

# CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR

March 4, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.

## AGENDA

**Topic: Regular Meeting of Council**

**Time: March 4, 2025 6:30 P.M. [Closed Session beginning at 5:30 p.m.]**

**Location: Council Chambers, 701 Highway 124 McKellar, ON P0G 1C0**

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND/OR PERSONAL INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**
4. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
5. **CLOSED SESSION**
  - 5.1 Minutes of Closed Session – February 18, 2025 & February 25, 2025
  - 5.2 Personal matters about an identifiable individual; pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act Section 239(2)(b) - Update to Council regarding a fire call within the Township containing private matters
  - 5.3 Acquisition or disposition of land; pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act Section 239(2)(c) – Land acquisition
  - 5.4 Litigation or potential litigation; pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act Section 239(2)(e) – Update on current litigation
6. **CALL TO ORDER**
7. **RESPECT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT DECLARATION**

In the spirit of reconciliation and co-operation, we wish to acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe and Mississauga people. Its boundaries fall within the Robinson-Huron Treaty of 1850 and the Williams Treaty of 1923. We are grateful to live here and we thank all the generations of people who have taken care of this land for thousands of years. To honour the suffering of Indigenous people and the love and wisdom they have carried for thousands of years, we pledge to work in community and

harmony with each other and the environment we inhabit and work towards Truth and Reconciliation.

- 8. ROLL CALL - REGULAR SESSION 6:30pm (Public can join via Zoom)**
- 9. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND/OR PERSONAL INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**
- 10. PUBLIC MEETING**
- 11. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**
- 12. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
- 13. MOTION TO REVIEW A PREVIOUS MOTION**
- 14. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)**
  - 14.1 February 18, 2025 – Regular Meeting of Council and February 25, 2025, Special Meeting of Council
- 15. PLANNING MATTERS**
- 16. COMMITTEE/BOARD MINUTES WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL**
  - 16.1 Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes (February 6, 2025)
- 17. STAFF REPORTS WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL**
  - 17.1 Fire Department - FD-2025-03 – Month End Status Updates for February 2025
- 18. MAYOR'S REPORT**
- 19. CORRESPONDENCE FOR CONSIDERATION**
  - 19.1 Downtown Parry Sound – Request for Donation – Parry Sound Maple Fest (May 3, 2025)
  - 19.2 Budget Propane Request to Run Three Axle Trucks with A Load Not to Exceed 6700 Kg/Axle During the Reduced Load Period
  - 19.3 Terms of Reference – Community Appointments to the West Parry Sound O.P.P. Detachment Board
- 20. MOTION AND NOTICE OF MOTION**
  - 20.1 Amendment to Tender 2024-15 Bid acceptance

**21. BY-LAWS**

**22. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

22.1 Unfinished Business as of March 4, 2025

**23. NEW BUSINESS**

**24. PUBLIC NOTICES, ANNOUNCEMENTS, INQUIRIES AND REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**25. CONSENT AGENDA – CORRESPONDENCE**

25.1 AMO Watchfile, February 13, 2025

25.2 AMO Watchfile, February 20, 2025

25.3 CUPW Support Resolution – Industrial Inquiry Commission Reviewing Canada Post

25.4 EOWC Resolution – EOWC Support of Canadian and Ontario Government Negotiations with the United States Government on Trade Tariffs

25.5 Township of McGarry – Amend building code

25.6 Uxbridge Resolution – Implementation of “Buy Canadian” Policy

25.7 Town of Parry Sound 2025-018 – Endorse Federal/Provincial call to buy Canadian in countering US tariffs

25.8 Township of The Archipelago – Response to Tariff Threats – Support Canadian Business and Consumers

25.9 YWHO Update Letter – 140 Elmwood, February 2025

**26. QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD (RELATED TO ITEMS ON AGENDA)**

**27. CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

27.1 By-law 2025-14 Confirming the Proceedings of Council

**28. ADJOURNMENT**

## **Instructions for Joining the Council Meeting**

1. Please try to sign in between 6:20 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. if possible; you are still welcome to sign in after 6:30 p.m. if necessary.
2. Please wait to be let in the 'meeting room'; this won't take long.
3. Please have your mic and video on mute unless you are speaking; this ensures there are no distractions or background noise to disrupt the meeting.
4. When you sign in, please sign in with your full name (first and last), not a company name.
5. A question-and-answer opportunity will be available at the end of the meeting, as per normal protocol, or during the Public Meeting.
6. If you have permission to speak please identify yourself (first and last name).
7. Please respect meeting protocol and do not interrupt the meeting. The Municipality reserves the right to remove attendees who are disruptive or disrespect meeting protocol.



**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR**

**Council Meeting Minutes**

**February 18, 2025**

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Moore took Roll Call.

**Present:** Mayor David Moore  
Councillors Morley Haskim, Mike Kekkonen, Nick Ryeland, Debbie Zulak  
**Staff:** Clerk/Administrator, Karlee Britton

**DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND/OR PERSONAL INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

**Moved by: Councillor Nick Ryeland**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim**

**25-062** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby approve the Agenda for this Regular Meeting of Council, as presented.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Debbie Zulak**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen**

**25-063** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar, pursuant to the Ontario Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, as amended, move into closed session at 5:33 p.m. to discuss the following items:

- 5.1 Minutes of Closed Session – February 4, 2025
- 5.2 Labour relations or employee negotiations; pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act Section 239(2)(d) – Review of Temporary Transfer Station Attendant Resumes
- 5.3 Litigation or potential litigation; pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act Section 239(2)(e) – Instruction on Repairs to Municipal Infrastructure subject to an Insurance Claim

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Morley Haskim**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Nick Ryeland**

**25-064** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby reconvene into open session of Council at 6:33 p.m.

**Carried**

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Moore took Roll Call.

**Present:** Mayor David Moore  
Councillors Morley Haskim, Mike Kekkonen, Nick Ryeland, Debbie Zulak  
**Staff:** Clerk/Administrator, Karlee Britton  
Deputy Clerk, Mary Smith  
Public Works Superintendent, Tom Stoneman



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### DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND/OR PERSONAL INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

**Moved by: Councillor Debbie Zulak**

**Seconded by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen**

**25-065**      **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby accept the reports, recommendations and directions arising from the closed session held February 18, 2025.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Nick Ryeland**

**Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim**

**25-066**      **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the deputation from Mat Nayagam, Operations Manager with The Miller Group to provide a presentation on Pavement Asset Management Best Practices, for Council's information.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Debbie Zulak**

**Seconded by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen**

**25-067**      **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby move into Committee of the Whole at 7:20 p.m. as Council acts as the Cemetery Board, to review a Cemetery Monument Request, as applied for by Angela Reid

**Carried**

Cemetery Board asked questions to staff with regards to the Monument request and its dimensions.

**Moved by: Councillor Morley Haskim**

**Seconded by: Councillor Nick Ryeland**

**25-068**      **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby rise and report from Committee of the Whole at 7:27 p.m. and reconvene into regular session.

**Carried**



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Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

**25-069**      **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby approve the request from Angela Reid to install a monument in the Lakeview Cemetery on the Reid/Latour family plots to be placed over three family-owned plots, dimensions of base 94" long, 8" thick, stone 84", height 24" and 20" deep; and

**FURTHER** direct staff to inform Torrance Funeral Home of this approval.

**Carried**

Moved by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim

**25-070**      **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby approve the Minutes of the February 4, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council, and the January 31, 2025, Special Meeting of Council (Budget), as circulated.

**Carried**

Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

**25-071**      **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the application to amend the Township's Zoning By-law for the property legally described as CON 14 LOT 29, 42R-22320 PARTS 2 & 3 where the requested amendment seeks to change the zoning designation of the subject property from Waterfront Residential 1 (WF1) to Rural Residential (RR), while adhering to all other requirements of the Rural Residential (RR) Zone; and

**FURTHER THAT** the application is hereby deemed complete.

**Carried**

Moved by: Councillor Morley Haskim

Seconded by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

**25-072**      **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby approve the proposed consent to create one (1) new waterfront lot and a right-of-way for access at 656 Broadbent Road fronting on Little Ruebottom Lake in the south Part of Lot 2, Concession 7, Township of McKellar as applied for by Dennis Lea in Application No. B42/2024(McK) subject to the following conditions:

1. Payment of a fee in lieu of parkland as required in the Township of McKellar Fees & Charges By-Law;
2. 911 Addressing for the proposed new lot;
3. Payment of any applicable planning board fees;
4. That the severed lot have deeded access to the right of way for access; and
5. That a 51(26) agreement be entered into the aquatic assessment on title.

**Carried**



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**Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen**

**Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Zulak**

- 25-073**      **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Minutes of the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board for December 20, 2024, for information purposes.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Nick Ryeland**

**Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim**

- 25-074**      **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Minutes of the Parry Sound Area Planning Board for November 25, 2024, for information purposes.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Debbie Zulak**

**Seconded by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen**

- 25-075**      **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Minutes of the District of Parry Sound West (Belvedere Heights) Board of Management for November 27, 2024, for information purposes.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Morley Haskim**

**Seconded by: Councillor Nick Ryeland**

- 25-076**      **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar hereby receives staff report T-2025-02 Statement of the Council Remuneration and Expenses 2024 from Treasurer, Roshan Kantiya, for information purposes.

**Deferred**

**Moved by: Councillor Debbie Zulak**

**Seconded by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen**

- 25-077**      **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar hereby receives Report FD-2025-02 Month End Status Update for January 2025 from Fire Chief, Robert Morrison, for information purposes.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Nick Ryeland**

**Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim**

- 25-078**      **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar hereby receives the Accounts Payable Preliminary Cheque Run Report from Treasurer, Roshan Kantiya, for information purposes.

**Carried**





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**Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen**

**Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Zulak**

- 25-079**      **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Whitestone McKellar Lions Club letter requesting permission to place Christmas Hamper and Toy donation boxes at the McKellar Community Centre and Library for the period from November through to December 21, 2025; and
- FURTHER THAT** Council does give permission for the Whitestone McKellar Lions Club to place their Christmas Hamper and Toy donation boxes at the McKellar Community Centre and Library for the period from November through to December 21, 2025, as requested.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Morley Haskim**

**Seconded by: Councillor Nick Ryeland**

- 25-080**      **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2025-10, Being a By-law to authorize the execution of an Agreement for a By-law Enforcement Officer for the Township of McKellar and to appoint a By-law Enforcement Officer for the Township of McKellar, a **Third** reading; and
- Further Passed** in open Council this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen**

**Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Zulak**

- 25-081**      **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Consent Agenda for correspondence.

**Carried**

**QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD (RELATED TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA)**

There were no questions from the in-person audience or via Zoom.

**Moved by: Councillor Nick Ryeland**

**Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim**

- 25-082**      **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2025-12, Being a By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of Council, a First and Second reading;
- And further Read a Third time and Passed** in Open Council this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Debbie Zulak**



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**Seconded by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen**

**February 18, 2025**

**25-083**      **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar adjourn this meeting at 8:14 p.m. to meet again on March 4, 2025, for a Regular Meeting of Council, or at the call of the Mayor.

**Carried**

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David Moore, Mayor

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Karlee Britton, Clerk/Administrator

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## CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR

### Council Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2025

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

Mayor Moore took Roll Call.

**Present:** Mayor David Moore  
Councillors Morley Haskim, Mike Kekkonen, Nick Ryeland, Debbie Zulak  
**Staff:** Clerk/Administrator, Karlee Britton  
Public Works Superintendent, Tom Stoneman

### DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND/OR PERSONAL INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

**Moved by: Councillor Debbie Zulak**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen**

**25-084** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby approve the Agenda for this Special Meeting of Council, as presented.

**Carried**

### RESPECT AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT DECLARATION

In the spirit of reconciliation and co-operation, we wish to acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe and Mississauga people. Its boundaries fall within the Robinson-Huron Treaty of 1850 and the Williams Treaty of 1923. We are grateful to live here and we thank all the generations of people who have taken care of this land for thousands of years. To honour the suffering of Indigenous people and the love and wisdom they have carried for thousands of years, we pledge to work in community and harmony with each other and the environment we inhabit and work towards Truth and Reconciliation.

**Moved by: Councillor Nick Ryeland**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim**

**25-085** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar, pursuant to the Ontario Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, as amended, move into closed session at 4:31 p.m. to discuss the following items:

- 5.1 Labour relations or employee negotiations; pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act Section 239(2)(d) – Temporary Transfer Station Attendant Interviews

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Zulak**

**25-086** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby reconvene into open session of Council at 8:17 p.m.

**Carried**



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Tom Stoneman, Public Works Superintendent left the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Moved by: Councillor Morley Haskim

Seconded by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

**25-087**      **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby accept the reports, recommendations and directions arising from the closed session held February 25, 2025.

**Carried**

Moved by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

**25-088**      **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2025-13, Being a By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of Council, a First and Second reading;

**And further Read a Third time and Passed** in Open Council this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025.

**Carried**

Moved by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim

**25-089**      **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar adjourn this meeting at 8:19 p.m. to meet again on March 4, 2025 for a Regular Meeting of Council; or at the call of the Mayor.

**Carried**

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David Moore, Mayor

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Karlee Britton, Clerk/Administrator

## TOWNSHIP OF McKELLAR RECREATION COMMITTEE – MINUTES

February 6, 2024, 3:30 p.m.  
McKellar Community Centre

PRESENT IN PERSON: Morley Haskim, Judy Ryeland, Terry Lacey, Joyce Hopkins

PRESENT BY ZOOM: Kathy and Francis Deguara, Phil Jeffkins, Michelle Dimmick

ABSENT: Chris Bishop, Dinah Ryeland Brown

**CALLED TO ORDER:** 3:30 p.m. The Chair welcomed Michelle to the Committee.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Moved by Judy Ryeland and seconded by Terry Lacey that the Recreation Committee of the Township of McKellar does hereby accepts the minutes of the November 28, 2024, meeting. Motion Carried (25-01).

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:** Yoga, Chinese Martial Arts, Meeting Time Change

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Moved by Terry Lacey and seconded by Judy Ryeland that the Recreation Committee of the Township of McKellar does hereby accepts the agenda for the February 6, 2024, meeting. Motion Carried (25-02).

**DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** None

**VISITORS:** Brandie Stoneman and Joyce Campbell

**VISITOR DEPUTATION:** Brandie Stoneman- Community Centre Custodian- Was present to inform the Committee that there has been some flooding in the basement storage area and was willing to work with the Committee to insure no damage to inventory. The Committee informed Brandie that the Recreation Committee storage area was not subject to flooding at this time and thanked Brandie for her offer and complimented Brandie for her good work.

**VISITOR DEPUTATION:** Joyce Campbell of the Whitestone-McKellar Lions Club attended to donate a \$250.00 cheque to the McKellar Recreation Committee to be used for children's activities. The Committee thanked Joyce for the donation.

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:** None

### REPORTS OF MEMBERS:

1. Christmas Party and Movie- Judy reported that this event went well with 30 children in attendance. The Committee would like to thank the Whitestone- McKellar Lions Club and James McMurdo for their donations towards this event.

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2. Indoor Pickleball- Terry reported that this activity continues to go well.
3. Badminton- This Monday evening activity has attendance varying from 6-16.
4. T-shirts- Dinah will order Volunteer shirts in the coming weeks.
5. Yoga- This activity has went well for the past year and for two classes in January. After discussions the Committee has decided not to compensate the Yoga instructor with pay from this date forward. The Committee is agreeable to donate the use of the Community Centre for this well established community activity in 2025.
6. Chinese Martial Arts- This potential activity is currently on hold as the Committee and Office have not received further required documentation.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Kids Ice Fish Derby- This event will be held on Saturday, February 15, 11:00-2:00. The Committee discussed various items to have this event, such as Volunteers needed, prizes, food supplies and etc.
2. St. Patrick Day Dance- The Committee has decided not to hold this event in 2025.
3. Snowmobile Run- This event will be held on Sunday, March 2, 10:00- 2:00. The run will start at the boat launch on McKellar Lake and finish at the Community Centre with refreshments.
4. March Break Ideas- The Committee will put thought into this and bring ideas to the next meeting.
5. 2025 Budget- The Committee is unable to discuss the budget due to time limitations and will defer it to the next meeting. Morley will draft a budget to send out for review by the Committee.
6. Zoom meetings- Zoom will be set up for future Committee meetings if requested.
7. Meeting Time Change- The Committee has agreed to change the meeting start time to 4:00 p.m.
8. Community Centre Hall Floor- Committee members feel that more effort can be put into people changing footwear prior to entering the Hall. A suggestion is a sign "Please Remove Outdoor Shoes". This could result in less work for the custodian and damage to the floor. Morley informed the Committee that Staff are currently gathering information for the possibility of a hall floor replacement.

**NEXT MEETING:** February 27, 2025, 4:00 p.m. or at the call of the chairperson.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Judy Ryeland and seconded by Terry Lacey that the Recreation Committee of the Township of McKellar does hereby adjourn at 5:00 p.m. Motion Carried (25-03).



# Township of McKellar Staff Report

**Prepared for:** Mayor & Council

**Department:** Fire Department

**Agenda Date:** March 4, 2025

**Report No:** FD-2025-03

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**Subject:** Month End Status Updates for February 2025

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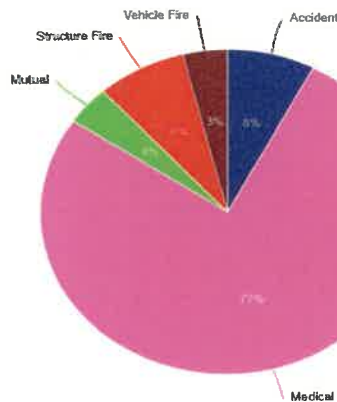
For the month of February 2025, the Township of McKellar Fire Department responded to a total of 15 calls consisting of:

- 12 Medical calls
- 1 Fire call
- 1 Assistance call (mutual/automatic/ or inter agency aid)
- 1 Motor Vehicle Collision

This makes 2025 the 3<sup>rd</sup> February in a row where we have set a new benchmark for calls in this month, almost doubling those in 2024.

2025 So Far:

## Summary of Incidents



### Apparatus and Equipment:

Apparatus mostly stable during the month of February.

Rescue 2 required a special visit from our radio team at Telequip as the wiring in the vehicle caused the radio to short out, thus making it incapable of communicating with our dispatch. This issue has been resolved.

McKellar's dispatch system which it shares with Carling and McDougall has experienced two failures this month, both of which have occurred during emergency responses, where dispatch is incapable of replying to any transmissions and need to restart the console resulting in approx. 90 seconds of dead air. Telequip has been informed of the situation and is assessing our

options. The greater mutual aid group of West Parry Sound is currently in the process of finding a new replacement system, the timing of which could not come soon enough. Some of our equipment was unfortunately damaged as a result of the large fire earlier in the month, due to the lack of insurance by the property owner, we have had to replace the ice auger and purchased a new scene light on our own.

**Personnel and Training:**

Planning has started to host our tanker shuttle certification conducted by Fire Underwriters in the early fall. This event will require extensive rehearsal which we hope to build into our training plan come the spring. The major fire which occurred earlier this month is a prime example of why we need a hydrant to be installed at the boat launch across from Stewart Park. Instead of a simple hook up to draft water, several people were involved in augering holes in the ice to access the water.

FF1 class has continued for our 6 recruits, they will be dedicating one weekend a month and be part of a greater class of 25 recruits from the area conducting their training until the exam in May.

**Buildings and other assets:**

The Interior of Station 2 has been put on hold for the time being as we await the arrival of our gear washer and racking equipment.

Capital and Operating budget work is ongoing, as well as operational planning based on our department needs, service goals, and achieving the necessary certifications by the provincially mandated deadlines.

**Respectfully submitted by:**

  
Robert Morrison, CEMC/Fire Chief

**Reviewed by:**

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**Attachments:** None.





Parry Sound Downtown Business Association is planning their 2nd Annual Maple Syrup Festival for Saturday May 3, 2025. The event will be held in Downtown Parry Sound; however, the festival is intended to highlight local and agricultural products produced in the Parry Sound District. At a minimum this includes maple syrup, honey, wool products, and will showcase downtown and other local businesses. We will have additional vendors, giving those from the district priority while not at the expense of our downtown businesses.

A local not for profit will host the pancake breakfast, there will be horse drawn wagon rides, family activities and live, interactive entertainment. Dent Bay Baking Company will be hosting the butter tart contest for the second year. A busker and talent show is planned for the main stage along with the much anticipated Seguin Sam and Seguin Sarah costume contest and Parry Sound District Museum pop up exhibit.

We would once again like to extend an invitation to all Mayors, Reeves & Chiefs from the Parry Sound District to participate with a message as advertising in our booklet for a small donation of \$1000 to assist with printing costs and invite you to join us on the day of the event.

We are printing 3000 booklets that will have sponsored advertising, messages from local Mayors, Reeves, Chiefs and other dignitaries; it will also be full of recipes, history, stories, and interesting facts about our district and will be delivered to all participating businesses in the Parry Sound District for distribution at multiple locations along the shorelines of Georgian Bay and 1000 copies are headed for distribution at the Toronto Cottage Life Show in March.

This event was a highlight and success for businesses in the shoulder season; was a great kick off to summer and was made successful with the many generous business and municipal partnerships. We look forward to hosting this again and hope you can join us.

Thank you in advance for your support,

April Denman  
Executive Director

Parry Sound Downtown Business Association & Events Committee  
52 Seguin Street, Parry Sound, ON, P2A 1B4

(705) 746-6426



To Whom It May Concern,

The MTO recognized the need to accommodate fuel delivery during the reduced load period in the 1970's and implemented sub-clause 122(2)(a) which: "establishes a higher 7500 kg/axle restriction for two axle trucks.

Ontario's population has nearly doubled since then. As a result, the propane industry has had to invest in three axle trucks to keep up with higher demand throughout the year. The challenge is that there is no reduced load period accommodation made for three axle trucks. Therefore the MTO has advise the Canadian Propane Industry to engage individual jurisdictions to request accommodations for propane delivery.

The 5000 kg/axle restriction reduces the carrying capacity of our three axle trucks to between 5% -15% of their capacity. This low fill level means that rather than travelling once down a road to make the required deliveries to the area, the trucks are returning 5 or 6 times increasing truck traffic on reduced load roads.

***To help us meet demand and to reduce the number of return trips, we are asking the Township of McKellar for permission to run three axle trucks with a load not to exceed 6700 kg/axle during the reduced load period. This will allow us to fill trucks to approximately 40% of tank capacity.***

This accommodation will help us keep up with demand during the reduced load. Because the truck load diminishes throughout the day the load per axle declines during the route. This proposed accommodation is lower than that given to the single axle trucks but sufficient for us to meet demand while reducing the number of return trips to an area.

For your convenience we have drafted an example of a letter giving Budget Propane Corporation permission for three axle trucks to carry 6700 kg/axle during the reduced load period.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Kimberley McCallum  
Dispatch Manager  
1011 Beiers Road, Gravenhurst, ON P1P 0C7

**Phone:** 1-888-405-7777 **Local:** 1-705-687-5608 **Fax:** 1-705-687-1305

E-mail: [dispatch@budgetpropane.net](mailto:dispatch@budgetpropane.net)

## Sample Letter

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Half Load Exception — Heating Fuel

Please be advised that the **Township/municipality** implements load limits on roads within the **Township** during the reduced load period in compliance with Section 122 of the Ontario Highway Traffic Act.

As propane is an essential service, the **Township/Municipality** has agreed to the extension of the interpretation of Section 122 (2) for vehicles used exclusively for the transportation of liquid or gaseous heating fuel to include three axle (tandem rear axle) commercial vehicles, such that they may carry a weight of 6700 kilograms per axle.

Name

Title

## **Terms of Reference**

### **Community Appointments to the West Parry Sound O.P.P. Detachment Board**

#### **1. Purpose**

These Terms of Reference will provide guidance to the member municipalities and First Nation of the West Parry Sound OPP Detachment Board during the selection process of Community Appointed Representatives to the West Parry Sound OPP Board.

#### **2. Definitions**

“Community Member” means a Community Appointed Representative of the West Parry Sound O.P.P. Detachment Board.

“Member Councils” means the Councils and Band Council of Carling Township, Henvey Inlet First Nation, Municipality of McDougall, McKellar Township, Town of Parry Sound, Seguin Township, The Archipelago Township and Municipality of Whitestone.

#### **3. Mandate of the Committee**

The West Parry Sound OPP Detachment Board Community Appointee Advisory Committee shall be established solely to review community member applications to the West Parry Sound OPP Detachment Board and make recommendations to the Member Councils who, collectively, shall form the appointing body for the purposes of satisfying section 33 of the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*.

Members of the West Parry Sound OPP Detachment Board Community Appointee Advisory Committee shall be committed to acting in an ethical manner with the avoidance of conflict of interest as a body and as individuals in accordance with applicable legislation.

#### **4. Composition of Committee**

The Community Appointee Advisory Committee shall be comprised of the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) or alternate from each member of the council of the municipality or band council of the First Nation appointed to the West Parry Sound OPP Detachment Board. The eight (8) member municipalities and First Nation are:

- Carling Township
- Henvey Inlet First Nation
- Municipality of McDougall
- McKellar Township

- Town of Parry Sound
- Seguin Township
- The Archipelago Township
- Municipality of Whitestone

## **5. Term**

The term of the Community Appointee Advisory Committee shall begin upon formal appointment by the Member Councils and shall follow the term of Council.

A Chair shall be elected from amongst its members at the first meeting of the Community Appointee Advisory Committee and shall serve as Chair for the length of the committee term.

Members are expected to attend meetings as scheduled. In the event a member is unable to attend a meeting, the member must contact and advise the Chair and the committee secretary in advance. Should the Chair of the committee be unable to attend, the committee shall name an Interim Chair at the beginning of the meeting.

## **6. Meetings**

All meetings shall follow a written agenda with minutes kept of all decisions. A quorum comprised of 50% plus one of appointed members will be required to hold a meeting. The Committee is subject to the open meetings requirements of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

The Committee shall meet as many times as deemed necessary to complete the following activities:

- a) Thoroughly review all community member applications to the West Parry Sound OPP Detachment Police Services Board.
- b) Prepare and provide recommendations regarding which applicant to appoint to said Board to each member municipality

## **7. Appointments and Vacancies**

While reviewing the applications and forming a recommendation to the Member Councils, the Committee shall consider the following factors:

- a) the need to ensure that the Board is representative of the area it serves, having regard for the diversity of the population in the area;
- b) the need to have members with the prescribed competencies, if any; and
- c) any applicable diversity plan;
- d) The results of a potential appointee's police record check that was prepared within the past 12 months.

## **8. Ineligibility**

The following persons are not eligible to be members of the West Parry Sound OPP Detachment Board:

- a) A judge or justice of the peace.
- b) A member of a police service, a special constable or a First Nation Officer.
- c) Any person who practices criminal law as a defense counsel or as a prosecutor.
- d) A director, officer or employee of a prescribed policing provider.
- e) Any other prescribed persons.

A former member of a police service is not eligible to be a member of the Board unless,

- a) the O.P.P. Detachment Board does not maintain a police service that the person was a member of; and
- b) at least one year has passed since the person ceased to be a member of any police service.

An ineligible person as set out above, does not prevent a person who was a member of a Police Services Board immediately before the Act came into force from serving the remainder of their term.

## **9. Recruitment Process**

The opportunity for community members to make an application to serve on the Board shall be advertised throughout the detachment area jointly by each member municipality and in accordance with each municipality's standard recruitment processes.

Applications shall be accepted by the Secretary/Administrative Support of the West Parry Sound O.P.P. Detachment Board.

Community representatives will be appointed at-large and shall serve as the representative for all member municipalities and First Nation equally.

The Advisory Committee shall receive applications in a redacted format to ensure that each application is evaluated on the merits of the qualifications, without consideration for the residence of the applicant.

Following a thorough review of all applications received, the Committee will make recommendations to member municipalities and First Nation regarding community member appointments to the West Parry Sound OPP Detachment Board.

Official Appointments shall be unanimously made by way of resolution from each member municipality, which, upon appointment shall be forwarded to the Committee Chair and Secretary.

## **10. Dispute Resolution**

In the event that unanimous support for the appointment recommendations is not received by all Councils, the disputing Council shall provide the reasons for dispute to the Committee Chair and Secretary in writing.

The Chair shall call a meeting of the Advisory committee to consider the reasons for dispute and make a subsequent recommendation to each Municipal Council outlining the dispute reasons and subsequent recommendation.

Each Council shall be required to reaffirm the original appointment, provide a new recommendation, or shall provide the reasons for dispute to the Committee Chair and Secretary in writing.

In the event a unanimous appointment cannot be agreed upon by all Councils, the Advisory Committee may seek additional applicants by reinstating the recruitment process.



## 22. Unfinished Business

Date	Res. No.	Item & Description	Assigned to	Status
		Deerfield-Bay Road Upgrades	Public Works & Administration	No response from the Association, project on hold.
		Stoney Road, Dockside Drive and Bruce Trail (Fire Route 152, 152A, 152B) Road Upgrades	Public Works & Administration	Road studies completed. Project on hold so that the Association can inform their residents of the project; future information meeting to be held.
		Hurdville Road Reconstruction (1.9KM)	Public Works & Administration & Finance	Engineer drafting drawings and tender for work, to be started and completed Spring/Summer 2025. Treasurer investigating financing options.
Mar. 7/23	<b>23-204</b>	By-law 2023-23 Being a By-law to Regulate Dogs in the Township	By-law Enforcement	By-law deferred at Dec. 19/23 meeting. BLEO to make updates and present to Council at a future meeting.
Jul. 4/23	<b>23-470</b>	Re-name Hart Road (formerly Fire Route 306)	Administration	Residents on road have been contacted, they are coming up with another name.
Nov. 21/23	<b>23-726</b>	Placement of a Dry Hydrant	Fire Department	An item on the 2025 Draft Capital Budget. FC & PW Superintendent will determine a suitable location.
Jan. 9/24	<b>24-013</b>	Purchase and Circulation of Transfer Station Permits	Administration	Staff investigating 'mail merger' so that cards can be made in house and mailed in 2025.
Jan. 9/24	<b>24-017</b>	By-law 2024-03 Adopt a Human Resources Policy	Administration	To be discussed at a future meeting in Closed Session.
Feb. 7/24	<b>24-080</b>	By-law 2024-15 Being a By-law to Amend the Parking By-law (with respect to fees)	By-law Enforcement	Report to Council with area Municipality fees.
Mar. 1/24	<b>24-107</b>	Quotations for Playground Equipment for Broadbent Ball Park	Administration	Surveys have been collected.
Mar. 19/24	<b>24-160</b>	New Fees & Charges By-law	Administration & Finance	Draft By-law has been started, awaiting review from departments.
Sept. 3/24		Review Cemetery By-law	Administration	BAO has advised staff that the By-law will need updating and should be a priority for 2025.
Feb. 18/25	<b>25-076</b>	Report T-2025-05 Council Remuneration Report	Finance	Amended report on the March 18 <sup>th</sup> agenda.





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- Elevate your safety strategy.
- Survey on displacement and protecting affordable housing.
- Canadian Fallen Heroes Foundation War Memorial grant.
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Guardian Capital LP, the portfolio manager for ONE's Canadian Equity Portfolio, [discusses the current market outlook and positioning](#) of the ONE Investment Canadian Equity Portfolio amidst fluctuating market and political dynamics.

Join us for this [free one-hour risk webinar](#) on March 26 as Andy C. Jairam, Partner, Loopstra Nixon LLP discusses the 10-day notice provision and its role in claims management.

The [LAS Facility Lighting Service](#) is your complete turn-key solution for LED lighting upgrades, both inside and outside your buildings. [Contact Christian](#) today for a no-obligation proposal to brighten your year.

Join our Occupational Health & Safety Management service partner, 4S, on [February 27 at 8:30am](#) for expert insights on due diligence in municipal safety.

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The Aquatic Sports Council of Ontario released [a report making the case for provincial recreational facility funding](#). AMO has consistently sought long-term, sustainable infrastructure funding, including for high-quality recreational facilities.

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Join industry experts in meaningful discussions on February 19 to tackle housing-related challenges at regional and national levels. [Register now](#).

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[Legislative Specialist - King Township](#). Closing Date: February 21, 2025.

[Analyst, Budget & Operations - City of Peterborough](#). Closing Date: February 24, 2025.

[Manager, Human Services - City of Kawartha Lakes](#). Closing Date: February 23, 2025.

[Manager, IT Service Delivery - Peel Regional Police](#). Closing Date: February 17, 2025.

[Waste Reduction and Diversion Specialist, Bilingual - City of Greater Sudbury](#). Closing Date: February 19, 2025.

[Procurement Category Specialist \(Construction-Related Procurements\) - City of Vaughan](#). Closing Date: February 17 2025.

[Manager, Risk Management & Insurance - Municipality of Durham](#). Closing Date: March 5, 2025.

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February 20, 2025

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### AMO Matters

AMO [has issued an RFP](#) to develop a comprehensive strategy that will enable AMO to support municipally elected officials and staff with the tools, resources, and education to foster civility and combat harassment in local communities. Deadline to submit proposals is March 20 at 4:00pm.

The Canadian Municipal Barometer (CMB) conducts an annual survey of mayors and councillors from over 1,000 municipalities across Canada. AMO is a partner of the CMB. You can contribute to their research on public opinion, representation, and multi-level governance by participating in this groundbreaking research initiative. You should have received emails inviting you to take the survey. If you have any questions, please email [cmb@ucalgary.ca](mailto:cmb@ucalgary.ca).

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[Administrative Assistant II, Growth Management - City of Hamilton](#). Closing Date: February 26, 2025

[Fire Chief / Chief Building Official - Township of Dubreuilville](#). Closing Date: March 14, 2025.

[Director, Business Growth & Entrepreneurship - City of Kitchener](#). Closing Date: March 6, 2025.

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CUPW respectfully acknowledges this office is located on the traditional unceded territory of the Anishinaabeg People.

Le STTP reconnaît, en tout respect, que son bureau est situé sur le territoire traditionnel et non cédé des peuples anishinaabés.

### **BY EMAIL AND MAIL**

January 16, 2025

David Moore, Reeve  
Township of McKellar  
PO Box 69 701 Hwy 124  
McKellar, ON P0G 1C0

Dear David Moore:

### **RE: Industrial Inquiry Commission Reviewing Canada Post**

As you may know, the Canada Industrial Relations Board, as instructed by the Minister of Labour, Steven MacKinnon, ordered the resumption of mail service at Canada Post on December 17, 2024, under Section 107 of the *Canada Labour Code*. What many do not know is that under Section 108, he also created an Industrial Inquiry Commission led by William Kaplan that will work with CUPW and Canada Post to examine the future of the public post office with a very broad scope.

The Commission has been tasked with reviewing the obstacles to negotiated collective agreements, as well as making recommendations about the future structure of Canada Post. The Commission has until May 15, 2025, to submit its final report to the government.

While time is extremely short, the good news is that there is an opportunity for you to make a submission as part of the Commission's public review. CUPW would like to ensure that the views of municipalities are considered. Therefore, if at all possible, we would like you to provide input to the Commission.

During the last public review on the mandate of Canada Post in 2016, the active engagement of municipalities was critical in the decision to maintain door-to-door delivery and immediately stop the further rollout of community mailboxes. However, there is nothing to stop the Commission from making recommendations to bring that back or to suggest other cutbacks.

We have enclosed a sample resolution that your municipality can adopt about making a submission to the Commission, expanding services at the public post office, and the need for more robust public stakeholder consultation. We have also included a document with some suggested themes to consider for your written submission. If you can, please let us know if you plan to participate, pass a resolution, and can send us copies of the materials you submit.

### **Upcoming Federal Election**

We also find ourselves in a period of federal political uncertainty, with the possibility of a federal election only months away. This will raise public discussion and debates on many issues affecting the public and all municipalities.

In all likelihood, it will be the next federal government that will determine what will be done with the Commission's report.



In the run-up to the federal election, we urge you to question the political parties on their intentions for Canada Post, and insist they make clear their public commitments regarding the following issues:

- Preserving our universal and public postal service;
- Maintaining the moratorium on post office closures;
- Maintaining door-to-door mail delivery; and,
- Establishing postal banking to offset the loss of financial services in many communities.

Thank you very much for considering our request. There's a lot at stake and we appreciate anything you can do to help. CUPW is confident that we can build on our past success and convince the Commission to recommend against service cuts, to maintain good jobs in our communities, expand services that generate additional revenues to keep Canada Post self-sustaining and allow us to build a universal, affordable and green public postal system for future generations.

For more information, please visit [deliveringcommunitypower.ca](http://deliveringcommunitypower.ca) or contact Brigitte Klassen at [bklassen@cupw-sttp.org](mailto:bklassen@cupw-sttp.org).

Sincerely,



Jan Simpson  
National President

Encl.

c.c. National Executive Committee, Regional Executive Committees, Regional and National Union Representatives, CUPW Locals, Specialists







## Canada Post is Under Review through Section 108 of the *Canada Labour Code*

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It will review Canada Post's financial situation, the possible diversification or alteration of delivery models, Canada Post's viability as it is currently configured, as well as bargaining issues, including full-time employment, health and safety and job security and produce a report not later than May 15, 2025. Accordingly, Kaplan's "recommendations may include amendments to the collective agreement, and any other changes to be implemented, including the structures, rights and responsibilities of the parties in the collective bargaining process."

### The Commission is Seeking Input

We have an incredibly short timeline to follow. Hearings will begin January 27 with statements from both CUPW and Canada Post. The good news is that there is an opportunity for third parties to send in a written submission to the Commission as part of its public review. CUPW and Canada Post must have their bilingual submissions in to the commission by end of day Monday, January 20. We do not have a date or mechanism yet for third-party submissions, but it could be very soon. CUPW would like to ensure that the views of community groups, municipalities, allied organizations and labour are also considered. Therefore, if at all possible, we would like you to provide input to the Commission.

**Please let us know if you will be making a submission. Please contact Brigitte Klassen at [bklassen@cupw-sttp.org](mailto:bklassen@cupw-sttp.org), so we can provide you with more details on how to send it to the Commission as soon as we have more information.**

**As time is of the essence and to help get you started on your submission, here are some suggested themes to consider that are important supplements to CUPW's bargaining demands.**

- Keep Canada Post a Public Service
- Maintain universal service at a uniform price
- Expanded services to diversify and generate new revenue streams, no service cuts
  - add financial services
  - maintain the moratorium on post office closures to enable community hubs (meeting spaces, sales of local crafts, community gardens, government services for all levels of government)
  - maintain door-to-door delivery and increase where financially viable
- Major changes to Canada Post should not be made without full public consultation conducted through a mandate review involving all stakeholders

## Keep Canada Post a Public Service

The Commission will examine the financial situation at Canada Post. Currently, the Crown Corporation is required only to be self-sufficient. It is completely user-funded and does not rely on taxpayer dollars. Canada Post still tends to prioritize major, high-profit customers over the public and providing a public service. Canada Post must not lose sight of its public interest objectives.

Major changes to Canada Post and the *Canadian Postal Service Charter* should not be made without full public consultation and hearings conducted through a mandate review involving all stakeholders. There is simply not enough time to do this under the Labour Minister's *Canada Labour Code* Section 108 order.

## Maintain universal service at a uniform price

There have also been calls in the media and by various think tanks to privatize or deregulate Canada Post with little regard for the impact on public service or working conditions. Though transaction mail has been in decline, there are still over 2 billion letters delivered every year to an increasing number of addresses. Canada Post has an exclusive privilege (a monopoly) to handle letters so that it is able to generate enough money to provide affordable postal service to everyone, no matter where they live, be it a large urban centre or a rural or isolated community. There is no comparison in the world of a deregulated or privatized post office that serves anything near Canada's vast size and geography.

It will become increasingly difficult for our public post office to provide universal postal service if the exclusive privilege is eroded or eliminated. The exclusive privilege funds its universality. If parts of the service are deregulated or privatized, competitors will leave it to Canada Post alone to provide increasingly expensive delivery service to rural and remote communities, while they compete in profitable urban areas.

Providing Canada Post with an exclusive privilege to handle addressed letters is a form of regulation. Reducing or eliminating this privilege is deregulation. We have this regulation for a reason.

## Expanded services to diversify and generate new revenue streams, no service cuts

For years, CUPW has been advocating for new and expanded services to help diversify and create new revenue streams as a direct means to handling decline in letter volumes. Many of these services, such as postal banking, already exist in many other post offices around the world and they generate significant revenue. Around the world, more than 1.2 billion people hold postal bank accounts.

Providing new services through the existing corporate retail network ensures that good jobs remain for workers and their families in the communities in which they live.

## Financial Services

Given Canada Post's vast retail network, postal banking would offer in-community service for those who are underbanked or who have had their financial institutions close and leave town. Today, there are many rural communities with post offices, but no banks or credit unions. Very few Indigenous communities are served by local bank branches. Hundreds of thousands of low-income Canadians don't have bank

accounts at all, and almost 2 million Canadians rely on predatory payday lenders for basic financial services.

Postal banking is relatively straightforward. Like commercial banks, post offices would provide everyday financial services like chequing and savings accounts, loans and insurance. Postal banking could also be used to deliver government loans, grants and subsidies to boost renewable energy projects and energy-saving retrofits.

In many countries, postal banking is also mandated to provide financial access for all citizens and to play a role in addressing social inequalities. Postal banking could provide reliable financial services that everyone needs at affordable rates.

## Community Hubs and Moratorium on Post Office Closures

We have also advocated community hubs (provide government services for all levels of government, meeting space, sales of local crafts, community gardens) and EV charging stations.

One of Canada Post's demands during Negotiations was to have the *flexibility* to close more than 130 of the 493 corporate Retail Post Offices that are protected under the current CUPW-Canada Post Urban Postal Operations collective agreement. These are post offices that are run by Canada Post and are not franchises located inside another host business.

While about three-quarters of these are also covered by an additional 1994 moratorium on closures, for those that are not, they could end up being privatized or disappear altogether if we lose this contract language. Residents may then have to travel further for their postal needs. No franchise host business is going to give up retail space for community hubs, nor parking space for charging stations that generate revenue for Canada Post. Longstanding, good-paying, full-time jobs in our communities could be replaced with low-wage, part-time work.

You can find a list of the post offices under the moratorium and how they are protected here:

<https://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/examendepostescanada-canadapostreview/rapport-report/bureaux-outlets-eng.html>

## Senior Check-Ins

We have proposed creating a senior check-in service as well. Senior check-ins could bring peace of mind to loved ones and relatives who don't live nearby. Japan, France and Jersey in the British Isles currently offer effective and successful senior check-in services through their national postal services. Door-to-door postal workers are already watchful for signs that something isn't quite right. They could be allotted extra time on their routes to simply check in on seniors or people with mobility issues who sign up for the service to make sure everything is okay and deliver peace of mind.

Find out more about our service expansion proposals at <https://www.deliveringcommunitypower.ca>

## **Canada Post and the Industrial Inquiry Commission**

**Whereas** the Canada Industrial Relations Board, as instructed by the Federal Minister of Labour, Steven MacKinnon, ordered the end to the postal strike and the resumption of mail service at Canada Post on December 17, 2024, under Section 107 of the *Canada Labour Code*.

**Whereas** the Federal Minister of Labour, Steven MacKinnon, created an *Industrial Inquiry Commission* under Section 108 of *Canada Labour Code*, led by William Kaplan, that will work with the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) and Canada Post to examine the future of the public post office, including possible changes to the *Canadian Postal Service Charter*.

**Whereas** Canada Post is, first and foremost, a public service.

**Whereas** the *Commission* has been tasked with reviewing the obstacles to negotiated collective agreements between CUPW and Canada Post, the financial situation of Canada Post, Canada Post's expressed need to diversify and/or alter its delivery models in the face of current business demands, the viability of the business as it is currently configured, CUPW's negotiated commitments to job security, full-time employment, and the need to protect the health and safety of workers.

**Whereas** the *Commission* only has until May 15, 2025, to submit its final report to the government and make recommendations about the future structure of Canada Post.

**Whereas** while there is room for written input, the *Commission* process is not widely publicized, nor equivalent to a full and thorough public service review of Canada Post's mandate allowing for all stakeholder input, as has been undertaken by previous governments.

**Whereas** it will be crucial for the *Commission* to hear our views on key issues, including maintaining Canada Post as a public service, the importance of maintaining the moratorium on post office closures, improving the *Canadian Postal Service Charter*, home mail delivery, parcel delivery, keeping daily delivery, adding postal banking, greening Canada Post, EV charging stations, food delivery, improving delivery to rural, remote and Indigenous communities, and developing services to assist people with disabilities and help older Canadians to remain in their homes for as long as possible – and at the same time, helping to ensure Canada Post's financial self-sustainability.

**Therefore, be it resolved** that (name of municipality) provide input to the *Commission* in the form of a written submission.

**Therefore, be it resolved** that (name of municipality) will write the Federal Minister of Labour, Steven MacKinnon, and the Federal Minister of Public Services and Procurement of Canada, Jean-Yves Duclos, who is responsible for Canada Post, to demand that no changes be made to the *Canada Post Corporation Act*, Canada Post's mandate or the *Canadian Postal Service Charter* without a full, thorough, public review of Canada Post, including public hearings, with all key stakeholders, in every region of Canada.

**PLEASE SEE THE MAILING INFORMATION FOR RESOLUTIONS ON REVERSE SIDE**

## MAILING INFORMATION

1) Please send your resolution to the Commission:

- We do not have a mailing address at this time. As we understand it, this is the email address that will collect the documents on behalf of the Commission:  
[edsc.cdi-iic.esdc@labour-travail.gc.ca](mailto:edsc.cdi-iic.esdc@labour-travail.gc.ca)

2) Please send your resolution to the Ministers responsible for Labour and Canada Post, and your Member of Parliament:

- Steven MacKinnon, Federal Minister of Labour, House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6
- Jean-Yves Duclos, Federal Minister of Public Services and Procurement of Canada, House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6
- Your Member of Parliament

Note: Mail may be sent postage-free to any member of Parliament. You can get your MP's name, phone number and address by going to the Parliament of Canada website at <https://www.ourcommons.ca/Members/en>

3) Please send copies of your resolution to:

- Jan Simpson, President, Canadian Union of Postal Workers, 377 Bank Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K2P 1Y3
- Rebecca Bligh, President, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, 24 Clarence St, Ottawa, Ontario K1N 5P3



## **Resolution: EOWC Support of Canadian and Ontario Governments' Negotiations with the United States Government on Trade Tariffs**

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**Moved by: Corinna Smith-Gatcke, Warden of the United Counties of Leeds & Grenville**  
**Seconded by: Steve Ferguson, Vice-Chair, EOWC / Mayor of Prince Edward County**

**Whereas** the Canadian government is currently in negotiations with the United States (U.S.) government on their proposed 25% tariffs on Canadian goods exported to the U.S.; and

**Whereas** Canada's Prime Minister and Ontario's Premier have outlined several plans to combat the impact that the proposed tariffs would have on Ontario which focus on strengthening trade between Ontario and the U.S. while bringing jobs back home for workers on both sides of the border; and

**Whereas** the Canadian government has also outlined several ways to address the current relationship with the U.S. including establishing the Council on Canada-U.S. relations to support the federal government as it negotiates with the U.S. on tariffs; and

**Whereas** trade between Ontario and the U.S. is very important to our residents and local economies, and requires all levels of government to work together in the best interest of those residents; and

**Whereas** according to data from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, across Ontario municipalities are expected to spend between \$250 and \$290 billion on infrastructure in the next 10 years; and

**Whereas** Ontario municipalities have traditionally treated trade partners equally and fairly in all procurements in accordance with our established international trade treaties; and

**Whereas** municipalities play a crucial role as part of the Team Canada approach to combat tariffs and support businesses in our procurement for capital and infrastructure programs; and

**Whereas** there are trade barriers between Canadian provinces and territories.

**Therefore, be it resolved that the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus** supports the Canadian and Ontario governments on the measures they have put in-place in response to the proposed U.S. tariffs on Canadian goods and ask that they take any and all measures to protect the interests of Ontario in any upcoming trade negotiations, and ensure municipalities are part of the coordinated Team Canada approach;

**And that** the Canadian and Ontario governments remove any impediments to municipalities preferring Canadian companies and services for capital projects and other supplies;

**And that** the Canadian and Ontario governments take action to remove trade barriers between provinces as a response to U.S. tariffs and support Canadian businesses;

**And that** the Canadian and Ontario governments remove all legislative barriers that impact the ability to buy local, and indemnify municipalities should there be challenges to buying Canadian;

**And that** the Canadian and Ontario governments continue to invest in infrastructure to provide stability, jobs, and support our communities' social and economic prosperity over the long-term.

**Be it further resolved, that copies of this motion be sent to:**

- The Right Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
- The Hon. Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- The Hon. Nate Erskine-Smith, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities
- Doug Ford, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party
- Marit Stiles, Leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party
- Bonnie Crombie, Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party
- Mike Schreiner, Leader of the Ontario Green Party
- Ontario's Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- Ontario's Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Rebecca Bligh, President, FCM and Councillor, City of Vancouver
- Robin Jones, President, AMO and Mayor of Westport
- Christa Lowry, Chair, Rural Ontario Municipal Association
- Jeff Leal, Chair, Eastern Ontario Leadership Council
- John Beddows, Chair, Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus
- All regional Members of Canadian Parliament
- All candidates running as Ontario Members of Parliament
- All of Ontario's municipalities for their support

**Carried**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bonnie Clark".

**Chair Bonnie Clark, EOWC**

**February 10, 2025**





**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCGARRY**  
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**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR:**

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☐ Mayor Culhane

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RESOLUTION # 47/2025DATE : February <sup>18</sup> 2025

**WHEREAS** Ontario is facing a significant affordable housing crisis, with many residents struggling to secure safe and affordable living accommodations;

**AND WHEREAS** the crisis of homelessness in Ontario continues to affect thousands of individuals and families, necessitating urgent and effective housing solutions;

**AND WHEREAS** the current Ontario Building Code contains regulations that may inadvertently hinder the development of affordable housing by imposing excessive costs and barriers on individuals and developers;

**AND WHEREAS** current building code regulations may restrict the development of innovative housing solutions designed to address the needs of homeless individuals and families;

**AND WHEREAS** an increase in affordable housing units is essential to promote economic stability, community well-being, and social equity within Ontario;

**AND WHEREAS** providing pre-approved affordable housing plans can streamline the construction process, reduce costs, and facilitate quicker access to housing for those in need;

**THAT** the Council of the Township of McGarry hereby calls on the Ontario government to amend the Ontario Building Code to include provisions for pre-approved affordable housing plans specifically aimed at supporting low income and homeless individuals, including:

1. **Standardized Designs:** Creating a set of pre-approved housing designs that meet safety and quality standards while being cost-effective and quick to construct.
2. **Flexible Design Standards:** Allowing for innovative building designs and materials that meet affordability criteria while ensuring safety and livability.
3. **Community Integration:** Ensuring that these housing designs can be integrated into existing neighborhoods in a way that respects community character and promotes acceptance.
4. **Support for Diverse Models** Including options for various types of housing, such as tiny homes, modular units, and converted shipping containers, to cater to different needs and preferences.

**AND FURTHER** the Council of the Township of McGarry encourages the Ontario government to engage with stakeholders, including architects, housing advocates, and service providers, to develop these pre-approved plans that effectively address the needs of low income and homeless individuals;



**AND FURTHER THAT** this resolution be provided to Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Hon. Micheal Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, Hon. Victor Fedeli, Chair of Cabinet, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Association of Ontario, Ontario Building Officials Association, Municipalities of Ontario.

Recorded vote requested by \_\_\_\_\_

	For	Against
Councillor Louanne Caza		
Councillor Elaine Fic		
Councillor Annie Keft		
Councillor Francine Plante		
Mayor Bonita Culhane		

<b>Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest *</b>

I declare this motion

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Because:
<input type="checkbox"/> Referred to: _____ (enter body)
Expected response: _____ (enter date)

Signature of Chair:



*\*Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.*



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In The Regional Municipality of Durham

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February 14, 2025

Premier Doug Ford  
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[premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

**RE: IMPLEMENTATION OF "BUY CANADIAN" POLICY  
TOWNSHIP FILE: A-00 G**

Please be advised that during the regular meeting of the General Purpose and Administration Committee of February 3, 2025, the following motion was carried:

THAT the Administration and Special Projects Committee receive Report CAO-04/25 regarding the implementation of "Buy Canadian" Policy;

AND THAT the Policy remain in place until such time as there is clear indication from the Provincial and Federal Governments that trade relations have been normalized;

AND THAT the Policy be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario requesting they implement similar policies;

AND THAT the Policy be forwarded to AMO and ROMA;

AND THAT the Policy be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, MP O'Connell, all Durham MPP's and appropriate Provincial Ministers;

AND THAT the Policy be forwarded to all Township Committee Chairs for information;

AND THAT Committee support this Policy in principle;

AND THAT the final document be run through the CAO's office for final approval.

I trust you will find the above to be satisfactory.

Yours truly,

Emily Elliott  
Deputy Clerk  
/ljr

cc: Honourable Jennifer O'Connell, MP  
Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, MPP ([peter.bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org](mailto:peter.bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org))  
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All Ontario Municipalities

## **REPORT**

Office of the Mayor

**TO:** Finance and Emergency Services Committee

**FROM:** Mayor Dave Barton

**DATE:** February 3, 2025

**REPORT:** 04/25 **FILE NO.:**

**SUBJECT:** Implementation of "Buy Canadian" Policy

### **BACKGROUND:**

The purpose of this report is to seek Committee's approval for the adoption of a "Buy Canadian" policy. This policy will prioritize Canadian suppliers and manufacturers for municipal procurement, encourage diversification of non-U.S. sources, and establish oversight mechanisms for any significant expenditures involving U.S. manufacturers. This initiative aligns with our commitment to supporting federal and provincial leaders, Canadian farmers, manufacturers, and the sovereignty of Canada. This policy shall work in tandem with the Township of Uxbridge's procurement policy.

### **DISCUSSION:**

#### **1. Prioritization of Canadian Suppliers:**

Staff will be directed to prioritize the purchase of goods and services from Canadian manufacturers and suppliers whenever possible. This policy aims to bolster the Canadian economy, support local businesses, and contribute to sustainable procurement practices.

#### **2. Non-U.S. Alternatives:**

In situations where Canadian products or services are unavailable, staff will seek suppliers from countries other than the United States. This approach will diversify our supply chain, reduce dependency on U.S. manufacturers, and promote broader international trade relationships.

#### **3. Approval Requirements for U.S. Purchases:**

To ensure transparency and fiscal responsibility, the following approval thresholds will apply to any purchases from U.S. manufacturers:

- **Expenses Over \$1,000:** Any purchase exceeding \$1,000 must be approved by the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), in consultation with the mayor and council as appropriate.

#### **4. Support for Canadian Sovereignty:**

This policy demonstrates our municipality's commitment to supporting federal and provincial leaders in their efforts to strengthen the Canadian economy. By prioritizing Canadian products, we are actively supporting:

- **Canadian farmers and agricultural producers**, ensuring the continued vitality of rural communities and food security.
- **Local and national manufacturers**, promoting job creation and innovation within Canada.
- **The sovereignty of Canada**, by reducing reliance on foreign suppliers and fostering economic independence.

**ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

- **Good Governance:** Ensuring fiscal responsibility and transparency in procurement practices.
- **Economic Development:** Supporting local businesses, farmers, and manufacturers while contributing to Canada's economic sovereignty.
- **Sustainability:** Encouraging environmentally responsible and locally sourced procurement decisions.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Report CAO-04/25 of Mayor Dave Barton be received for information;

AND THAT Committee direct staff to implement the "Buy Canadian" policy as outlined in this report;

AND THAT any purchases from U.S. manufacturers exceeding \$1,000 require CAO approval.

AND THAT a copy of Report CAO-04/25 be forwarded to the Finance and Emergency Services Committee for consideration.

AND THAT this policy will be in place until such time as there is clear indication from the Province and Feds that trade relations have been normalized.

AND THAT this policy be forward to all municipalities in Ontario and request they implement similar policies.

AND THAT this policy be forwarded to AMO and ROMA.

AND THAT this policy be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, MP O'Connell, Durham MPP's and appropriate Provincial ministers.

AND THAT we collaborate with North Durham Chamber of Commerce to implement the policy outlined above.

**Respectfully Submitted by:**

Mayor Dave Barton



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND  
RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2025 – 018

DIVISION LIST

YES NO

DATE: February 18, 2025

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:

G.A.

SECONDED BY:

J. McGarvey

CARRIED: ✓ DEFEATED: \_\_\_\_\_ Postponed to: \_\_\_\_\_

Whereas United States President Donald Trump, issued executive orders to impose tariffs on imports from Canada effective March 12, 2025; and

Whereas these tariffs will have a significant detrimental impact on the economic stability in both countries; and

Whereas federal and provincial leaders are encouraging Canadians to buy Canadian; and

Whereas municipalities have significant purchasing power through capital and infrastructure programs; and

Whereas according to data from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario municipalities are expected to spend \$250 to \$290 billion on infrastructure in the next 10 years; and

Whereas municipalities have traditionally been prevented by trade agreements and legislation from giving preference to the purchase of Canadian products and services; and

Whereas municipalities can assist in the effort to combat tariffs and support businesses in the procurement for capital and infrastructure programs;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Parry Sound endorse the federal and provincial call to action to buy Canadian where and when possible; and

That the federal and provincial governments work with municipalities on measures to protect Canadian consumers and businesses; and

That Council call on the federal and provincial government to remove any impediments to municipalities preferring to engage Canadian companies for capital projects and supplies when appropriate and feasible; and

That this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and all Ontario municipalities.

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Mayor Jamie McGarvey



**The Corporation of The Township of The Archipelago  
Council Meeting**

**Agenda Number:** 16.5.  
**Resolution Number** 25-029  
**Title:** Response to Tariff Threats - Support Canadian Business and Consumers  
**Date:** Friday, February 21, 2025

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**Moved by:** Councillor Manners  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Barton

**WHEREAS** the Corporation of The Township of The Archipelago (The Archipelago) is a Canadian government entity; and

**WHEREAS** The Archipelago is committed to fiscal responsibility and prudent management of financial and organizational resources, information databases, and the protection of taxpayer information; and

**WHEREAS** The Archipelago developed 'guiding principles' for its broadband connectivity project that included 'Canadian solutions first, North American second' in the acquisition of technology and services; and

**WHEREAS** The Archipelago's projected capital program for 2025 is \$1.5 million; and

**WHEREAS** all Canadian municipalities have significant purchasing power through capital and infrastructure programs; and

**WHEREAS** United States President, Donald Trump, issued executive orders to impose tariffs on imports from Canada effective March 12, 2025; and

**WHEREAS** predatory tariffs by the US government affect all our residents, businesses, and institutions within The Archipelago, the Province of Ontario, and Canada; and

**WHEREAS** federal, provincial, and municipal leaders are encouraging Canadians to 'buy Canadian'; and

**WHEREAS** The Archipelago supports Team Canada efforts to stop US tariffs on Canadian goods and services.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that The Archipelago adopts the following actions:

1. That staff ensure that all municipal data resides within Canada for security and sovereignty interests; and
2. That The Archipelago supports the federal and provincial call to action “Canadian business first” policy in its procurement of capital and infrastructure programs; and
3. That The Archipelago promotes the policy of “Buy Canadian” to encourage the purchase of Canadian goods and services and to support local business in The Archipelago and Parry Sound District; and
4. That all travel to the US for municipal advocacy requires the adoption of a formal position on US tariffs by The Archipelago; and
5. That Staff prepare a Council tariff position and policy for Council approval.
6. That The Archipelago participate in the Parry Sound Chamber of Commerce survey of businesses on the impact of tariffs and support, where possible, actions that follow.

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that this resolution be forwarded to: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, MP Scott Aitchison – Parry Sound Muskoka, MPP Graydon Smith – Parry Sound Muskoka, Mayors of Parry Sound District Municipalities, Chief Adam Pawis - Shawanaga First Nation, Chief Warren Tabobondung - Wasauksing First Nation, Chief M. Wayne McQuabbie - Henvey Inlet First Nation, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, all Ontario municipalities, Rural Ontario Municipal Association, The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and community associations in The Archipelago.

**Carried**





February 24, 2025

**Re: Update on 140 Elmwood & Our Continued Commitment**

We wanted to take a moment to update you on our progress at **140 Elmwood** following our March 2024 YWHO business case submission. Over the past year, we have made significant strides in expanding partnerships, growing programming, and strengthening our impact within the community.

140 Elmwood continues to thrive as a dynamic, multi-use community hub. Our facility includes a fully equipped gym, a community kitchen, a food shelf, a clothing boutique, ECPP classrooms, and a fenced-in yard with outdoor equipment. We have also recently opened the Imagination Studio—a creative space designed for youth engagement—and have been donated a van to further remove transportation barriers for youth accessing our programming.

We are now offering programming every night of the week, supporting youth at all stages. EarlyON (0-6 years) provides early childhood programming, while City of North Bay programming (6-12 years) offers free afterschool, PD, and summer camp opportunities. Our Indigenous programming (7-17 years) fosters cultural connection and engagement, and our mental health and independence programming (14+ years) equips youth with essential life skills and support. Additionally, our community spaces and rentals are in high demand, reinforcing 140 Elmwood's role as a vital gathering place for North Bay.

Despite strong alignment with YWHO's model and positive feedback, we were not selected for a YWHO designation this year, as all five newly designated sites were in Southern Ontario. However, we remain committed to advocating for the North and for 140 Elmwood. We recently met again with the YWHO Implementation Team, who continue to support our efforts and will work alongside us as we strengthen our alignment for future designation opportunities.

Looking ahead, our focus is on sustainability and partner growth. We have applied for several other funding opportunities, which could provide financial support until a YWHO designation is secured. We are also working toward an expansion of our Clinical and Social Services Wing, which would create a one-stop shop for youth—integrating child psychiatry, mental health and addictions support, an eating disorder clinic, a gender clinic, a fitness centre, and essential wraparound services.

We remain committed to this work and excited for what's ahead.

Thank you for being part of this journey with us,

Brogan Snider  
Coordinator of Programming and  
Community Engagement

Nancy Lafrance Rich  
Interim Executive Director