

The Corporation of the
Municipality of Neebing

AGENDA for Regular Council meeting: May 7, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
At the Municipal Office or join from your computer or mobile device:
[Click here to join the meeting](#)
or call-in (audio only): **1-647-794-5609**, Conference ID **363 150 155**

1. Preliminary Matters

- (a) Call to Order
- (b) Attendance
- (c) Town Hall Segment
- (d) Accept/Amend the Agenda for this Meeting
- (e) Request/Receive Declarations of Pecuniary Interests under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act (if any)

2. Hear Deputations from Audience Members

No Deputation Requests have been Received for this Meeting

3. Consent Agenda: Minutes, Reports and Correspondence

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| 3.1 | Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council sitting as Committee of the Whole held on April 16, 2025 (Recommendation to approve the minutes, with any error corrections, as required.) | 1-2 |
| 3.2 | Minutes of the Open Session portion of the Regular Meeting of Council held on April 16, 2025 (Recommendation to approve the minutes for both the open session (Item 3.1) and the Closed Session (Item 7.1), with any error corrections, as required.) | 3-8 |
| 3.3 | Minutes of the meeting of the Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board held on February 20, 2025 (Recommendation to receive the minutes) | 9-17 |
| 3.4 | Minutes of the meeting of the Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board held on March 20, 2025 (Recommendation to receive the minutes) | 18-23 |
| 3.5 | Minutes of the meeting of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority held on March 16, 2025 (Recommendation to receive the minutes) | 24-29 |
| 3.6 | Minutes of the meeting of the Lakehead Source Protection Authority held on April 24, 2025 (Recommendation to receive the minutes) | 30-32 |
| 3.7 | Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Administrative Activity (Recommendation to receive the report for information) | 33-35 |
| 3.8 | Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Understanding Surplus Deficit Calculations (Recommendation to receive the report for information) | 36 |
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3.10	Correspondence from Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, received April 15, 2025, Regarding Agricultural Systems Implementation (Recommendation to receive the correspondence for information.)	39-41
3.11	Correspondence from Ministry of the Solicitor General, received April 28, 2025, Regarding “When Every Second Counts” 9-1-1 Campaign (Recommendation to receive the correspondence for information.)	42-43
3.12	Correspondence from MPAC, received April 30, 2025, Regarding 2024 Annual Report (Recommendation to receive the correspondence for information.)	44-61
3.13	Correspondence from Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board, received April 28, 2025, Regarding “When Every Second Counts” 9-1-1 Campaign (Recommendation to receive the correspondence for information.)	62

4. Reports and Correspondence Requiring Direction

4.1	Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Bill 5 Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act (Recommendation to provide direction.)	63-66
4.2	Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding AMO Delegations (Recommendation to provide direction.)	67
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4.4	Correspondence from Courageous K9, received April 17, 2025, Regarding Sponsorship Renewal (Recommendation to provide direction.)	71-72
4.5	Correspondence from NOMA, received May 1, 2025, Regarding the Case for Municipal Approvals of Proximity Energy Development (Recommendation to support the correspondence.)	73-75
4.6	Correspondence from Town of Parry Sound, received April 16, 2025, Regarding the Call for Stronger Federal Support for Inclusive Research (Recommendation to support the resolution.)	76-78
4.7	Correspondence from Township of Champlain, received April 24 2025, Regarding Surveillance and Monitoring of Heavy Vehicles in Ontario (Recommendation to support the resolution.)	79
4.8	Correspondence from Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, received May 1, 2025, Regarding Provincial Day of Action on Liter (Recommendation to provide direction.)	80-81

5. By-laws for Passage

There are no by-laws for passage.

6. New Business - Announcements

Members of Council and Senior Administration have the opportunity to advise others of events or share other information.

7. Closed Session

Council will enter closed session under those paragraphs of Subsection 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 for which the meeting was closed, to consider item 7.1 (minutes of the Closed session of the prior Council meeting); and Under paragraph 239(2)(b) to consider item 7.2, involving personal matters about identifiable individuals.

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| 7.1 | Minutes of the Closed Session portion of the Regular Meeting of Council held on April 16, 2025
(Recommendation to approve is in the consent agenda) | 82 |
| 7.2 | Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Recognition of a Community Member
(Recommendation to provide direction.) | 83-84 |

Council will rise from Closed Session

Matters Arising from Closed Session

Resolutions relating to Item 7.2

8. Confirmation By-law

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| 8.1 | By-law 2025-020 to confirm the proceedings of the meeting
(Recommendation to pass the By-law) | 85 |
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9. Adjourn the Meeting

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held in person and using Teams Web Conferencing System

On Wednesday, April 16, 2025, 5:30 pm

PRESENT: Mayor Mark Thibert
 Councillor at Large Gordon Cuthbertson
 Crooks Councillor Brian Wright
 Pearson Councillor Gary Gardner
 Scoble Councillor Brian Kurikka
 Blake Councillor Katherine Hill
 Pardee Councillor Curtis Coulson

STAFF: Erika Kromm, Clerk-Treasurer

1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

- (a) Call to Order: Mayor Thibert called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and provided a land acknowledgement.
- (b) Attendance: Attendance was recorded.
- (c) Declarations of Interest: No declarations of Interest were made.

2. PUBLIC MEETING UNDER SECTION 57 OF THE PLANNING ACT: REQUEST FOR VALIDATION ORDER

2.1 Application for Validation Order

2.2 Report from Administration Regarding Administration's Recommendations relating to a request for a Validation Order

The Clerk-Treasurer presented an overview of the report.

2.3 Receive Comments from Interested Members of the Public

There were no comments from members of the public.

2.4 Consider Resolution to Make Recommendations to Council

Members present discussed the application.

Rec. No. 2025-04-004

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson

Seconded by: Councillor Hill

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, a public meeting having been held with respect to the application by Albert Kapush Contracting, relative to two vacant properties in Neebing with no municipal address, and one legally described as:

Mining Location K16 Near Sturgeon Bay Blake; Part 66 Foot Road Allowance Blake Part 2 on
 Reference Plan 55R11303 (PIN 62273-0463),

and the second legally described as:

NE Subdivision Section 1 Concession 5 Blake; East 37 Acres of NW Subdivision Section 1 Concession 5 Blake; Part NW Subdivision Section 1 Concession 5 Lying West of East 37 Acres of NW Subdivision Section 1 Concession 5 Blake (PIN 62273-0470),

all within geographic Blake Township, Municipality of Neebing, in the District of Thunder Bay, Committee of the Whole recommends:

THAT the validation order requested in Application V01-2025, as submitted by Albert Kapush Contracting, be approved by Council.

AND THAT because it is important, in the event of an appeal, that Council clearly state its reasoning for the approval of the application, the Committee of the Whole further recommends that Council adopt the following as the reasons for approval of the application, being:

- Overall, the Committee is satisfied that the application represents “good planning”;
- The application will facilitate planned infill development;
- The proposed lot will not result in negative impacts to any nearby residential property owners; and
- The application does not impose any additional service requirements on the Municipality.

3. ADJOURN THE MEETING:

There being no further business, Mayor Thibert adjourned the meeting at 5:43 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Mark Thibert
MAYOR

Erika Kromm
CLERK-TREASURER

**THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

Held using Teams Web Conference System
On Wednesday, April 16, 2025

PRESENT: Mayor Mark Thibert
Crooks Councillor Brian Wright
Blake Councillor Katherine Hill
Pearson Councillor Gary Gardner
Councillor at Large Gordon Cuthbertson
Scoble Councillor Brian Kurikka
Pardee Councillor Curtis Coulson

STAFF: Erika Kromm, Clerk-Treasurer
Laura Jones, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS:

(a) Call to Order: Mayor Thibert called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and provided a land acknowledgement.

(b) Attendance: Attendance was recorded.

(c) Town Hall Segment:

No one attended the Town Hall session.

(d) Accept/Amend the Agenda:

Res. No. 2025-04-091

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson

Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for this regular meeting of Council be amended by adding as Item 4.10, a report relating to the Tender Review Committee.

CARRIED ✓

(e) Declarations of Pecuniary Interest:

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

2. HEAR DEPUTATIONS FROM AUDIENCE MEMBERS

There were no deputation requests for this meeting.

3. CONSENT AGENDA: MINUTES, REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

3.1 Minutes of the Open Session portion of the Regular Meeting of Council held on April 2, 2025
(Recommendation to approve the minutes for both the open session (Item 3.1) and the Closed Session (Item 7.1), with any error corrections, as required.)

- 3.2 Voucher Report for the previous month
(Recommendation to approve the vouchers.)
- 3.3 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Administrative Activity
(Recommendation to receive the report for information)
- 3.4 Report from Working Roads Foreman Regarding Departmental Activity
(Recommendation to receive the report for information)

Res. No. 2025-04-091A

Moved by: Councillor Wright
Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the recommendations from Administration with respect to all of the items on the consent agenda portion of this evening's meeting, being Items 3.1 through 3.4.

CARRIED ✓

4. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED REQUIRING DIRECTION:

4.1 Verbal Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Recommendations from Committee of the Whole

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2025-04-092

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by: Councillor Hill

WHEREAS Council considers that approval of the application brought by Albert Kapush Contracting through their agent, Matthew Pascuzzo (Buset LLP, law firm) for a Certificate of Validation to correct a historic violation of the planning act represents good planning;

AND WHEREAS Council recognizes that the approval of the application will not result in negative impacts to nearby property owners;

AND WHEREAS Council recognizes that the approval of the application will not result in any additional service requirements from the municipality,

AND WHEREAS a public meeting having been held with respect to the application by Albert Kapush Contracting, relative to two vacant properties in Neebing, one municipally legally described as:

Mining location k16 near sturgeon bay Blake; part 66-foot road allowance Blake part 2 on reference plan 55r11303 (pin 62273-0463);

AND the second legally described as:

NE Subdivision Section 1 Concession 5 Blake; East 37 Acres of NW Subdivision Section 1 Concession 5 Blake; Part NW Subdivision Section 1 Concession 5 Lying West of East 37 Acres of NW Subdivision Section 1 Concession 5 Blake (Pin 62273-0470)

All within geographic Blake Township, Municipality of Neebing, in the District of Thunder Bay;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Certificate of Validation requested in application V01-2025, as submitted, be approved.

CARRIED ✓

4.2 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Strong Mayor Powers

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2025-04-093

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka

Seconded by: Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to submit the letter appended to the report which requests the province remove Neebing from the list of municipalities being granted strong mayor powers.

CARRIED ✓

4.3 Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer regarding the Fire Protection Grant

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2025-04-094

Moved by: Councillor Gardner

Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes Administration to use the additional funds from the Fire Protection Grant to purchase bunker gear as outlined in the report.

CARRIED ✓

4.4 Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer regarding a Retrofit Study Grant

Members present reviewed the report. No resolution was passed.

4.5 Report from Clerk-Treasurer regarding Nuclear Waste Management Organization Public Survey

Members present reviewed the correspondence. No resolution was passed. Administration was directed to put the information about the Nuclear Waste Management Ontario survey in the Neebing News.

4.6 Correspondence from Superior North EMS regarding Public Survey

Members present reviewed the correspondence. No resolution was passed. Administration was directed to put the information about the Superior North EMS survey on Facebook.

4.7 Correspondence from LRCA, Regarding a Request for Donation

Members present reviewed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2025-04-095

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to donate a Silent Auction item with a value of up to \$100 to the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority fundraising event, as discussed.

CARRIED ✓

4.8 Correspondence from the Thunder Bay Community Economic Development Commission, received April 3, Regarding the Regional Economic Development through Immigration (REDI) Pilot Program

Members present reviewed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2025-04-096

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to investigate opportunities presented by the Regional Economic Development through Immigration (REDI) Program.

CARRIED ✓

4.9 Correspondence from the City of Peterborough, received March 17, Regarding the Use of X

Members present reviewed the correspondence. No resolution was passed.

4.10 Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer regarding the Tender Review Committee

Res. No. 2025-04-097

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka

Seconded by: Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council temporarily appoints Gary Gardner to the Tender Review Committee for the Fire Bay Addition project.

CARRIED ✓

5. BY-LAWS

5.1 By-law 2025-017 to amend the Committee By-law

Res. No. 2025-04-098

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Hill

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2025-017 to amend the Committee By-law, be passed as presented.

CARRIED ✓

5.2 By-law 2025-018 to Execute an Agreement for Funding Under the Fire Protection Grant

Res. No. 2025-04-099

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson

Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2025-018 to execute an agreement for funding under the Fire Protection Grant, be passed as presented.

CARRIED ✓

6. NEW BUSINESS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Hill noted that the Easter Egg Hunt will occur on Good Friday.

Councillor Hill stated that residents have inquired why there has not been a public consultation regarding the new fire safety bay. She has noted concern regarding how much taxes could rise to fund it. It has been discussed in many council meetings and budget meetings, but some members of the public were not aware of the project. Administration will prepare an information piece on the fire bay addition.

Councillor Kurikka stated that since we are having a lot of electrical work done on-site it is a good time to revisit an EV charging station. Administration was directed to will look into this further.

Councillor Cuthbertson has been in touch with MPP Holland's office regarding the approval of the Official Plan.

Minister for Emergency Preparedness, Jill Dunlop wants to visit Neebing to look at the generator systems Neebing purchased through emergency preparedness grant funding program. Councillor Cuthbertson advised that he attend the meeting with the Minister.

7. CLOSED SESSION

Res. No. 2025-04-100

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

The time being 7:07 PM, Council will enter closed session under those paragraphs of Subsection 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 for which the meeting was closed, to consider 1 (minutes of the Closed session of the prior Council meeting); and under paragraph 239(2)(e) to consider item 7.2, involving litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality.

CARRIED ✓

During Closed session the following resolution was passed.

Res. No. 2025-04-101

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 7:14 p.m., Council rise from closed session and report in open session.

CARRIED ✓

7.1 Minutes of the Closed Session portion of the Regular Meeting of Council held on April 2, 2025

This item was approved as part of the consent agenda.

7.2 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Potential Litigation

Res. No. 2025-04-102

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka

Seconded by: Councillor Cuthbertson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, with respect to Item 7.2 on this evening's Closed Session Agenda, Council authorizes Administration to proceed as directed in Closed Session.

CARRIED ✓

8. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

8.1 By-law 2025-019 to confirm the proceedings of the meeting.

Res. No. 2025-04-103

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2025-019, to confirm the proceedings of this evening's meeting, be passed as presented.

CARRIED ✓

9. ADJOURN THE MEETING:

There being no further business to attend to, Mayor Thibert adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Mark Thibert
MAYOR

Erika Kromm
CLERK-TREASURER



**THE DISTRICT OF THUNDER BAY
SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BOARD**

BOARD MINUTES

**MINUTES OF BOARD (REGULAR SESSION) MEETING NO. 03/2025
OF**

THE DISTRICT OF THUNDER BAY SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BOARD

DATE OF MEETING: February 20, 2025

TIME OF MEETING: 10:17 a.m.

LOCATION OF MEETING: Microsoft Teams &
3rd Floor Boardroom
TBDSSAB Headquarters
231 May Street South
Thunder Bay, ON

CHAIR: Jim Vezina

PRESENT:

Albert Aiello
Ken Boshcoff
Anne Marie Bourgeault
Meghan Chomut
Kasey Etreni
Greg Johnsen
Elaine Mannisto
Jim Moffat
Dominic Pasqualino
Jim Vezina

OFFICIALS:

Ken Ranta, Chief Executive Officer
Georgina Daniels, Director, Corporate Services Division
Crystal Simeoni, Director, Integrated Social Services Division
Marty Farough, Manager, Infrastructure & Asset Management
Jennifer Lible, Manager, Social Assistance Programs
Shari Mackenzie, Manager, Human Resources
Tafadzwa Mukubvu, Manager, Finance
Aaron Park, Manager, Housing & Homelessness Programs
Tomi Akineyede, Supervisor, Research & Social Policy
Carole Lem, Communications & Engagement
Glenda Flank, Recording Secretary

REGRETS:

Brian Hamilton
Kathleen Lynch
Mark Thibert

GUESTS:

Note: For the purposes of the Minutes references to TBDSSAB or the Board refers to The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board of Directors as relevant to specific agenda items; references to TBDHC or the Board refers to the Directors of Thunder Bay District Housing Corporation as relevant to specific agenda items. References to CEO refer jointly to the Chief Executive Officer of TBDSSAB and Senior Administrator of TBDHC.

BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 10:17 a.m. as there were technical difficulties that delayed the start of the meeting.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None.

Appointment of Alternate Vice-Chair

Memorandum from Ken Ranta, CEO (Chief Executive Officer Division), dated February 6, 2025, was presented to the Board relative to the required appointment of an alternate Vice-Chair.

Ken Ranta, CEO provided background information regarding the reason for appointing an alternate Vice-Chair and called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair.

Jim Moffat was nominated for the position of Vice-Chair and accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations.

Resolution No. 25/09

Moved by: Kasey Etreni
Seconded by: Ken Boshcoff

THAT the position of Alternate Vice-Chair of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board be filled by Jim Moffat;

AND THAT the position of Alternate Vice-Chair be filled until the end of the leave of absence of Brian Hamilton.

CARRIED

PRESENTATION

Employment Services Transformation

A presentation was provided by Jennifer Lible, Manager, Social Assistance Programs and Melanie Salatino, Supervisor, Social Assistance Programs regarding the Employment Services Transformation.

Report No. 2025-03, (Integrated Social Services) was presented to the Board providing an update regarding the Employment Services Transformation.

Jennifer Lible, Manager, Social Assistance Programs provided clarification and responded to questions.

At 10:41 a.m. Jennifer Lible, Manager, Social Assistance Programs and Melanie Salatino, Supervisor, Social Assistance Programs left the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CONFIRMATION OF BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Resolution No. 25/10

Moved by: Greg Johnsen
Seconded by: Jim Moffat

THAT with respect to the Board Regular and Closed Session agendas for the Board Meeting of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board for February 20, 2025, we approve the agendas as presented;

AND THAT we approve any additional information and new business.

CARRIED

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Board Meetings

Minutes of Meeting No. 01/2025 (Regular Session) and 02/2025 (Closed Session) of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board, held on January 16, 2025, respectively, were presented for confirmation.

Resolution No. 25/11

Moved by: Dominic Pasqualino
Seconded by: Elaine Mannisto

THAT the Minutes of Meeting No. 01/2025 (Regular Session) and Meeting No. 02/2025 (Closed Session), of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board, held on January 16, 2025, respectively, be confirmed as amended.

CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION MEETING

Administration recommended that the Board adjourn to a closed meeting relative to receipt of information with respect to personal matters regarding identifiable individuals, including members of the Administration regarding the 2025 CEO Performance Evaluation Process, relative to receipt of information with respect to security of the property of the Corporation regarding the Bertrand Court Regeneration Strategy Update and relative to receipt of information with respect to which a council, board, committee or other body may hold a closed meeting under another statute regarding the Provincial Encampment Response Initiative Funding.

Resolution No. 25/12

Moved by: Albert Aiello
Seconded by: Kasey Etreni

THAT the Board adjourns to Closed Session relative to receipt of information with respect to personal matters regarding identifiable individuals, including members of the Administration regarding the 2025 CEO Performance Evaluation Process, relative to receipt of information with respect to security of the property of the Corporation regarding the Bertrand Court Regeneration Strategy Update and relative to receipt of information with respect to which a council, board, committee or other body may hold a closed meeting under another statute regarding the Provincial Encampment Response Initiative Funding.

CARRIED

At 11:29 a.m. the meeting reconvened in Regular Session and Marty Farough, Manager, Infrastructure & Asset Management, Tafadzwa Mukubvu, Manager, Finance, Aaron Park, Manager, Housing & Homelessness Programs and Carole Lem, Communications & Engagement Officer joined the meeting.

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION

Bertrand Court Regeneration Strategy
Update

Report No. 2025CS-02 (Corporate Services/Integrated Social Services Division) was presented to the Board in Closed Session providing information on the Bertrand Court redevelopment strategy.

The following resolution was presented to the Board for consideration.

Resolution No. 25/13

Moved by: Kasey Etreni
Seconded by: Elaine Mannisto

THAT with respect to Report No. 2025CS-02 (Corporate Services/Integrated Social Services) we, The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board (TBDSSAB or the Board), direct that Administration proceed as directed in Closed Session.

CARRIED

Provincial Encampment Response
Initiative Funding

Report No. 2025CS-03 (Integrated Social Services Division) was presented to the Board in Closed Session providing information related to TBDSSAB's successful application to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing's Encampment Response Initiative.

The following resolution was presented to the Board for consideration.

Resolution No. 25/14

Moved by: Dominic Pasqualino
Seconded by: Greg Johnsen

THAT with respect to Report No. 2025CS-03 (Integrated Social Services Division), we The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board, direct that Administration proceed as directed in Closed Session.

CARRIED

At 11:32 a.m. Marty Farough, Manager, Infrastructure & Asset Management, Tafadzwa Mukubvu, Manager, Finance and Aaron Park, Manager, Housing & Homelessness Programs left the meeting and Jennifer Lible, Manager, Social Assistance Programs joined the meeting.

2025 Ontario Works Service Plan

Report No. 2025-02 (Integrated Social Services Division) was presented to the Board providing the Ontario Works Service Delivery Plan for the 2025 planning cycle as required by the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services.

Resolution No. 25/15

Moved by: Elaine Mannisto
Seconded by: Anne-Marie Bourgeault

THAT with respect to Report No. 2025-04 (Integrated Social Services Division) we, The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board, approve the draft 2025 Ontario Works Service Plan as amended;

AND THAT we direct the Chief Executive Officer to submit the approved 2025 Ontario Works Service Plan to the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services.

CARRIED

At 11:36 a.m. Jennifer Lible, Manager, Social Assistance Programs left the Meeting and Tomi Akineyede, Supervisor, Research & Social Policy joined the meeting.

TBDSSAB Fourth Quarter Operational Update

Report No. 2025-05, (Integrated Social Services Division) was presented to the Board providing information containing the trends within TBDSSAB programs and services.

Ken Ranta, CEO provided clarification and responded to questions.

Tomi Akineyede, Supervisor, Research & Social Policy responded to questions.

At 11:45 a.m. Tafadzwa Mukubvu, Manager, Finance joined the meeting and Tomi Akineyede, Supervisor, Research & Social Policy left the meeting.

Landlord and Tenant Board Advocacy

At the January 16, 2025 Board Meeting the Board discussed the issue of requesting expedited hearings at the Landlord and Tenant Board and on consensus Administration was directed to bring options on further advocacy regarding this issue to the February Board Meeting.

Memorandum from Ken Ranta, CEO (Chief Executive Officer Division), dated January 31, 2025, was presented to the Board providing information regarding the issue of Landlord and Tenant Board advocacy.

Ken Ranta, CEO provided a brief background and responded to questions.

Advocacy & Engagement Annual Update

Report No. 2025-06 (Chief Executive Officer Division) was presented to the Board providing an annual update on advocacy and engagement activities completed by the Board and/or Administration.

Ken Ranta, CEO provided a brief introduction to the report.

Carole Lem, Communications and Engagement Officer provided a brief update on the highlights of report.

Fourth Quarter Strategic Plan Update

Report No. 2025-07 (Chief Executive Officer Division) was presented to the Board providing the quarterly update on the 2024-27 Strategic Plan.

Ken Ranta, CEO provided clarification and responded to questions.

Resolution No. 25/16

Moved by: Ken Boshcoff
Seconded by: Elaine Mannisto

THAT with respect to Report No. 2025-07 (Chief Executive Officer Division) we, The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board, receive the 2024-27 Strategic Plan – Fourth Quarter Update for information only.

CARRIED

February 2025 Mortgage Renewal - Walkover

Report No. 2025-08 (Chief Executive Officer Division) was presented to the Board providing the mortgage renewal arrangements for the properties located on Cuyler St., Athabasca St. and Walkover St. in the City of Thunder Bay.

Georgina Daniels, Director, Corporate Services Division provided a brief overview of the mortgage renewal process and responded to questions.

Resolution No. 25/17

Moved by: Dominic Pasqualino
Seconded by: Ken Boshcoff

THAT with respect to Report No. 2025-08 (Corporate Services Division), we, The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board, approve the Ministry Resolution as attached, duly signed in accordance with TBDSSAB By-Law No. 03-2021 (Governance and Procedural);

AND THAT we authorize the Board Chair and Chief Executive Officer to execute the mortgage financing documents related thereto.

CARRIED

At 12:03 p.m. Tafadzwa Mukubvu, Manager, Finance left the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Funding

Correspondence from the MMAH dated January 28, 2025, was presented to the Board providing information regarding funding under the Last Mile Funding for 2024-25.

Ken Ranta, CEO provided a brief background relative to the funding and responded to questions.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

BY-LAWS

None.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board will be held on Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 10:00 a.m., 3rd Floor Boardroom, 231 May Street S., Thunder Bay, ON and via Microsoft Teams.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 25/18

Moved by: Greg Johnsen
Seconded by: Meghan Chomut

THAT the Board Meeting No. 03/2025 of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board, held on February 20, 2025, be adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

CARRIED



Chair

Chief Executive Officer



**THE DISTRICT OF THUNDER BAY
SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BOARD**

BOARD MINUTES

**MINUTES OF BOARD (REGULAR SESSION) MEETING NO. 05/2025
OF**

THE DISTRICT OF THUNDER BAY SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BOARD

DATE OF MEETING: March 20, 2025

TIME OF MEETING: 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION OF MEETING: Microsoft Teams &
3rd Floor Boardroom
TBDSSAB Headquarters
231 May Street South
Thunder Bay, ON

CHAIR: Jim Vezina

PRESENT:

Ken Boshcoff
Anne Marie Bourgeault
Chris Eby
Kasey Etreni
Brian Hamilton
Kathleen Lynch
Jim Moffat
Dominic Pasqualino
Jim Vezina

OFFICIALS:

Ken Ranta, Chief Executive Officer
Georgina Daniels, Director, Corporate Services Division
Crystal Simeoni, Director, Integrated Social Services Division
Marty Farough, Manager, Infrastructure & Asset Management
Shari Mackenzie, Manager, Human Resources
Aaron Park, Manager, Housing & Homelessness Programs
Tomi Akinoyede, Supervisor, Research & Social Policy
Carole Lem, Communications & Engagement Officer
Glenda Flank, Recording Secretary
Diana Hennel, Administrative Assistant

REGRETS:

Albert Aiello
Meghan Chomut
Greg Johnsen
Elaine Mannisto
Mark Thibert

GUESTS:

Note: For the purposes of the Minutes references to TBDSSAB or the Board refers to The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board of Directors as relevant to specific agenda items; references to TBDHC or the Board refers to the Directors of Thunder Bay District Housing Corporation as relevant to specific agenda items. References to CEO refer jointly to the Chief Executive Officer of TBDSSAB and Senior Administrator of TBDHC.

BOARD MEETING

Jim Vezina, Board Chair introduced Chris Eby, as a new Board Member appointed by The Township of Red Rock. All members of the Board and Administration introduced themselves.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CONFIRMATION OF BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Resolution No. 25/19

Moved by: Brian Hamilton
Seconded by: Dominic Pasqualino

THAT with respect to the agenda for the Board Regular and Closed Session meetings of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board for March 20, 2025, we approve the agendas as presented;

AND THAT we approve any additional information and new business.

CARRIED

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Board Meetings

Minutes of Meeting No. 03/2025 (Regular Session) and 04/2025 (Closed Session) of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board, held on February 20, 2025, respectively, were presented for confirmation.

Resolution No. 25/20

Moved by: Jim Moffat
Seconded by: Ken Boshcoff

THAT the Minutes of Meeting No. 03/2025 (Regular Session) and Meeting No. 04/2025 (Closed Session), of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board, held on February 20, 2025, respectively, be confirmed.

CARRIED

Committee Meetings

Draft Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held on November 26, 2024 were presented to the Board for information.

CLOSED SESSION MEETING

Administration recommended that the Board adjourn to a closed meeting relative to receipt of information with respect to identifiable individuals including members of the Administration regarding the verbal update relative to the TBDSSAB Board Chair position.

Resolution No. 25/21

Moved by: Dominic Pasqualino
 Seconded by: Kathleen Lynch

THAT the Board adjourns to Closed Session relative to identifiable individuals including members of Administration regarding the verbal update relative to The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board Chair position.

CARRIED

At 10:25 a.m. the meeting reconvened in Regular Session and Aaron Park, Manager, Housing & Homelessness Programs, Tomi Akinyede, Supervisor, Research & Social Policy and Carole Lem, Communications & Engagement Officer joined the meeting.

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION

10-Year Housing & Homelessness Plan 2014-2024 Final Update

Report No. 2025-09 (Integrated Social Services Division) was presented to the Board providing information related to the TBDSSAB 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan Final Update.

Crystal Simeoni, Director, Integrated Social Services Division provided clarification and responded to questions.

At 10:46 a.m. Marty Farough, Manager, Infrastructure & Asset Management joined the meeting.

Aaron Park, Manager, Housing & Homelessness Programs responded to questions.

Ken Ranta, Chief Executive Officer provided further information and responded to questions.

Resolution No. 25/22

Moved by: Ken Boshcoff
 Seconded by: Dominic Pasqualino

THAT with respect to Report No. 2025-09 (Integrated Social Services Division) we, The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board (TBDSSAB or the Board), approve the TBDSSAB 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan 2014-2024 Final Progress Report as presented;

AND THAT the Board authorizes Administration to submit the 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan 2014-2024 Final Progress Report to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing as required.

CARRIED

10-Year Housing & Homelessness Plan
Housing Target Final Update

Report No. 2025-10 (Integrated Social Services Division) was presented to the Board providing updated information relative to the 10-Year community and affordable housing targets based on the methodology adopted in 2015.

Ken Ranta, Chief Executive Officer responded to questions and provided clarification.

Crystal Simeoni, Director, Integrated Social Services Division responded to questions.

Resolution No. 25/23

Moved by: Ken Boshcoff
 Seconded by: Brian Hamilton

THAT with respect to Report No. 2025-10 (Integrated Social Services Division), we The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board, approve and adopt the 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan – Revised Housing Targets Final Update as presented;

AND THAT any further Housing Targets provided by Administration be included in future Housing and Homelessness Plan updates.

CARRIED

At 11:04 a.m. Aaron Park, Manager, Housing & Homelessness Programs and Tomi Akinyede, Supervisor, Research and Social Policy left the meeting.

Environmental Stewardship Initiatives

Report No. 2025-11, (Corporate Services Division) was presented to the Board providing information on initiatives undertaken in 2024 to enhance environmental stewardship across the organization, in keeping with the objective of being an environmentally friendly organization.

Georgina Daniels, Director, Corporate Services Division provided an overview of the initiatives undertaken in 2024.

Crystal Simeoni, Director, Integrated Social Services Division provided further information and responded to questions.

At 11:14 a.m. Marty Farough, Manager, Infrastructure & Asset Management left the meeting.

TBDHC Shareholders' Meeting – Appointment of Proxy

Memorandum from Ken Ranta, CEO (Chief Executive Officer Division), dated January 31, 2025, was presented to the Board providing information on the requirement to appoint a proxy for voting at the 19th Annual Shareholders' Meeting for Thunder Bay District Housing Corporation (TBDHC).

Ken Ranta, CEO provided a brief background for the reason to appoint a proxy.

Resolution No. 25/24

Moved by: Kathleen Lynch
Seconded by: Jim Moffat

THAT with respect to the Thunder Bay District Housing Corporation Nineteenth Annual Shareholder's Meeting, to be held on April 17, 2025 at The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Headquarters, we The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board appoint the Board Chair to be the designated Proxy or failing Chair's availability, the Board Vice-Chair.

CARRIED

At 11:16 a.m. Kasey Etreni, Board Member joined the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

2025 Northern Ontario Service Deliverers' Association Membership

Letter from Fern Dominelli, Executive Director, NOSDA dated March 6, 2025 regarding the selection of Members and Executive for 2025 for NOSDA was presented to the Board.

Ken Ranta, CEO provided a brief overview of the letter received and advised that it would be brought forward at the April Board Meeting for selection of attendees to the NOSDA AGM.

BY-LAWS

None.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board will be held on Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 10:00 a.m., 3rd Floor Boardroom, 231 May Street S., Thunder Bay, ON and via Microsoft Teams.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 25/25

Moved by: Kasey Etreni
Seconded by: Chris Eby

THAT the Board Meeting No. 05/2025 of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board, held on March 20, 2025, be adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

CARRIED


Chair
Chief Executive Officer



March LRCA Board Meeting
 Lakehead Region Conservation Authority
 March 26, 2025, at 4:30 PM
 130 Conservation Road

Members Present:

Robert Beatty, Donna Blunt, Rudy Buitenhuis, Trevor Giertuga (part of meeting), Sheelagh Hendrick, Greg Johnsen, Brian Kurikka, Jim Vezina

Members Not Present

Albert Aiello, Grant Arnold, Dan Calvert

Also Present:

Tammy Cook, Chief Administrative Officer
 Mark, Ambrose, Finance Manager
 Ryne Gilliam, Lands Manager
 Melissa Hughson, Watershed Manager
 Ryan Mackett, Communications Manager
 Melanie O'Riley, Administrative Clerk/Receptionist, recorder of Minutes

Before the start of the Meeting, Donna Blunt, Chair, introduced new Staff person, Coralie Cote, Planning and Regulation Technician.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

THAT: the Agenda be adopted as published.

Motion: #48/25

Motion moved by Sheelagh Hendrick and motion seconded by Greg Johnson. **CARRIED.**

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

***THAT:** the Minutes of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority 2nd Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, be adopted as published.*

Motion: #49/25

Motion moved by Greg Johnson and motion seconded by Sheelagh Hendrick. **CARRIED.**

5. IN-CAMERA AGENDA

***THAT:** we now go into Committee of the Whole (In-Camera) at 4:35 p.m.*

Motion: #50/25

Motion moved by Greg Johnson and motion seconded by Sheelagh Hendrick. **CARRIED.**

***THAT:** we go into Open Meeting at 5:30 p.m.*

Motion: #51/25

Motion moved by Jim Vezina and motion seconded by Brian Kurikka. **CARRIED.**

***THAT:** the In-Camera Minutes of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority February 26, 2025 meeting be adopted as published.*

Motion: #52/25

Motion moved by Rudy Buitenhuis and motion seconded by Jim Vezina. **CARRIED.**

***THAT:** the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority supports in principle, leasing 1111 Fort William Road to the City of Thunder Bay, subject to the execution of an acceptable lease agreement, approval from the Minister and final approval of the Board of Directors.*

Motion: #53/25

Motion moved by Greg Johnson and motion seconded by Jim Vezina. **CARRIED.**

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

None.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

8. STAFF REPORTS

8.1. Emergency Heating Equipment Replacement at LRCA Administrative Building

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report LM-06-2025 related to the LRCA Administrative Building's boiler and split wall mounted air conditioner/heating units.

***THAT:** an emergency purchase of a new boiler and split wall mounted air conditioner/heating units with inverters be purchased from Allied Air, with the total cost being appropriated from the Administrative Maintenance Reserve, be approved.*

Motion: #54/25

Motion moved by Jim Vezina and motion seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis. **CARRIED.**

8.2. Lakehead Coastal Resilience Shoreline Management Plan - Project Award Recommendation

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report FPMAP-01-2025 related to awarding the contract to complete the Lakehead Coastal Resilience Shoreline Management Plan Project.

***THAT:** the proposal submitted by KGS Group dated March 24, 2025 to complete the Lakehead Coastal Resilience Shoreline Management Plan be accepted for a cost of \$624,991.73, not including HST be approved.*

Motion: #55/25

Motion moved by Rudy Buitenhuis and motion seconded by Jim Vezina. **CARRIED.**

8.3. Maps of Regulated Areas - Annual Update 2024

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report DEVREG-03-2025 related to the Maps of Regulated Areas 2024 update.

***THAT:** Staff Report DEVREG-03-2025 be received **AND FURTHER THAT** the updates 1001 to 1020 to LRCA Screening Maps be approved.*

Motion: #56/25

Motion moved by Rudy Buitenhuis and motion seconded by Robert Beatty. **CARRIED.**

8.4. Strategic Plan Annual Report

Members reviewed and discussed Staff Report STRAT-01-2025 related to the 2024 Strategic Plan annual summary report.

THAT: Staff Report STRAT-01-2025 be received.

Motion: #57/25

Motion moved by Robert Beatty and motion seconded by Brian Kurikka. **CARRIED.**

9. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**9.1. Monthly Treasurer's Report**

Members were provided with the monthly Treasurer's Report for February's Administration and Capital.

10. PASSING OF ACCOUNTS

THAT: having examined the accounts for the period February 1, 2025 to February 28, 2025 cheque #3487 to #3506 for \$12,699.33 and preauthorized payments of \$129,374.25 for a total of \$142,073.58, we approve their payment.

Motion: #58/25

Motion moved by Brian Kurikka and motion seconded by Robert Beatty. **CARRIED.**

11. REGULATORY ROLE

Members were provided with a summary of the Plan Review program comments and Section 28 permits issued since last meeting.

12. PROJECTS UPDATE**12.1. Communications Manager Projects Update**

Members were provided with the draft 2024 Annual Report. The final annual report will be provided at the April Board meeting for Board approval.

It was noted that new LRCA branded hoodies and a new t-shirt design are available for sale.

12.2. Lands Manager Projects Update

None.

12.3. Watershed Manager Projects Update

Members were advised that the Source Protection Committee (SPC) held a meeting and discussed the draft tenth annual progress report, which is due to Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) on May 1, 2025, as required by the *Clean Water Act*. A Source Protection Authority Meeting will be held on April 30, 2025, to receive and adopt the tenth Annual Progress Report for submission to the Director of MECP.

It was noted that the March 15, 2025, snow surveys indicated that the snow survey locations were slightly below average for snow depth and water content, when compared to the historical averages for March 15th.

It was noted that a Flood Watch message was issued on March 14, 2025, for the Lakehead Region and remained in effect until March 17, 2025.

It was noted that the 36th Annual Spring Melt Meeting would be held on March 31, 2025.

It was noted that a Cyanobacteria (Blue-Green Algae) Open House was held on March 25, 2025, and was very well attended.

13. NEW BUSINESS

Trever Giertuga joined the meeting.

Brian Kurikka, Municipality of Neebing Counselor, advised the Board that due to on-going vandalism on municipal land, they have installed monitoring cameras.

Tammy Cook, CAO, advised the Board that Conservation Authorities oversight have moved from the Ministry of Natural Resources portfolio back to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks.

It was noted that long-time employee Roman Augustyn has passed away.

14. NEXT MEETING

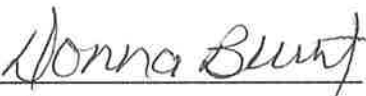
Wednesday, April 30, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

15. ADJOURNMENT

THAT: the time being 5:55 p.m. **AND FURTHER THAT** there being no further business we adjourn.

Motion: #59/25

Moved by Rudy Buitenhuis and motion seconded by Brian Kurikka. **CARRIED.**


Chair


Chief Administrative Officer

DRINKING WATER SOURCE PROTECTION

Our Actions Matter



LAKEHEAD REGION
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
LAKEHEAD SOURCE PROTECTION AREA

Minutes of the First Regular Meeting of the Lakehead Source Protection Authority (SPA) held on Thursday, April 24, 2024, at the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority. The Chair called the Meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Present: Donna Blunt, Chair
Grant Arnold
Robert Beatty
Rudy Buitenhuis
Dan Calvert
Sheelagh Hendrick
Brian Kurikka

Regrets: Albert Aiello
Trevor Giertuga
Greg Johnson
Jim Vezina

Also

Present: Tammy Cook, Chief Administrative Officer
Melissa Hughson, Watershed Manager
Ryan Mackett, Communications Manager
Melanie O'Riley, Administrative Clerk/Receptionist, Recorder of Minutes

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution #1/24

Moved by Robert Beatty, Seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis

"THAT: the Agenda is adopted." CARRIED.

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolution #2/24

Moved by Robert Beatty, Seconded by Brian Kurikka

“THAT: the Minutes of the Lakehead Source Protection Authority First Regular Meeting held on Thursday April 20, 2023, are adopted as published.” CARRIED.

4. SOURCE PROTECTION IMPLEMENTATION

4.1 Ninth Annual Lakehead Source Protection Plan Report

Members reviewed and discussed the Ninth Lakehead Source Protection Plan Annual Report, the MECP Lakehead Source Protection Annual Progress Report, the MECP Source Protection 2023 Supplemental Form, and the 2023 Policy Implementation Status for the reporting period of January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023.

It was noted that the Source Protection Committee was provided a draft copy of the documents at their March 11, 2024, Source Protection Committee Meeting and their comments were incorporated into the final report.

Resolution #3/24

Moved by Robert Beatty, Seconded by Rudy Buitenhuis

“THAT: the Lakehead Source Protection Plan Annual Report, the MECP Lakehead Source Protection Annual Progress Report, the MECP Source Protection 2023 Supplemental Form, and 2023 Policy Implementation Status for the reporting period of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 are adopted AND FURTHER THAT the MECP Lakehead Source Protection Annual Progress Report and the MECP Source Protection 2023 Supplemental Form and 2023 Policy Implementation Status are submitted to the MECP Director AND FURTHER THAT the reports are posted to the Source Protection Website.” CARRIED.

4.2 Source Protection Committee Procedural Manual

Members reviewed and discussed the Lakehead Source Protection Committee Procedural Manual.

Resolution #4/24

Moved by Dan Calvert, Seconded by Sheelagh Hendrick

“THAT: the Drinking Water Source Protection Lakehead Source Protection Committee Procedural Manual, Version 3.0 is adopted AND FURTHER THAT the Drinking Water Source Protection Lakehead Source Protection Committee Procedural Manual, Version 3.0 is distributed to the Source Protection Committee Members.”

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

Members were advised that the Section 36 Workplan was submitted and accepted by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

6. **NEXT MEETING**

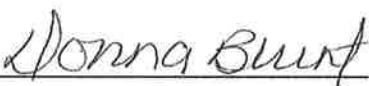
April 2025 (exact date and time to be determined)

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution #5/23

Moved by Sheelagh Hendrick, Seconded by Dan Calvert

"THAT: the time being 5:45 p.m. AND FURTHER THAT there being no further business THAT we adjourn." CARRIED.


Chair


Chief Administrative Officer

**The Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing
Administrative Report**

Date: May 2, 2025 (For Meeting on May 7, 2025)

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: Administrative Activity Report

Submitted by: Erika Kromm, Clerk-Treasurer

This report updates Council since the last activity report was prepared (April 11, 2025).

General:

1. Meetings, etc.: The list of meetings, events, office closures, etc. is appended.
2. Neebing News: The next deadline for submission to the Neebing News is May 20th.
3. Landfill Site Work: KGS is continuing to work on the expansion applications for both landfill sites. The college has provided a draft report regarding the current state of Neebing's landfill sites. The staff and the waste management committee are reviewing and providing comments. A finalized report will be presented to council when it is ready.
4. Municipal Properties: Marketing is continuing for the final surplus municipal property.
5. Website Migration: Administration working through the training modules for the new website backend and working to make sure all pages are ready for the switch over. Expected go live is set for June.
6. Fire Hall Leases: The surveys will occur in the early spring once the snow melts.
7. West Oliver Lake: Administration has submitted the reduced scope application to the Ministry of Natural Resources. A report will be brought forward once a response has been received.
8. Fire Safety Bay: The RFP procurement is active. 15 people representing 14 firms attended the site visit on April 15, 2025. The RFP closing date is May 8, 2025. A Special Meeting of Council is scheduled for May 14 to review recommendations from the Tender Review Committee.
9. Municipal Audit: The auditors are completing the audit and have scheduled the presentation of the 2024 draft Financial Statements for the Council meeting on May 21, 2025.

10. Strategic Plan Update: Administration is working on the draft strategic plan using the direction provided by Council.

Planning:

11. Zoning By-law Amendment: No new applications have been received.
12. Severance Applications: No new applications have been received.
13. Official Plan: MMAH has submitted the Official Plan to the Minister for final approval.

ATTACHMENTS: List of upcoming meetings, events and training courses involving members of Council.

ATTACHMENT: Upcoming Meetings/Events

Date/Time	Meeting	Attendees/Comments
May 5, 2025 @ 5:00 pm at the Municipal Office	Cemetery Committee	Councillors Coulson and Hill, Mrs. Jones
May 7, 2025 @ 6:00 pm at the Municipal Office	Regular Council meeting	Open to the public (excepting Closed portion, if any)
May 13, 2025 @ 9:15 am at the Municipal Office	Health & Safety Committee	Councillor Wright and Ms. Kromm
May 13, 2025 @ 5:30 pm at the Municipal Office	Neebing Waste Management Committee	Councillors Gardner and Kurikka and Ms. Kromm
May 14, 2025 @ 5:00 pm at the Municipal Office	Special Meeting of Council to review recommendations from the Tender Review Committee	Open to the public
May 14, 2025 @ 6:00 pm at the Municipal Office	Special Meeting of Council to discuss Podres Road	Open to the public
May 15, 2025 @ 5:30 pm at the OPP Detachment Office	Lakehead OPP Detachment Board	Councillor Wright and Ms. Kromm
Monday, May 19, 2025 Victoria Day – Office Closed		
May 20, 2025 @ 5:30 pm Virtual	Lakehead Rural Municipal Coalition	Mayor Thibert and Ms. Kromm
May 21, 2025 @ 6:00 pm at the Municipal Office	Regular Council meeting	Open to the public (excepting Closed portion, if any)
May 26, 2025 @ 5:30 pm at the Municipal Office	Neebing Economic Development Advisory Committee	Councillors Hill and Kurikka and Ms. Kromm
June 4, 2025 @ 6:00 pm at the Municipal Office	Regular Council meeting	Open to the public (excepting Closed portion, if any)
June 12, 2025 @ 5:30 pm at the OPP Detachment Office	Lakehead OPP Detachment Board	Councillor Wright and Ms. Kromm
June 14, 2025 @ 10 am at the Cemetery	Cemetery Committee Clean- Up Day	Councillors Coulson and Hill, Mrs. Jones
June 18, 2025 @ 6:00 pm at the Municipal Office	Regular Council meeting	Open to the public (excepting Closed portion, if any)
August 11, 2024 @ 5:00 pm at the Municipal Office	Cemetery Committee	Councillors Coulson and Hill, Mrs. Jones
November 3, 2025 @ 5:00 pm at the Municipal Office	Cemetery Committee	Councillors Coulson and Hill, Mrs. Jones

Known “regular” committee meetings:

Asset Management Meets as required

NEDAC: Meets as required

Recreation Committee: second Monday of each month (7:00 p.m.; Blake Hall)

Cemetery Board: last Monday of mid-quarter months (5:00 p.m.; Municipal Office)

Waste Management Committee: second Monday of each month (5:30 p.m.; Municipal Office)

Lakehead Rural Municipal Coalition: Third Tuesday of every second month (5:30 p.m.)

The Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing Administrative Report

Date: April 16, 2025 (for Council meeting on April 16, 2025)

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: Understanding Surplus Deficit Calculations

Submitted by: Laura Jones, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

RECOMMENDATION:

This report provided for Council's information.

DISCUSSION

This report is provided to explain what the surplus (deficit) number provided annually by our audit team represents. At the time of writing this report the 2024 surplus deficit number was not available. That number does not represent what is in our bank account, nor does it represent financial "health". In fact, according to the Municipal Finance Officers Association, surplus and deficit in a financial statement do not necessarily indicate performance.

In a financial statement: the annual surplus/deficit shows whether the revenues generated were greater than the expenses incurred, **including non-cash expenses such as amortization.**

For example: a surplus does not mean that a municipality has extra funds to spend. It could mean that a municipality has funds reserved for future obligations such as paying retirement benefits. A deficit could be the result of an unexpected emergency, or the reporting of amortization expense.

When calculating the annual surplus/deficit, the costs of using capital assets over the lives of the assets is recognized — meaning a portion of the asset's cost is charged as an amortization cost each year, until the asset is considered to be fully paid off. The acquisition and improvement of assets can result in a lowered surplus and even a deficit. Neebing has been investing significant funds in improving our assets, this can result in a lower surplus/deficit number. This is why having a low surplus(deficit) number is not necessarily indicative of financial health.

In a budget: The annual surplus/deficit number is stripped of its non- financial components, and shows whether the revenues generated were greater than the expenses incurred in the prior year.

The surplus deficit number for both the Financial Statements and the 2025 Budget will be available for the May 21, 2025 Council Meeting.

ATTACHMENTS: None

AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST: None

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Municipal Affairs
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234-2025-1992

May 1, 2025

Dear Head of Council:

To follow up on [our government's announcement from April 9, 2025](#), I am pleased to inform you that as of May 1, 2025, we have expanded strong mayor powers to heads of council of an additional 170 municipalities. This includes your municipality.

Heads of council in strong mayor municipalities are able to:

- Choose to appoint the municipality's chief administrative officer.
- Hire certain municipal division heads, and establish and re-organize divisions.
- Create committees of council, assign their functions and appoint the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of committees of council.
- Veto certain by-laws if they are of the opinion that all or part of the by-law could potentially interfere with a prescribed provincial priority, such as housing, transit and infrastructure.
- Bring forward matters for council consideration if they are of the opinion that considering the matter could potentially advance a prescribed provincial priority.
- Propose certain municipal by-laws if they are of the opinion that the proposed by-law could potentially advance a prescribed provincial priority. Council can pass these by-laws if more than one-third of all council members vote in favour.
- Propose the municipal budget, which would be subject to council amendments and a separate mayoral veto and council override process.

Some strong mayor powers are related to prescribed provincial priorities that are identified in [O. Reg 580/22](#).

Heads of council in strong mayor municipalities are subject to existing accountability and transparency rules, as well as certain additional rules. For example, when the head of council exercises many of the strong mayor powers and performs many of the strong mayor duties, they are required to provide written documentation to the municipal clerk and members of council by the next business day. They must also make this written documentation available to the public.

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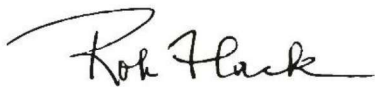
For more information on strong mayor powers and duties please see:

- The Strong Mayor chapter of the [Ontario Municipal Councillor's Guide](#)
- Part VI.1 of the Municipal Act, 2001 – [Special Powers and Duties of the Head of Council](#)
- Regulations made under the Municipal Act, 2001 that relate to strong mayor powers and duties: [O. Reg 580/22](#); [O. Reg. 530/22](#)

If you have any questions, please reach out to my Director of Stakeholder and Caucus Relations, Tanner Zelenko, at 437-996-2487 or tanner.zelenko@ontario.ca.

Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,



Hon. Rob Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

c: Robert Dodd, Chief of Staff
Martha Greenberg, Deputy Minister
Caspar Hall, Assistant Deputy Minister, Local Government Division
Sean Fraser, Assistant Deputy Minister, Municipal & Housing Operations Division
Municipal Clerk and Chief Administrative Officer

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**Policy Division
Food Safety and Environmental Policy Branch**

April 15, 2025

To: All municipalities in Ontario (Planning Department and/or Clerk's Office)

Re: Agricultural System Implementation

Dear municipal partners,

The [Provincial Planning Statement](#) (PPS, 2024) came into effect on October 20, 2024. To help foster a thriving agri-food sector, the PPS (2024) requires an Agricultural System approach province-wide, which strives to protect the agricultural land base and strengthen the viability of the agri-food network. Implementing an Agricultural System approach can help support agri-food businesses, farm operations, related employment and economic opportunities, and protect Ontario's highest quality farmland.

The PPS, 2024 Agricultural System approach includes two components: 1. the identification of the agricultural land base; and 2. the consideration of the agri-food network – which may include infrastructure, services and assets that the agri-food sector relies on.

To support municipalities in their implementation of an Agricultural System approach, the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness (OMAFRA) has the following resources:

1: Agricultural Land Base Resources

To implement the agricultural land base, municipalities are required to identify and designate prime agricultural areas and consider if there are rural lands that could also be identified as part of an agricultural land base. Inclusion of rural lands within the agricultural land base is left to municipal discretion.

To support this work, OMAFA has data and information available upon request that can help municipalities identify where prime agricultural areas and rural lands are present. While there is no requirement to utilize this data and information in identifying municipal designations, it can help to provide a basis that municipalities can then refine based on

local information, such as municipally-designated prime agricultural areas and settlement area boundaries.

The existing [OMAFA Implementation Procedures for the Agricultural System \(2020\)](#) continue to provide helpful guidance with respect to what/how municipalities can address Agricultural System policies in their respective official plans. It is important to note that given section 5.3 of the Greenbelt Plan, 2017 has not been modified, the 2018 provincial agricultural land base mapping and implementation procedures remains in effect for the Protected Countryside of the Greenbelt. OMAFA staff are developing updated Implementation Procedures for the Agricultural System to align with the PPS (2024) and will provide notice once these updates have been finalized.

2: Agri-food Network Resources

The second component of the Agricultural System is the agri-food network. It complements and supports the agricultural land base. The agri-food network includes the regional infrastructure and transportation networks, agricultural operations, services, and other agri-food assets that are needed to sustain and enhance agriculture and the prosperity and viability of the broader agri-food sector.

The OMAFA [Agricultural System Portal](#) maps elements of the agri-food network, however, unlike prime agricultural areas, the agri-food network is not a land use designation within an official plan. Rather, awareness of, and support for the agri-food network is documented in an official plan for economic development purposes and can be achieved in several ways. This could include reference to local elements identified in asset mapping reports, or an inventory of components of the agri-food network in an official plan appendix. Other supportive approaches include policy cross-references to mapping and data tools, including OMAFA's Agricultural System Portal, the development of Agricultural Advisory Committees, supportive economic development policies for the agri-food network, and cross-references to Economic Development staff/programs.

Moving Forward

OMAFA staff will continue to work with municipalities to support implementation of the PPS 2024 Agricultural System policies. As such, we are pleased to share that as part of broader modernization efforts, the Ministry is embracing an 'evergreen' approach for maintaining and enhancing Ontario's digital soil mapping data.

As an example, improved topography/slope information available through new technology will be incorporated in a forthcoming digital update of the existing Canada Land Inventory (CLI) mapping for agricultural soil. As it becomes available, this new information is being applied to CLI ratings across Ontario. OMAFA is committed to making ongoing improvements to ensure CLI data is as accurate as possible. The work currently underway is anticipated to be completed in 2026/27. Until any future release of updated data, municipalities can continue using existing agricultural capability mapping (i.e., CLI ratings).

When you embark on implementing an Agricultural System approach or updating/refining existing official plan mapping, please contact OMAFA staff to discuss the data that may be available to support your project. You can locate OMAFA land use planning staff on [OMAFA's website](#). Below you will find a summary list of the additional resources related to Agricultural System planning and implementation.

Please share this correspondence with the appropriate planning and economic development department staff in your municipality.

Sincerely,



Andrea Martin
Director
Food Safety and Environmental Policy Branch

Resources

[Provincial Planning Statement, 2024](#)
[Implementation Procedures of the Agricultural System](#)
[A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2019](#)
[Agricultural Systems Portal](#)
[OMAFA Agricultural land use planning staff](#)
[Economic tools](#)
[Canada Land Inventory information for Agricultural Land Use Planning in Ontario](#)
[Soil Capability for Agriculture in Ontario](#)
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MEMORANDUM TO: All Ontario Fire Chiefs

FROM: Jon Pegg
Ontario Fire Marshal

DATE: April 28, 2025

SUBJECT: *"When Every Second Counts"* 9-1-1 Campaign

The Emergency Services Steering Committee (ESSC) is a working group of municipal Chief Administrative Officers (CAOs) and City Managers established in 2005 by the Ontario Big City Mayors and Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario to provide advocacy, background information and research on all issues related to emergency service costs in Ontario. Through its work, the committee identified a shared concern for the growing pressures on 9-1-1 services with particular attention to the volume of non-emergency calls and related costs to emergency services across the province.

The ESSC has developed Ontario's first ever province-wide campaign to reduce non-emergency 9-1-1 calls and educate the public about where to find the appropriate help for situations that do not require a 9-1-1 call.

The ***"When Every Second Counts"*** campaign launched on April 30, 2025. As part of the campaign, a toolkit of resources will be distributed to all municipalities to use to promote the campaign across Ontario and raise public awareness of the proper use of 9-1-1.

The toolkit includes ready-to-use communication products, such as social media, advertising, and media outreach templates, that municipalities can customize and distribute throughout their communities.

The campaign's website can be accessed by visiting www.wheneversecondcounts.ca. The toolkit can be accessed from the main page by clicking "Toolkit" at the top right of your screen and entering the password **Local#**.

This campaign is an important step towards enhancing community safety across the province. Educating the public on the proper use of 9-1-1 services helps ensure that emergency services are utilized effectively and that Ontarians know the appropriate resources to contact in non-emergency situations.

Thank you in advance for using the toolkit to ensure its important message reaches all Ontarians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Jon Pegg', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jon Pegg
Ontario Fire Marshal

c: Mario Di Tommaso, O.O.M.
Deputy Solicitor General, Community Safety

Financial statements of Municipal Property Assessment Corporation

December 31, 2024

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors of
Municipal Property Assessment Corporation

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (the "Corporation"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2024, and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies (collectively referred to as the "financial statements").

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Corporation as at December 31, 2024, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards ("Canadian GAAS"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Corporation in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Annual Report is expected to be available to us after the date of this auditor's report.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements, or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

When we read the Annual Report, if we conclude that there is a material misstatement therein, we are required to communicate the matter with those charged with governance.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Corporation's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Corporation or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Corporation's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian GAAS, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Corporation's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Corporation's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Corporation to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Deloitte LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants
Licensed Public Accountants
March 27, 2025

Municipal Property Assessment Corporation**Statement of financial position**

As at December 31, 2024

(In thousands of dollars)

	Notes	2024 \$	2023 \$
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash		14,198	14,884
Accounts receivable		6,117	4,536
Prepaid expenses		3,141	2,906
		23,456	22,326
Investments	3	162,247	156,137
Capital assets	4	9,600	7,719
Long-term prepaid expenses		196	52
Intangible assets	5	6	11
		195,505	186,245
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	14	33,860	29,831
Deferred revenue	6	1,687	1,483
Current portion of capital leases	10	352	322
		35,899	31,636
Employee future benefits	7	43,227	40,451
Deferred lease inducements		785	1,120
Long-term portion of capital leases	10	761	706
		80,672	73,913
Commitments and contingencies	9 and 11		
Net assets			
Unrestricted		7,604	7,402
Internally restricted	8	98,736	98,228
Invested in capital and intangible assets		8,493	6,702
		114,833	112,332
		195,505	186,245

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Approved by the Board of Directors



_____, Director



_____, Director

Municipal Property Assessment Corporation**Statement of operations**

Year ended December 31, 2024

(In thousands of dollars)

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Revenue		
Municipal	219,432	214,919
Other	28,398	26,117
Interest and dividend income	4,899	5,097
	252,729	246,133
Expenses		
Salaries and benefits	214,243	199,198
Professional services	10,582	10,978
Information technology	12,661	11,783
Facilities	8,657	8,567
General and administrative	10,677	8,203
Royalties	3,258	2,697
Amortization of capital and intangible assets	2,755	3,002
Gain on disposal of capital assets	(551)	(119)
	262,282	244,309
(Deficiency) excess of revenue over expenses before change in fair value of investments	(9,553)	1,824
Change in fair value of investments	12,835	7,998
Excess of revenue over expenses for the year	3,282	9,822

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Municipal Property Assessment Corporation
Statement of changes in net assets

Year ended December 31, 2024
(In thousands of dollars)

	Notes	Unrestricted	Internally restricted	Invested in capital and intangible assets	2024 Total	2023 Total
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
			(Note 8)			
Net assets, beginning of year		7,402	98,228	6,702	112,332	105,614
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses for the year		5,488	—	(2,206)	3,282	9,822
Remeasurements and other items on employee future benefits	7	(781)	—	—	(781)	(3,104)
Acquisition of capital and intangible assets		(4,818)	—	4,818	—	—
Proceeds from disposal of capital and intangible assets		736	—	(736)	—	—
Incurred lease obligations for vehicles accounted for as capital leases		430	—	(430)	—	—
(Repayment) retirement of lease obligations for vehicles accounted for as capital leases		(345)	—	345	—	—
Interfund transfers to internally restricted reserves		(508)	508	—	—	—
Net assets, end of year		7,604	98,736	8,493	114,833	112,332

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Municipal Property Assessment Corporation**Statement of cash flows**

Year ended December 31, 2024

(In thousands of dollars)

	Notes	2024 \$	2023 \$
Operating activities			
Excess of revenue over expenses for the year		3,282	9,822
Employee future benefits payments	7	(974)	(810)
Add (deduct): Items not affecting cash			
Change in fair value of investments		(12,835)	(7,998)
Reinvested investment income		(3,629)	(3,860)
Employee future benefits expense	7	2,969	2,817
Amortization of capital assets		2,750	2,998
Amortization of intangible assets		5	4
Gain on disposal of capital assets		(551)	(119)
Amortization of deferred lease inducements		(335)	(381)
		(9,318)	2,473
Changes in non-cash working capital			
Accounts receivable		(1,581)	(423)
Prepaid expenses		(379)	(170)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		4,029	(340)
Deferred revenue		204	(1,186)
		(7,045)	354
Investing activities			
Purchase of investments		—	(153,395)
Proceeds from sale of investments, net of fees		10,354	158,565
Purchase of capital assets		(4,388)	(2,278)
Proceeds on disposal of capital assets		738	130
Purchase of intangible assets		—	(9)
		6,704	3,013
Financing activity			
Repayment of lease obligations		(345)	(643)
(Decrease) increase in cash during the year		(686)	2,724
Cash, beginning of year		14,884	12,160
Cash, end of year		14,198	14,884
Supplementary cash flow information			
Non-cash transactions			
Acquisition of leased vehicles		(430)	—
Incurrence of lease obligations		430	—

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Municipal Property Assessment Corporation

Notes to the financial statements

December 31, 2024

(In thousands of dollars)

1. Description of business

Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (the Corporation), formerly the Ontario Property Assessment Corporation, was incorporated effective January 1, 1998 and is a special act corporation under the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation Act, 1997 (Ontario). The Corporation is responsible for providing property assessment services for municipalities in the Province of Ontario, as well as providing other statutory duties and other activities consistent with such duties as approved by its board of directors. All municipalities in Ontario are members of the Corporation.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

The significant accounting policies are summarized as follows:

Fund accounting

The financial statements include the following funds:

- The unrestricted fund comprises mainly amounts available for immediate use for the general purpose of the Corporation.
- The reserve for board-appropriated working fund is set aside by the board of directors in accordance with the Corporation's reserve strategy for contingencies and funding for identified one-time expenditures.
- The reserve for employee future benefits is the portion of net assets consisting of internally restricted investments set aside to settle employee future benefits.
- The reserve for enumeration was established to fund the costs associated with the preparation of preliminary voters' lists for municipal and school board elections. This function was transferred to the Elections Ontario in January 2024. MPAC will maintain the municipal and school board election support going forward, and the balance of this reserve will be used to pay for those activities.
- The reserve for assessment update was established to fund the costs associated with the assessment update. The Corporation contributes annually to the reserve but may vary the annual contribution with approval from the board of directors. The unspent reserve balance will be maintained to finance the next Assessment Update.
- Invested in capital and intangible assets represents assets that have been invested in long-lived capital and intangible assets which are not readily converted to cash, net of any liabilities related to the acquisition of those assets.

Financial instruments

The Corporation records cash, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities initially at fair value and subsequently at amortized cost. Financial assets are tested for impairment at the end of each reporting period when there are indications the assets may be impaired.

Investments are recorded at fair value. Transaction costs incurred on the acquisition of financial instruments measured subsequently at fair value are expensed as incurred.

Municipal Property Assessment Corporation**Notes to the financial statements**

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2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)*Capital assets*

Capital assets are recorded at cost and are amortized using the straight-line method as follows:

Office equipment	5 years
Furniture and fixtures	5 to 10 years
Computer equipment	3 to 4 years
Small boats and vessels	3 to 8 years
Vehicles under capital lease	5 years

Leasehold improvements are also amortized on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease or ten years, whichever is less.

Assets under construction are recorded in the applicable asset class in the year they are put into service and are not amortized until they are put into service.

Impairment of long-lived assets

The Corporation reviews the carrying amount, amortization and useful lives of its long-lived assets on an annual basis. If the long-lived asset no longer has any long-term service potential to the Corporation, the excess of the net carrying amount over any residual value is recognized as an expense in the statement of operations.

Intangible assets

Intangible assets consist of computer software, which is recorded at cost and is amortized over three years.

The costs of developing in-house software are expensed as incurred.

Revenue recognition

Municipal revenue relates to assessment services and is recognized in the year in which the services are provided, and collection is reasonably assured.

Other revenues are comprised of services sold and products delivered from business development. These revenues are recognized when the services have been provided and/or the product is delivered, and collection is reasonably assured.

Interest income is recognized when earned.

The Corporation follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Employee future benefits

The Corporation has defined benefit plans that provide for post-retirement medical and dental coverage and special termination benefits for defined eligible employees. Certain investments have been internally restricted but not segregated to pay for post-retirement benefits.

Municipal Property Assessment Corporation**Notes to the financial statements**

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2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)*Employee future benefits (continued)*

The Corporation has the following policies:

- The Corporation accrues its obligations under defined benefit plans and the related costs when the benefits are earned through current service using the accounting valuation method.
- The cost of post-employment benefits earned by employees is actuarially determined using the projected benefit method pro-rated on service and management's best estimates of retirement ages of employees, expected health-care costs and dental costs. The accrued benefit obligation related to employee future benefits is discounted using market rates on high-quality debt instruments.
- Remeasurements and other items are composed of actuarial gains (losses) on the accrued benefit obligation and arise from differences between the actual and expected experience and from changes in the actuarial assumptions used to determine the accrued benefit obligation, past service costs and gains and losses arising from settlements and curtailments. Actuarial gains and losses arise when the accrued benefit obligations change during the year. The actuarial gains and losses and other remeasurements including plan amendments are recorded in the statement of changes in net assets when incurred.

In addition, all employees of the Corporation are part of a defined benefit multi-employer benefit plan providing both pension and other retirement benefits. Contributions made to this plan are expensed as paid as the plan is accounted for as a defined contribution plan.

Deferred lease inducements

Lease liabilities include deferred lease inducements, which represent the free rent and improvement allowances received from landlords and are amortized over the term of the lease, and step-rent liability, which represents the difference between the average annual rent over the term of the lease agreement and actual rent paid in the year.

Use of estimates

In preparing the Corporation's financial statements, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Accounts requiring significant estimates include accounts payable and accrued liabilities, useful lives of capital assets and employee future benefits.

3. Investments

Investments are held within third party managed accounts, which invest independently. The breakdown of total investments by category is outlined below:

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Cash to be reinvested	270	149
Fixed income	88,069	92,665
Equity	55,786	45,639
Real assets	18,122	17,684
	162,247	156,137

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3. Investments (continued)

The Corporation internally restricts certain securities to fund employee future benefits. The breakdown of total investments by intended use is outlined below:

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Working capital	86,756	87,267
Employee future benefits	75,491	68,870
	162,247	156,137

4. Capital assets

	Cost	Accumulated amortization	2024 Net book value	2023 Net book value
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Office equipment	378	378	—	—
Furniture and fixtures	7,545	6,361	1,184	1,116
Computer equipment	16,941	14,717	2,224	2,038
Small boats and vessels	391	367	24	25
Leasehold improvements	20,705	16,495	4,210	3,555
Vehicles under capital lease	3,293	2,213	1,080	976
Assets under construction	878	—	878	9
	50,131	40,531	9,600	7,719

5. Intangible assets

	Cost	Accumulated amortization	2024 Net book value	2023 Net book value
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Computer software	3,031	3,025	6	11

6. Deferred revenue

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Business development unearned revenue and customer down payments	1,479	1,290
Other deferred amounts	208	193
	1,687	1,483

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7. Employee future benefits

The Corporation has accrued an obligation for its post-employment benefits as follows:

Employees who transferred to the Corporation from the Government of Ontario on December 31, 1998

- Employees who transferred to the Corporation with less than ten years of service with the province will receive post-retirement group benefit coverage through the Corporation for themselves and for their dependents' lifetimes. The cost of these benefits is shared equally between the Corporation and the employee for those employees who retire after January 1, 2018.

The Government of Ontario continues to provide post-retirement benefits for employees who transferred to the Corporation with ten or more years of service with the province.

Employees hired by the Corporation after December 31, 1998

- These employees will receive post-retirement group benefit coverage for themselves and for their dependents through the Corporation until age 65.

All employees

- The Corporation is a Schedule II employer under the Workplace Safety and Insurance Act (Ontario), 1997 and follows a policy of self-insurance for all its employees. The obligation as at December 31, 2024 is \$1,158 (\$617 in 2023) and is included in the total obligations below.

Information about the Corporation's accrued benefit obligations and accrued benefit liabilities is as follows:

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Accrued benefit obligations, beginning of year	40,451	35,340
Current service costs	1,106	1,049
Interest on accrued obligations	1,863	1,768
Actuarial loss (gain)	781	3,104
Contributions	(974)	(810)
Accrued benefit obligations, end of year	43,227	40,451

The employee future benefits expense recorded in the statement of operations during the year is as follows:

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Current service costs	1,106	1,049
Interest on accrued obligations	1,863	1,768
	2,969	2,817

Remeasurements and other items, consisting of curtailments, settlements, past service costs and actuarial loss of \$781 (loss of \$3,104 in 2023), have been recognized directly in net assets.

Municipal Property Assessment Corporation**Notes to the financial statements**

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7. Employee future benefits (continued)*All employees (continued)*

The significant actuarial assumptions adopted in measuring the Corporation's accrued benefit obligations are as follows:

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Discount rate	4.75%	4.65%
Health care inflation	5.2% grading down to 4% by 2040	5.2% grading down to 4% by 2040
Vision and dental care inflation	5.1% grading down to 4% by 2040	5.1% grading down to 4% by 2040

The date of the most recent actuarial valuation of the accrued benefit obligations was December 31, 2022.

The Corporation paid \$32,519 (\$30,133 in 2023) of employer and employee contributions to the defined benefit multi-employer benefit plan.

8. Internally restricted net assets

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Reserve for board-appropriated working fund	52,157	55,199
Reserve for employee future benefits	32,264	28,419
Reserve for enumeration	846	1,141
Reserve for assessment update	13,469	13,469
	98,736	98,228

Interfund transfers are approved by the board of directors. During the year, the board of directors approved the transfers between the unrestricted fund and the internally restricted net assets as follows: \$3,044 from (\$4,604 to in 2023) the board-appropriated working fund reserve to pay for future one-time expenditures; \$0 to (\$2,000 to in 2023) the assessment update reserve to set aside funds for the property assessment process, and \$295 from (\$202 from in 2023) the enumeration reserve.

The purpose and use of the employee future benefit reserve was approved by the board of directors at initial setup, and an annual approval for transfers is not required. A transfer of \$3,845 to (\$171 to in 2023) the employee future benefit reserve was made during the year.

Refer to note 2 for a description of the reserves.

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9. Commitments

The Corporation has commitments under various operating leases for properties. Minimum lease payments due in each of the next five years and thereafter are as follows:

	\$
2025	3,352
2026	2,189
2027	916
2028	529
2029	302
Thereafter	15
	<u>7,303</u>

The Corporation is also committed to paying operating costs and property taxes on its various property leases.

10. Capital leases

The Corporation entered into several vehicle leases with an interest rate of between 3.82% and 6.98%, with lease terms up to 60 months. On termination of the lease, the Corporation has guaranteed a certain residual value of the vehicle to the lessor, depending on the ultimate lease term.

As at December 31, 2024 the current portion of the capital leases is \$352 (\$322 in 2023) and the long-term portion is \$761 (\$706 in 2023).

Future minimum annual lease payments required under capital lease arrangements are as follows:

	\$
2025	402
2026	395
2027	233
2028	101
2029	94
Total lease payments	<u>1,225</u>
Less: amount representing interest	<u>(112)</u>
	1,113
Less: current portion	<u>352</u>
	<u>761</u>

11. Contingent liabilities and guarantees

The Corporation has been named as a defendant in certain legal actions in which damages have either been sought or, through subsequent pleadings, could be sought. Where the outcome of these actions is determinable and considered significant as at December 31, 2024, a provision was made in these financial statements for any liability that may result. Any losses arising from these actions will be recorded in the year the related litigation is settled.

Municipal Property Assessment Corporation

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11. Contingent liabilities and guarantees (continued)

In the normal course of business, the Corporation enters into agreements that meet the definition of a guarantee, as outlined in the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada Handbook. The Corporation's primary guarantee subject to disclosure requirements is as follows:

- The Corporation enters into agreements that include indemnities in favor of third parties, such as purchase agreements, confidentiality agreements, leasing contracts, information technology agreements and service agreements. These indemnification agreements may require the Corporation to compensate counterparties for losses incurred by the counterparties as a result of breaches of contractual obligations, including representations and regulations, or as a result of litigation claims or statutory sanctions that may be suffered by the counterparty as a consequence of the transaction. The terms of these indemnities are not explicitly defined, and the maximum amount of any potential reimbursement cannot be reasonably estimated.

The nature of the above indemnifications prevents the Corporation from making a reasonable estimate of the maximum exposure due to the difficulties in assessing the amount of liability, which stems from the unpredictability of future events and the unlimited coverage offered to counterparties. Historically, the Corporation has not made any significant payments under such or similar indemnification agreements and, therefore, no amount has been accrued in the statement of financial position with respect to these agreements.

12. Risk management

Market risk

The Corporation's investments are susceptible to market risk, which is defined as the risk the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. The Corporation's market risk is affected by changes in the level or volatility of market rates or prices, such as interest rates, foreign currency exchange rates and equity prices. The Corporation is subject to cash flow interest rate risk due to fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rate sensitive investments. The risk is mitigated through the Corporation's investment policy, which requires investments to be held in high grade, low risk investments.

Credit risk

Credit risk arises from the potential a counterparty will fail to perform its obligations. The Corporation is exposed to credit risk from banks and debtors. The risk is mitigated in that the Corporation conducts business with reputable financial institutions and its debtors are mainly entities within a level of the provincial government.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk the Corporation will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they come due. The Corporation manages liquidity through regular monitoring of forecasted and actual cash flows.

13. Credit facility

The Corporation has an unsecured credit facility of \$10,000 to be used for its operations, which is renewable annually.

Municipal Property Assessment Corporation**Notes to the financial statements**

December 31, 2024

(In thousands of dollars)

14. Government remittances

Government remittances consist of workplace safety insurance costs, sales taxes and payroll withholding taxes required to be paid to government authorities when the amounts come due. In respect of government remittances, \$2,325 (\$2,001 in 2023) is included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

From: [Communications](#)
To: [Communications](#)
Subject: TBDSSAB 2024 Annual Report
Date: May 1, 2025 4:20:39 PM

Dear Community Partners,

The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board (TBDSSAB) is pleased to announce the public release of our 2024 Annual Report. The report outlines the work and activities of the TBDSSAB staff during the reporting period of January 1 to December 31, 2024.

Highlights include:

- **Board advocacy:** The Board is committed to ongoing advocacy in response to local service system needs. In 2024, nine position papers were formally presented at delegation meetings with government officials.
- **Program highlights:** Included in this report is a high-level overview of programs, services, and activities offered directly through TBDSSAB.
- **Success stories:** This year's annual report features stories from community partners and the people who access programs delivered and/or funded by TBDSSAB.

The 2024 Annual Report can be viewed here: <https://www.tbdssab.ca/annual-report-2024/>

Sincerely,

Ken Ranta

Chief Executive Officer

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing Administrative Report

Date: April 30, 2025 (For Meeting on May 7, 2025)

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act

Submitted by: Erika Kromm, Clerk-Treasurer

RECOMMENDATION:

Administration requires direction from Council regarding submitting comments to the Province regarding the proposed Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act.

BACKGROUND:

On April 17, 2025, the Province tabled Bill 5: Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act. The purpose of this proposal is to cut red tape and streamline approvals to speed up critical mineral and resource development projects such as the Ring of Fire.

This bill proposes changes to the following Acts:

- Electricity Act, 1998
- Endangered Species Act, 2007
- Environmental Assessment Act
- Environmental Protection Act
- Mining Act
- Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998
- Ontario Heritage Act
- Rebuilding Ontario Place Act, 2023

The bill proposes to enact the following:

- Special Economic Zones Act, 2025
- Species Conservation Act, 2025 (repeals the Endangered Species Act)

There are seven postings on the Environmental Registry related to Bill 5, which are open for public comment until May 17, 2025.

Not all the amendments will impact Neebing, but some will have an impact on Northern Ontario.

DISCUSSION:

The following is a summary of each of the registry postings under the Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act:

1. ERO 025-0416: Rebuilding Ontario Place Act, 2023

This section of Bill 5 proposes to remove the requirements for giving public notice and opportunities for public comment under Part II of the Environmental Bill of Rights with regards to the Ontario Place redevelopment project.

2. ERO 025-0389: Environmental Assessment Act, R.S.O. 1990

This section of Bill 5 proposes to remove the designation requiring a comprehensive environmental assessment for the Chatham-Kent Waste Disposal Site and further exempt the project from other Environmental Assessment requirements. This is in relation to a proposal to build an 8-hectare engineered landfill cell and re-establish landfill operations at an existing site.

3. ERO 025-0418: Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990

This section of Bill 5 proposes to authorize the Lieutenant Governor in Council to exempt property from the requirements of Part VI of the Act related to Conservation of Resources of Archaeological Value or a requirement for an archeological assessment as required by any other Act. This would be if in the opinion of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, the exemption would advance the designated provincial priorities.

The proposal also provides the following powers to the Minister:

- a) Expand inspection authorities to any land or land under water. Previously, there was only authority to inspect properties that had an archeological assessment, laboratories, or licensee storage buildings or offices.
- b) Enhance the existing authority to seize artifacts or require artifacts be deposited with public institutions or indigenous communities.
- c) Conduct investigations under the Ontario Heritage Act rather than under the Provincial Offences Act (POA). The limitation period would be set at two years rather than 6 months as per the POA.

4. ERO 025-0396: Environmental Assessment Act, R.S.O. 1990

This section of Bill 5 proposes to remove the requirement for the Eagle's Nest mine project in the Ring of Fire to undergo a comprehensive environmental assessment. This is due to significant changes to the terms of reference related to an outdated voluntary agreement which triggered the requirement for the assessment, the province is proposing that the project move forward subject to environmental oversight through environmental permissions, including any related public consultation requirements and obligations to consult with potentially affected Indigenous communities.

5. ERO 025-0391: Special Economic Zones Act, 2025

This section of Bill 5 proposes to enact a new Act which will give the province the ability to designate special economic zones in geographic areas that contain one or more projects of critical or strategic importance. Vetted projects in these zones would benefit from faster and streamlined permits and approvals, simplified requirements and priority access to one-window services.

6. ERO 025-0409: Mining Act 1990, Electricity Act 1998, and Ontario Energy Board Act 1998

This section of Bill 5 proposes to legislate a One Project, One Process (1P1P) approach to reduce government review time for designated mine projects. The current process requires permits from various ministries with repetitive processes and consultations. This proposal aims to streamline this process.

The Bill also proposes to introduce tools to protect the mineral supply chain from foreign entities. The changes would give the Minister powers to deny, suspend, restrict or terminate licensees to protect the strategic national mineral supply chain.

The proposed changes to the *Electricity Act* and *Ontario Energy Board Act* would establish a regulation-making authority to limit the participation of foreign jurisdictions in Ontario's electricity sector.

7. ERO 025-0380: Endangered Species Act, 2007 and Species Conservation Act, 2025

This section of Bill 5 proposes to make interim changes to the Endangered Species Act and then later replace it with the Species Conservation Act. The changes propose a registration-first approach rather than a permit process. The purpose is to help speed up development. The new framework would set out requirements for proponents to follow so that they can proceed with their project after registering. Under the current system, they would have to wait for a permit approval. The proponents will have to comply with the rules associated with their registration. The details of this framework will be set out in regulations that will be the subject of future public consultation. The changes will also include an updated compliance and enforcement model.

Currently, proponents are required to obtain permits from both the federal and provincial governments for activities involving species under the jurisdiction of the Federal *Species at Risk Act* (SARA). The new provincial *Species Conservation Act* would not apply to the protected SARA species.

The Bill proposes to narrow the definition of habitat and remove “harass” from the prohibited harms to species.

The role of the Committee on the Status of Species at Risk in Ontario (COSSARO), as an independent science-based committee responsible for assessing and classifying species in Ontario, will not change. However, the province will have the discretion to add or remove species from the list.

The proposed amendments would remove the requirement for the province to develop recover strategies and management plans, response statements, and reviews of progress. The reason being that often these are a duplication of federal

documents. Instead, the province would have the flexibility to develop guidance when it is needed and makes sense to do so.

The overall goal of all these changes is to reduce red tape and speed up activities that could potentially stimulate the Ontario economy and increase housing availability.

Municipalities with significant mining activity stand to benefit from a streamlined application process for new mining projects.

There are some potential concerns related to the potential negative impacts the changes proposed in Bill 5 could have on the environment, particularly around species at risk. These concerns include:

- Potential negative impact on local ecosystems and biodiversity, which could affect community well-being and local economies
- Narrowing habitat definitions and removing protections for certain species could lead to significant environmental degradation
- Aligning provincial and federal legislation might create conflicts or inconsistencies in how species protections are applied
- The changes might force the federal government to step in to enforce overlapping protections, which could complicate conservation efforts
- The registration-first approach could lead to insufficient scrutiny of activities that could harm species at risk due.
- Reliance on voluntary conservation efforts could lead to inconsistencies and variations in effectiveness.

These changes would make changes to the overall framework, there are still more specific details to be released through future regulations. These regulations may address some of the concerns.

Administration is seeking direction on whether Council wishes to submit comments to any of these consultation postings.

ATTACHMENTS: None

AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST: relevant legislation, ERO postings

**The Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing
Administrative Report**

Date: May 2, 2025 (For Meeting on May 7, 2025)

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: AMO Conference Delegations

Submitted by: Erika Kromm, Clerk-Treasurer

RECOMMENDATION

Administration seeks Council's direction regarding delegation requests for the AMO Conference.

DISCUSSION

The AMO Conference is being held in Ottawa from January 19 to 21, 2025. Administration has booked Councillor Hill and the Clerk-Treasurer for the conference.

Delegation requests are open until May 30, 2025. Administration is seeking direction from Council on which requests to make for this conference.

Some possibilities could include:

- MMAH regarding building inspections for the unincorporated territory.
- Ministry of Energy and Mines regarding expanding renewable energy options.
- Ministry of Natural Resources regarding proposed Crown Land disposition at West Oliver Lake or regarding the expansion of the biomass fuel industry.
- MTO regarding truck and highway safety.
- Solicitor General for Increased Support Resolve the Facility and Staff Shortages related to dangerous dogs and dogs running at large.

ATTACHMENT: None

AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST: None

From: Conmee Clerk <conmee@conmee.com>
Sent: May 1, 2025 11:30 AM
To: Erika Kromm; Kerry Bellamy; Laura Bruni; Lorna Buob; Wayne Hanchard
Subject: Seeking support - Designated Truck Route
Attachments: 9.2 clerk report to council 04-22-25.doc; draft letter to City of Thunder Bay.docx

Good morning,

At Conmee's regular council meeting on April 22nd, Council approved a draft letter to be sent to the City of Thunder Bay, TBDML, the local provincial MPPs and the local federal MPs.

This letter is opposing a bylaw the City of Thunder Bay is preparing for a designated truck route on 11/17 (bypassing 102).

Council asked me to coordinate with the local municipalities seeking support for our opposition. I've attached my report to council and draft letter for background.

I've provided this information to Reeve Wright, as chair of the LRMC, who is working on coordinating the local mayors and support for this as well. I copied Laura Bruni as LRMC secretary, and she added this issue to Gillies' council meeting agenda.

Council has determined a deadline of May 9th to forward letters to the City of Thunder Bay. Apologies for the delay in sending this information to you. With conference last week eating into my time, I had a several other priorities I had to work on this week.

Thank you!
 Karen

Karen Paisley
 Municipal Clerk



Township of Conmee
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**The Corporation of the Township of Conmee
Administrative Report**

Date: April 22, 2025

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: Draft Letter to Mayor and Council – City of Thunder Bay

File Number: Administrative Activity Reports

Submitted by: Karen Paisley Clerk

RECOMMENDATION:

For information and direction from Council as to any addition or revision to the draft letter.

BACKGROUND:

During the regular council meeting on March 11th, 2025, Council added the City of Thunder Bay's proposal for a dedicated truck route to New Business. After discussion, the Council, by consensus, instructed the Clerk to draft a letter opposing the truck route. This letter is to be sent to the Thunder Bay District Municipal League, the City of Thunder Bay, and relevant provincial and federal entities. Additionally, the Clerk was directed to collaborate with the Chair of the Lakehead Rural Municipal Coalition (LRMC) to seek support on this matter.

DISCUSSION:

Since the March 11th meeting, the Clerk searched the office files for supportive information and located documentation on the truck route. Furthermore, the Acting Clerk provided the Clerk with a report, the Lakehead Rural Municipal Coalition Action Plan, from January 2020, which included key information to assist in drafting the letter of opposition.

On April 11th, 2025, the Clerk contacted the LRMC Chair to advise her of the resurgence of the designated truck route issue. The Clerk informed the Chair of the letter Conmee Council was drafting and sought the LRMC's support. The Chair then asked the Clerk to inquire with Thunder Bay's Clerk's office about the hearing date for the truck route bylaw.

Thunder Bay Clerk's Office advised that the truck route bylaw was to be heard by Thunder Bay Council on Tuesday June 2nd. The Clerk also learned that the agenda for this meeting would be confirmed on May 20th and distributed on May 27th. With the next LRMC meeting scheduled for May 20th, the Chair advised the Clerk she would contact the committee mayors ahead of the LRMC meeting to draft a collaborative letter opposing the truck route.

As time is of the essence, the Clerk has drafted a letter of opposition for Council to review and approve.



Mayor Ken Boshcoff and Councillors
City of Thunder Bay

Re: Dedicated Truck Route on Highway 11/17 Bypassing Highway 102 – Dawson Road

Dear Mayor and Council,

We are writing to express our firm opposition to the proposed bylaw scheduled for consideration on June 2nd, which would prohibit trucks from accessing Highway 102 and divert transport trucks to Highway 11/17. This diversion would significantly impact multiple rural municipalities along the route, including the Township of Conmee and the Village of Kakabeka Falls, where there is an elementary school and a senior's home.

The Council of the Township of Conmee opposes this bylaw due to the serious safety risks it poses to our community. In April 2018, the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge engaged an engineering consultant to count the number of heavy trucks using Highway 102. According to the consultant's report, the average daily number of trucks at that time was 869, which was slightly higher than the Ministry of Transportation's figure of 765 published several years ago. In May 2019, the municipality had the consultant count all traffic on Highway 11/17 in Kakabeka Falls, and the count for heavy trucks was 758 per day. This data clearly demonstrates that the city's diversion of truck traffic will double the number of heavy trucks traveling on Highway 11/17 through Kakabeka Falls.

Residents of Conmee, Oliver Paipoonge, and neighboring communities are aware of the current difficulties driving on Highway 11/17 in Kakabeka Falls. Getting into and out of side roads, businesses, and other properties is challenging due to existing heavy truck traffic. The hills and curves on either end of the settled area result in poor sightlines, making it difficult for pedestrians, including seniors and wheelchair users, to safely cross the highway. School buses struggle to get on and off the road, while recreational vehicles and vehicles with trailers visiting Kakabeka Falls Provincial Park face significant challenges navigating the highway. Having two trucks, rather than one, coming through on average every minute will undoubtedly exacerbate these difficulties.

In addition to generating unsafe conditions in Kakabeka Falls, the truck diversion will increase risks at the intersections with numerous side roads along Highway 11/17 in the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge and the Township of Conmee. It is already difficult to enter or exit Highway 11/17 at these intersections due to poor sightlines and the absence of merge or turning lanes. Of particular concern to the Municipality of Conmee is the Conmee Fire Hall located on Highway 11/17, which has sightline issues for fire trucks exiting the lot. Doubling the number of heavy trucks will make the situation worse.

We respectfully urge you to reconsider this bylaw and explore alternative solutions that do not compromise the safety and well-being of our communities.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,

Mayor Sheila Maxwell and Council
Township of Conmee

From: Cheryl Jaspers
Sent: April 17, 2025 11:13 AM
To: Erika Kromm
Subject: FW: Courageous K9 Advertising Information
Attachments: your_ad.jpg

For council consideration.

Regards,

Cheryl Jaspers
 Administrative & Emergency Management Coordinator Municipality of Neebing admin@neebing.org PH 807-474-5331
 FX 807-474-5332 www.neebing.org

-----Original Message-----

From: sponsor@courageousk9.ca <sponsor@courageousk9.ca>
 Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2025 10:15 AM
 To: Cheryl Jaspers <admin@neebing.org>
 Subject: Courageous K9 Advertising Information

Cheryl

Further to our conversation today, thank you once again for placing your supportive ad in our last edition of the annual Courageous K9 publication in support of Courageous Companions. For your consideration for our upcoming edition, please find attached a copy of your previous ad, and please see our rates and the stories from our last edition at www.courageousk9.ca The half page you were kind enough to place is still \$899. By placing your advertisement, the Municipality of Neebing has helped provide certified service dogs at no cost to our military veterans and first responders who suffer with physical and/or psychological injuries as a result of their service. Without the backing of our communities, this important publication would not be possible. We hope to once again count on your participation in our upcoming edition. Please feel free to email or call me. Have a great day Cheryl!

Yours truly,
 Darren Guy
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Hon. Stephen Lecce
 Minister of Energy and Mines
 77 Grenville Street
 Toronto, Ontario M7A 2C1
MinisterEnergy@ontario.ca

May 1, 2025

RE: The Case for Municipal Approvals of Proximity Energy Development

Dear Minister Lecce,

Thank you for attending the Minister's Forum at the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association Conference and AGM on April 23, 2025. Your responses to the questions put to you were well received.

One of the questions related to the issue of energy generation proponents considering an application to the IESO for a facility located outside of the municipal boundaries and a request that they had to seek municipal approval before submitting their application. In your response you said you would think about the concept but requested additional information to assist you and your Ministry in making a decision on this concept.

The Canadian Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) has established community consent as a condition of moving forward with the development of a deep geological storage facility. The town of Ignace and the Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation are the two communities considering issuing their consent. None of the sites examined by the NWMO are within the legal boundaries of the Municipality of Ignace.

This precedence of community support for a project well outside the jurisdiction of the municipality should be a standard for the development of any electrical generation or transmission in areas adjacent to a municipality.

As communities along the East West Tie bulk transmission line have experienced, the development of new infrastructure outside of the municipal boundaries has a profound effect on the nearby town or city. Much of this experience is of a positive nature but requires significant planning on the part of the municipality. These communities become the supply point for construction related accommodation, provision of meals, parts and labour. On the negative side, there is a disruption in available accommodation for the travelling public, a mainstay of many of the northern communities. There are also social



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disruptions, particularly if there is a bunk house camp constructed close by, with construction workers seeking entertainment and companionship within the urban area. Policing, EMS and fire & medical services are impacted as well.

Communities in the North do more than support the residents who live within the municipal boundaries. Adjacent to every community in the Northwest are scattered settlements, sometimes in groups while others are solitary residences. They can be immediately outside of the boundaries or many kilometres away. In every case, however, these residents of townships without municipal organization (TWOMO) or even crown land rely on the adjacent municipality for a number of services: schools, health care, banking, libraries, recreation (particularly hockey). That municipality is also tends to be the location for the highway maintenance service that keeps their roads open in the northern winter.

The TWOMO residents also look to the Municipality for leadership on a number of fronts.

All of the above is to recognize that municipalities need to have a say in the development of any major transmission or generation projects that are being proposed within the normal service area of the community so that an informed decision can be made on the appropriateness of the project going forward.

This approach would not increase the current requirement for municipal support but only ensure that the municipality is seized with the opportunity to indicate their support or non-support of an energy proposal. It does provide the municipality with the ability to seek assistance from the proponent should cost increases of municipal operations are triggered by the development.

Minister, we strongly believe that for the next iteration of the selection process for new generation and transmission that a proximity element be introduced into the municipal approval process.

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rick Dumas', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Rick Dumas

Mayor, Town of Marathon

President, Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA)



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**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND
RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL**

NO. 2025 – 046

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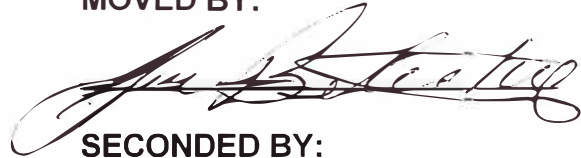
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DATE: April 15, 2025

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Mayor **J. McGARVEY**

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WHEREAS inclusive, evidence-based scientific research leads to better outcomes for Canadians by ensuring that all voices and experiences are reflected in the development of knowledge, treatments, and innovations;

WHEREAS Canadian municipalities benefit directly from research-informed policies on public health, infrastructure, education, environmental protection, and economic development;

WHEREAS diverse and inclusive research teams have been shown to generate more innovative, practical, and impactful solutions, and yet many equity-deserving groups, including women, remain underrepresented in science and research careers;

WHEREAS inclusive research strengthens our economy, healthcare system, and ability to address national and global challenges;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Parry Sound supports the national call for stronger federal support for inclusive research that reflects the diversity of Canadian communities;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be shared with other municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and relevant provincial and federal representatives for consideration and support.



Mayor Jamie McGarvey

From: Carole Yauk <caroleyauk@gmail.com>
Sent: April 17, 2025 6:08 PM
To: Rebecca Johnson; Erika Kromm
Subject: Re: FW: Town of Parry Sound calls for inclusive research to reflect diversity of Canadian communities

Thank you for the email. I am happy to provide more information. First, here is the link to our petition:

<https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/an-open-letter-to-canadians-lets-ensure-canadas-research-reflects-all-canadians>

The petition was developed by the Women in Biology Committee at the University of Ottawa, in collaboration with:

(a) The non-partisan, non-profit organization Evidence For Democracy <https://evidencefordemocracy.ca/> (where the petition is posted)

and

(b) The Coalition for Research Excellence, which is focused on ensuring that a robust research ecosystem is a strategic priority for the next Canadian Parliament and federal government (CORE-COEUR <https://core-coeur.ca/>)

As we state in the petition, Canada invests in research to tackle urgent challenges affecting us all — including the cost of living and the economy, healthcare affordability, public health and outbreaks, lifesaving treatments for diseases like cancer, climate change, and environmental sustainability. Investing in research drives our economy and improves our quality of life.

Many Canadians are watching the events unfolding in the U.S. with deep concern. In just the past two months, entire research centres and programs have been shut down. Particularly affected are research initiatives focused on women's health, health equity, and environmental protection — but the cuts extend beyond these areas. They reduce the breadth of research that can be conducted and limit who is able to do it.

While these developments are troubling, they also present Canada with a powerful opportunity: to lead. To reaffirm our commitment to science and research, and to ensure it remains inclusive, practical, and rooted in Canada's priorities. As Canadians, our strength lies in our multicultural mosaic, welcoming people from diverse backgrounds, communities, and experiences. Our science and research should reflect that same diversity.

This petition is a call to ensure that our country's research ecosystem reflects the people it serves. It highlights that Canada is strongest when we harness our diversity — a defining strength that sets us apart globally and positions us uniquely as innovators.

Our petition emphasizes three key points:

1. **Diversity drives excellence.** Diverse research teams consistently deliver better results — they are more creative, more practical, and more effective.

2. **Inclusive research fuels innovation and economic growth.** It helps tailor solutions to real-world challenges — from healthcare to climate change — and strengthens communities both large and small.
3. **Leaving talent behind weakens us all.** When research excludes people — intentionally or not — we all lose out on the ideas and discoveries they could bring.

We're asking municipalities across Canada to join us in supporting this petition, just as the Town of Parry Sound did this week. Local governments know how vital research is to solving real-world problems in their communities. We hope the municipalities will be able to support our message: that Canada must continue to invest in research — and that this research must be diverse, inclusive, and reflective of all Canadians.

I am happy to discuss this further or provide more information at any time!! Thank you for listening!

Best, Carole

On Thu, Apr 17, 2025 at 4:30 PM Rebecca Johnson <rjohnson@parrysound.ca> wrote:

Hello Carole,

Can you provide more information to Clerk-Treasurer Erika Kromm of Neebing regarding the background and need to push for more inclusive research to reflect diversity of Canadian communities? Please see her e-mail inquiry below.

Thanks
Rebecca

Rebecca Johnson

Clerk

rjohnson@parrysound.ca

Town of Parry Sound

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Township of Champlain

Resolution
Regular Council Meeting

Agenda Number: 11.1.
Resolution Number 2025-120
Title: Councillor Gerry Miner - Surveillance and Monitoring of Heavy Vehicles in Ontario
Date: April 24, 2025

Moved By: Gérard Miner
Seconded By: Paul Burroughs

Whereas the Council of the Township of Champlain is of the opinion that additional surveillance and monitoring of heavy vehicles in Ontario is required to ensure the safety of other motorists, property owners, and pedestrians.

Be it resolved that the Township of Champlain calls upon the Government of Ontario to: increase surveillance and spot checks of all heavy vehicles travelling on Ontario roads; as well as monitoring the testing standards maintained by privately-owned heavy licensing facilities.

Be it further resolved that this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Transportation of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the MPP Glengarry-Prescott-Russell, the Ontario Provincial Police, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried

Certified True Copy of Resolution

Alison Collard, Clerk Date:

From: Minister, MECP (MECP) <Minister.MECP@ontario.ca>
Sent: May 1, 2025 3:05 PM
Subject: Helpful Resources for the Provincial Day of Action on Litter (May 13, 2025) | Ressources utiles pour la Journée provinciale d'action contre les débris (13 mai 2025)

Good afternoon,

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks is excited to invite you to take part in **Ontario's sixth annual Provincial Day of Action on Litter** taking place on **Tuesday, May 13, 2025!**

This is a day for everyone across the province – citizens, municipalities and businesses – to work together under the common cause of creating a greener, cleaner and more sustainable environment for ourselves and for future generations.

Organizations like yours have played a pivotal role in organizing and promoting past events, and we are counting on your continued support to make the 2025 Day of Action on Litter another big success with the following activities:

1. **Promote** public participation in a local cleanup to celebrate the Day of Action on Litter and educate others on the impact of litter and waste. Please consult our [Day of Action on Litter Toolkit](#) for helpful tips and resources, including access to promotional photos and videos that you can share on your social media channels in the weeks leading up to the event.
2. **Host** a litter cleanup on or around the Day of Action on Litter - Tuesday, May 13, 2025, and invite the public, volunteers, employees or members to participate.

Here are some ideas to help boost cleanup participation:

- Create a fun, friendly cleanup competition: Turn the cleanup into an exciting contest! Split participants into teams and offer fun awards like Most Creative Litter Find or Most Enthusiastic Team. To keep the momentum going, consider organizing a friendly cleanup competition among municipalities, businesses or organizations in your region.
 - Collaborate with local partners: Join forces with nearby neighborhoods, local businesses and organizations to maximize impact. Share resources like supplies, promotion or coordination to get more people involved. This could also be a great way to increase your brand visibility and show your commitment to community engagement.
3. **Share and promote** use of the [Litter Cleanup Guides](#) to others who may be interested in coordinating their own cleanup events. The guides include information on how to organize a safe, successful litter cleanup and additional resources for school and educators across Ontario to engage students and youth in litter reduction and prevention efforts.

4. On the Day of Action on Litter, **post** before and after pictures of your cleanup site on your social media accounts to document your team's progress, using the hashtag #actONlitter.

Please keep an eye out for shareable social posts on our social media accounts (@ONenvironment on [Facebook](#), [X](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Instagram](#)) and follow the #actONlitter hashtag. In past years, our Day of Action on Litter posts reached up to 5 million people — help us continue to build awareness and encourage action!

On May 13, help us spread the message that by working together, we **can** make a difference: we can keep our greenspaces and waterways clean – contributing to a safer and healthier province today and for future generations.

If you have any questions, please reach out to actONlitter@ontario.ca or visit www.ontario.ca/actONlitter for more great tips and information.

Thank you for your support and for contributing to a cleaner environment.

Todd McCarthy
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Bonjour,

Le ministère de l'Environnement, de la Protection de la nature et des Parcs a le plaisir de vous inviter à prendre part à la **sixième Journée provinciale d'action contre les détritux annuelle**, qui aura lieu le **mardi 13 mai 2025!**

Cette journée est l'occasion pour tous les habitants de la province, citoyens, municipalités et entreprises, de travailler ensemble autour d'une cause commune, soit celle de créer un environnement plus vert, plus propre et plus durable pour nous maintenant et pour les générations futures.

Des organisations comme la vôtre ont joué un rôle essentiel dans l'organisation et la promotion des activités passées, et nous comptons sur votre soutien continu pour faire de la Journée provinciale d'action contre les détritux 2025 un autre succès retentissant dans le cadre des activités suivantes :

1. **Promouvoir** la participation du public à un nettoyage local pour célébrer la Journée d'action contre les détritux et sensibiliser les gens à l'impact de la pollution et des déchets. Veuillez consulter [notre boîte à outils promotionnelle pour la Journée provinciale d'action contre les détritux](#). Vous y trouverez des conseils et des ressources utiles, notamment l'accès à des photos et à des vidéos promotionnelles que vous pouvez partager sur vos médias sociaux dans les semaines précédant l'activité.
2. **Organiser** un nettoyage des déchets pendant ou autour de la Journée d'action contre les détritux, qui a lieu le mardi 13 mai 2025, et inviter le public, les bénévoles, les employés ou les membres à y participer.