



**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MONDAY, APRIL 11TH, 2022
7:00 P.M.**

- 3. PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**
- 4. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

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April 7, 2022

Dear Council Members,

Community Living Mattawa would like permission to hold two community fundraising barbeques on the sidewalk in front of the Foodland. The dates for the barbeques are:

Friday, May 20, 2022; and
Thursday, August 25, 2022

We would like to use the sidewalk from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm to allow for set up, the barbeque, and then clean up.

The barbeque fundraisers are being held to raise money for a variety of Community Living Mattawa activities that fall outside of our Ministry funding that include providing access to community events and activities. In addition, the barbeques raise awareness of the contributions people with developmental disabilities make within our community.

The May barbeque will also celebrate Community Living month across the Province of Ontario.

I thank you for your consideration of our request. If you have any questions or require any further information, please contact me at (705) 744-2979 ext. 203.

Sincerely,



David Spencer
Executive Director
Community Living Mattawa

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April 6, 2022

Dear Head of Council:

For the past two years, you, your council colleagues and municipal staff have been at the forefront of the response to COVID in Ontario. I deeply appreciate your continued collaboration with the province and your inspiring dedication.

With key public health and health system indicators continuing to remain stable or improve, Ontario is cautiously and gradually easing public health and workplace safety measures with all remaining measures, directives and orders to end by April 27, 2022.

Today I am writing to inform you of the status of the emergency orders that were led by my ministry and made in early 2020 under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, and later continued under the *Reopening Ontario Act, 2020*, to help municipalities address some of the challenges brought on by the pandemic.

The Work Deployment Measures for Municipalities Order will end on April 27, 2022

Since April 16, 2020, O. Reg. 157/20, Work Deployment Measures for Municipalities (order) provided municipalities with the flexibility to deploy certain staff to where they were needed most in response to COVID-19 pressures.

The order was a temporary measure and, in line with the province's lifting of public health measures, it will end on April 27, 2022.

Any deployments your municipality has made using the authority in the order will need to end by April 27, 2022. If your municipality is relying on the order to deploy staff, it is important to work collaboratively and in good faith with your bargaining agents to develop staffing plans beyond April 27, 2022.

The Patios Order will end on April 27, 2022

O. Reg. 345/20, Patios, eliminated Planning Act requirements for notice and public meetings and removed the ability to appeal when municipalities passed temporary use by-laws for new or expanded restaurant and bar patios. This allowed municipalities to pass or amend these by-laws quickly to address local circumstances and needs as they evolved.

The order was a temporary measure and, in line with the province's lifting of public health measures, will end on April 27, 2022.

As the order will end on April 27, 2022, your municipality may wish to consider making any necessary changes to temporary use by-laws for restaurant and bar patios prior to this date. Changes were made as part of Bill 13, the *Supporting People and Businesses Act, 2021* in December 2021 to help streamline the planning system and provide municipal councils broader authority to allow more planning decisions to be made by committees of council or staff. Municipalities can now delegate decisions dealing with minor amendments to zoning by-laws, such as temporary use by-laws, should they choose to (and subject to having appropriate official plan policies in place).

Temporary Health or Residential Facilities

O. Reg 141/20 came into effect on April 9, 2020. It has exempted temporary shelters and health facilities, established to respond to the effects of the pandemic, from the requirement to obtain a building permit or a change of use permit under the Building Code Act, from complying with the technical requirements of the Building Code and with certain by-laws and approvals under the Planning Act, subject to certain conditions related to protecting public health and safety.

This order will also end on April 27, 2022. I understand that some of these temporary facilities are still in use to respond to the effects of the pandemic. I intend to make amendments to the Building Code that would continue to exempt these facilities from the need for a building permit and compliance with the Building Code on a temporary basis, while ensuring they continue to be regularly inspected. Your municipality may wish to consider if any new temporary use or zoning by-laws or amendments to existing temporary use or zoning by-laws may be needed before the order ends on April 27, 2022.

There may be other emergency orders that are ending and may impact your municipality. For the latest information, please visit the government's page on [COVID-19 emergency information](#).

If your municipality has any questions about any of the changes outlined above, we encourage your staff to contact [your local Municipal Services Office](#).

Thank you again for your continued support in protecting the health and well-being of Ontarians while delivering the services they depend upon.

Sincerely,



Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

C: Chief Administrative Officers
Municipal Clerks
Kate Manson Smith, Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Brian Rosborough, Executive Director, Association of Municipalities of Ontario

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Info

From: Katherine Forster <kforster@earthday.ca>
Sent: April 6, 2022 2:15 PM
To: Info
Cc: thomas.mulcair@umontreal.ca
Subject: Mattawa - Earth Day Canada Support and Resources for Earth Day 2022
Attachments: 2022EarthDayCanada_IntroLtrMattawa.pdf

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Dear Mayor Backer,

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Katherine Forster and I am the Canadian Outreach Officer at the non-profit organization Earth Day Canada, based in Montreal. I am contacting you on behalf of our organization and the Chairman of our Board of Directors, Thomas Mulcair, a letter from whom is enclosed.

As you may know, Earth Day Canada is a charitable organization that helps individuals and organizations reduce their impact on the environment by offering a wide range of initiatives year-round in the fields of waste management, tree planting, electric mobility, awareness and training, and more. Earth Day, April 22nd, is an important catalyst for rallying engaged citizens and supporting organizations and municipalities driving the ecological transition, all across Canada, on Earth Day and every day.

Our vision for Earth Day celebrations includes partnering with municipalities that have demonstrated the will to make bold strides in sustainability. In the run-up to the launch of our 2022 campaign to celebrate Earth Day, we are contacting municipalities to let them know about our Municipalities Mobilizing initiative that they can join. This campaign provides a communications tool box that will serve as a resource for partner municipalities who are seeking support for Earth Day and for their environmental goals.

This tool box will include:

- The 2022 Earth Day campaign materials and logos
- Public recognition as a city/town leading the ecological charge
- An online calendar of activities to promote your local initiatives
- Ideas for Earth Day activities and local events

We would love to discuss the possibility of joining forces to amplify the impact of your environmental & climate action and ours, as well as highlight your dedication to stepping up for the health of the planet. As described in the letter, you may also simply reply "I want to be part of Earth Day 2022" and c.c. the staff members responsible for follow-up. We will then get back to you with the next steps.

I am here for all your questions, concerns, and if you desire, to schedule a call or meeting.

Kindest regards,

Katherine Forster

Katherine Forster (she/elle)

Canadian Outreach Officer | Chargée de développement pancanadien



April 6, 2022

Dear Mayor Backer,

As we have responded with strength and flexibility to the changing landscape of our communities over the last two years, one thing remains the same. The health of our environment is a key to resiliency and sustainability, and we have to do as much as we can to protect it. Actions taken now are crucial to ensure the benefit for all Canadians for generations to come. Similar to the saying, "the best time to plant a tree is twenty years ago, the next best time is now!" Thankfully many municipalities have been taking action and planting those "trees" and we are all benefiting from the proactive efforts and community changes that put sustainability front and centre.

At Earth Day Canada, we celebrate these efforts and want to ensure that local governments from coast to coast continue to drive this change. Earth Day, April 22nd, is an important annual celebration that allows us to demonstrate our united voice around the need to protect the earth. This is where we see an opportunity for collaboration with municipalities that are making a difference for the environment.

Earth Day Canada has developed a free communications toolkit for use by local governments to promote Earth Day, it calls on local citizens to participate in environmental actions and be leaders in healthy, vibrant communities. If you intend to celebrate Earth Day 2022 on April 22nd, we would be thrilled to work with you and provide all the communication and implementation resources contained in our toolkit.

Participation is easy. Simply reply "I want to be part of Earth Day 2022" and c.c. the members of your staff responsible for follow-up. Our Canadian Outreach officer, Katherine Forster will be standing by to support you every step of the way. Please do not hesitate to contact her at kforster@earthday.ca if you require further information.

We are inspired by the growing momentum that is calling on individuals, groups and communities to step up and demand a sustainable future. Our network of communities, towns, and cities of all sizes is where we see real change taking place and making a difference for the environment. Earth Day Canada is proud to support and highlight the amazing work you are doing!

Sincerely,

Thomas Mulcair
Chairman of the Board of Directors, Earth Day Canada





AFFORDABLE SENIOR HOUSING COMMITTEE

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MEETING AGENDA

DATE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6TH, 2022

TIME: 4:00 P.M.

LOCATION: S. F. Monestime Municipal Council Chambers
Teleconference Number: 1-647-374-4685
Meeting ID: 481 061 4072
Passcode: 879124

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of Minutes
3. Tribute from Chair Thibert for Ms. Eleanor Humphrey
4. Update from Descon Construction
5. New Business
 - 5.1 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – Friday May 6th or Friday May 13th
 - 5.2 Donation to Common Room
6. Next Steps
7. Adjourn Meeting (Next Meeting Date Wednesday, May 4th, 2022)



AFFORDABLE SENIOR HOUSING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the committee meeting of the Affordable Senior Housing Committee held Wednesday, March 16th, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. The meeting was held in Dr. S. F. Monestime Council Chambers also available via teleconference, and via videoconference due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Members Present: Francine Desormeau, CAO/Clerk/Deputy-Treasurer
Garry Thibert, Chair, Councillor of Town of Mattawa
Laura Ross, Councillor of Town of Mattawa
Vala Monestime Belter, Member at Large
Noella Burke, Member at Large
Kevin Bittner, Member at Large

Development Team: John Demeis, Descon Construction Ltd
David Butler, Descon Construction Ltd

Support Staff: Brittany Belanger, Executive Assistant

Members Absent: Loren Mick, Councillor of Town of Mattawa

1. Call to Order

Chair Thibert called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Adoption of Minutes

Resolution Number ASH22-05

Moved by Noella Burke

Seconded by Vala Belter

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Affordable Senior Housing Meeting of Wednesday, February 2nd, 2022 be adopted as circulated as amended.

Carried

3. Construction Update

Mr. Demeis provided the Committee with updated photos and reviewed the progress with the construction up to date.

Delivery of materials for units is still in progress. There have been some manufacturing delays with some materials arriving mid-month. Most windows have been received and a small quantity backordered for some of the South units. Appliances are expected to arrive at the end of March. Mailboxes are also on backorder and the manufacturer is not providing a timeline for delivery due to aluminum shortages and significant backlogs. Discussions are

ongoing with the local post office.

The North, East, and West wing units are nearing completion. Drywall in the South wing close to completion. Flooring has started and will continue for the next few weeks. Kitchen cabinets have been installed. The carpet for the main corridor is reserved for late March early April to prevent damage.

Work is expected to push into mid-April due to COVID material delays experienced in late 2021 early 2022 and rolling in manpower shortages due to Omicron. A phased occupancy has been reviewed and is an optional approach for April.

In late February and March extreme freeze/thaw conditions and heavy rain caused leaks to develop on the roof in certain trouble areas. Further repairs were performed and significant snow/ice are preventing a more thorough investigation and repair until spring.

4. Rosemount Valley Suites Property Management

The Municipality provided the Descon Management team with a list of potential 119 applicants. Out of that list, there has been 20 applications that have been full processed/approved, 2 applicants have backed out, 7 applications are pending approval, 6 have been declined, and 3 applications have recently been received and not yet processed. Additional applications anticipated to be submitted in the next few weeks due to advertisements and word of mouth.

5. New Business

The Committee will arrange a ribbon cutting ceremony for the public. The date will be discussed and finalized.

6. Next Steps

Descon Group to get the Leases and Tenant Handbooks out to the accepted applicants.

Descon Group to begin collection of last month's rent deposits.

Descon Group to create a move in schedule for all the selected applicants as a staggered move in is best.

7. Adjourn Meeting (Next Meeting Date Wednesday, May 4th, 2022)

Resolution Number ASH22-06

Moved by Kevin Bittner

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Affordable Senior Housing Committee adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Carried

Chair

DATE: Apr 6, 2022

PROJECT: 20054 Mattawa Seniors Affordable Housing

LOCATION: 231 Tenth Street, Mattawa, Ontario

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS UPDATE

MATERIAL DELIVERIES & SUPPLY CHAIN

- Mailboxes remain backordered due manufacturer shortage. Temporary provisions to be made with post office.
- All apartment appliances delivered and installed, plastic wrap to be remove upon final cleaning.
- Washer and dryers anticipated to be delivered mid to end of April.

FINISHING WORK

- Most units completed except 3 still underway, minor cleanup and touch ups occurring in completed units.
- Touch up painting underway in some section of common areas and corridors.
- Final flooring being installed in south wing units, ceramics installed in main entrance by end of week.
- Door entry system is being installed, programming to occur next week.

SCHEDULE

- All ESA, life safety, fire alarm, engineering and architectural final letters anticipated by Friday this week.
- Occupancy permit request anticipated by Friday of this week with finishing work to be completed through to April 15th. Minor touch-ups may be required into late April but not to affect occupancy.

ROOF UPDATE

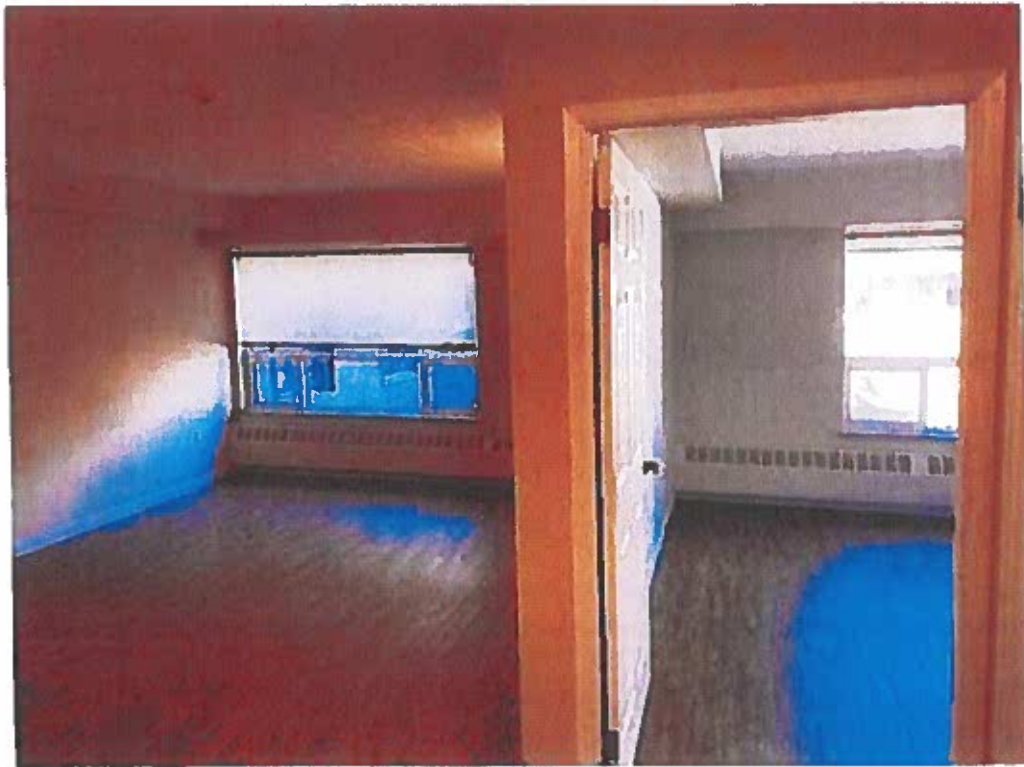
- Red sections of roof are nearly completed.
- Orange section of roof replacement is underway.

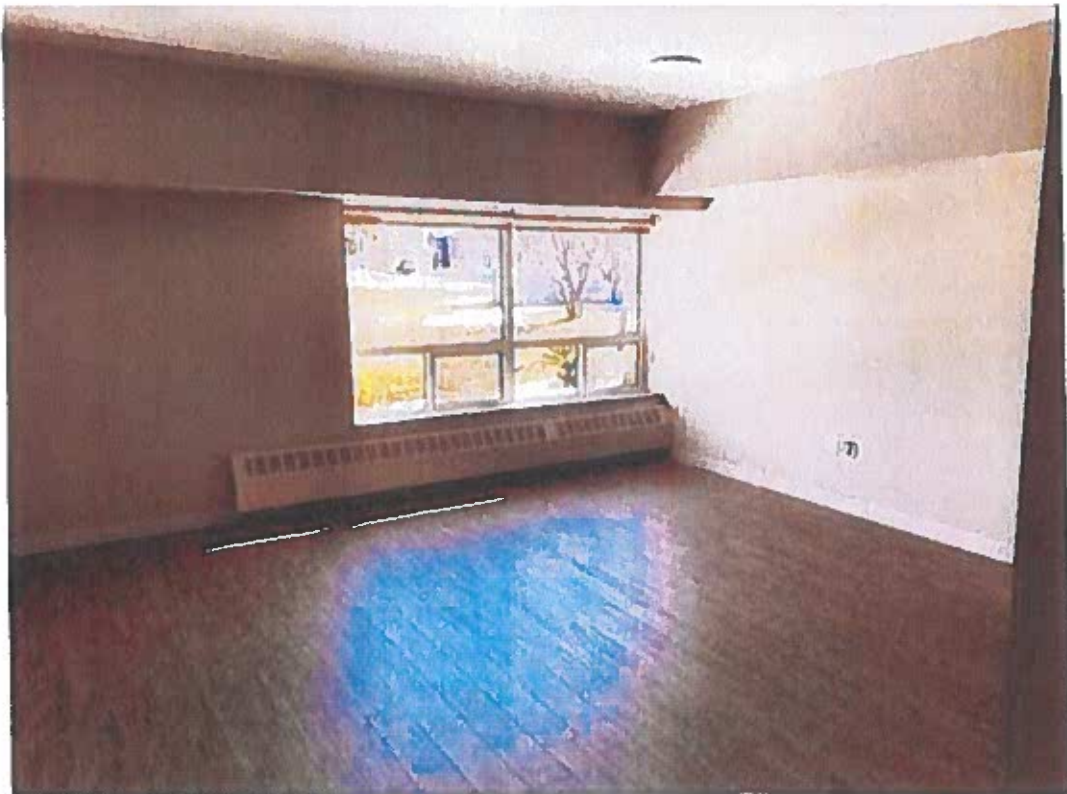
PROGRESS PHOTOS

- Appliances are installed.



- Suites are in the final stages of completion, minor cleaning and touch up. Blinds installed.







- Community room flooring is being completed.



- Corridor carpeting and t-bar ceiling mostly completed, final baseboard being installed.



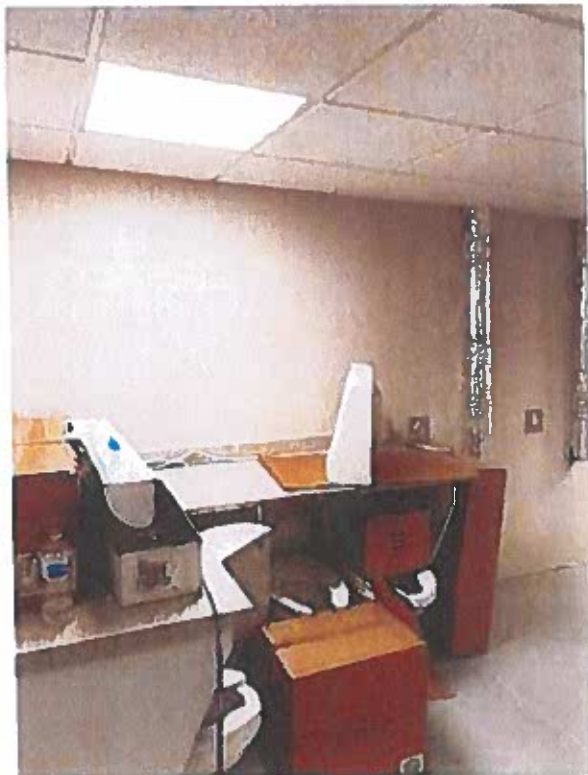
- New roofing is being installed on approved sections (RED and ORANGE).



- Fire shutters have been installed new siding being completed over fire shutters.



- Laundry room completed awaiting new washer and dryer delivery.



PROPERTY MANAGEMENT OCCUPANCY REPORT



PROPERTY LOCATION:

231 Tenth Street, Mattawa, ON

PROPERTY OWNER:

Corporation of the town of Mattawa

DATE OF REPORT:

Week of April 4, 2022

PREPARED BY:

Descon Management Group Ltd.

COMMENCEMENT OF LEASING ACTIVITIES

The receipt of applications for the rental of 30 suites in the newly constructed building at 231 Tenth St Mattawa, began on Feb 8th, 2022. The results of those applications as well as the tentative list of approved applications for new tenants are as follows:

POTENTIAL APPLICANTS:

A list was provided by the municipality for 119 potential applicants. From that list:

- 20 people said they have changed their mind and wish not to apply.
- 43 People said they would be providing an application.
- 59 Remaining people were contacted and left messages, with no response.

CURRENT RECIEVED APPLICATIONS:

As of April 4, 2022, a total of 47 applications have been received and more continue to be submitted. The status of the received to date is as follows:

- 45 Applications have been fully processed.
- 3 People have backed out of applying
- 3 Applications are pending
- 7 Applications are rejected
- 7 Are waitlisted for 2 bedrooms or 1 bedroom plus den
- 2 applications have recently been received and not yet processed.

General phone call-in's from word of mouth has resulted in an additional applications anticipated to be submitted in the next few weeks.

SUITES CURRENTLY RENTED PENDING LEASE SIGNING:

We are currently assigning the suites to the approved applicants. We have attached a diagram of the building and the suites assigned with the Move in dates requested.

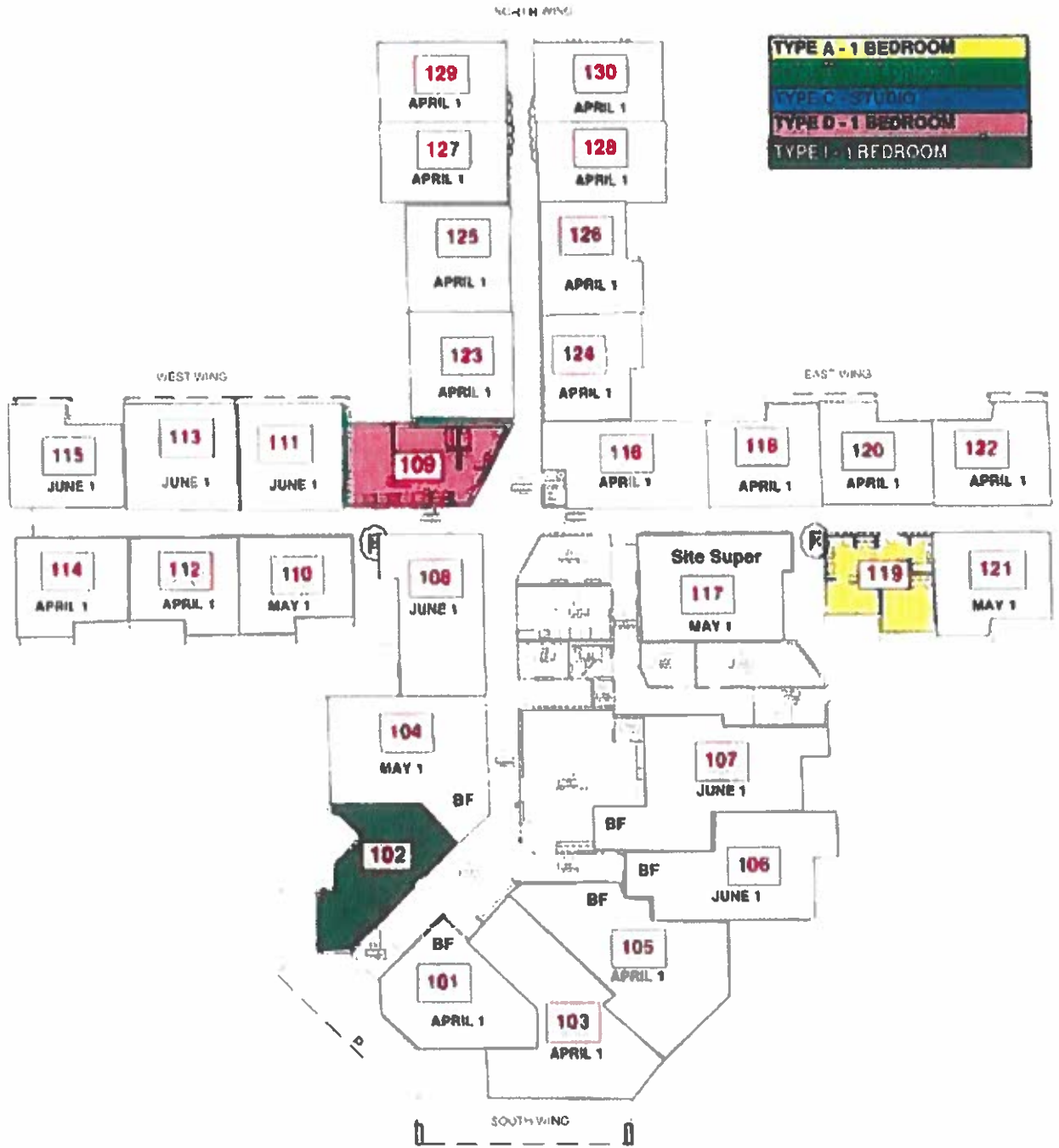
- 27 tenants have been approved with units assigned
- 20 leases have been returned and signed
- 20 Last Month's Rent Deposits have been collected
- 7 signed leases still outstanding and are expected this week.

NEXT STEPS IN PROCESS:

- Develop move-in schedule

RENTAL MAP
Colored units are available for rent. White units are assumed taken pending final lease return.

SUITE LAYOUT





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Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
premier@ontario.ca (Sent via email)

April 1st 2022

Re: Funding Supports for Infrastructure Projects – Bridge / Culvert Replacements in Rural Municipalities

Please be advised that on March 30th 2022 the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council passed the following motion supporting the Township of Clearview regarding their resolution for Funding Supports for Infrastructure Projects – Bridge / Culvert Replacements in Rural Municipalities (attached).

Motion 18

Moved by Gary Atkinson

Seconded by Mike Vasey

That Council support correspondence item 'n' from Township of Clearview regarding Funding Supports for Infrastructure Projects – Bridge / Culvert Replacements in Rural Municipalities.

Motion Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at dgiles@plympton-wyoming.ca.

Sincerely,

Denny Giles

Deputy Clerk

Town of Plympton-Wyoming

Cc: (all sent via e-mail)

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April 4, 2022

AMO Policy Update – *Getting Ontario Connected Act*, Proposed Gas Tax Reduction

Remarks to Standing Committee on Bill 93, *Getting Ontario Connected Act*, 2022

On March 30, 2022, AMO Executive Director, Brian Rosborough, made a presentation on behalf of members to the Standing Committee on General Government regarding Bill 93, the *Getting Ontario Connected Act*. AMO and municipal governments place critical importance on internet and cellular connectivity for our residents and businesses, and AMO's remarks to the Standing Committee can be found [here](#).

Province Proposes Gas and Fuel Tax Reduction for Six Months

The province has announced that it is introducing legislation, that if passed, would cut the gas tax by 5.7 cents per litre and fuel tax by 5.3 cents per litre for six months beginning July 1, 2022. AMO has been assured by the province that this will not impact the associated municipal transit funding.

Effective July 1 until December 31, 2022, the gas tax rate would be cut from 14.7 cents per litre to 9 cents per litre, representing a cut of 5.7 cents per litre. The fuel tax rate, which includes diesel, would be reduced from 14.3 cents per litre to 9 cents per litre, representing a cut of 5.3 cents per litre.

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We are writing this letter concerning
the helicopter rides on Ottawa St!

We live at 580 Ottawa St & would like
you to consider moving it's location due
to excessive noise & not being able to
enjoy with family & friends!!

It's been at our front door for 15 years
therefor PLZ consider our request so
we can enjoy V days with family, grand-children
& friends!

Thank You.

Jac & Lundy Belinas

From: Candy Keillor <Candy.Keillor@operationsmile.org>
Sent: April 3, 2022 3:24 PM
To: Info
Subject: Invitation to Proclaim June 19th, 2022 The Longest Day of SMILES®

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Dear Mayor Dean Backer,

In these unprecedented times, Operation Smile Canada recognizes the importance of engaging community members in ways that enable them to use their passion and creativity to encourage positive change.

Which is why we are inviting you as the Mayor of Mattawa to proclaim June 19th, 2022 as the Longest Day of SMILES® in your community.

The Longest Day of SMILES® encourages community ambassadors to raise awareness and funds to help a child born with a cleft condition smile and change their life with free, safe, cleft surgery and comprehensive care. From sun-up to sun-down, from coast to coast to coast, Canadians are dedicating June 19th, 2022, and the time leading up to it, to helping children SMILE.

Operation Smile Canada is a volunteer-delivered global medical charity that exists to ensure everyone has access to safe, effective surgery that they need wherever they live in the world. Surgery that will change a child's life forever... help families, communities, countries, regions and yes, the world.

By proclaiming June 19th, 2022, as the Longest Day of SMILES® in Mattawa and challenging other mayors to do the same, you can provide waiting children with exceptional cleft care and a hopeful future with a new smile.

Our Community Engagement & Fundraising team is happy to support you and your community should you choose to participate with us.

To confirm your participation or to request more info, please email Candy Keillor, Community Engagement Specialist candy.keillor@operationsmile.org

To learn more about the transformational impact of Operation Smile Canada, visit: operationsmile.ca

We look forward to collaborating with you and your team to make this the best Longest Day of SMILES® yet! Together we can make a difference one smile at a time!

Candy Keillor

Keep Smiling,

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AMO 2022



April 2, 2022

AMO 2022 Conference Launch

**City of Ottawa
August 14-17**

AMO Welcomes Delegates Back to the City of Ottawa in 2022.

After two years of virtual meetings and conferences, AMO is excited to welcome back delegates to our in-person conference. Hosted by the beautiful City of Ottawa and held at the Shaw Centre, the AMO conference will offer all of the familiar events and more that will make the 2022 Annual Conference and General Meeting a remarkable gathering for Ontario's municipal sector.

AMO is putting together an amazing on-site, in-person program of speakers, educational sessions, government-to-government engagement, and networking opportunities that you have been waiting for.

The conference registration is for in-person attendance. For those who are unable to attend as conference delegates, AMO will organize a package of conference highlights that will be made available digitally after the conference.

AMO is very pleased that our partnership with TVO's *The Agenda* will continue as we return to an in-person event.

Hotel Accommodations

Don't miss your chance to book your hotel accommodations. Rooms held for the AMO Conference will be released for booking on **Monday, April 4, at 10am**. A complete list of AMO Conference hotels and conference booking instructions can be found [here](#).

Registration

Registration opens **Monday, April 11, at 10am**. Early Bird rates end May 13, at 4pm.

Program Information

As always, AMO is putting together a conference program that focuses on the issues that are most important to you. Stay tuned for program information in the weeks ahead.

COVID-19

COVID related practices at the AMO Conference will be informed by provincial and local public health guidance at the time and will be subject to change.

Questions? Contact events@amo.on.ca

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 Muskoka Lakes'; 'Township of Terrace Bay'; 'Township of Nairn and Hyman'; "Julie
 Belhumeur"; "Heather Babcock-Cormier"; "Lindsey Veltkamp"; "Lindsay MacFarlane"
 Federal Government Sanctions imposed on Russia

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Subject:

Good morning.

Please find below a motion passed by Council of the Town of Georgina imposing limitations upon the purchase of goods that can easily be traced to have originated from Russia, and requesting support of this position by other Ontario municipalities;

RESOLUTION NO. C-2022-0081

Moved By Councillor Waddington

Seconded By Councillor Neeson

WHEREAS the country of Ukraine has experienced a premeditated and unprovoked invasion by Russia;

AND WHEREAS silence is complicity;

AND WHEREAS Canada imports hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of goods from Russia each year;

AND WHEREAS negative financial impacts upon a country can be used as a means to deter further conflict;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Town of Georgina unequivocally denounces Russia's unjustifiable war against Ukraine;

AND THAT the Town of Georgina supports the sanctions which the Federal government of Canada has thus far imposed on Russia;

AND THAT effective immediately and until a time when the sovereignty of Ukraine is once again unchallenged, the Town of Georgina will:

- 1) Not purchase any products (ie plywood, fertilizer, steel, furniture or machinery) which can be easily traced to have originated from Russia; and,
- 2) Insist that any future contracts for services for the Town of Georgina abide by these same limitations within our municipality;

AND THAT upon confirmation that the Belarusian military is engaged within Ukraine that the Town of Georgina apply these limitations upon goods from that country as well;

AND THAT this decision of Georgina Council be forwarded to all other municipalities within Ontario requesting they enact similar measures so that as a united front we can make a noticeable difference.

Carried Unanimously



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Dear Heads of Council and Chairs of District Social Services Administration Boards:

In April of 2019, our government announced the Community Housing Renewal Strategy (CHRS) which outlined our plan to work with Ontario's partners in municipalities, non-profits, and housing co-ops to stabilize and grow the community housing sector.

We have already made great progress achieving these objectives as evidenced by the *Protecting Tenants and Strengthening Community Housing Act, 2020* (Bill 184), which supports our government's plan to ensure all Ontarians can find a home that meets their needs and budget.

Our government has delivered on the CHRS by:

- Launching programs under the **National Housing Strategy** to maintain affordability and rental support for households, grow community housing supply, and connect households with opportunities for homeownership;
- Providing over 9,000 low-income households with portable housing benefits (PHB) through the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit (COHB);
- Making life easier and safer for tenants and housing providers by simplifying Rent-Geared-to-Income (RGI) rules, changing waitlist rules to allow vacant units to be filled more quickly, and limiting access for those previously evicted for criminal activity; and
- Passing amendments made to the *Housing Services Act, 2011* to enable the creation of a new regulatory framework for community housing that is more efficient and better meets households' needs.

It is with great pride that I can inform you that our government is introducing a new regulatory framework under the CHRS. The new regulatory framework responds to our extensive consultation with the sector and stabilizes Ontario's community housing system for those who live and work in it.

We have made regulatory changes to protect much-needed community housing across the province and make sure the system is sustainable over the long term.

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The new community housing framework encourages housing providers to remain in the system by signing service agreements. This will protect critical community housing supply and encourage housing providers to continue to offer deeply affordable rents for tens of thousands of Ontario households.

These changes will ensure community housing is there for the people who need it most by requiring Service Managers to set local income and asset limits and continuing to prioritize survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking for rent-geared-to-income assistance.

These changes will also improve efficiency and update accountability rules to encourage new programs that meet local housing needs.

These changes will begin to come into effect on July 1, 2022, with full implementation by July 1, 2023.

For your information, copies of the regulations are posted here:

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/r22242>

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/r22241>

On behalf of our government, I would like to extend our thanks for your work in developing the new framework. We look forward to continuing to work with our municipal partners to develop guidance material to support implementation of these changes in local communities over the coming months.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Clark". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Steve Clark
Minister

ONTARIO REGULATION 242/22

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AMENDING O. REG. 367/11

(GENERAL)

1. The definition of “portable housing benefit” in subsection 1 (1) of Ontario Regulation 367/11 is amended by striking out “in section 20.1” at the end and substituting “in clause 20.1 (a)”.

2. The Regulation is amended by adding the following Part:

PART III.1

SERVICE LEVELS, ACCESS SYSTEM — PART II.1 OF THE ACT

Prescribed forms of assistance

5.1 (1) Subject to subsection (2), a form of assistance for the purposes of clause 10.2 (2) (b) of the Act is any form of financial assistance that is,

- (a) provided in respect of households and that either reduces the rent that a household must otherwise pay or assists the household in paying rent; and
- (b) funded or administered, or both, by the service manager.

Exception

(2) Assistance described in subsection (1) does not include financial assistance provided under the *Ontario Works Act, 1997* or the *Ontario Disability Support Program Act, 1997*.

Prescribed requirements for system

5.2 For the purposes of subsection 10.2 (3) of the Act, the following are the prescribed requirements for the service manager’s access system:

- 1. The following information shall be made available to the public as part of the access system:
 - i. A description of each form of assistance that is provided through the access system.
 - ii. For each form of assistance for which a member of the public may apply, a description of how to apply for the assistance.

iii. For each form of assistance that is administered by the service manager, a description of,

A. the eligibility rules for receiving the assistance, and

B. how households are prioritized and selected to receive the assistance.

2. When a form of assistance administered by the service manager through the access system is offered to a household, the service manager must notify the household and, if applicable, its authorized representative, in writing of the following:

i. Unless the assistance is provided in the form of reduced rent, the initial amount of the assistance and a description of the method used to calculate the assistance.

ii. If the assistance is provided in the form of reduced rent, a description of the method used to calculate the rent.

iii. A description of the criteria used to assess continued eligibility for the assistance.

iv. The effect that the receipt of the assistance will have on basic financial assistance that a member of the household is receiving or is entitled to receive under the *Ontario Works Act, 1997* or income support that a member of the household is receiving or is entitled to receive under the *Ontario Disability Support Program Act, 1997*.

3. Section 20 of the Regulation is amended by striking out “3, 4, 5, 7 and 8” and substituting “3, 4 and 5”.

4. Section 20.1 of the Regulation is revoked and the following substituted:

Financial assistance specified for the purposes of par. 2 of s. 40 (3.1) of the Act

20.1 Financial assistance provided by a service manager to a household is specified as an alternate form of financial assistance related to housing for the purposes of paragraph 2 of subsection 40 (3.1) of the Act if,

(a) the financial assistance is in the form of a monthly benefit described in section 1 of Schedule 4.1;

(b) the financial assistance is described in section 1 of Schedule 4.2; or

(c) the financial assistance is described in section 1 of Schedule 4.3.

5. Section 32.1 of the Regulation is revoked and the following substituted:

Cessation of eligibility — s. 20.1 assistance

32.1 A household that is receiving rent-gear-to-income assistance ceases to be eligible for such assistance if the household has accepted an offer of financial assistance referred to in section 20.1 and begins to receive that assistance.

6. Subsection 32.2 (4) of the Regulation is revoked.

7. The Regulation is amended by adding the following sections:

Required local eligibility rules

32.3 (1) The matters on which a service manager shall make a local eligibility rule under sections 32.4 and 32.5 are prescribed as matters for the purposes of subsection 42 (2) of the Act.

(2) The requirements under sections 32.4 and 32.5 are prescribed as requirements for the purposes of subsection 42 (3) of the Act.

Required local rule — maximum household income

32.4 (1) A service manager shall make a local eligibility rule requiring, for a household to be eligible for rent-geared-to-income assistance, that the income of the household not exceed a specified maximum income.

(2) For the purposes of the local eligibility rule, the following rules apply:

1. The income of the household is the net income of the members of the household, excluding the income of members who are in full-time attendance at a recognized educational institution.
2. The net income of a member of a household is determined as follows:
 - i. Take the net income amount for the member indicated on the latest notice of assessment issued under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) for the member's most recent taxation year that ended before the determination of eligibility is being made or, if no notice of assessment has been issued for that taxation year, the amount that would appear on the net income line had the notice of assessment been issued.
 - ii. Subtract from the amount referred to in subparagraph i the total amount of all payments from a registered disability savings plan received by the member in that taxation year.
 - iii. Add to the amount determined in subparagraph ii the total amount of all payments from a registered disability savings plan repaid by the member in that taxation year.
 - iv. Subtract from the amount determined in subparagraph iii any other payments that are excluded under the local eligibility rule.

(3) The local eligibility rule may provide for different maximum incomes for units of different types and sizes and for units in different parts of the service manager's service area.

(4) The maximum income for a unit specified in the local eligibility rule must be at least the household income limit prescribed under Ontario Regulation 370/11 (High Need Households and Household Income Limits – Subsection 40 (4) of the Act) made under the Act for such a unit.

(5) The local eligibility rule shall provide that it only be applied by the service manager in determining whether a household that is applying or waiting for rent-geared-to-income assistance is eligible for the purposes of section 45 of the Act, and not in determining continued eligibility for rent-geared-to-income assistance for the purposes of section 52 of the Act.

(6) Despite subsection (1), the local eligibility rule shall provide that the service manager may determine that the household is eligible for rent-geared-to-income assistance, if the service manager is satisfied that there are extenuating circumstances.

(7) A service manager shall make reasonable efforts to notify households about the local eligibility rule.

(8) The local eligibility rule begins to apply on,

- (a) a date chosen by the service manager that is no later than July 1, 2023; or
- (b) if no date is chosen, July 1, 2023,

and until that date any local eligibility rule that was made by the service manager under section 34, as it read immediately before it was revoked, and that is in effect on the day this section comes into force, continues to apply.

(9) A service manager shall periodically review the local eligibility rule required by subsection (1).

(10) In this section,

"full-time attendance", in relation to a student attending a recognized educational institution, means, in the case of a student having a permanent disability, taking at least 40 per cent of a full course load, and in the case of any other student, taking at least 60 per cent of a full course load, as determined from the course calendar of the educational institution; ("fréquenter à plein temps")

"recognized educational institution" means,

- (a) a school, as defined in the *Education Act*,
- (b) a university,
- (c) a college of applied arts and technology established under the *Ontario Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology Act, 2002*,
- (d) a private career college, as defined in the *Private Career Colleges Act, 2005*, or
- (e) a private school, as defined in the *Education Act*, for which a notice of intention to operate has been submitted to the Ministry of Education in accordance with that Act. ("établissement d'enseignement reconnu")

Required local rule — maximum household assets

32.5 (1) A service manager shall make a local eligibility rule requiring, for a household to be eligible for rent-geared-to-income assistance, that the value of the assets of the household not exceed a specified maximum value.

(2) The local eligibility rule must provide that the value of the assets of the household is the total value of the assets of the members of the household other than assets that are excluded under the local eligibility rule.

(3) The local eligibility rule may provide for different maximum values for units and households of different types and sizes and for units in different parts of the service manager's service area.

(4) The maximum value specified in the local eligibility rule must be at least \$50,000.

(5) Without limiting what else the local eligibility rule may exclude, the local eligibility rule must exclude the following from the value of the assets of the household:

1. The value of the interest of a member of the household in a motor vehicle that is not used primarily for the operation of a business by a member of the household, subject to subsection (6).
2. The value of tools of a trade that are essential to the work of a member of the household as an employee.
3. The value of assets of a member of the household that are necessary to the operation of a business that the member operates or has an interest in, subject to subsection (7).
4. The value of a prepaid funeral.
5. The cash surrender value of a life insurance policy, subject to subsection (8).
6. The proceeds of a loan taken against a life insurance policy that will be used for disability-related items or services.
7. If a member of the household has received a payment under the *Ministry of Community and Social Services Act* for the successful participation in a program of activities that assists the person with the successful completion of a high school diploma, the development of employment-related skills and the further development of the person's parenting skills, the value of any portion of that payment that, within a time that is reasonable in the opinion of the service manager, will be used for the member's post-secondary education.
8. The value of funds held in a registered education savings plan, as defined in section 146.1 of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada), for a child of a member of the household.
9. The value of the clothing, jewellery and other personal effects of a member of the household.
10. The value of the furnishings in the accommodation used by the household, including decorative or artistic items, but not including anything used primarily for the operation of a business.

11. The value of the beneficial interest in a trust of a member of the household who has a disability if the capital of the trust was derived from an inheritance or from the proceeds of a life insurance policy, subject to subsection (9).
 12. The value of funds held in a registered disability savings plan, as defined in section 146.4 of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada), if the beneficiary of the plan is a member of the household.
 13. The value of funds held in an account of a member of the household in conjunction with an initiative under which the service manager or an entity approved by the service manager commits to contribute funds towards the member's savings goals.
 14. The value of funds held by a member of the household in a registered retirement savings plan, as defined in section 146 of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada), or in a registered retirement income fund, as defined in section 146.3 of that Act.
- (6) Under paragraph 1 of subsection (5), the local eligibility rule is only required to exclude an interest of a member in a single vehicle, not in any other vehicle that member has an interest in.
- (7) Under paragraph 3 of subsection (5), the local eligibility rule is only required to exclude,
- (a) the value of assets of a member of the household, up to a maximum of \$20,000 for that member; and
 - (b) the value of assets necessary to the operation of a business, up to a maximum of \$20,000 for that business.
- (8) Under paragraph 5 of subsection (5), the local eligibility rule is only required to exclude the cash surrender value of life insurance policies up to a maximum value of \$100,000 for the household.
- (9) Under paragraph 11 of subsection (5), the local eligibility rule is only required to exclude the value of beneficial interests of a member of the household up to a maximum value of \$100,000 for that member.
- (10) The local eligibility rule shall provide that it not be applied by a service manager in determining whether a household that is applying or waiting for rent-geared-to-income assistance is eligible for such assistance under section 45 of the Act or whether a household in receipt of rent-geared-to-income assistance continues to be eligible for such assistance under section 52 of the Act, if each member of the household is receiving basic financial assistance under the *Ontario Works Act, 1997* or is receiving income support under the *Ontario Disability Support Program Act, 1997*.
- (11) Despite subsection (1), the local eligibility rule shall provide that the service manager may determine that the household is eligible for rent-geared-to-income assistance, if the service manager is satisfied that there are extenuating circumstances.
- (12) A service manager shall make reasonable efforts to notify households about the local eligibility rule referred to in subsection (1).
- (13) The local eligibility rule begins to apply on,
- (a) a date chosen by the service manager that is no later than July 1, 2023; or
 - (b) if no date is chosen, July 1, 2023,
- and until that date any local eligibility rule that was made by the service manager under section 35, as it read immediately before it was revoked, and that is in effect on the day this section comes into force, continues to apply.
- (14) A service manager shall periodically review the local eligibility rule required by subsection (1).

8. Sections 33 to 35 of the Regulation are revoked and the following substituted:

Optional local eligibility rules

33. (1) The matters on which a service manager may make a local eligibility rule under sections 36 to 38 are prescribed as matters for the purposes of subsection 42 (2.1) of the Act.

(2) The requirements under sections 36 to 41 are prescribed as requirements for the purposes of subsection 42 (3) of the Act.

9. (1) The French version of subclause 146 (2) (b) (i) of the Regulation is amended by striking out “son père ou sa mère” and substituting “son parent”.

(2) The French version of subparagraph 2 i of subsection 146 (11) of the Regulation is amended by striking out “son père ou sa mère” and substituting “son parent”.

(3) The definition of “père ou mère” in the French version of subsection 146 (12) of the Regulation is revoked.

(4) The French version of subsection 146 (12) of the Act is amended by adding the following definition:

«parent» Relativement à un particulier, s'entend d'une personne qui a manifesté l'intention bien arrêtée de le traiter comme s'il s'agissait d'un enfant de sa famille. Est toutefois exclue la personne chez qui il a été placé en famille d'accueil moyennant rétribution. («parent»)

10. (1) The heading to Schedule 4.1 to the Regulation is amended by striking out “section 20.1” and substituting “clause 20.1 (a)”.

(2) Section 1 of Schedule 4.1 to the Regulation is amended by striking out “section 20.1” in the portion before paragraph 1 and substituting “clause 20.1 (a)”.

(3) Section 1 of Schedule 4.1 to the Regulation is amended by adding the following paragraph:

12. The benefit is not funded under an agreement with the Crown in right of Canada or in right of Ontario, or an agency of either of them.

11. The Regulation is amended by adding the following Schedules:

SCHEDULE 4.2

ALTERNATE FORM OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE RELATED TO HOUSING SPECIFIED FOR THE PURPOSES OF PAR. 2 OF S. 40 (3.1) OF THE ACT — FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REFERRED TO IN CLAUSE 20.1 (B)

Conditions for monthly benefit referred to in s. 20.1 (b)

1. (1) Financial assistance referred to in clause 20.1 (b) is financial assistance that meets the following conditions:

1. The financial assistance is provided by a service manager,

i. directly to a household in order to defray the cost of the household's rent, or

ii. through a housing provider in order to reduce the amount of rent the household is required to pay to the housing provider.

2. The financial assistance is not funded under an agreement with the Crown in right of Canada or in right of Ontario, or an agency of either of them.

3. The amount of the financial assistance has been determined within the preceding 12-month period before the assistance is provided.

4. In the case where no member of the household receives an amount payable for shelter under subsection 42 (2) of Ontario Regulation 134/98 (General) made under the *Ontario Works Act, 1997* or under subsection 31 (2) of Ontario Regulation 222/98 (General) made under the *Ontario Disability Support Program Act, 1997*,

i. the portion of the monthly rent that is not defrayed or reduced does not, at the time the assistance is determined, exceed the amount determined in accordance with subsection (2) of this section, or

- ii. the portion of the monthly rent that is not defrayed or reduced does not, at the time the assistance is determined, exceed the minimum rent amount determined under subsection 2 (4) of Ontario Regulation 316/19 (Determination of Geared-to-Income Rent Under Section 50 of the Act) made under the Act.

5. In the case where a member of the household receives an amount payable for shelter under subsection 42 (2) of Ontario Regulation 134/98 (General) made under the *Ontario Works Act, 1997* or under subsection 31 (2) of Ontario Regulation 222/98 (General) made under the *Ontario Disability Support Program Act, 1997*, the portion of the monthly rent that is not defrayed or reduced does not, at the time the assistance is determined, exceed the sum of all amounts payable to members of the household for shelter under subsection 42 (2) of Ontario Regulation 134/98 or subsection 31 (2) of Ontario Regulation 222/98.

(2) The amount referred to in subparagraph 4 i of subsection (1) is determined as follows:

1. Calculate the amount using the following formula:

$$(\text{AFNI} \times 0.30) / 12$$

in which,

"AFNI" is the adjusted family net income of the household determined as described in paragraph 2.

2. For the purposes of the definition of "AFNI" in paragraph 1, the adjusted family net income of a household is determined by adding the net income of each member of the household, excluding individuals who are in full-time attendance at a recognized educational institution as defined in paragraph 7 of subsection 4 (1) of Schedule 4.1.
3. For the purposes of paragraph 2, the net income of a member of a household is, at the sole discretion of the service manager, either one of the following:
 - i. The net income amount for the member indicated on the latest notice of assessment issued under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) for the member's most recent taxation year that ended before the amount of financial assistance is determined, adjusted as follows, or, if no notice of assessment has been issued, the amount that would appear on the net income line had the notice of assessment been issued, adjusted by,
 - A. subtracting from that amount, any payments from a registered disability savings plan received by the member in that taxation year, and any payment of financial assistance referred to in clause 20.1 (b) that was included in the member's net income in that taxation year, and
 - B. adding to that amount, any payments from a registered disability savings plan repaid by the member in that taxation year.
 - ii. The amount that best approximates the member's net income for the 12-month period beginning on the first day of the month following the month in which the amount of financial assistance is determined, calculated and adjusted by the service manager in the same manner as the amount referred to in subparagraph i based on the service manager's projections of the member's income and deductions for that period.

SCHEDULE 4.3

ALTERNATE FORM OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE RELATED TO HOUSING SPECIFIED FOR THE PURPOSES OF PAR. 2 OF S. 40 (3.1) OF THE ACT — FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REFERRED TO IN CLAUSE 20.1 (C)

Conditions for monthly benefit referred to in s. 20.1 (c)

1. (1) Financial assistance referred to in clause 20.1 (c) is financial assistance that meets the following conditions:

1. The benefit is provided by a service manager to a household.
2. The benefit is offered and provided to a household without any requirement that it be used for specified living accommodation or living accommodation of a specified size or type.

3. The benefit is not funded under an agreement with the Crown in right of Canada or in right of Ontario, or an agency of either of them.
4. The amount of the benefit payable in respect of a household is calculated in the same manner as set out in section 4 of Schedule 4.1, if references to "a portable housing benefit" in sub-subparagraphs 8 i A and 9 i A of subsection 4 (1) of that Schedule were read as references to "a portable housing benefit or financial assistance described in clause 20.1 (c)".
5. The amount of the benefit payable in respect of a household is reviewed using the process set out in section 5 of Schedule 4.1.

Commencement

12. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, this Regulation comes into force on the later of July 1, 2022 and the day this Regulation is filed.

(2) Section 2 comes into force on the later of the day section 5 of Schedule 2 to the *Protecting Tenants and Strengthening Community Housing Act, 2020* comes into force and the day this Regulation is filed.

(3) Sections 7 and 8 come into force on the later of the day section 7 of Schedule 2 to the *Protecting Tenants and Strengthening Community Housing Act, 2020* comes into force and the day this Regulation is filed.

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AMENDING O. REG. 367/11

(GENERAL)

1. Ontario Regulation 367/11 is amended by adding the following sections:

Ceasing to be designated housing project

86.1 (1) For the purposes of subsection 68.1 (1) of the Act, the date that a housing project ceases to be a designated housing project, if the requirements of that subsection are satisfied, is the date specified in the exit agreement.

(2) The prescribed criteria that a designated housing project must satisfy for the purpose of clause 68.1 (1) (a) of the Act are as follows:

1. The housing project is not subject to a pre-reform operating agreement that remains in effect.
2. The housing project is not subject to a mortgage guaranteed by the Province of Ontario that relates to a transferred housing program.

(3) The following are, for the purpose of clause 68.1 (1) (b) of the Act, prescribed requirements with which an exit agreement must comply:

1. The agreement must state that the service manager and housing provider intend for the housing project to cease to be a designated housing project.
2. The agreement must,
 - i. take effect no less than 30 days after the date on which the service manager and housing provider give notice to the Minister under clause 68.1 (1) (c) of the Act, and
 - ii. state that effective date.
3. The agreement must include a plan for the following:
 - i. The accommodation of households who occupy units in the housing project, including a plan for the continued delivery of one of the following to each household who is in receipt of rent-geared-to-income assistance:

A. Rent-geared-to-income assistance.

B. If the household agrees, an alternate form of assistance referred to in section 20.1.

ii. At least one of the following:

A. The continued operation of the housing project by the housing provider or another housing provider.

B. The redevelopment of the housing project by the housing provider or another housing provider.

C. The reinvestment of the proceeds of sale of the housing project into affordable housing.

4. The agreement shall require the housing provider to implement the plan referred to in paragraph 3.

Notice to Minister

86.2 (1) The following information must be included in a notice given to the Minister under clause 68.1 (1) (c) of the Act:

1. The address of the housing project.

2. The service manager.

3. The housing provider.

4. A legal description of the lands on which the housing project is located.

5. A statement that the service manager and housing provider have entered into an exit agreement that complies with the requirements prescribed under clause 68.1 (1) (b) of the Act.

6. The effective date of the exit agreement.

7. A statement that the housing project meets the criteria prescribed for the purpose of clause 68.1 (1) (a) of the Act.

(2) A notice given to the Minister under clause 68.1 (1) (c) of the Act must be signed by at least one representative of the service manager and at least one representative of the housing provider.

List of former designated housing projects

86.3 For the purpose of subsection 68.1 (3) of the Act, the Minister shall maintain, in accordance with the following requirements, a list of housing projects that have ceased to be designated housing projects in accordance with section 68.1 of the Act:

1. When a housing project ceases to be a designated housing project, the Minister shall add the housing project to the list.

2. The list shall include the following information for each such housing project:

i. The address of the housing project.

ii. The service manager.

iii. The date on which the housing project ceased to be a designated housing project.

2. The Regulation is amended by adding the following Part:

**PART VIII.1
PART VII.1 OF THE ACT**

Housing projects

105.1 (1) For the purposes of subsection 101.2 (1) of the Act, the date that a housing project becomes a Part VII.1 housing project, if the requirements of that subsection are satisfied, is the date specified in the service agreement.

(2) The following are, for the purposes of clause 101.2 (1) (a) of the Act, prescribed requirements with which a service agreement must comply:

1. The agreement must state that the service manager and housing provider intend for the housing project to be governed under Part VII.1 of the Act.
2. The agreement must,
 - i. take effect no less than 30 days after the date on which the service manager and housing provider give notice to the Minister under clause 101.2 (1) (b) of the Act, and
 - ii. state that effective date.
3. The agreement must,
 - i. have a term of not less than 10 years from the effective date,
 - ii. state the term of the agreement, and
 - iii. provide that the agreement continues in effect after the end of the term until,
 - A. the agreement is replaced with a new service agreement, or
 - B. the service manager and housing provider enter into an exit agreement and the exit agreement takes effect.
4. The agreement must specify the following:
 - i. The number of units in the housing project, or a target or range of the number of units in the housing project, in respect of which households shall receive rent-geared-to-income assistance.
 - ii. If applicable, the number of units in the housing project, or a target or range of the number of units in the housing project, in respect of which households shall receive an alternate form of assistance referred to in section 20.1.
5. The agreement must provide the following in respect of the units described in subparagraph 4 i:
 - i. The housing provider shall select households to occupy units and receive rent-geared-to-income assistance using the service manager's selection system under section 47 of the Act, including the priority rules made under clause 47 (2) (b) of the Act.
 - ii. For the purpose of selecting households using the service manager's selection system under section 47 of the Act, the same rules shall apply as though the housing project were a Part VII Housing Project, as defined in section 73 of the Act.
 - iii. A household shall not be eligible for rent-geared-to-income assistance unless the household meets the eligibility rules made under section 42 of the Act.
 - iv. The amount of geared-to-income rent shall be determined in the manner prescribed under section 50 of the Act.
6. If the housing project includes special needs housing, as defined in section 38 of the Act, the agreement must specify how households will be selected for special needs housing in the housing project.
7. If one or more households occupying units in the housing project are, on the date immediately before the effective date of the agreement, receiving rent-geared-to-income assistance under Part V of the Act, the agreement must provide that such households shall continue to receive rent-geared-to-income assistance in accordance with section 147.1 of this Regulation.

8. Despite paragraph 5, if one or more households occupying units in the housing project are, on the date immediately before the effective date of the agreement, receiving rent-geared-to-income assistance other than under Part V of the Act in the housing project, the agreement must provide that such households shall continue to receive rent-geared-to-income assistance in accordance with their existing rights.
 9. The agreement must specify the mandate of the housing provider, if any, to serve a specified population.
 10. If the agreement specifies a mandate referred to in paragraph 9, the agreement must state that the mandate shall be treated in the same manner as a mandate under section 76 of the Act for the purpose of selecting households using the service manager's selection system under section 47 of the Act.
 11. The agreement must include a requirement for the service manager to provide funding to the housing provider, in respect of any units in the housing project where the household pays geared-to-income rent, equal to the difference between the geared-to-income rent payable by the household and the rent that would be payable if no rent-geared-to-income assistance was given in respect of the unit.
 12. The agreement must include provision for the following:
 - i. Such additional funding or other financial assistance as the service manager and housing provider agree on in order to reduce or defray the rent of households, other than households receiving rent-geared-to-income assistance.
 - ii. Such additional funding or other financial assistance as the service manager and housing provider agree is necessary to enable the housing provider to maintain the housing project in a satisfactory state of repair and fit for occupancy.
 13. The agreement must include a financial plan for the housing project that,
 - i. has been jointly developed by the housing provider and service manager,
 - ii. addresses how the housing provider's revenues will meet expenditures for the housing project, including projected capital expenditures,
 - iii. addresses how rent for units in the housing project, other than geared-to-income rent, will be set, and
 - iv. extends for a period of at least five years from the effective date of the agreement.
 14. The agreement must provide that the financial plan described in paragraph 13 will be reviewed at least every five years.
 15. The agreement must include a dispute resolution process that the housing provider and service manager shall follow regarding alleged non-compliance with the agreement.
- (3) The prescribed criteria that a designated housing project must satisfy for the purpose of subclause 101.2 (1) (c) (i) of the Act are as follows:
1. The housing project is not subject to a pre-reform operating agreement that remains in effect.
 2. The housing project is not subject to a mortgage guaranteed by the Province of Ontario that relates to a transferred housing program.
- (4) A housing project that is not a designated housing project is prescribed for the purpose of subclause 101.2 (1) (c) (ii) of the Act if the housing provider is one of the following:
1. A corporation to which the *Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010* or the *Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act* applies.
 2. A non-profit housing co-operative.
 3. A co-operative to which Part 20 of the *Canada Co-operatives Act* applies.
 4. A local housing corporation.

5. A housing provider that previously operated the housing project under a funding agreement with the Crown in right of Canada or in right of Ontario, or an agency of either of them, or a service manager.

Notice to Minister

105.2 (1) The following information must be included in a notice given to the Minister under clause 101.2 (1) (b) of the Act:

1. The address of the housing project.
2. The service manager.
3. The housing provider.
4. A legal description of the lands on which the housing project is located.
5. A statement that the service manager and housing provider have entered into a service agreement that complies with the requirements prescribed under clause 101.2 (1) (a) of the Act.
6. The effective date of the service agreement.
7. If the housing project is a designated housing project, a statement that the housing project meets the criteria prescribed for the purpose of subclause 101.2 (1) (c) (i) of the Act.
8. If the housing project is not a designated housing project, a statement that the housing project is of a type prescribed for the purpose of subclause 101.2 (1) (c) (ii) of the Act.

(2) A notice given to the Minister under clause 101.2 (1) (b) of the Act must be signed by at least one representative of the service manager and at least one representative of the housing provider.

Lists of housing projects

105.3 (1) For the purpose of subsection 101.4 (1) of the Act, a service manager shall maintain a list of Part VII.1 housing projects in its service area in accordance with the following requirements:

1. When a housing project becomes a Part VII.1 housing project, the service manager shall add the housing project to the list.
2. The list shall include the address of each Part VII.1 housing project.
3. The list shall, for each Part VII.1 housing project that has a mandate to serve a specified population, indicate the mandate for the housing project.
4. When a housing project ceases to be a Part VII.1 housing project, the service manager shall remove the housing project from the list.

(2) The service manager shall make the list available to the public by,

- (a) allowing members of the public, during normal business hours, to inspect and copy the list at their own expense; and
- (b) posting the list on the internet.

(3) For the purpose of subsection 101.4 (4) of the Act, the Minister shall maintain a list of all Part VII.1 housing projects in accordance with the following requirements:

1. When a housing project becomes a Part VII.1 housing project, the Minister shall add the housing project to the list.
2. The list shall include the following information for each Part VII.1 housing project:
 - i. The address of the housing project.
 - ii. The service manager.
 - iii. The date that the housing project became a Part VII.1 housing project.

3. When a housing project ceases to be a Part VII.1 housing project, the Minister shall indicate on the list that the housing project has ceased to be a Part VII.1 housing project and the date that it ceased to be a Part VII.1 housing project.

Termination of service agreement — s. 101.5 (4) (b) of Act

105.4 If a service manager and a housing provider have entered into an exit agreement that complies with the requirements prescribed for the purposes of clause 101.7 (1) (a), the service manager and housing provider may terminate a service agreement by mutual agreement as of the effective date of the exit agreement.

Exit agreement

105.5 (1) For the purposes of subsection 101.7 (1) of the Act, the date that a housing project ceases to be a Part VII.1 housing project, if the requirements of that subsection are satisfied, is the date specified in the exit agreement.

(2) The following are, for the purpose of clause 101.7 (1) (a) of the Act, prescribed requirements with which an exit agreement must comply:

1. The agreement must state that the service manager and housing provider intend for the housing project to cease to be governed under Part VII.1 of the Act.
2. The agreement must state the date that the agreement is effective, which shall be not less than 30 days after the service manager and housing provider give notice to the Minister under clause 101.7 (1) (b) of the Act.
3. The exit agreement must include a plan for the following:
 - i. The accommodation of households who occupy units in the housing project, including a plan for the continued delivery of one of the following to each household who is in receipt of rent-geared-to-income assistance:
 - A. Rent-geared-to-income assistance.
 - B. If the household agrees, an alternate form of assistance referred to in section 20.1.
 - ii. At least one of the following:
 - A. The continued operation of the housing project by the housing provider or another housing provider.
 - B. The redevelopment of the housing project by the housing provider or another housing provider.
 - C. The reinvestment of the proceeds of sale of the housing project into affordable housing.
4. The agreement must require the housing provider to implement the plan referred to in paragraph 3.

Notice to Minister

105.6 (1) The following information must be included in a notice given to the Minister under clause 101.7 (1) (b) of the Act:

1. The address of the housing project.
2. The service manager.
3. The housing provider.
4. A legal description of the lands on which the housing project is located.
5. A statement that the service manager and housing provider have entered into an exit agreement that complies with the requirements prescribed under clause 101.7 (1) (a) of the Act.
6. The effective date of the exit agreement.

(2) A notice given to the Minister under clause 101.7 (1) (b) of the Act must be signed by at least one representative of the service manager and at least one representative of the housing provider.

3. Subsection 136 (4) of the Regulation is amended by adding “and with respect to Part VII.1 housing projects as defined in section 101.1 of the Act that were previously Part VII housing projects” at the end.

4. The Regulation is amended by adding the following section:

CEASING TO BE A DESIGNATED HOUSING PROJECT

Regulations under s. 181.3 of the Act — ceasing to be designated housing project

147.1 The following provisions apply in respect of a housing project ceasing to be a designated housing project under section 68.1 or 101.3 of the Act:

1. If the housing project was a Part VII housing project as defined in section 73 of the Act, subsections 80 (1) to (3) of the Act and the regulations made under those subsections continue to apply to the housing provider until the housing provider gives the service manager the annual report for the last fiscal year that the housing project was a Part VII housing project.
2. If a household was receiving rent-geared-to-income assistance under Part V of the Act in a unit in the housing project immediately before the housing project ceased to be a designated housing project, the following provisions of the Act continue to apply in respect of the household while the household continues to occupy the unit:
 - i. Section 50 of the Act and the regulations made under that section continue to apply for the purpose of determining the amount of the household's geared-to-income rent and for the purpose of binding the housing provider to that determination.
 - ii. Section 52 of the Act and the regulations made under that section continue to apply for the purpose of determining the household's continued eligibility for rent-geared-to-income assistance.
 - iii. Section 53 of the Act and the regulations made under that section continue to apply for the purpose of giving notice of decisions in respect of the matters described in subparagraphs i and ii.
 - iv. Sections 155, 156 and 158 of the Act and the regulations made under those sections continue to apply to a review of a decision in respect of the matters described in subparagraphs i and ii.
 - v. Section 159 of the Act and the regulations made under that section continue to apply for the purpose of determining the effective date of any decisions in respect of the matters described in subparagraphs i, ii and iv.

Commencement

5. This Regulation comes into force on the later of the day section 10 of Schedule 2 to the *Protecting Tenants and Strengthening Community Housing Act, 2020* comes into force and the day this Regulation is filed.

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Info

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From: Falun Dafa Canada <faluntor@gmail.com>
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To: Info
Subject: Request for a greeting/proclamation-Celebrating the Falun Dafa monumental 30th Anniversary
Attachments: 2022 falundafadayrequest-mayor.docx

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Dear MAYOR DEAN BACKER

In recognition of the monumental 30th anniversary--the Falun Dafa Day celebration, May 13th, 2022, we respectfully request a recognition in the form of a greeting video/greeting letter or a proclamation .This is our annual celebration of the contributions of members of the Falun Dafa community in Canada—many of whom arrived here as refugees fleeing the persecution in China—and to celebrate the values of Truthfulness, Compassion, and Forbearance.

Originated from a tightly controlled communist Country, China, 30 years ago, along with 23 years' unimaginable persecution even with the horrific organ harvesting, Falun Dafa communities have endured, preserved and flourished peacefully. At the same time, Canadian Falun Gong practitioners are proud to build our communities here and call Canada our home.

Since October 2020, thousands Canadians have participated in the free online Learning Falun Gong seminars, hosted every week in English and French by volunteers. Moreover, under the lock-down in 2021, We also delightedly had flags-raising or lighting-ups arranged in 8 cities.

Here in Canada, we are truly grateful that we are able to enjoy the freedom, diversity and compassionate support across the Canadian society. Every year we have garnered worldwide recognition, including thousands of greetings and proclamations from governments, officials, and our friends. In 2021 alone, we were very encouraged to receive over 130 supports from our MPs, MPPs, Mayors, and City Councillors.

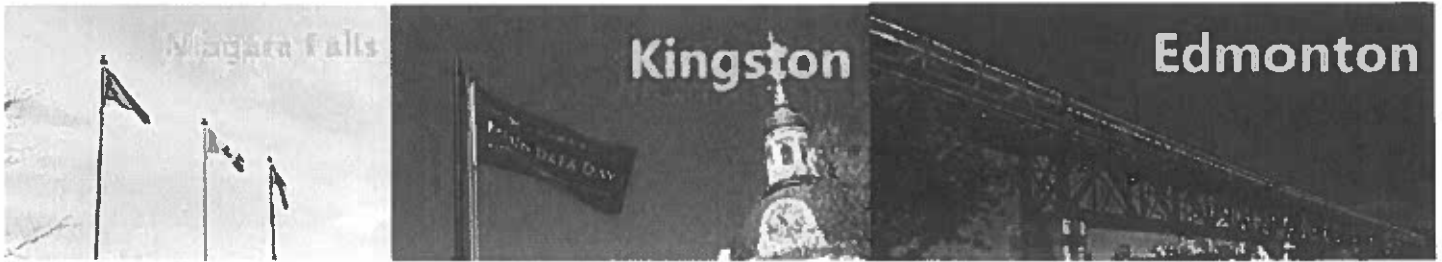
By sending a greeting/proclamation to mark the 30th Falun Dafa Day, you help affirm Canada's commitment to the values of Truthfulness, Compassion, and Forbearance, and inclusiveness, and freedom of conscience.

For the supportive messages, we would truly appreciate if you could please send it to us by May 5th, 2022. Should you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.
Sincerely,

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2021 Falun Dafa day celebration Greeting Videos:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChB1buQjfccWTKclCw3ZRTA/videos>

8 Flag Raising and Light-up Ceremony Hosting Cities in 2021:
Niagara Falls, ON; Edmonton, AB; Kingston, ON; New Westminster, BC; Nanaimo, BC; Orangeville, ON; St. Catharine, ON; Orillia, ON



Greetings for Falun Dafa Month Celebration 2021(excerpt from 138 greetings issued by representatives of three levels of government):

2021 Municipal Proclamations and Mayor's Greetings of Falun Dafa Day(Partial)

- Mayor John Tory, Toronto, ON;
- Mayor Jim Watson, Ottawa, ON;
- Mayor Bryan Paterson, Kingston, ON;
- Mayor Marianne Meed Ward, Burlington, ON;
- Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua, Vaughan, ON;
- Mayor Ed Holder, London, ON;
- Mayor Jamie McGarvey, Parry Sound, ON

- Mayor Brian Bowman, Winnipeg, MB;
- Mayor Charlie Clark, Saskatoon, SK;
- Mayor Michael Fougere, Regina, SK;
- Mayor Mike Savage, Halifax, NS;
- Mayor Lisa Helps, Victoria, BC;
- Mayor Colin Basran, City of Kelowna, BC;
- Mayor Brad West, City of Port Coquitlam, BC;
- Mayor Jack Froese, Township of Langley, BC;
- Mayor Ray Ralph, Town of Devon, AB;
- Mayor Darren Ellis, George's Brook-Milton, NL;
- Mayor Daniel Conway, St. George's, NL;
- Et. Al.

“My thanks to members of the Falun Dafa community in Saskatchewan for contributing to a more harmonious society. As well, thank you for sharing your meditation practices to help others manage the additional stress caused by the challenges of the past year.” **-Lieutenant Governor Russ Mirasty of the Province of Saskatchewan, Letter of Greetings, 2021 Falun Dafa Day**

“On behalf of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, I commend you for your promoting peace in the world, especially through your teachings on the universal human values of truthfulness, compassion and forbearance.”
-Lieutenant Governor of Province of Prince Edward Island, Letter of Greetings, 2021 Falun Dafa Day

“Through the promotion of the universal principles of truthfulness, compassion, and tolerance, this traditional Chinese practice has attracted followers around the world and I am proud of Canada’s lively Falun Dafa community. In Canada, we are fortunate to live in a country that respects human rights and Canada’s Conservatives will always stand up for religious minorities.” **-Hon. Erin O’Toole, Leader of the Conservative Party, greetings 2021**

“Your compassion, your truthfulness, your principles, and your morals are wonderful attributes to all of you. We should continue to focus on issues of freedom, respect, and love for each other as we continue to build a better Canada and a better world.”

- MP Judy Sgro, Co-chair of the Falun Gong Parliamentary Friendship Group, Video Greeting 2021

“But we also know today that Falun Gong, long a legal entity in Hong Kong, is resisting the regime’s intimidation, an important voice in defense of the democratic principles of free thought, free speech, free assembly, and the rule of law... on this anniversary, it is an honor to join millions enjoying freedom around the world and offering our support of greetings: Zhen, Shan, Ren [Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance].”

- MP Peter Kent, Co-chair of the Falun Gong Parliamentary Friendship Group, Video Greeting 2021

“Your commitment to Compassion, Truthfulness, and Forbearance in the midst of very challenging circumstances has been an inspiration to me and to many others... the Falun Gong community has been leading the way in terms of advocating for their own community but also highlighting the plight of the other communities facing challenges as well.”

- MP Garnett Genuis, co-chair of the Inter-Parliamentary Alliance on China, Video Greeting 2021

“I have great respect for the Principles of Truth, Benevolence and Forbearance, which the guide the Falun Dafa movement. I stand with you not only in celebration but in solidarity as you fight to protect your right to your spiritual practice.” **- Elizabeth May, Member of Parliament (MP) and Parliamentary Leader of the Green Party of Canada, Greeting Letter 2021 Falun Dafa Day**

“The past year has been a time of uncertainty and struggle for many. However, I know that Falun Dafa’s values of truthfulness, harmony, compassion and tolerance have guided and enriched the lives of many thousands of practitioners these difficult times.”

- MP Hon. Candice Bergen, Letter of Greetings, 2021 Falun Dafa Day

“Falun Dafa is an ancient practice that transcends barriers and embraces people from all walks of life – guided by principles of “Truthfulness, Compassion, and Forbearance”. Sadly, innocent practitioners of this peaceful discipline continue to be persecuted on ethnic or religious grounds by the Chinese Communist Party. We must continue to stand in solidarity with adherents of Falun Dafa and all other oppressed religious minority groups, such as Tibetans and Uighurs.”

- Senator Thanh Hai Ngo, Greeting Letter, 2021 Falun Dafa Day

Greeting from MPs: Hon. Candice Bergen, James Bezan, Peter Kent, Mark Gerretsen, Ziad Aboultaif, James Cumming, Tom Kmiec, Kerry Diotte, Dominic Cardy, Elizabeth May, Ed Fast, Laurel Collins, Marc Dalton, Brad Vis, Tamara Jansen, Stephanie Kusie, Greg McClean, Jag Sahota, Len Webber, Ron Liepert, Kelly McCauley, Heather McPherson, John Barlow, Ted Falk, Kyle Seeback, Cathay Wagantall, Warren Steinley, Marty Morantz, Pierre Poilievre, Marie-France Lalonde, Scott Reid

Greeting from MPPs: Lindsey Park, Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, France Gélinas, Amy Fee, Hon. Laura Ross, Marty Morantz, Dijeet Brar, Stephen Blais, Belinda Karahalios, et.al

About Falun Dafa:

Falun Dafa (also known as Falun Gong) is a spiritual practice rooted in the ancient schools of cultivation in China. It consists of meditative exercises, and a moral philosophy aimed at the promotion of virtue. At the core of Falun Dafa’s teachings are the tenets of “Truthfulness, Compassion, and Forbearance.” Practitioners of Falun Dafa aim to live in accord with these principles, taking them as a guide for daily life and practice.

Since Falun Dafa's public introduction in 1992, hundreds of millions of people from diverse cultural backgrounds in over 100 countries, including Canada, benefit from practicing Falun Gong, where the free teachings help people improve their mental, moral, and physical wellbeing and contribute to a more healthy and peaceful society.

On 20 July, 1999, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) launched a campaign to eradicate Falun Gong. For the past 21 years, major human rights organizations, the United Nations, the U.S. government, and NGOs, etc. have extensively documented the nation-wide campaign of hatred, mass imprisonment, forced slave labours, torture, and killings of people who practice Falun Gong in China.

Millions of Falun Gong practitioners and their families have been torn apart. Countless practitioners have been killed for their vital organs that are being sold by the state. International legal experts say that crimes against humanity, and possibly genocide, have occurred. Practitioners and supporters in Canada continue to experience various kinds of intimidation and harassment and vilification by the CCP.

The Falun Dafa community, both within China and abroad, have endured these two decades of unimaginable adversity with resolute non-violence and persistence to uphold freedom and the universal values. This has garnered worldwide recognition, including thousands of greetings and proclamations from governments and officials.

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March 30, 2022

Greetings:

SUBJECT: Forest Biomass Action Plan – Environmental Registry of Ontario Decision Notice

I am writing to inform you that a Decision Notice has recently been posted to the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) regarding the finalization of the province's Forest Biomass Action Plan.

A decision has been made to proceed with a revised version of the Forest Biomass Action Plan following public engagement and Indigenous consultation. The Decision Notice can be found by searching the ERO for Notice #019-3514, or by visiting <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-3514>. A final version of the action plan has also been posted to <https://www.ontario.ca/page/forest-biomass-action-plan>.

We are appreciative of all comments and input received. As the government implements this plan we look forward to continued collaboration with forest biomass stakeholders and community partners.

Should you have questions about the action plan or revisions in the latest version, please contact the core development team at forestbiomass@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

Wayne Barnes
 Director
 Forest Economics and Business Branch
 Forest Industry Division
 Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry



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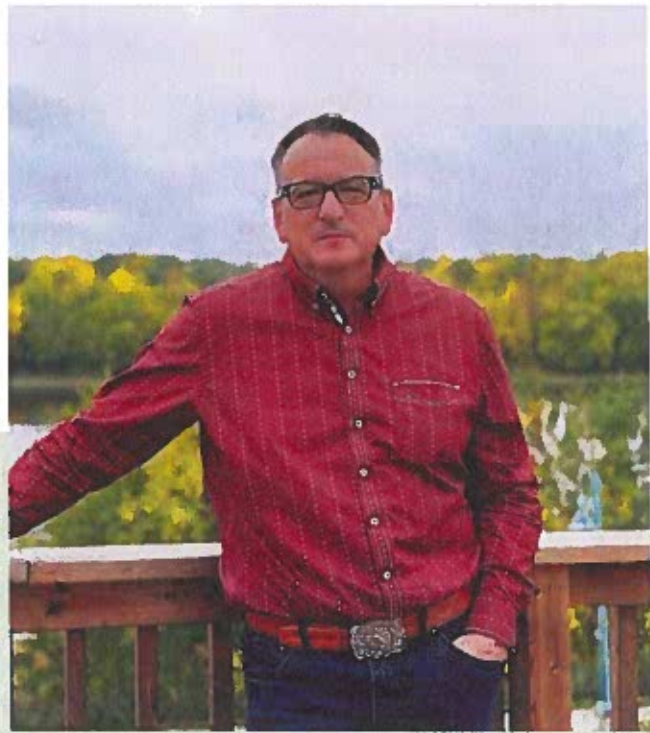
Forest Biomass Action Plan

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Minister's Message



The forest industry has always been a vitally important part of Ontario's economy. Today, it generates \$18 billion in annual revenue and supports more than 148,000 direct and indirect jobs.

Forestry is a source of prosperity in Northern, Indigenous, and rural communities in our province. Our government is committed to doing everything we can to support job growth, attract investment, and secure the long-term future of this essential renewable industry. In fact, Ontario can sustainably harvest twice as much wood annually than the sector does today. We must find more economical uses for excess biomass so the forestry sector can reach its full potential.

Our roadmap for prosperity in the forest industry, *Sustainable Growth: Ontario's Forest Sector Strategy*, was released in August 2020. The strategy maps out dozens of actions to grow the industry and guarantee responsible forestry practices.

Since the strategy's release, we have been busy implementing its actions and honouring our commitments to the sector and its workers. One of the signature commitments in *Sustainable Growth* is the development of a Forest Biomass Action Plan. This plan includes working with the private sector to encourage innovation to develop new uses for forest

biomass that would support more sustainable harvesting in Ontario.

Ontario's forest industry excels at producing manufactured goods from timber such as lumber, furniture, packaging, and paper products. These value-added products are the mainstay of the province's forest industry, enjoying a well-deserved international reputation for their high quality and sustainability standards.

Throughout the production cycle, from harvest to delivery, this manufacturing process generates by-products including bark, shavings, and sawdust – along with uncommercial trees and tree parts. These resources are referred to collectively as forest biomass.

A lesser-known but important segment of Ontario's forest industry commercializes forest biomass that might otherwise be discarded. Skilled operators manufacture an impressive array of products – ranging from

landscaping products and food additives to building materials and electricity.

The potential for biomass products is ever-expanding; emerging biomass uses include medicine, bioplastics, 3D printing, mass timber products, biodiesel, and jet fuel, to name a few. Biomass innovations are a sustainable alternative to carbon-intensive products and an exciting new frontier for Ontario's forest sector.

Deriving added value from forest biomass ensures the industry operates at its most sustainable and efficient level. With by-products from one industry segment feeding demand from another, we have the basis for a circular economy – an economy where nothing is wasted and no opportunity is unrealized.

I am pleased to introduce our Forest Biomass Action Plan, the culmination of extensive collaboration with ministry staff and forest industry partners. It is a comprehensive assessment of our forest biomass advantages,

the challenges affecting this sector, and how we can promote increased use of forest biomass in Ontario.

The plan prescribes actions under five objectives: reaching new markets, supporting increased demand, cutting red tape, boosting Indigenous participation and promoting stakeholder awareness. Our government will implement these actions over the next five years. By implementing the plan, we will unlock the enormous potential of Ontario's forest biomass, drive further prosperity in the forest industry, and support job growth, investment, innovation, and sustainability.



The Honourable Greg Rickford,
Minister of Northern Development, Mines,
Natural Resources and Forestry

Introduction

As part of *Sustainable Growth: Ontario's Forest Sector Strategy*, the Government of Ontario committed to putting a Forest Biomass Action Plan in place that secures jobs and encourages sustainability in the forest sector, while supporting economic development through the use of forest biomass. Actions identified in this plan will help to realize the goals and vision set out in *Sustainable Growth*.

Given continued global demand for forest products, consumer interest in sustainable products, and movement to a more circular economy, there is immense potential to increase the use of Ontario's sustainable forest biomass resources. Under the right operational and economic conditions, new business opportunities and projects that use forest biomass can play an important role in growing the economy and further supporting existing forest sector businesses. In addition to supporting Ontario's economy, effective use of forest biomass can also contribute to the province's forest management and environmental objectives. As an active partner in research and collaborative networks, the government looks forward to engaging with stakeholders and community partners to investigate ways forest biomass can be utilized that

support sustainability and unlocks the full benefits from Ontario's biomass potential.

This action plan was developed in collaboration with a Forest Biomass Action Plan Working Group (the Working Group) comprised of partners from across the forest biomass supply chain. The action plan highlights Ontario's forest biomass advantages, recognizes challenges and seeks to identify means to increase the use of forest biomass. Valuable insights from the Working Group members highlighted the importance of bioenergy to existing forest product supply chains. Maintaining and transitioning the province's existing bioenergy infrastructure will create a foundation for future forest biomass investment opportunities and increase support for Ontario's forest dependent communities.

Building on Ontario's strengths and progress to date, this document concludes with a set of actions based on five objectives. Actions identified in this plan will be coordinated over five years with expert oversight from the Working Group in the first year and the Forest Sector Strategy Committee in subsequent years.



Forest biomass advantage

The versatility and range of applications for wood presents numerous opportunities for forest biomass. Utilizing the four main components of wood (cellulose, hemicellulose, lignin and extractives), a wide range of products can be made that meet the demands of numerous established and emerging industries. In addition to more familiar forest products like lumber, pulp and paper, or particleboard, the examples highlighted below demonstrate current and emerging products that can be derived from wood, including forest biomass.

Chemicals



Current uses

- Fertilizers and soil amendments
- Aromatic compounds
- Thickening agents
- Emulsifiers
- Binders
- Food additives
- Fragrances
- Flavouring
- Activated charcoal

Emerging uses

- Sugars and alcohols
- Green solvents and chemicals
- Resins, binders and adhesives
- Medicines and pharmaceuticals
- Paints and dyes
- Plastics and polymers
- Biocoal and bio-coke

Materials



Current uses

- Pulp and paper products
- Packaging
- Personal protective equipment
- Timber products
- Veneer
- Particleboard
- Rayon fibres
- Landscaping products

Emerging uses

- Mass timber products
- Composites
- Textiles
- Carbon fibre
- 3D printing
- Biochar and carbon
- Cellulose nanocrystals and nanofibrils
- Battery energy storage filaments

Energy



Current uses

- Pellet, wood chip, and cordwood heating
- Combined heat and power
- Drying and industrial processes
- Grid electricity

Emerging uses

- Renewable natural gas
- Modern wood heating
- Biodiesel and liquid biofuels
- Community and district energy systems
- Green hydrogen
- Jet fuel

What is Forest Biomass?

Forest biomass is a broad term that has multiple meanings depending on the intent of its use and the discipline or industry using it. In the most general sense, forest biomass refers to all biological material (living and dead) in forested landscapes.

Consistent with Ontario's sustainable forest management framework, this action plan focuses on two types of forest biomass that can be converted into bioproducts through new and existing industrial processes:

- **Forest biofibre:** Composed of forest resources (trees or above-ground tree parts) that are not normally used for conventional forest products, and that are made available from Ontario's provincial forests under an approved forest management plan, or sourced from private woodlots and other forested lands.
- **Mill by-products:** Composed of residues generated from forest product manufacturing (e.g., bark, shavings, sawdust).

In Ontario, the most common use of forest biomass is for bioenergy in the form of heat, power, and combined heat and power (CHP). Use of forest biomass for bioenergy has long been integrated into forest product operations. Mill by-products and forest biofibre are often used as a renewable fuel to provide the necessary heat or electricity to make forest products or to generate electricity for Ontario's electrical grid. This often leads to diverting mill by-products destined for landfill sites and the utilization of forest biofibre. Ontario is also home to manufacturers which make wood pellets and wood chips for use in domestic, commercial, institutional, and industrial heating systems.



Spotlight

Ontario's forest biomass sector – a place to grow

Another common and longstanding use of forest biomass is in the province's landscaping sector, which creates jobs and sustainable products through the use of Ontario's mill by-products. Gro-Bark, a subsidiary of Walker Industries, has processed bark, wood chips, and log ends generated by the

forest industry to make soil, composting, and mulch products since the 1980s. Its current operations across Ontario's Golden Horseshoe, eastern, and northeastern regions serve the domestic and U.S. markets for landscaping products by adding value to leftover mill materials. As Ontario looks to recover from

the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and support clean growth, the long success of companies like Gro-Bark serves as an example of the sustainable business opportunities and industry linkages generated as a result of efficient use of forest biomass.

While there are opportunities to diversify the use of Ontario's forest biomass beyond the province's current conventional bioenergy and landscaping applications, newer uses also pose technical and operational challenges. Emerging and future products from forest biomass often use specific components of wood, making consistency in feedstocks key to their development and commercial deployment. To convert wood into consistent feedstocks, processes like biochemical refining or thermochemical refining can be

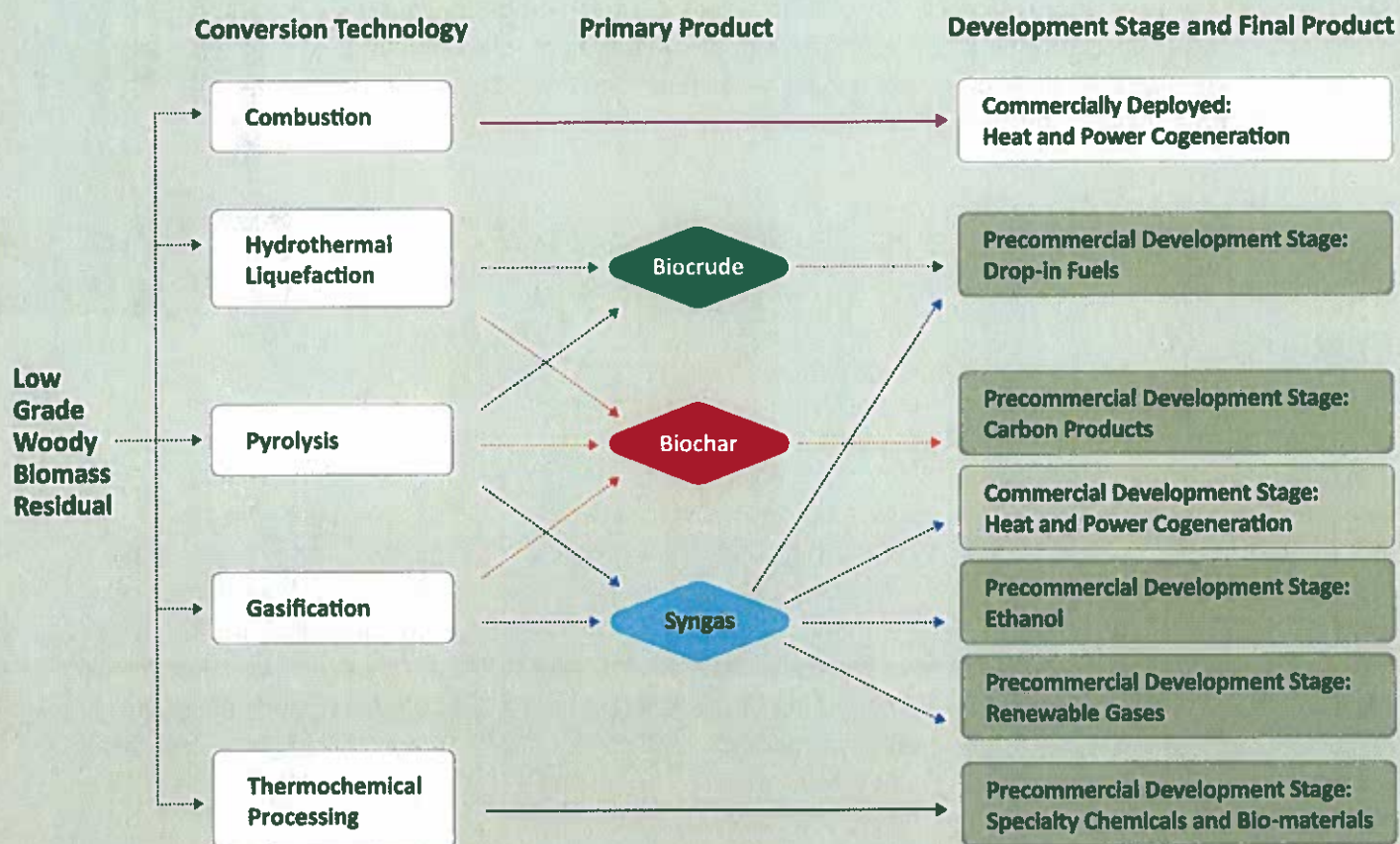
applied. These conversion processes present opportunities for bioproduct creation; however, additional work is needed to make these opportunities commercially viable.

Figure 1 illustrates the technical and commercial readiness of various established and emerging uses for low-grade forest biomass in the form of bark. This demonstrates that new uses for low-grade forest biomass require significant investments in pre-commercial development.

Figure 1. Deployable technology pathways for low grade forest biomass such as bark.

Deployable technology pathways for low grade biomass*

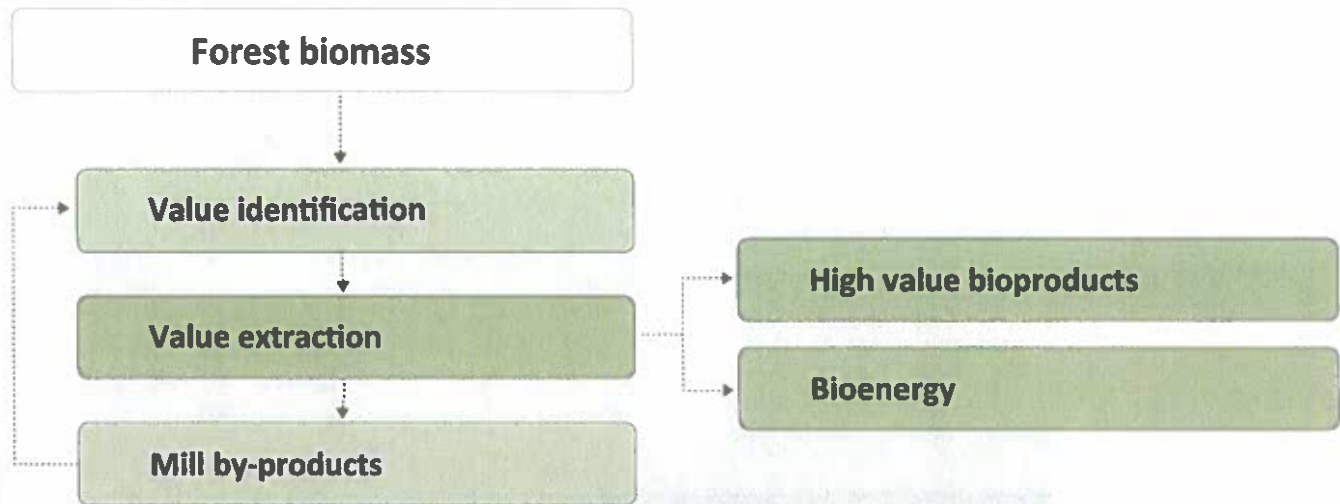
*adapted from technology benchmarking conducted by CRIBE (Centre for Research and Innovation in the Bioeconomy) in September 2020



Bioenergy production from low-grade forest biomass can support existing and new uses of wood. Figure 2 illustrates the process that aims to maximize value from forest biomass through generation of high value bioproducts and bioenergy. At the value identification phase, feedstocks are assessed for their use

and prepared for processing. Value extraction refers to the processes used to convert forest biomass into high value bioproducts, bioenergy, or both. Production of bioenergy plays an important part in enabling the economic case to produce high value bioproducts by creating a market pathway for low-grade forest biomass.

Figure 2. Value identification and extraction from forest biomass. Adapted from FPIInnovations Bio-energy and Bio-chemicals Synthesis Report (2011).



Spotlight

Contributing to Ontario's low-carbon hydrogen strategy

As Ontario explores options for a provincial low-carbon hydrogen strategy, there is emerging interest in the development of green hydrogen from forest biomass. Green hydrogen is a gaseous low-carbon fuel made from renewable energy sources that has a wide range of potential applications and uses. Increased use of green hydrogen in sectors of the economy like transportation and heating can help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions while maximizing

value from Ontario's forest biomass resources.

There are multiple technology pathways to produce green hydrogen from forest biomass:

- Gasification and pyrolysis are mature conversion technologies that use controlled application of heat, steam, and oxygen to create renewable syngas which can be processed into green hydrogen. In some cases, the by-products from these processes can be

further refined to create additional products like biocrude or biochar (See Figure 1).

- Electrolysis involves the use of electricity to produce green hydrogen and oxygen from water. As a source of renewable bioenergy, forest biomass can be used to power electrochemical processes that create low-carbon hydrogen gas.



The case for using forest biomass

Use of forest biomass supports a resource-efficient forest products sector and has advantages over other feedstocks because of the significant contributions it can make to Ontario's economy, communities, and environment.

Building a resilient economy

- Diversifies product and revenue streams for the existing forest industry
- Attracts new business and investment in Ontario's forested regions
- Creates new markets and trade opportunities
- Supports cost competitiveness for new uses of wood
- Increases revenues and grows the provincial Gross Domestic Product
- Helps to reduce facility energy and disposal costs

Supporting communities and livelihoods

- Creates more local jobs than fossil fuels imported from outside of Ontario
- Contributes to community capacity and resilience through training opportunities and local business opportunities
- Supports Indigenous community heat and energy self-sufficiency
- Supports opportunities for increased Indigenous participation in forest sector supply chains
- Provides energy security and enables other infrastructure investments
- Contributes to production of essential products, such as personal protective equipment

Improving environmental stewardship

- Reduces waste and disposal of mill by-products in landfills
- Helps to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions by reducing reliance on fossil fuels
- Creates sustainable, renewable and low-carbon consumer products
- Avoids use of toxic and ecologically damaging fuels and chemicals
- Helps to reduce wildland fire risk in the wildland-urban interface
- Contributes to forest management objectives
- Promotes healthy and resilient forests by enhancing the forest ecosystem condition through improved forest renewal and maintenance efforts (i.e., silviculture practices)

Ontario's forest biomass advantage

Leadership in the green economy

The forest sector is a leader in the emerging green economy. In fact, in the early parts of the 20th century, the forest industry was already producing a range of energy services and bioproducts using mill by-products from both solid wood processing and pulp and paper operations. Until lower-cost petroleum products were introduced in the 1950s, the wood pulping industry was one of the largest suppliers of specialty chemicals in the world.

The forest sector supported Ontario's phase out of coal for electricity generation. Following a switch from coal to wood pellets at Ontario Power Generation's Atikokan facility, Ontario is home to North America's largest forest biomass-only electricity generating station. This action demonstrated how Ontario's forest sector can contribute to economic and environmental objectives while positioning the province as a leader in the low-carbon economy.

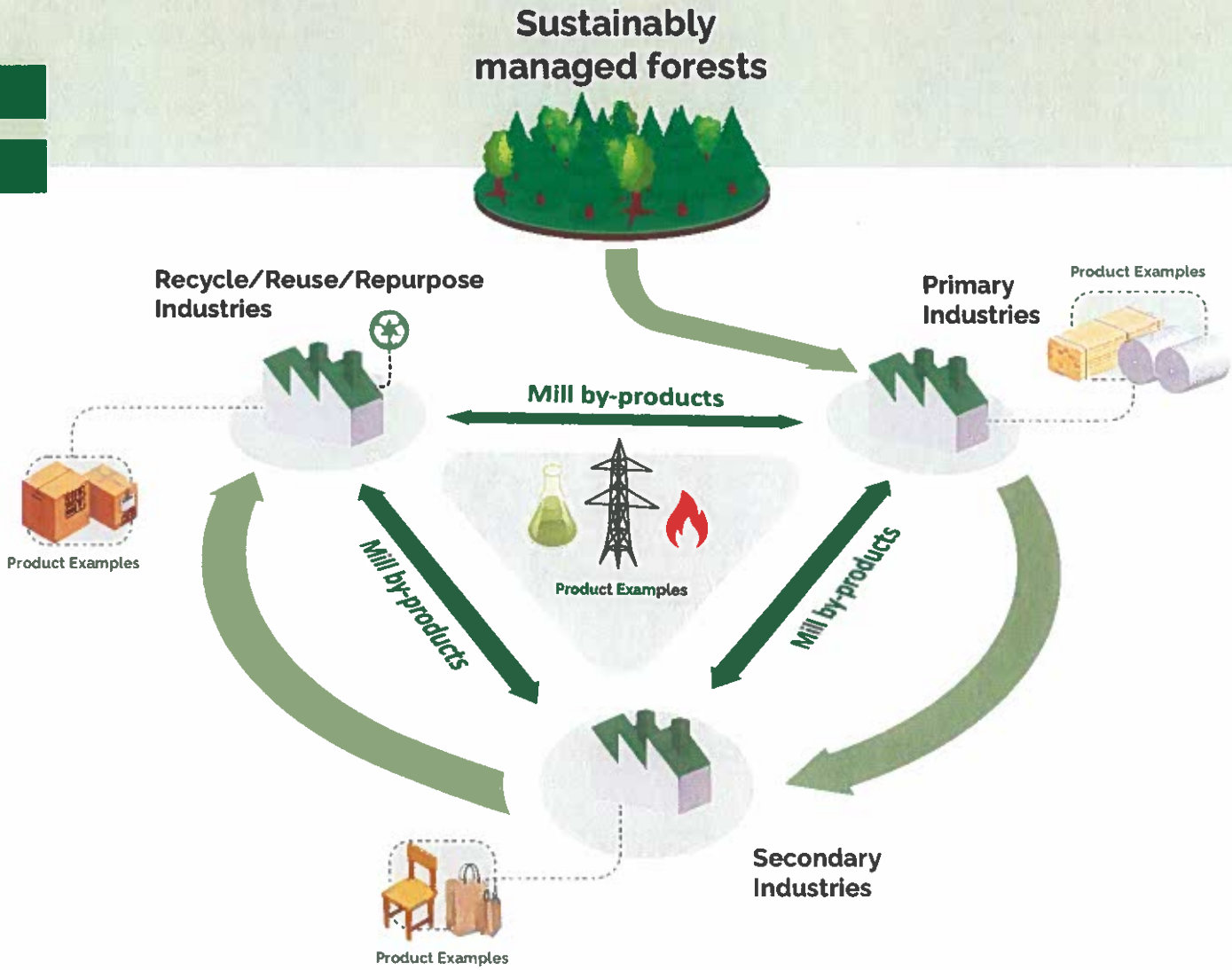
Ontario's forest sector is highly integrated. For example, mill by-products from one facility serve as the feedstock to produce energy for

another, helping to reduce waste and promote a circular economy. Figure 3, below, is a simple illustration of how forest biomass (biofibre and mill by-products) supports integration and interconnectivity between forest product industries. The result is a robust set of efficient supply chains that create a diverse range of sustainable industry and consumer products.

The existing infrastructure for manufacturing forest products provides a solid foundation to leverage future investments for the development of new bioproducts and revenue streams while avoiding added pressure on landfills. As other sectors of the economy transition away from fossil fuels and toward more circular and sustainable alternatives, the forest sector can provide valuable supply chain benefits to participants in the emerging green economy.



Figure 3. A flow chart illustrating the integration and interconnectivity of forest biomass use within the forest product sector.



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Integrating biomass in Resolute Forest Products' Northwestern Ontario operations

Resolute's Northwestern Ontario operations are an example of moving towards a circular economy. In a circular economy, resources gain value through process improvements, waste reduction and repurposing. This creates new and innovative business opportunities while reducing a product's environmental footprint.

Wood is harvested to produce pulp and paper at Resolute's Thunder Bay mill and for lumber at their sawmills in Thunder Bay, Atikokan and Ignace.

Wood chips generated from their lumber mills feed their pulp mill; sawdust generated from their lumber mills is used to create wood pellets at their Thunder Bay pellet mill; and wood shavings feed their wood drying kilns. Other sawmill residues, harvest residues and unmarketable trees are consumed by their BioEnergy Generating Station, producing heat for the pulp mill and paper mills and electricity for the provincial grid. Ash leftover from the combustion process is used

by local farmers for soil nutrient enhancement. The BioEnergy Generating Station is the heart of this integrated model allowing Resolute to utilize renewable biomass and be at the forefront of a cleaner more competitive circular economy.

Sustainable forest policy framework

Ontario is a leader in sustainable forest management. The provincial forest managed under the Crown Forest Sustainability Act (CFSA) (Managed Forest) is governed by a robust forest policy framework consisting of legislation, regulations, manuals and guides that provide for long-term forest health. The CFSA provides for the sustainable management of the Managed Forest

in a manner that must have regard for environmental, social and economic values.

Forest management plans (FMP) are developed in accordance with the Forest Management Planning Manual and forest management guides. FMPs provide direction on forest management activities such as road use and construction, where harvest



can occur and the regeneration of trees within all harvested areas. Preparing an FMP includes Indigenous community, public and stakeholder involvement at all stages of plan development.

Ontario's forest policy framework uses an adaptive management approach. Through the forest management planning process, forestry professionals gather knowledge (traditional, scientific, and social), plan, implement, monitor, report, evaluate and re-plan forest management activities based on achievement of FMP objectives and the evaluation of new information, science, and Traditional Ecological Knowledge.

The forest management guides are based on the best available science with the overall objective of forest sustainability. This is achieved by emulating natural disturbance (e.g., wildfire, insect outbreaks, windthrow) and landscape patterns (e.g., young, mature, and old forest patches on the land) while protecting forest values such as soil health, water quality, and biodiversity. The guides provide direction to support the sustainability of forest biomass

harvesting, which can also promote site productivity (e.g., soil quality, tree growth). This approach means that the conservation, allocation and utilization of Ontario's provincial forests, for all forest products, is ecologically sustainable.

Forest management can also occur on private land. Ontario's private woodlots and other forested lands can provide a source of sustainable forest biomass. Ontario supports good forestry practices on private woodlots through initiatives like the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program (MFTIP). The MFTIP provides a property tax incentive for landowners to work with a certified Managed Forest Plan Approver to put in place a Managed Forest Plan for their property, which may include sustainable harvesting according to good forestry practices. When a landowner is preparing for a commercial harvest, to ensure it follows good forestry practices, they should have a prescription prepared by a qualified member of the Ontario Professional Foresters Association such as a Registered Professional Forester (R.P.F.) or a qualified Associate R.P.F.



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Forest biomass and the Managed Forest carbon cycle

Ontario's forest policy framework supports a healthy and diverse Managed Forest that can withstand the impacts and reduce the effects of climate change, while providing a sustainable supply of renewable wood products (Figure 4). The framework also provides the flexibility to implement forest management actions that can influence the amount of carbon released from or stored in forests and harvested wood products.

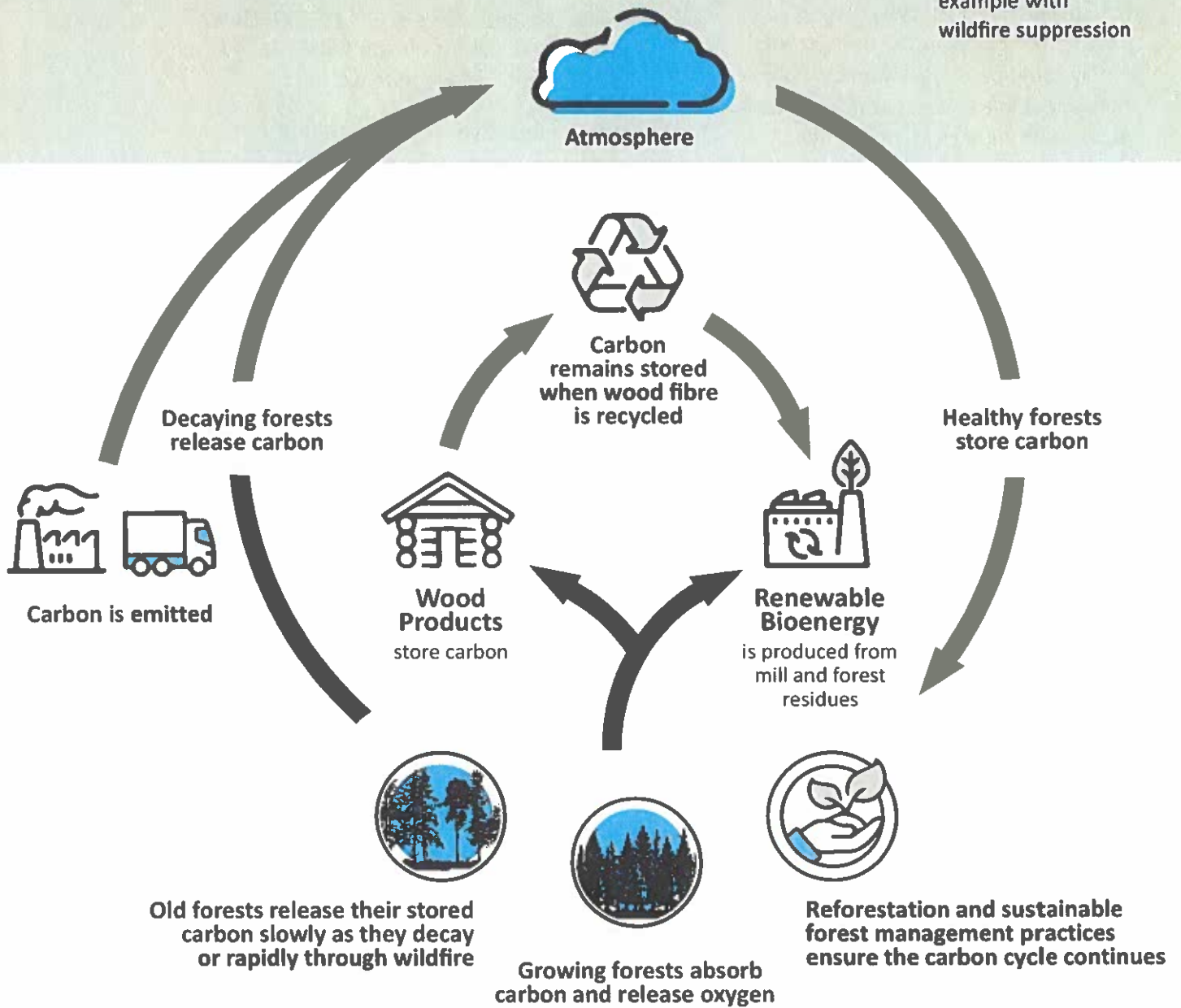
Forest ecosystems can moderate the impacts associated with climate change by sequestering carbon from the atmosphere and storing carbon (temporarily) in trees, soil and dead organic matter. The amount of carbon stored in forest ecosystems depends on the balance among forest conditions and

productivity, forest management activities, and the frequency and extent of natural disturbances such as fire, insects, and windthrow. In the long term, maintaining or increasing the amount of carbon stored in forest ecosystems and in wood products can provide carbon and greenhouse gas emission mitigation while also providing other environmental, social and economic services.

As part of approved forest management plans, the harvest and use of forest biomass can provide carbon and other benefits. Harvesting forest biofibre can contribute to good silviculture practices by helping to develop natural and desirable growth conditions for tree species. It can enhance forest utilization, reduce waste, and contribute to the

use of lower quality logs that currently have no markets. Using sustainably-sourced forest biofibre and mill by-products can provide carbon and climate benefits by substituting carbon-intensive products in buildings and construction, providing renewable feedstocks for industries such as steel, lime, and cement, and when replacing fossil fuels used to generate heat and power. As new data and information become available, Ontario's adaptive management approach provides for the long-term sustainability of forest biomass harvesting and use.

Figure 4. Sustainable forest management and carbon storage using an Ontario boreal forest example with wildfire suppression



Available supply

Approved forest management plans for Ontario's Managed Forests identify 30 million cubic metres of wood supply that can be harvested annually. Currently, approximately 15 million cubic metres of wood supply is harvested per year. The unused wood supply could potentially support further investment in the forest sector. Increasing the harvest within the limits of what can be sustainably used can be accomplished while maintaining Ontario's high standards of forest management. In particular, forest biomass harvesting offers opportunities for the forest industry to further utilize the available supply identified in approved

forest management plans. By helping to reduce the cost of accessing stands and encouraging more natural and desirable growing conditions, forest biomass harvesting can play a unique role in supporting cost competitiveness and putting Ontario's available supply of wood to work.

Opportunity also exists to utilize forest biomass on private woodlots and other forested land. Furthermore, mill by-products from forest product manufacturing operations provide an additional supply of sustainable materials that can be used in new product and revenue streams.

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Whitesand Bioeconomy Centre

Whitesand First Nation, in Northwestern Ontario, is preparing for the construction of a Bioeconomy Centre to support new forest biomass and wood processing facilities. The Centre will include a 6.5-megawatt combined heat and power plant, a wood pellet plant, and a wood processing and merchandizing yard. The project will create approximately 77 direct and 55 indirect full-time jobs in the communities of Whitesand First Nation and Armstrong Station,

and represents a decade long development partnership between Ontario, Canada and Whitesand.

Whitesand First Nation has partnered with Resolute Forest Products on wood supply management. Once their pellet plant and co-generation plant are in operation, they will be using 264,128 cubic metres of forest biofibre per year, sourced from hardwood and underutilized softwood (undersized trees

and tree tops) from the Wabadowgang Noopming and Black Spruce Forests. Utilizing these unmarketable species and parts of trees will allow the sustainable harvest of additional low-sawlog-quality stands that were previously considered uneconomical to harvest. This will result in an additional 154,200 cubic metres of softwood logs being feasible for harvest and use by Resolute's Thunder Bay mills.

Innovation networks

Innovation and collaboration will be key to transforming the forest sector and increasing the use of available forest biomass resources. Fortunately, Ontario is home to a growing cluster of expertise in forest product innovation and the forest bioeconomy. In 2009 the province established the Centre for Research and Innovation in the Bio-Economy (CRIBE) to support new job and business creation in the bioeconomy using forest biomass. Alongside other forest innovation stakeholders like FPInnovations and industry associations, CRIBE supports research and development and contributes to the knowledge base around Ontario's

forest resources and forest product supply chains. Building from regional and provincial strengths in forestry, CRIBE established Nextfor, an industry-led ecosystem of collaborators aiming to accelerate new technologies and next generation forest products in Ontario.

In 2021 Ontario's bioeconomy took another step forward with the beta release of ForestEDGE, a web-based geo-spatial platform developed by CRIBE to help communicate information about Ontario's available forest resources and to attract investments in new and cutting-edge uses of wood.

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Thunder Bay's Forest Bioeconomy Cluster

In addition to hosting CRIBE, Thunder Bay is emerging as a regional cluster of expertise through the development and commercialization of forest biomass.

Research and demonstration facilities: Lakehead University is building research strengths in wood product processing and transformation through demonstration facilities and research labs such as its

Biorefining Research Institute (BRI), Green Chemistry Lab, Wood Science Testing Laboratory, and Fire Testing and Research Laboratory. The BRI creates research and development opportunities, new technology models and jobs, and value-added products from renewable resources that can ultimately lead to reduced dependence on fossil fuels and lower greenhouse gas emissions.

Piloting innovative new processes and products: Thunder Bay is home to the TMP-Bio Plant, an FPInnovations supported project in Resolute Forest Products' local pulp and paper complex. TMP-Bio can treat 100 metric tonnes of biomass annually and produces lignin and sugars that will be used to develop new bioproducts, diversifying Resolute's product mix and adding new revenue streams.

Growing community support for forest biomass

Across Ontario there is growing interest in leveraging the province's forest biomass resources to meet community energy needs, create local jobs and reduce reliance on fossil fuels. Community heating and energy projects like the Wiikwemkoong Wood Heating Initiative are being pursued by several groups, including Indigenous communities looking to implement forest biomass projects and become active partners in forest product supply chains.

In other parts of Ontario, the use of wood pellets, generated from sawdust and mill shavings, and wood

chips provides an affordable and reliable source of heating that displaces imported carbon-intensive fuels. As Ontario's communities explore options for local climate-friendly infrastructure, many are looking to the example set in northern European countries, where centrally located bioenergy producers feed clean heat and power to efficient, multi-building district energy systems.

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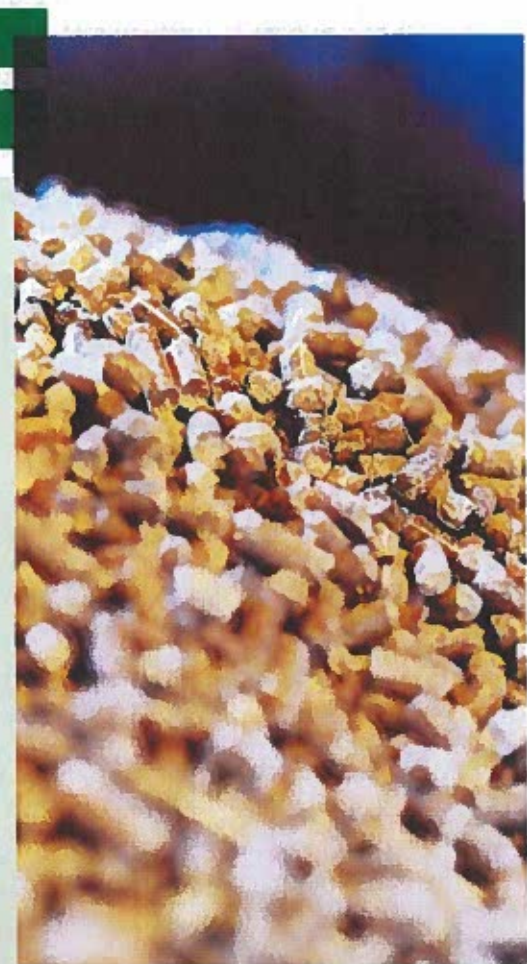
Wikwemikong's Bioheat Initiative

Wikwemkoong Unceded Territory in northern Ontario is undertaking a Bioheat Initiative to become energy self-sufficient and to create forest bioeconomy-related jobs. The Bioheat Initiative involves vertically integrating Wikwemikong's community wood heating project with their Nairn Centre Wood Pellet Plant project.

The community wood heating project is modernizing homeowners' existing wood heating stoves with high-efficiency wood heating appliances and reducing the use of fossil fuels in heating

community buildings and residences. So far, this project has seen eight community buildings and 102 homes converted to wood pellet heating. A further 40 residences are slated for complete switching from fossil fuels to pellet heating.

Sourcing their own fuel is the next step for Wikwemikong's Bioheat Initiative through the Nairn Centre Wood Pellet Plant project. The project is to construct a pellet mill next to EACOM's Nairn Centre sawmill, their wood supply partner. The new plant will have the capacity to produce 150,000 tonnes of



premium wood pellets annually to supply the community, Northeastern Ontario, and export markets.

Unlocking Ontario's potential

In Ontario, forest biomass is primarily used to produce heat, power, or CHP and it is a feedstock for the manufacture of wood pellets and landscaping products. There are several obstacles that complicate diversification of forest biomass, making it likely that heat, power or CHP will remain the primary end-use for Ontario's forest biomass in the short-term. To enable new uses for forest biomass the province must begin to lay the groundwork for commercialization of new bioproducts to be ready for future opportunities as they emerge.

According to Statistics Canada the five most cited obstacles faced by biomass establishments are difficulty entering the commercial marketplace, cost of biomass, cost and timeliness of regulatory approvals, lack of financing, and unreliable quantity of biomass.¹ Considering these barriers and recommendations from the Working Group, this action plan addresses

areas Ontario can most influence, as indicated by the objectives in the following section.

The Government of Ontario has taken initial steps to encourage the use of forest biomass. Forest biofibre is managed according to the province's rigorous sustainable forest management framework. Projects that use forest biomass are considered in economic development and industry support programs. Ontario has streamlined regulations for wood combustors and adopted world-class standards into the province's air quality regulatory framework to enable the use of forest biomass in heating applications. The province's climate policy and Made-In-Ontario Environment Plan recognize the role that forest biomass can play in reducing emissions when used as a bioenergy feedstock for other industries (e.g., steel, lime, cement) and as a heating fuel for homes and communities.

¹ Rancourt, Y., C. Neumeyer and N. Zou. 2017. [Results of the Bioproducts Production and Development Survey 2015](#). Statistics Canada. Accessed September 2, 2020.

Note: refers to agricultural and forest biomass



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Reducing regulatory burden

The Government of Ontario has made advancements to improving the policy environment for the use of forest biomass for heat and combined heat and power (CHP), including:

- Creation of Guideline A14: Guideline for the Control of Air Emissions from Small Wood-Fired Combustors (< 3 MW), to streamline approvals and reduce burden for low-risk wood-fired combustion systems and by adding certified small wood-fired combustors into the Environmental Activity Sector Registry.
- Introduction of new alternate rules under the Operating Engineers Regulation that reduce unnecessary burden on bioheat and CHP system operating engineers while maintaining public safety standards.
- Ontario is helping more communities and businesses benefit from combined heat and power (CHP) technologies that use wood biomass as fuel by exempting certain low-impact CHP systems from requiring an environmental approval and better aligning the required level of provincial approval with other comparable energy technologies, and with the level of environmental impact.

As part of the 2021 Fall Economic Statement, Ontario is proposing to fund the above-market costs of near-term re-contracting of existing biomass electricity generators in Northern Ontario through the Renewable Cost Shift initiative. Funding these contracts would support clean electricity generation, while maintaining electricity rate stability for businesses and households. Taking this approach will provide time for the execution of actions listed in the following section of this plan.

To unlock Ontario's forest biomass

potential, collaboration between all forest sector partners, including federal, provincial, and local governments, industry, Indigenous communities, and research organizations, will be essential. A strong and growing bioproduct sector will also require an engaged public, which understands and values the environmental, social, and economic contributions that forest biomass can deliver for Ontario. Under the right conditions, co-operation will help to diversify the forest sector's product mix, augment existing markets for





forest biomass with new users, expand supply chains, and build public awareness. By leveraging the province's advantages and existing economic base, there are significant opportunities to support supply chain integration with other large industrial and manufacturing operations.

Community-based renewable energy, low carbon fuels, bio-based plastics and packaging, sustainable chemicals, and natural consumer products also present new opportunities to attract investment and create jobs across the province.

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Collaboration in the forest

Ontario recognizes that Indigenous communities have an important relationship with the land, and exercise Aboriginal and treaty rights in forests. In *Sustainable Growth: Ontario's Forest Sector Strategy*, the province committed to continuing to build strong, mutually beneficial relationships and partnerships with Indigenous communities across the province. This Forest Biomass Action Plan is intended to help deliver on that commitment and can contribute to reconciliation between Indigenous people and the province.

As Ontario works toward securing jobs and ensuring sustainability through the use of forest biomass, our government recognizes the need to focus on capacity building, partnerships

and community readiness. These actions will help build holistic, culturally relevant pathways for Indigenous community involvement in biomass use.

Reconciliation, in the context of this action plan, empowers Indigenous communities to take a leadership role in developing a collaborative working model to better participate in community biomass use. Collaboration may take various forms, including: providing information, dialogue, use of Traditional Ecological Knowledge and working with communities to support their use of biomass. Actions taken through this plan will be collaborative as opposed to prescriptive, in order to reflect the vision, capacities and priorities of individual communities.

Objectives and actions

The goals of the Forest Biomass Action Plan are to secure jobs, support economic development, and encourage sustainability in the forest sector through the use of Ontario's

forest biomass. To support these goals, we have identified five objectives, each with a set of actions that will be pursued over the five-year term of this action plan:

- Objective 1:** Identify pathways to markets for forest biomass.
- Objective 2:** Support demand for forest bioenergy and bioproducts.
- Objective 3:** Improve the business and regulatory environments for the use of forest biomass.
- Objective 4:** Support holistic, culturally relevant pathways for Indigenous community involvement in forest biomass value chains to support reconciliation between Indigenous communities and the Crown.
- Objective 5:** Communicate, collaborate, and inform on forest biomass opportunities.

In the short term, we aim to have a better understanding of Ontario's forest biomass resources and determine where our forest biomass opportunities are in the emerging green economy. Over the longer term, this understanding will assist in stimulating new investments and complement government efforts to support demand and improve the business and policy environments for forest biomass use. Acknowledging Indigenous leadership in the

development of Ontario's forest biomass resources, Ontario will work collaboratively to increase Indigenous participation in, and benefits from, forest biomass supply chains. As the actions in this plan are implemented, Ontario will actively engage a broad range of partners and stakeholders to overcome barriers and help realize new and innovative uses for the province's forest biomass resources.



Objective 1:

Identify pathways to markets for forest biomass.

Action 1.1: Further refine Ontario's inventory of forest biomass using tools such as CRIBE's Economic Fibre Supply Model.

Action 1.2: Publish a report that summarizes the types of forest bioproducts and their technological and commercial readiness.

Action 1.3: Publish a report that describes the current and future market demand for bioproducts made from Ontario's forest biomass.

Action 1.4: Complete a jurisdictional scan to inform bioproduct development and commercialization approaches for Ontario's forest biomass.

Action 1.5: Develop a life cycle inventory for traditional and non-traditional wood products (material/energy inputs and emissions), study biomass carbon dynamics, and refine lifecycle impact assessment models to build understanding of the environmental performance of forest biomass.

Action 1.6: Support development of regional clusters that increase value generation from the use of forest biomass.

Action 1.7: Conduct collaborative research studies on soil quality, stand development, productivity, and biodiversity to ensure long-term ecological sustainability of forest biomass harvesting to inform policy under Ontario's Policy Framework for Sustainable Forests.

Objective 2:

Support demand for forest bioenergy and bioproducts.

Action 2.1: Ensure that existing facilities that consume biomass for electricity generation and are approaching the end of their contract are provided the opportunity to negotiate a new contract with the Independent Electricity System Operator, balancing the benefits to the forestry sector and regional economies with value for the ratepayer and taxpayer.

Action 2.2: Publish a report that quantifies the financial contribution of forest biomass to individual facilities and the entire forest sector, and its socio-economic contribution to local communities and the provincial economy.

Action 2.3: Provide resources for the development of community-led projects that use forest biomass.

Action 2.4: Develop a provincial bioheat strategy to increase the production and domestic consumption of biofuels for heat, drawing from expertise of the Ontario Bioheat Initiative and input from a range of partners and stakeholders.

Action 2.5: Engage with potential industry users to integrate forest biomass into supply chains.



Objective 3:

Improve the business and regulatory environments for the use of forest biomass.

Action 3.1: Review and update Ontario's Forest Biofibre Directive.

Action 3.2: Streamline permitting and reduce regulatory burden for all sectors that use forest biomass.

Action 3.3: Look for opportunity to make forest biomass projects eligible in relevant economic development and business support programs.

Action 3.4: Integrate the benefits of forest biomass use in provincial Emissions Performance Standards and relevant provincial strategies.

Action 3.5: Advocate on behalf of Ontario's forest biomass users and provincial interests during the creation and implementation of national climate change initiatives, such as the Clean Fuel Standard.

Objective 4:

Support holistic, culturally relevant pathways for Indigenous community involvement in forest biomass value chains to support reconciliation between Indigenous communities and the Crown.

Action 4.1: As part of readiness building, provide opportunities for Indigenous businesses to build capacity and knowledge in the use of forest biomass. This includes understanding of:

- where biomass feedstocks are available and where they present feasible opportunities;
- how to optimize location to create best opportunities for success;
- complexity in forest product supply chains;
- Ontario's regulatory environment for forestry activities; and
- how to access forest biofibre through the Crown Forest Sustainability Act.

Action 4.2: Work with Indigenous communities to take a stepwise approach to bring about greater Indigenous involvement and benefit from the use of forest biomass:

- create network connections;
- foster partnerships with industry; and
- encourage agreements between industry and Indigenous communities.

Action 4.3: Support Indigenous participation in forest biomass project investments through provincial funding programs and explore additional opportunities for enabling investments through capacity building, skills training, access to expertise, and knowledge transfer.

Action 4.4: Support Indigenous community applications to federal funding programs for projects that use forest biomass.

Action 4.5: Facilitate preferred access to forest biomass for proposals with Indigenous participation, where and when forest biomass is available.

Action 4.6: Support Indigenous communities in Ontario's Far North in the development of cost effective bioenergy systems to replace base load power generation using diesel fuels with local forest biomass.

Objective 5:

Communicate, collaborate, and inform on forest biomass opportunities.

Action 5.1: Create information, communication, and marketing materials to support prospective forest biomass users.

Action 5.2: Support and participate in forest sector innovation networks that aim to deliver solutions for challenges to using forest biomass.

Action 5.3: The Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry will facilitate discussions between other ministries, federal agencies, investors, technology providers, and forest sector partners to increase the use of forest biomass.

Action 5.4: Engage with partners and stakeholders to ensure alignment between regional, provincial and federal initiatives.



The road ahead

This action plan is an important component of achieving the vision identified in *Sustainable Growth: Ontario's Forest Sector Strategy*. Four pillars of action were identified in the Strategy: promoting stewardship and sustainability, putting more wood to work, improving our cost competitiveness, and fostering innovation, markets and talent.

As Ontario looks to strengthen its position as a world leader in making and selling sustainable and renewable forest products, it is clear that the actions listed in the province's Forest Biomass Action Plan will play a role in supporting and reinforcing each of the key pillars of *Sustainable Growth*.

The ongoing sustainability of Ontario's forests depends on good stewardship and effective forest management that is adaptive, collaborative, and relies on the best available science together with Traditional Ecological Knowledge.

Integration of forest biomass into the province's various industrial sectors is key to the long-term viability of Ontario's forests in light of a changing climate. By taking action to increase forest biomass use, the province can realize significant economic and environmental benefits while putting its available supply of wood to work for the people and communities of Ontario.

Faced with changing markets and strategic challenges, enhancing the cost competitiveness of our forest sector will also require effective uses and markets for all forest resources, including forest biofibre and mill by-products generated by existing facilities.

By supporting our government's priorities of job creation, reducing administrative burden, and promoting growth and prosperity, the Forest Biomass Action Plan will contribute



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to our government’s vision for a resilient forest sector that fosters innovation and sustainable markets, and engages and inspires the best talent.

Actions laid out in this plan will be implemented over the course of five years. The Appendix provides a summary of the actions and their estimated timeframes. Progress and completion of these actions will be tracked through an interim (2023)

and final report (2026) to be published on Ontario.ca.

Indicators for each objective are identified below. They will be used to track progress on objective achievement. To achieve the objectives set out in this action plan our government looks forward to the continued contribution and advice provided by the Working Group.

Objective 1:

Identify pathways to markets for forest biomass.

Indicators:

- Information regarding Ontario’s forest biomass characteristics. For example, types, quality, quantity, geography and economics
- Potential forest biomass markets, commercial and technological readiness

Objective 2:

Support demand for forest bioenergy and bioproducts.

Indicators:

- Socio-economic contribution of forest biomass to local communities and the provincial economy
- Use of forest biomass in operations and supply chains
- Regional interest and implementation of forest biomass projects

Objective 3:

Improve the business and regulatory environments for the use of forest biomass.

Indicators:

- Regulatory environment for the use of forest biomass
- Biomass projects receiving supports from federal and/or provincial funding programs
- The role of forest biomass in climate change initiatives and programs

Objective 4:

Support holistic, culturally relevant pathways for Indigenous community involvement in forest biomass value chains to support reconciliation between Indigenous communities and the Crown.

Indicator:

- Communities have the capacity, knowledge, and ability to participate in the use of forest biomass

Objective 5:

Communicate, collaborate, and inform on forest biomass opportunities.

Indicators:

- Materials to support prospective forest biomass users
- Participation in stakeholder discussions, industry innovation network events and workshops

Appendix

Actions to be completed by 2022

- **Action 1.2:** Publish a report that summarizes the types of forest bioproducts and their technology and commercial readiness.
- **Action 1.4:** Complete a jurisdictional scan to inform bioproduct development and commercialization approaches for Ontario's forest biomass.
- **Action 2.1:** Ensure that existing facilities that consume biomass for electricity generation and are approaching the end of their contract are provided the opportunity to negotiate a new contract with the Independent Electricity System Operator, balancing the benefits to the forestry sector and regional economies with value for the ratepayer and taxpayer.
- **Action 2.2:** Publish a report that quantifies the financial contribution of forest biomass to individual facilities and the entire forest sector, and its socio-economic contribution to local communities and the provincial economy.

Actions to be completed by 2023

- **Action 1.1:** Further refine Ontario's inventory of forest biomass using tools such as CRIBE's Economic Fibre Supply Model.
- **Action 1.3:** Publish a report that describes the current and future market demand for bioproducts made from Ontario's forest biomass.
- **Action 3.1:** Review and update Ontario's Forest Biofibre Directive.

Actions to be completed by 2026

- **Action 1.5:** Develop a life cycle inventory for traditional and non-traditional wood products (material/energy inputs and emissions), study biomass carbon dynamics, and refine lifecycle impact assessment models to build understanding of the environmental performance of forest biomass.
- **Action 1.6:** Support development of regional clusters that increase value generation from the use of forest biomass.
- **Action 2.3:** Provide resources for the development of community-led projects that use forest biomass.

- **Action 2.4:** Develop a provincial bioheat strategy to increase the production and domestic consumption of biofuels for heat, drawing from expertise of the Ontario Bioheat Initiative and input from a range of partners and stakeholders.
- **Action 2.5:** Engage with potential industry users to integrate forest biomass into supply chains.
- **Action 3.2:** Streamline permitting and reduce regulatory burden for all sectors which use forest biomass.
- **Action 3.3:** Look for opportunity to make forest biomass projects eligible in relevant economic development and business support programs.
- **Action 3.4:** Integrate the benefits of forest biomass use in provincial Emissions Performance Standards and relevant provincial strategies.
- **Action 3.5:** Advocate on behalf of Ontario's forest biomass users and provincial interests during the creation and implementation of national climate change initiatives, such as the Clean Fuel Standard.
- **Action 4.1:** As part of readiness building, provide opportunities for Indigenous businesses to build capacity and knowledge in the use of forest biomass. This includes understanding of:
 - where biomass feedstocks are available and where they present feasible opportunities;
 - how to optimize location to create best opportunities for success;
 - complexity in forest product supply chains;
 - Ontario's regulatory environment for forestry activities; and
 - how to access forest biofibre through the Crown Forest Sustainability Act.
- **Action 4.2:** Work with Indigenous communities to take a stepwise approach to bring about greater Indigenous involvement and benefit from the use of forest biomass:
 - create network connections;
 - foster partnerships with industry; and
 - encourage agreements between industry and Indigenous communities.
- **Action 5.1:** Create information, communication, and marketing materials to support prospective forest biomass users.



Operational actions to be sustained

These are actions that will continue through the duration of the Forest Biomass Action Plan and into the future.

- **Action 1.7:** Conduct collaborative research studies on soil quality, stand development, productivity, and biodiversity to ensure long-term ecological sustainability of forest biomass harvesting.
- **Action 4.3:** Support Indigenous participation in forest biomass project investments through provincial funding programs and explore additional opportunities for enabling investments through capacity building, skills training, access to expertise, and knowledge transfer.
- **Action 4.4:** Support Indigenous community applications to federal funding programs for projects that use forest biomass.
- **Action 4.5:** Facilitate preferred access to forest biomass for proposals with Indigenous participation, where and when forest biomass is available.
- **Action 4.6:** Support Indigenous communities in Ontario's Far North in the development of cost effective bioenergy systems to replace base load power generation using diesel fuels with local forest biomass.
- **Action 5.2:** Support and participate in forest sector innovation networks that aim to deliver solutions for challenges to using forest biomass.
- **Action 5.3:** NDMNRF will facilitate discussions between other ministries, federal agencies, investors, technology providers, and forest sector partners to increase the use of forest biomass.
- **Action 5.4:** Engage with partners and stakeholders to ensure alignment between regional, provincial and federal initiatives.





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March 7, 2022

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

Dear Premier,

RE: Dissolve Ontario Land Tribunal

At its meeting held on March 1, 2022, North Algona Wilberforce Township adopted the following resolution with respect to the Ontario Land Tribunal:

WHEREAS Municipalities across this Province collectively spend millions of dollars of taxpayer money and municipal resources developing Official Plans that meet current Provincial Planning Policy; and

WHEREAS an Official Plan is developed through months of public consultation to ensure, "that future planning and development will meet the specific needs of our community"; and

WHEREAS our Official Plan includes zoning provisions that encourage development of the "missing middle" or "gentle density" to meet the need for attainable housing in our community; and

WHEREAS our Official Plan is ultimately approved by the Province; and

WHEREAS it is within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to approve Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that better the community or fit within the vision of the Official Plan; and

WHEREAS it is also within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to deny Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that do not better the community or do not fit within the vision of the Official Plan; and

WHEREAS municipal planning decisions may be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT - formerly the Ontario Municipal Board or "OMB"), an unelected, appointed body that is not accountable to the residents of North Algona Wilberforce Township; and

WHEREAS the OLT has the authority to make a final decision on planning matters based on a "best planning outcome" and not whether the proposed development is in compliance with municipal Official Plans and Provincial Planning Policy; and

WHEREAS all decisions—save planning decisions—made by Municipal Council are only subject to appeal by judicial review and such appeals are limited to questions of law and or process; and

WHEREAS Ontario is the only province in Canada that empowers a separate adjudicative tribunal to review and overrule local decisions applying provincially approved plans; and

WHEREAS towns and cities across this Province are repeatedly forced to spend millions of dollars defending Official Plans that have already been approved by the province in expensive, time consuming, and ultimately futile OLT hearings; and

WHEREAS lengthy, costly OLT hearings act as a barrier to the development of attainable housing:

1. NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT North Algona Wilberforce Township requests the Government of Ontario to dissolve the OLT immediately thereby eliminating one of the most significant sources of red tape delaying the development of more attainable housing in Ontario; and

2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Leader of the Opposition, the Leaders of the Liberal and Green Party, all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; the Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario, the Small Urban GTHA Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario; and

3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

Your favorable consideration of this request is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,



Michelle Mantifel
Clerk-Treasurer

cc: Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
Leader of the Opposition;
Leaders of the Liberal and Green Party;
MPPs in the Province of Ontario;
Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario,
Small Urban GTHA Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario;
AMO and All Ontario Municipalities

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From: FONOM Office/ Bureau de FONOM <fonom.info@gmail.com>
Sent: March 28, 2022 8:11 AM
Subject: SIX until the start of the FONOM Conference in North Bay
Attachments: 2022 Delegate Registration form.pdf

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Good morning

Please share this email with your Council and Senior Staff.

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2022 FONOM Conference

Hosted by the City of North Bay, May 9-11, 2022

Best Western, 700 Lakeshore Drive, North Bay, ON (705) 474-5800

Don't miss out! This year's **in-person** Conference will be an informative event for municipal representatives on issues relevant to Northern municipalities.

This year's Keynote speaker is Doug Griffiths. Doug is the author of **13 Ways to Kill Your Community**. *He will provide a lively, full of personality, conversational, breezy, concise, and fun session. One can imagine seeking out information on boosting their local community, sighing dutifully as they seek out material, and then being relieved and delighted when what they find turns out to be as entertaining as it is informative.*

During the FONOM Conference Hosted by the City of North Bay in May, FONOM will be hosting a **Northern Leaders Debate**, with all **four** Leaders confirmed. The FONOM Board would like to solicit our members for debate questions they would like to have asked during the debate. We would ask that the question be submitted **by Friday, April 29**. The FONOM Executive Committee will review the questions for consideration. Please ensure the question is of regional importance.

Other planned Agenda Items for the 2022 FONOM Conference are; Cultural Mindfulness, NWMO Safety Transportation plan, ONTC Shop Tour, Reception at Gateway Casino, MPAC Update, Insurance pricing explained, Banquet, AGM, a path forward for Mental Health, Homelessness, and Addiction, and an update from FedNor.

Talk soon, Mac

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Francine Desormeau

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From: Dean Backer <backerdean@hotmail.com>
Sent: March 28, 2022 4:31 PM
To: Francine Desormeau; Amy Leclerc
Subject: Fw: To Council of the town of mattawa

Good Afternoon Francine,

Could you please add the following correspondence for our first scheduled meeting in April.

Will brief Council this evening on my meeting with both Mr. Belanger and Mr. Lamothe last week.

Thank you!

Dean

From: Belanger Taxi <belanger_taxi@yahoo.com>
Sent: March 28, 2022 1:47 PM
To: backerdean@hotmail.com <backerdean@hotmail.com>
Subject: To Council of the town of mattawa

To Council of the town of mattawa

I, Terry Belanger , owner of Belanger taxi, would like to advise council of the recent acquirement of Vet's Taxi, owned and operated by Darin Lamothe.
Effective April 1st, 2022, Belanger Taxi will merge Vet's taxi together as one company and our same contact number of 705-744-5722 will also remain the same.

I seek council and Mayor approval on this announcement in hopes that council will recognize the importance of owning a taxi license in the town of mattawa and would like to confirm your support and also welcome any questions or concerns .

I would respectfully request council to consider limiting any future license requests for taxi or the new type "ride sharing" transportation that is emerging in larger cities.

I am committed on continuing to serve our community and surrounding area with transportation and delivery services that we have come to rely on and appreciate, I would just like the reassurance and support from our council moving forward.

Thank you ,
Terry Belanger/Belanger Taxi

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March 17, 2022

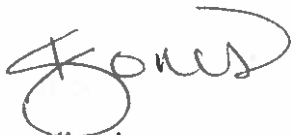
Dear Mayor and Council members,

Near North Crime Stoppers had previously contacted your municipality asking if we might have the opportunity to appear before council to do a brief presentation. We fully recognize the challenges that municipalities have had in addressing Covid. Hopefully, we are moving forward, and things will get back to some sense of "normal."

The success of Crime Stoppers depends largely on community awareness and support. We are hoping that sometime in 2022, there may be an opportunity for Near North Crime Stoppers to appear before council (in person, or by electronic means) to bring you up to speed on Crime Stoppers to help create more awareness in your municipality.

Should council be opened to having a presentation, please let us know and we will collaborate with you to set up a convenient time at an upcoming council meeting this year. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Kim Jones

Executive Director

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From: FONOM Office/ Bureau de FONOM <fonom.info@gmail.com>
Sent: March 22, 2022 6:58 PM
Subject: Provincial Leaders Debate
Attachments: FONOM Conference Schedule as of March 22, 2022.xls

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Good afternoon *Please share this emails with your colleagues*

The FONOM conference falls inside the writ period for the Provincial Election. As a result, the FONOM Board has been exploring the possibility of hosting a Northern Leaders Debate during our Conference. This afternoon, we confirmed that all four Leaders would attend a **Provincial Leaders Debate**, which will focus on issues important to citizens of Northern Ontario. The debate will be held at the **Capital Centre** (www.capitolcentre.org) in the City of North Bay on **Tuesday, May 10th, 2022, starting at 1:15 P.M.**

President Danny Whalen commented, "many of 154 communities in the North have a small population, and the Debate provides a platform for our voices to be heard." He also mentioned, "we are pleased that the Municipal organizations in Northern Ontario will hear directly from the Provincial Party Leaders during the spring campaign."

The Schedule is attached to this email, with more Conference information.

Talk soon, Mac

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2022 FONOM/MMAH Northeastern Municipal Conference

DRAFT CONFERENCE FORMAT

Monday - May 9th		Tuesday - May 10th		Wednesday - May 11th	
8:00 AM		8:00 AM	Full Breakfast	7:30 AM	Full Breakfast
8:15		8:15	Registration Continues	7:45	
8:30		8:30		8:00	
8:45		8:45	Corina Moore - ONR	8:15	FONOM Resolutions & Business Meeting
9:00		9:00		8:30	
9:15		9:15		8:45	
9:30	ONR TOUR with CORINA MOORE	9:30	Dr. Sarita Verma - Northern Ontario School of Medicine	9:00	
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10:00		10:00		9:30	
10:15		10:15		9:45	Homelessness/Mental Health/Addictions Speaker
10:30		10:30	Refreshment Break	10:00	
10:45		10:45	MPAC	10:15	
11:00	Conference Registration Begins - Trade Show Opens	11:00		10:30	FedNor Lucie Perreault Director of Programs
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11:30		11:30		11:00	
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12:00 PM	Lunch	12:00 PM	Quick Lunch	11:30	LUNCH and Adjournment
12:15		12:15		11:45	
12:30		12:30	Bus to Leaders Debate	12:00 PM	
12:45		12:45		12:15	
1:00	Official Opening Remarks	1:00	Leaders Debate - Capitol Centre	12:30	
1:15		1:15		12:45	
1:30	Keynote - Doug Griffiths	1:30		1:00	
1:45		1:45		1:15	
2:00		2:00	Leaders Debate - Capitol Centre	1:30	
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2:30	Refreshment Break	2:30		2:00	
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3:00	George Couchie - Indigenous Speaker	3:00	Bus Back to Hotel	2:30	
3:15		3:15		2:45	
3:30		3:30	Quick Refreshment Break	3:00	
3:45	Michael Borrelli - Nuclear Waste Management	3:45	Frank Cowan	3:15	
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4:30	Sessions Adjourn	4:30		4:00	
5:00	Opening Reception - Casino	4:45	Sessions Adjourn - Trade Show Adjourns	4:15	
6:00 PM		6:00 PM	Pre Banquet Reception - Hosted by the TBD, 2023 Conference host	4:30	
6:30		6:30	Banquet and Entertainment	6:00 PM	
7:00		7:00		6:30	
7:30	Delegates Dine On Their Own At Casino	7:30		7:00	
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Francine Desormeau

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From: Ontario Volunteer Service Awards (MHSTCI)
<OntarioVolunteerServiceAwards@ontario.ca>
Sent: April 5, 2022 11:10 AM
To: Francine Desormeau
Subject: Nominations for the 2022 Ontario Senior of the Year Award / Mises en candidature pour le Prix de la personne âgée de l'année de l'Ontario 2022

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(Un message en français suivra)

Dear Mayor, Reeve and Members of Council:

I am writing to invite you to submit a nomination for the 2022 [Senior of the Year Award](#).

Ontario's seniors have worked hard to help build this great province that we all enjoy today. This award gives each municipality the opportunity to honour one of their outstanding local seniors for the contributions they've made to enrich the social, cultural, and civic life of their community.

The deadline for nominations is April 30, 2022. For more information on how to submit a nomination online, please visit the [Senior of the Year](#) webpage. Once you submit a nomination, a personalized certificate with your nominee's name will be sent to you. I encourage you to present it to your nominee in June in conjunction with Seniors Month.

The Ontario government is delighted to celebrate Seniors Month with municipalities across the province. Seniors have generously given their time, knowledge and expertise to make this province the best place in this country to live and work. It is important that we take the time to celebrate our older population and their valuable contributions.

This year's theme for Seniors Month is Stay Active, Connected, and Safe. To help promote Seniors Month in your community, please visit the Seniors Month webpage: [Celebrating seniors in Ontario](#) for more information.

If you have any questions about the upcoming 2022 Senior of the Year Award, please contact the Volunteer Recognition Unit at OntarioVolunteerServiceAwards@ontario.ca.

Thank you in advance for your support of local seniors and Seniors Month.

Sincerely,

[Original signed by](#)

Raymond Cho
Minister for Seniors and Accessibility