follows:

Hourly Rate:

\$262.50/hour for 2024 + HST (Subject to annual increases) – Integrity

Commissioner

Legal services are sub-contracted and invoiced at cost to the client.

<u>Telephone</u>

Consultation/Responding to

Questions Via Email:

Minimum fee of 20 minutes time (\$87.50)

Workshops/Training:

Fees to be determined with client and will include research and development of materials, presentation, and disbursements. Fees are based in part on number of participants. Involvement of Municipal Lawyer in training may be sub-contracted and invoiced at lawyer's fees.

Disbursements:

Separately invoiced at cost and may include items such as:

- Courier fees, Supplies
- Travel expenses (gas, air fare, taxi, car rental, etc.), meals and accommodation expenses for out-of-town assignments.
- Mileage charged at \$.68/km.

Notes:

- 1. There is no retainer for services. Fees are only charged on services delivered and at the hourly rate.
- 2. Annual Fee is subject to increase annually in January, up to 10% of current fee.
- 3. HST at 13% (Unless client is HST exempt)
- 4. Hourly fee is charged for one-way travel time.
- 5. Accounts are invoiced monthly.
- 6. Payment is due upon receipt of invoice.
- 7. Services cancelled with less than 24 hours' notice are subject to payment of full fees and any disbursements incurred that cannot be reversed.
- 8. The proponent is an independent contractor, and the company is incorporated and as such, the proponent is solely responsible for all payments and/or deductions required including those required for Canada Pension Plan, Employment Insurance, and Income Tax.
- 9. Business Number: 87739 0922 RT0001

Except where a dispute arises with respect to the accuracy of an invoice, the Township shall pay to the Integrity Commissioner invoiced within sixty (60) days or receipt thereof. Failure to do so may result in interest being charged.

6. TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

- (1) The Township may terminate this Agreement, without cause or reason, by giving the Integrity Commissioner thirty (30) days written notice of its intention to do so.
- (2) Upon termination of this Agreement, the Integrity Commissioner and the Township shall forthwith pay to each other any monies owing to date, ands the Integrity Commissioner shall return any incomplete account materials.

7. INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION

- (1) The Integrity Commissioner shall protect itself from and against all claims that might arise from anything done, proposed to be done or omitted to be done by the Integrity Commissioner, its officers, employees, agents, or contractors in connection with this Agreement.
- (2) For the purposes of Section 6 (1) of this Agreement, and without restricting this generality of that Section, the Integrity Commissioner shall:
 - At their expense obtain and keep in force during the term of the Agreement, Commercial Genera; Liability Insurance satisfactory to the Township and underwritten by an Insurer licensed to conduct business in the Province of Ontario. The policy shall provide coverage for Bodily Injury, Property Damage and Personal Injury and shall include but not be limited to:
 - (a) A limit of liability of not less than \$5,000,000 per occurrence with an aggregate of not less than \$5,000,000.
 - (b) Add the Corporation of the Township of Tarbutt as an additional insured with respect to the operations of the Named Insured.
 - (c) The policy shall contain a provision for cross liability and severability of interest in respect of the Named Insured.
 - (d) Non-owned automobile coverage with a limit not less than \$2,000,000 and shall include contractual non-owned coverage (SEF 96)
 - (e) Products and completed operations coverage.
 - (f) Contractual Liability
 - (g) Work performed on Behalf of the Named Insured by Sub-Contractors.
 - (h) The policy shall provide 30 days prior notice of cancellation.
 - Take out and keep in force Professional Liability insurance in the amount of \$5,000,000 providing coverage for acts, errors and omissions arising from their professional services performed under this Agreement. The policy SIR/deductible shall not exceed \$25,000 per claim and if the policy has an aggregate limit, the amount of the aggregate shall be double the required per claim limit. The policy shall be underwritten by an insurer licensed to conduct business in the province of Ontario and acceptable to the Township of Tarbutt. The policy shall be renewed for three years after contract termination. A certificate of insurance evidencing renewal is to be provided each year. If the policy is to be cancelled or non-renewed for any reason, 90-day notice of said cancellation or non-renewal must

be provided to the Risk Manager of the Township of Tarbutt. The Township of Tarbutt has the right to request that an Extended Reporting Endorsement be purchased by the (Professional) at the (Professional's) sole expense.

(3) The Supplier shall defend, indemnify and save harmless the Township of Tarbutt, its elected officials, officers, employees and agents from and against any and all claims of any nature, actions, causes of action, losses, expenses, fines, costs (including legal costs), interest or damages of every nature and kind whatsoever, including but not limited to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death or to damage to or destruction of tangible property, including loss of revenue or incurred expenses resulting from disruption of services, arising out of or allegedly attributable to the negligence, acts, errors, omissions, misfeasance, nonfeasance, fraud or willful misconduct of the Supplier, its directors, officers, employees, agents, contractors, and subcontractors, or any of them, in connection with or in any way related to the delivery or performance of this Contract. The indemnity shall be in addition to and not in lieu of an insurance to be provided by the supplier in accordance with this Contract and shall survive this Contract.

8. ASSIGNMENT

The Integrity Commissioner shall not assign this Agreement or any portion thereof without the prior written consent of the Township. If the Township consents to such assignments, the Integrity Commissioner shall ensure that any assignees undertaking any of the Integrity Commissioner's obligations hereunder shall be bound by the terms of this Agreement. The Integrity Commissioner shall not be released of its obligation to the Township by reason of this assignment, and the Integrity Commissioner shall be deemed liable for any breach of this Agreement, or any legislations or regulations, committed by the assignee.

9. TOWNSHIP AND INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER CONTACT PERSONS

The following contact persons and addresses shall be used by all Parties for all matters in this Agreement that require the Parties to send documentation to a Party, or to contact a Party:

The Township of Johnson CAO/Clerk 1 Johnson Drive, PO Box 160 Desbarats, Ontario POR 1E0

Antoinette Blunt Ironside Consulting Services Inc. 155 Ironside Drive Prince Township, ON P6A 6K4

Office Phone: 705-779-3223 Cellular: 705-542-3504

10. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS

(1) The Integrity Commissioner is an independent contractor and neither the Integrity Commissioner nor the Integrity Commissioner's staff is or shall be deemed to be employed by the Township. The Integrity Commissioner reserves the right to determine

the method, manner and means by which the services will be performed in accordance with Schedules "A" and "B" attached. Notwithstanding the same, the Integrity Commissioner acknowledges and agrees to discharge its obligations and perform the services set out herein in accordance with the terms of this Agreement (including Schedules "A" and "B" attached), the Township's Code of Conduct and all applicable legislation including but not limited to the *Municipal Act, 2002* and the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*.

- (2) The Integrity Commissioner is not required to perform the services during a fixed hourly or daily time and if services are performed at the Township's premises, then the Integrity Commissioner's time spent at the premises is to be at the discretion of the Integrity Commissioner, subject to the Township's normal business hours and security requirements. The Integrity Commissioner hereby confirms to the Township that the Township will not be required to furnish or provide any training to the Integrity Commissioner to enable the Integrity Commissioner to perform services required hereunder.
- (3) The services shall be performed by the Integrity Commissioner or Integrity
 Commissioner's staff and the Township shall not be required to hire, supervise, or pay any
 assistants to help the Integrity Commissioner who performs the services under this
 agreement. The Integrity Commissioner shall not be required to devote the Integrity
 Commissioner's full time nor the full time of the Integrity Commissioner's staff to the
 performance of the services required hereunder, and it is acknowledged that the Integrity
 Commissioner has other Clients, and the Integrity Commissioner offers services to the
 public.
- (4) The order or sequence in which work is to be performed shall be under the control of the Integrity Commissioner, except to the extent that the Integrity Commissioner's work must be performed on or with the Township's computers or the Township's existing software. All materials used in providing the services shall be provided by the Integrity Commissioner.
- (5) The Township shall not provide any insurance coverage of any kind for the Integrity Commissioner or the Integrity Commissioner's staff, and the Township will not withhold any amount that would normally be withheld from an employee's pay.

11. AMENDMENTS

The Township and the Integrity Commissioner hereby acknowledge and agree that any future amendments to this Agreement must be made in writing and assigned by both Parties.

12. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

The Integrity Commissioner acknowledges that there are no covenants, representations, warranties, agreements, or conditions expressed or implied, collateral or otherwise forming part of or in any way affecting or relating to this Agreement other than as set out in this Agreement and the Contract documents, which constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties, and which may be modified as set out in Section 11 of this Agreement.

13. SUCCESSORS

The provisions of this Agreement shall be binding upon and enure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective successors and where applicable, permitted assigns.

14. GOVERNING LAW

The Parties acknowledge and agree that this Agreement is made in the Province of Ontario and the Courts of the Province of Ontario shall have jurisdiction in reference to any matters herein.

year)	the Parties her	eto have signe	d this Agreement this (day) of (month,
	Antoi	nette Blunt, Iro	nside Consulting Service	s Inc.	
	Per:	Name: Position:	Antoinette Blunt Senior Consultant		
	I have	the authority	to bind the Corporation.		
	THE C	ORPORATION (OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JO	HNSON	
	Per:	Mayor, Reg l	McKinnon		
	Per:	Clerk/CAO, J	anet Maguire		
	We ho	ave the authori	ity to bind the Corporatio	n.	

SCHEDULE A

Attach: Code of Conduct for Municipal Council for the Township of Johnson

SCHEDULE B

See: Bylaw to adopt Intergrity Commissioner and Integrity Commissioner Inquiry Protocol

Agenda Item B5
Date: April 17 2024

Plan to do

Driveway culvert Colonization

Driveway culvert on McDonald Dr

Cross culvert Gordon Lake Rd north end

Gordon Lake Hall entrance culvert and drainage

Gordon Lake Tower shed roof

Finish Prepping for Surface treatment

Main St 1 km

Margaret St 500m

Amory St 200m

Kensington Rd from high school entrance to big cross culvert 200m

Gillespie St 100m

Government Rd from Lake Huron west to 4074 1.1 km over lay??

Ditching

McKinnon Side Rd

Fisher east of Gordon Lake Rd

Diamond Lake Rd from old Dump to Gray Duck

Fisher north

Fisher Rd south of Deplonty

Government Rd east of Gordon Lake Rd

Cora Dr at Lantern Lane

PuddingStone Rd Hill before tracks

Maintenance Gravel

25 Yard Loads

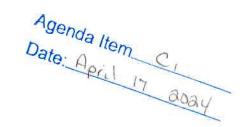
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Old Soo Rd

Fisher

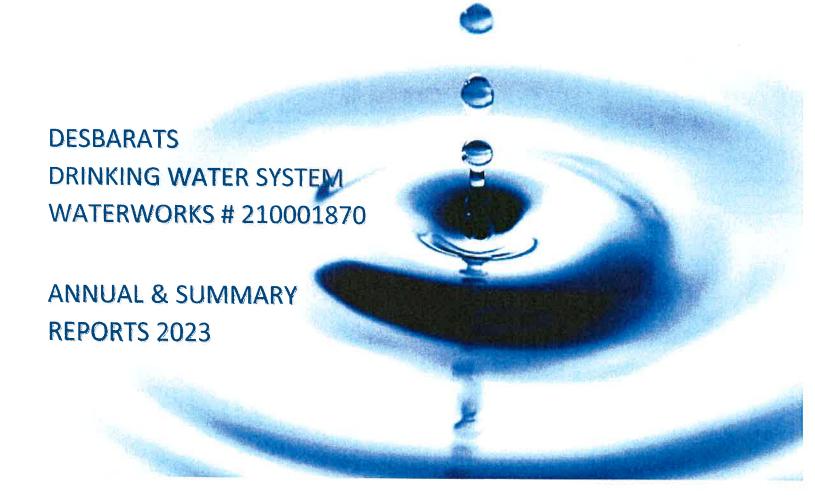
Boundary

Road side grass cutting
Grading
Dust control [calcium]











DWQMS Form 05-17 – Desbarats DWS Annual & Summary Reports 2023





Introduction

This Annual and Summary Report has been prepared in accordance with both Schedule 22 and section 11 of Ontario Regulation 170/03. In this manner, the requirements by regulation for each report have been consolidated into a single document. This Report is intended to brief the ownership and consumers of the Desbarats Drinking Water System on the system's performance over the past calendar year January 1 to December 31, 2023.

This report encompasses all elements as required by O. Reg. 170/03. Each section explains what is required for the category Small Municipal Residential DWS (as it pertains to the Desbarats DWS) and how limits were met or if shortfalls were revealed. The last section contains a list of tables and definitions of terms identified in this report.

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System Description

located downstream from the intake site.

The Desbarats water treatment plant is rated as a Class 2 Water Treatment subsystem, and for the purposes of O. Reg. 170/03 it is categorized as a Small Municipal Residential system.

The treatment plant includes two (2) low lift centrifugal pumps, each pump rated at 4.24 L/s that deliver surface water from Lake Huron.

The treatment system includes an Ecodyne Monoplant complete with mechanical flocculation, sedimentation, and dual media filtration compartments. The filter portion of the package plant involves a dual media of sand and anthracite and provides for filtering to waste after backwashing. Waste from the clarifier is drained at timed intervals to backwash settling tanks from which supernatant travels by gravity to a diffuser in Lake Huron,

Post chlorination using sodium hypochlorite is injected after filtration before the clearwell to achieve primary and secondary chlorination. There are three (3) cells to the clearwell (reservoir) with a total storage capacity of 142 cubic meters. There is standby power for continued pumping capacity and plant operations. The system also involves six (6) pre-charged pressure tanks for distribution pressure control.

There are approximately 276 residents using the system with 110 service connections (93 private residences) and an elementary/secondary school with a total population of about 600 students. Water is provided to the distribution system through a submarine transmission main

Chemicals

Chemicals utilized at the Desbarats Treatment plant during 2023 include:

- Sodium Hypochlorite for primary and secondary disinfection
- Aluminum Sulphate for coagulation
- Polymer (LT20) as a coagulant aid
- Soda Ash for pH and alkalinity adjustment

2023 Expenditures

During the year of 2023, expenses were incurred to maintain treatment and distribution functions:

- ESA services
- 12-month surveillance audit (SAI Global)
- Air compressor
- · Floc mixer motor an coupling
- Chemical shed construction
- Transmission line repairs

2023 Drinking Water System Changes

Form 1 - Record of Watermains Authorized as a Future Alteration

n/a

Form 2 – Record of Minor Modification or Replacements

n/a

Form 3 – Record of addition, modification or replacement of equipment discharging a contaminant of concern to the atmosphere

n/a

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Water Quality

Microbiological Sampling and Testing

Sampling is conducted weekly for the DWS at the frequencies and locations identified by Schedule 11 of O. Reg 170/03 for Small Municipal Residential Systems.

Table 1: Microbiological sampling requirements

Location	Sample Analysis	# samples	Frequency
Raw	EC / TC	1 sample	monthly
Treated	N/A	-	-
Distribution	EC / TC/ HPC	1 sample	bi-weekly

Desbarats' raw samples are collected from a sample tap from the raw water header. Treated samples are collected from a sample tap from the treated discharge header prior to distribution. Distribution samples are rotated weekly at the following locations representing areas throughout the hamlet: Township Office, Baptist Church, Arena, and Central Algoma Secondary School. Other locations may be sampled as required.

Table 2: Microbiological Sample Results

Туре	# samples	EC (range)	TC (range)	# samples	HPC (range)
Raw	12	0-5	6 - 146	0	TEN LE
Distribution	27	0	0	27	0

Operational Checks and Testing

Operational testing is completed as per Schedules 6 & 7 of O. Reg. 170/03 for Small Municipal Residential Systems. Checks and testing are completed on site at the water treatment facility by licensed operators. Continuous monitoring analyzers (collecting 5-minute readings) are utilized for measurement of filter turbidity and chlorine residuals.

Table 3: Monthly Filter Turbidity Results

Month	Avg turbidity (NTU)	Range (NTU)	Monthly Filter Efficiency
January	0.04	0.03 - 1.18	99.9
February	0.04	0.02 - 0.26	100
March	0.04	0.03 - 0.68	99.9
April	0.04	0.03 - 0.47	99.9
May	0.03	0.02 - 4.99	99.6
June	0.03	0.03 - 0.74	99.9
July	0.03	0.02 - 0.19	100
August	0.03	0.02 - 0.09	100
September	0.03	0.02 - 0.06	100
October	0.05	0.02 - 0.86	99.2
November	0.05	0.02 - 0.67	99.5
December	0.03	0.02 - 0.59	99.9

Desbarats maintained filter compliance each month above 95%, (required limit) to achieve necessary filtration credits for primary disinfection.

Table 4: Chlorine Residuals

Month	Average Chlorine Residual (mg/L)	Chlorine Residual Range (mg/L)
January	1.49	1.29 - 1.84
February	1.43	1.29 - 1.72
March	1.54	1.25 - 1.97
April	1.41	1.18 - 1.64
May	1.44	1.18 - 1.69
June	1.38	1.04 - 1.76
July	1.56	1.32 - 1.81
August	1.57	1.32 - 1.94
September	1.51	0.96 - 1.99
October	1.63	0.87 - 2.31
November	1.50	1,26 - 2.16
December	1.49	0.93 - 1.85

Chlorine residuals are continuously monitored, and data is recorded at 5minute intervals.

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Chemical Sampling and Testing

Schedule 13 of O. Reg. 170/03 outlines chemical sampling requirements for Small Municipal Residential systems. Schedules 23 (inorganics) and 24 (organics) are collected every 60 months as well as sodium and fluoride. This system requires quarterly sampling for Nitrites/Nitrates, THMs and HAAs. Schedule 15.1 outlines the requirements for semi-annual lead testing (2 periods per year). Desbarats' lead sampling follows the regulation's plumbing exemption but monitors the distribution system water quality for changes that may impact lead corrosion.

Table 5: Schedule 23 - Inorganics

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Parameter	Sample Date	Result (μg/L)	Units	ODWS
Antimony	23-Jan-23	<0.5	µg/L	6
Arsenic	23-Jan-23	<1	μg/L	10
Barium	23-Jan-23	9	μg/L	1000
Boron	23-Jan-23	<2	μg/L	5000
Cadmium	23-Jan-23	<0.1	μg/L	5
Chromium	23-Jan-23	<1	µg/L	50
Fluoride	23-Jan-23	<0.05	mg/L	1.5
Mercury	23-Jan-23	<0.1	μg/L	1
Selenium	23-Jan-23	0.2	μg/L	50
Sodium	23-Jan-23	4.35	mg/L	20
Uranium	23-Jan-23	<1	µg/L	20

All results for inorganic parameters are within the maximum acceptable concentrations (MAC) of the Ontario Drinking Water Quality Standards as defined in O. Reg. 169/03. No result is above the half MAC with the exception of sodium which has an aesthetic objective (AO) of 200 mg/L but has a limit of 20 mg/L for medical reasons and would require notifications if exceeded.

Table 6: Nitrate/ Nitrite Results

Date	ODWS	4-Jan	4 Apr	4-Jul	7-Oct			
Unit	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L			
Nitrate	10	0.29	0.34	0.34	0.30			
Nitrite	1.0	<0.05	<0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05			

All quarterly results for Nitrites and Nitrates are well below ODWS.

Table 7: Disinfection By-products Results (THM/HAA)

Date	ODWS	01	Q2	Q3	Q4	RAA
Unit	μg/L	μg/L	μg/L	μg/L	μg/L	μg/L
THM	100	19	15.9	22.6	21.8	17.6
HAA	80	10.1	8	18	13	14.5

ODWS established a MAC of 80 for HAAs effective January 1, 2020.

Table 8: Community Lead Sampling Results

Location Type	Alkalinity, mg/L	рН
Distribution monitoring	53	7.5

Desbarats water system is eligible for plumbing exemption, however alkalinity and pH are required for analysis in the distribution every winter and summer collection periods and Lead in distribution every 3 years for the winter and summer periods.

Table 9: TSS – C of A requirement for plant process wastewater

Quarter	Result Value	Unit
Q1	5.0	mg/L
Q2	3.7	mg/L
Q3	18.6	mg/L
Q4	5.7	mg/L

The 2023 annual average suspended solids concentration is 8.1 mg/L for plant service water (backwash and instrumentation flows) released back to the environment.

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Table 10: Schedule 24 - Organics

Parameter	Date	Result	Unit	ODWS
Alachlor	23-Jan-23	<0.238	μg/L	5
Atrazine + N-dealkylated metobolites	23-Jan-23	<0.5	μg/L	5
Azinphos-methyl	23-Jan-23	<0.179	µg/L	20
Benzene	23-Jan-23	<0.1	μg/L	1
Benzo(a)pyrene	23-Jan-23	<0.01	μg/L	0,01
Bromoxynil	23-Jan-23	<0.0939	μg/L	5
Carbaryl	23-Jan-23	<3	μg/L	90
Carbofuran	23-Jan-23	<4	μg/L	90
Carbon Tetrachloride	23-Jan-23	<0.2	μg/L	5
Chlorpyrifos	23-Jan-23	<0.2	μg/L	90
Diazinon	23-Jan-23	<0.179	μg/L	20
Dicamba	23-Jan-23	<0.0822	μg/L	120
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	23-Jan-23	<0.2	μg/L	200
1,4-Dichlorobenzene	23-Jan-23	<0.3	μg/L	5
1,2-Dichloroethane	23-Jan-23	<0.2	μg/L	5
1,1-Dichloroethylene (vinylidene chloride)	23-Jan-23	<0.3	μg/L	14
Dichloromethane	23-Jan-23	<1	µg/L	50
2-4 Dichlorophenol	23-Jan-23	<0.3	μg/L	900
2,4-Dichlorophenoxy acetic acid	23-Jan-23	<0.352	μg/L	100
Diclofop-methyl	23-Jan-23	<0.117	μg/L	9
Dimethoate	23-Jan-23	<0.179	μg/L	20
Diquat	23-Jan-23	<0.7	μg/L	70

Parameter	Date	Result	Unit	ODWS
Diuron	23-Jan-23	<10	μg/L	150
Glyphosate	23-Jan-23	<20	μg/L	280
Malathion	23-Jan-23	< 0.179	μg/L	190
2-Methyl-4- Chlorophenoxyacetic Acid (MCPA)	23-Jan-23	<5.87	μg/L	100
Metolachlor	23 Jan-23	<0.119	μg/L	50
Metribuzin	23-Jan-23	<0.119	μg/L	80
Monochlorobenzene	23-Jan-23	< 0.5	μg/L	80
Paraquat	23-Jan-23	<0.3	μg/L	10
Pentachlorophenol	23-Jan-23	<0.3	μg/L	60
Phorate	23-Jan-23	<0.119	μg/L	2
Picloram	23-Jan-23	<0.0822	μg/L	190
Polychlorinated Byphenols (PCB)	23-Jan-23	<0.06	μg/L	3
Prometryne	23-Jan-23	<0.0596	μg/L	1
Simazine	23-Jan-23	<0.179	μg/L	10
Terbufos	23-Jan-23	< 0.119	μg/L	1
Tetrachloroethylene	23-Jan-23	<0.3	μg/L	10
2,3,4,6-Tetrachlorophenol	23-Jan-23	< 0.2	μg/L	100
Triallate	23-Jan-23	<0.119	μg/L	230
Trichloroethylene	23-Jan-23	<0.2	μg/L	5
2,4,6-Trichlorophenol	23-Jan-23	<0.2	μg/L	5
Trifluralin	23-Jan-23	<0.119	μg/L	45
Vinyl Chloride	23-Jan-23	<0.1	μg/L	1

All results for the required organic sampling of schedule 24 are below the MAC.

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Compliance

Adverse Water Quality Incidents

During 2023, the Desbarats DWS reported one incident of adverse water quality.

Table 11: Adverse Water Quality Incidents

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2	3 Oct	Loss of distribution pressure (repair of transmission line)	

Annual Drinking Water System Inspection

The annual DWS inspection took place on May 25, 2023, by MECP Drinking Water inspector Shelley Baggio. Zero non-compliance and four additional recommendations and best practice were identified.

The DWS received a final inspection rating of 100.0%.



Flows

The Permit to Take Water authorizes the municipality to draw water from Lake Huron at a rate not to exceed 547.2 m3/d.

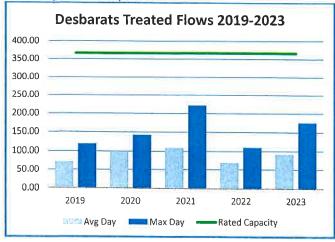
The maximum daily volume taken was 239 $\rm m^3/d$, 43.7 % of the permit limit.

Municipal Drinking Water Licence: 275-201 specifies a maximum intake capacity of 366 m³/d.

The max flow rate reported was 175 m³/d, 47.8% of the rated capacity.

The Desbarats WTP treated and distributed a total of 43,087 m^3 during the year of 2023. The average day treated flow demand was 91.5 m^3/d , and maximum day flow was 175 m^3/d on October 3, 2023.

Chart 1: 5-year Flow Comparison



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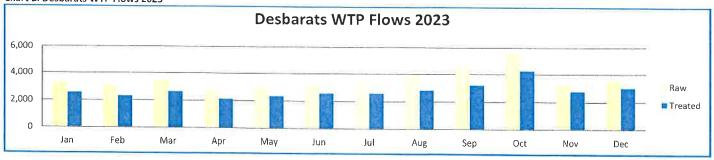




Table 12: Raw and Treated water Flows 2023

2024	Raw Water Flows					Treated Water Flows				
Month	Raw Water (m³)	Minimum Day (m³/d)	Maximum Day (m³/d)	Average Day (m³/d)	% Max. Flow Day of PTTW	Treated Water (m³)	Minimum Day (m³/d)	Maximum Day (m³/d)	Average Day (m³/d)	% Max Flow Day of Rated Capacity
January	3,260	81	124	105.0	22.7	2,587	64	101	83.5	27.6
February	3,127	90	150	111.7	27.4	2,336	64	120	83.4	32.8
March	3,482	92	156	112.3	28.5	2,681	64	114	86.5	31.1
April	2,673	76	104	89.1	19.0	2,127	59	78	70.9	21.3
May	2,938	65	133	94.8	24.3	2,357	61	104	76.0	28.4
June	3,186	89	155	106.2	28.3	2,582	81	131	86.1	35.8
July	3,444	94	125	111.1	22.8	2,600	75	93	83.9	25.4
August	3,914	107	149	126.3	27.2	2,847	75	107	91.8	29.2
September	4,577	121	206	152.6	37.6	3,233	75	157	107.8	42.9
October	5,623	89	239	181.4	43.7	4,270	75	175	137.7	47.8
November	3,296	85	127	109.9	23.2	2,778	75	112	92.6	30.6
December	3,567	91	145	115.1	26.5	3,044	75	122	98.2	33.3





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Report Availability

Annual Report

Section 11 of O. Reg. 170/03 defines that this Annual Report must be given, without charge, to every person who requests a copy. Effective steps must also be taken to advise users of water from the system that copies of the report are available, without charge, and of how a copy may be obtained. This Annual Report shall be made available for inspection by the public at the Township Office.

Township of Johnson 1 Johnson Drive Desbarats, ON POR 1E0

Summary Report

This Summary report for The Desbarats Drinking Water System for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2023, has been prepared in accordance to Schedule 22 of O. Reg. 170/03.

In accordance with Schedule 22 of O. Reg. 170/03, this Summary Report has been provided to The Township of Johnson.

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Tables, Definition of Terms

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Appendix B: Definition of Terms				
Acronym	Definition			
AWQI	Adverse water quality incident			
BWA	Boil Water Advisory			
DM	Dual Media			
DWS	Drinking water system			
EC	E. Coli			
HAA	Haloacetic acids			
HPC	Heterotrophic plate count			
MAC	Maximum Acceptable Concentration			
m³	Cubic metres			
m³/d	Cubic metres per day			
mg/L	Milligram per litre (part per million)			
ML	Megalitre (1000 m³)			
NTU	Nephelometric turbidity unit			
ODWS	Ontario Drinking Water Standards			
O. Reg. 170/03	Ontario Regulation 170/03			
PTTW	Permit to take water			
SCADA	Supervisory control and data acquisition			
TC	Total coliforms			
THM	Trihalomethane			
μg/L	Microgram per litre (part per billion)			
WD	Water distribution			
WT	Water treatment			
WTP	Water treatment plant			

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Minutes - Regular Board Meeting

February 22, 2024 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Marcel Baron

Rick Bull

Charles Flintoff
Cheryl Fort
Sally Hagman
Bryon Hall
Blair MacKinnon
Norman Mann
Melanie Pilon
Harry Stewart
Lynn Watson

Agenda Item C2
Date: April 17 2024

1. Opening of Meeting

The Board Chair opened the meeting and welcomed Board Members and staff.

2. Indigenous Land Acknowledgement

3. Opportunity for Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were none.

4. Minutes

RESOLVE THAT: the Board approve the minutes of the January 25, 2024, regular Board Meeting as distributed.

Moved by: Marcel Baron Seconded by: Lynn Watson

CARRIED

5. Approval of Agenda

RESOLVE THAT: the Board approve the agenda of the February 22 2024, regular Board Meeting as distributed.

Moved by: Harry Stewart Seconded by: Cheryl Fort

CARRIED

6. Correspondence

None

CARRIED

7. Other Business

7.1 NOSDA Reaching Home Resolution

The CAO explained the reason for the resolution.

The Board Chair read the resolution aloud.

Moved by: Cheryl Fort

Seconded by: Sally Hagman

CARRIED

8. Open Question and Answer

A question arose on possible new grant available for housing. The CAO requested the information for follow-up.

9. In Camera Session

RESOLVE THAT: the Board move into closed session.

Moved by: Rick Bull

Seconded by: Cheryl Fort

CARRIED

9.1 ADSAB - Review of Apportionment and Analysis of Wawa Report

10. Return to Open Session

RESOLVE THAT: The Board return to open session.

Moved by: Harry Stewart Seconded by: Lynn Watson

CARRIED

RESOLVE THAT: After reviewing the request from the Municipality of Wawa, that the ADSAB board maintain the current Alternate Apportionment Model as the model is consistent with Provincial treatment of power dams. And that it be further resolved that ADSAB circulate a letter of explanation to all Member Municipalities.

Moved by: Harry Stewart Seconded by: Lynn Watson

CARRIED

Recorded vote: 10 Yes; 1 No

11. Adjournment

RESOLVE THAT: the regular Board Meeting of February 22, 2024 be adjourned.

Moved by: Blair MacKinnon Seconded by: Marcel Baron

CARRIED

The next regular Board Meeting is scheduled March 28, 2024.



Agenda Item 23

525 Causley Street Blind River, ON POR 1B0 PH: 705-356-2265

FX: 705-356-1220

PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release March 26, 2024

NSHN Expanding Medical Imaging Services at Thessalon & Richards Landing – Matthews Sites

The North Shore Health Network Medical Imaging department is excited to announce that services are expanding at the Thessalon and Richards Landing – Matthews sites in April.

Effective Tuesday April 2, 2024 ultrasound services will be available at the Thessalon Site once a week. Ultrasound appointments at the Thessalon Site will be booked between 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, one day per week. All requisitions should be sent to the Blind River Site by providers for triaging – including any specialists or non-local providers. At this time, there are some ultrasound types that are unable to be completed in Thessalon, these appointments will remain in Blind River. Instructions will be provided to patients in advance of their appointment.

Effective April 2, 2024 there will be an increase in available appointments for X-Ray at the Richards Landing-Matthews Site to 3 days per week. Appointments will now be available on Mondays 9am - 1 pm, Wednesdays 1pm - 5pm, and Fridays 9am – 1pm. The schedule will be updated for weeks with Statutory holidays.

"We are so pleased to support more communities along the western part of our catchment area by offering more diagnostic services closer to home." – Tim Vine, NSHN President & CEO

Attached Photo Details: With the help of Tatjana Johnston, the very first Ultrasound patient at the Thessalon Site, Sonographer Melanie Grimard test runs the equipment ahead of launching the new service on April 2, 2024.

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DR. HAROLD S. TREFRY MEMORIAL CENTRE

A Division of The Corporation of the Township of St. Joseph Seniors and Persons with a Disability Services



April 4, 2024

The Township of Johnson P.O. Box 160, 1 Johnson Drive Desbarats, ON POR 1E0

Dear Mayor and Council,

As you are aware, the Dr. H.S. Trefry Memorial Centre provides numerous programs and services to seniors and persons with disabilities living in your community. At this time, community support services provided by the Trefry Centre are partially funded by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. However, this funding does not cover annual expenditures to run the Centre or programming at current capacity, or to meet goals of growing programs. Because of this, the Centre depends on generous contributions from Municipal Governments in our catchment area which have been a vital component in the Centre's success.

As you enter budget deliberations for the year, please consider the Trefry Centre and the services provided to your community. Our current operating budget has been attached for your information, including suggested contribution amounts based on Statistics Cananda senior populations within our catchment area. Please keep in mind that we also serve individuals with long-term or short-term disabilities (ODSP). These individuals are not reflected in the percentage of calculation for contributions. I would be happy to meet to discuss current services in your community, and to answer any questions you may have. Please contact the Centre to arrange a meeting with your Council or area designate.

Thank you for your consideration, which is much appreciated and will help ensure the continuation and success of the community support programs.

Marcy Clark Manager

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Dr. H.S. Trefry Memorial Centre 2024/25 Budget

Ontario Health Reporting Year from April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025

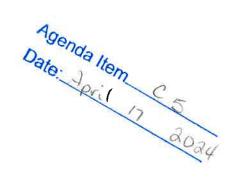
Revenues	
Ontario Health Program Funding	\$ 319,840
Other Funding (OCSA, New Horizons, NOHFC, ADSAB)	13,880
Other Funding - Municipal Contributions	25,000
Client Service Recipient Payments (Meals on Wheels, Diners, Transportation, Day Out)	108,000
Other Revenues - Donations, Hall Rental	18,750
Total Revenues	\$ 485,470
Expenditures	
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 345,090
Program Expenditures	
Administration Expenses	28,675
Building Maintenance and Utilities	21,240
Home Maintenance Program Costs	3,080
Meals on Wheels Program Costs	39,130
Congregate Dining/Exercise Program Costs	11,040
Transportation Program Costs	37,700
Day Out Program Costs	 8,745
Total Programs Materials & Supplies Expenditures	\$ 149,610
Total Expenditures	\$ 494,700
Surplus (deficit) - Township of St Joseph to fund any deficit incurred	\$ (9,230)

Municipalities	2021 Census Seniors (>=65) Population	Percentage Ratio of Total Seniors Population	Funding Consideration Amount	
The Village of Hilton Beach	65	2.5%	\$ 613	
The Township of Jocelyn	130	4.9%	\$ 1,226	
The Township of Hilton	135	5.1%	\$ 1,274	
The Township of Johnson	140	5.3%	\$ 1,321	
The Township of Tarbutt	145	5.5%	\$ 1,368	
The Township of Laird	255	9.6%	\$ 2,406	
The Township of MacDonald, Meredith and Aberdeen Additional	295	11.1%	\$ 2,783	
The Township of St. Joseph	485	18.3%	\$ 4,575	
The Township of Plummer Additional	195	7.4%	\$ 1,840	
The Town of Bruce Mines	210	7.9%	\$ 1,981	
The Town of Thessalon	455	17.2%	\$ 4,292	
The Township of Huron Shores (up to Thessalon only estimated)	140	5.3%	\$ 1,321	
Total:	2,650	100.0%	\$ 25,000	

⁻ based on each municipality's seniors population as a % of the total seniors population







For Immediate Release April 2, 2024

Maamwesying Ontario Health Team and Algoma Public Health Sign Collaboration Agreement

Maamwesying North Shore Community Health Services Inc., as a core partner of the Maamwesying Ontario Health Team, and Algoma Public Health, held a signing ceremony on March 27th at the Sault Ste. Marie Community Room at Algoma Public Health. This agreement is for Indigenous peoples by embracing their unique cultural knowledge, and traditional practices and improving access to and awareness of Indigenous Health Services available in the Northeast region.

The Maamwesying Ontario Health Team was announced in October of 2022 to seamlessly integrate health care services for clients in the communities of Atikameksheng Anishnawbek, Sagamok Anishnawbek, Serpent River First Nation, Mississauga First Nation, Thessalon First Nation, Garden River First Nation, Batchewana First Nation, Michipicoten First Nation, Chapleau Cree First Nation, Chapleau Ojibwe First Nation, and Brunswick House First Nation, as well as the urban Indigenous population in Sault Ste. Marie.

"In solidifying this partnership, the Maamwesying Ontario Health Team and Algoma Public Health emphasize the pivotal role of Indigenous-led healthcare systems characterized by community-driven innovation and cultural sensitivity. This agreement reinforces the value of Indigenous communities, acknowledging their right to self-determination in the healthcare landscape. Collectively, our vision aligns with creating a healthcare system free of racism and discrimination, shaping a future where health equity prevails," said Carol Eshkakogan, Chief Executive Officer of Maamwesying North Shore Community Health Services Inc. and Chair of the Maamwesying Ontario Health Team Leadership Council.

The collaboration between Maamwesying Ontario Health Team and Algoma Public Health is driven by a vision to provide coordinated and seamless health care, ensuring optimal outcomes for Indigenous patients, clients, and communities. This collaboration aims to improve access to quality care to improve outcomes and enhance patient care that is equitable and culturally safe, while actively involving Indigenous health leaders and advisors in the planning, design, delivery, and evaluation of public health services to enhance the satisfaction and experience for patients, caregivers, and providers.

"Algoma Public Health is honoured to become a collaborative partner to walk alongside Maamwesing in the spirit of Truth and Reconciliation," said Dr. Jennifer Loo, Medical Officer of Health and CEO of Algoma Public Health. "Maamwesying's leadership demonstrates the importance of self-determination and placing Indigenous health in Indigenous hands. Working together, we can pool our collective strengths to advance health promotion, protection against disease and injury, and embrace inclusive strategies to prioritize health equity for all."

By signing this agreement, Maamwesying Ontario Health Team and Algoma Public Health are committing to work together to create culturally safe spaces within the healthcare system and support the design and delivery of public health programs and services so Indigenous patients have the support they need to access the right care at the right time.

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Date: April 17 2000

March 28, 2024

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of March 26, 2024 the following resolution regarding support for 'a call to action' to meet the deadline of an Accessible Ontario by 2025 was carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-151

DATE: March 26, 2024

MOVED BY: Councillor MacNaughton

SECONDED BY: Councillor Pennell

WHEREAS the Accessibility for Ontarians With Disabilities Act (AODA) is ground-breaking legislation, created to help people with disabilities fully participate in society, bring them to the table in crafting regulations, and build mechanisms to enforce standards;

WHEREAS Rich Donovan, an expert in accessibility issues, was appointed as the Independent Reviewer of the Act in 2022, and in his 2023 legislative review declared a crisis as a necessary catalyst to get Ontario back on track for accessibility;

WHEREAS at least 2.9 million Ontarians currently live with a disability, representing at least 22% of the consumer base and the workforce, but due to barriers, Ontarians with disabilities are too often falling short of their full potential;

WHEREAS the AODA aims to develop, implement and enforce standards related to goods, services, accommodation, employment and buildings before Jan. 1, 2025, and municipalities, as the level of government closest to the people are at the front lines, developing, implementing and enforcing these standards without meaningful guidance on its implementation and/or enforcement by the Province;

WHEREAS people with disabilities and advocates, including Prince Edward County's Accessibility Advisory Committee, note the slow pace of current and previous Ontario governments in implementing the AODA and there are growing concerns there will be no renewed push to keep accessibility issues at the forefront after 2025;

WHEREAS Prince Edward County is dedicated and committed to creating a welcoming environment so that all people may have equitable access to programs, goods, services and facilities, but making investments to achieve the AODA



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standards has been challenging given the lack of consistent and stable funding for municipalities to remove accessibility barriers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Prince Edward County strongly encourages action on the part of the Provincial Government to urgently:

- a) create a "Municipal Accessibility Fund" for municipalities to develop, implement and enforce AODA standards related to goods, services, accommodation, employment and buildings. Such a fund could be modeled after the Canada Community-Building Fund or the Ontario Cannabis Legalization Implementation Fund on a per household basis;
- b) to commit to working with municipalities to implement the Donovan Review immediate crisis recommendations:

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor write a letter in support of this resolution to the Minister of Seniors and Accessibility, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Seniors and Accessibility, the Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services, the Minister of Health, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, and all Ontario Municipalities.

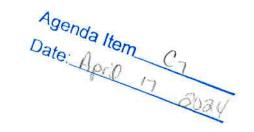
CARRIED

Yours truly,

Catalina Blumenberg, CLERK

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor MacNaughton, Councillor Pennell, and Marcia Wallace, CAO





March 22nd, 2024

The Honourable Lisa Thompson
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
11th Floor
77 Grenville St.
Toronto, ON M5S 1B3

RE: Township of Adelaide Metcalfe - Request to Increase Tile Drain Loan Limit

Dear Minister Thompson,

On March 18, 2024, the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe Council approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS farm drainage is of paramount importance in Ontario due to its significant impact on agricultural productivity and sustainability. Effective drainage systems help mitigate waterlogging, control soil moisture levels, and enhance soil structure, thereby optimizing growing conditions for crops;

WHEREAS improved drainage also facilitates timely field operations, reduces erosion, and minimizes nutrient runoff, contributing to environmental conservation efforts;

WHEREAS Ontario's diverse agricultural landscape, where weather variability is common, well-maintained drainage systems play a crucial role in ensuring stable yields, economic viability, and long-term resilience for farmers across the Province;

WHEREAS the Tile Loan Drainage Act, R.S.O 1990, c. T.8 allows for the borrowing of money for the purpose of constructing drainage works;

WHEREAS the maximum annual limit for these loans, unchanged since 2004, is currently set at \$50,000.

WHEREAS costs for Tile Drainage has increased markedly since 2004;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe requests that the Province through the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) consider increasing the maximum annual Tile Loan limit to a minimum of \$100,000.

AND THAT this resolution be circulated the Honourable Lisa Thompson – Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and all Ontario municipalities.