



**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
AGENDA  
MONDAY OCTOBER 28, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.**

**DR. S. F. MONESTIME MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
160 WATER STREET, MATTAWA ON**

**Zoom Meeting Access: 1-647-374-4685  
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- 1. Meeting Called to Order**
- 2. Announce Electronic Participants**
- 3. Adoption of Agenda**
  - 3.1 To Adopt the agenda as presented or amended
    - That the agenda dated October 28, 2024 be adopted
- 4. Disclosures of a Conflict of Interest**
- 5. Presentations and Delegations**
- 6. Adoption of Minutes**
  - 6.1 Regular Meeting of October 15, 2024
  - 6.2 To adopt the minutes as presented or amended
    - That Council adopt the October 15, 2024 minutes
- 7. Notice of Motions**
  - 7.1 Standing Committees of Council Appointment
  - 7.2 Change Start Time of November 11, 2024 Meeting
  - 7.3 Phaseout of Free Water Testing
- 8. Correspondence**
  - 8.1 Town of Plympton-Wyoming – Solve the Humanitarian Crisis
  - 8.2 AMO – Province to Introduce Legislation Governing Bicycle Lanes
  - 8.3 Mattawa & Area Police Services Board – Municipal Levy Payment for 2024 – 2025 Fiscal Year
  - 8.4 Municipality of St. Charles – Asset Retirement Obligation

8.5 FONOM – Support Ontario’s Forest Industry

**9. Standing Committee Recommendations/Reports – Motions**

**10. Information Reports – Motions**

10.1 Committee Meetings for November & December – Report # 24-61R

10.2 Staff Christmas Party – Report # 24-62R

**11. By-Laws**

**12. Old Business**

12.1 Council – Food Cycler Municipal Solutions

12.2 Beautification Committee Terms of Reference & Committee Structure

**13. New Business**

13.1 Councillor Ross – Camera in Municipal Vehicles

**14. Questions from Public Pertaining to Agenda**

**15. In Camera (Closed) Session**

15.1 Personnel Matter

In accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001 Section 239 (2)(b)

b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees

15.2 CAO Job Posting

In accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001 Section 239 (2)(b)

b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees

**16. Return to Regular Session**

**17. Motions Resulting from Closed Session**

**18. Adjournment**

18.1 Adjournment of the meeting

- That the October 28, 2024 meeting adjourn at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

DATE: MONDAY OCTOBER 28, 2024

3.1

**THE CORPORATION TOWN OF MATTAWA**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR \_\_\_\_\_

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR \_\_\_\_\_

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**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the meeting agenda dated Monday October 28, 2024 be adopted.

## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held Tuesday October 15, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Dr. S.F. Monestime Council Chambers.

Council Present: Mayor Raymond A. Bélanger  
Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner  
Councillor Fern Levesque  
Councillor Loren Mick  
Councillor Laura Ross  
Councillor Garry Thibert  
Councillor Spencer Bigelow

Staff Present: Amy Leclerc, Municipal Clerk/Revenue Services Clerk  
Paul Laperriere, Interim CAO/Treasurer  
Dexture Sarrazin, Director of Community Services  
Wayne Chaput, Chief Building Official/By-Law Enforcement Officer

\*When a recorded vote is requested and the minutes indicate the recorded vote was "Unanimous" it means all Councillors present and noted above voted in favour unless otherwise indicated.

### 1. Meeting Called to Order

Meeting Called to Order by Mayor Bélanger at 6:00 p.m.

### 2. Announce Electronic Participants

Clerk announced that there was no online participation.

### 3. Adoption of Agenda

3.1 To Adopt the agenda as presented or amended

#### **Resolution Number 24-209**

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the meeting agenda dated Monday October 15, 2024 be adopted as amended to add an In Camera (Closed Session) item being 15.2 Personnel Matter.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

### 4. Disclosures of a Conflict of Interest

Mayor Bélanger declared a conflict on item number 15.2 on the agenda

### 5. Presentations and Delegations

5.1 Joe Miller & Julia Colicchia – Fence Located at 640 Brydges Street

A presentation was heard by Council requesting the directive for the fence at 640 Brydges Street be changed to allow for a higher fence.

5.2 Angie Punnet, Administrator, William Brooks, CFO & Dave Smits, Director of Facilities & Capital Projects, of Cassellholme – Status of Cassellholme Redevelopment & Capital Levy Plan

A presentation was heard by Council with updates from Cassellholme redevelopment project and the levy plan moving forward.

## **6. Adoption of Minutes**

- 6.1 Regular Meeting of September 23, 2024
- 6.2 Special Meeting of October 7, 2024
- 6.3 To adopt the minutes as presented or amended

### **Resolution Number 24-210**

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick  
Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council adopt the minutes of the Regular meeting of Monday September 23, 2024 and the Special meeting of Monday October 7, 2024.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

## **7. Notice of Motions**

## **8. Correspondence**

- 8.1 City of Temiskaming Shores – Alcohol Sales in Convenience Stores & Locations that Sell Fuel to Drives

Council spoke on correspondence item # 8.1.

- 8.2 North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit – Board Meeting Minutes Approved
- 8.3 North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority – Phaseout of Free Water Testing in 2023 Auditors General Report

Council spoke on correspondence item # 8.3 and directed staff to bring back a support resolution at the next regular meeting.

- 8.4 ROMA – 2025 Conference January 19-21

Council spoke on correspondence item # 8.4.

- 8.5 Township of Brock – Rideshare Services
- 8.6 Eugene Blake – Preservation of Mattawa Train Station

Council spoke on correspondence item # 8.6.

## **9. Standing Committee Recommendations/Reports – Motions**

## **10. Staff Reports – Motions**

- 10.1 2025 Municipal Conferences – Report # 24-57R

### **Resolution Number 24-211**

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick  
Seconded by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 24-57R titled 2025 Municipal Conferences.

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council approves the attendance of the conferences for Council and staff at the costs summarized in the report.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

10.2 2025 OPP Municipal Policing Budget – Report # 24-58R

**Resolution Number 24-212**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner

Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 24-58R titled 2025 OPP Municipal Policing Budget.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

10.3 Treasurer's Report – September 30, 2024 – Report # 24-59R

**Resolution Number 24-213**

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 24-59R titled Treasurer's Report – September 30, 2024.

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council approves the financial report as attached.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

10.4 Bridge Financing – Report # 24-60R

**Resolution Number 24-214**

Moved by Councillor Garry Thibert

Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 24-60R titled Bridge Financing.

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council directs the Interim CAO/Treasurer to secure a bridge financing line of credit up to \$2,000,000.00.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

**11. By-Laws**

11.1 By-law # 24-19 – Repeal Standing Committees of Council By-law

**BEING** a by-law to repeal By-law 24-06 Standing Committees of Council.

**Resolution Number 24-215**

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Town of Mattawa adopt By-law No. 24-19 which is a by-law to repeal the Standing Committees of Council By-law 24-06.

**LOST** – Recorded vote and the vote was as follows:

**For:** Councillor Mick, Ross, Bigelow

**Against:** Mayor Bélanger, Deputy Mayor Gardiner, Councillors Levesque, Thibert

**12. Old Business**

## 12.1 Council – Food Cycler Municipal Solutions

There was no update from staff on the food cycler municipal solutions. This will be brought back again in old business.

## 13. New Business

## 14. Questions from Public Pertaining to Agenda

## 15. In Camera (Closed) Session

### 15.1 Divestiture of The Rosemount Valley Suites (Affordable Seniors Housing)

In accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001 Section 239 (2)(c)

c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board

### 15.2 Personnel Matter

In accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001 Section 239 (2)(b)

b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees

Mayor Bélanger declared a conflict of interest on Item # 15.2 Personnel Matter and removed himself from Council Chambers.

#### **Resolution Number 24-216**

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this Council proceed in Camera at 7:43 pm in order to address a matter pertaining to: b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and c) a proposed or pending acquisition of land by the municipality or local board.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

Mayor Belanger returned to Council Chambers.

## 16. Return to Regular Session

#### **Resolution Number 24-217**

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular meeting of council reconvene at 8:47 p.m.

**CARRIED** – unanimous

Mayor Belanger advised that the closed session was to discuss a personnel matter and a disposition of land by the municipality.

## 17. Motions Resulting from Closed Session

## 18. Adjournment

### 18.1 Adjournment of the meeting

#### **Resolution Number 24-204**

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick

Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the October 15, 2024 meeting adjourn at 8:48 p.m.  
**CARRIED** – unanimous

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Mayor

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Clerk



DATE: MONDAY OCTOBER 28, 2024

6.2

**THE CORPORATION TOWN OF MATTAWA**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR \_\_\_\_\_

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR \_\_\_\_\_

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**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council adopt the minutes of the Regular meeting of Tuesday October 15, 2024.

DATE: MONDAY OCTOBER 28, 2024

7.1

**THE CORPORATION TOWN OF MATTAWA**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR \_\_\_\_\_

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR \_\_\_\_\_

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**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council appoints the following Councillors to the Standing Committees of Council:

**Corporate Services Committee**

Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner, Councillors Laura Ross and Garry Thibert

**Community Services Committee**

Councillors Fern Levesque, Loren Mick and Spencer Bigelow

DATE: MONDAY OCTOBER 28, 2024

7.2

**THE CORPORATION TOWN OF MATTAWA**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR \_\_\_\_\_

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR \_\_\_\_\_

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**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approves a change in the start time of the Regular Meeting of Monday November 11, 2024 to begin at 5:00 p.m.

DATE: MONDAY OCTOBER 28, 2024

7.3

**THE CORPORATION TOWN OF MATTAWA**

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR** \_\_\_\_\_

**SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR** \_\_\_\_\_

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**WHEREAS** private water systems (e.g. wells) are not protected through legislated requirements under The Safe Drinking Water Act 2002 and The Clean Water Act 2006, but are more likely to contribute to cases of gastrointestinal illness than municipal systems;

**AND WHEREAS** the 2003 Ontario Auditor General's value-for-money audit of Public Health Ontario (PHO) recommended that PHO, in conjunction with the Ontario Ministry of Health, begin the gradual discontinuance of free private drinking water testing;

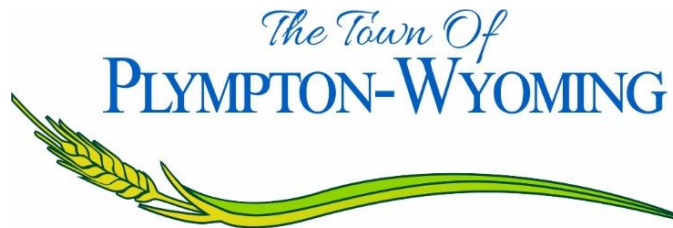
**AND WHEREAS** in the jurisdiction of the North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority, many households do not receive water from municipal system, with many relying on a private drinking water system, including wells;

**AND WHEREAS** the Walkerton Inquiry Report Part II, concluded the privatization of laboratory testing of drinking water samples contributed directly to the E. coli outbreak in Walkerton, Ontario in May 2000;

**AND WHEREAS** all Ontarians deserve safe, clean water and free well-water testing is a way to help ensure that residents on private wells continue to have barrier-free access to well water testing.

**THREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa calls on the Province to not phase out free well-water testing as part of the proposed streamlining efforts of public health laboratory operations in the province;

**AND FURTHER THAT** this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health; Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister Rural Affairs; Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; MPP Vic Fedeli and the North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority.



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Justin Trudeau  
[justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca](mailto:justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca)  
(sent via e-mail)

October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Re: Solve the Humanitarian Crisis

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, at its Regular Council meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, passed the following motion supporting the resolution from the Municipality of Waterloo regarding solving the humanitarian crisis.

**Motion #14**

Moved by Councillor Kristen Rodrigues

Seconded by Councillor John van Klaveren

That Council support correspondence item 'g' from the Municipality of Waterloo regarding Solve the Humanitarian Crisis.

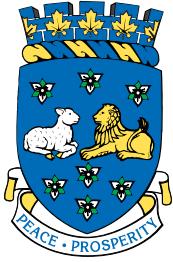
***Carried.***

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email.

Sincerely,

Ella Flynn  
[eflynn@plympton-wyoming.ca](mailto:eflynn@plympton-wyoming.ca)  
Executive Assistant – Deputy Clerk  
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

Cc: Hon. Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure & Communities of Canada  
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September 26, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada

Dear Prime Minister:

**Re: Solve the Crisis**

Please be advised that the Council of the Regional Municipality of Waterloo at their regular meeting held on September 25, 2024, approved the following motion:

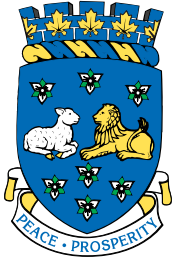
**Whereas there is a humanitarian crisis in cities, large and small, urban and rural, across Ontario. We need immediate action at all levels of government, starting with the Province; and**

**Whereas the homelessness, mental health and addictions crisis continues to grow with 3432 drug related deaths in Ontario in 2023 as well as with an estimated 234,000 Ontarians experiencing homelessness and over 1400 homeless encampments across Ontario communities in 2023; and**

**Whereas the province has provided additional funding for mental health, addictions and homelessness programs, including the recently announced Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment (HART) Hubs, it does not adequately address the growing crisis and the financial and social impact on municipalities and regions across the province; and**

**Whereas municipalities and regions are stepping up and working with community partners to put in place community-specific solutions to address this crisis, but municipalities and regions lack the expertise, capacity, or resources to address these increasingly complex health care and housing issues alone; and**

**Whereas this is primarily a health issue that falls under provincial jurisdiction and municipalities and regions should not be using the property tax base to fund these programs; and**



**Whereas there is no provincial Minister focused on this crisis leading to unanswered questions that span over a dozen ministries, and a lack of support to manage the increasing needs of those who are unhoused.**

**Now Therefore be it resolved that the Region of Waterloo supports the Solve the Crisis Campaign;**

**And calls on provincial and federal governments to commit to immediate action to solve the Humanitarian Crisis that Ontario is facing as the numbers of unhoused individuals and those suffering with mental health & addictions grows exponentially;**

**AND that the province officially makes Homelessness a Health Priority;**

**AND appoints a responsible Minister and Ministry with the appropriate funding and powers as a single point of contact to address the full spectrum of housing needs as well as mental health, addictions and wrap around supports;**

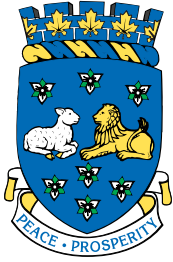
**AND request that the provincial government strike a task force with broad sector representatives including municipalities, regions, healthcare, first responders, community services, the business community and the tourism industry to develop a *Made in Ontario Action Plan*;**

**AND that this provincial task force reviews current programs developed by municipalities, regions and community partners that have proven successful in our communities, to ensure that solutions can be implemented quickly and effectively to tackle this crisis.**

**AND provides the adequate, sufficient and sustainable funding to ensure that municipalities have the tools and resources to support individuals suffering with mental health and addictions, including unhoused people and those from vulnerable populations that may be disproportionately impacted;**

**And that this Council calls on the residents across the Region of Waterloo to join us in appealing to the provincial and federal governments for support by visiting [SolveTheCrisis.ca](http://SolveTheCrisis.ca) and showing your support;**

**And further that a copy of this motion be sent to:**



## REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WATERLOO

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- **The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada**
- **The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario**
- **The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health**
- **The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing**
- **The Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services**
- **The Honourable Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions**
- **Local and area MPs, MPPs and Heads of Council**
- **The Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario's Big City Mayors and Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario**

Please accept this letter for information purposes only. If you have any questions please contact Regional Councillor Dorothy McCabe [Dorothy.McCabe@waterloo.ca](mailto:Dorothy.McCabe@waterloo.ca)

Please forward any written responses to this letter to William Short, Director, Council & Administrative Services/Regional Clerk  
[regionalclerk@regionofwaterloo.ca](mailto:regionalclerk@regionofwaterloo.ca)

Yours sincerely,

William Short, Director Council and Administrative Services/Regional Clerk

cc: Region of Waterloo Councillor Dorothy McCabe [Dorothy.McCabe@waterloo.ca](mailto:Dorothy.McCabe@waterloo.ca)



**From:** [AMO Policy](#)  
**To:** [Amy Leclerc](#)  
**Subject:** AMO Policy Update - Province to Introduce Legislation Governing Bicycle Lanes  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 16, 2024 1:13:24 PM

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## **AMO Policy Update - Province to Introduce Legislation Governing Bicycle Lanes**

Yesterday, the Government of Ontario announced it will introduce legislation that would require municipalities to receive approval from the province before installing new bike lanes that would result in the removal of lanes for traffic. [According to the government news](#)

[release](#), “municipalities would be required to demonstrate that the proposed bike lanes won’t have a negative impact on vehicle traffic.”

Bicycle lanes are an essential element of urban transportation planning and road safety. Requiring provincial approval would be a significant overreach into municipal jurisdiction. Based on local knowledge and community input, municipalities develop transportation plans that balance traffic flow with planning priorities like active transportation, multimodal transportation and environmental and health protection. AMO is not aware of any consultation with municipalities regarding bicycle lanes or of the evidence the province considered in its decision.

It is unclear how the Ministry of Transportation will be in a better position than municipalities to make decisions about local transportation matters. Rather than micromanaging bike lanes, the Ministry of Transportation could focus on accelerating its own approval processes to help support new housing.

There have been recent examples of unintended consequences when the province has tried to take over local decision-making. We urge the province to respect local decision-making when considering transportation improvements, and not repeat its mistakes of the past.

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**Mattawa and Area Police Services Board**

C/O Ontario Provincial Police - Mattawa, 520 ON-17, POH 1V0

October 16, 2024

Mayor Belanger and Members of Council, Town of Mattawa  
160 Water Street, Box 390,  
Mattawa, ON POH 1V0

Dear Mayor Belanger and Members of Council,

**Subject: Levy Payment for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year**

I am writing on behalf of the Mattawa and Area Police Services Board (MAPSB) regarding the levy payments previously requested for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Following extensive debate and deliberation, a resolution was passed during our September 2024 Board Meeting, amending each municipality's contribution. The funding formula has been revised to a population-based approach, better aligning municipal levy payments with OPP service volumes.

Please refer to the attached operating budget and workplan for further details regarding the updated contributions and financial breakdowns. As outlined in the workplan, the MAPSB has outstanding expenses that are past due, and we respectfully request that you process the levy payment promptly.

As the Board Chairperson, I would like to take this opportunity to emphasize that this year represents a pivotal period for the MAPSB as we adjust to new mandates and requirements introduced under the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019. We are actively collaborating with the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards to meet these new standards, and we will strive to keep you well informed of our progress. From time to time, we may also reach out to you for consultation and support as we work through these changes.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the levy changes or any other issues, please do not hesitate to contact me directly. My contact details are provided below.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we look forward to your continued cooperation.

Sincerely,

Teresa Taillefer, BAsC, MHS  
Chairperson, Mattawa and Area Police Services Board  
[Teresa.Taillefer@gmail.com](mailto:Teresa.Taillefer@gmail.com)  
Mobile: 249-360-3999

## Updated Mattawa and Area Police Services Board Operating Budget 2024-2025

### Revenue

Category	Township	2021 Census Population	Percentage of total based on population (as per the 2021 Census Data)	Amount (\$)
Township Levies	Calvin	557	16.3	815.00
	Papineau-Cameron	982	28.8	1440.00
	Mattawa	1721	50.4	2520.00
	Mattawan	153	4.5	225.00
Total		3413	100	5000.00

### Expenses

Category	Expense Description	Amount (\$)
OAPSB Expenses	Membership (1)	879.83
	Conference fees/expenses (2)	1,500.00
Awareness and Appreciation Campaigns	English high school scholarship (3)	150.00
	French high school scholarship (3)	150.00
	OPP Officer Appreciation (4)	500.00
Honorariums	Secretary-Treasurer honorarium (5)	600.00
	Non-council member honorarium (6)	500.00
	Government appointed member (7)	n/a
Education Expenses	Mandatory education (non-council members) (8)	300.00
Office Supplies	Photocopying and supplies (9)	100.00
Networking	Networking event with other area OPP detachments boards (10)	220.17
Insurance	Board Liability Insurance (11)	n/a
Travel	Travel (12)	100.00

## Updated Mattawa and Area Police Services Board Operating Budget 2024-2025

### Summary

Revenue	\$5000.00
Expenses	\$5000.00
Net Balance	\$0.00

### Footnotes

1. Required Ontario Association of Police Services Board (OAPSB) membership.
2. Estimate amount. To be eligible for the early registration reduced rate this expense is included in this budget. Participation of at least one board member is recommended by the OPP.
3. School scholarships provide an opportunity for a detachment officer to be visible in the schools.
4. New activity encouraged by OAPSB.
5. As approved at the May 2024 Board of Directors Meeting (4 regular meetings, handover meeting and archive review at \$100.00 per meeting)
6. As approved at the May 2024 Board of Directors Meeting (4 regular meetings and archive review)
7. Placeholder for the required government appointed Board Director. The position has not been assigned this fiscal year. Most likely the position will be filled in fiscal year 2025 – 26.
8. Estimated amount. At the May 2024 Board of Directors Meeting, it was approved that non-council members will receive \$75 to participate in mandatory education sessions.
9. Cost of packages for each meeting and two data sticks
10. New activity encouraged by OAPSB.
11. Placeholder for the required Board liability Insurance. It is estimated that this will cost \$300.00 annually.
12. Estimate amount. Previous year, Chairperson or representative requested to attend 2 OPP events.

## **Mattawa and Area Police Services Board Work Plan for 2024-2025**

### **June 2024**

- Approve budget for 2024-2025
- Approve work plan for 2024-2025
- Approve terms of reference

#### **Meeting:**

As called by the Chair at 630 pm held at the Mattawa OPP Detachment Office Meeting Room

### **September 2024**

- Review OPP Detachment Action Plan (Current)
- Review each of the four Municipal Safety and Wellness Plans
- Approve plan for networking event
- Approve plan for the OPP appreciation event
- Approve board policies drafted to date

#### **Meeting:**

September 25th, 2024 at 630 pm held at the Mattawa OPP Detachment Office Meeting Room

### **November 2024**

- Host networking event

### **December 2024**

- Host OPP appreciation event
- Review budget and work plan for 2025-2026 fiscal year

#### **Meeting Date:**

December 4th, 2024 at 630 pm held at the Mattawa OPP Detachment Office Meeting Room

### **March 2025**

- Approve report to Municipalities

#### **Meeting:**

As called by the Chair at 630 pm held at the Mattawa OPP Detachment Office Meeting Room

**Summary of Meeting Dates:**

June 2024: As called by the Chair

September 25th, 2024: Regular meeting

December 4th, 2024: Regular meeting

March 2025: As called by the Chair

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles  
RESOLUTION PAGE



Regular Meeting of Council

**Agenda Number:** 8.2.  
**Resolution Number** 2024-363  
**Title:** Resolution Stemming from July 17, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 7.0 - Correspondence #5  
**Date:** October 16, 2024

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**Moved by:** Councillor Laframboise  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Pothier

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports Resolution No. 2024-125 passed by the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt, regarding a PS3280 accounting standard covering asset retirement obligations;**  
**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Federation of Ontario Municipalities (FONOM); and all Ontario Municipalities.**

CARRIED

  
MAYOR





# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

June 26, 2024

The Corporation of the Township of Harley  
903303 Hanbury Rd  
New Liskeard, ON P0J 1P0

Please be advised that at the Regular Meeting of Council on June 25, 2024, the Town of Cobalt adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION No. 2024-125**

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Wilcox  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Starchuk

**WHEREAS** the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) establishes accounting standards for the public sector which must be followed by all Ontario municipalities;

**AND WHEREAS** the Municipal Act, 2001, section 294.1 states that a municipality shall, for each fiscal year, prepare annual financial statements for the municipality in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for local governments as recommended, from time to time, by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada;

**AND WHEREAS** PS3280 is a new accounting standard covering asset retirement obligations (ARO) that was approved by PSAB in March 2018;

**AND WHEREAS** the standard must be applied by all public sector entities who prepare their financial statements under PSAB, including all Canadian municipalities;

**AND WHEREAS** many small municipalities do not have accountants or engineers on staff to complete the ARO obligations and this major accounting changes will force small municipalities to hire consultants to complete this work and cause a significant financial burden to municipalities;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt supports the resolutions from the Township of Harley, Coleman Township, Township of Larder Lake, Township of Casey, Township of Hudson & Township of Kerns and hereby calls upon the province of Ontario to provide financial assistance to municipalities to complete the ARO;

**AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), the Timiskaming Municipal Association (TMA), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) and all municipalities within the District of Timiskaming.

CARRIED

Kind Regards,

Steven Dalley  
Town Manager, Clerk/Treasurer  
Email: [sdalley@cobalt.ca](mailto:sdalley@cobalt.ca)

**From:** [FONOM Office/ Bureau de FONOM](#)  
**Subject:** Ontario Forest Industries Association's 2025 Ontario Budget Recommendations  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 16, 2024 10:26:36 AM  
**Attachments:** [FONOM Resolution, To Support Ontario's Forest Industry in the 2025 Ontario Budget.pdf](#)  
[24-25 OFIA pre-budget-final-ian08\\_2023.pdf](#)

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Good morning

Please forward this to your Mayor, Councils, and Senior Management.

Recognizing how vital the Forestry Industry is to the economy in Northern Ontario and the whole of Ontario, FONOM asks your council to consider bringing this Resolution forward at your Municipality. I have attached a Draft Forestry Resolution for your consideration and a copy of the OFIA Budget submission.

Happy to answer any questions.

Talk soon, Mac.

Mac Bain  
Executive Director  
The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities  
**665 Oak Street East, Unit 306**  
**North Bay, ON, P1B 9E5**  
Ph. 705-498-9510

*To Support Ontario's Forest Industry in the 2025 Ontario Budget*

WHEREAS, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) recognizes how vital the Forestry Industry is to the Economy in Ontario;

WHEREAS, the success of the forest sector is critical to the economic and social prosperity of Ontario communities, employing 137,000 people;

WHEREAS, the forest industry has invested over \$3.8 billion in Ontario since 2018;

WHEREAS, Ontario has an opportunity to market global investment in the bioeconomy, similar to critical minerals and electric vehicle manufacturing, and become a leading international jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, over the last 20 years, the North American pulp and paper sector has seen a significant rationalization in production capacity, with investment dollars going to competing international jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, in the last year, Ontario has seen three pulp, paper, and containerboard mills idle or close, negatively impacting communities and the solid wood mills that depend on these facilities as markets for mill by-products and pulpwood;

WHEREAS, U.S. tariffs on softwood lumber are expected to double in 2025, to approximately 30%;

WHEREAS, Ontario should work with federal colleagues to pursue a softwood lumber settlement that works in the best interests of Ontario lumber producers and advocate for a financial backstop;

WHEREAS, Ontario has an opportunity to procure greater amounts of energy (i.e., electricity, heat, fuels, biochar, etc.) from forestry by-products and forests to assist in heavy industry decarbonization and Ontario's forecasted electricity demands;

WHEREAS, Ontario's successful and oversubscribed *Forest Biomass Program* should continue post-2027;

WHEREAS, Ontario will actively seek investment to restart idled softwood kraft lines in Ontario and Quebec to provide immediate relief for some sawmill producers;


WHEREAS, Ontario's \$10 million *Sawmill Chip Program*, ending March 25, 2025, will likely need to continue and expand in the absence of an immediate restart of a currently idled pulp mill to avoid curtailments at solid wood facilities;

WHEREAS, 5-year bilateral power purchase agreements (PPAs) with forest biomass-fired electrical generation facilities are insufficient and should be expanded both in terms of length and volume to provide communities, industry, and workers with a certain future;

WHEREAS, the public *Forest Access Roads Funding Program*, which provides for the public use of Ontario's forests, should be increased to \$75 million/year to reflect inflationary pressures and support legacy infrastructure upgrades (i.e., roads, bridges, and water crossings).

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) support the implementation of the Ontario Forest Industries Association's 2025 Ontario Budget Recommendations in support of attracting investment and maintaining forest operations and employment in Ontario.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Minister Vic Fedeli, Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Minister Graydon Smith, Natural Resources, Associate Minister Kevin Holland, Forestry and Forest Products, Minister Andrea Khanjin, Environment, Conservation and Parks, Minister Todd McCarthy, Environment, Conservation and Parks, Minister George Pirie, Mines, Minister Steven Lecce, Energy and Electrification, Associate Minister Sam Oosterhoff, Energy Intensive Industries, Minister Peter Bethlenfalvy, Finance, \_\_\_\_\_ local MPP \_\_\_\_, the leaders of the Opposition Parties, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, AMO, ROMA, and OFIA.



**2024-25**

# **Provincial Budget Submission**

**Ontario Forest Industries Association**  
January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024



A person wearing a safety vest and gloves is using a chainsaw to cut wood in a forest. The background is a blurred forest scene.

# Ontario's Forest Industry By the Numbers

**\$21B**

total revenues

**72.6M**

trees planted

**\$4.4B**

contribution to the provincial GDP

**300M+**

seeds in aerial seeding

**142,000**

direct, indirect, and induced jobs

**\$60M**

renewal expenditures

**7.2B Tonnes**

Carbon Stored in Ontario's Public Forests

**25.5M Tonnes**

Carbon stored in wood products from Ontario's  
Managed Forest

## Introduction

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Since 2018, the forest industry has invested 3.6 billion dollars in Ontario. Autonomous vehicles, drones, robotics, advanced chemicals, machine learning, optimization, and artificial intelligence are commonplace across our industry's operations. The pace of change and innovation will only increase as our industry meets a rising global demand for green energy and sustainable, low-carbon forest products.

An ambitious growth plan, as outlined in *Ontario's Forest Sector Strategy* (the "Strategy"), a well-managed forest resource, and an "open for business" attitude have formed the groundwork for an incredible green economic growth opportunity in northern, rural, and Indigenous communities across the province. Released in 2020, the Strategy is committed to utilizing the full annual allowable cut (AAC) of 30 million m<sup>3</sup> by 2030, sustainably doubling the sector's current footprint.

Ontario, however, is not immune from global economic and market pressures. High inflation, rising interest rates, workforce shortages, protectionist trade policy, and declining or stagnant market segments represent significant and challenging headwinds. These are complex issues that require a whole-of-government approach. Attracting new investment, developing new products, and growing the sector are important, yet maintaining its existing footprint is essential.

Ensuring a thriving forest sector requires a fully integrated network of forest management planning, road infrastructure, competitive woodland and mill operations, a skilled workforce, and open market access. Above all else, Ontario must keep our public forests working for the people and meet the increasing global demand for sustainably sourced forest products.

To assist Ontario in navigating these complex issues, the Ontario Forest Industries Association (OFIA) has developed its 2024-25 Pre-Budget Submission to serve as a roadmap to success in Strategy implementation. Acting on the following recommendations will unlock the vast economic and environmental potential of Ontario's forest resources and contribute to a better Ontario.

## **Summary of OFIA's 2024-25 Recommendations**

Implement *Sustainable Growth: Ontario's Forest Sector Strategy (the Strategy)*, focusing on key competitiveness measures:

- 1. Prioritize biomass and pulpwood market development to improve forest sector competitiveness and resiliency;**
- 2. Improve forest road infrastructure, leveraging private investments;**
- 3. Improve market access and maintain the effectiveness of Ontario's adaptive and sustainable forest management framework;**
- 4. Address the cumulative costs of carbon pricing;**
- 5. Position Ontario as a globally competitive jurisdiction through red tape and cost reduction;**
- 6. Develop the workforce of the future and enhance forest community livability.**

## **1. Prioritize biomass and pulpwood market development to improve forest sector competitiveness and resiliency.**

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OFIA recommends:

- a. Ensure a multi-year commitment and expansion to the \$19.6 million *Forest Biomass Fund*;
- b. Modify provincial energy policy to procure greater amounts of forest biomass-fired electricity, supporting community energy and district heating projects;
- c. Prioritize the global competitiveness of Ontario's pulp and paper sector and potential commercialization of innovative products and advanced chemicals;
- d. Incentivize greater use of low-carbon forest biomass within industrial (e.g., steel, mining, chemical, and forestry facilities) processes through Ontario's Emission Performance Standard (EPS) program and innovation funding.

Every year, a sustainable yield of approximately 14 million m<sup>3</sup> of timber is harvested from Ontario's managed public forest. This material works through a highly integrated network of mills and facilities, producing a wide range of products, materials, and secondary products.

Market development within biomass and pulpwood markets is perhaps the greatest opportunity to enhance the supply chain and bolster competitiveness across Ontario's forest industry. Alternatively, a contraction within this market segment poses a significant threat to the future viability of the entire forest sector.

Canada used to be the largest market pulp-producing country in the world but continues to lose share to lower-cost mills in other regions. While Ontario's Northern Bleached Softwood Kraft (NBSK) remains highly sought after for its desirable technical properties, some facilities require significant capital investments to stay competitive. North America competes with low-cost international jurisdictions like Southeast Asia and South America, which have seen significant capital investment in new mills and intensively managed tree plantations over recent years.

The OFIA strongly supports initiatives such as Ontario's \$19.6 million *Forest Biomass Program* and *Forest Sector Investment and Innovation Program* that aim to maximize the use of wood residuals, reduce the need for carbon-intensive fuels, and avoid unnecessary pressures on landfills. Ensuring the success of these programs will help sustain the circular bioeconomy and the integration of Ontario's forest sector. Government support for existing pulp, paper, and biomass facilities is essential to the sector's long-term success.

Bioenergy production, the most deployable and scalable forest biomass technology currently available, presents an enormous opportunity to assist in this goal. Increasing volumes within existing power purchase agreement (PPA) generation facilities, developing community projects, supporting district heating projects, and incentivizing the use of forest biomass in other industrial processes are not only opportunities but are essential to the success of the industry.



## **2. Improve forest road infrastructure, leveraging private investments.**

The OFIA recommends the following to improve Ontario's *Forest Access Roads Funding Program*:

- a. Make an inflationary adjustment of \$15 million/year;
- b. Make a \$5.6 million/year increase to address end-of-life road, bridge, and water crossing infrastructure.

The forest industry builds and maintains public forest infrastructure on behalf of the people of Ontario. This public infrastructure provides essential social, cultural, wellness, and economic opportunities for First Nations and all citizens of Ontario by providing access to the Province's abundance of parks, natural spaces, working forests, critical minerals, and communities. Thousands of Ontario citizens, businesses, anglers, hunters, cottagers, and emergency services depend on a safe and well-maintained public forest road network.

The current funding envelope of \$54 million for the roads program is no longer adequate to meet the infrastructure needs of public and private users of Ontario's forest road infrastructure. Since 2018, the road building and maintenance sector has seen exceptionally high inflation – increased fuel, equipment, and wage costs have significantly weakened the program's purchasing power over the last six years.

Through a comprehensive survey of all forest managers in the province, we estimate a \$20.6 million/year funding deficit. This data reflects annual road maintenance, inflation, and replacing end-of-life bridges, water crossings, and roads.

Improving this program will provide an incredible economic development opportunity for all northern and rural communities, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, right across the province.

### **3. Improve market access and maintain the effectiveness of Ontario's adaptive and sustainable forest management framework.**

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OFIA recommends:

- a. Continue to defend Ontario softwood lumber producer's interests in the ongoing trade dispute with the United States;
- b. Work with industry to address non-tariff trade barriers, e.g., "deforestation-free" procurement bills and "forest degradation" initiatives;
- c. Continued implementation of the *Ontario-Canada Boreal Caribou Conservation Agreement*, focusing on caribou range-boundary review and other scientific methods to assess self-sustaining caribou populations;
- d. Work with the OFIA and forest managers to explore potential contributions to Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures (OECMs);
- e. Work with the OFIA and forest managers to ensure forest management guidance supports the objectives of Ontario's *Forest Sector Strategy*.

Governments play an essential role in maintaining a positive reputation with customers and honouring commitments to reduce trade barriers within critical export markets. Over \$800 million of Ontario softwood lumber producer's money is on deposit in the U.S. Treasury due to the current iteration of the dispute. This is money that could be re-invested into Ontario facilities and communities. We ask Ontario to continue the rigorous legal defence of its programs and stumpage system, which is currently being investigated by the U.S. Department of Commerce. This issue needs to be raised at every opportunity with Canadian and American officials and viewed as a top diplomatic priority.

Members of the OFIA remain committed to upholding the highest standards of sustainable forest management to maintain ecological processes and conserve biological diversity. We strongly encourage the Ontario government to continue communicating our adaptive forest management framework's effectiveness to the federal government, stakeholders, and defending our industry in the face of misinformation and activist campaigns.

Ensuring our forests remain resilient under a changing climate requires human intervention through sustainable forest management. In pursuing a Federal protected area target, we are concerned that Ontario could erode the working forest landscape. Ontario must carefully consider how protected areas, OECMs, and ecological offsetting will impact the forest industry. We ask MECP and the MNRF to work with us to ensure the forest sector is fully recognized for its contributions to conservation and avoid unintended economic and environmental consequences.

Non-tariff trade barriers, such as "deforestation-free" procurement bills in New York and California, concern our industry. We ask that you continue working with your federal counterparts and state legislators to defend Ontario's world-class forest management system.

#### **4. Address the cumulative costs of carbon pricing**

OFIA recommends:

- a. Finalize the proposed approach to the redistribution of EPS proceeds to eligible facilities;
- b. Ensure projects beyond the property limits of facilities are eligible to receive EPS proceeds;
- c. Consider options to mitigate the impacts of the federal carbon fuel charge to the forest sector, evaluating the potential for a made-in-Ontario program.

The OFIA supports an Ontario-based carbon pricing program, and this long-term planning will provide stability for businesses looking to invest in Ontario. We believe that Ontario is better positioned to understand the needs and context of Ontario's emitters.

The world's leading carbon reduction jurisdictions have only achieved such significant progress due to massive increases in the use of forest biomass within industrial processes, combined heat and power, district heating, and electrical generation. Forest biomass is also a much more price-stable source of energy, something that has been highly beneficial to European countries. We view the EPS program as an incredible opportunity to position Ontario as one of these leaders and incentivize increased use of this valuable and sustainable material.

We strongly support using proceeds to create a fund to support research and development into decarbonization and implementing capital-intensive, low-carbon technologies. As an industry, we have made significant progress and investments in decarbonizing operations. Since 1990, Ontario's pulp and paper industry has reduced its greenhouse gas emissions by 56%. Addressing the remaining high-emitting processes will require new research, significant technological advancement, and large capital expenditures.

Re-injecting EPS proceeds into the industry will fast-track the adoption of new technologies and assist companies in making further investments in Ontario. Developing an Ontario fuel surcharge to replace the federal program would provide access to a larger pool of funds to help in this transition.

In parallel, we are concerned that the proposed federal *Clean Fuels Standard* will compound the impacts of the federal fuel surcharge on forestry operations and transportation. There presently are no viable alternatives to decarbonize the sector. We strongly encourage the government to consider ways to collaborate and support the industry through this transition.

## **5. Position Ontario as a globally competitive jurisdiction through red tape and cost reduction**

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OFIA recommends:

- a. Ensure government initiatives align with the goals and objectives of the *Forest Sector Strategy* to reduce cost and administrative burden to the sector;
- b. Establish service standards, improve service delivery, and remove the need for low-risk approvals;
- c. Adjust and make permanent the 'fixed' portion of Crown dues for poplar and white birch stumpage to ensure that the rate is consistent with other provincial jurisdictions;
- d. Reduce current electricity costs while maintaining and enhancing existing energy programs (e.g., the Northern Energy Advantage Program, the Industrial Conservation Initiative, the Interruptible Rate Pilot, and the Industrial Electricity Incentive Program).
- e. Lower costs and reduce carbon emissions by increasing payloads on tractor-trailer configuration.
- f. Make the current reduction in provincial fuel tax permanent.

The OFIA fully supports this government's focus on red tape reduction and working together to reduce barriers.

The OFIA has repeatedly flagged cost competitiveness, the speed with which we conduct business, and streamlined approval processes as themes that continue to inhibit global competitiveness and negatively impact wood supply access. Initiatives (the Strategy, provincial policy working groups (TAT, SID, FMPAG), and policy changes) have supported a provincial mandate to reduce red tape and administrative burden. More work on these projects is required for the Strategy to succeed.

Burdensome and lengthy approval processes are a problem for the industry across all business areas. The lack of enforceable service standards has been raised within the industry's mill environment, forest management planning and operations, transportation, and human resource departments. Approvals are either unnecessary (e.g., low-risk), duplicative, or take excessive time.

We look forward to working with various ministries to address these issues in upcoming red-tape reduction bills.

The OFIA is thankful for the continued extension of gas and fuel tax cuts, ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. We hope to see this excellent initiative continue past the current expiration date.

## **6. Develop the workforce of the future and enhance forestry community livability**

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OFIA recommends:

- a. Establishing a new "*Forestry Truck Driver Experience Grant*" to offset high insurance costs preventing new drivers from entering the industry;
- b. Recognize and streamline foreign credentials and commercial truck driving licenses;
- c. Remove the *Non-Resident Speculation Tax* from northern, rural, and remote communities.
- d. Continued investments into northern, rural, remote, and Indigenous communities.

Ontario's forest industry is hiring. Developing a sustainable workforce of the future will be essential for our industry's continued success and achieving the Strategy's goals. We ask the Ontario government to continue supporting the work being done with colleagues at the MNRF, the Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, and the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training, and Skills Development to fast-track new workers and new Canadians with relevant skillsets into the forestry workforce.

Transportation costs have increased significantly over the last six years, and trucking capacity has decreased. Increased capital entry costs, insurance, tire and fuel costs, and an escalating carbon tax are contributing to the trucking crisis within the industry. Furthermore, increased driver training costs, underwriting barriers, and premiums restrict new entrants while we manage an ageing and retiring workforce. We ask the Ontario government to work with the industry, licensing, insurance, and training agencies to develop a comprehensive strategy to alleviate the current trucking shortage.

The OFIA has partnered with Forests Ontario on *Bridging the Gap Between Ontario's Youth & the Provincial Forest Sector*, an Employment Ontario research project. This project investigated job vacancies and training requirements within the sector and provided critical insights into youth perceptions of employment within the forest industry.

The livability of forestry-dependant communities is central to attracting a new workforce. Continued healthcare, education, affordable daycare, and housing investments are necessary to ensure that all Ontarians enjoy the same quality of life. For example, the Non-Resident Speculation Tax (NRST) was intended to deter non-resident investors from speculating on the province's housing market. However, the NRST acts as a barrier to foreign workers filling critical roles in Ontario's small, northern, rural, and remote communities. This was clearly never the program's intent, and we ask that it be corrected.

This government has already invested substantially in infrastructure across the north, including roads and improved internet and cellular coverage, and we look forward to seeing that investment continue. In an increasingly digital age, communities across the north must have

strong technological and built infrastructure. Forestry-dependent communities must become more competitive in drawing residents, particularly new Canadians, through programs such as the *Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot*. The Province needs to consider incentivizing living in the north and enhancing the quality of life for those already there.

## **Conclusion**

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The forest sector is integral to Ontario's history and critical to its economic, social and environmental prosperity. OFIA strongly believes we can create a better Ontario through working forests, leveraging visionary policies such as *Sustainable Growth: Ontario's Forest Sector Strategy*. We look forward to continuing productive dialogue and supporting sustainable economic recovery initiatives with the Ontario government.



## INFORMATION REPORT

**PREPARED FOR:** MAYOR BÉLANGER AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

**PREPARED BY:** AMY LECLERC, MUNICIPAL CLERK/REVENUE SERVICES CLERK

**TITLE:** COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

**DATE:** MONDAY OCTOBER 28, 2024

**REPORT NO:** 24-61R

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### **BACKGROUND**

At the regular meeting of Council on Tuesday October 15, 2024 the by-law to repeal the standing committees of Council was lost.

### **ANALYSIS & DISCUSSION**

In 2024 there has been one Corporate Services Committee meeting on January 29, a Public Services Committee meeting on February 5 and a Community Services Committee meeting on March 4. Since then, the committee structure has changed to have two committees being Corporate Services and Community Services but the committees have not held meetings again.

Since the standing committees will be scheduled to start again for the first Monday in November and December it is being requested by the Clerk that the two last meetings of the year be held and begin again in January 2025. This request comes through as the Clerk will be on holidays for both meetings and the Deputy Clerk is away on leave at this time.

Since there is only one meeting that has been conducted for the entire year for each committee it is being requested that we start fresh in the new year.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

### **RELEVANT POLICY/LEGISLATION**

By-law 24-06 Standing Committees of Council

### **RECOMMENDATIONS/RESOLUTION**

It is recommended that Council receives this report and postpones the standing committees until January 2025.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 24-61R titled Committee Meetings for November & December.

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council cancels the Corporates Services and Community Services committee meetings for November and December 2024 and begins holding committee meetings again in January 2025.



## INFORMATION REPORT

**PREPARED FOR:** MAYOR BÉLANGER AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL  
**PREPARED BY:** PAUL LAPERRIERE, INTERIM CAO/TREASURER  
**TITLE:** STAFF CHRISTMAS PARTY  
**DATE:** MONDAY OCTOBER 28, 2024  
**REPORT NO:** 24-62R

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### **BACKGROUND**

We are planning to hold a staff Christmas party on December 5, 2024.

### **ANALYSIS & DISCUSSION**

The Town did not have a staff Christmas party last year, and in keeping with our efforts to boost employee morale, we've decided to have one this year for all town staff and their spouses/partners and children. Council is also invited to attend.

The party will be held at the arena on December 5<sup>th</sup> with cocktails at 5:30pm and dinner to follow. Music entertainment will be provided by Wild Roses. Our own Fern Levesque will play Santa and hand out gifts to children in attendance (all kids pre-high school).

We have reserved the arena for the evening for family skating, so bring your skates!

So that we can confirm numbers with our caterer, please confirm your attendance to our Executive Assistant, Melody Byers, by November 1, 2024.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The budget for the event is \$3,500.

### **RELEVANT POLICY/LEGISLATION**

### **RECOMMENDATIONS/RESOLUTION**

It is recommended that Council receives and accepts this report.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 24-62R titled Staff Christmas Party.



**THE CORPORATION TOWN OF MATTAWA**

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR** \_\_\_\_\_

**SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR** \_\_\_\_\_

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**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this Council proceed in Camera at \_\_\_\_\_ in order to address a matter pertaining to:

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

DATE: MONDAY OCTOBER 28, 2024

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**THE CORPORATION TOWN OF MATTAWA**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR \_\_\_\_\_

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR \_\_\_\_\_

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**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular meeting reconvene at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

DATE: MONDAY OCTOBER 28, 2024

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**THE CORPORATION TOWN OF MATTAWA**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR \_\_\_\_\_

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR \_\_\_\_\_

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**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the October 28, 2024 meeting adjourn at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.