Township of Admaston/Bromley
Second Monthly Meeting
Thursday, January, 21st, 2021 @ 7:30 p.m.

AGENDA

The Township office is currently closed to the public and the Council meeting will be held electronically via the links provided below:

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84829452716

Meeting ID: 848 2945 2716
1-647-558-0588

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Moment of Silence
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest
5. Minutes
   a) **5a** Resolution to adopt Minutes of the Council meeting held January 7th, 2021
6. Delegations and Guests
7. **Planning and Economic Development Committee** – Chair Bob Hall, Committee Member Kevin LeGris
   a) **7a** Building and Sewage Report to December 31, 2020
   b) **7b** Zoning By-Law Amendment - Cardiff B106/19
8. **Community Service Committee** – Chair Kevin LeGris, Committee Member Bob Hall
9. **Operations Committee** – Chair Robert Dick, All of Council.
   a) **9a** Roads December Report
   b) **9b** Roads Voucher to December 31, 2020
10. **Waste Management Committee** – Chair Kevin LeGris, All of Council

11. **Finance and Administration Committee** - Chair Michael Donohue, All of Council

    a) **11a** General Voucher to December 31, 2020
    b) **11b** Sunshine Coach 2021
    c) **11c** Officers/Committees Appointments 2021
    d) **11d** Financial Indicator Review 2019

12. **Protective Services Committee** – Chair Mike Quilty, Committee Member Robert Dick

    a) **12a** Fire Report – December 2020
    b) **12b** Fire Resignation

13. **County of Renfrew** – Mayor Michael Donohue

14. **By-Laws**

    a) **14a** By-Law 2021-05: Zoning By-Law Amendment - Cardiff B106/19
    b) **14b** By-Law 2021-06: Sunshine Coach
    c) **14c** By-Law 2021-07: Officers/Committees Appointments 2021

15. Motions and Notice of Motion

16. Old Business
    a) **16a** Action Tracking List

17. New Business

18. In-Camera

19. Confirmatory By-Law

    a) **18a** By-Law No 2021-08 to confirm proceedings of the Council of the Township of Admaston/Bromley at the meeting held January 21st, 2021

20. Question Period

21. Adjournment

PLEASE NOTE "Submissions received by the public, either orally or in writing may become part of the public record/package".

Council Information

Letter from the Minister of Energy Northern Development and Mines and the Associate Minister of Energy -2021-2

Municipal Stakeholders Letter_Off-Road Vehicles

Ottawa-Valley-Business-January-5-2021

Township of Larder Lake _ Municipal Insurance

We Are Determined to Help Our Local Businesses Through This (1)

Whitewater-News-January-14-2021

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ADMASTON/BROMLEY

FIRST MONTHLY MEETING

Council met for their first monthly meeting at the Municipal Council Chambers on Thursday, January 7th, 2021 at 7:30 pm. Present via virtual Mayor Michael Donohue, Deputy Mayor Mike Quilty, Councillors Robert Dick, Kevin Legris and Bob Hall.

Staff members present were Clerk/Treasurer Allison Vereyken.

Agenda Items 1 and 2 – Call Meeting to Order and Moment of Silence:

Mayor Donohue called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm followed with a moment of silence.

Agenda Item 3 – Approval of Agenda:

Resolution No. 01/01/21

Moved by: Mike Quilty, seconded by Robert Dick

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the agenda as presented this date.

"Carried"

Agenda Item 4 – Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

Agenda Item 5 – Minutes:

The December 17th, 2020 minutes were provided to Council for approval and the following resolution was passed:

Resolution No. 02/01/21

Moved by: Mike Quilty, seconded by Robert Dick

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accept the minutes of the meeting held on December 17th, 2020 as presented this date.

"Carried"

Agenda Item 6 – Delegations and Guests

None.

Agenda Item 7- Planning and Economic Development Committee - Chair Bob Hall, Committee Member Kevin LeGris

7a) Official Plan Amendment 31

The Mayor presented the proposed changes in the Official Plan Amendment 31 that were presented at County Council and requested to be presented to each lower tier municipality to review and provide comment. Upon no further discussion the following resolution was passed:

Resolution No. 03/01/21

Moved by: Bob Hall, seconded by Kevin Legris

WHEREAS the County of Renfrew requested that each lower tier municipality provide comment on the Official Plan Amendment 31;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Admaston/Bromley requests that the below noted items be removed the Official Plan Amendment 31:

Item 3.3(7) Urban Community- Adds a policy discouraging new development within close proximity to serviced settlement areas (generally within 1 km)

Item 4.3(4) (iv) Village Community- Adds a policy discouraging development (generally within 1 km) that would prevent efficient expansion of services

"Carried"

7b) Tile Drain (Coughlin)

Councillor Hall provided a brief background that Council had previously approved the application and that this is the final documentation now that the works are completed. Upon no further discussion the following resolution was passed:

Resolution No. 04/01/21

Moved by: Bob Hall, seconded by Kevin Legris

WHEREAS the owners of land in the Township of Admaston/Bromley have applied to the Municipal Council under the Tile Drainage Act, for a loan for the purpose of constructing sub-surface drainage works on such lands,

AND WHEREAS the Council has upon their said application lent the owners the following sum of money to be repaid with interest by means of the rate herein after imposed;

BROM Con 1, Lot 24 - $ 9,200.00

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Municipal Council of the Township of Admaston/Bromley that, pursuant to the Tile Drainage Act, an annual rates as set out in Schedule "A" attached hereto are hereby imposed upon such lands as described for a period of ten years, such rates shall have priority lien status and shall to be levied and collected at the same time as ordinary taxes are levied and collected.

"Carried"

Agenda Item 8 - Community Service Committee Chair Kevin LeGris, Committee Member Bob Hall

8a) Minutes Library Board November 17, 2020

Councillor Hall presented to Council a briefing on the minutes and reports. It was noted how well the curbside pick-up is operating with the Librarian and ratepayers. Upon no further discussion the following resolution was passed:

Resolution No. 05/01/21

Moved by: Bob Hall, seconded by Kevin Legris

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the November 17th, 2020 Library Board minutes, December 15th, 2020 Treasurer Report and the December 2020 CEO Report.

"Carried"

8b) Douglas St. Patrick's Day Parade Request

The Clerk/Treasurer circulated a letter from the Renfrew District Health Unit dated December 4th, 2020 that provided notice to the Parade Committee

approval to plan the event but that follow up closer to the event would be required for approval of the event to take place. Deputy Mayor Quilty and Councillor Dick brought forth their concern for the parade occurring in the evening and will any kind of approval with the current state of the pandemic. It was also noted that the Fire personnel would be required for the road closure etc. and that a recommendation from the Fire Committee should be provided to Council prior to making any kind of approval.

Agenda Item 9 - Operations Committee Chair Robert Dick, All of Council

None.

Agenda Item 10 - Waste Management Committee - Chair Kevin LeGris, All of Council

Agenda Item 11 - Finance and Administration Committee - Chair Michael Donohue, All of Council

11a) COVID-19 2021 Funding

The Clerk/Treasurer provided notice that the Township is to receive an additional $20,000 in Safe Restart funding for the pandemic.

Agenda Item 12 - Protective Services - Chair Mike Quilty, Committee Member Robert Dick

12a) Provincial Lockdown – Pandemic Response Committee Recommendation

The Clerk/Treasurer provide a detailed overview of the recommendation presented from the Pandemic Response Committee based on the changes rolled out by the Province on December 26th, 2020. Upon no further discussion the following resolution was passed:

Resolution No. 06/01/21

Moved by Mike Quilty, seconded by Kevin Legris

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the following during the Provincial lockdown set to begin on December 26th, 2020 and will be effective only during the Provincial lockdown:
• The Administrative Office located at 477 Stone Road be closed to the public and that appointments be established in the event a patron requires a meeting with a staff person;
• The Administrative staff work on a rotational basis to reduce contact tracing between staff;
• The waste site at Stone Road will have an additional employee similar to the requirements in the Spring of 2020 and that additional signage of masks mandatory will be placed at all landfill sites;
• The outdoor rinks will be closed, unless approval to open is received by the local School Boards;
• The Public Works department will solely focus on the snow removal, salting/sanding of roadways and ensuring there is a clear path on all Municipal roads;
• The Public Works department will not have more than one (1) person in a vehicle at all times and will ensure the vehicle and/or equipment is disinfected prior to leaving the vehicle;
• The Fire Department will refrain from training practices, will ensure masks are worn at all times when in a vehicle and will continue to attend emergency calls following the protocols set out in Spring 2020 for the Fire Department;
• All other Township facilities will remain closed;
• Council will attend meetings virtually

"Carried"

12b) Police Service Board 2019 Year End Report

The Deputy Mayor Quilty provided a briefing of the report but noted that the 2019 yearend report was delayed being presented to Council due to the pandemic and the lack of meetings by the Police Service Board in 2020. Upon no further discussion the following resolution was passed:

Resolution No. 07/01/21

Moved by Mike Quilty, seconded by Robert Dick

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the Police Service Board 2019 Year End Report as information.

"Carried"

12c) Police Services Act – Community Safety Well Being Plan

Deputy Mayor Quilty noted to Council that there has not been communication provided on the current state of the Community Safety Well Being Plans.

Agenda Item 13 - County of Renfrew - Mayor Michael Donohue

None.

Agenda Item 14 - By-Laws

Resolution No. 08/01/21

Moved by Kevin Legris, seconded by Bob Hall

BE IT RESOLVED That the By-Laws listed below dated January 7th, 2021 be enacted and passed:

- By-Law 2021-01 being a by-law to impose a Special Drainage Rate upon land in respect of which money is borrowed under the Tile Drainage Act (Coughlin)
- By-Law 2021-02 being a by-law to provide for interim tax levies for the Year 2021 for the Township of Admaston/Bromley
- By-Law 2021-03 being a by-law to authorize the borrowing of funds necessary to meet current expenditures until the taxes are collected

"Carried"

Agenda Item 15 – Motions and Notice of Motion

None.

Agenda Item 16 - Old Business

The Clerk/Treasurer presented to Council the action tracking list. Following some discussion the following resolution was passed:

Resolution No. 09/01/21

Moved by Robert Dick, seconded by Mike Quilty

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the Action Tracking List presented this date as information.

"Carried"

Agenda Item 17 - New Business

Agenda Item 18 - In-Camera Session

Agenda Item 19 - Confirmatory By-Law

Resolution No 10/01/21

Moved by Kevin Legris, seconded by Bob Hall

That By-Law 2021-04, being a By-Law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Council of the Township of Admaston/Bromley at the meeting held January 7th, 2021 be now numbered, deemed read three times and passed.

"Carried"

Agenda Item 19 – Question Period

Agenda Item 20 - Adjournment

Resolution No. 11/01/21

Moved by Kevin Legris, seconded by Bob Hall

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Thursday, January 7th, 2021 Township of Admaston/Bromley Council meeting be adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

"Carried"

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Mayor Clerk-Treasurer

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REPORT

Date: January 21, 2021

To: Council

From: Mitchell Ferguson

Re: Building and Sewage Report

Discussion:

Below is a comparison of the Building Permits from December 2020 and December 2019.

December 2020	New Residence Permits	New Residence Permit Values	Other Permits	Other Permit Values	Total Permits	Total Value
Monthly	0	-	2	49,000.00	2	49,000.00
Year to Date	11	3,485,000.00	68	2,320,500.00	79	5,805,500.00
December 2019						
Monthly	0	-	1	150,000.00	1	150,000.00
Year to Date	2	465,000.00	52	2,277,700.00	54	2,742,700.00

Permit Breakdown Comparison			
	2018	2019	2020 to date
Dwellings	8	2	11
Commercial	-	1	-
Agricultural & Farm	6	10	21
Other (Ex. Additions, Porches, Sheds, Decks)	42	41	47
Total Building Permits	56	54	79
Septic Permits	23	17	24
Demolition Permits	3	2	-
Grand Total	82	73	103

Total Monthly Building Permits - Previous Years													
	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2018	5	-	-	5	4	8	8	9	7	6	4	-	56
2019	-	-	3	3	10	4	7	3	9	10	4	1	54
2020	-	4	5	7	13	9	11	5	12	6	5	2	79

Financial Implications:
None at this time.

People Consulted:
None.

Recommendation for Council:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the December 2020 Building and Sewage report as information.

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REPORT

Date: January 21, 2021

To: Council

Re: Resolution to Amend the Zoning By-Law 2004-13

From: Mitchell Ferguson

At the Public Planning meeting held on January 21st, 2021, there was a proposal to amend the zoning By-Law 2004-13 which is a condition of approval of Consent File B106/19 which will amend By-Law 2004-13 to delete the provisions in the Rural-Exception Two (RU-E2) Zone that permit a home industry-Automobile sales, and replace with wording to permit only an automotive vehicle sales or rental establishment. The amendment will also rezone the retained lands from Rural-Exception (RU-E2) to Rural (RU) to permit the existing dwelling.

Recommendation:

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves By-Law 2021-05 being a By-Law to amend By-law Number 2004-13 for the purpose of rezoning the retained lands from Rural-Exception Two (RU-E2) Zone that permit a home industry-Automobile sales, and replace with wording to permit only an automotive vehicle sales or rental establishment. The amendment will also rezone the retained lands from Rural-Exception (RU-E2) to Rural (RU) to permit the existing dwelling.

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REPORT

Date: January 21, 2021

To: Council

From: Chris Kunopaski

Re: Public Works December 2020 Report

On a monthly basis the Public Works Superintendent prepares a report to Council with information on road maintenance, remediation works and current and upcoming projects within the Township which occurred during the month. This monthly report is for the month of December 2020.

Township

Cold patching is ongoing on many roads in the Township as determined by inspections performed by the Lead Hands and the Roads Superintendent.

Grading was performed. This included some gravel application from our stockpile.

Compactor trucks were taken to Osceola from both the Stone Road and Douglas Transfer Stations twice weekly. Cardboard was delivered to the Emterra Recycling Plant in Renfrew by Township staff, normally twice per month. Recycling was picked up twice weekly from the Stone Road Transfer site by the contractor. The recycling at the Osceola Landfill and Douglas Transfer stations are normally picked up once per month by the contractor.

Sanding and snowplowing were ongoing throughout the month.

A new culvert was installed on Crozier Line due to failure.

Performance Appraisals were completed for Public Works staff.

Brushing was ongoing throughout the month.

Emission testing and safeties were completed on Township trucks at Riverview Metal Works and Renfrew County Bus Lines.

Required licensing of trucks completed. Chris Kunopaski used his personal credit card for the amount of $8,747.00 and the Township credit card was used for the amount of $4,924.91 to purchase licensing.

As per payment to REIS Equipment on the voucher a 1,000 hour service was completed on the JCB backhoe.

New posts were purchased at Renfrew Home Hardware to be installed for use of Speed Spy Signs on roads that currently are not keeping track of traffic/speed data.

Current Projects

Kennelly Road/South McNaughton – The project is almost complete, with line painting and some paving work required. This will be completed early 2021. The voucher listing includes a payment to Greenwood Paving for a portion of the project.

Upcoming Events

Breen Road- This project was anticipated to begin in October but will be delayed until 2021.

Dunmore Road- This project was anticipated to begin in October but due to the wet weather it is anticipated this project will be delayed until 2021.

Unplanned Events

Mary Street – As per Council direction staff removed and filled the fire cistern on Mary Street in Douglas. The cistern was larger than anticipated and required seven (7) loads of fill brought in from a local pit.

Voucher Report: ROADS VOUCHER DEC 31 2020

Run: JAN 13,2021 11:44AM

Vendor	Name	Amount Expensed	GST Rebate	Payable Amount
	** Payroll: PAY ENDING 12/12/20 - Gross	12,757.45	0.00	12,757.45
	** Payroll: PAY ENDING 12/26/20 - Gross	13,859.57	0.00	13,859.57
	AALTO TECHNOLOGIES	111.72	12.30	124.02
	BANK OF MONTREAL(12)	998.88	0.00	998.88
	BANK OF MONTREAL.	4,924.91	76.31	5,001.22
	BELL CANADA	273.96	30.28	304.24
	BELL CANADA(5)	78.45	8.38	86.83
	BENSON AUTO PARTS	516.65	57.08	573.73
	COBDEN AUTO SUPPLY	37.65	4.16	41.81
	Equipment Lourds Papineau Inc	2,724.96	300.98	3,025.94
	GRADY DWYER	194.14	0.00	194.14
	GREENWOOD PAVING PEMBROKE LTD	296,243.08	32,721.18	328,964.26
	HYDRO ONE NETWORKS, INC.	1,118.84	181.42	1,300.26
	JP2G CONSULTANTS INC	763.20	84.30	847.50
	K+S WINDSOR SALT LTD	3,659.19	404.17	4,063.36
	KUNOPASKI, CHRIS	8,747.00	0.00	8,747.00
	M & R FEEDS	1,355.60	149.73	1,505.33
	MANUFACTURERS LIFE INSURANCE	2,376.35	0.00	2,376.35
	MCHALE, MICHAEL J.	400.00	0.00	400.00
	MCNULTY, GRANT	200.00	0.00	200.00
	Ministry of Finance(0)	777.44	0.00	777.44
	OLMSTEADS HOME HARDWARE	30.43	3.36	33.79
	OMERS	6,400.56	0.00	6,400.56
	ONTARIO GOOD ROADS ASSOC.	717.86	79.29	797.15
	OTTAWA VALLEY OXYGEN LTD	217.77	24.05	241.82
	PETRO-CANADA FUELS INC	8,248.90	911.09	9,159.99
	PROTYRE	1,189.79	131.42	1,321.21
	RECEIVER GENERAL	10,854.95	0.00	10,854.95
	REIS EQUIPMENT CENTER	1,849.84	204.32	2,054.16
	RENFREW COUNTY BUS LINES	405.25	44.75	450.00
	RENFREW HOME HARDWARE	1,530.55	169.06	1,699.61
	RIVERVIEW METAL WORKS	3,814.15	421.30	4,235.45
	TELUS	113.41	12.24	125.65
	TERRY DWYER	1,119.36	123.64	1,243.00
	ULTRAMAR	59.30	6.53	65.83
	W.O. STINSON & SON LTD.	484.80	53.55	538.35
	WORKPLACE SAFETY	2,720.27	0.00	2,720.27
	YEMEN ELECTRIC	653.75	72.21	725.96
	Grand Totals:	392,529.98	36,287.10	428,817.08

Voucher Report: ROADS VOUCHER DEC 31 2020

Vendor	Name	Amount Expensed	GST Rebate	Payable Amount
Batch List				
2020-000188	PAY ENDING 12/12/20	Time Sheets		
2020-000193	PAY ENDING 12/26/20	Time Sheets		
2020-000191	DECEMBER VOUCHER # 3 RDS	Invoices		
2020-000192	DECEMBER VOUCHER # 4 RDS	Invoices		
2020-000198	DECEMBER VOUCHER # 5 RDS	Invoices		
2020-000199	DECEMBER VOUCHER # 6 RDS	Invoices		

TOWNSHIP OF ADMASTON/BROMLEY

GENERAL VOUCHER		**December 12, 2020 to Dec 31, 2020**	
Name	**Particulars**	**Invoice #**	**Amount**
Payroll	Council	Dec 2020	8,663.25
	Waste Management	Dec 2020	4,203.34
	Building & Sewage	Dec 2020	2,143.90
	General	Dec 2020	29,448.36
Bank of Montreal	M/F-M/C- Dec 2020 - Zoom	Dec 2020	22.60
	A/L-M/C - Dec 2020-Service Awards/MTO	Dec 2020	1,728.36
	M/F-M/C- Training/Zoom/Christmas	Dec 2020	1,729.25
	R/D-M/C - Annual Fee	Dec 2020	25.00
	A/L-M/C - Christmas/Office Supplies	Dec 2020	734.80
Al Utronki's	Fridge - Stone Rd Office	123844	798.87
Association of Municipalities	Membership Fees 2021	MEM007738	1,927.38
Barron Disposal Systems	Recycling Stone Rd/Osceola-November 2020	019135	395.50
	Recycling Osceola-December 2020	19136	226.00
Bell Canada	Stone Road Fax	Dec 2020	93.59
	Telephone - BarrLine Community Centre	Dec 2020	84.39
Bell Mobility	Landfill Site Phone	Dec 2020	45.20
	D.Fridgen - Cell Phone	Nov&Dec 2020	170.00
Buske Office Equipment	Photocopier - November 2020	081232	109.67
Cambium Inc	Osceola Landfill Site Visit	2020-32085	1,695.00
Campbell Mac	Renfrew Library User Fee	Dec 2020	20.00
County of Renfrew	Planning Fees - Zoning By-Law Amendment	IVC017854	750.00
Dedo Brian	December Coverings	427481	4,068.00
Dice Robert	Council Mileage	Dec 2020	55.00
Donohue Michael	Council Mileage	Oct-Dec 2020	427.50
Ferguson Mitchell	General Mileage	July-Nov 2020	103.00
G&K Specialties	Custom Stamp	307154	41.81
Hall Robert	Council Mileage	Sept-Dec 20	110.00
Herman Keith	Livestock Compensation	Dec 2020	987.00
Hydro One	Barr Line Community Centre	Nov 2020	117.70
	Barr Line Community Centre	Dec 2020	114.69
	Osceola Landfill Site	Nov 2020	46.09
	Osceola Landfill Site	Dec 2020	53.35
	Osceola Historical Building	Nov 2020	27.91
	Osceola Historical Building	Dec 2020	27.62
Jp2G Consultants Inc	Well Testing - Douglas	31865	974.63
	Well Testing - Osceola	31864	2,030.47
	Well Testing - Stone Road	31863	686.48
	Well Testing - Douglas	32096	350.32
	Well Testing - Osceola	32095	454.85
	Well Testing - Stone Road	32094	528.31
Leclaire Andrea	General Mileage	Dec 2020	50.00
LeGris Kevin	Council Mileage	Oct-Dec 2020	147.00
Manulife	Monthly Benefits - January 2021	Jan 2021	3,041.77
Marshalls	Recycling - Dec 8/20	22259	279.68

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GENERAL VOUCHER		**December 12, 2020 to Dec 31, 2020**	
Name	**Particulars**	**Invoice #**	**Amount**
	Recycling - Dec 17&18/20	22270	932.26
McNab Stewart Prince	Legal Fees - By-Law 2020-51	220435	1,412.50
Metroland Media	Ad - Planning Fees/Last Edition	7279264	938.92
Ministry of Finance	EHT- December Contributions	Dec 2020	1,750.03
	Police Contract - December 2020	1091220154202	33,691.00
	Police Revenue	1027112091402	(328.00)
	Police Contract - RIDE Duty	2212201326025	2,655.36
	Police Contrace - RIDE Duty	1401211155016	1,770.24
Municipal Employer Pension	2021 Municipal Contribution	MC007019	47.46
Omers	December Contributions	Dec 2020	5,628.36
Petro Canada	Furnace Oil Stone Rd Office	0843418	240.02
	Furnace Oil BarrLine Community Center	0841583	476.94
Pitney Works	Postage Meter	Dec 2020	565.00
Receiver General	November Contributions	Dec 2020	11,103.93
Renfrew Printing	Construction/Sewage Permits	10671	315.58
Stuart Margaret	Renfrew Library User Fee	Dec 2020	20.00
Telus	C/T Cell Phone	Nov-Dec 2020	114.70
TF Custom Signs	Printed Signs - Douglas/Admaston Rec	3938	214.70
	Printed Signs - Douglas/Admaston Rec	3942	214.70
	Printed Signs - Douglas/Admaston/Osceola	3948	220.35
The Security Company	Security System - Jan 2021-June 2021	216313	169.50
Township of Bonnechere Valley	Animal Shelter Fee - December 2020	2020538	335.00
	User Fees 2020/21	2020414	1,300.00
Town of Renfrew	Fire Agreement	2020-548	10,819.00
Tubman Marketing Inc.	Municipal Website	9474	528.16
WSIB	Oct - Dec 2020 Contribution	Oct-Dec 2020	3,959.78
Xplornet	Internet- December 2020	INV35404832	96.03
		Total	148,929.16

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REPORT

Date: January 21st, 2021

To: Council

From: Allison Vereyken

Re: 2021 Sunshine Coach

Background:

The Sunshine Coach Service receives annual funding from the Ministry of Transportation as part of the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program. The Ministry's calculation of the amount of the annual funding is based on two factors: the total population being served and the number of trips provided by the Service.

Discussion:

The continuation of this level of funding, as well as the inclusion of the population of the Township of Admaston/Bromley for Gas Tax calculation purposes, is contingent upon the Sunshine Coach Service's ability to demonstrate that a partnership exists between it and the Townships to which service is provided.

The existence of an on-going financial partnership can be demonstrated in two critical ways:

(1) Passing a by-law declaring support for the Sunshine Coach Service, together with a statement of agreement that the Town of Renfrew will receive and be responsible for Dedicated gas Tax Funds on behalf of the Township;
(2) A financial contribution on an annual basis in support of the Sunshine Coach Service.

The Township has received a request from the Sunshine Coach Service to support them again in 2021. The Township has provided financial support to the Sunshine Coach in the amount of $600 per year since 2008 and lesser amounts prior to 2008.

Financial Implications:
$600 financial expenditure from Council donations in 2021.

People Consulted:
None.

Recommendation for Council:

WHEREAS the Township has received a request for support from the Sunshine Coach Service both financially and by by-law;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve By-Law 2021-06 being a by-law to declare support for the Sunshine Coach Service and agree that the Town of Renfrew will receive and be responsible for Dedicated Gas Tax Funds on behalf of the Township and that a financial contribution will be made on an annual basis.

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REPORT

Date: January 21st, 2021

To: Council

From: Allison Vereyken

Re: 2021 Appointment of Officers and Committees

Background:

Each year the Township appoints Officers and Committee members by by-law.

Discussion:

The below noted are the changes from the appointments in 2020:

(1) Emergency Management Committee: Daryl Thom has provided notice that he resigns from his position as CEMC and Beverly Briscoe has provided notice of resigning from the Committee in 2021. Karen Wren will be appointed CEMC and the Clerk/Treasurer will be appointed CEMC alternate while pursuing the appropriate courses for the CEMC role.

(2) Admaston Recreation Complex: The Township was notified that Ryan Buzzell, Jessica Buzzell and Christina Donohue have resigned from the Committee. New members to be appointed are Barend Van Lindenberg and Jennifer Doelman.

Financial Implications:

None.

People Consulted:

All of Council
Recreation Committee Chairs

Recommendation for Council:

WHEREAS the Township deems it expedient to appoint Officers and Committee Members on an annual basis;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve By-Law 2021-07 being a by-law to appoint certain Township Officers and Committees for the ensuing year or until their successors are appointed.

FINANCIAL INDICATOR REVIEW

(Based on 2019 Financial Information Return)

Admaston-Bromley Tp

Date Prepared:	13-Nov-20	2019 Households:	1,408	Median Household Income:	70,144
MSO Office:	Eastern	2019 Population	2,935	Taxable Residential Assessment as a	
Prepared By:	Lois O'Neill-Jackson	2020 MFCI Index	4.5	% of Total Taxable Assessment:	75.8%
Tier	LT			Own Purpose Taxation:	2,119,209

SUSTAINABILITY INDICATORS

Indicator	Ranges		Actuals	South - LT - Counties - Rural		Level of Risk
				Median	Average	
Total Taxes Receivable less Allowance for Uncollectibles as a % of Total Taxes Levied	Low: < 10% Mod: 10% to 15% High: > 15%	2015	6.5%	10.1%	10.8%	LOW
		2016	7.3%	9.2%	10.3%	LOW
		2017	8.0%	8.6%	9.8%	LOW
		2018	6.3%	7.6%	8.9%	LOW
		2019	6.6%	7.2%	8.1%	LOW
Net Financial Assets or Net Debt as % of Own Source Revenues	Low: > -50% Mod: -50% to -100% High: < -100%	2015	-44.6%	31.8%	30.2%	LOW
		2016	-40.5%	38.6%	36.3%	LOW
		2017	-35.6%	47.2%	40.1%	LOW
		2018	-28.4%	42.7%	41.6%	LOW
		2019	-0.6%	46.7%	46.0%	LOW
Total Reserves and Discretionary Reserve Funds as a % of Municipal Expenses	Low: > 20% Mod: 10% to 20% High: < 10%	2015	9.1%	54.7%	61.2%	HIGH
		2016	7.8%	58.9%	65.2%	HIGH
		2017	9.9%	61.9%	68.6%	HIGH
		2018	10.4%	64.0%	71.5%	MODERATE
		2019	16.1%	71.3%	76.2%	MODERATE
Cash Ratio (Total Cash and Cash Equivalents as a % of Current Liabilities)	Low: > 0.5:1 Mod: 0.5:1 to 0.25:1 High: < 0.25:1	2015	0.32:1	3.02:1	4.24:1	MODERATE
		2016	0.68:1	3.25:1	4.25:1	LOW
		2017	0.85:1	3.24:1	4.59:1	LOW
		2018	1.75:1	3.44:1	4.76:1	LOW
		2019	1.34:1	4.2:1	5.4:1	LOW

FLEXIBILITY INDICATORS

Debt Servicing Cost as a % of Total Revenues (Less Donated TCAs)	Low: < 5% Mod: 5% to 10% High: >10%	2015	5.8%	2.4%	3.4%	MODERATE
		2016	5.1%	2.6%	3.3%	MODERATE
		2017	5.7%	2.7%	3.3%	MODERATE
		2018	4.4%	2.5%	3.1%	LOW
		2019	3.2%	2.7%	3.4%	LOW
Closing Amortization Balance as a % of Total Cost of Capital Assets (Asset Consumption Ratio)	Low: < 50% Mod: 50% to 75% High: > 75%	2015	72.4%	42.0%	44.0%	MODERATE
		2016	74.2%	42.3%	44.7%	MODERATE
		2017	76.2%	43.8%	45.5%	HIGH
		2018	78.2%	43.7%	46.0%	HIGH
		2019	79.5%	44.8%	46.6%	HIGH
Annual Surplus / (Deficit) as a % of Own Source Revenues	Low: > -1% Mod: -1% to -30% High: < -30%	2015	-51.1%	6.0%	9.0%	HIGH
		2016	-46.6%	8.4%	9.4%	HIGH
		2017	-45.9%	11.4%	12.8%	HIGH
		2018	-44.3%	12.5%	13.9%	HIGH
		2019	13.3%	18.5%	23.3%	LOW

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The data and information contained in this document is for informational purposes only. It is not an opinion about a municipality and is not intended to be used on its own - it should be used in conjunction with other financial information and resources available. It may be used, for example, to support a variety of strategic and policy discussions.

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FINANCIAL INDICATOR REVIEW

(Based on 2019 Financial Information Return)

Admaston-Bromley Tp

NOTES

Financial Information Returns ("FIRs") are a standard set of year-end reports submitted by municipalities to the Province which capture certain financial information. On an annual basis, Ministry staff prepare certain financial indicators for each municipality, based on the information contained in the FIRs. It is important to remember that these financial indicators provide a snapshot at a particular moment in time and should not be considered in isolation, but supported with other relevant information sources. In keeping with our Financial Information Return review process and follow-up, Ministry staff may routinely contact and discuss this information with municipal officials.

Supplementary Indicators of Sustainability and Flexibility

The following is a summary, adapted from the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 4.

- A government (including a municipality) may choose to report supplementary information on financial condition, to expand on and help explain the government's financial statements.
- Supplementary assessment of a government's financial condition needs to consider the elements of sustainability and flexibility.
- Sustainability in this context may be seen as the degree to which a municipality can maintain its existing financial obligations both in respect of its service commitments to the public and financial commitments to creditors, employees and others without inappropriately increasing the debt or tax burden relative to the economy within which it operates.
- Sustainability is an important element to include in an assessment of financial condition because it may help to describe a government's ability to manage its financial and service commitments and debt burden. It may also help to describe the impact that the level of debt could have on service provision.
- Flexibility is the degree to which a government can change its debt or tax level on the economy within which it operates to meet its existing financial obligations both in respect of its service commitments to the public and financial commitments to creditors, employees and others.
- Flexibility provides insights into how a government manages its finances. Increasing taxation or user fees may reduce a municipality's flexibility to respond when adverse circumstances develop if the municipality approaches the limit that citizens and businesses are willing to bear.

  A municipality may temporarily use current borrowing, subject to the requirements set out in the Municipal Act to meet expenses and certain other amounts required in the year, until taxes are collected and other revenues are received. Municipal current borrowing cannot be carried over the long term or converted to long term borrowing except in very limited circumstances.
- For each element of financial condition, the report on indicators of financial condition should include municipality-specific indicators and municipality-related indicators. It may be useful to also include economy-wide information when discussing financial condition.

Additional Notes on what Financial Indicators may indicate:

Total Taxes Receivable less Allowance for Uncollectibles as a % of Total Taxes Levied - *Shows how much of the taxes billed are not collected.*

Net Financial Assets or Net Debt as % of Own Source Revenues - *Indicates how much property tax and user fee revenue is servicing debt.*

Reserves and Reserve Funds as a % of Municipal Expenses - *Indicates how much money is set aside for future needs and contingencies.*

Cash Ratio (Total Cash and Cash Equivalents as a % of Current Liabilities) - *Indicates how much cash and liquid investments could be available to cover current obligations.*

Debt Servicing Cost as a % of Total Revenues (Less Donated TCAs) - *Indicates how much of each dollar raised in revenue is spent on paying down existing debt.*

Closing Amortization Balance as a % or Total Cost of Capital Assets (Asset Consumption Ratio) - *Indicates how much of the assets' life expectancy has been consumed.*

Annual Surplus / (Deficit) (Less Donated TCAs) as a % of Own Source Revenues - *Indicates the municipality's ability to cover its operational costs and have funds available for other purposes (e.g. reserves, debt repayment, etc.)*

The Northern and Rural Municipal Fiscal Circumstances Index (MFCI) *is used by the Ministry of Finance to calculate the "Northern and Rural Fiscal Circumstances Grant" aimed at northern as well as single and lower-tier rural municipalities. The index measures a municipality's fiscal circumstances. The MFCI is determined by six indicators: Weighted Assessment per Household, Median Household Income, Average Annual Change in Assessment (New Construction), Employment Rate, Ratio of Working Age to Dependent Population, and Per Cent of Population Above Low-Income Threshold. A lower MFCI corresponds to relatively positive fiscal circumstances, whereas a higher MFCI corresponds to more challenging fiscal circumstances. (Note: the MFCI index is only available for northern and rural municipalities)*

FINANCIAL INDICATOR REVIEW

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CALCULATIONS

Total Taxes Rec. less Allowance for Uncollectibles as % of Total Taxes Levied	SLC 70 0699 01 / (SLC 26 9199 03 - SLC 72 2899 09)
Net Financial Assets or Net Debt as % of Own Source Revenues	SLC 70 9945 01 / (SLC 10 9910 01 - SLC 10 0699 01 - SLC 10 0899 01 - SLC 10 1098 01 - SLC 10 1099 01 - SLC 10 1811 01 - SLC 10 1812 01 - SLC 10 1813 01- SLC 10 1814 01 - SLC 10 1830 01 - SLC 10 1831 01 - SLC 12 1850 04)
Total Reserves and Reserve Funds as a % of Municipal Expenses	(SLC 60 2099 02+SLC 60 2099 03)/(SLC 40 9910 11-SLC 12 9910 03-SLC 12 9910 07)
Cash Ratio (Total Cash and Cash Equivalents as a % of Current Liabilities)	SLC 70 0299 01 / (SLC 70 2099 01 + SLC 70 2299 01)
Debt Servicing Cost as a % of Total Revenues (Less Donated TCAs)	(SLC 74 3099 01 + SLC 74 3099 02) / (SLC 10 9910 01 - SLC 10 1831 01)
Closing Amortization Balance as a % or Total Cost of Capital Assets (Asset Consumption Ratio)	SLC 51 9910 10 / SLC 51 9910 06
Annual Surplus / (Deficit) (Less Donated TCAs) as a % of Own Source Revenues	(SLC 10 2099 01 - SLC 10 1831 01) / (SLC 10 9910 01 - SLC 10 0699 01 - SLC 10 0899 01 - SLC 10 1098 01 - SLC 10 1099 01 - SLC 10 1811 01 - SLC 10 1812 01 - SLC 10 1813 01- SLC 10 1814 01 - SLC 10 1830 01 - SLC 10 1831 01 - SLC 12 1850 04)

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REPORT

Date: January 21st, 2021

To: Council

From: Fire Committee

Re: December Fire Report

Background:

Council requested that the Fire Committee follow up on the cost for the large fire in December in the Township.

Discussion:

The Fire Committee has provided the following information:

Date	Hours	Dollars
December 4, 2020	201	$5,320.26
December 6, 2020	205	$5,475.04
December 7, 2020	120	$3,161.36
Totals	**526**	**$13,956.66**

There were subcontractors also engaged in the fire but these costs are directly incurred by the owner of the property.

Financial Implications:

The financial costs for wages are approximately $13,956.66. There would be additional operating costs such as fuel, food, supplies etc. due to the duration of the fire.

All subcontractor costs are the responsibility of the property owner as they are over and above the services provided by the Township.

People Consulted:
Fire Committee

Recommendation for Council:

WHEREAS Council requested a briefing of the large fire event in the Township in December 2020;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the report as information.

DOUGLAS FIRE DEPARTMENT

MOTION

DATE Jan 13 2021

MOVED BY: Ken Kell

SECONDED BY: Doug Lem

MOTION #: 2

Be it resolved that the fire committee accept Firefighter Murray Brobat's resignation effective November 30, 2020 with regrets

RP

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ADMASTON/BROMLEY

BY-LAW NO. 2021-05

A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW NUMBER 2004-13 OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ADMASTON/BROMLEY, AS AMENDED.

PURSUANT TO SECTION 34 OF THE PLANNING ACT, R.S.O., 1990, C.P. 13, THE TOWNSHIP OF ADMASTON/BROMLEY HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. **THAT** By-law Number 2004-13, as amended, be and the same is hereby further amended as follows:

   (a) By deleting Section 21.3(b) in Section 21.0 – Requirements for Rural (RU) Zone in its entirety and replacing with the following subsection:

   "(b) Rural-Exception Two (RU-E2)

   Notwithstanding any other provisions of this By-law to the contrary, for the lands described as Part 2 on Reference Plan 49R-19570 located in Part of Lot 4, Concession 10, in the geographic Township of Admaston, now in the Township of Admaston/Bromley, and known municipally as 531 Whelan Road, and zoned RU-E2, an automotive vehicle sales or rental establishment shall be the only permitted use."

   (b) Schedule "A" is amended by rezoning those lands described as Part 1 on Reference Plan 49R-19570 located in Part of Lot 4, Concession 10, and in the geographic Township of Admaston, now in the Township of Admaston/Bromley, and known municipally as 523 Whelan Road, from Rural – Exception Two (RU-E2) to Rural (RU), as shown on Schedule "A" attached hereto.

2. **THAT** save as aforesaid all other provisions of By-law 2004-13, as amended, shall be complied with.

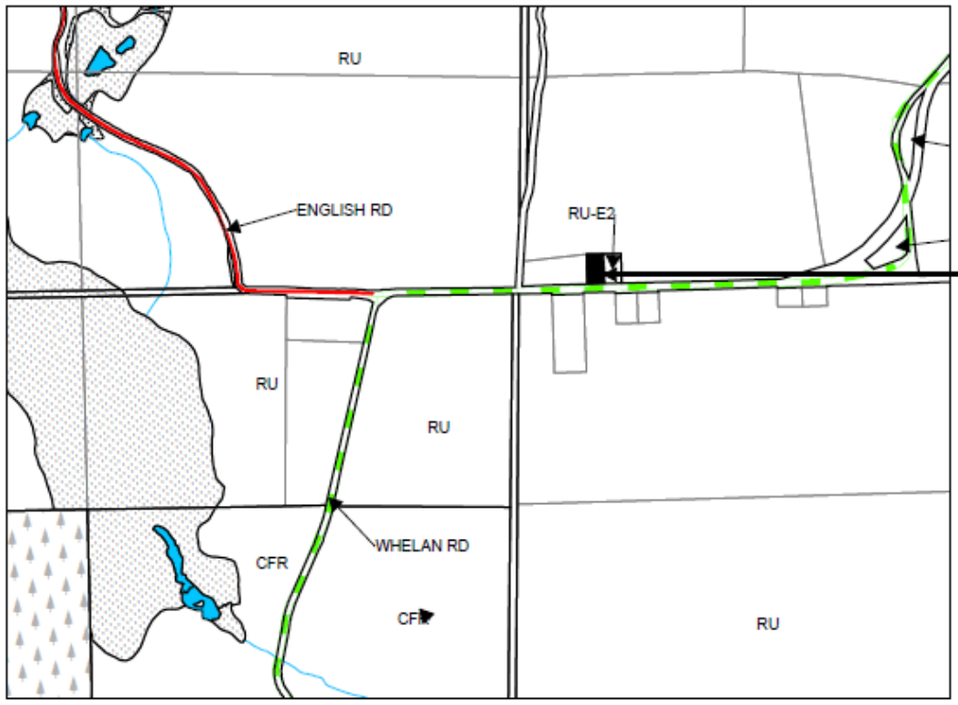
3. This by-law shall come into force and take effect on the day of final passing thereof.

READ a first and second time this 21st day of January 2021

READ a third time and finally passed this 21st day of January 2021.

_____ Mayor

_____ Clerk-Treasurer



CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF ADMASTON/BROMLEY

This is Schedule "A" to By-law Number _____
Passed the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Signatures of Signing Officers:

_____ _____
Mayor Clerk

LEGEND

RU — Rural	-E — Exception Zone
CF — Community Facility	Area affected by this Amendment: From RU-E2 To RU
Crown	
Environmental Protection (EP)	

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ADMASTON/BROMLEY

BY-LAW NO. 2021-06

A BY-LAW TO DECLARE SUPPORT FOR THE SUNSHINE COACH SERVICE AND AGREE THAT THE TOWN OF RENFREW WILL RECEIVE AND BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DEDICATED GAS TAX FUNDS ON BEHALF OF THE TOWNSHIP AND THAT A FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION WILL BE MADE ON AN ANNUAL BASIS

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Admaston/Bromley declares support for the Sunshine Coach Service and is committed to providing support annually in the amount of $600.00 to begin January 1st, 2021;

AND WHEREAS the Corporation of the Township of Admaston/Bromley acknowledges the allocation of funds under the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program;

A**ND WHEREAS** the Corporation of the Township of Admaston/Bromley agrees that the Town of Renfrew will receive and be responsible for the funds on behalf of the Township;

AND WHEREAS the Corporation of the Town of Renfrew has supported the provision of Public Transportation for the disabled for the past 36 years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Admaston/Bromley enacts as follows:

1) That the Corporation of the Township of Admaston/Bromley confirms it's support for the Sunshine Coach Service and is committed to provide financial support annually to begin January 1st, 2021 and authorizes The Corporation of the Town of Renfrew to collect the dedicated gas tax on it's behalf.

2) That the dedicated gas tax funds received will be used to support the Renfrew Sunshine Coach Service in accordance with the terms and conditions established by the Ministry of Transportation.

3) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute all documents required to administer the program, and hereby are, authorized to do, or to cause to be done, all such manner of act or thing as may be required in order to give full force and effect to this By-law.

4) That this By-Law shall come into force and take effect upon the passing thereof:

READ a first and second time this 21st day of January 2021

READ a third time and finally passed this 21st day of January 2021

_____ MAYOR

_____ CLERK-TREASURER

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ADMASTON/BROMLEY

BY-LAW NO. 2021-07

A By-Law To Appoint Certain Township Officers and Committees For The Ensuing Year or Until Their Successors Are Appointed

WHEREAS Section 9 of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001 as amended provides that a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under this or any other Act;

AND WHEREAS Council deems it necessary to appoint certain officers and committees to perform functions that are administrative in nature;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Admaston/Bromley hereby enacts that the Officers and Committees named in the schedules below for the ensuing year or until their successors are appointed, be as follows:

SCHEDULE A

Planning and Economic Development Committee – Chair Bob Hall, Committee Member Kevin LeGris

SCHEDULE B

Community Service Committee – Chair Kevin LeGris, Committee Member Bob Hall

SCHEDULE C

Operations Committee – Chair Robert Dick, All of Council

SCHEDULE D

Finance and Administration Committee – Chair Michael Donohue, All of Council

SCHEDULE E

Protective Service Committee – Chair Mike Quilty, Committee Member Robert Dick

SCHEDULE F

Douglas Fire Committee – Nathan Harris, Harry Stuart, Daryl Thom, Ken Keill and Councillor Robert Dick

SCHEDULE G

Waste Management Committee – Chair Mayor Donohue, All of Council

SCHEDULE H

Emergency Management Committee – CEMC Karen Wren as Chair, Allison Vereyken as CEMC alternate, Kevin Van Woezik, Bill McHale, Stewart McBride, Peter Whalen, Pat O'Neil, Jean Hughes, Angela Field, Bev Patterson, Ben Harris, Murray Borer and Deputy Mayor Mike Quilty.

SCHEDULE I

That the following are appointed to the **Barr Line Community Centre Committee**:

Sheila Vandekemp and Councillor Robert Dick

SCHEDULE J

That the following are appointed as members of the **Recreation Committee**:

Rory Donohue, Robert Lorbetskie, Bill McHale, Angela McHale, M.J. McHale, Dennis McEachen, Erin Welch, Jesse Welch, Shawn McFarlane, Maureen Enright, Bev Chafer, Darren Rowan, Lindsay Rowan, Kristine Selles, Teresa Lynch and Councillor Kevin LeGris – Douglas Recreation Complex

Angela Field, Nancy Briscoe, Christine Jarrett, Carter Jarrett, Barend Van Lindenberg, Jennifer Doelman and Councillor Kevin LeGris – Admaston Recreation Complex

SCHEDULE K

Admaston/Bromley Police Services Board – Connie Dick and Deputy Mayor Mike Quilty

SCHEDULE L

That the following appointments be made to the following organizations:

Renfrew and Area Senior Home Support - Joanne McDonald

K & P Management Committee – Ross Campbell & Mayor Michael Donohue

Renfrew and Area Chamber of Commerce – Councillor Bob Hall

Standing Advisory Committee (BRWMP) – Councillor Kevin Legris

This By-Law shall come into force and take effect upon the passing thereof:

Read a first and second time this 21st of January 2021.

Read a third and final time this 21st of January 2021.

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Mayor Clerk-Treasurer

ACTION TRACKING LIST

	Updated Information
	NEW

Date	Item	Assigned To	Due Date	Current Status
Jan. 2020	Road Agreement - Greater Madawaska	Clerk		Document has been sent back to GM with changes.
May. 2020	Insurance RFP for 2021-2022 Year	Clerk	Jan. or Feb. of 2021	The Township will be releasing an RFP for an Insurance Provider for the next insurance year, which runs May 1, 2021 to May 1, 2022. This RFP will be inclusive of a cost for Risk Management.
May. 2020	Citizens of the Year - Awards	Clerk	Aug. 20th	Citizens chosen and awards to be distributed in 2021.This closed on June 30th. An in-camera session will be required.
June. 2020	UPDATE Asset Management Plan	Clerk	July. 2021	The Kick-Off Meeting with Senior Staff occurred on December 16th with Dillon Consulting.
June. 2020	Ministry appointment of PSB Member	Clerk	July. 2020	As of December 7th there is still no information on a appointed member.
July. 2020	Website Update	Clerk	July. 2020	The entire website is being reviewed for updates/changes and will be sent to service provider.
August. 2020	Recycling Education	Public Works Superintendent	On-Going	A recyling pamplet was presented to Council to be included with the Interim Tax Bills. The week of October 19th there were education pieces posted all week on social media. Staff is working on information to be inserted with the interim tax bills.
September. 2020	Osceola Waste Site Program	Clerk	Sept. 2020	Council was provided a verbal update that the drilling has taken place, the drive points are provided information that is positive to the expansion.
September. 2020	Cannabis Growth	Clerk	Oct. 2020	A study is to be completed within a year from October 9th, 2020. Staff has contacted the County of Renfrew to complete the study.
September. 2020	Aggregate/Winter Sand Tender	PW Superintendent	Dec. 2020	A tender is to be prepared and put out for the 2021 year.

September. 2020	Speed Radar Sign	Deputy Clerk/Treasurer	Sept. 2020	The PSB is to have follow up on whether the cost is for both sides of the roadway, permanent enchroachment or an annual basis. A encroachment application is required in the amount of $550. Follow up with the MTO about the requirements to place a speed radar sign on an MTO road.
October. 2020	Waste Compactor	PW Superintendent	Dec. 2020	The compactor passed the emissions test for 2021. Look into options if the engine on the compactor truck does not pass the emissions test.
October. 2020	Speed Limit By-Law	PW Superintendent	2021	Bring forward a by-law in 2021.
October. 2020	Fencing By-Law	Clerk/CBO	Dec. 2020	Look into updating the fencing by-law.
November. 2020	LEG report to Committee	Clerk	Q1 - 2021	The Clerk is to meet with the LEG members and discuss the LEG final document. A document will be brought to Committee to discuss potential options to move forward.
December. 2020	1 Ton Truck	PW Superintendent	January. 2021	Follow up on when we will receive the 1 Ton truck.
December. 2020	Retirement Policy	Clerk	March. 2021	Revise the retirement policy to include volunteer firefighters with less than 20 years of service receiving $10 per year of service and greater than 20 years of service would receive $20 per year of service.
December. 2020	Report on Silo Fire	Fire Chief/Committee	March. 2021	Bring a report to Council on the silo fire and the expenses incurred outside the fire personnel. Report on how these expenses are reimbursed/charged to the ratepayer.
December. 2020	NRTC application for Broadband	Clerk	March. 2021	Email sent December 18th and a follow up email sent on December 30th. Follow up with NRTC on the ability to amend the area proposed or change the scope to include a greater area.
January. 2021	St. Patrick's Day Parade	Clerk	January. 2021	Follow up with Fire Committee in relation to fire involvement with the St. Patricks Day Parade

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ADMASTON/BROMLEY

BY-LAW No. 2021-08

A BY-LAW TO CONFIRM PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ADMASTON/BROMLEY AT THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD JANUARY 21st, 2021

WHEREAS Subsection 5(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, as amended, provides that the powers of a municipal corporation are to be exercised by its Council;

AND WHEREAS Subsection 5(3) of the said Municipal Act provides that the powers of every Council are to be exercised by by-law;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient and desirable that the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Admaston/Bromley at this meeting be confirmed and adopted by by-law;

THEREFORE the Council of the Township of Admaston/Bromley enacts as follows:

1. That the actions of the Council at its meeting held on the 21st day of January 2021 and in respect of each motion, resolution and other action passed and taken by the Council at its said meetings, is, except where the prior approval of the Ontario Municipal Board or other body is required, hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed as if all such proceedings were expressly embodied in this by-law.

2. That the Head of Council and proper officers of the Corporation of the Township of Admaston/Bromley are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the said action or to obtain appropriate approvals where required, except where otherwise provided, and to affix the Corporate Seal of the Corporation of the Township of Admaston/Bromley to all such documents.

3. That this By-Law shall come into force and take effect upon the passing thereof.

READ a first and second time this 21st day of January 2021.

READ a third time and finally passed this 21st day of January 2021.

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Mayor Clerk-Treasurer

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Ontario

January 5, 2021

Dear Stakeholder:

We are writing today to inform you that our government has revoked Ontario Regulation 355/17, effective January 1, 2021, removing the requirement to release a new Long-Term Energy Plan (LTEP) every three years.

As we indicated during our consultations this summer, revoking O. Reg. 355/17 is the first step toward our plan to reform Ontario's long-term energy planning process, building on our commitment to increase the effectiveness, transparency and accountability of energy decision-making in Ontario. Ontarians' confidence in our electricity system will be improved through the design and implementation of an improved framework.

As we develop this new framework, we will be calling upon you and a range of energy sector participants, experts, Indigenous leaders, and Ontario businesses and residents more broadly, to share your expertise, experience and ideas about how we can eliminate political interference and maximize transparency and accountability in our energy planning process. This new framework, with your support, will ensure that future decisions are made with an eye to cost, and in the best interest of Ontario's electricity customers.

In order to solicit broad-based feedback from across the province, the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines will be opening a formal 90-day engagement on the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO), through which we invite you to share your perspectives and expertise. Please monitor the ERO for this notice and for a more detailed timeline in the near future.

Our government, through the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines, is committed to building a transparent long-term energy planning framework that prioritizes Ontario's energy consumers. With your support, we are confident we will achieve this.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Greg Rickford
Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines

The Honourable Bill Walker
Associate Minister of Energy

Ministry of Transportation

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Ontario

January 4, 2021

Dear Municipal Stakeholder,

I am pleased to announce that effective **January 1, 2021,** the province has expanded the on-road opportunities for off-road vehicle riders in some parts of Ontario. Off-road vehicle riders are expected to experience enhanced trail access resulting from the increased on-road connections to Ontario's off-road vehicle trail network. The changes apply only to municipalities listed in Ontario Regulation 8/03 and amend the way permitted off-road vehicles are allowed on-road access to municipal highways.

In municipalities listed in *Ontario Regulation 8/03*, permitted off-road vehicles will be allowed by default on municipal highways unless the municipality has an existing by-law that restricts their use or creates a new by-law to prohibit or restrict the use of some or all off-road vehicles. These new provisions replace the previous requirement that municipalities had to enact a by-law to permit off-road vehicles to operate on municipal highways. The updated regulations can be found at *Ontario Regulation 316/03*, and *Ontario Regulation 863*.

It is important to note that the on-road access rules for off-road vehicles in municipalities that are not listed in Ontario Regulation 8/03 will continue to be subject to the existing regulatory framework under Ontario Regulation 316/03 and these municipalities are not affected by this change.

The equipment configuration and performance requirements for off-road vehicles as set out in Section 10 of Ontario Regulation 316/03 also remain unchanged. The *Highway Traffic Act* prohibition of drivers of any motor vehicles causing the vehicle to make unnecessary noise, for example through modification, also applies and violations are subject to fines.

In order to support municipalities with these changes, the ministry has provided a Municipal Guidance Document (attached) to help municipalities decide whether they need to take action to revoke, update or pass new by-laws related to on-road access by off-road vehicles on the highways under their jurisdiction.

I ask you to kindly forward this notice and the attached Municipal Guidance Document to municipal staff responsible for traffic safety and those responsible for enforcing off-road vehicle laws in your area. Although changes have been previously announced on the Ontario Newsroom site and there will be a communication in the backgrounder issued by the Premier's Office, municipalities should ensure that the public and off-road vehicle riders are made aware of the rules in their area.

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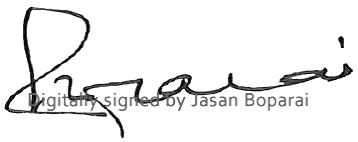
If there are any questions regarding off-road vehicles licencing, operation or equipment requirements referenced in the attached guidance material, please contact Angela Litrenta, Manager, Road Safety Program Development Office at (416) 235-5130 or Angela.Litrenta@ontario.ca.

If there are any questions regarding amendments to Ontario Regulation 316/03, and Ontario Regulation 863, please contact Ron Turcotte, Head, Safety Information Management Section, Provincial Traffic Office at (289)-407-9880 or Ron.Turcotte@ontario.ca.

Thank you for your assistance in communicating this change.

Sincerely,



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Attachment – Municipal Guidance document

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Build Engagement In Virtual Meetings

Eighteen ideas that can keep your team motivated

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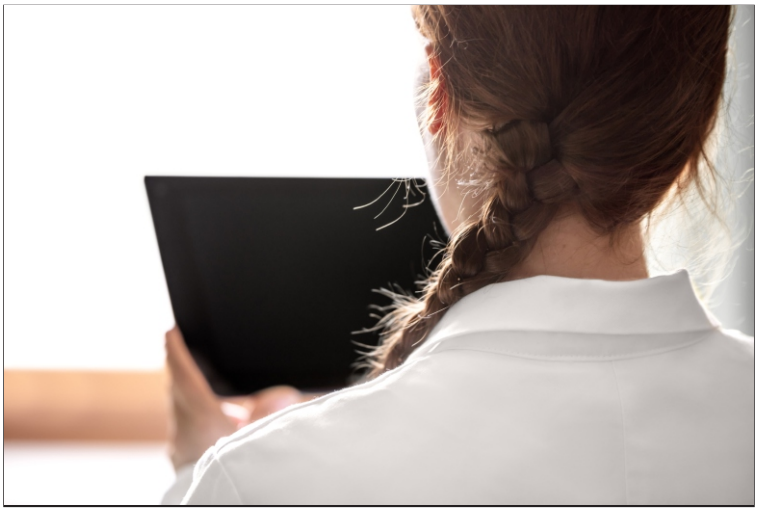

With lockdown measures in place, and virtual meetings becoming a regular part of business, it can be difficult to maintain morale and excitement that is often more prevalent at an in-person meeting. Here are some ways to keep meetings energetic and boost energy when the vigour of in-person meetings are not possible.

Activities

To help encourage participation by all members in the meeting, you can request certain activities in advance so that everyone has something to share. Here are some ideas:

1) Coffee mug show and tell. Let everyone know that they will spend a few seconds to show their coffee mug (or water bottle for the non-coffee drinks) as part of the show and tell to kick-off the meeting.

2) Dress day. Ask everyone to wear a certain colour, a hat or sunglasses or something else to bring cohesion of the group together. Wear red or pink for Valentine's Day, pink shirt for anti-bullying day, etc. Make your own reason to have a colour day.

3) Share an experience. Ask each person in the meeting to share an experience on a certain topic. It could be how they supported a small business in the lockdown, how they did a positive thing for someone else, someone who did a positive thing for them, or just something they are grateful for.

Share Ideas

At a virtual meeting I attended with a client, we were asked to share a winter home safety tip with everyone else. It caused me to make a note of a few things to check on over the holidays. You can ask others to share ideas as well. Here are some suggestions:

4) Favourite healthy snack

5) Fun winter activity or exercise

6) Tips on ensuring a good night's sleep

7) Something new you learned

Leadership Moments

If time is of the essence, appoint one attendee of each meeting to take the leadership moment and provide something of interest to share with the rest of the group. Ideas include:

8) A joke

9) An inspirational quote

10) A story of a random act of kindness

11) Sharing a fun fact

More Engagement

Since virtual meetings can sometimes be much shorter than in-person meetings, you can use the extra time to learn a little more about the people on the call. For example:

12) Born and raised. Have everyone share where they were born and raised and plot it on a map.

13) Two truths and a lie. Have everyone write down two truthful things about themselves and one lie and then see if others in the meeting can guess the lie.

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Safeguard Your Small Business Online. 10:00am-11:30am. Join cybersecurity expert Melony Rocco to learn how to protect your online activities. Free. www.eventbrite.ca/e/safeguard-your-small-business-online-tickets-131220906263?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch

January 8, 2021

Opening a Business in Canada: What to Consider as an Immigrant Entrepreneur. 10:00am-11:30am. Free. Hosted by Invest Ottawa. For any newcomer who has thought about opening a business and wants to make that dream a reality. Register at: www.eventbrite.ca/e/132567550111

January 11-12, 2021

Ontario's West Coast Tourism Summit. Join Huron County Economic Development for two virtual half-day sessions led by tourism industry experts. Tourism market trends pre and post COVID. How to take advantage of rural tourism. Free. www.eventbrite.ca/e/ontarios-west-coast-tourism-summit-2021-registration-131516462279?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch

January 12, 2021

Tuesday Talks with Festivals and Events Ontario. 11:00am. Beth Potter, president and CEO of the Tourism Industry Association of Ontario. Free. Register: www.festivalsandeventsontario.ca/resources/tuesday-talks-with-feo

January 13, 2021

Introduction to Canva: The Basics (Part 1 of 3) webinar. 10:00am-11:00am. Canva is a graphic design platform, used to create visual content. Learn the basics of setting up an efficient account for use on social media. www.smallbizcentre.ca (choose seminars and workshops tab). 613-283-8002 ext.109 or smallbusiness@smallbizcentre.ca

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January 13, 2021

Info-Cafe with the Office of Small and Medium Enterprises webinar. 8:00am-9:00am AST. Wednesdays from January 13 to March 31. Ask questions on how to sell goods and services to the government, learn about tools, resources and innovative funding programs and more. Register at: https://buyandsell.gc.ca/forms/seminar-registration-form-atlantic-region

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Bidding on Opportunities with the Government of Canada webinar. 10:00am-12:00pm EST. For participants who want a more detailed overview of the bidding process with key information to help you bid on opportunities. Register at: https://ontario.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/cal/regist-eng.cfm?sid=1972&anon=1#s1972. 1-800-668-5378 or ont.osme-bpme@pwgsc-tpsgc.gc.ca

January 14, 2021

Social Enterprise 101. 12:00pm-1:00pm. Free. Hosted by Invest Ottawa. Join us to learn more about this unique type of business that uses revenue-generating activities to achieve a social, environmental or cultural good. Register at: www.eventbrite.ca/e/133109850145

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January 19, 2021

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January 19, 2021

Tuesday Talks with Festivals and Events Ontario. 11:00am. Mike D'Urzo from Mega Magic. How to make your virtual event a success. Free. Register at: www.festivalsandeventsontario.ca/resources/tuesday-talks-with-feo

January 19, 2021

Webinar: Myth-Busting Federal Government Procurement. 10:00am-12:00pm EST. We dispel myths about selling to government and find out what the government buys, who from, how it buys and where to find resources and free support for small businesses. Register at: www.eventbrite.ca/e/mythbusting-federal-government-procurement-tickets-133876148163. Phone: 873-355-9796.

January 20, 2021

Getting the Most out of Canva: (Part 2 of 3) webinar. 10:00am-11:00am. Images, effects, filters and cropping. Register at: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYqd-utrzMrGdQX6M-N7VqGl3anmgVxsWp-613-283-8002 ext.109 or smallbusiness@smallbizcentre.ca

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Virtual Meeting Morale Continued

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14) Thinking questions: If you were stranded on a desert island and had the option of bringing three items with you, what three items would they be? If you could be any animal, what would you be and why? What was the first concert you ever went to? If you could have any celebrity over for dinner, who would it be and why?

15) Ask everyone to submit a fun fact about themselves to a group leader and then have the leader read out the facts and see if everyone can guess who belongs to each fact.

Something Different

Sometimes, you just need something different to shake up the same old thing. You could:

16) Hold a stand-up meeting. Everyone stands for the meeting instead of sits.

17) Strange timing. Have a meeting at a strange time - 9:43am instead of 9:30am.

18) A ritual. Go through a start-of-meeting ritual. It could be 15 seconds of meditation, everyone standing for a power pose (stand up straight, shoulders back, chin high, arms on waist) or a simple minute of basic stretching if your meeting is late in the day.

Engage your meeting mates to bring forward other creative things to contribute to the meeting. You never know when something simple or an easy laugh can make the difference in someone's day.

Federal Funding Programs Still Open

Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB)

Support to employed and self-employed individuals who are directly affected by COVID-19 and are not entitled to Employment Insurance (EI) benefits. If you are eligible you can receive $1,000 ($900 after taxes withheld) for a 2-week period and up to 26 weeks. between September 27, 2020 and September 25, 2021.

Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit (CRCB)

Support to employed and self-employed individuals who are unable to work because they must care for their child under 12 years old or a family member who needs supervised care. This applies if their school, regular program or facility is closed or unavailable to them due to COVID-19, or because they are sick, self-isolating, or at risk of serious health complications due to COVID-19. If you are eligible your household can receive $500 ($450 after taxes withheld) for each 1-week period for up to 26 weeks between September 27, 2020 and September 25, 2021.

Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit (CRSB)

Support to employed and self-employed individuals who are unable to work because they are sick or need to self-isolate due to COVID-19, or have an underlying health condition that puts them at greater risk of getting COVID-19. If you are eligible you can receive $500 ($450 after taxes withheld) for a 1-week period up to a total of 2 weeks between September 27, 2020 and September 25, 2021.

Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy (CERS)

Canadian businesses, non-profit or charities who have seen a drop in revenue due to the pandemic may be eligible for a subsidy to cover part of their commercial rent or property expenses, starting on September 27, 2020 to June 2021. You may also be eligible for lockdown support if your business location is significantly affected by a public health order for a week or more.

RFP 2020-21: Seniors Community Needs Assessment

The Township of Whitewater Region wishes to engage a consultant to provide facilitation services, using solid data analysis skills, to assist with the development of an Age-Friendly Community Plan with a rural lens, through a Seniors Community Needs Assessment. We were successful in receiving a Seniors Community Grant from the Province of Ontario for this work. The proposals shall not exceed $20,000. The work must be completed in a short 10-week period.

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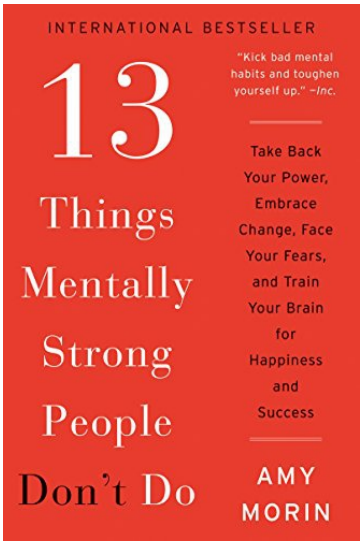
Deadline to bid is January 12, 2021.

RFP documentation can be found on the township's website at www.biddingo.com or www.whitewaterregion.ca

Questions: rtremblay@whitewaterregion.ca

Book Club



Everyone knows that regular exercise and weight training lead to physical strength. But how do we strengthen ourselves mentally for the truly tough times? And what should we do when we face these challenges? Or as psychotherapist Amy Morin asks, what should we avoid when we encounter adversity?

Through her years counselling others and her own experiences navigating personal loss, Morin realized it is often the habits we cannot break that are holding us back from true success and happiness. Indulging in self-pity, agonizing over things beyond our control, obsessing over past events, resenting the achievements of others, or expecting immediate positive results holds us back. This list of things mentally strong people don't do resonated so much with readers that when it was picked up by Forbes.com it received 10 million views.

Now, for the first time, Morin expands upon the 13 things from her viral post and shares her tried-and-true practices for increasing mental strength. Morin writes with searing honesty, incorporating anecdotes from her work as a college psychology instructor and psychotherapist as well as personal stories about how she bolstered her own mental strength when tragedy threatened to consume her.

Business News Around The Valley

Pontiac Using Former CN Railway Corridor

MRC Pontiac has resolved to authorize the use of snowmobiles and summer quads on the former Canadian National Railway corridor within the municipalities of Bristol, Clarendon, Litchfield and Portage du Fort. The public comment period on this draft by-law will run from December 17, 2020 to January 10, 2021.

Laurentian Valley Passes Budget

Laurentian Valley has passed its 2021 budget on December 15, 2020. The impact of the 2021 budget translates to $33.98 per $100,000 assessment for municipal purposes. On average, Laurentian Valley assessed household of $254,820, the impact would be an increase of $86.58 for the year. The 2021 budget is set at $12 million with a levy increase of 1.97 per cent in operating, 2.0 per cent in capital reinvestment reserve and a 3.18 per cent increase to the capital budget for a total of 7.15 per cent. The aggressive capital budget includes over nine kilometres in road work ($2.1 million value) and an additional $1.1 million in vehicles and equipment replacement. Total capital investment has been set for $3.6 million.

Development of Forestry in the Pontiac

The MRC Pontiac council of mayors resolved to hold a "Lac à l'épaule" on January 16, 2021 to further develop a forest strategy that unites the MRC Pontiac and applies to the entire territory. It was further resolved to invite forest industry stakeholders, such as the Pontiac Wood Producers, to make presentations at the special working session.

Business Changes in Petawawa

Criger's Country Décor, owned by Dan and Carolyn Criger has been sold. The Criger's have retired after 40 years and the new owners of the business took over in December. Drea's Barbershop has relocated into Bombshells business located at 1027 Victoria Street. Wild Garden Yoga has closed due to a posting out of Petawawa. Finally, Sarah and Jeff Bennett are the new owners of Burnt Bridge Quality Meats in Petawawa. The Bennetts also own Reiche Meats.

Hoston New President of DRDH

The Deep River and District Hospital (DRDH) has announced the appointment of Janna Hotson as its President and CEO of the Deep River and District Hospital, the Four Seasons Lodge and the North Renfrew Family Health Team. The appointment is effective as of April 2021. Hoston holds a registered nurse designation as well as a master's degree in health administration. She is a certified healthcare executive. During her tenure at DRDH, Hoston has held several positions including her current role as Vice-President of Clinical Services, Chief Nursing Executive and Long-Term Care Administrator. In 2020, she also acted as COVID-19 response team lead, navigating the organization through the current pandemic. President and CEO, Richard Bedard, announced his retirement for the spring of 2021. Bedard will be leaving the organization after serving as President and CEO of DRDH for five years.

Pontiac In Red Zone

As of December 17, 2020, the Pontiac is in a red zone for COVID-19. This will continue until January 11, 2021. Private gatherings, whether inside or outside are prohibited. MRC staff will work remotely and the municipal building will be closed to the public until January 11, 2021. Staff will be available by email and voicemail.

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Biz Quiz

1) Who is the new finance minister for Ontario?

2) This plan was approved by the federal and provincial governments four years ago to boost retirement benefits causing an increased payment from employees and employers.

3) Statistics Canada says 20% of Canadian businesses were affected by cybersecurity incidents in 2019. What cannabis company was affected by one on Christmas day?

4) The federal government has launched an ad campaign urging Canadians to avoid travelling during the pandemic. How much are they spending?

5) This tech company is looking to get into car production by 2024. What company is it?

6) According to Canada Border Services Agency, how many Canadian air passengers have entered Canada since March 21?

7) How long did it take Canada to convert to the metric system from the imperial system?

8) Pet sales were up by five per cent in Canada in 2020. How much did Canadians spend on their pets in 2020?

9) Apollo Global Management is looking to take over the Great Canadian Gaming Corp which operates 26 facilities in Ontario, British Columbia, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. How much per share are they offering?

10) In a December 8 Maru/Matchbox poll, what percentage of Ontarians feel that closing in-store shipping at small retailers while allowing big box stores to remain open for in-store shopping is unfair?

Answers on Page 10

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Pembroke Extends CIP

The planning and development committee for the City of Pembroke has recommended that the Community Improvement Program (CIP) COVID-19 Business Support Grants continue for another six months. The remaining funds from 2020 are recommended to be placed in a reserve for future CIP applicants in 2021 and that non-profit organizations also be eligible.

Petawawa Retirements

Kathy Pivato, Administrative Assistant for the Town of Petawawa, retired from the municipality after 14 years of service. In addition, Phil Smith, Assistant Deputy Chief, Equipment and Facilities, retired after 22 years of service with the Town of Petawawa fire department.

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CERS Webinar

CPA Canada recorded their webinar on the Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy (CERS). The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) provides an overview of the program and demonstrates their online CERS tools and application portal. In addition, the CRA responds to some of the top questions that CPA Canada received from members on the CERS. It is available for free at https://youtu.be/7XgFE2Xz2XQ

Upcoming Tax Dates

The following are upcoming 2021 tax dates:

January 18, 2021

See, download and order forms and publications as of January 18, 2021: www.canada.ca/taxes-general-package

February 5, 2021

Starting today you can call the CRA at 1-855-330-3305 to order forms and publications.

February 19, 2021

If you filed your return on paper last year, the CRA will automatically mail you the 2020 income tax and benefit package by today; it may arrive later due to COVID-19 delays.

February 22, 2021

To avoid delays, the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) encourages you to sign up for direct deposit, and file online as early as today.

March 1, 2021

The RRSP annual limit for 2021 is increasing to $27,830 from the previous limit of $27,230. You can make RRSP contributions for the 2020 tax year during the RRSP season that ends on March 1, 2021.

April 30, 2021

The deadline to file your return and pay your 2020 taxes.

June 15, 2021

If you, a spouse or a common-law partner is self-employed, today is the deadline to file your taxes. All taxes owed must still be paid by April 30, 2021.

TFSA Contribution Limit

The annual TFSA limit for 2021 is unchanged at $6,000.

Federal Tax Brackets

The federal tax rates and brackets for 2021 are:
Up to $49,020: 15%
$49,020.01 to $98,040: 20.50%
$98,040.01 to $151,978: 26%
$151,978.01 to $216,511: 29%
$216,511+: 33%

Ontario Tax Brackets 2020

Up to $44,740: 5.05%
$44,741 to $89,482: 9.15%
$89,483 to $150,000: 11.16%
$150,001 to $220,000: 12.16%
$220,001 and over: 13.16%

Quebec Tax Brackets 2020

Up to $44,545: 15%
$44,546 to $89,080: 20%
$89,081 to $108,390: 24%
$108,391 and over: 25.75%

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School Support Funding

In January 2021, students aged 13 through Grade 12 will be eligible for funding under an expanded Support for Learners program. Parents or guardians will receive a one-time payment of $200 per eligible student to help offset education expenses. Support will be available for those who attend a public or private school or who are home-schooled. As part of the province-wide shutdown, all elementary students will be studying virtually until January 11. Secondary students in Northern Ontario will be studying virtually until January 11 and those in Southern Ontario will be studying virtually until January 25.

Ontario Small Business Support Grant

The Ontario Small Business Support Grant will provide $10,000 to $20,000 to eligible small business owners required to close or restrict services under the province-wide shutdown. Eligible small businesses include those that 1) are required to close or significantly restrict services subject to the province-wide shutdown effective December 26, 2020, 2) have less than 100 employees at the enterprise level and 3) have experienced a minimum of 20 per cent revenue decline in April 2020 compared to April 2019. More information on this program will be announced in January 2021 or contact your local MPP's office.

Ontario Cancelling Passenger Road Tests Across Ontario

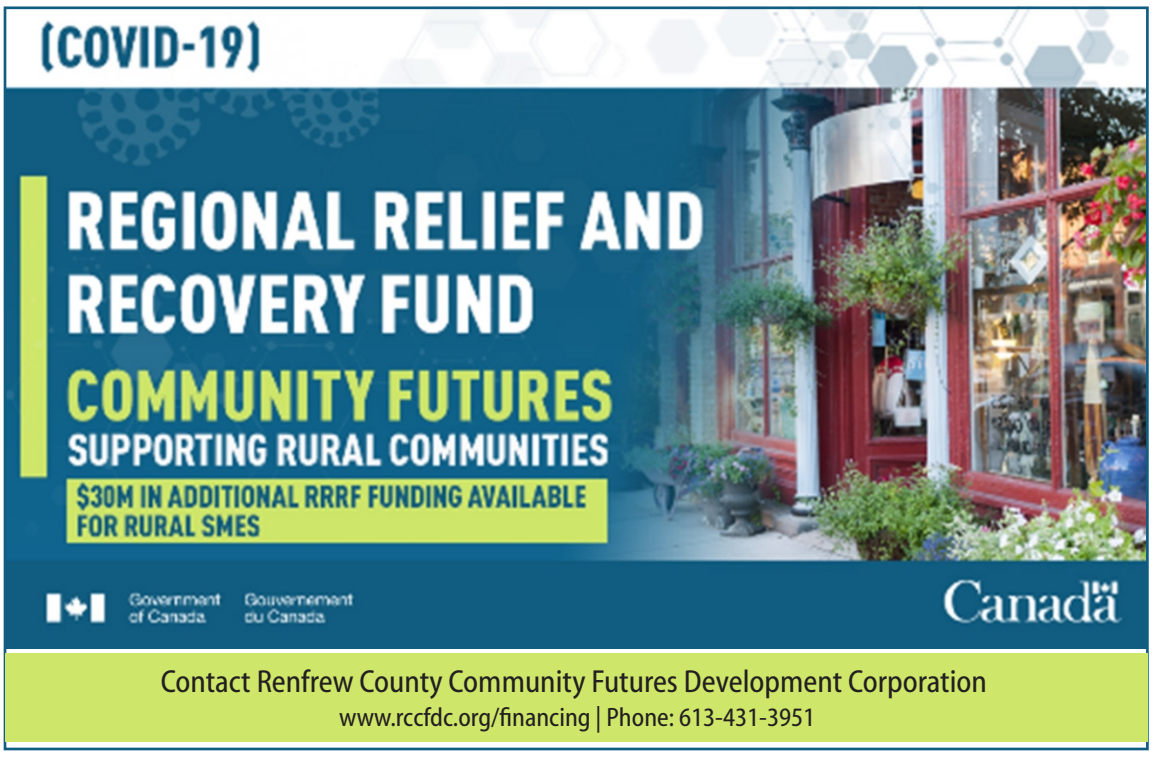
As a result of the province-wide shutdown, on December 26, the Ontario government will cancel all in-vehicle passenger tests across Northern Ontario until January 9 and for all 27 public health unit regions in Southern Ontario until January 23. Visit www.DriveTest.ca for more information about DriveTest services in your area.

Safe Restart Funding: Municipalities

In late December, the Ontario government announced Safe Restart Agreement funding for municipalities. The funding is to offset operating costs for critical services and help ensure these municipalities do not carry an operating deficit into 2021.

The funding in Renfrew County is allocated as follows: Admaston Bromley ($20,000), Arnprior ($51,000), Bonnechere Valley ($230,000), Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan ($18,000), Deep River ($24,000), Greater Madawaska ($33,000), Head, Clara and Maria ($12,000), Horton ($21,000), Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards ($22,000), Laurentian Hills ($21,000), Madawaska Valley ($39,000), McNab Braeside ($39,000), Pembroke ($159,000), Petawawa ($85,000), County of Renfrew ($557,000), Renfrew ($49,000), South Algonquin ($37,000) and Whitewater Region ($43,000).

Other regional municipalities to receive funding include Bancroft ($166,000), Beckwith 9$41,000), Drummond North Elmsley 9$46,000), Lanark County ($369,000), Lanark Highlands ($47,000), Mattawa ($20,000), Mississippi Mills ($269,000), Montague ($21,000), Perth ($265,000), Smiths Falls ($106,000) and Tay Valley ($48,000).



It's A Fact

Official Languages

62.2%
Share of Canadians with English as their mother tongue in 1986

57.0%
Share of Canadians with English as their mother tongue in 2016

200,000-250,000
Since the early 1990s, the number of immigrants admitted to Canada per year

22.0%
Total population who declared a language other than English and French as their mother tongue in 2016

130
Number of immigrant languages recorded in the 2016 Census

213,225
People who counted their mother tongue as Aboriginal in 2016 (0.6% of the population)

77,000
People who counted their mother tongue as Aboriginal in 1901 (1.4% of the population)

29.3%
Canadian population who declared French as their mother tongue in 1941

21.0%
Canadian population with French as their mother tongue in 2016

9
Aboriginal languages recognized alongside English and French through the Official Languages Act in the Northwest Territories

78%
Share of people in Quebec with French as their mother tongue in 2016

71.8%
Share of people in the rest of Canada with English as their mother tongue in 2016

Source: Statistics Canada

Perth Economic Task Force 2020 Initiatives

Plans continue for 2021 to boost business

As a tumultuous 2020 comes to a close, the Town of Perth is taking the time to celebrate the many achievements and accomplishments of its Economic Recovery Taskforce(ERTF), Economic Development and Tourism departments, Chamber of Commerce, and Downtown Business Association.

For the restaurant sector, the Town of Perth made it easier to set up and expand outdoor patios, created dedicated pick-up spots for take-out, waived permit fees for patios, and created an $8,000 fund to help businesses get set up with the delivery services of Valley Eats. These initiatives successfully helped our restaurants bounce back in the summer months from lockdown and will help them make it easier and more convenient for customers to order food from the comfort of their homes. The Town also waived downtown parking fees, increased the parking time to 4 hours, waived fees for busking, sandwich boards and sidewalk sales.

To support responsible tourism, the Town and BIA launched Weekends in Perth, with a budget of $10,000; this program brought small outdoor performances to every part of town. Residents and visitors have been thrilled and entertained by the sight of lifelike dinosaurs, the mischievous Grinch, creative artists, and energetic musicians roaming the streets.

The Town of Perth has also created a new Shop Local campaign that will be rolling out over the coming months, alongside a new online Holiday Gift Guide. Plans are in the works to have this Gift Guide become a yearlong showcase of the kinds of products available in Perth for any occasion and individual.

Thanks to the actions of the BIA and Chamber of Commerce, Perth downtown and area businesses were able to accessapproximately$100,000 through the provincial Digital Main Street program. This funding will support key investments by businesses in digital marketing, website upgrades, and various software solutions. Alongside this program, the Town, Chamber, and BIA have been an important source of funding information for the Town's businesses and have successfully helped many access a multitude of regional, provincial, and federal programs designed to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19.

As the Town heads into winter 2020, it and the ERTF are happy to announce a new initiative in association with Shopify. A Perth Shopify team is on hand to not only help businesses get set up and optimize their online storefronts, but to help them refine all aspects of their digital strategy. Through one-on-one business consultations and Perth wide projects, the Perth Shopify team is here to help Perth redefine business in our small town and help our businesses take full advantage of the new digital economy.

Going into 2021, the Town is considering several additional initiatives from the ERTF. This includes $40,000 on new branding and marketing campaigns to bring more investment and visitors to town, alongside $20,000 for additional marketing campaigns and small events. Council is also looking at committing $25,000 for the hiring of a communications consultant to make the most of these initiatives and to keep our citizens better informed of what is happening in Perth.

RCDSB CONTINUING EDUCATION

For Workers & Workplaces

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Challenge For Your High School Diploma: Our Prior Learning Assessment Recognition (PLAR) allows you to challenge credits towards your high school diploma. PLAR looks at your life and work experiences since leaving high school and credits you for that experience. Administered at an adult high school.

English Second Language: Non-credit adult ESL classes to help newcomers gain proficiency in English and work towards employment.

Improve Your Learning Skills: The Literacy Basic Skills (LBS) upgrading program helps you work more effectively in your daily life and in your job. Participants improve skills, increase self-esteem and development more options to continue with their learning which can include post-secondary education, skilled trade apprenticeship or high school credits. A wide variety of workplace curriculum is available to meet labour market needs.

Improve Computer Skills: Increase your computer and digital skills with this computer job readiness program. Learn Microsoft Office, internet basics, email and other transferrable skills for employment.

Aptitude Testing: Develop new skills in numeracy, comprehension, spacial ability or problem-solving to increase your aptitudes in order to advance in your current career or move into other employment. We can develop a program to increase your skills to help you be successful.

Flexible Delivery
We can work with an organization to find a solution that meets the needs of their workforce. Flexible delivery and adjusted timeframes are available for certain programs. Mobile learning and flexible classroom times (day and evening) are also options.

Locations
Locations are available in Arnprior, Renfrew, Pembroke, Petawawa. ESL is available in Pembroke and Deep River.

Improve Your Opportunities In The Workforce

Tender Results Around The Region

Tender Contract No. T-20-19 for the Supply and Delivery of Chemicals for Water& Sewage Treatment. City of Pembroke.
Soda Ash (Dense)
Univar Canada Ltee for an estimated contract value of $143,280.00
Sodium Silicate
Univar Canada Ltee for an estimated contract value of $101,160.00
Pre-Hydroxylated Aluminum Sulphate (PAS)
Kemira Water Solutions Canada Inc. for an estimated contract value of $271,680.00
Sodium Hypochlorite
Univar Canada Ltee for an estimated contract value of $17,663.80
Sulphuric Acid
Flochem Ltd. for an estimated contract value of $27,610.00
Polymer
SNF Canada Ltd. for an estimated contract value of $56,183.40

Upgrade Fire Protection Systems at CC120. Defence Construction Canada.
Awarded to Frecon Construction of Russell in the amount of $244,000.00.

Lead Remediation and Cleaning at CS120. Defence Construction Canada.
Awarded to A&O Contracting of Mississauga in the amount of $79,320.10.

Repair Exhaust at Y-108. Defence Construction Canada.
Awarded to Panke Electric of Petawawa in the amount of $38,840.00.

Emergency Repairs to Water and Sewer. Defence Construction Canada.
Awarded to RGT Clouthier Construction of Pembroke in the amount of $150,000.00.

Upgrade Controller at J107. Defence Construction Canada.
Awarded to Johnson Controls of Ottawa in the amount of $4,919.50.

Geotechnical and Topographical Work. Defence Construction Canada.
Awarded to Jp2g Consultants of Ottawa in the amount of $88,127.50.

Renovate Officers' Mess at Pembroke. Defence Construction Canada.
Awarded to RGT Clouthier Construction of Pembroke in the amount of $55,600.00.

For full tender listings and results see www.ovbusiness.com

Tenders

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

APN – Petawawa Construction Program for FY 2020-2021 with Security Requirements

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

2020-21 RFP Seniors Community Needs Assessment

Engineering Services
PW 2020-07

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

Slip in Water Tank PW 2020-08

TENDERS

Electrical Service Upgrade

Equipment and Labour Rental 2021-2021 Request For Standing Offer S20-01

Deacon Street Storm Main Rehabilitation Using Cured-in-Place Pipe Line Request For Tender No. T-20-17

Tender MV 2020-12 – Lakewood Subdivision Construction of Skead Road and Lakewoods Drive
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For full tenders and results, visit www.ovbusiness.com

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Tenders are free for municipalities and organizations to post with Ottawa Valley Business. To submit your tender for posting, send it to: admin@ovbusiness.com

Summer Jobs Grant

The Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) program is now open for 2021. The CSJ program this year will be keeping the expansions which were part of the 2020 version:

1) an increase to the wage subsidy of up to 75 per cent of the provincial minimum hourly wage;

2) an extension to the end date for employment to February 26, 2022;

3) allowing employers to hire staff on a part-time basis.

Funding is available to all non-profits, public-sector organizations and small businesses with 50 or fewer full-time staff. CSJ is for young people aged 15 to 30.

Applications close January 29, 2021. For more information, visit www.cherylgallant.com/programs/canada-summer-jobs/

Ag News

Wildlife Payments

The Ontario government is speeding up payments under the wildlife damage compensation program for livestock producers impacted by wildlife predation. As of January 1, 2021, producers can be paid 20 business days earlier for approved claims. www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/livestock/predation.htm

Farms Receive Funding

The following Renfrew County recipients have been approved, as of November 24, 2020, to receive funding in support of projects to help establish or expand their online presence and provide consumers with opportunities to access local food: Bonnechere Haven Farms, Calabogie Rustic Farm, Hugli's Blueberry Ranch, Loeks Farm & edible Eco-System Design, Mapleside Sugar Bush, McGregor's Orchard, McGregor's Produce, Ottawa Valley Farm to Fork, Ottawa Valley Food Cooperative, Square Timber Brewing Company, Terramor Farm, Valley Bio Limited, Valley Market Samosas, Wild Ridge Farms Inc.

February 10, 2021

ONFARM Forum. Learn about project activities, research snapshots and on-farm best practices. Free, online event. 9:00am-12:00pm EST. www.eventbrite.ca/e/2021-onfarm-forum-tickets-129583308163

Beef Farmer Funding

As of December 21, 2020, Ontario beef farmers can apply for funding to cover costs of feeding and setting aside market-ready cattle due to COVID-19 processing delays through the Canada-Ontario COVID-19 Beef Emergency Feed Maintenance Initiative .www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/cap/index.htm

Competing No Matter What

2021 will be the year of small business

By: Jennifer Layman
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This past Christmas break, I had the opportunity to do some business planning with a client. They had significant impacts from the spring lockdown, the summer and fall season restrictions on their business and now the winter lockdown. Supplier issues caused financial and mental challenges. Yet, they kept as many things consistent as they could, went the extra mile for their customers and found ways to grow areas of their business the way they could with all the challenges.

In short, they found a way to compete.

In business planning, you think of all the possible ways you will have to compete for someone's time (to become aware of you) and money (to spend with you). You pre-think of the challenges you might meet - supplier issues, advertising budgets, delivery options - and you come up with ways to meet those challenges. Some of the things that impact your ability to compete will be beyond your control, such as a business lockdown. But if you want to stay in the game, you have to find solutions to those issues and that usually comes from your strengths.

Your strengths are the foundation of your business. They are the things that make you think you can compete successfully in the first place. They are the things that make you sacrifice family vacations, guaranteed income and low-stress weekends to run your own business. Your strengths are the reasons you choose to compete.

Unlike sport where you compete in short intervals - hours in a hockey game or days in golf - in business, you compete every single day even when you are not "at work." Running a business is choosing to live a lifestyle, and it is the most competitive thing you will ever do. Learning how to be in daily competition is important.

I was disappointed when the second lockdown happened in Ontario. I didn't believe the way to prevent people from gathering at home in groups was to send them home even more than they were before. I don't believe that closing a shoe business in Pembroke helps stop COVID-19 in Toronto. I sure don't believe that it is safer to buy a board game, pair of socks or stationery supplies at Walmart with 500 of my closest non-friends than it is to buy it at a small business with three people in the store. Small businesses, and the organizations who depend on small businesses, are my clients.

Although I am disappointed and feel that many decisions are lacking in common sense, I still compete. I am still working with small-town businesses and organizations who are also choosing to compete. We are in the trenches together.

"The best part of competition is that through it we discover what we are capable of - and how much more we can actually do than we ever believed possible." (Anonymous)

2021 is the year small business competes and wins.

No. Matter. What.

Happy New Year to you all!

Jennifer is the president of Forward Thinking Marketing Agency. Her column appears in every issue.

Deadlines

OTTAWA VALLEY BUSINESS

Publishes: January 19, 2021
Deadline: January 13, 2021

Publishes: February 9, 2021
Deadline: February 3, 2021

Publishes: February 23, 2021
Deadline: February 17, 2021

Publishes: March 9, 2021
Deadline: March 3, 2021

101 THINGS TO DO IN THE VALLEY

March-April 2021
Publishing: February 23, 2021
Deadline: February 19, 2021

HEALTH MATTERS

Winter 2021 Issue
Publishing: January 8, 2021

Spring 2021 Issue
Publishing: April 9, 2021
Deadline: March 19, 2021

Summer 2021 Issue
Publishing: July 9, 2021
Deadline: June 18, 2021

Fall 2021 Edition
Publishing: October 8, 2021
Deadline: September 17, 2021

Biz Quiz Answers

1) Peter Bethlenfalvy
2) Canada Pension Plan (CPP)
3) Aurora Cannabis
4) $850,000 on digital ads
5) Apple
6) 1 million
7) 15 years: from 1970 to 1985
8) $5.7 billion
9) $45 per share
10) 88%

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE
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MOVED BY:	SECONDED BY:	
___ ☐ Thomas Armstrong	___ ☐ Thomas Armstrong	Motion #: 86
___ ☐ Patricia Hull	___ ☐ Patricia Hull	Resolution #: 10
___ ☐ Paul Kelly	☑ Paul Kelly	Date: January 12, 2021
☑ Lynne Paquette	___ ☐ Lynne Paquette	

WHEREAS, the council of the Township of Larder Lake supports the resolution of the Municipality of Charlton and Dack, requesting that the Province of Ontario address municipal insurance cost; And

WHEREAS, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario Outlined seven recommendation to address insurance issues including:

1. The provincial government adopt a model of full proportionate liability to replace joint and several liability.
2. Implement enhancements to the existing limitations period including the continued applicability of the existing (10) day rule on slip and fall cases given recent judicial interpretations and whether a one-year limitation period may be beneficial.
3. Implement a cap for economic loss awards.
4. Increase the catastrophic impairment default benefit limit to $2 million and increase the third-party liability coverage to $2 million in government regulated automobile insurance plans.
5. Assess and implement additional measures which would support lower premiums or alternatives to the provision of insurance services by other entities such as non- profit insurance reciprocals.
6. Compel the insurance industry to supply all necessary financial evidence including premiums, claims and deductible limit changes which support its and municipal arguments as to the fiscal impact of joint and several liability.
7. Establish a provincial and municipal working group to consider the above and put forward recommendations to the Attorney General.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Municipality of Larder Lake call on the Province of Ontario to immediately review these recommendations and to investigate the unethical practice of preferred vendors who are paid substantial amounts over industry standards, despite COVID 19 delays, as insurance premiums will soon be out of reach for many communities.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this motion be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance, the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario, the Honourable John Vanthof, MPP for Timiskaming- Cochrane, and all Ontario municipalities.

Recorded vote requested: ☐

	For	Against
Tom Armstrong	✓	
Patricia Hull	✓	
Paul Kelly	✓	
Lynne Paquette	✓	
Patty Quinn	✓	

I declare this motion

☑ Carried
☐ Lost / Defeated
☐ Deferred to: _____ (enter date) Because:
☐ Referred to: _____ (enter body) Expected response: (enter date)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*

Chair: _____

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

Town of RENFREW

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We need a minimum of 15 registrants prior to January 27 in order to offer this training!

Please reach out today for more information!

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Committee of Adjustment Approves Astrolabe Road Additions

Alexander Leach, Editor

WHITEWATER REGION - The Committee of Adjustment for Whitewater Region called a meeting on January 7th, streamed live to Youtube via the Whitewater Region Official Channel, using a Zoom call.

The meeting was called to discuss a minor variance for a property at 28 Astrolabe Road, Lot 333, to grant "relief to increase the encroachment of an open roofed porch from 2.5 metres to 3.2 metres within the minimum front yard depth and increase the maximum lot coverage from 33% to 40%."

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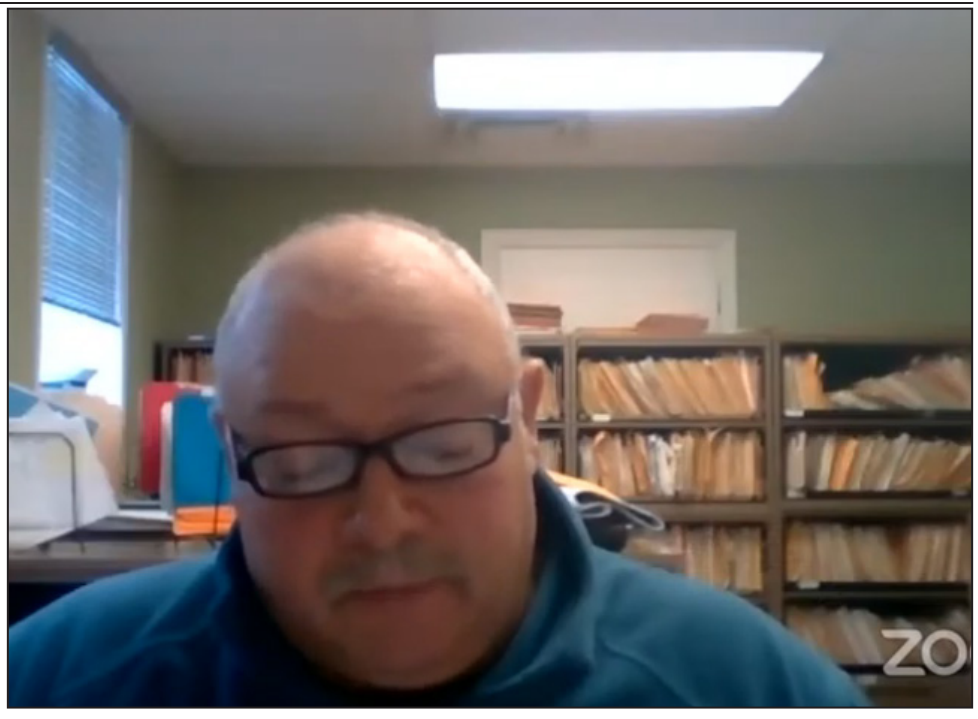

Photo submitted or taken by Alexander Leach. Doug Shultz, Youtube Zoom CoA Meeting

COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout

Press Release
RCDHU

"RCDHU has been advised that we can expect to receive Pfizer and/or Moderna vaccines in early February, but there has been no confirmation of the number of doses," states Dr. Robert Cushman, Acting Medical Officer of Health, RCDHU.

Although the COVID-19 vaccine is not currently available in Renfrew County and District, Renfrew County and District Health Unit is leading the development and implementation of the local COVID-19 Vaccine Roll Out Plan.

RCDHU has been contacting community partners including long-term care/retirement homes, hospitals, primary care, paramedics, and Renfrew County Virtual Triage Assessment Centre, to involve them in the local planning and implementation of the COVID-19 vaccine roll out.

RCDHU's COVID-19 Vaccine Roll-Out Plan will follow the provincial government's three-phase implementation plan, which is currently in Phase One.

The province announced that Ontario will roll out the vaccines in three phases, focusing first on vulnerable populations that are at greatest risk of COVID-19.

The key populations that will be first to receive the COVID-19 vaccine are as follows:
• Residents, employees and staff, and essential caregivers of congregate living settings that provide care for seniors;
• Health care workers (including all those who work in health care settings and those in direct contact with patients);
• Adults in First Nations, Métis, and Inuit populations where infection can have disproportionate consequences, including those living in remote or isolated areas;
• Adult recipients of chronic home health care.

Phase 2 is expected to begin in late winter, and will include:
• All members of the groups in phase 1;
• Additional congregate care settings (for example, shelters);
• Adults over 70 in expanded regions.

Phase 3 dates are unknown but will begin once priority groups from phases 1 and 2 have received vaccinations, and vaccines are available for the general public to be immunized.

In the meantime, we must remind people that the standard COVID-19 precautions go a long way and are the best way to prevent the spread of the virus.

We must all continue to work hard to do our part to reduce the spread of the flu and COVID-19; get the flu shot, stay home if sick, avoid contact with people who are ill, practice physical distancing (2 metres), wear a mask/face covering when physical distancing cannot be maintained, wash our hands, and use the COVID Alert App.

For more information on the COVID-19 vaccine, visit RCDHU's website at https://www.rcdhu.com/novel-coronavirus-covid-19-2/ or call 613-732-3629 or 1-800-267-1097.

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They will get back to you as soon as possible!

Council Meeting

Next Meeting: January

Youtube Acct: Whitewater Region Official

State of Emergency Declared in Ontario

Press Release
Province of Ontario

TORONTO — In response to a doubling in COVID-19 cases over the past two weeks, the real and looming threat of the collapse of the province's hospital system and alarming risks posed to long-term care homes as a result of high COVID-19 transmission rates, the Ontario government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health and other health experts, is immediately declaring a second provincial emergency under s 7.0.1 (1) of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMPCA).

Details were provided today by Premier Doug Ford, Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, Solicitor General Sylvia Jones, Dr. David Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health, and Dr. Adalsteinn (Steini) Brown, Co-Chair of the Ontario COVID-19 Science Advisory Table.

"The latest modelling data shows that Ontario is in a crisis and, with the current trends, our hospital ICUs will be overwhelmed in a few short weeks with unthinkable consequences," said Premier Ford. "That's why we are taking urgent and decisive action, which includes declaring a provincial emergency and imposing a stay-at-home-order. We need people to only go out only for essential trips to pick up groceries or go to medical appointments. By doing the right thing and staying home, you can stay safe and save lives."

Effective Thursday, January 14, 2021at 12:01 a.m., the government is issuing a stay-at-home order requiring everyone to remain at home with exceptions for permitted purposes or activities, such as going to the grocery store or pharmacy, accessing health care services, for exercise or for work where the work cannot be done remotely. This order and other new and existing public health restrictions are aimed at limiting people's mobility and reducing the number of daily contacts with those outside an immediate household. In addition to limiting outings for these purposes, all businesses must ensure that any employee who can work from home, does work from home.

These new public health measures will help stop the spread of COVID-19 by reducing concerning levels of mobility as the province continues its vaccine rollout and ramps up to mass vaccination when the federal government is able to provide the necessary supply to do so.

Additional Public Health Restrictions

Since the implementation of the Provincewide Shutdown over two weeks ago, the latest modelling trends in key public health indicators have continued to worsen, forecasting an overwhelming of the health system unless drastic action is taken. Escalating case counts have led to increasing hospitalization rates and intensive care unit (ICU) occupancy which has resulted in cancellations of scheduled surgeries and procedures.

Provincial modelling shows growth in COVID-19 cases has accelerated, leading to increased hospitalization rates and ICU occupancy. ICU occupancy by COVID-19 patients is now over 400 beds and is projected to be as high as 1,000 beds by early February which has the potential to overwhelm Ontario's hospitals. The number of COVID-19-related deaths continues to rise and is expected to double from 50 to 100 deaths per day between now and the end of February. Notably, data shows that mobility and contacts between people have not decreased with the current restrictions. A new variant of COVID-19 emerged in November. If community transmission of this variant occurs, Ontario could experience much higher case counts, ICU occupancy and mortality.

In response to the alarming and exceptional circumstances at hand, and to further interrupt the deadly trend of transmission in Ontario communities, hospitals, and long-term care homes, the following additional public health measures will take effect January 13, 2021 at 12:01 a.m.:

Outdoor organized public gatherings and social gatherings are further restricted to a limit of five people with limited exceptions. This is consistent with the rules during the lockdown during the first wave of COVID-19 in spring 2020 and will allow individuals and families to enjoy time outdoors safely.

Individuals are required to wear a mask or face covering in the indoor areas of businesses or organizations that are open. Wearing a mask or face covering is now recommended outdoors when you can't physically distance more than two metres.

All non-essential retail stores, including hardware stores, alcohol retailers, and those offering curbside pickup or delivery, must open no earlier than 7 a.m. and close no later than 8 p.m. The restricted hours of operation do not apply to stores that primarily sell food, pharmacies, gas stations, convenience stores, and restaurants for takeout or delivery.

Non-essential construction is further restricted, including below-grade construction, exempting survey.

These measures will come into effect between Tuesday January 12, 2021 and Thursday, January 14, 2021, including the provincial declaration of emergency under the EMCPA, orders under that Act, and amendments to regulations under the Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020.

"Despite our best efforts, COVID-19 is continuing to spread in our communities, our hospitals, our long-term care homes, and our workplaces. We are continuing to see concerning trends across the province, including a tragic number of deaths," said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "We have made great strides in vaccinating tens of thousands of Ontarians, and we can't let these efforts go to waste. Urgent action is required to break this deadly trend of transmission, ensure people stay home, and save lives."

To help quickly identify and isolate cases of COVID-19 in workplaces and service providers permitted to remain open such as long-term care homes and schools, the province will provide up to 300,000 COVID-19 tests per week to support key sectors such as manufacturing, warehousing, supply chain and food processing, as well as additional tests for schools and long-term care homes. This volume of rapid tests would support antigen screening for up to 150,000 workers per week over the next 4-5 months in Ontario's most critical workplaces. The province is expecting to

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EOWC Appoints Chair and Vice-Chair for 2021

Photo submitted or taken by EOWC. Warden Debbie Robinson

Press Release
EOWC

Eastern Ontario, January 11, 2021 – The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC), at its annual inaugural meeting last week, appointed Warden Debbie Robinson as the 2021 Chair and Warden Liz Danielsen as the 2021 Vice-Chair, both by acclamation.

Debbie Robinson is Warden of the County of Renfrew and the Reeve of the Township of Laurentian Valley. Liz Danielsen is Warden of the County of Haliburton and Deputy Mayor of the Township of Algonquin Highlands. Both have previously been members of the EOWC and bring valuable experience to their positions.

The EOWC Chair and Vice-Chair serve as the main point of contact for the Caucus and play a leadership role in helping to ensure that key EOWC priorities and advocacy move forward. Both positions are one-year terms, each filled by one of the 13 EOWC members. Appointments are based on a vote by the EOWC members or, in the case of a single candidate, an acclamation.

"I am honoured to lead this incredible group of dedicated municipal politicians as the 2021 Chair of the EOWC and represent the County of Renfrew. As Chair, I will continue to advocate on behalf of the 103 municipalities and the 750,000 property taxpayers across rural eastern Ontario," stated Chair Robinson. "Over the past year, the EOWC showed its resiliency, efficiency and leadership on behalf of the region. We were able to respond quickly and effectively to the COVID-19 pandemic and make progress on our priorities and advocacy. I look forward to working closely with Vice-Chair Danielsen and fellow Caucus members to deliver results in the coming year for eastern Ontario and our residents."

"The EOWC's greatest strength is its ability to speak with a one, strong regional voice at the decision-making table. As we work toward advancing EOWC priorities in 2021, we will continue to work closely with the provincial and federal governments, as well as key partners, in order to best serve our region's communities," stated Vice-Chair Danielsen.

For the purposes of good continuity

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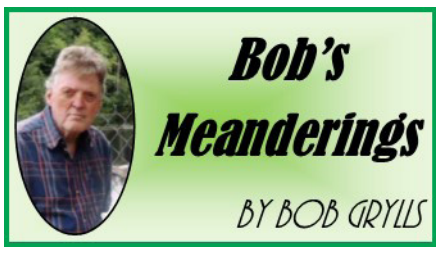
Wrong Way Words



Each of us on occasion will use an incorrect but similar sounding word when in a conversation, usually getting a laugh or maybe a criticism.

Some incorrect ones are electrical instead of electoral, bone jaw instead of bonjour and suppository instead of repository. The comedic potential is nearly limitless because we all have blind spots where we mix up two similarly sounding words that are anything but similar in meaning.

'Malapropisms' is the name when people use a word wrongly word. Websites track and capture these miscues. One of its moderators, Altrissa, said that its community's mission statement is to "highlight the number of malapropisms that exist in the world." It also said, "English is one of the weirdest languages in human history. If native English speakers can have so many problems finding the correct word, imagine how hard it is for everyone else."

Some of the funniest malapropisms we've heard are usually the more immature ones, Altrissa revealed, "Tonight tits" for tinnitus, "orgasmic blueberries" for organic blueberries, and "crushed Asians" for crustaceans."

People from all backgrounds: whether they're politicians or private citizens, at some point embarrass themselves by mixing up words that at first glance can look almost identical. Malapropisms tend to have a powerful effect on people, making us take notice, whether we correct the character assassin or not.

The very term 'malapropism' came into being after the stage comedy called The Rivals in 1775. In this popular play, the humorous aunt character Mrs. Malaprop often mixed-up words and caused the audience to chuckle with laughter.

Many of us remember the character Archie Bunker from the TV situational comedy, "All in the Family" which extensively used malapropisms. Such as mixing up 'ill refute' with 'ill repute,' 'ivory shower' with 'ivory tower,' and 'pig's eye' with 'pigsty.' We laugh at times because the jokes are instinctively funny to us; but we also laugh because we know we've made similar mistakes, and they're a part of being human

Which brings me to a politely typed letter I received last Friday in the post. It read:

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Alex Has Opinions: Climate Change Makes Everything Worse

Alexander Leach, Editor

I still have a sign from when I joined a protest over climate change, on the corner of Pembroke Street back in 2019.

It was the summer, it was hot enough to break records, and we'd all freshly remembered the incredible flooding of the previous year. Me and a bunch of kids and older people stood on the corner, gaining honks and occasionally insults from passers-by.

Eventually, everyone petered off, and only I was left, with a sign someone had handed me, alone. I just went home, put it in my living room window, and moved on.

A year later, I got this job, in the midst of the worst pandemic since the 1910s, and I thought about it.

Whitewater Region is a heavily rural area. Farmers make up a good bit of population, and you can see career farms everywhere. And farmers are one of the first people to feel ecological disasters and changes.

This winter has been plagued by fluctuating temperatures, as has become the norm in the last few years. Snow melts away to rain even in December, and passes above freezing with such regularity that trees start to bloom. Then we get blizzards and terrible storms that put out the power, and trap us all in our homes.

The Pandemic has definitely complicated any response we have to that. The Province is under a state of emergency following an upsurge is cases after Christmas. With a state of emergency, a lot of businesses will have to restrict hours.

The effects causing climate change are still happening. Companies are burning fossil fuels, renewable energy is being ignored. While it feels like Whitewater is far removed from the cause, we directly suffer from it.

The 2018 flood showed us how much we suffer from major weather fluctuations. It isolated homes, destroyed entire neighbourhoods, and shut down whole parts of the Township for weeks. It's a disaster that could easily happen again. During that, our community centers like Westmeath Arena were critical in giving people a place to stay – something that can't be done in the pandemic, for risk of spreading

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Fire Permits

For those who took out a burn permit in 2020, they have now expired. Please go online and obtain your 2021 permit. Permits are required for all burns – recreational, open air and agricultural. Burn barrels are not permitted in villages and hamlets. Any burns larger than 6' x 6' require a site visit by the Fire Chief or Designate. Please remember to call 1-855-922-2652 on the days you would like to burn.

Parking During Winter Months

The Ontario Highway Traffic Act states that it is an offence to park a vehicle on a highway in such a manner as to interfere with the movement of traffic or the clearing of snow from the highway. In addition to a fine of up to $100, towing costs and storage fees may be applicable.

The Township asks residents to do their part in assisting municipal and county employees who work to ensure that roadways are cleared of snow and safe for everyone to travel on. Residents are encouraged to move parked vehicles from all roadways.

Tenders and RFP's

- 2020-22 – Stormwater Assessment, Planning and Implementation of the Cobden Agricultural Area
- 2021-01 – Mobile Column Lift
- 2021-02 – Mid Size ½ Ton Truck
- 2021-04 – Sale of Industrial Park Lands
- 2021-05 – Half-Ton Truck
- 2021-06 – RFP Active Transportation Plan

For more information regarding these tenders and RFPs please visit the Township's website.

Landfill Fees

Landfill fees have changed effective January 1st 2021 from volume to classification. In addition, a minimum charge is now in place. To review a schedule of the new tipping fees please visit the Townships website at www.whitewaterregion.ca.

With the on-going pandemic, please avoid the landfill for items that can be placed at curbside, including two bags of garbage per week and recycling.

Province of Ontario Emergency Restrictions

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receive 12 million Panbio tests from the federal government over the next several months and continues to pursue opportunities to purchase additional rapid tests.

"The trends in key public health indicators are continuing to deteriorate, and further action is urgently required to save lives," said Dr. David Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health. "By strictly adhering to all public health and workplace safety measures, we can reduce the transmission of COVID-19 and keep our loved ones and our communities safe. It will take the collective efforts of us all to defeat this virus."

The government knows that in order to keep Ontarians safe, it is important that they are not forced to leave their homes during the new state of emergency. Ontario is exploring all options available to put a temporary residential evictions moratorium in place, and will have more to say in the coming days.

The additional public health restrictions introduced expand on the existing measures put in place to keep Ontarians safe and healthy. On January 7, the government extended the shutdown for Northern Ontario to at least January 23, 2021 to align with the rest of the province. These time-limited measures will be evaluated after 14 days to determine if any restrictions need to be extended or lifted.

New Enforcement Measures

The province will provide authority to all provincial offences officers, including the Ontario Provincial Police, local police forces, bylaw officers, and provincial workplace inspectors to issue tickets to individuals who do not comply with the stay-at-home-order, or those not wearing a mask or face covering indoors in places open to the public, subject to limited exceptions, as well as retail operators and companies who do not enforce requirements under orders under the Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act (ROA) or EMPCA. Those who decide not to abide by orders will be subject to a set fine and/or prosecution under both the ROA and EMCPA as applicable.

In addition, all provincial offences officers will have the authority to temporarily close a premise and disperse individuals who are in contravention of gathering limits an order and will be able to disperse people who are gathering, regardless whether a premise has been closed or remains open such as a park.

"Strong, new measures will be enforced to stop the spread of COVID-19," said Solicitor General Sylvia Jones. "We are taking extraordinary action to provide law enforcement officers with the tools and support they need to protect the health and wellbeing of Ontarians."

Schools and Child Care Centres

Based on the advice of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, schools in the following public health units (PHUs) will not return to in-person instruction until February 10, 2021:

Windsor-Essex
Peel Region
Toronto
York
Hamilton

By January 20, 2021, the Chief Medical Officer of Health will advise the Ministry of Education on which public health units (PHUs) will be permitted to resume in-person instruction, based on the most up-to-date data and modelling. Before- and after-school programs can be offered when in-person instruction resumes. Schools in northern PHUs will continue to remain open.

To continue to keep students, staff and communities safe, the following new health and safety measures will be put in place for in-person learning:

Masking for Grade 1-3 and requirements for mask wearing outdoors;
Enhanced screening protocols; and
Expanded targeted testing.

The government will also implement new health and safety measures in Ontario child care settings, such as enhanced screening to align with school requirements, voluntary participation in targeted testing and additional infection prevention and control measures to align with schools. These enhancements are in addition to the existing health and safety measures already being implemented in child care settings across the province.

Child care centres for non-school aged children will remain open, and emergency child care for school-aged children will end in approved PHU regions on January 22, 2021 as these elementary schools return to in-person learning.During this extended period of online learning, in areas where in-person elementary learning is suspended, emergency child care will continue for eligible families in regions subject to school closures, as identified by the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

"At the heart of our continued efforts to protect against the spread of COVID-19 in our communities is a firm commitment to return kids to school safely," said Education Minister Stephen Lecce. "Protecting our students, staff and their families is our top priority, and these additional measures build on our comprehensive plan to reopen schools and keep young children in child care safe."

Workplace Safety

The Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development is taking additional steps to protect workers with the launch of the "Stay Safe All Day" campaign, focusing workplace inspections in areas of high transmission, including break rooms, and providing new educational materials to employers to promote safe behaviour before, during and after work.

Evidence gathered from COVID-19 related workplace inspections to date shows the vast majority of employers and workers are following COVID-19 safety requirements when working. However, when in a break room, a vehicle or not on the clock, there is a tendency to forget about the importance of wearing masks, maintaining physical distance and hand hygiene.

As part of the "Stay Safe All Day" campaign, inspectors will use a data-driven approach to focus on workplaces with reported COVID-19 outbreaks, manufacturing businesses, warehouses, distribution centres, food processing operations, construction projects and publicly accessible workplaces deemed essential, such as grocery stores. The Ministry is also using a new data-sharing program, in conjunction with the Ministry of Long-Term Care and the Retirement Regulatory Authority, to focus onsite inspections of long-term-care homes and retirement homes.

"We know the majority of businesses are operating safely and responsibly to protect their workers and customers. But as COVID-19 cases continue to rise, we all need to step up and take additional measures to stop the spread," said Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development. "This includes increasing our inspections to look at everything workers do both while on the job and throughout the workday."

In the unfortunate event that an employee becomes infected with COVID-19, they may be entitled to federally funded paid sick leave of up to $500 a week for two weeks. Workers can also access Canada's Recovery Caregiver Benefit of up to $500 per week for up to 26 weeks if they are unable to work because they must care for their child under 12 years old or a family member who needs supervised care.

Over the summer, the government enacted a new regulatory amendment that put non-unionized employees on Infectious Disease Emergency Leave during the COVID-19 outbreak any time their hours of work are temporarily reduced by their employer due to COVID-19, ensuring businesses aren't forced to terminate employees after their ESA temporary layoff periods have expired. As part of the Safe Restart Agreement, the federal government is funding a temporary income support program that allows workers to take up to 10 days of leave related to COVID-19, preventing the risk of further spread in the workplace and allowing workers to focus on their health.

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New EOWC Warden

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and given the COVID-19 pandemic health and economic impact, the EOWC agreed to stay the course of its 2020 priorities for the initial months of 2021. This will inform meetings and advocacy during the multi-ministerial delegations at the virtual 2021 Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Conference: Connecting Rural Ontario, being held on January 25 and 26, 2021.

The EOWC has a long history of working collaboratively with the Province and looks forward to sharing its insight and recommendations. The Caucus will re-evaluate its strategic plan and priorities during the priority-setting EOWC meeting held in March 2021, as it has done in the past.

The EOWC's priorities heading into 2021 include:
Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) Cellular Network Gap and Mobile Broadband Improvement Project
Long-Term Care
Municipal Recovery
Affordable Housing

Eastern Ontario Regional Network 2021 Update

As part of the EOWC Inaugural 2021 meeting, the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) reported to the EOWC that it would finalize details of the Cell Gap project and begin construction in 2021.

"This public-private partnership of more than $213-million will get at the many areas where cell service is poor or non-existent," said EORN Chair J. Murray Jones. "Demand for cell service is growing as people depend more and more on smartphones and tablets for work, social connections, entertainment and to access public services."

During the pandemic, EORN and EOWC continued to advocate for improved broadband connectivity. This included developing the EORN Gig Project – a fibre-based solution aimed at addressing the issue across the region for a generation.

Currently, major federal and provincial governments broadband funding programs are structured to support municipal-level projects rather than coordinated, regional projects. EORN recommended that EOWC members pursue county-level projects to achieve greater coverage and economies of scale.

"We remain dedicated to bringing greater connectivity to the region. While we wait to see if other funding becomes available for the Gig Project, we look forward to supporting EOWC members as they pursue funding," shared EOWC Chair Debbie Robinson. "EORN has extensive regional experience and technical knowledge it can bring to member municipalities to help them navigate the process."

Photo submitted or taken by EOWC. Vice-chair Liz Danielsen.

Alex: Climate Change

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a disease that easily passes around large groups and over distances.

With public works projects like Powers Road, a path that desperately needs fixing for access, this could complicate an already complicated year. The Algae problems in Muskrat Lake and other lakes nearby are only going to get worse with the hot summers and mild winters.

My fear is that we'll have another such extreme weather emergency, and that its efforts will complicate or be complicated by COVID. Coming together to repair and rescue is much harder when you can all become sick with a rapidly spreading plague.

Beachburg Public Library Hours Change

Effective January 14, 2021
THURSDAY @Beachburg - 5:00-8:00 pm
(*to align with new provincial business hours)

Committee of Adjustment

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"Mr Shields wants to build an open-roofed porch on the front of his house." said Doug Shultz, CBO. "He's looking for relief from the encroachment. Also, he's building an addition on the back which will . There isn't a septic system, he's on water and sewer."

Councillor Mackay asked if there were any foreseen problems, which CBO Shultz said there was nothing he could see.

"This is as minor as it gets in my opinion." Councillor Chris Olmstead said.

Councillor MacLaughlin asked for clarification of the 2.5 metres in feet, and it was confirmed it was 8.1 feet.

As Doug Shields was not present in the Zoom call, Councillor McLaughlin read the motion and it was voted and approved.

"This is one of the quickest meetings we've had." Councillor McLaughlin said.

The previous meeting's minutes were approved, and the meeting was ended.

There is a 20-day appeal period, and CBO Shultz confirmed that the neighbours were informed of the change.

The full video can be found on the Whitewater Region Official youtube channel.

Bob's Mean During

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Hello Bob
Your column is enjoyed and no criticisms intended.
Suggestion about the problem well at Westmeath Rec. centre.
It probably was an artesian well not an artisan well.
The words do have a different meaning if you look them up.
A well wisher

My hackles rose instantly but it was such a courteous letter that that they evaporated just as quickly. I looked up the words. 'Artesian' was the correct one. 'Artisan' which I used in my column means a skilled craftsman.

I was a little embarrassed and wondered how many readers noticed that discrepancy as well?

Using a wrong proper name can be a problem. I started a new job in Wasaga Beach and got in a habit of calling John (an electrician) by the name Paul. I just couldn't break the pattern. Later, he brought his wife into the shop. When I was introduced, I noticed a message on her blouse. It read, "I am Paul's wife". I suddenly realized the absurdity and thought surely that would shock me to calling John by his rightful name 'John'!

Sometimes you forget to include important background or context, which can dramatically shape the meaning of words. It might be because of mumbling or simply choosing a word that deflects what you mean. Even when ready to listen, the information is often not all there.

Conversely, have you ever told a friend something only to later find that he or she completely misunderstood you - or never heard you at all? Often important information is not properly received, even when spoken in a quiet setting at close range.

Reader's Digest has lists of words and phrases we've all used wrong at some point. They're cringe-worthy, but hilarious. And hopefully they will help you to never make the same mistakes again.

"For all intensive purposes" is often expressed as "For all intents and purposes." Then there is "Butt naked" instead of "Buck naked."

"Irregardless" is not a word but has been used so many times that some dictionaries are considering making it acceptable.

I use malaprops, you use malaprops: After all, we are human beans.

Covid Outbreaks Declared Over by RCDHU

Press Release
RCDHU

PEMBROKE – The Renfrew County and District Health Unit has declared that the COVID-19 outbreak at Pembroke Regional Hospital which involved two health care workers in the Emergency Department, is now over.

"We would like to express our thanks to the Renfrew County and District Health Unit which worked closely with our Infection Prevention and Control and Occupational Health and Safety teams to contain and end this outbreak in a timely way," said PRH President and CEO Pierre Noel.

"Through hospital-wide use of personal protective equipment, hand hygiene, and physical distancing practices, we have taken every precaution to reduce the spread of the virus and protect our patients, our visitors and our staff, and those strict safety measures helped ensure containment during this outbreak," Mr. Noel said.

Dr. Robert Cushman, Acting Medical Officer of Health for the RCDHU said "It has been two weeks since an individual with COVID-19 was in the facility. We want to thank the Pembroke Regional Hospital team for their cooperation. Prompt contact tracing and testing as well as strict compliance with public health directives have successfully contained the outbreak."

Press Release
RCDHU

Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) is informing the public that the following four COVID-19 outbreaks are over: Whitewater Region Community, Pembroke Regional Hospital, Miramichi Lodge, and the Esthetician Workplace in Petawawa.

RCDHU is confirming that all individuals who tested positive for COVID-19 have completed the two-week isolation period and no further positive tests have been received.

Fortunately, there was no serious illness requiring hospitalization amongst the individuals who tested positive for COVID-19.

Dr. Robert Cushman, Acting Medical Officer of Health, and the staff at RCDHU would like to thank all of the facilities, employees, customers, patients, communities and their leaders, for their cooperation and collaboration. "I want to extend a sincere thank you to RCDHU staff who have been working long hours, 7-days a week, to conduct prompt contact tracing and to our partners for rapid testing. RCDHU's staff efforts coupled with the publics' strict compliance with public health directives have successfully contained the outbreaks," states Dr. Cushman.

"All precautions were taken to limit spread during all outbreaks, containing the virus, and preventing spread throughout Renfrew County and District. This demonstrates the important offensive role the general public plays in the fight against COVID-19 and the remarkable defense of the public health professionals and healthcare workers. This is a great example that when we work together, we can stop the spread," states Dr. Cushman.

In addition to the new public health measures set out in the provincial shutdown, it is imperative that everyone do their part to keep the community safe; stay home if they are sick, avoid contact with people who are ill, practice physical distancing (2 metres), wear a mask/face covering when physical distancing cannot be maintained, wash their hands, use the COVID Alert App, and complete the COVID-19 self-assessment tool or COVID-19 school screening tool daily before going to work, school or daycare, to monitor for symptoms and proper guidance.

For more information, visit RCDHU's website at https://www.rcdhu.com/novel-coronavirus-covid-19-2/ or call 613-732-3629 or 1-800-267-1097.

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