

District of Parry Sound



Social Services
Administration Board

Chief Administrative Officer's Report

May 2023

Mission Statement

To foster healthier communities by economically providing caring human services that empower and enable the people we serve to improve their quality of life.

Ending Homelessness Symposium

Homelessness throughout the province and the country in fact has reached disastrous proportions, with devastating impacts on people, communities and businesses across the province. The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) understands that action is required and held an Ending Homelessness Symposium that I was in attendance for.

This one and a half-day event which was held on May 3rd and 4th, saw close to 250 elected officials, municipal staff, those with lived experience, academics, not for profits, service providers and others coming together to examine solutions for ending homelessness in Ontario.

As stated by many in attendance, now is the time for action to achieve the goal of ending homelessness. AMO's Ending Homelessness Symposium offered perspectives on the root causes of homelessness – including income insecurity, insufficient supply of deeply affordable housing, insufficient responses to mental health and addictions challenges and the policy responses required. Governments, community and healthcare partners, and the private sector all have a role to play.

This was an important opportunity to understand experiences from across the province, share ideas with peers and build coordinated and strategically aligned solutions.

Information Technology Update

The I.T. Department has continued to be busy this April with continued preparation for a major network shift that begins on May 3rd. This will bring a major security and network change to our main sites, along with setting the stage for our further upgrades across the district. Stage 1 is expected to be completed on May 3rd with further upgrades to be scheduled after the successful completion of the upgrade.

Mid-April, we completed the transition of our Women In Safe Housing (WISH) application to WebWISH for Esprit Place. This provides the Esprit staff with a more comprehensive, cloud based, management tool enabling more flexibility in how and where they can interact with the women they serve.

As always, we have maintained the daily support for the organization.

Ticket Stats

April 2023

Tickets created during period: 114

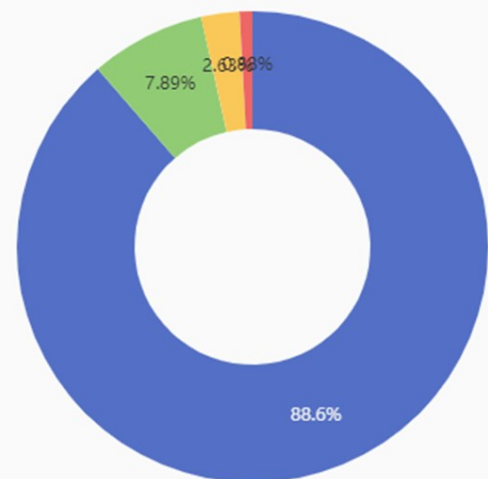
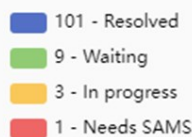
Of them closed: 101

Still open: 13

Tickets that were reopened: 0

Average response time: 0h 46m 43s

Average duration: 3 h 51m 15s



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Esprit Place Family Resource Centre	NOV 2022	DEC 2022	JAN 2023	FEB 2023	MAR 2023	APR 2023
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Post Reach this Period (# of people who saw post)	1,155	353	103	75	124	116
Post Engagement this Period (# of reactions, comments, shares)	46	36	1	3	7	71

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Total Impressions	50	13	178	158	300	300
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LinkedIn Stats - used primarily for HR recruitment & RFP/Tender postings

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Total Page Views	73	45	46	31	31	30
Post Impressions	767	374	266	828	929	697
Total Unique Visitors	29	15	15	16	17	11

Out and About in the Community

On May 5th, I, along with JJ Blower (Communications Officer) were pleased to attend and be invited guest speakers at the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association meeting in Sprucedale. There were approximately 100 people in attendance, primarily elected officials, ministries, agencies and municipal staff from all municipalities in the District of Parry Sound. Our presentation included an overview of the DSSAB's programs and services, and how we can help members of their communities.

(Shown below: Ted Collins, DSSAB Board Member; Tammy MacKenzie, DSSAB CAO; Teri Brandt, DSSAB Board Member)



Starbucks Donation to Esprit Place

We're proud to report that [Esprit Place Family Resource Centre](#) was selected by Starbucks partners (employees) to receive a \$1,350.00 grant from [#TheStarbucksFoundation](#).

During Starbucks Season of Cheer in December 2022, [#TheStarbucksFoundation](#) received over 20,000 nominations from Starbucks partners (employees) and alumni, and were able to recognize and support [Esprit Place Family Resource Centre](#) as one of 2,000 organizations across the U.S. & Canada through a [#neighbourhood-grant](#).

Thank you for the nomination and support!



Licensed Child Care Programs

Total Children Utilizing Directly Operated Child Care in the District March 2023

Age Group	Fairview ELCC	First Steps ELCC	Highlands ELCC	Waubee ELCC	HCCP	Total
Infant (0-18M)	0	0	3	2	8	15
Toddler (18-30M)	16	9	14	18	39	96
Preschool (30M-4Y)	20	17	19	41	47	144
# of Active Children	36	26	36	61	96	255

Some of the Directly Operated Child Care Programs welcomed ECE students back into our centres to complete their college program placements. Recruitment for vacant positions has been successful and we are encouraged by the increase in qualified applicants.

School Age Programs

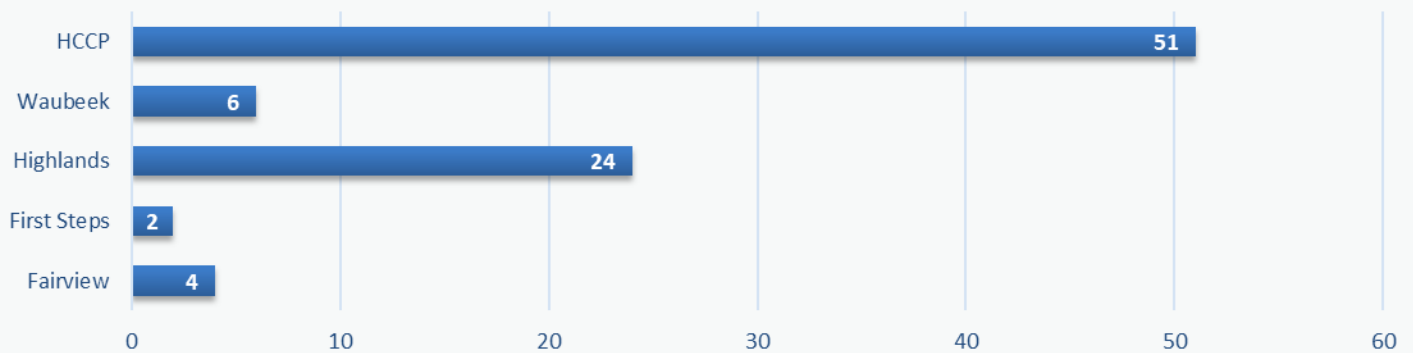
March 2023

Location	Enrollment	Waitlist
Mapleridge After School	21	10
Mapleridge Before School	6	0
St. Gregory's After School	9	0
Sundridge Centennial After School	14	5
Land of Lakes After School	13	4
Home Child Care	39	15
# of Active Children	102	34

The School Age Programs are seeing a slight decline in attendance as the weather warms and children are able to walk home or go home with an older sibling. We are monitoring the attendance rates and will be working with the school boards to assist with planning for September 2023.

Directly Operated Child Care Waitlist by Program

March 2023



Program Supervisors are reporting an increase in families looking for spaces for 2024 as maternity and paternity leaves expire.

Inclusion Support Services

March 2023

Age Group	EarlyON	Licensed ELCC's	Monthly Total	YTD Total	Waitlist	New Referrals	Discharges
Infant (0-18M)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Toddler (18-30M)	1	3	4	6	2	5	0
Preschool (30M-4Y)	8	39	47	47	4	2	0
School Age (4Y+)	2	17	19	19	0	0	0
Monthly Total	11	59	70	-	6	7	0
YTD Total	11	59	-	87	17	16	1

There has been a slight increase in new referrals to the ISS program this past month.

Funding Sources for District Wide Childcare Spaces

March 2023

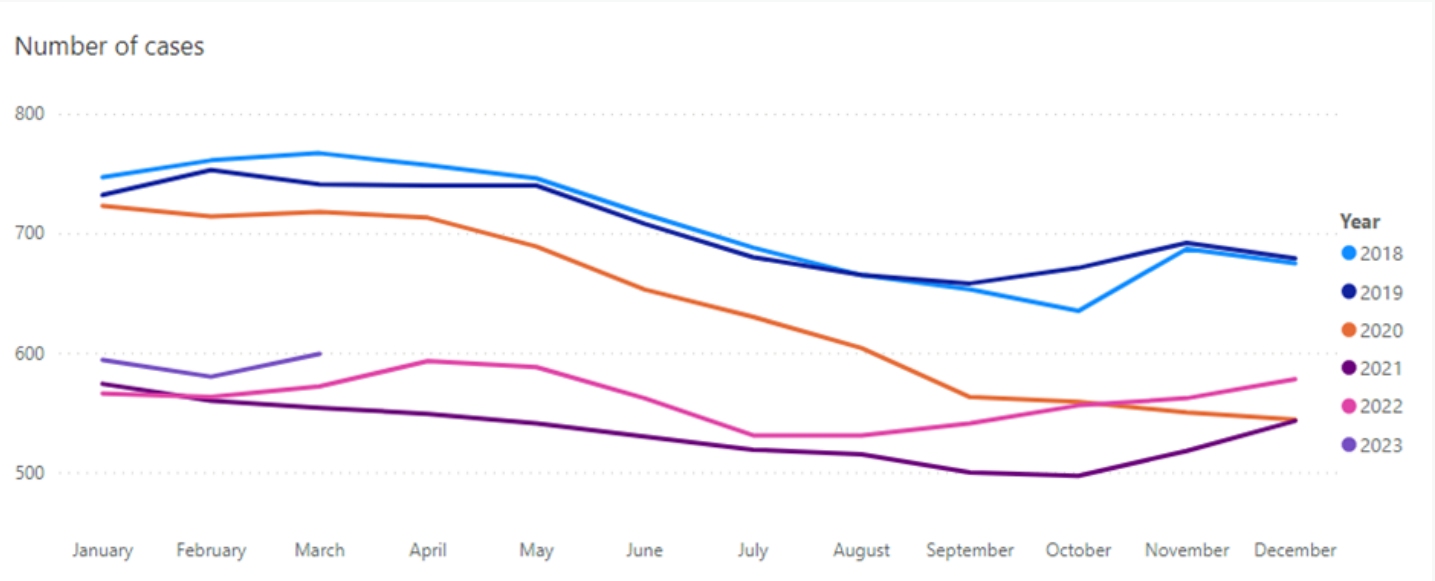
Active	# of Children	# of Families
CWELCC*	132	128
CWELCC Full Fee	200	197
Afterschool Fee Subsidy	4	4
Fee Subsidy	32	27
Full Fee	32	26
Ontario Works	7	6
Total	407	388

Funding Source - New	# of Children	# of Families
CWELCC	2	2
CWELCC Full Fee	6	6
Afterschool Fee Subsidy	5	3
Total	1	11

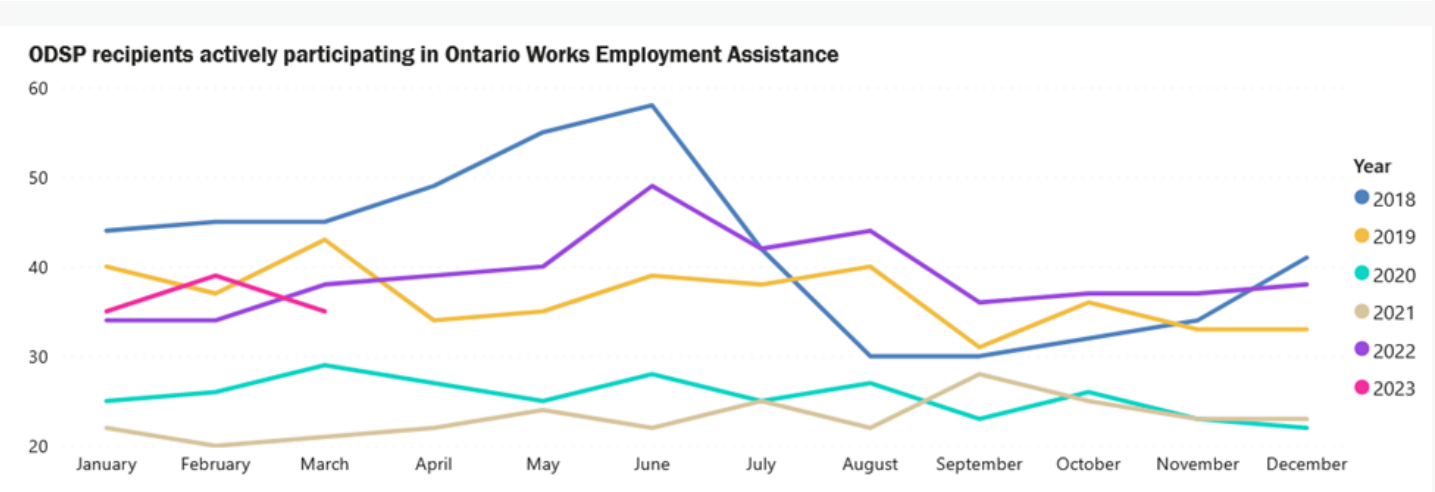
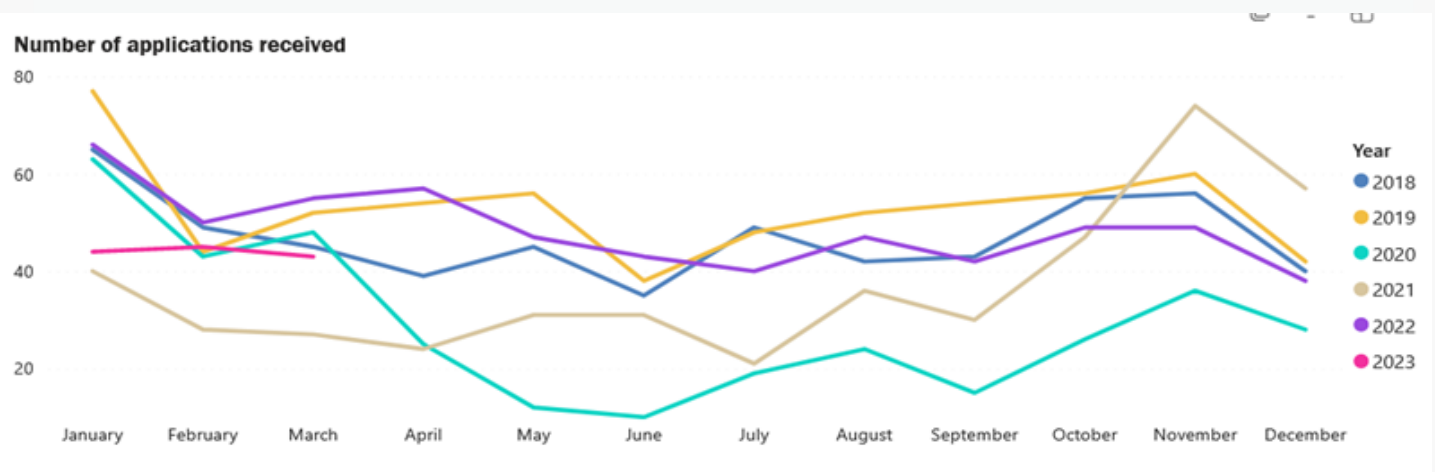
* CWELCC – Canada-Wide Early Learning Child Care; eligible for children 0 - 6

Funding Source - Exits	# of Children	# of Families
CWELCC	1	1
Afterschool Fee Subsidy	3	2
Total	4	3

Ontario Works Caseload March 2023



Ontario Works Intake - Social Assistance Digital Application (SADA) & Local Office March 2023

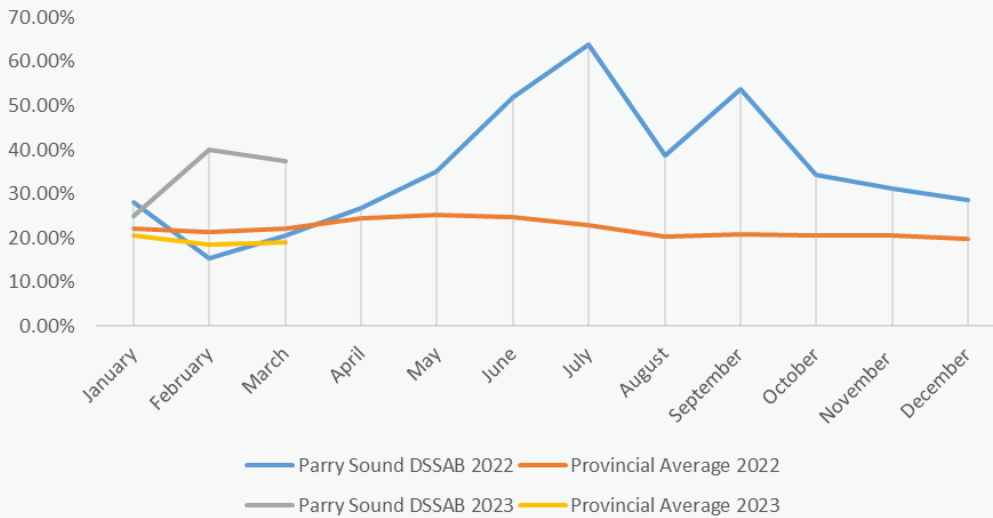




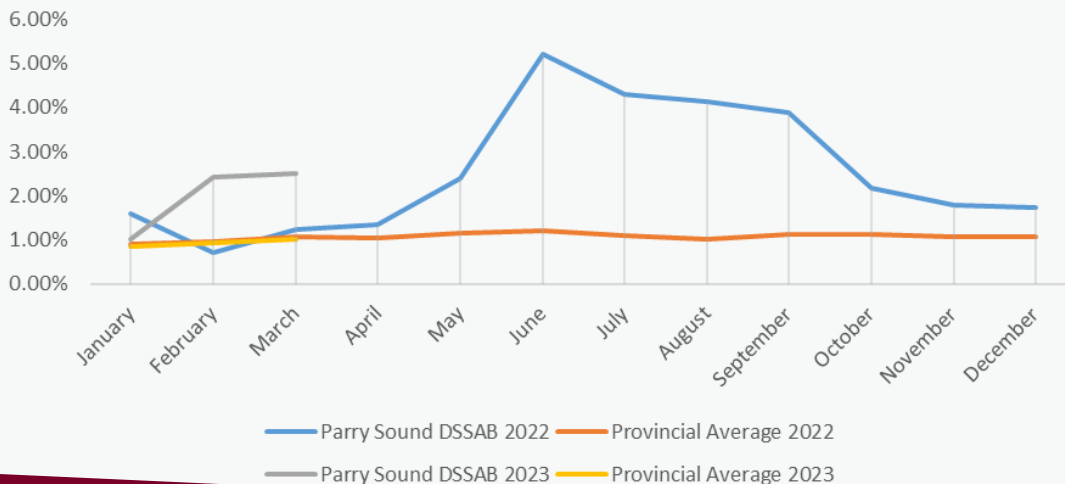
The OW Caseload for February was 599. We are supporting 35 ODSP participants in our Employment Assistance program. We also have 57 Temporary Care Assistance cases. Intake also remains steady. We had 43 Ontario Works Applications and 25 applications for Emergency Assistance which was close to where we were at in February.

Employment Assistance & Performance Outcomes

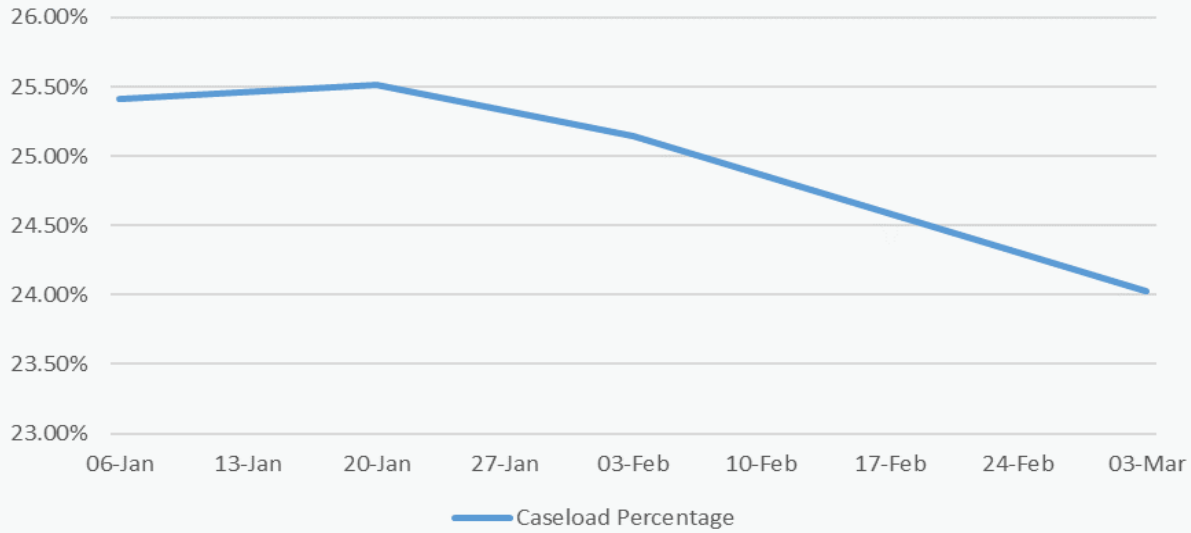
% of Closures Exiting to Employment



% of Caseload Exiting to Employment

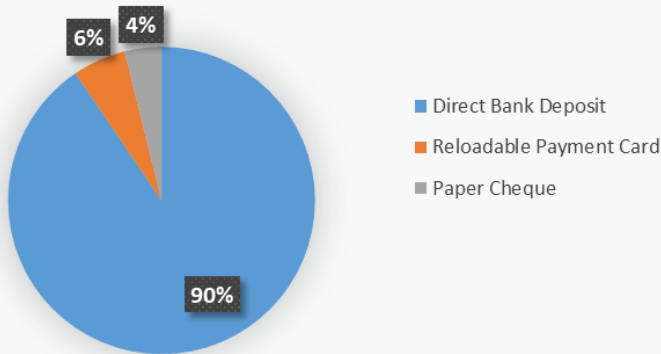


MyBenefits Enrollment 2023



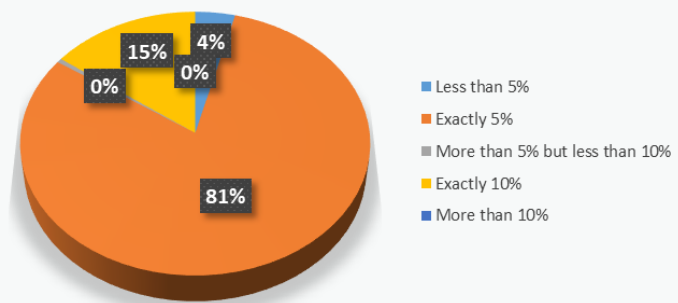
DBD Enrollment

Payment Receipt Method
March 2023



Overpayment Recovery Rate

March 2023



Housing Stability Program - Community Relations Workers

Support

All services performed, provided, or arranged by the Homelessness Stability Program staff to promote, improve, sustain, or restore appropriate housing for individuals active with the Homelessness Stability Program, periodically within the month, not requiring intense case management.

March 2023 Income Source	East	West
Senior	6	16
ODSP	8	36
Ontario Works	4	12
Low Income	17	29

Intense Case Management

Intense Case Management involves the coordination of appropriate services and the provision of consistent and on-going weekly supports, required by the individual to obtain, and sustain housing stability.

March 2023 Income Source	East	West
Senior	13	22
ODSP	10	25
Ontario Works	9	15
Low Income	10	37

Contact/Referrals

March 2023	East	West	YTD
Homeless	0	3	13
At Risk	0	7	21
Esprit Outreach Homeless	0	0	0
Esprit Outreach at Risk	0	0	5
Esprit in Shelter		1	4
Program Total			43

Short Term Housing Allowance

	Active	YTD
March 2023	8	20

Housing Stability: Household Income Sources and Issuance from HPP & CHPI:

March 2023 Income Source	Total	CHPI
Senior	2	\$2,115.00
ODSP	8	\$4,206.63
Ontario Works	1	\$101.70
Low Income	8	\$3,634.00

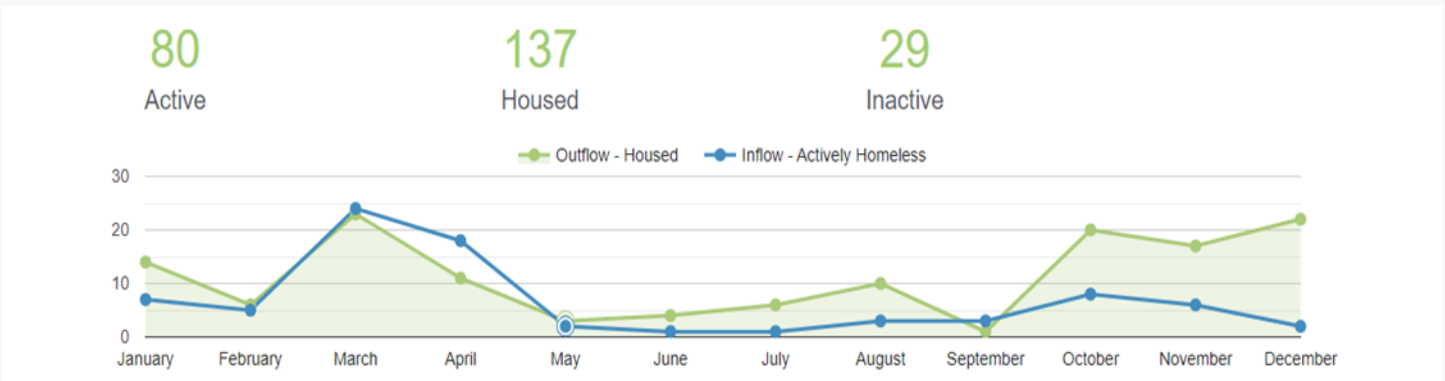
March 2023 Reason for Issue	Total
Rental Arrears	\$500.00
Utilities/Firewood	\$1,113.63
Transportation	\$72.00
Food/Household/Misc	\$8,270.00
Emergency Housing	\$101.70
Total	\$10,057.33

Ontario Works: Household Income Sources and Issuance from HPP

March 2023 Income Source	Total	HPP
Senior	2	\$384.87
ODSP	9	\$2,717.44
Ontario Works	23	\$15,623.48
Low Income	9	\$3,202.26

March 2023	Total
Rental Arrears	\$3,289.09
Utilities/Firewood	\$7,976.73
Transportation	\$220.01
Food/Household/Misc.	\$10,442.22
Total	\$21,928.00

By-Name List Report September 2021 - March 2023



Housing Programs

Social Housing Centralized Waitlist Report March 2023

	East Parry Sound	West Parry Sound	Total
Seniors	38	108	146
Families	114	420	534
Individuals	460	190	650
Total	612	718	1,330
Total Waitlist Unduplicated			445

**Social Housing Centralized Waitlist (CWL) 2022 - 2023 Comparison
Applications and Households Housing from the CWL**

Month 2022	New App.	New SPP	Cancelled	Housed	SPP Housing	Month 2023	New App.	New SPP	Cancelled	Housed	SPP Housing
Jan	5			1		Jan	5	1	13		
Feb	9	1	2			Feb	5	1	10		
Mar	12		5	2	1	Mar	6		35		
Apr	12	1	1			Apr					
May	11	1		3		May					
June	15		3	2		June					
July	13	2	10	1		July					
Aug	5		17	2	1	Aug					
Sept	16		10	1	1	Sept					
Oct	14		12	6		Oct					
Nov	12	1	8	3		Nov					
Dec	1			5		Dec					
Total	125	6	68	26	3	Total	16	2	58		

SPP = Special Priority Applicant

- Housing Programs received 6 new applications to the centralized waitlist in the month of March
- During the waitlist update, several applicants withdrew their status on the waitlist; of the cancelled applications, 8 were due to receipt of the Canada Ontario Housing Benefit (which indicates they have now secured affordable housing), 3 were deceased, 10 applicants requested that their files be cancelled, 13 were unable to be contacted after several attempts, and 1 failed to provide documentation necessary to determine eligibility

Parry Sound District Housing Corporation
March 2023

Activity for Tenant and Maintenance Services

	Current	YTD
Move outs	3	6
Move in	1	8
L1/L2 forms	0	0
N4 - notice of eviction for non payment of rent	2	2
N5 - notice of eviction disturbing the quiet enjoyment of the other occupants	3	4
N6 - notice of eviction for illegal acts or misrepresenting income for RGI housing	0	0
N7 - notice of eviction for willful damage to unit	0	1
Repayment agreements	1	22
Tenant Home Visits	16	48
Mediation/Negotiation/Referrals	7	15
Tenant Engagements/Education	3	18

Property Maintenance and Capital Projects

March 2023

Pest Control	8	8 buildings monitored monthly
Vacant Units	12	one-bedroom (8); multiple bedroom (4) (not inclusive of The Meadow View)
Vacant Units - The Meadow View	8	one-bedroom market units (8)
After Hours Calls	6	Furnace not working, no hot water, smoke detector (battery) issue, heater making noise
Work Orders	136	Created for maintenance work, and related materials for the month of March
Fire Inspections		A total of 50 units were inspected for fire safety in the month of March

Local Housing Corporation and DSSAB Buildings - April

- Installing/providing outdoor furniture
- Providing soil for personal tenant vegetable gardens
- RFQ went out for all custodial and landscaping contracts; internal hiring enabled the majority of landscaping and custodial work to be completed by DSSAB staff for 2023
- Hired a full-time custodian for 16 Toronto Ave. and East side work
- Fiber optic installed at 173 Main Street, Sundridge
- Starting the process of District wide unit inspections; deficiency lists to be created
- Fire remediation at 66 Church Street, Parry Sound is 50-60% complete
- In the process of tendering duplex renovation (East side)

Ongoing Challenges:

Prices of services and materials are inflated. Wait times on certain items remains a challenge.

Esprit Place Family Resource Centre

March 2023

Emergency Shelter Services	March 2023	YTD
Number of women who stayed in shelter this month	8	25
Number of children who stayed in the shelter this month	5	21
Number of hours of direct service to women (shelter and counselling)	181	377
Number of days at capacity	20	56
Number of days over capacity	4	29
Overall capacity %	99%	93%
Resident bed nights (women & children)	307	833
Phone interactions (crisis/support)	26	60

Transitional Support	March 2023	YTD
Number of women served this month	10	25
Number of NEW women registered in the program	1	1
Number of public ed/groups offered	2	2

Child Witness Program	March 2023	YTD
Number of children/women served this month	8	18
Number of NEW clients (mothers and children) registered in the program	9	12
Number of public ed/groups offered	1	1

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OMSSA Exchange Conference

OMSSA hosted more than 330 people from the human services, health, child care, and public services for an in-person 2023 Exchange Conference held on May 9th and 10th in Ottawa.

This conference was attended by several staff from the DSSAB Leadership Team. It provided the opportunity to bring human services staff from across Ontario to learn, inspire, and think about the Ontario we all want.

Over two days, the Exchange Conference focused on several important professional development topics, enhancing skill sets, and the innovative work happening in each of our sectors to address the most pressing issues in our local communities.

Highlights for us were sessions regarding employment services transformation, early childhood educator recruitment and retention, CMHC National Housing Strategy update and other various conversations regarding housing.

Geriatric Pathway

On May 16th, the Director of Income Support & Stability attended the West Parry Sound Geriatric Pathway event at the Jolly Roger. The event was hosted and facilitated by Ontario Health, included a presentation on Leading Practices in ALC and facilitated discussions on the Community Pathway and Acute Care Pathway for seniors. The West Parry Sound area is receiving ALC initiative funding from Ontario Health and this day was an opportunity to identify gaps and determine opportunities to maximize existing services or how any new services can support older adults along the entire continuum of care.

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Esprit Donation

Esprit Place Family Resource Centre would like to thank the members of [Evolve Fitness Parry Sound](#), and owner Brenda Thomas, who hosted the ‘Yoga Pant Drive’ last month.

Together they collected bags and boxes of yoga pants and comfortable clothing, which are typically some of the most desirable donations for shelters. When a woman is leaving an abusive or unsafe situation, they often have little to no resources, including a change of clothes.

A huge thanks to Brenda, and the members of [Evolve Fitness Parry Sound](#) for their generosity!



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Enrollment has remained consistent during the month of April in all licensed programs.

School Age Programs

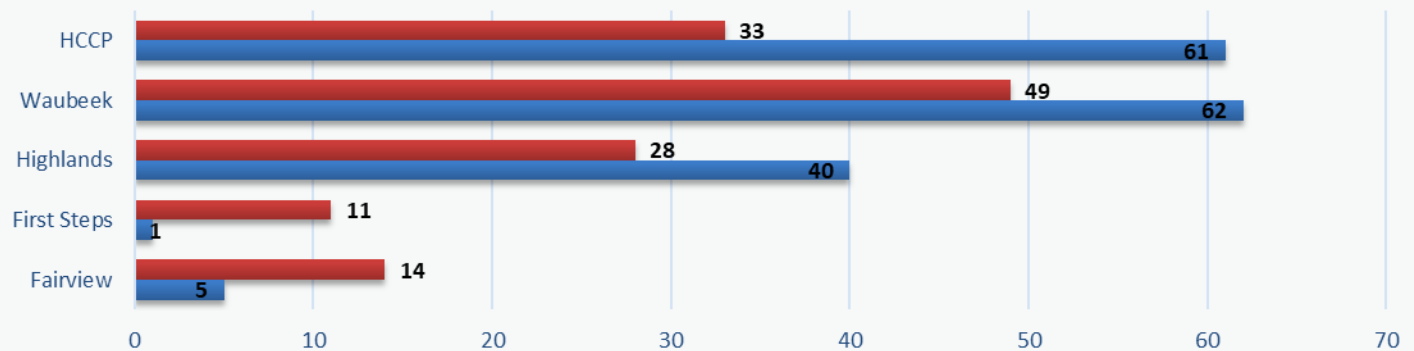
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Location	Enrollment	Primary Waitlist	Secondary Waitlist
Mapleridge After School	21	8	5
Mapleridge Before School	6	0	2
Mapleridge Summer Program	N/A	20	N/A
St. Gregory's After School	9	0	0
Sundridge Centennial After School	14	7	4
Land of Lakes After School	13	5	10
Home Child Care	39	10	5
# of Active Children	102	50	26

The school age programs remain very busy, and families are starting to request September placements. The Mapleridge Summer Program is filling up quickly as shown on the Primary Waitlist. Parents will be contacted early this month to complete the enrollment process.

Directly Operated Child Care Waitlist by Program

April 2023



In the above chart, the blue graph shows the number of children in each program requiring care immediately that we are unable to accommodate within our licensed ratios. The red graph shows the number of children on the waitlists that will need care in the future months and some families currently on maternity leave that will require care next year. There has been significant increases across the District in families requesting to be added to our waitlists. The highest increase in requests have been noted in the Town of Parry Sound and the south-east corner of the District. It is noteworthy that families will appear on both the Home Child Care Program and centre-based programs, these are not unique numbers.

Inclusion Support Services

April 2023

Age Group	EarlyON	Licensed ELCC's	Monthly Total	YTD Total	Waitlist	New Referrals	Discharges
Infant (0-18M)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Toddler (18-30M)	1	5	6	10	3	0	0
Preschool (30M-4Y)	8	39	47	51	3	2	1
School Age (4Y+)	2	19	21	21	1	0	4
Monthly Total	11	63	74	-	7	2	5
YTD Total	12	68	-	84	24	18	7

EarlyON Child and Family Programs

April 2023

Activity	April	YTD
Number of Children Attending	1,430	3,136
Number of New Children Attending	86	172
Number of Adults Attending	911	2,023
Number of Virtual Programming Events	9	17
Number of Engagements through Social Media	1,359	1,819
Number of Views through Social Media	24,247	35,104

The EarlyON program has been fine tuning the schedule and as a result has moved the Mom's to Mom's group to Tuesday mornings. This move has allowed many new moms to attend. The family workshops and resources have focused on an overview of licensed child care and fee subsidy. School-based programs have been invited to attend the local school's Journey to Learning entry to school events.

Funding Sources for District Wide Childcare Spaces April 2023

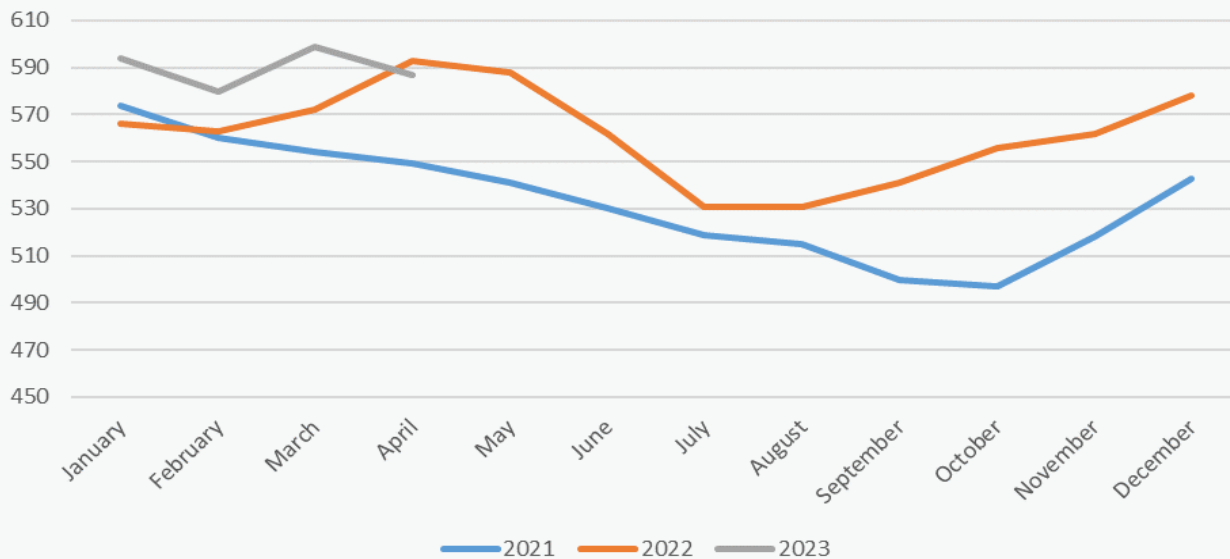
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CWELCC Full Fee	201	197
Afterschool Fee Subsidy	5	5
Fee Subsidy	31	26
Full Fee	27	24
Ontario Works	8	7
Total	400	383

Funding Source - New	# of Children	# of Families
CWELCC	6	6
Ontario Works	1	1
Total	7	7

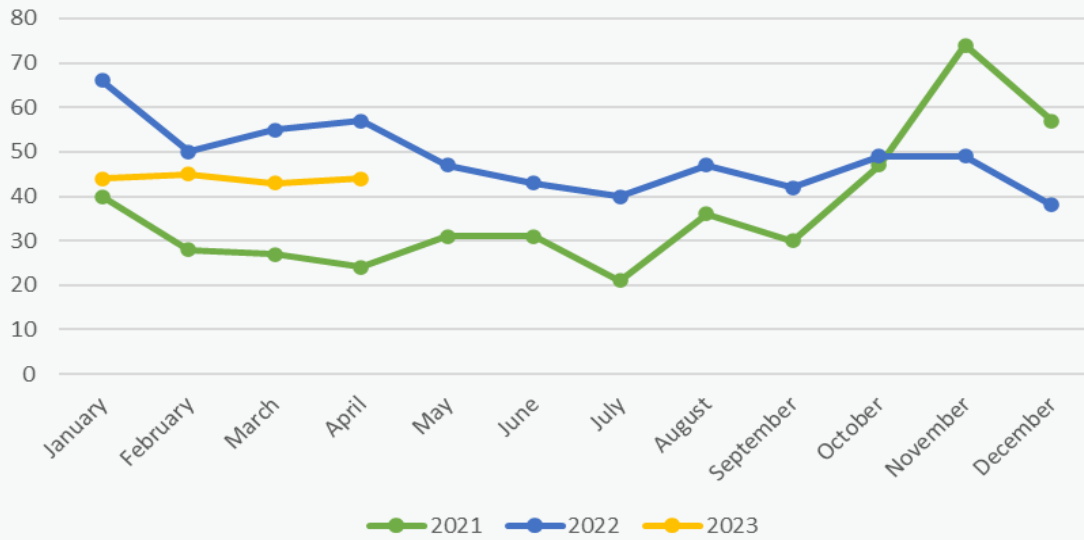
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Funding Source - Exits	# of Children	# of Families
Afterschool Fee Subsidy	2	1
Total	2	1

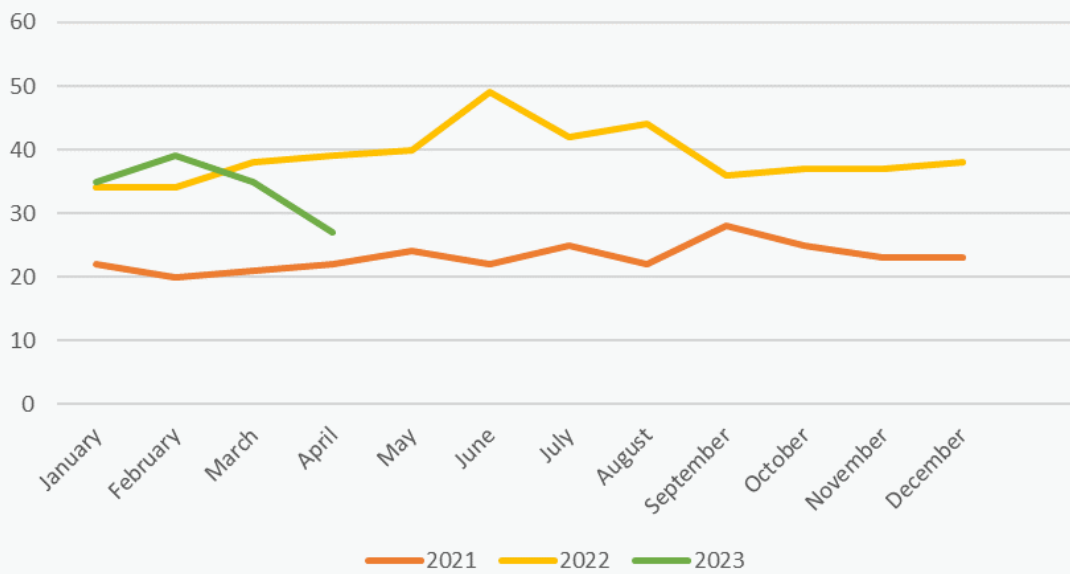
Ontario Works Caseload



Ontario Works Intake - Social Assistance Digital Application (SADA) & Local Office Ontario Works Applications Received



ODSP Participants in Ontario Works Employment Assistance



Ontario Works applications

2 ▼

Average received per business day

44

Received Apr 2023

Emergency Assistance applications

1 ▲

Average received per business day

15

Received Apr 2023

Average number of business days from screening to grant

0.5 ▲

Ontario Works

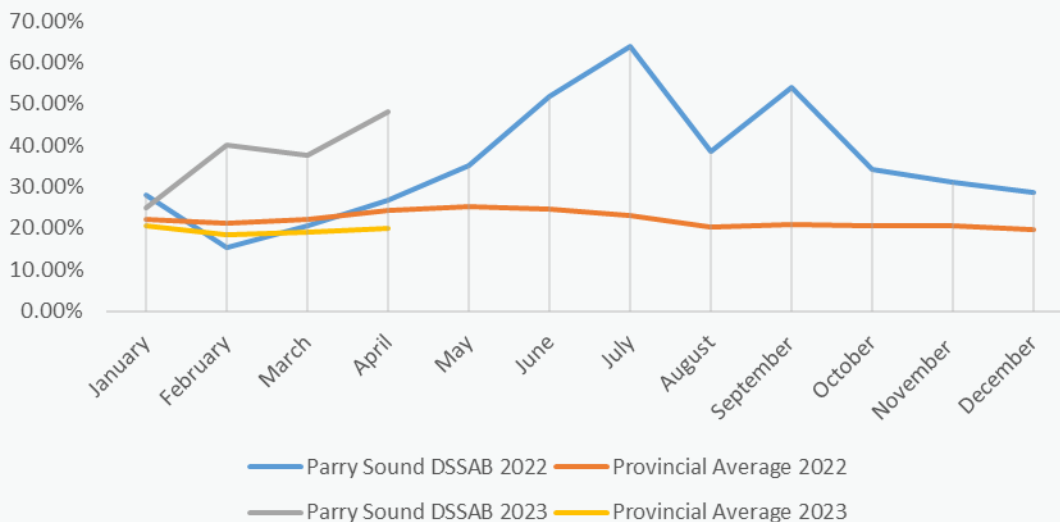
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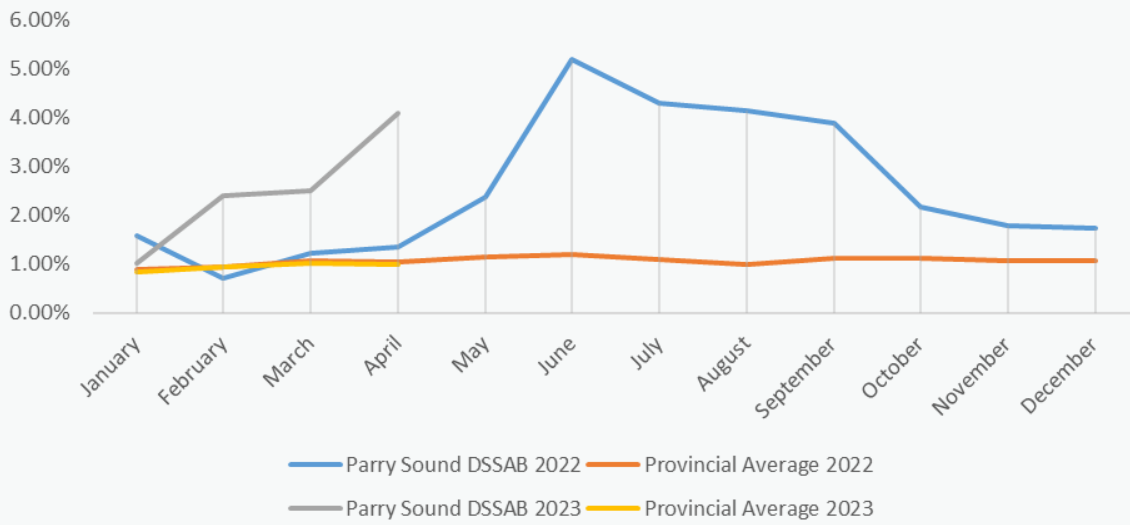
The OW Caseload for April was 587 (there 942 beneficiaries in total). We are supporting 27 ODSP participants in our Employment Assistance program. We also have 54 Temporary Care Assistance cases. Intake also remains steady. We had 44 Ontario Works Applications (up 1 from March) and 15 applications for Emergency Assistance in April.

Employment Assistance & Performance Outcomes

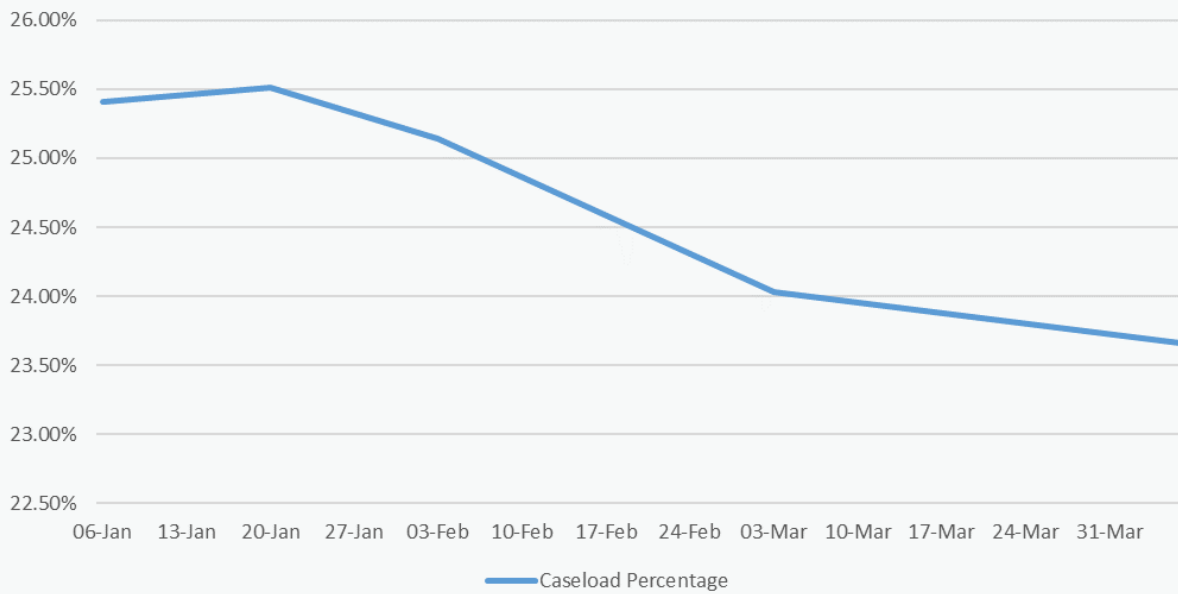
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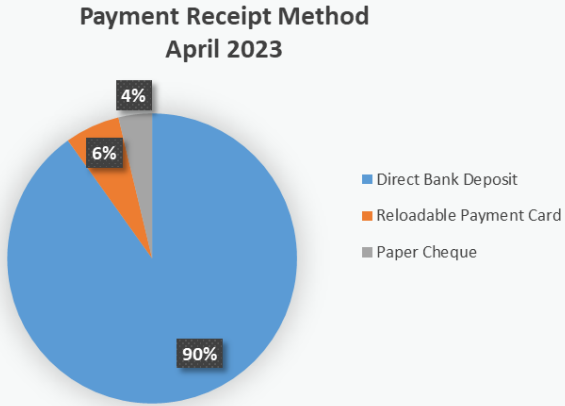
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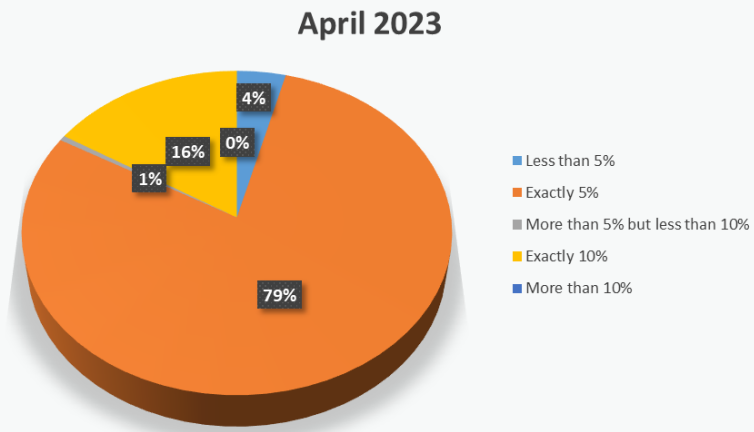
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Overpayment Recovery Rate



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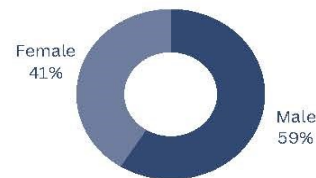
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177 Client Encounters

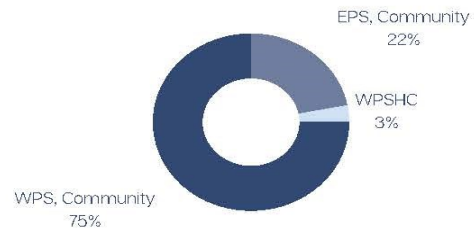
Referral Source



Client Gender



Location of Encounter



Referral Out

CMHA 6	PSFHT 3	OPP 3	RAAM 2	Min Attorney General 1	NNDSB 1
			CAS 2	Monarch 1	ODSP 1
				HCCSS 2	PSSAS 1
	DSO 1	Addiction Tx 1			
	SJB 3	NPLC 3	GP 1	Detox 1	

Encounter Data for 2022-2023 Q1 (Jan-Mar)

Housing Stability Program - Community Relations Workers

Support

All services performed, provided, or arranged by the Homelessness Stability Program staff to promote, improve, sustain, or restore appropriate housing for individuals active with the Homelessness Stability Program, periodically within the month, not requiring intense case management.

April 2023		
Income Source	East	West
Senior	6	16
ODSP	10	32
Ontario Works	4	12
Low Income	15	29

Intense Case Management

Intense Case Management involves the coordination of appropriate services and the provision of consistent and on-going weekly supports, required by the individual to obtain, and sustain housing stability.

April 2023		
Income Source	East	West
Senior	13	20
ODSP	10	21
Ontario Works	6	15
Low Income	10	37

Contact/Referrals

April 2023	East	West	YTD
Homeless	1	2	16
At Risk	5	7	33
Esprit Outreach Homeless	2	0	2
Esprit Outreach at Risk	0	3	7
Esprit in Shelter		1	5
Program Total			63

Short Term Housing Allowance

	Active	YTD
April 2023	8	27

Housing Stability: Household Income Sources and Issuance from HPP:

April 2023 Income Source	Total	HPP
Senior	4	\$2,604.95
ODSP	4	\$2,118.94
Low Income	3	\$1,038.14

April 2023 Reason for Issue	Total
Utilities/Firewood	\$1,254.25
Food/Household/Misc	\$4,298.73
Emergency Housing	\$209.05
Total	\$5,762.03

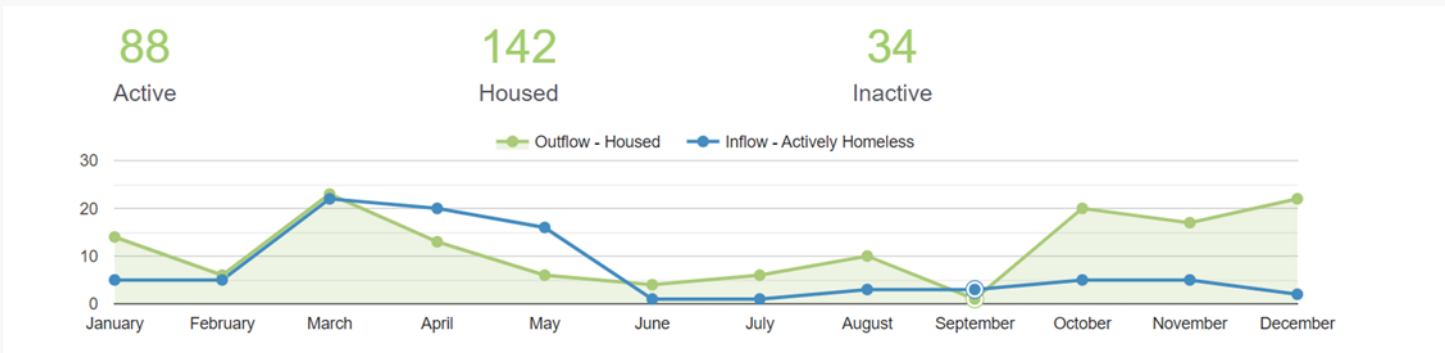
Ontario Works: Household Income Sources and Issuance from HPP

April 2023 Income Source	Total	HPP
Senior	1	\$600.00
ODSP	8	\$2,174.08
Ontario Works	7	\$1,980.83
Low Income	1	\$100.00

April 2023 Reason for Issue	Total
Rental Arrears	\$700.00
Utilities/Firewood	\$1,219.07
Food/Household/Misc.	\$2,727.84
Emergency Housing	\$208.00
Total	\$4,854.91

By-Name List Data

September 2021 - April 2023



Housing Programs

Social Housing Centralized Waitlist Report April 2023

	East Parry Sound	West Parry Sound	Total
Seniors	39	113	152
Families	123	419	542
Individuals	441	182	623
Total	603	714	1,317
Total Waitlist Unduplicated			433

**Social Housing Centralized Waitlist (CWL) 2022 - 2023 Comparison
Applications and Households Housing from the CWL**

Month 2022	New App.	New SPP	Cancelled	Housed	SPP Housing	Month 2023	New App.	New SPP	Cancelled	Housed	SPP Housing
Jan	5			1		Jan	5	1	13		
Feb	9	1	2			Feb	5	1	10		
Mar	12		5	2	1	Mar	6		35		
Apr	12	1	1			Apr	11		17	6	
May	11	1		3		May					
June	15		3	2		June					
July	13	2	10	1		July					
Aug	5		17	2	1	Aug					
Sept	16		10	1	1	Sept					
Oct	14		12	6		Oct					
Nov	12	1	8	3		Nov					
Dec	1			5		Dec					
Total	125	6	68	26	3	Total	27	2	75	6	0

SPP = Special Priority Applicant

- Housing Programs approved 11 new applications in April
- 17 applications were cancelled; 9 of those cancellations were requests to be cancelled, and the remaining 8 were removed due to no contact/unable to be contacted due to annual updates
- 6 applicants were housed in April

Parry Sound District Housing Corporation
April 2023

Activity for Tenant and Maintenance Services

	Current	YTD
Move outs	5	6
Move in	5	13
L1/L2 forms	0	3 (missed L2's; 1 in Jan., 1 in Feb., & 1 in March)
N4 - notice of eviction for non payment of rent	0	2
N5 - notice of eviction disturbing the quiet enjoyment of the other occupants	1	5
N6 - notice of eviction for illegal acts or misrepresenting income for RGI housing	0	0
N7 - notice of eviction for willful damage to unit	0	1
Repayment agreements	3	25
Tenant Home Visits	18	66
Mediation/Negotiation/Referrals	23	42
Tenant Engagements/Education	17	51 (previous formulas were incorrect)

Property Maintenance and Capital Projects April 2023

Pest Control	8	8 buildings monitored monthly
Vacant Units	14	one-bedroom (10); multiple bedroom (4) (not inclusive of The Meadow View)
Vacant Units - The Meadow View	8	one-bedroom market units (8)
After Hours Calls	7	Toilet leaking, no hot water, elevator stuck on first floor, dust build-up due to construction in the building, tenant dispute issues
Work Orders	107	Created for maintenance work, and related materials for the month of April
Fire Inspections		A total of 0 units were inspected for fire safety in the month of April

Local Housing Corporation and DSSAB Buildings - April

- Fire remediation at 66 Church Street, Parry Sound is 50-60% complete
- Duplex project tender opening, and awarding
- Summer grounds/custodial contracts signed
- Move-out inspections complete, and work orders prepared
- Roof replacement investigation for childcare facility
- Internal ticket system launched
- As per consultants recommendation, in order to upgrade internal software system to create efficiency within the department, interviews with staff were done
- Following up with closing out winter snow removal contracts

Ongoing Challenges:

Prices of services and materials are inflated. Wait times on certain items remains a challenge.

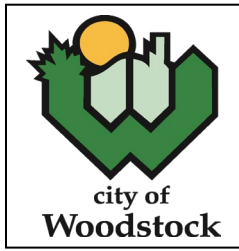
Esprit Place Family Resource Centre

April 2023

Emergency Shelter Services	April 2023	YTD
Number of women who stayed in shelter this month	8	33
Number of children who stayed in the shelter this month	6	27
Number of hours of direct service to women (shelter and counselling)	114	491
Number of days at capacity	17	73
Number of days over capacity	2	31
Overall capacity %	93%	93%
Resident bed nights (women & children)	278	1,111
Phone interactions (crisis/support)	37	97

Transitional Support	April 2023	YTD
Number of women served this month	10	35
Number of NEW women registered in the program	1	1
Number of public ed/groups offered	1	3

Child Witness Program	April 2023	YTD
Number of children/women served this month	22	40
Number of NEW clients (mothers and children) registered in the program	3	15
Number of public ed/groups offered	0	1



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June 27, 2023

Honourable Caroline Mulroney
Ministry of Transportation
777 Bay Street, 5th floor
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1Z8

Via e-mail – minister.mto@ontario.ca

Highway Traffic Act Amendments

At the regular Council meeting held on June 15, 2023, the following resolution was passed.

“WHEREAS speeding on our roads is a major concern in our community,

AND WHEREAS speeding can occur in all areas of our community,

AND WHEREAS barriers and delays to enforcement pose a danger to our community,

AND WHEREAS our municipality has limited resources to implement speed mitigation road design and re-design,

AND WHEREAS our local police service has limited resources to undertake speed enforcement,

AND WHEREAS s.205.1 of the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) provides that Automated Speed Enforcement systems (ASE) may only be placed in designated community safety zones and school safety zones,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the City of Woodstock request that the Ontario Government amend s.205.1 of the HTA to permit municipalities to locate an ASE system permanently or temporarily on any roadway under the jurisdiction of municipalities and as determined by municipalities and not be restricted to only community safety zones and school safety zones;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Oxford MPP, Ernie Hardeman, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sunayana', written in a cursive style.

Sunayana Katikapalli
Deputy City Clerk

Cc: (via email)

Honourable Steve Clark, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Oxford County MPP
All Ontario Municipalities



TOWNSHIP OF CARLING

2 West Carling Bay Road, Nobel ON P0G 1G0

Email: mtaylor@carling.ca

Phone: 705-342-5856

Fax: 705-342-9527

June 16, 2023

RE: Removing Carling from the Parry Sound Area Planning Board

At the Regular Meeting of Council for the Township of Carling held on June 13, 2023 Council passed the following resolution:

23-025

**Moved by Councillor Wing
Seconded by Councillor Cook**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Township of Carling reaffirms its strong desire to be removed from the Parry Sound Area Planning Board and granted its own planning authority, as was granted to the Town of Parry Sound;

AND FURTHER that the Township of Carling seeks support from the Parry Sound Area Planning Board in this endeavor;

AND FURTHER that this resolution be circulated to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Parry Sound Area Planning Board.

Carried

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 705-342-5856 ext. 9181 or mtaylor@carling.ca

Sincerely

Mackenzie Taylor
Deputy Clerk

cc: Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Parry Sound Area Planning Board

On Mon, Jun 26, 2023 at 11:53 [REDACTED] wrote:
Good Morning Dave.

I wanted to call your attention a public health issue at Minerva Park.

We took our grandchildren aged 5 and 20 months to the park to play on the play equipment over the weekend. They ran ahead of us in their exuberance. I did not notice until it was too late the huge amount of very fresh goose excrement on the grass. It was on the bottom of their shoes and then got on the slide and then onto their hands before we even caught up with them - thus the health issue. We took care of the situation with wet wipes etc but not only is this a potential health issue and vector for the spread disease it was disgusting, unpleasant and totally unacceptable. Why have a park with play equipment for children if it not maintained? This problem cut very short our visit to the town park.

I do understand that geese are plentiful in this area and their presence is very problematic but some sort of regular inspection and clean up needs to undertaken by town staff to ensure Minerva Park is a safe, healthy and pleasant environment.

The first McKellar Market is fast approaching. A clean up certainly needs to be done prior to that event that draws crowds of people.

We have used the park in years past and have not noticed the issue with the goose excrement to the same degree nor have we noticed it when attending the McKellar Markets in the past. Perhaps there have been "poop" clean ups in the more popular summer months of July and August but it needs to be done regularly during the entire Spring, Summer and Fall seasons to provide the kind of area for play and recreation that Minerva park was intended to give.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I am looking forward to your timely reply.

Susan Montgomery
29 Martha Dr.
McKellar

Sent from my iPad

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: June 26, 2023 12:08 PM
To: roads@mckellar.ca
Cc: dmoore@mckellar.ca
Subject: Poison Ivy McKellar Lake Road.

Good Afternoon Greg

I called to inquire about this issue last Friday June 23 and have not as yet received a reply to my voice mail.

There is very large patch of poison ivy on McKellar Lake Road near the dam between Little McKellar and McKellar Lake. It is on the side where the dam is located extending right to the roadside between the water and path up to the dam.

This patch was not as large or obvious or near to the roadside in years past. There is a significant amount of walking traffic in that area and it is also used for fishing off the road so poses a health risk.

I would like to know the Town's position on dealing with areas identified as having a sign amount of poison ivy near roadsides. At the very least, I believe signage should be provided warning people of the danger.

Thank you in advance for your timely reply and attention to this matter.

Susan Montgomery
29 Martha Drive
McKellar, ON
905 717-0733

Sent from my iPad



June 27, 2023

Clerk Administrator, Ina Watkinson
Deputy Clerk/ Planning Assistant, Karlee Britton

CORRESPONDENCE FOR CONSIDERATION ON JULY 4, 2023 COUNCIL AGENDA

Can this letter please be placed on the July 4, 2023 Council Agenda under Correspondence for Consideration.

Attention: Mayor and Council

In listening to the Audio Recording of the above Council Meeting I have the following comments. In passing the Resolution in regards to the Robert's Consent which in part requires the FriCorp Site Evaluation Report to be registered on title to the property in favour of a Site Specific Zoning, I feel the Council has left the door open for future problems.

In reviewing Applications such as this the Council has to consider that good Planning is correcting past mistakes & making sure that existing & future land uses on neighbouring properties will be compatible. Incompatible land uses lead to future enforcement costs for the Council which are paid out of the Public purse.

A very important issue to consider in this decision is that a 51(26) Agreement registered on title to a property is far from being the same as a Site Specific Zoning. You need to ask yourself the following questions:

1. Will the Twp. Office see a copy of the deed for the property?
2. Will this deed be available to the Building Department at the time of the issuance of a Building Permit so they will know the Conditions in the Agreement?
3. Will the 51(26) Conditions be relayed to future owners through their Lawyer?

In my experience 51(26) agreements are never enforced & could lead to the Twp. being named in a Law Suite for as an example destruction of habitat. A Site Specific Zoning is located within & applicable to the Twp. Comprehensive Zoning-Law & available at the Twp. Building Departments finger tips.

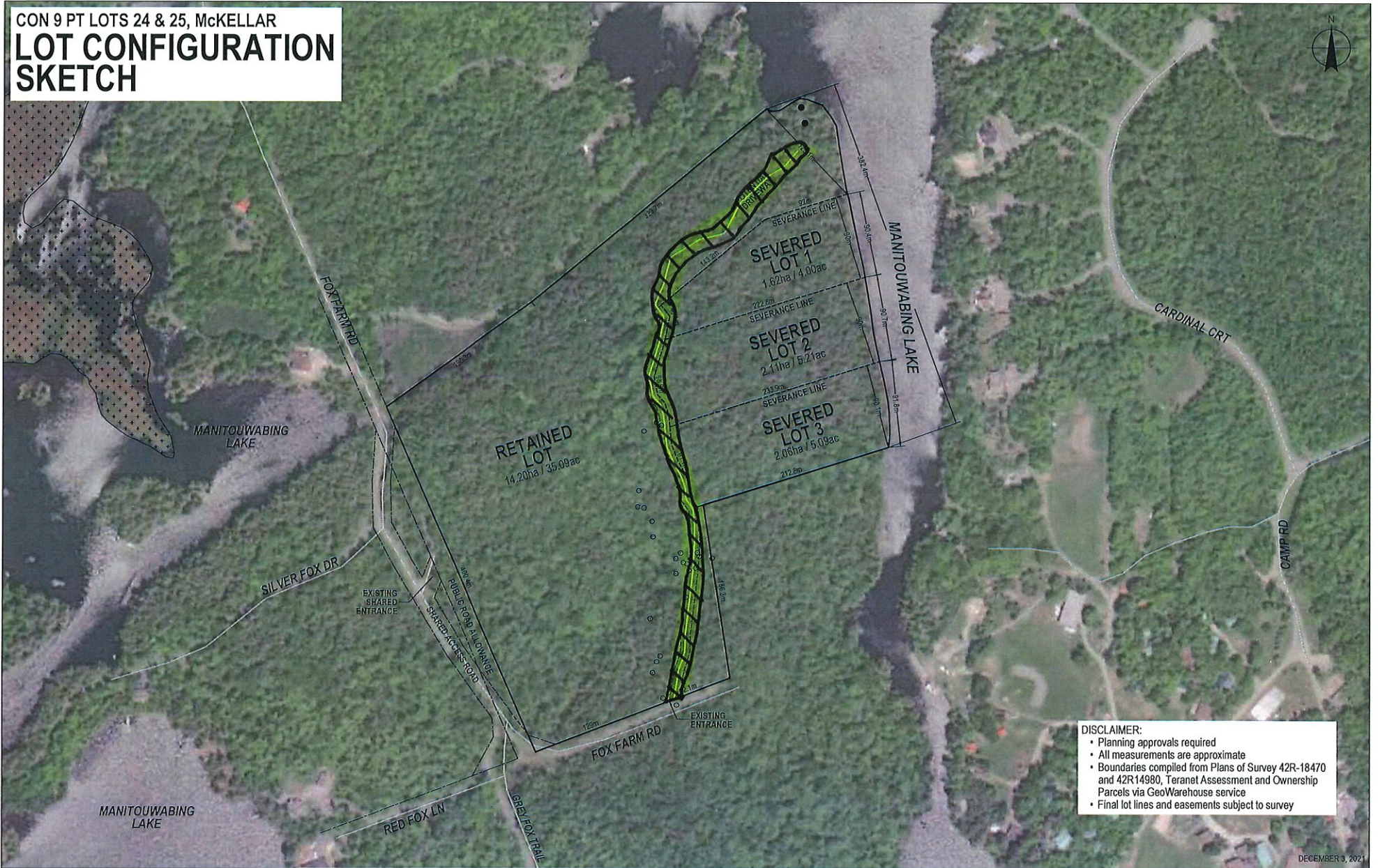
In my view Councillor Zulak was on the right track when she stated that she would sooner the Resolution required a Site Specific Zoning as apposed to a 51(26) Agreement, although in my opinion the Council should have recommended both of these Planning tools as Conditions.

Thank you for your time,

A concerned ratepayer,


Reg Moore

CON 9 PT LOTS 24 & 25, McKELLAR
LOT CONFIGURATION SKETCH



Private Right of Way 

Fire Route 306

Please Check One

Hart Road

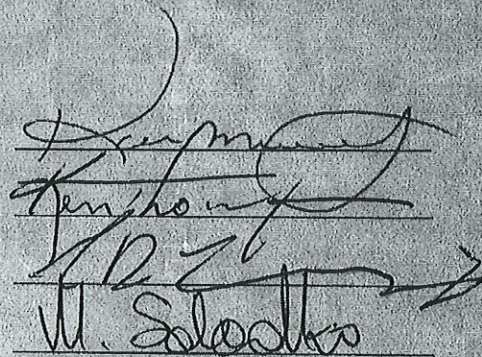
OR

Pine Tree Lane

Your Suggestion

~~Point of View~~

Signature of property owners



W. Salsotko

Rec'd KB
JUN 20 2023



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND
RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2023 - OES.

DIVISION LIST

YES NO

DATE: June 20, 2023

- Councillor **G. ASHFORD**
- Councillor **J. BELESKEY**
- Councillor **P. BORNEMAN**
- Councillor **B. KEITH**
- Councillor **D. McCANN**
- Councillor **C. McDONALD**
- Mayor **J. McGARVEY**

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MOVED BY:

B. Keith

SECONDED BY:

[Signature] GA

AB Amended
CARRIED: DEFEATED: Postponed to: _____

Whereas one in six homes have been found to be food insecure in the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit report titled The 2022 Cost of Eating Well; and

Whereas one in 5 children in Ontario live in a food insecure household; and

Whereas the donation request from the Parry Sound High School is not otherwise eligible for the Town's Municipal Assistance Program:

Therefore, Council approves a one-time donation of \$ 1000.00 to the Parry Sound High School towards the food nutrition program; and

That the resolution be sent to area municipalities served by the High School encouraging them to match the \$1,000 donation.

[Signature]
Mayor Jamie McGarvey



To Whom it May Concern;

My name is Jennifer Norton, and I am a teacher at Parry Sound High School and Intermediate School, and I coordinate the food program for the entire student body. I am writing this letter to ask the Town of Parry Sound to make a financial contribution to provide and maintain a healthy and nutritious food program at Parry Sound High and Intermediate School. Due to rising food costs and a higher demand for services post COVID our budget has been stretched to the limit this school year.

Parry Sound Intermediate/High School serves approximately 800 students from the town of Parry Sound and surrounding areas. Some students are bused in from as far as Henvey Inlet, 92km north, and Moose Deer Point, 64km to the south. Our school population includes FNMI members of five First Nations' Reserves (Moose Deer, Wasauksing, Shawanaga, Magnetewan and Henvey Inlet), Inuit from Northern Ontario, Labrador and Nuvavut and Metis students.

Our programming, which is as comprehensive as any intermediate/high school in Ontario, strives to meet the needs of our student body. We have a significant group of at-risk students who are at a socio-economic disadvantage and often do not have access to nutritious food on a daily basis. With the recent fluctuations in food prices, a larger percentage of our school community is now vulnerable and experiencing food insecurity. On a daily basis all food baskets in our school are exhausted by lunch time, the school on a whole spends a minimum of \$500 per week on food.

We at PSHS and PSIS, are striving to establish a sustainable program that is able to provide our student population with a variety of food options. We have embarked on an ambitious project which includes, food baskets, a breakfast program and a food bank, supporting our at-risk students. We are asking for community support in maintaining and extending a nutrition program that addresses the nutritional deficiency of the youth at PSHS and PSIS.

The Goal of the Student Nutrition Program is to:

- Provide nutritious prepackaged breakfast and snacks in accordance to the North Bay/Parry Sound Health Unit protocols

- Provide food to all students in Parry Sound Intermediate/High School regardless of social economic status
- Provide a framework for creating a sustainable program to meet the nutritional needs of Parry Sound Intermediate/High School student body
- Educate students on the importance of eating nutritious food and the connection between nutrition and school performance
- Connect students with community services and partners that will assist with establishing social decision-making skills around budgeting and preparing healthy foods
- Establish a network of community partners to support and promote healthy eating habits in youth

PSHS/PSI would appreciate any donation of funds to help provide food for the remainder of this school year and next year as well. We hope that the Town of Parry Sound will find the necessary Municipal resources to support a vital component of our community.

Thank you

Jennifer Norton
Parry Sound High School

Noisie Exemption

(a) The applicant's name, address, and telephone number;

Axy Leighl
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

(b) The date, time, and location of the event or activity for which the exemption is sought and where applicable, the number of people expected to attend;

Sunday July 9, 2023
4 pm to 8 pm
701 Highway 124
McKellar, ON P0G 1C0

We expect 400 guests in total for the event however attendance will roll through the duration of the event as opposed to static attendance numbers for the duration of the event (400 people from 4 pm to 8 pm). Guests will come and go over the 4 hours.

(c) A description of the source of the Noise (sound and/or vibration) in respect of which the exemption is sought;

We will have musical entertainment (2 bands playing at different times) in addition to MC's announcing during breaks in music. There will also be the generalized noise of guests.

(d) The section of the by-law from which exemption is sought;

3.2 and Schedule B(10) to the Noise by-law.

(e) The period of time, not in excess of six (6) months, for which exemption is sought;

July 9, 2023

The event and bands will be playing between the hours of 4 pm and 8 pm however there will be set-up prior to 4 pm that would likely require sound testing, on July 9, 2023.

(f) The purpose or reasons why the exemption is being sought;

The event has appealed to the greater McKellar community and both the music as well as announcing by the MC's are integral to the event. The event is in contravention of by-law 3.2 since live music will be featured and MC's will be making announcements through an amplified mic.

We believe that the disturbance to potentially affected residents is mitigated by:

1. Relatively short duration -- approximately 4 hours
2. Advance notice -- most residents are aware of the event
3. Location -- the event is taking place at the McKellar community centre.

4. General approval by residents -- the event appears to be one that is welcomed by residents overall.
5. Event time: the anticipated noise (music) will take place in the afternoon / early evening as opposed to early morning and later evening, times that are more likely to disturb sleep.

(g) (i) The name, address, and telephone number of at least one contact Person who will supervise the event or activity, and

Axy Leighl

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

(ii) A written undertaking that one or more contact Persons responsible for supervising the event or activity will be on-site during the entire event or activity to ensure compliance with any terms and conditions imposed by Council.

I, Axy Leighl, undertake with this email, to be present on site to supervise the event during the entire event and I further undertake to ensure compliance with any terms and conditions imposed by Council. I request that the Township of McKellar and the Council of the Township of McKellar accept this email as my undertaking.

I have provided my cellular telephone number and I will be easy to locate at the event should any concerns about compliance with the exemption arise. I do not expect there to be an issue with respect to compliance as I will be proactively monitoring the event for the duration of the entire event.

If required, I will deliver an originally executed undertaking to the township office on or before July 7, 2023.

(h) Notification to neighbouring properties who may be impacted by the Noise by way of delivery of a written notice.

We have not provided notice as of yet but of course will comply with this requirement however we ask for direction in this regard as to the general area to which notice is to be provided.



Township of McKellar

701 Hwy #124, P.O. Box 69, McKellar, Ontario P0G 1C0
Phone: (705) 389-2842
Fax: (705) 389-1244

July 4, 2023

Royal Canadian Legion
Branch 394 Magnetawan
2130 Balsam Road
Dunchurch, ON P0A 1G0
Attn: Bill Church, Bar Stewart

RE: Consent to Consume Alcohol Outdoors at the Ribfest Event to be Held on Sunday July 9, 2023 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. under Liquor License No. 44565 issued to the RCL Branch 394 at 701 Hwy 124, McKellar, ON

Dear Mr. Church,

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby consent to the consumption of alcohol outdoors, within the fenced and secured area at the Ribfest Event to be held on Sunday July 9, 2023 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. under Liquor License No. 44565 issued to the RCL Branch 394 at 701 Hwy 124, McKellar, ON, subject to the following measures:

1. **Security and Safety:** A designated person will be assigned to oversee the event, ensuring the safety and well-being of all attendees. They will monitor the designated area where alcohol is to be consumed outdoors to prevent any alcohol being consumed outside of the designated area.
2. **Restricted Access:** The outdoor area where alcohol is to be consumed will have clearly defined boundaries (fencing), and access will be restricted to individuals of legal drinking age.
3. **Alcohol Management:** The Caterer's Endorsement issued by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario must specify the main hall and exterior dining area (fenced outdoor area) to be areas where alcohol is permitted to be consumed.

Regards,

Ina Watkinson
Clerk/Administrator

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR**BY-LAW 2023-51**

Being a By-law to Stop Up and Close Part of the
Original Road Allowance between Plan 275 Block A and Con 6 Lot 29,
Township of McKellar, District of Parry Sound
(2792311 Ontario Ltd.)

WHEREAS pursuant to the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, Council is empowered to close highways;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the said Municipal Act, 2001, Council is empowered to sell any highway which has been closed and declared surplus;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality has complied with the requirements of By-law No. 2011-24 and 2003-04, as amended, with respect to the closing of the highway on the lands more particularly described in Schedule 'A' attached hereto and for the sale of the lands;

AND WHEREAS the Clerk of the Municipality received no objections to the road closing and sale;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality has received a request from the abutting landowners for a conveyance of the said lands;

NOW THEREFORE THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR DOES HEREBY ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1. **Repeal** – By-law No. 2023-27 is hereby repealed.
2. **Stop Up and Close** – This Council does hereby stop up and close to vehicular and pedestrian traffic the lands described in Schedule 'A'.
3. **Surplus Property** – This Council does hereby confirm its Resolution that the said lands described in Schedule 'A' are surplus to the requirement of the Municipality (Resolution No. 23-35).
4. **Easements** – This Council does hereby authorize the transfer of such easements over the lands described in Schedule 'A' attached hereto as required by utility providers. Notice was sent to Hydro One, Bell Canada and Public Works Canada where all responded with no need for any easement requirements.
5. **Authorization of Sale** – This Council does hereby authorize the sale of said lands described in Schedule 'A' at the consideration of **\$5,500.00 plus HST**.
6. **Execution of Documents** – This Council does hereby authorize the Mayor and the Clerk/Administrator to sign all documents and to take all action necessary to carry out the intent of this By-law.

READ a **FIRST** and **SECOND** time this 4th day of July, 2023.

David Moore, Mayor

Ina Watkinson, Clerk/Administrator

READ a **THIRD** time and **PASSED** in **OPEN COUNCIL** this 4th day of July, 2023.

David Moore, Mayor

Ina Watkinson, Clerk/Administrator

DRAFT

From: Susan Adamson <[REDACTED]>
Date: April 24, 2023 at 9:56:18 PM EDT
To: deputyclerk@mckellar.ca
Cc: Nick Ryeland <nryeland@gmail.com>, mhaskim@mckellar.ca
Subject: Fwd: for May 2 council meeting correspondence

Dear McKellar Mayor and Council,

Unfortunately I am unable to attend the council meeting on May 2, at which time the topic of changes to the Roads Policy that would affect the transition of maintenance of my road (fire route 152) to the township.

Council has begun assuming roads similar to mine. Upgrades to roads in the Baileys and Craigmore subdivisions, over the last two years, were completed by the McKellar works department with all costs for materials and equipment paid for by land owners on those roads. They were not charged for the labour of the roads crew for the work. I assume a similar arrangement will be made for residents of FR 152? It would be inequitable if roads are being assumed under differing agreements, terms and payment when we all pay equal taxes. I don't understand why this is taking so long for council to come to a decision.

This conversation has now spanned two councils and was last discussed at the January council meeting. Is it not time for the township to move forward to assume responsibility for our road? Thank you.

Susan Adamson
Sent from my iPhone

Karlee Britton

From: Walter Reva <[REDACTED]> on behalf of Walter Reva
Sent: June 20, 2023 8:02 AM
To: deputyclerk@mckellar.ca
Subject: Manitou Cottage Association Road Upgrade

June 20, 2023

Dear members of McKellar Council:

I am encouraged to hear council has passed a by-law that fully assumes the Bailey's subdivision roads after the upgrade that was performed by the McKellar Roads Department.

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I am eager to hear progress on when the roads within the Manitou Cottage Association will also follow the same cost-effective upgrade and assumption path as the successful Bailey's initiative.

Please confirm Council's intended timeline for the cost-effective assumption of Fire Routes 152 including A+B.

Also please include this letter in the correspondence to Council.

Thank you

W. Reva Joan Reva

Walter and Joan Reva
43- FireRoute 152A
[REDACTED]

Karlee Britton

From: Danielle Stewart <[REDACTED]> on behalf of Danielle Stewart
Sent: June 20, 2023 8:15 PM
To: deputyclerk@mckellar.ca
Subject: Fireroute 152A &B

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Also please include this letter in the correspondence to Council.

Thank you

Dani Stewart
29 Fireroute 152A
McKellar
(Typos and spelling mistakes courtesy my iPhone's ridiculous auto correct)

73 Fire Route 152

McKellar, Ontario, P0G 1C0

JUNE 20,2023

Dear members of McKellar Council,

The three members of our family and household, including myself, Janice M. Wilson, my daughter, Heather Anne Wilson and my grandson, Vincent L Wilson, have agreed to send the following letter, and they have asked me to type and send it to you. We have lived here for twenty-three years, and the road situation has frequently been an issue of discussion among us.

We are encouraged to hear that council has passed a bylaw that fully assumes the Bailey's subdivision roads after the upgrade that was performed by the McKellar Roads Department.

This should indicate proof that our council is working with groups within the township to ensure safe road access for all residents on currently town owned but not yet fully assumed roads.

We are eager to hear progress on when the road within the Manitou Cottage Association will also follow the same cost- effective upgrade and assumption path as the successful Bailey's initiative.

We ask that you please confirm Council's intended timeline for the cost-effective assumption of Fire Route 152A and 152B.

Also please include our letter in the correspondence to Council.
Thank you

Sincerely



Janice Wilson

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June 15, 2023

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AMO Matters

AMO has issued a call for expression of interests for building the AMO 2024 list of nominees for the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) Board of Directors. [Applications are due June 30.](#)

Provincial Matters

Organizations are invited to provide submissions to the [Electrification and Energy Transition Panel](#) via email at energypanel@ontario.ca until June 30 at 5:00 pm. Feedback will inform the Panel's report to the Minister of Energy.

Eye on Events

AMO is excited about this year's Conference hosted by the City of London at RBC Place London and DoubleTree by Hilton, August 20-23. [View the preliminary program](#) and [register](#) now for this important event.

Secure your spot in AMO's iconic councillor training this fall. This training provides councillors in all stages of their careers information, insights, and the necessary tools to be an effective local leader. [Register today.](#)

Building on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) shared by AMO and the Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres (OFIFC), we are offering training to help build indigenous cultural competency in municipal government. [Register](#) for the November 27 training - limited availability.

Understanding your role and responsibilities as an elected official when it comes to [Human Rights & Equity](#) is critical. This training examines your legislative responsibilities and understanding what equity means and how it can be implemented. [Register today](#) to build your knowledge in these complex areas.

AMO's Digital Service partners are technology leaders who want to share their solutions to encourage the digital transformation of municipal

administration/operations and help you discover process efficiencies. Register today and learn more about their offerings over 2 lunch and learn sessions on [June 15](#) and [June 22](#) at 12pm.

LAS

Are you considering LED upgrades at your municipal facilities? They may qualify for new incentives. IESO's [custom track incentives](#) have returned offering \$0.13/kWh or \$1200/kW in some cases! Contact [Christian Tham](#) to find out how you can take advantage of these through the [LAS Facility Lighting Service](#).

Need back-up power for your buildings? We're pleased to welcome Generac to the [Electrical Energy Power Generation](#) category. Save time and money while keeping your critical facilities operating when you need them. [Contact Sarah](#) to learn more.

Careers

[Assistant Deputy Minister - Ministry of Finance](#). Provide advice on policy, legislation and operational initiatives that support the government's strategic objectives. [Apply online](#) by June 21.

[Policy & Committee Coordinator - County of Simcoe](#). Develop, coordinate, and maintain a corporate policy framework (policies, procedures and work instructions). [Apply online](#) by June 30.

[Planner III - County of Simcoe](#). Assemble and analyse information and prepare recommendations regarding planning and development applications. [Apply online](#) by June 30.

[Chief Administrative Officer - City of Elliot Lake](#). Seeking an innovative leader with great people skills who is able to collaborate, make decisions, communicates well, able to prioritize and manage change. Apply to la@tdobbie.com by June 30.

[Deputy Treasurer - City of Elliot Lake](#). General management of the Treasury Department, including tax collection, development of the annual corporate budget, financial reporting requirements. Apply to la@tdobbie.com by June 30.

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Bulletin 2023-03**Registry Act, Land Titles Act****Date: June 5, 2023****Title: Subdivision and Condominium Registrations**

As part of the ongoing effort to improve plan processing in the land registration system, all subdivision plans, and all condominium registrations, will now follow a more a streamlined approach with a single point of contact at all stages of processing.

Effective immediately, all plans of subdivision and condominium registration packages, including the hard copy plans endorsed by the planning authority, are to be delivered directly to the plans processing center where the registration is being processed, not the physical land registry office for the county, territorial district, or municipality.

The plans examiner will note on the land registration approval form where the final plans should be delivered once the planning authority has approved the plans for registration.

Background

Currently most of the activities required for subdivision and condominium registration are performed at a plans processing centre. However, in many parts of Ontario, the final signed hardcopy plans continue to be delivered to the physical land registry office for the county, territorial district, or municipality that provided the planning approval.

This separation between the final hardcopy plans and the plans processor introduces inefficiencies that slow the final registration process. This new and extensively tested process allows a single point of contact throughout the registration process.

Should you have any questions, please contact an Assistant Examiner of Surveys.

Original signed by

Ken Wilkinson O.L.S.
Examiner of Surveys

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POLICY UPDATE

June 16, 2023

AMO Policy Update - Strong Mayor Powers Expanded

The Government of Ontario [announced](#) today that new regulations will extend strong mayor powers to additional municipal councils in Ontario. The extension of the additional authority is intended to assist with Ontario's housing shortage, which remains a priority for both the province and municipalities in every part of Ontario.

Expanding access to strong mayor powers is intended to build on other provincial steps to improve access to affordable housing, including the passage of [Bill 97, Helping Homeowners, Protecting Tenants Act](#).

These new powers were originally introduced in legislation last summer for Ontario's two largest municipalities. The AMO Board did not take a position on strong mayor powers but expressed openness to the idea. It did express concerns with some aspects of the legislation — in particular, those affecting public administration — and recommended public consultation as the government considered the promised expansion of the new powers to additional municipal councils. AMO also expressed concern with a later provision eliminating the need for majority council support for certain decisions related to provincial priorities.

Municipalities continue to be the most trusted order of government in Canada with statutory requirements in Ontario for transparency, openness and accountability that are unequaled.

In response to today's announcement, AMO released the following media statement:

"Improving housing affordability is a number-one priority for municipalities in every part of Ontario. Strong mayor powers can provide an additional tool to help municipalities play their important role in increasing Ontario's housing supply. As the most trusted order of government, municipalities can be counted on to exercise new powers accountably and in the best interests of the public and the communities they serve".

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Karlee Britton

From: SCHNARE <[REDACTED]> on behalf of SCHNARE
Sent: June 21, 2023 9:16 PM
To: deputyclerk@mckellar.ca
Subject: Concerned Taxpayer

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Thank you"

Sent from my iPhone

Jun 20, 2023

Rec'd
June 22, 2023
KB

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Thank you



Stephen Macdonell

Karlee Britton

From: chrisgul chrisgul <[REDACTED]> on behalf of chrisgul chrisgul
Sent: June 23, 2023 9:51 AM
To: deputyclerk@mckellar.ca
Subject: Road Status - Fire Routes 152 including A+B

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Thank you,
Christine and Roman Szklar



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June 26, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1
Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

RE: Vacant Building Official Positions

Pleased be advised that the Council of the Municipality of North Perth passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held June 5, 2023 regarding vacant building official positions:

Moved by Councillor Rothwell **Seconded by** Councillor Duncan

WHEREAS building officials in Ontario examine building plans and inspect building construction to ensure compliance with the Ontario Building Code to ensure public safety;

AND WHEREAS in October 2022, Premier Doug Ford and the Ontario government announced their intent to build 1.5 million homes in the next ten years in an effort to generate enough supply to meet a high demand for now and in the future;

AND WHEREAS according to the Ontario Building Officials Association over 50 per cent of existing building officials are eligible to retire;

AND WHEREAS according to the Ontario Building Officials Association building officials are in high demand;

AND WHEREAS many municipalities across Ontario have job postings for building officials that remain unfilled;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of North Perth urges the Provincial Government to provide support to municipalities to fill vacant building official positions;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Provincial opposition parties, Matthew Rea MPP, all municipalities in Ontario and AMO.

CARRIED

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me at lcline@northperth.ca.

Sincerely,

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

Lindsay Cline,
Clerk/Legislative Services Supervisor
Municipality of North Perth

cc.

Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Provincial Opposition Parties
Perth-Wellington MPP Matthew Rea
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June 26, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford
 Premier of Ontario
 Legislative Building, Queen's Park
 Toronto, ON M7A 1A1
 Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

RE: Proposed New Provincial Policy Statement (PPS)

Pls be advised that the Council of the Municipality of North Perth passed the following resolution at their regular meeting held June 5, 2023 regarding the proposed new Provincial Policy Statement (PPS):

Moved by Councillor Rothwell **Seconded by** Councillor Blazek

THAT: The Council of the Municipality of North Perth supports consent agenda items 3.3 *Perth County Report – Perth County Comments on Proposed Provincial Policy Statement ERO Number 019-6813*, 3.4 *Perth County Report – Bill 97 (Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act, 2023 and Draft Provincial Planning Statement April 6, 2023)*, and 3.17 *United Counties of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry Resolution re: Proposed Changes to the PPS*;

AND THAT: A copy of this resolution be sent to all 444 municipalities, The Hon. Doug Ford – Premier of Ontario, The Hon. Steve Clark – Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, The Hon. Lisa Thompson – Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, The Hon. David Piccini – Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Perth-Wellington MPP – Matthew Rae, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Rural Ontario Municipal Association.

CARRIED

Attached please find a copy of Perth County Reports – Comments on Proposed Provincial Policy Statement ERO Number 019-6813 and Bill 97 (Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act, 2023) and Draft Provincial Planning Statement, April 6, 2023, and United Counties of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry Resolution, dated May 15, 2023.

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Lindsay Cline,
Clerk/Legislative Services Supervisor
Municipality of North Perth

cc.

Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. Lisa M. Thompson, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
Hon. David Piccini, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and
Parks Perth-Wellington MPP Matthew Rea
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
All Ontario Municipalities

To: Warden Ehgoetz and Members of Council
Meeting Date: June 1, 2023
Prepared By:
Subject: Perth County Comments on Proposed Provincial Policy Statement ERO Number 019-6813

Recommended Action:

THAT Council receives the “Perth County Comments on Proposed Provincial Policy Statement ERO Number 019-6813” report; and

THAT Council direct staff to submit the attached letter to ERO posting number 019-6813 prior to end of day June 5, 2023.

Background Information:

As per Council's resolution on May 18, 2023 staff are providing a draft letter for their review at the June 1, 2023 Council meeting regarding changes proposed by the province to planning policy. It is proposed that the attached letter be submitted to ERO posting number 019-6813 by planning staff prior to end of day June 5th, 2023.

Connection to Strategic Plan:

Goal 1 – Growth & Economic Development
Goal 2 – Regionalization & Service Effectiveness
Goal 3 – Customer Service Excellence
Goal 4 – Community Development & Planning

Attachments:

[draft PPS comments 2023](#)

Reviewed By:

Lori Wolfe, CAO

To: Warden Ehgoetz and Members of Council
Meeting Date: May 18, 2023
Prepared By: Sally McMullen, Manager of Planning Services
Subject: Bill 97 (Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act, 2023) and Draft Provincial Planning Statement, April 6, 2023.

Recommended Action:

THAT Council receives the “Bill 97 (Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act, 2023) and Draft Provincial Planning Statement, April 6, 2023.” report; and
THAT Council direct staff to submit comments to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing on the Proposed changes to the Provincial Planning Statement, 2023 as outlined in the Comments Section of this report; and
THAT the report be circulated to the Lower Tier Municipalities within Perth County for information.

Executive Summary:

Proposed Changes to the Planning Act through Bill 97 and to the Provincial Policy Statement represent a significant change in policy-led land use planning for the Province of Ontario. This report summarizes the Bill 97 and the Provincial Planning Statement changes that are most relevant to Perth County. The report recommends comments for Perth County Council to submit to the ERO posting which closes on June 6, 2023.

Staff have participated in the development of comments being submitted by the Western Ontario Warden’s Caucus and the County Planning Directors Group.

Background Information:

On Thursday April 6, 2023, the Ontario Government introduced Bill 97 including changes to the Planning Act, revoked the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS, 2020) and introduced the Proposed Provincial Planning Statement (PPPS) which is a singular document to replace the former PPS and the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (2019). These changes are part of an ongoing set of revisions to implement the Ontario Government’s “More Homes, More Choice Housing Supply Action Plan”.

The PPS can be viewed at the ERO posting (#019-6813) at the following link:
<https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-6813>

The posting remains open until June 6, 2023 for comment, which is a 60-day commenting period. Indications are that the Province is looking to implement a final version of the PPS in the fall of 2023.

Planning authorities will not be required to update their OPs immediately. The 'Approach to Implementation' states that the new policies will be implemented at the time of the next Official Plan (OP) review, and through any planning decisions made following the in-effect date (which is still to be determined). Bill 97 may come into effect sooner.

Bill 97

The Bill proposes amendments to 7 different Provincial Acts including the Building Code Act, Development Charges Act, Municipal Act and Planning Act which are most notable from a municipal government perspective. The Planning Act changes are summarized as follows:

1. Area of Employment: Re-defining employment areas to specifically exclude commercial and institutional uses in favour of strictly including manufacturing, warehousing and uses related to the movement of goods as well as any accessory or related uses. Requiring that if a municipality wishes to protect uses currently located in Employment Areas that do not fit the new definition it will need to amend its OP to specifically allow the use to continue.
2. Transitional Matters: Bill 97 gives the Minister authority to make regulations about when new policy – presumably the PPS would have an effect on planning applications in progress. Traditionally such a date is known well in advance and the intake of applications tends to slow prior to the effective date and the transition to new rules takes place with relatively few active files. Applications that are unfolding at the time the effective date is known will need to be re-evaluated to some degree.
3. Refunding application fees for zoning bylaw amendments and site plan control applications is further amended in the Planning Act (from Bill 109 in 2022). The refunding will now apply to applications received after July 1, 2023. There is also a proposal to exempt certain municipalities from this requirement but it is unclear which municipalities will be prescribed.
4. Orders by the Minister under Section 47 of the Planning Act (MZO) will be given expanded power to disregard policy statements. In addition, powers

will include the ability to impose agreements on developers and municipalities when a Provincial Land Development Facilitator (a new role that came into being in 2020) is engaged in the process. An MZO cannot be appealed. The Facilitator helps resolve planning and development issues either as an impartial mediator or negotiator on behalf of the Province.

5. Additional Residential Units – references to a “parcel of urban residential land” have been replaced by a “parcel of land” so as to permit a second residential unit (for a total of 3 units per lot – primary and two accessory units) on parcels in and out of urban or serviced areas. In other words, a third unit would be permitted on lots that permit residential uses in villages, hamlets and on farms.
6. Site Plan Control would be reinstated for developments of 10 residential units or less that are within 120m of a shoreline or 300m of a rail line. Site Plan Control Bylaws need to be updated for each lower tier to reflect changes made by Bill 23 and Bill 97.
7. Clarification is provided by the Bill regarding parking spaces for additional residential units, more specifically that municipalities could not require more than one parking space per unit as introduced in Bill 23. It is now clear that the restriction on municipalities does not apply to the primary dwelling, only the additional residential units.

Proposed Provincial Planning Statement

The PPS was last updated in 2020 following intensive consultation and in 2014 prior to that. While many areas of the PPS are proposed to remain, there is a considerable amount of change. Not all sections of the new policy directions have been released yet for comment as the Natural Heritage Policies are still under review. The policies as they are proposed to date are summarized here:

1. Lot Creation in the Agricultural Area – Residential lot creation has traditionally been discouraged or prohibited except for surplus farm dwelling severances. It is now proposed to be expanded in a significant way. The new PPS would allow up to three residential lots to be created by Section 4.3.3 from farm lots existing on January 1, 2023 provided that:
 - a. Agriculture is the principal use of the existing lot
 - b. The residential uses are compatible with and not hinder surrounding agricultural operations
 - c. The new lots are:
 - i. Not in specialty crop areas - there aren't currently any specialty crop areas in Perth County.

- ii. Comply with Minimum Separation Distances – this offers protection for existing livestock operations and additional residences will introduce new restrictions for locating new livestock operations.
- iii. Are limited to the minimum size needed to accommodate the use including water and septic – by putting additional private wells and septic systems in proximity to each other the minimum lot size will need to be larger as determined by the site specific soil and groundwater circumstances.
- iv. Has access to a public road – this will require that new non-farm residential lots front roadways. This will have the effect of pushing livestock operations further back into farm lots. Locating new livestock housing back from roads is more expensive for farmers to put in laneways, hydro service, water services etc. and reduces the efficient use of agricultural land.
- v. Is adjacent to existing non-ag land uses or is primarily on lower priority agricultural lands –the Canadian Soil Classification System places all Perth County Soils in Class 1 2 or 3. Further research could be done to further analyze soil types in Perth County to identify any lower priority ag lands (Class 4 through 7).

There is a discussion in the planning community as to whether the policy allows three new lots or a total of three lots including the retained farm parcel. This remains uncertain at this time.

The proposed policy raises the question of will municipalities be able to adequately evaluate the potential impact of non-farm residential development on agricultural operations? And if they do will today's context be enough to prevent hindering future agricultural operations? Generally speaking more people without an agricultural background who moving to the countryside will increase conflict related to normal farm practices (odour, dust, pesticide use, flies, farm equipment, etc). This will make it ever more challenging for farmers to conduct their normal farm practices on a day to day basis.

The second important question is 'what adjacent non-farm uses' are being considered and what exactly will the County require to demonstrate 'lower priority ag lands' in order to satisfy the 5th criteria?

The new PPS does not allow municipalities to put provisions in their OP or zoning bylaws that are more restrictive than Section 4.3.3.1 listed above, but perhaps some control can be sought through the interpretation of

'adjacent non-farm uses' and 'lower priority ag lands' in the context of Perth County's highly productive farmland.

Perth County has been developing a growth plan for the New OP that accommodates the projected population growth for the next 25 years as directed by the 2020 PPS. The Watson and Associates Land Needs Assessment presented to Council on April 6, 2023 calculates that there will be demand for 290 new households per year for the next 25 years and that 238 hectares is needed in addition to our current inventory to accommodate that growth on public water and sanitary servicing.

Presumably demand for 290 households a year (as forecast by the 2023 Watson and Associate calculations) will largely be accommodated in the settlement areas but there will be interest in severing residential lots from farms and it is quite hard to estimate the impact of that in hectares or in the number of potential lots. It is an approximation, but assuming 1 hectare per new lot it is far less efficient land use than in serviced areas and comes with the addition of serious consequences for livestock farming and farming in general for Perth County farm operations.

Some other municipalities are simply taking the number of farm parcels and multiplying by 3 to get some scope on the issue. In Perth County that would be 8,080 farm parcels, with three new lots each being 24,240 lots at 1 ha each so the equivalent number of hectares. More realistically you would have to remove the lots that are smaller than 2 ha to begin with and consider the MDS calculations for all the existing livestock operations in order to have clarity about the long-term potential impact of the lot creation policies proposed by the new PPS in the County. What is easier to envision is that in each concession block there is probably 2 or 3 farm lots that could potentially meet the MDS criteria for new lot creation. Putting three new dwellings, plus any additional dwelling units on each new lot effectively sterilizes the block from having any new livestock operations and introduces upwards of 9 new lots and potential for 27 new dwelling units in that block at a maximum density of only 3 units per hectare if the soils are proven to be capable of dealing with the effluent from weeping beds, otherwise the units per hectare is further decreased.

2. Comprehensive Review and Settlement Boundary Expansions – The draft 2023PPS removes reference to a Comprehensive Review and instead allows for settlement boundary expansions, employment land conversions and the removal of Prime Agricultural Lands through an OP Amendment at any time. The Comprehensive Review has been a PPS requirement since 2005. The tests to be applied at the time of an OP Amendment are not as stringent as they were, but would still require consideration of adequate

servicing, phased progression of urban development, and impacts on agriculture including minimum distance separation through an Agricultural Impact Assessment.

These changes allow greater flexibility to manage settlement areas and consider changes in a more streamlined process. It requires greater intention and care from the municipalities to continue to focus the majority of growth to fully serviced areas while giving some flexibility for villages and hamlets.

3. Growth projections and land needs assessment remain critical tools for managing and planning for growth. The new PPS intends that municipalities continue to plan for and provide sufficient land to accommodate growth for at least 25-years instead of “up to” 25 years. Intensification targets would no longer be required while density targets are needed. County staff will need to consider revisions to the draft New OP in this regard and re-evaluate minimum density targets to include in the growth management policies.
4. References to affordability have been removed and replaced with ‘housing options’ which is a direction to incorporate a greater variety of dwelling types as well as variety in ownership and rental models. It is implied that greater ‘housing options’ is a suitable means to address affordability.
5. Employment Areas are being more strictly preserved for core industrial uses and prohibiting any mixing of commercial, recreational or institutional uses. Language continues to be present to ensure Planning Authorities are giving compatibility between employment uses and sensitive land uses adequate due diligence. While the policies are not specific about how employment areas should be updated it offers that at least a 25-year land supply is needed and planning for employment areas may go beyond this timeline. In addition, the conversion of employment lands for other uses would become easier without the requirement for a comprehensive review. The new PPS provides tests related to minimizing impacts on employment uses, adequate infrastructure and servicing for the proposed use and an identified need for the removal of the land over that of the need for the employment use.
6. The Natural Heritage (Natural Environment) policies and related definitions are still under consideration by the government and there are no indications what changes might be proposed or when they will be available for comment.

Proposed Comments regarding Bill 97 (Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act, 2023) and Draft Provincial Planning Statement, April 6, 2023 to be sent to the Province:

Bill 97

1. Perth County is finalizing a draft new Official Plan (OP) prior to public engagement scheduled for later this year. The new OP provides many necessary updates in policy to accommodate growth, improve housing options and protect the agricultural, aggregate and natural environment resources. Much effort and many resources have been put into development of an OP that meets the needs of our community and thoughtfully plans for growth. The additional MZO powers proposed to be afforded to the Minister lack transparency and do not give sufficient certainty to the municipality or the public.

Perth County requests that the new additional MZO powers be removed to ensure municipal planning authorities have the tools needed to right size the settlement areas, effectively plan for infrastructure, and protect our agricultural land base.

2. Additional Residential Units on farms is an opportunity for affordable housing and for farm families to accommodate multiple generations on the farm within a minimum size footprint. **Perth County supports this direction.**

Proposed Provincial Planning Statement

1. Perth County is actively planning the accommodation of projected population growth and housing demand with clear intention to direct for that growth into settlement areas. Settlement areas are where complete communities are provided for the greatest amount of people and the most efficient use of land can be achieved. It is of utmost importance to Perth County to preserve highly productive farmland for food production and protect the limited natural heritage and aggregate resources found here.

The proposed Agricultural lot creation policies allowing the creation of three lots from a farm parcel undermines the growth management efforts of Perth County and Lower Tier Municipalities to be efficient with land consumption and maximizing investments in infrastructure.

Perth County is 90% Prime Agricultural Lands and has a diverse, robust agriculture industry which is necessary for the production of safe food and in providing food security locally and beyond. Agriculture in Perth County is an economic pillar both in primary agriculture and indirectly in services,

inputs, transportation, and business supports. The proposed non-farm residential lot creation policies introduce a serious threat to the continued success of our highly productive agricultural area.

Perth County requests the new policies which allow for the creation non-farm residential lots be removed.

2. Perth County Council supports the removal of the strict Comprehensive Review requirement in the 2020 PPS. Perth County Council also supports the requirements for agricultural impact assessments and efficient use of municipal infrastructure for settlement area boundary expansions.
3. The removal of the definition of affordable with respect to housing from the PPS allows municipalities flexibility to accommodate affordable housing definitions that may be aligned with funding and incentive opportunities available to developers. The removal of affordability targets and reference to housing and homelessness plans from the PPS makes the province's expectations for the planning authority related to affordable/attainable housing unclear.

Perth County Council requests clarity regarding the planning authority's roles and responsibilities for the provision of affordable housing options in our communities.

4. Perth County has 11% Natural Heritage cover on a total land area basis and is a largely agricultural community. The Natural Heritage System is incredibly important to the health of the landscape, water systems and in the prevention of soil erosion. The Natural Heritage Policies in the PPS are a significant tool which informs the County's ability to adequately evaluate development proposals and prevent adverse effect on the existing Natural Heritage System.

The County of Perth is currently engaged in an extensive consultation with landowners related to Natural Heritage Systems mapping and is also reviewing policy regarding Natural Heritage in a draft of a New OP for the County. **Perth County requests timely action by the province to share proposed Natural Heritage Policies.**

Others Consulted:

County Planning Directors Group, Western Ontario Wardens Caucus Planning Working Group, Dr. Wayne Caldwell

Connection to Strategic Plan:

Goal 1 – Growth & Economic Development

Goal 2 – Regionalization & Service Effectiveness

Goal 4 – Community Development & Planning

Reviewed By:

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United Counties of
Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry

RESOLUTION

MOVED BY Councillor Williams

RESOLUTION NO 2023- 98

SECONDED BY Councillor Lang

DATE May 15, 2023

WHEREAS the goal of increasing housing supply and reducing barriers in planning processes as set out in the recent legislative, regulatory and policy changes, including new provisions from Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 is welcomed; and

WHEREAS the proposed PPS (sections 2.6 and 4.3) would dramatically remove municipal power and renders aspects of the County's Official Plan, and other official plans throughout Ontario inoperative, terminating some local planning autonomy, and directly interfering with municipalities' ability to meet local variation and unique community needs; and

WHEREAS the proposed PPS changes that would allow proliferation of lots with protection restricted to specialty crop areas only diminishes the purpose, uses, and integrity of rural and agricultural lands, thereby removing protection and restricting future uses of those lands; and

WHEREAS the proposed PPS changes encourage sprawl and rural roadway strip development, rather than more fiscally and environmentally sustainable practices like intensification in established settlement areas; and

WHEREAS the province has announced changes will be proposed to natural heritage (section 4.1) that have yet to be published.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry urges the province to:

- pause proposed changes to the PPS, particularly regarding natural heritage (section 4.1) and agricultural lands (sections 2.6 and 4.3)
- reinvest trust in the local planning authority of all 444 municipalities, recognizing that each Ontario municipality has unique landscapes, different housing needs and differing visions for local planning matters

AND THAT our fellow municipalities be urged to voice their concerns regarding the proposed undermining of local planning authority;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to all 444 municipalities, The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs

and Housing; The Hon. Lisa Thompson, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, The Hon. David Piccini, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry MPP Nolan Quinn, Glengarry-Prescott-Russell MPP Stéphane Sarrazin , the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus.

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