

The Corporation of the
Municipality of Neebing

AGENDA for Regular Council meeting: March 17, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
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1. Preliminary Matters

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

2. Hear Deputations from Audience Members

- 2.1 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 Open Session portion of the Regular Meeting of Council held on March 3, 2021 (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.) | 1-6 |
| 3.2 | Minutes of the meeting of the Neebing Economic Development Advisory Committee held on January 28, 2021 (Recommendation to receive the minutes.) | 7-8 |
| 3.3 | Voucher Report for the previous month (Recommendation to approve the vouchers.) | 9-16 |
| 3.4 | Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Administrative Activity (Recommendation to receive the report for information) | 17-19 |
| 3.5 | Report from Working Roads Foreman Regarding Departmental Activity in the preceding month (Recommendation to receive the report for information) | 20 |
| 3.6 | Report from Fire Chief Regarding Departmental Activity in the preceding month (Recommendation to receive the report for information) | 21-23 |
| 3.7 | Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Reserve Fund Transfers (Recommendation to approve the transfers.) | 24 |
| 3.8 | Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Statement of Remuneration and Expenses (Recommendation to receive the report for information.) | 25-28 |
| 3.9 | Correspondence from Ministry of the Solicitor General, received March 11, 2021, Regarding Fire Safety Grant (Recommendation to receive the correspondence for information.) | 29-30 |
| 3.10 | Correspondence from Ministry of the Solicitor General, received March 4, 2021, Regarding Ontario Fire College Training Modernization (Recommendation to receive the correspondence for information.) | 31-37 |
| 3.11 | Information Correspondence List (Recommendation to receive the correspondence for information) | 38-40 |

4. Reports and Correspondence Requiring Direction

4.1	Report from Economic Development Officer Regarding Drone Video (Recommendation to provide direction.)	41
4.2	Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Regarding NOHFC Funding Programs (Recommendation to authorize work on grant applications.)	42-43
4.3	Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Draft 2021 Budget (Recommendation to provide direction.)	44-54
4.4	Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Turnaround on Valley Road West (Recommendation to proceed with survey.)	55—58
4.5	Correspondence from Path of the Paddle, received February 17, 2021, Regarding Request for Support (Recommendation to provide direction.)	59-60
4.6	Correspondence from Niagara Region, received March 4, 2021, Regarding Homelessness, Mental Health and Addiction in Niagara (Recommendation to provide direction.)	61-63
4.7	Correspondence from City of Sarnia, received March 4, 2021, Regarding Colour Coded Capacity Limits (Recommendation to provide direction.)	64-65
4.8	Correspondence from Kasper Transportation, received March 8, 2021, Regarding Coast to Coast Bus Coalition (Recommendation to provide direction.)	66-82
4.9	Correspondence from Township of Manitouwadge, received March 11, 2021, Regarding Thunder Bay District Communities in Lockdown (Recommendation to provide direction.)	83-84

5. By-laws for Passage

(Recommendation in each case is to pass the by-law)

There are no by-laws to be presented this meeting.

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 paragraph 239(2)(d) of the Municipal Act, 2001 to consider item 7.1, involving labour relations or employee negotiations.

7.1	Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Personnel matters (Recommendation to provide direction.)	85-87
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Council will rise from Closed Session

Matters Arising from Closed Session

Resolutions relating to Item 7.1

8. Confirmation By-law

- 8.1 By-law 2021-010, to confirm the proceedings of the meeting
(Recommendation to pass the by-law)

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9. Adjourn the Meeting

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held using GoToMeeting Web Conference System

On Wednesday, March 3, 2021

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

STAFF PRESENT:
 Erika Kromm, Clerk-Treasurer
 Laura Jones, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer
 Courtney Lanthier, Economic Development Officer
 Barry Livingston, Working Roads Foreman

PUBLIC PRESENT:
 Tammy Cook, CAO, Lakehead Regional Conservation Authority
 A member of the Public

1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS:

- (a) Call to Order: Mayor Butikofer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- (b) Attendance: Attendance was recorded.
- (c) Accept the Agenda:

Res. No. 2021-03-042

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson
 Seconded by: Councillor Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THAT the agenda for this regular meeting of Council be approved as presented.

CARRIED ✓

- (d) Declarations of Interest:
 No declarations of pecuniary interests under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act were brought forward.

2. HEAR DEPUTATIONS FROM AUDIENCE MEMBERS:

2.1 Tammy Cook, Chief Administrative Officer from the Lakehead Regional Conservation Authority (LRCA)

Ms. Cook provided a presentation on the role of the LRCA. The LRCA represents the Province with respect to natural hazards. Their role is to ensure that development is sustainable, by protecting people and property from natural hazards. The LRCA regulates watersheds, not Municipal drainage.

In 2021, the LRCA Introduced a fee for service for planning act services, as per provincial policy.

Council thanked Ms. Cook for her presentation.

Ms. Cook and the Working Roads Foreman left the meeting.

3. CONSENT AGENDA: MINUTES, REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- 3.1 Minutes of the Open Session portion of the Regular Meeting of Council held on February 17, 2021
(Recommendation to approve the minutes)
- 3.2 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Administrative Activity
(Recommendation to receive the report for information)
- 3.3 Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Reserve Fund Transfer
(Recommendation to authorize Administration to transfer funds)
- 3.4 Minutes of the meeting of the Thunder Bay District Social Services Board held on January 14, 2021
(Recommendation to receive the minutes)
- 3.5 Minutes of the meeting of the Thunder Bay District Municipal League held on February 17, 2021
(Recommendation to receive the minutes.)
- 3.6 Correspondence from AMCTO, received February 18, 2021, Regarding Open Letter to Ontario Municipal Councils
(Recommendation to receive for information.)
- 3.7 Correspondence from Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, received February 12, 2021, Regarding Amendments to Orders under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act and Reopening Ontario Act
(Recommendation to receive for information.)
- 3.8 Correspondence from COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Taskforce, received February 22, 2021, Regarding Update on Vaccine Distribution
(Recommendation to receive for information)
- 3.9 Information Correspondence List
(Recommendation to receive the correspondence for information)

Res. No. 2021-03-043

Moved by: Councillor Thibert

Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

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 3.9.

CARRIED ✓

Res. No. 2021-03-044

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson

Seconded by: Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a Special Meeting of Council be scheduled for April 7, 2021 at 5:00 pm to review planning matters.

CARRIED ✓

Res. No. 2021-03-045

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka

Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the 2020 reserve transfers of \$465 to the Landfill Reserve Fund, a transfer of \$100 to the Rate Stabilization Fund, and change the amount to be transferred from reserves for the Fire Truck from \$430,000 to \$124,349.70

CARRIED ✓

4. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED REQUIRING DIRECTION:

4.1 Report from Economic Development Officer Regarding Localintel Business and Investment Assistant

Members present reviewed the report. Ms. Lanthier provided an overview of the report and advised that it was not possible to determine if the service was beneficial. On consensus, council determined not to renew the service. No resolution was passed.

4.2 Report from Economic Development Officer Regarding Superior Country Email Advertising

Members present reviewed the report. Ms. Lanthier provided an overview of the report.

Res. No. 2021-03-046

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to use of Superior Country referrals in an email advertising program as detailed in the report.

CARRIED ✓

4.3 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Healthy Communities Initiative

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2021-03-047

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes Administration to submit an application to the Healthy Communities Initiative funding program for park improvements to the Sturgeon Bay Boat Launch.

CARRIED ✓

4.4 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding SNEMS Master Plan

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2021-03-048

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka
Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to send the letter regarding the SNEMS Mater Plan, as appended to the report.

CARRIED ✓

4.5 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Thunder Bay Yacht Club

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2021-03-049

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports Thunder Bay Yacht Club's efforts establish a safe mooring area off Spar Island.

CARRIED ✓

4.6 Correspondence from Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association, received February 17, 2021, regarding 2021 NOMA Conference and AGM

Members present reviewed the correspondence. No resolution was passed. Administration was directed to bring forward this matter closer to the conference date.

4.7 Correspondence from Township of Conmee, received February 10, 2021 Regarding Changes to the Municipal Elections Act

Members present reviewed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2021-03-050

Moved by: Councillor Gardner
Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the motion from Township of Conmee requesting the Province to amend the Municipal Elections Act to disqualify individuals with a criminal record from becoming a candidate in a municipal election.

A recorded vote was taken with respect to Resolution Number 2021-03-050.

Results were recorded as follows:

Name (alphabetically, with Head of Council last)	In Favour	Opposed
Councillor Coulson	✓	
Councillor Cuthbertson		✓
Councillor Gardner	✓	
Councillor Kurikka	✓	
Councillor Thibert	✓	
Councillor Wright	✓	
Mayor Butikofer		✓

Tally: 5 in Favour and 2 opposed; Motion CARRIED

RECORDED VOTE CARRIED ✓

5. BY-LAWS

No by-laws were presented at this meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Coulson and Councillor Gardner stated the material required for the rink boards at Pearson is moving in and out of stores quickly, and that the prices for the material are high. They suggest looking at purchasing the materials in April when prices and supply have stabilized.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that he was contacted by a resident who asked if there would be a COVID Vaccination Clinic site set up in Neebing. Other Councillors stated they had received similar queries. Council directed Administration to draft a letter to the Thunder Bay District Health Unit and offer Blake Hall as a potential vaccination clinic site.

Councillor Kurikka noted that Hydro One crews did a good job reconnecting service during an extended outage on Family Day (February 15, 2021). He suggested Council send a letter thanking hydro crews for their service. Council directed Administration to draft a letter to Hydro One thanking the crews for their good work.

Mayor Butikofer informed Council of a meeting with Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry regarding the Conservation Land Tax Incentive Program and Neebing's request for a rebate for that tax forgiveness. He stated he is anticipating more developments from that meeting.

7. CLOSED SESSION

There were no items to review in Closed Session.

7.1 Minutes of the Closed Session Portion of the Regular Meeting of Council Held on March 3, 2021

These minutes were approved through the consent agenda resolution earlier in the meeting.

8. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

8.1 By-law 2021-009 To Confirm the Proceedings of the Meeting

Res. No. 2021-03-51

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2021-009, 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 Butikofer adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Erwin Butikofer
MAYOR

Erika Kromm
CLERK-TREASURER

Neebing Economic Development Advisory Committee

Minutes

Thursday, January 28, 2021

1:00 pm GoTo Meeting (virtual platform)

1. Attendance:

Present: Councillor Cuthbertson, Councillor Kurikka, Mayor Butikofer, Gary Davies, Elaine Mackenzie, Brock Marshall, Courtney Lanthier

Regrets: Wilma Mol

2. Approval of the Agenda:

Moved by: Gary Davies. Seconded by: Elaine Mackenzie. Motion carried.

3. Approval of the Minutes:

The committee decided against discussing the minutes since it has been a year since the last meeting.

4. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest:

None.

5. Business Arising:

The committee decided against discussing business arising due to the length of time that has elapsed since the last NEDAC meeting.

6. New Business:

The committee went around the table and provided any updates they found relevant to the group.

Gary Davies mentioned the new trail being developed to showcase the Pearson wetlands, which will hopefully be completed by June of this year.

Elaine Mackenzie mentioned that this past year there were no apples on her trees and so she expects to have a full season this year.

Councillor Cuthbertson mentioned that Neebing's Sturgeon Bay expansion is going ahead in light of positive meetings with the Province. Another meeting with their team is to take place in early February. They expect to hear about our detailed long-term plan organized in terms of phases.

Another topic raised by Councillor Cuthbertson was the issue of high-speed internet. There are maps available by the local providers that detail which areas of Neebing are supposed to have service, but have been found to be incorrect at times. The committee discussed the idea of securing a device that can indicate whether there is service in a particular area or not, and putting together our own map of service signals.

Councillor Cuthbertson echoed other members of the committee and asked for information regarding feedback from Interstellar Outdoor Cinema as to the success of the 2020 drive-in theatre, and their plans to re-open in Neebing in 2021. Courtney has spoken with them before on this topic, and will reach out again. The committee also suggested that it might be a great opportunity to support NFRA as well.

Courtney gave an overview of her plan for economic development projects for 2021.

The first is a curated packages project. This is a project in which a food tourism consultant of sorts would be hired to curate Neebing food products into picnic baskets and pair them with a particular location in Neebing; showcasing our surroundings and promoting our businesses. The committee suggested a few ideas in conjunction with this one: the inclusion of Mink Mountain Lodge in some respect, printed marketing materials in the picnic baskets for consumers to browse, and including Sturgeon Bay into the concept.

The next project ideas is working with Epica Pictures again to produce another video. The committee gave a few ideas as to what this video might be about, the most prominent being a “why to live here” themed one.

The committee then discussed supporting Superior Country again this year and urged Courtney to come up with some action items as to how we can leverage our presence and their expertise.

The committee discussed the success of the 2019 Thunder Grinder and agreed again that sponsoring the event – should it take place – would be a great opportunity.

The last line item in Courtney’s plans for economic development projects related to a budget for miscellaneous opportunities that seem to pop up every year despite planning. The committee agreed that it wouldn’t be a bad idea to plan for extra money should this be the case.

7. Adjournment:

The committee agreed to adjourn at 2:13pm.

Moved by: Elaine Mackenzie. Seconded by: Brock Marshall. Motion carried.

Next meeting: February 25, 2021 at 9:00am on GoTo Meeting

VOUCHER REPORT

FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2021

	<u>Amount</u>
Liabilities	
HST, Source Deductions, Liabilities	\$ 66,464.57
Expense Accounts	
General Government	36,324.24
Protection to Persons and Property	11,171.92
Policing	48,530.84
Transportation Services	43,295.32
Environmental Services	5,830.91
Health Services	65,993.00
Cemetery	
Social and Family Services	34,223.00
Building Services	35.62
Recreation and Cultural Services	2,118.18
Economic Development	35.62
Capital Projects General	
Capital Projects-Fire Department	
Capital Projects Public Works	
Capital Projects Parks	
School Boards - Education Levy	
Total disbursements in month	<u><u>\$314,023.22</u></u>

Cheque Runs

2/10/2021	\$ 37,415.41
2/12/2021	105,276.51
2/12/2021	1,719.67
2/12/2021	4,619.60
2/12/2021	1,998.65
2/21/2021	5,255.95
2/24/2021	1,035.60
2/27/2021	3,361.85
2/27/2021	1,585.91
2/27/2021	115,085.93
	<u><u>\$277,355.08</u></u>

Direct Deposits - Payroll

PR-1508	\$ 14,817.14
PR-1509	418.34
PR-1510	15,132.92
PR-1511	6,299.74
	<u><u>\$36,668.14</u></u>

Total disbursements in month**\$314,023.22**

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14888	2/10/2021		CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES - LOCAL #87			\$457.12
			PR1499 - Payroll from 12/19/20 to 1/01/21	01-00-204600	Source Deductions	
			PR1505 - Payroll from 1/02/21 to 1/15/21	01-00-204600	Source Deductions	
14889	2/10/2021		MINISTER OF FINANCE (EHT)			\$116.03
			L0478496192 - 2020 ACCOUNT BALANCE OUTSTANDING	01-01-501240	General Government	
14890	2/10/2021		MINISTER OF FINANCE (EHT)			\$1,459.67
			PR1499 - Payroll from 12/19/20 to 1/01/21	01-00-204700	Source Deductions	
			PR1500 - Payroll from 12/15/20 to 12/31/20	01-00-204700	Source Deductions	
			PR1501 - Payroll from 12/15/20 to 12/31/20	01-00-204700	Source Deductions	
			PR1502 - Payroll from 12/15/20 to 12/31/20	01-00-204700	Source Deductions	
			PR1505 - Payroll from 1/02/21 to 1/15/21	01-00-204700	Source Deductions	
			PR1507 - Payroll from 1/01/21 to 1/31/21	01-00-204700	Source Deductions	
14891	2/10/2021		ONTARIO MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM			\$5,108.22
			PR1505 - Payroll from 1/02/21 to 1/15/21	01-00-204500	Source Deductions	
			PR1499 - Payroll from 12/19/20 to 1/01/21	01-00-204500	Source Deductions	
14892	2/10/2021		RECEIVER GENERAL			\$22,087.21
			PR1499 - Payroll from 12/19/20 to 1/01/21	01-00-204200	Source Deductions	
			PR1499 - Payroll from 12/19/20 to 1/01/21	01-00-204300	Source Deductions	
			PR1499 - Payroll from 12/19/20 to 1/01/21	01-00-204400	Source Deductions	
			PR1500 - Payroll from 12/15/20 to 12/31/20	01-00-204400	Source Deductions	
			PR1500 - Payroll from 12/15/20 to 12/31/20	01-00-204200	Source Deductions	
			PR1500 - Payroll from 12/15/20 to 12/31/20	01-00-204300	Source Deductions	
			PR1501 - Payroll from 12/15/20 to 12/31/20	01-00-204200	Source Deductions	
			PR1501 - Payroll from 12/15/20 to 12/31/20	01-00-204400	Source Deductions	
			PR1501 - Payroll from 12/15/20 to 12/31/20	01-00-204300	Source Deductions	
			PR1502 - Payroll from 12/15/20 to 12/31/20	01-00-204400	Source Deductions	
			PR1505 - Payroll from 1/02/21 to 1/15/21	01-00-204200	Source Deductions	
			PR1505 - Payroll from 1/02/21 to 1/15/21	01-00-204300	Source Deductions	
			PR1505 - Payroll from 1/02/21 to 1/15/21	01-00-204400	Source Deductions	
			PR1507 - Payroll from 1/01/21 to 1/31/21	01-00-204300	Source Deductions	
			PR1507 - Payroll from 1/01/21 to 1/31/21	01-00-204200	Source Deductions	
14893	2/10/2021		WSIB (WORKER'S SAFETY INSURANCE BOARD)			\$2,779.43
			PR1500 - Payroll from 12/15/20 to 12/31/20	01-00-204750	Source Deductions	
			ADD FIRE JAN 2021 - ADDITIONAL FIRE PREMIUM JANUARY 2021	01-03-501260	Fire / Protection PP	
			PR1507 - Payroll from 1/01/21 to 1/31/21	01-00-204750	Source Deductions	
			PR1505 - Payroll from 1/02/21 to 1/15/21	01-00-204750	Source Deductions	
			PR1501 - Payroll from 12/15/20 to 12/31/20	01-00-204750	Source Deductions	
			PR1499 - Payroll from 12/19/20 to 1/01/21	01-00-204750	Source Deductions	
			PR1502 - Payroll from 12/15/20 to 12/31/20	01-00-204750	Source Deductions	
14894	2/12/2021		BRANDT TRACTOR LTD.			\$156.89
			7009412 - 160 EXCAVATOR BUCKET REBUILD - PAINT	01-05-503320	Public Works	
14895	2/12/2021		CENTRAL CANADA INDUSTRIES INC			\$172.21
			01QM4187 - JD 6330 TRACTOR BATTERY	01-05-503320	Public Works	
14896	2/12/2021		CGIS CENTRE			\$1,613.75
			44197 - CGIS MAPPING JAN 1-MAR 31-2021	01-01-501555	General Government	

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14897	2/12/2021		COLVOY ENTERPRISES 2012 LTD.			\$2,217.16
			47390 - TIGER BRUSHER HEAD DISC	01-05-503320	Public Works	
14898	2/12/2021		CRC COMMUNICATIONS LIMITED			\$320.36
			1142777 - MT MCKAY REPEATER RENTAL TOWER LEASE	01-05-503415	Public Works	
14899	2/12/2021		DE LAGE LANDEN FINANCIAL SERVICES CANADA INC.			\$652.31
			7879821 - XEROX COPIER LEASE	01-03-502157	Fire / Protection PP	
			7879821 - XEROX COPIER LEASE	01-01-501440	General Government	
14900	2/12/2021		DESIGN HOUSE PUBLICATIONS			\$339.00
			3789 - NEEBING NEWS PRODUCTION JAN & FEB 2021	01-01-501571	General Government	
14901	2/12/2021		FORT GARRY INDUSTRIES LTD			\$1,855.28
			B8471009 - 6-15 - REPLACE AXLE SPRING	01-05-503319	Public Works	
			F8476682 - 6-98 AMBER LED'S	01-05-503320	Public Works	
14902	2/12/2021		GFL ENVIRONMENTAL INC			\$2,907.15
			RC0000142521 - DUMP & RETURN JAN 8-20-22-27--2021 / CONTAINER RENTAL	01-08-504250	Environmental	
14903	2/12/2021		GILLONS' INSURANCE BROKERS LTD.			\$1,582.20
			2021-ADDITIONAL PREMIUM - 2021 ADDITIONAL INSURANCE PREMIUM - BUILDINGS	01-01-501510	General Government	
14904	2/12/2021		LOCAL AUTHORITY SERVICES LTD			\$4,304.35
			MGBP000000985 - USB EXPANDER - EWAY INVOICE 55402477	01-03-502157	Fire / Protection PP	
			EPT003183 - ENERGY PLANNING TOOL SUBSCRIPTION 2021	01-01-501560	General Government	
			PF-1350-03811 - DIESEL 2203.60L / FURNACE 908.90L / DYED 403.60L	01-05-503325	Public Works	
14905	2/12/2021		BEVERLY MERCER			\$26.84
			CHQ-REQ-FEB2021 - REIMBURSE FOR OFFICE SUPPLIES	01-03-502157	Fire / Protection PP	
14906	2/12/2021		MICROAGE COMPUTER CENTRE			\$346.82
			IN-298445-02 - HOSTED EXCHANGE EMAIL - JAN 2021	01-01-501518	General Government	
			IN-298411-01 - ONLINE BACKUP - JAN 2021	01-01-501518	General Government	
14907	2/12/2021		MINISTER OF FINANCE			\$37,481.00
			211301211229051 - OPP CONTRACT BILLING LAKEHEAD GROUP	01-07-502300	Policing	
14908	2/12/2021		MOFFATT SUPPLY AND SPECIALTIES			\$4,943.75
			06-621029 - PLOW TRUCKS: PLOW BLADES / BOLTS, NUTS, WASHERS	01-05-503320	Public Works	
14909	2/12/2021		MUNICIPALITY OF OLIVER PAIPOONGE			\$494.94
			2020-00466 - SECRETARY SERVICES LRMC	01-01-501585	General Government	
14910	2/12/2021		NEEBING FIRE/RESCUE ASSOCIATION			\$364.49
			CHQ-REQ-FEB2021 - ERIC DONALDSON - DONATION OF 2020 NES FIRE HONORARIUM	01-03-501200	Fire / Protection PP	
14911	2/12/2021		NOVA-PRO INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY LTD.			\$50.67
			479530 - 1 5/8" SOCKET	01-05-503350	Public Works	
14912	2/12/2021		PEROZAK'S WELDING INC.			\$904.34
			15328 - CYLINDER REPAIR / PISTON SEAL KIT	01-05-503319	Public Works	
14913	2/12/2021		PROPANE ENERGY SOLUTIONS			\$1,304.12
			56046 - PROPANE 1872.30L - OFFICE	01-03-502115	Fire / Protection PP	
			56046 - PROPANE 1872.30L - OFFICE	01-01-501410	General Government	

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14914	2/12/2021	REALTAX Inc.				\$1,740.20
			77549 - TBNG20-01 - 030-006-19200	01-00-103500	Asset	
			77550 - TBNG20-02 050-008-05600	01-00-103500	Asset	
			77551 - TBNG20-03 - 050-008-07700	01-00-103500	Asset	
			77552 - TBNG-20-04 - 050-009-07000	01-00-103500	Asset	
14915	2/12/2021	IAN ROBSON				\$50.00
			1-21 - BY-LAW RESEARCH & EMAILS - FEB 2021	01-07-502200	Policing	
14916	2/12/2021	SPI HEALTH AND SAFETY INC.				\$299.45
			11051351-00 - SCBA RENTAL UNIT	01-03-502165	Fire / Protection PP	
			11048032-00 - REPAIR OF NES SCBA UNIT	01-03-502130	Fire / Protection PP	
14917	2/12/2021	STRONGCO EQUIPMENT				\$1,452.33
			90989904 - FREIGHT COSTS	01-05-503440	Public Works	
			90991145 - 6-98 & SPARE WING SLIDE	01-05-503320	Public Works	
			90987360 - SANDER CHAINS	01-05-503320	Public Works	
14918	2/12/2021	TBAY TEL				\$446.35
			56600-JAN2021 - LANDFILLS/MAYOR/CBO/PWORKS/CLERK/TREASUR ER/FIRE CHIEF/HALL 2&3/NEDAC/CEMC	01-16-502455	Building Expense	
			56600-JAN2021 - LANDFILLS/MAYOR/CBO/PWORKS/CLERK/TREASUR ER/FIRE CHIEF/HALL 2&3/NEDAC/CEMC	01-02-501530	Council Expense	
			56600-JAN2021 - LANDFILLS/MAYOR/CBO/PWORKS/CLERK/TREASUR ER/FIRE CHIEF/HALL 2&3/NEDAC/CEMC	01-17-501530	Economic Development	
			56600-JAN2021 - LANDFILLS/MAYOR/CBO/PWORKS/CLERK/TREASUR ER/FIRE CHIEF/HALL 2&3/NEDAC/CEMC	01-08-504201	Environmental	
			56600-JAN2021 - LANDFILLS/MAYOR/CBO/PWORKS/CLERK/TREASUR ER/FIRE CHIEF/HALL 2&3/NEDAC/CEMC	01-03-502155	Fire / Protection PP	
			56600-JAN2021 - LANDFILLS/MAYOR/CBO/PWORKS/CLERK/TREASUR ER/FIRE CHIEF/HALL 2&3/NEDAC/CEMC	01-01-501530	General Government	
			56600-JAN2021 - LANDFILLS/MAYOR/CBO/PWORKS/CLERK/TREASUR ER/FIRE CHIEF/HALL 2&3/NEDAC/CEMC	01-05-503410	Public Works	
14919	2/12/2021	THUNDER BAY DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT				\$4,329.00
			FEB-2021 - THUNDER BAY DISTRICT HEALTH LEVY	01-10-505200	Health Services	
14920	2/12/2021	THUNDER BAY DISTRICT SOCIAL SERVICES ADMIN. BOARD				\$34,223.00
			SI102772 - FEBRUARY 2021 LEVY	01-12-506100	Social / Family Services	
			SI102772 - FEBRUARY 2021 LEVY	01-12-506400	Social / Family Services	
14921	2/12/2021	THUNDER BAY VETERINARY SERVICES COMMITTEE				\$500.00
			FEB-2021 - PORTION OF ENROLLMENT FEE 2021	01-01-501560	General Government	
14922	2/12/2021	VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION AND SERVICES LIMITED				\$198.55
			14531 - P-151 COUPLING/EXPANSION RING	01-03-502135	Fire / Protection PP	
14923	2/27/2021	A. J. STONE COMPANY LTD				\$467.77
			157948 - FIRE HELMET - CHEESMAN	01-03-502175	Fire / Protection PP	
14924	2/27/2021	BELL CANADA				\$91.87
			9*642098-FEB2021 - GARAGE TELEPHONE	01-05-503410	Public Works	
14925	2/27/2021	CENTRAL CANADA INDUSTRIES INC				\$2,049.41
			01QM8346 - 6-13 - HOSE/FITTING/WHEEL FLAP	01-05-503320	Public Works	

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			01QM9116 - 6-13 - HOSE/PIPE FITTING/SWIVEL FITTING/HOSE ASSMBLY	01-05-503320	Public Works	
			01QN7386 - 15W40/AIR FILTERS/OIL FILTERS/FUEL FILTERS	01-05-503320	Public Works	
14926	2/27/2021		CODY CHEESMAN			\$85.75
			CHQ-REQ-FEB2021 - REIMBURSE FOR SHIPPING / PICK UP FEES	01-03-502165	Fire / Protection PP	
14927	2/27/2021		CITY OF THUNDER BAY			\$61,664.00
			1820147248 - EMS 4TH 1/4 LEVY 2020 - LAND AMBULANCE	01-10-505300	Health Services	
14928	2/27/2021		FORT GARRY INDUSTRIES LTD			\$517.43
			F8500877 - 6-15 - LED LAMPS / 6-98 - AIR CARTRIDGE	01-05-503320	Public Works	
			F8513514 - 6-15 / 6-17 - VALVES/LUBE ELEMENT	01-05-503320	Public Works	
			F8531452 - SHOP SUPPLIES - HD EQUIPMENT WASH	01-05-503350	Public Works	
14929	2/27/2021		HOOD EQUIPMENT CANADA INCORPORATED			\$210.52
			I 130474 - 160 EXCAVATOR - FUEL FILTER	01-05-503320	Public Works	
14930	2/27/2021		HOSANNA FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES			\$424.76
			30336 - FIRE EXTINGUISHER ANNUAL MAINTENANCE	01-05-503315	Public Works	
14931	2/27/2021		JANET LIDICOAT			\$1,151.24
			CHQ-REQ-FEB2021 - PROPERTY TAX REFUND	01-01-501580	General Government	
14932	2/27/2021		KRIS LIGATE			\$55.43
			CHQ-REQ-FEB2021 - REIMBURSE SUPPLIES PURCHASE - STORAGE BOXES/BAGS	01-03-502125	Fire / Protection PP	
14933	2/27/2021		LOCAL AUTHORITY SERVICES LTD			\$3,323.44
			MGBP000000988 - OFFICE SUPPLIES - PENCILS/CLIPS/BATTERIES/MONITOR/P.TOWELS	01-01-501295	General Government	
			PF-1360-03839 - DIESEL 1060.60L / FURNACE 1567.60L	01-05-503325	Public Works	
14934	2/27/2021		MINISTER OF FINANCE			\$37,481.00
			211002211233054 - OPP CONTRACT BILLING LAKEHEAD GROUP	01-07-502300	Policing	
			211002211233054 - OPP CONTRACT BILLING LAKEHEAD GROUP	01-00-103850	Asset	
14935	2/27/2021		ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF EMERGENCY MANAGERS			\$20.00
			E1015 - EVENT REGISTRATION - COVID, 1 YR LATER - CEMC JASPERS	01-01-501550	General Government	
14936	2/27/2021		SPI HEALTH AND SAFETY INC.			\$4,618.07
			11025612-01 - 3 NEW AIR CYLINDERS 60 MIN (FROM 2020 ORDER)	01-03-502165	Fire / Protection PP	
14937	2/27/2021		STRONGCO EQUIPMENT			\$231.23
			90999406 - 6-15 - BEARINGS/SCREWS	01-05-503320	Public Works	
14938	2/27/2021		SUPERIOR PROPANE			\$284.16
			33107324 - PROPANE 224.4L - SANDHILL LANDFILL	01-08-504202	Environmental	
14939	2/27/2021		TBAY TEL			\$896.29
			50900-FEB2021 - INTERNET / LANDLINES / WEATHER / BLAKE HALL / F-HALL 1-4-5-6	01-03-502155	Fire / Protection PP	
			50900-FEB2021 - INTERNET / LANDLINES / WEATHER / BLAKE HALL / F-HALL 1-4-5-6	01-01-501530	General Government	
			50900-FEB2021 - INTERNET / LANDLINES / WEATHER / BLAKE HALL / F-HALL 1-4-5-6	01-05-503410	Public Works	
			50900-FEB2021 - INTERNET / LANDLINES / WEATHER / BLAKE HALL / F-HALL 1-4-5-6	01-15-507230	Recreation	

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14940	2/27/2021		THUNDER BAY LETTER SHOP SERVICES			\$313.74
			13296 - FEB 2021 NEEBING NEWS MAILOUT PREP	01-01-501571	General Government	
			13283 - JAN 2021 NEEBING NEWS MAILOUT PREP	01-01-501571	General Government	
14941	2/27/2021		WEB PRESS (THUNDER BAY) LIMITED			\$599.82
			W21-27574 - NEEBING NEWS - PRINTING CHARGES	01-01-501571	General Government	
14942	2/27/2021		STEVE WOOD			\$600.00
			CHQ-REC-FEB2021 - REFUND CEMETERY PLOTS R-2 LOT 36 & 37	01-01-501585	General Government	
HYDRO 1	2/12/2021		HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC			\$1,719.67
			JAN-2021 - HYDRO - ALL MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES	01-03-502120	Fire / Protection PP	
			JAN-2021 - HYDRO - ALL MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES	01-01-501420	General Government	
			JAN-2021 - HYDRO - ALL MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES	01-05-503310	Public Works	
			JAN-2021 - HYDRO - ALL MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES	01-15-507215	Recreation	
HYDRO 1	2/24/2021		HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC			\$1,035.60
			JUL2020-HYDRO - JULY 2020 - HYDRO ALL MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES	01-03-502120	Fire / Protection PP	
			JUL2020-HYDRO - JULY 2020 - HYDRO ALL MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES	01-01-501420	General Government	
			JUL2020-HYDRO - JULY 2020 - HYDRO ALL MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES	01-05-503310	Public Works	
			JUL2020-HYDRO - JULY 2020 - HYDRO ALL MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES	01-15-507215	Recreation	
			SEP2020-HYDRO - SEPT 2020 HYDRO - BLAKE HALL	01-15-507215	Recreation	
HYDRO 1	2/27/2021		HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC			\$1,585.91
			JAN 2021 HYDRO - JAN 2021 HYDRO - ALL MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES	01-03-502120	Fire / Protection PP	
			JAN 2021 HYDRO - JAN 2021 HYDRO - ALL MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES	01-01-501420	General Government	
			JAN 2021 HYDRO - JAN 2021 HYDRO - ALL MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES	01-05-503310	Public Works	
			JAN 2021 HYDRO - JAN 2021 HYDRO - ALL MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES	01-15-507215	Recreation	
SUNLIFE	2/10/2021		SUNLIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA			\$5,407.73
			JAN-2021 - JANUARY 2021 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	01-01-501250	General Government	
			JAN-2021 - JANUARY 2021 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	01-05-501250	Public Works	
VISA 0319 - JASPERS	2/16/2021		TD VISA 0319 - JASPERS			\$1,253.30
			JAN2021-VISA - JAN 2021 VISA CHARGES	01-03-502147	Fire / Protection PP	
			JAN2021-VISA - JAN 2021 VISA CHARGES	01-01-501430	General Government	
			JAN2021-VISA - JAN 2021 VISA CHARGES	01-15-507220	Recreation	
VISA 1662 - ASHBEE	2/12/2021		TD VISA 1662 - ASHBEE			\$387.50
			NOV-2020 - NOV 2020 VISA CHARGES	01-03-502130	Fire / Protection PP	
			NOV-2020-CASH BACK CREDIT - NOV 2020 CASH BACK CREDIT	01-03-502165	Fire / Protection PP	
VISA 1662 - ASHBEE	2/12/2021		TD VISA 1662 - ASHBEE			\$201.40
			DEC 2020 VISA CHARGES - DEC 2020 VISA CHARGES	01-03-502157	Fire / Protection PP	
VISA 1662 - ASHBEE	2/16/2021		TD VISA 1662 - ASHBEE			\$227.88
			JAN2021-VISA - JAN 2021 - VISA CHARGES	01-03-502158	Fire / Protection PP	

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VISA 1688 - VANBALLEGOOIE	2/12/2021	TD	VISA 1688 - VANBALLEGOOIE			\$20.87
			DEC 2020 VISA CHARGES - DEC 2020 VISA CHARGES	01-03-502145	Fire / Protection PP	
			NOV 2020 CASH BACK CREDIT - NOV 2020 CASH BACK CREDIT	01-03-502165	Fire / Protection PP	
VISA 1903 - LANTHIER	2/12/2021	TD	VISA 1903 - LANTHIER			\$330.74
			NOV 2020 - VISA CHARGES - NOV 2020 VISA CHARGES	01-01-501570	General Government	
			NOV 2020 - CASH BACK CREDIT - NOV 2020 CASH BACK CREDIT	01-01-501585	General Government	
VISA 1903 - LANTHIER	2/12/2021	TD	VISA 1903 - LANTHIER			\$26.30
			DEC 2020 VISA CHARGES - DEC 2020 VISA CHARGES	01-01-501518	General Government	
VISA 1992 - JONES	2/12/2021	TD	VISA 1992 - JONES			\$1,072.56
			NOV 2020 VISA CHARGES - NOV 2020 VISA CHARGES	01-01-501570	General Government	
			NOV 2020 CASH BACK CREDIT - NOV 2020 CASH BACK CREDIT	01-01-501585	General Government	
VISA 1992 - JONES	2/12/2021	TD	VISA 1992 - JONES			\$0.66
			DEC 2020 VISA CHARGES - DEC 2020 VISA CHARGES	01-01-501575	General Government	
VISA 1992 - JONES	2/16/2021	TD	VISA 1992 - JONES			\$52.50
			JAN2021-VISA - JAN 2021 VISA CHARGES	01-01-501560	General Government	
VISA 4442 - JASPERS	2/12/2021	TD	VISA 4442 - JASPERS			\$2,640.63
			NOV 2020 - VISA CHARGES - NOV 2020 VISA CHARGES	01-03-502157	Fire / Protection PP	
			NOV 2020 - VISA CHARGES - NOV 2020 VISA CHARGES	01-01-501430	General Government	
			NOV 2020 - CASH BACK CREDIT - NOV 2020 CASH BACK CREDIT	01-01-501585	General Government	
			NOV 2020 - VISA CHARGES - NOV 2020 VISA CHARGES	01-05-503320	Public Works	
			NOV 2020 - VISA CHARGES - NOV 2020 VISA CHARGES	01-15-507220	Recreation	
VISA 4442 - JASPERS	2/12/2021	TD	VISA 4442 - JASPERS			\$22.18
			DEC 2020 VISA CHARGES - DEC 2020 VISA CHARGES	01-03-502157	Fire / Protection PP	
VISA 5191 - MERCER	2/12/2021	TD	VISA 5191 - MERCER			\$288.27
			NOV 2020 CASH BACK CREDIT - NOV 2020 CASH BACK CREDIT	01-03-502165	Fire / Protection PP	
			DEC 2020 VISA CHARGES - DEC 2020 VISA CHARGES	01-03-502158	Fire / Protection PP	
VISA 5738 - KROMM	2/12/2021	TD	VISA 5738 - KROMM			\$1,438.97
			DEC 2020 VISA CHARGES - DEC 2020 VISA CHARGES	01-02-501540	Council Expense	
			DEC 2020 VISA CHARGES - DEC 2020 VISA CHARGES	01-01-501545	General Government	
VISA 5738 - KROMM	2/21/2021	TD	VISA 5738 - KROMM			\$5,255.95
			2020ANN - VISA Cashback Credit	01-00-406510	Revenue	

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			AUG2020 -	01-01-501295	General Government	
			DEC2020 -	01-01-501505	General Government	
			JULY2020 -	01-01-501295	General Government	
			NOV2020 -	01-01-501585	General Government	
			OCT2020 -	01-01-501555	General Government	
			SEP2020 -	01-01-501295	General Government	
			SEP2020 -	01-05-503410	Public Works	
VISA 5738 - KROMM	2/16/2021	TD	VISA 5738 - KROMM			\$1,708.24
			JAN2021 VISA - JAN 2021 VISA CHARGES	01-01-501518	General Government	
			JAN2021 VISA - JAN 2021 VISA CHARGES	01-07-502250	Policing	
VISA 8609 - LIVINGSTON	2/12/2021	TD	VISA 8609 - LIVINGSTON			\$188.17
			NOV 2020 - CASH BACK CREDIT - NOV 2020 ANNUAL CASH BACK CREDIT	01-05-503440	Public Works	
VISA 8609 - LIVINGSTON	2/16/2021	TD	VISA 8609 - LIVINGSTON			\$119.93
			JAN2021 VISA - JAN 2021 VISA CHARGES	01-05-503320	Public Works	

\$277,355.08

The Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing Administrative Report

Date: March 12, 2021 (For Meeting on March 17, 2021)

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: Administrative Activity Report

File Number:

Submitted by: Erika Kromm, Clerk-Treasurer

This report updates Council since the last activity report was prepared (February 12, 2021).

General:

1. Meetings, etc.: The list of meetings, events, office closures, etc. is appended. Due to the COVID-19 Emergency, most meetings and events have been cancelled and postponed.
2. Neebing News: The deadline for submission to the Neebing News April edition is March 20.
3. Economic Development: Ms. Lanthier has been working with Administration and NEDAC to prepare for the next meeting with the MNRF, to move our proposed project at Sturgeon Bay Boat Launch forward. A special meeting occurred dedicated to the project, in advance of the meeting with the MNRF. Funding and permit applications have been submitted.

She has also been working on creating the email template for Superior Country members that request additional information from Circle Tour stakeholders. A copy of this will be shared for information with staff and Council.

Ms. Lanthier has been working with Eat & Told to move the curated packages forward. A couple of key Neebing businesses have been engaged and are interested in contributing. We are aiming for the first installment to occur in late May/early June to ensure that the weather is good enough for a hike.

4. Landfill Site Work: As requested by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, KGS has submitted the draft Scoble report to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry for review. Once comments are received from the MNRF, KGS will begin the 60-day public review period.
5. Community Safety & Well Being Plan: Due to the current state of emergency, no further work has been done on the plan. The plan was originally required to

be completed by January 1, 2021. The Province has advised that plans are now due on July 1, 2021.

6. Asset Management Plan: Administration is awaiting the results of the FCM grant application. If successful, work will begin on operationalizing the asset management plan. The program has been flooded with applications and Neebing's application is on the waiting list to be reviewed. We will be notified when our application is under review. It is estimated that the application may be reviewed by mid to late 2021.
7. Municipal Properties: Marketing is continuing for the remaining surplus municipal properties.
8. Broadband Project: Both applications for the Provincial ICON Fund and the Federal Universal Broadband Fund (UBF) have been submitted. The deadline for the UBF has been extended by a month to March 15th. This will likely delay the announcement of successful applications. The members of the LRMC have been asked to promote the applications with local MPs and MPPs. This will be discussed at the next LRMC meeting.
9. West Oliver Lake Park: An application for a work permit to improve the parking at West Oliver Lake was submitted to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.
10. Audit: The auditors were in the office during the week of March 1. Administration is continuing to work with BDO to complete the audit.
11. Sturgeon Bay Boat Launch: An application was submitted to the Healthy Communities Initiative to fund park improvements to the Sturgeon Bay Boat Launch. If successful, all work must be completed by June 30, 2022. A Land Use Permit application was submitted to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry for use of the land for the park project.

Planning:

12. Zoning By-law Amendment: A meeting has been scheduled for April 7, 2021 to review and application for re-zoning.
13. Severance Applications: No new applications have been received.
14. Official Plan and Zoning Public Consultation: Public notices and consultation documents were sent out and posted on the website. Administration has received several inquiries about the proposed changes.

Training:

15. Training: No new training activities were undertaken.

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

ATTACHMENT: Upcoming Meetings/Events

NOTE: Due to the COVID19 Emergency, most committee and board meetings have been suspended until further notice.

Date/Time	Meeting	Attendees/Comments
March 1, 2021	Start of 3-week online Public Consultation Campaign for Official Plan and Zoning By-law	
March 16, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m. Via Web Conference	Health & Safety Committee	Councillor Wright, Ms. Kromm
March 16, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m. Via Web Conference	LRMC	Mayor Butikofer, Ms. Kromm, Open to the public
March 17, 2021 @ 6:00 pm Via Web Conference	Regular Council meeting	Open to the public (excepting Closed portion, if any)
March 24, 2021 @ 5:00 pm Via Web Conference	Special Council meeting (Official Plan and Zoning BL)	Open to the public
March 31, 2021 @ 5:00 pm Via Web Conference	Special Council meeting (Official Plan and Zoning BL) (Back-up date – if 2 nd meeting needed)	Open to the public
April 7, 2021 @ 5:00 pm Via Web Conference	Special Council meeting	Open to the public (excepting Closed portion, if any)
April 7, 2021 @ 6:00 pm Via Web Conference	Regular Council meeting	Open to the public (excepting Closed portion, if any)
April 14, 2021 @ 6:00 pm Via Web Conference	Lakehead Police Services Board	Mayor Butikofer, Ms. Kromm, Open to the public
April 21, 2021 @ 6:00 pm Via Web Conference	Regular Council meeting	Open to the public (excepting Closed portion, if any)
June 15, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m. Via Web Conference	Health & Safety Committee	Councillor Wright, Ms. Kromm
July 14, 2021 @ 6:00 pm Via Web Conference	Lakehead Police Services Board	Mayor Butikofer, Ms. Kromm, Open to the public
September 14, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m. Via Web Conference	Health & Safety Committee	Councillor Wright, Ms. Kromm
October 13, 2021 @ 6:00 pm Via Web Conference	Lakehead Police Services Board	Mayor Butikofer, Ms. Kromm, Open to the public
December 14, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m. Via Web Conference	Health & Safety Committee	Councillor Wright, Ms. Kromm

Known "regular" committee meetings:

NEDAC: last Monday of each month (5:00 p.m.; Municipal Office)

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

Cemetery Board: last Monday of mid-quarter months (4:00 p.m.; Municipal Office)

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

Lakehead Police Service Board: October 14 (6:00 p.m.; O'Connor Municipal Office)

Lakehead Rural Municipal Coalition: First Tuesday of each month (3:00 p.m.; Oliver Paipoonge Municipal Office.)

ITEM 3.5 REPORT FROM WORKING ROADS FOREMAN

TO BE DISTRIBUTED BEFORE THE MEETING

The Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing Administrative Report

Date: March 12, 2021 (For Meeting on March 17, 2021)

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: February Monthly Report

Submitted by: Dale Ashbee, Fire Chief

Overview

February was a seemingly predictable 'COVID month' for NES, with just five (5) page outs recorded. Our lockdown status, announced as a *Grey* designation early in the month, increased necessary precautions with regard to face-to-face activities, and most team training was accomplished via "Go to Meeting" virtual gatherings. A lowering of our lockdown level to *Red* in mid-February proved encouraging for a potential reduction in social-distancing restrictions, but an announced return to *Grey* (as of March 1st) stipulated that increased and ongoing precautions would continue.

EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE:

Hall Maintenance

Hall 1:

- **Upgrades:** Drywall repairs, lighting replacement and painting were carried out in the EFR supply room at Hall 1, in preparation for the installation of additional upper wall cabinets (previously donated by a Neebing resident in December). These cupboards will initially house required COVID-related PPE supplies, which have necessarily expanded significantly in number(s) during the pandemic. The supply room upgrades have since been extended to include the adjoining washroom and shower, which were also in need of a refresh.
- **Furnace:** Hall 1, unexpectedly ran out of fuel oil over the last weekend of February, which required an emergency fill. A check of all other halls the same day showed each to be in the ½ to 5/8's full range. It is unusual to have one hall significantly out-of-step with other halls with regard to fuel consumption. However, of all our halls, Hall 1 sees the most activity. That, combined with the severe cold we experienced during February, may have triggered the additional fuel consumption. Going forward, fuel oil usage at Hall 1 will be monitored, in order to determine whether this occurrence turns out to be a 'one-time' event, or a developing pattern, and action will be required to deal with the situation.

Hall 5:

- **Furnace:** An NES member discovered that the hall furnace was not operating properly, and as a result, the hall temperature was low. A furnace-service provider was called, and the situation was remedied quickly with a nozzle-replacement on the burner. It was noted that Hall 5 has limited electrical back-up heat, and no emergency generator. Options for improving the availability of emergency heat and power will be considered, and in the same regard, the status of other halls will be reviewed as well.
- **Second Story Storage-Area Lighting:** The second story storage site situated over the rooms at the back of the hall, has notoriously low ceilings, and the ceiling light fixtures have been noted as a concern for potential contact injury. Using the same type of LED lighting fixtures recently installed as part of the Hall 1 upgrades, flush and shallow mount fixtures have been installed at Hall 5 to greatly reduce direct-contact risks. Additional LED units will be mounted to improve the overall lighting in the storage area.

Vehicle Maintenance:

- Minor vehicle maintenance issues involved the in-house management (by NES personnel) of several 'lights and leaks' type concerns.
- **Tanker 103:** The steering box failed at the end of the month, and it is scheduled for replacement in early March.

CALLS

The **five (5)** February **page-outs** involved **two (2) fire-related** responses, **two (2) requests for medical assistance**, and **one (1) MVC**.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Regular classroom training was not scheduled in February due to pandemic considerations. Several virtual class sessions were held using the "Go to Meeting" format, including; a 'Ropes and Knots' demonstration/practise, and a 'new (P108) pumper operations panel review'.

ADMINISTRATION

During February, **NES** administration participated in a number of activities which involved the direction of attention to not only regular 'housekeeping requirements', but also to:

- The preparation of a list of NES volunteers who wish to receive a **COVID vaccine** in the Phase 1 roll-out, as the government looks to vaccinate FF's who also provide 1st Response service in their communities.
- Follow-up regarding the delivery of the **new pumper truck** continued, with the news that a hydraulic pump in the CAFS system did not 'pump-to-spec' during testing, and will need to be replaced before the vehicle can receive certification testing.

- The creation of regular **NES reports**, and FP2 data entry (including submission of records to the OFM), as well as the creation of **newsletter articles** for the NEEBING NEWS.
- NES members continued to monitor the ice-sheets at Blake Hall and Pearson, flooding the rink as necessary when weather permits.

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

Date: March 11, 2021 (For Meeting on March 17, 2021)
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Changes to Transfer to Reserve Fund
File Number: 01-F18-000001-2015
Submitted by: Laura Jones, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends that Council change the amount to be transferred from reserves for the Fire Truck from \$124,349.70 to 0. Administration further recommends that an additional \$500 which will be received from our lawyer relating to 2020 land sale be placed into the rate stabilization reserve.

DISCUSSION:

The 2020 budget provides for the transfer of reserves, but there was amount for the fire truck that would be withdrawn from annual operating revenue.

When the fire truck reserve report went before Council, the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer was unaware that a portion of the expense would be drawn from the 2020 operating account. The amount to be withdrawn is almost equal to the amount invoiced in 2020, so therefore the 2020 reserve transfer should be changed to nil.

Further, there will be an additional \$500 funds from 2020 Land sales received and as per Council direction it should be deposited into the Rate Stabilization Reserve. Administration recommends that Council approve the transfer of \$500 to the Rate Stabilization Reserve.

ATTACHMENTS: None

AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST: Previous reports to Council, transaction details and reserve fund continuity schedule, Invoice for partial payment of Fire Truck, GL reports.

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

Date: March 11, 2021 (For Meeting on March 17, 2021)

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: Statement of Remuneration and Expenses
File Number: 02-A01-00001-2016

Submitted by: Laura Jones, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

RECOMMENDATION:

This Report is prepared for Council's information.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The Municipal Act, 2001 requires the Treasurer to report to Council any remuneration and expenses paid for Council members and Council appointees to local boards and other bodies by March 31st of each year. Section 284 states:

284. (1) The treasurer of a municipality shall in each year on or before March 31 provide to the council of the municipality an itemized statement on remuneration and expenses paid in the previous year to,
- (a) each member of council in respect of his or her services as a member of the council or any other body, including a local board, to which the member has been appointed by council or on which the member holds office by virtue of being a member of council;
 - (b) each member of council in respect of his or her services as an officer or employee of the municipality or other body described in clause (a); and
 - (c) each person, other than a member of council, appointed by the municipality to serve as a member of any body, including a local board, in respect of his or her services as a member of the body.

ATTACHMENT: Statement of Remuneration and Expenses 2020

AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST: Detailed list of expenses.

ATTACHMENT: Statement of Remuneration and Expenses 2020**MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING STATEMENT OF REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES
2020***Section 284 (1), Municipal Act, 2001***MUNICIPAL
COUNCIL**

Name	Position	Remuneration	Benefits¹	Mileage	Conference/ Training	Total
Butikofer, Erwin	Mayor	12,971.28	293.74	-	816.14	14,081.16
Wright, Brian	Councillor - Crooks	9,192.24	220.00	56.84	-	9,469.08
Coulson, Curtis	Councillor - Pardee	9,192.24	518.83	145.00	-	9,856.07
Thibert, Mark	Councillor - Blake	9,192.24	518.83	-	-	9,711.07
Kurikka, Brian	Councillor - Scoble	9,192.24	518.83	178.06	2,001.91	11,891.04
Gardner, Gary	Councillor - Pearson	9,192.24	220.00	-	-	9,412.24
Cuthbertson, Gordon	Councillor at Large	9,192.24	220.00	-	818.79	10,231.03
TOTAL		68,124.72	2,510.25	379.90	3,636.84	74,651.71

¹ Benefits include employer liabilities (EAP, CPP, EHT)**LAKEHEAD CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

Name	Position	Remuneration	Benefits	Mileage	Conference/ Training	Total
Butikofer, Erwin	Mayor	668.88	-	116.00		784.88

LAKEHEAD RURAL PLANNING BOARD

Name	Position	Remuneration	Benefits	Mileage	Conference/ Training	Total
Gordon Cuthbertson	Councillor at Large	390.00	-	-		390.00

MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING STATEMENT OF REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES 2020

Section 284 (1), Municipal Act, 2001

CEMETERY BOARD

Name	Position	Remuneration	Benefits	Mileage	Conference/ Training	Total
Michael Barnes	Committee Member	25.00				25.00
Bev Dale	Committee Member	25.00				25.00
Fred Hurlbert	Committee Member	25.00				25.00
Karen Coulson	Committee Member	25.00				25.00
Penny Shott	Committee Member	25.00				25.00
Roger Shott	Committee Member	25.00				25.00
Coulson, Curtis	Councillor - Pardee	-				-
TOTAL		150.00	-	-	-	150.00

NEEBING RECREATION COMMITTEE

Name	Position	Remuneration	Benefits	Mileage	Conference/ Training	Total
Dawne Kilgour	Committee Member	75.00				75.00
Karen Coulson	Committee Member	75.00				75.00
Eileen Pelletier	Committee Member	-				-
Katherine Hill	Committee Member	75.00				75.00
Edith Tivendale	Committee Member	75.00				75.00
Penny Shott	Committee Member	75.00				75.00
Coulson, Curtis	Councillor - Pardee	-				-
TOTAL		375.00	-	-	-	375.00

MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING STATEMENT OF REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES 2020

Section 284 (1), Municipal Act, 2001

NEEBING WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Name	Position	Remuneration	Benefits	Mileage	Conference/ Training	Total
Ed Shields	Committee Member	75.00				75.00
Gary Davies	Committee Member	75.00				75.00
Fritz Lehmberg	Committee Member	25.00				25.00
Wendy MacLean	Committee Member	25.00				25.00
Lucas Durand	Committee Member	50.00				50.00
Kurikka, Brian	Councillor - Scoble	-				-
Wright, Brian	Councillor - Crooks	-				
TOTAL		250.00	-	-	-	250.00

NEEBING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Name	Position	Remuneration	Benefits	Mileage	Conference/ Training	Total
Elaine MacKenzie	Committee Member	25.00				25.00
Ryan Siciliano	Committee Member	-				-
Wilma Mol	Committee Member	25.00				25.00
Brock Marshall	Committee Member	25.00				25.00
Gary Davies	Committee Member	25.00				25.00
Jennifer Aarnamo	Committee Member	-				-
Kurikka, Brian	Councillor - Scoble	-				-
Gordon Cuthbertson	Councillor At Large	-				-
TOTAL		100.00	-	-	-	100.00

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MEMORANDUM TO: Clerk-Treasurer Erika Kromm
Fire Chief Dale Ashbee

FROM: Jon Pegg
Ontario Fire Marshal

DATE: March 11th, 2021

SUBJECT: Fire Safety Grant Announcement

Earlier today, the Government of Ontario announced a one time \$5M grant to municipal fire services to assist in addressing challenges associated with training and virtual inspections due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since the start of the pandemic, Ontario's fire services have faced unprecedented challenges and have voiced those concerns to me as Fire Marshal. The ability to train fire service members in a COVID environment brought with it new restrictions and despite opportunities to train online and through other modes, I know that not all training priorities may have been met over the last year. In addition, my office has heard concerns from fire departments about fire code enforcement and the ability to enter premises to conduct inspections and promote fire safety. It is hoped that this grant will work to support fire services through this period of uncertainty and ongoing challenges.

I am pleased to advise that the Municipality of Neebing is eligible to receive up to **\$5,100.00** as part of this grant program.

The grant is intended to provide fire departments with the flexibility to support two priority areas. First, this grant may be put towards ongoing training needs including registration, administrative programming, technology upgrades and associated costs for attending as well for providing services. In addition, if code compliance and inspections continue to be challenging, addressing opportunities for an inspection program may include technology, capital costs and training to ensure that fire services are able to meet the demand of this need at the local level.

In order to receive funds, the Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM) requires that the attached application be submitted by a representative of the municipality. As decisions regarding the grant may not have time to proceed to municipal council for approval within the

timeframes identified below, my office would be comfortable with the fire chief accepting the grant in principle on behalf of the municipality, pending formal approval from the council. To help facilitate this process, once the grant applications are approved, I will send the respective fire chief a letter of intent that will be contingent upon council's deliberations. In order to allocate funds before March 31, 2021, all applications must be received by my office no later than March 19, 2021. In addition, as a condition of the grant, these funds must be spent by August 1, 2021, and a report back to the Fire Marshal will be required by September 1, 2021, to outline how the grant was utilized at the department level.

Completed agreements should be sent by email to the Office of the Fire Marshal at ofm@ontario.ca. If you have any questions about this grant, do not hesitate to reach out to your Fire Protection Adviser.

Yours truly,

Jon Pegg
Ontario Fire Marshal

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March 4, 2021

No. 2021-02

ONTARIO FIRE COLLEGE TRAINING MODERNIZATION

This Fire Marshal's Communiqué is issued as a follow up to the January 13, 2021 announcement regarding the decommissioning of the Ontario Fire College (OFC) and the modernization of fire safety training in Ontario.

This Communiqué provides an overview of OFC training modernization through several modes, including online and blended courses, Regional Training Centres (RTCs) and Learning Contracts.

A fire department's training program should be designed to meet its set level of fire protection service, based on its needs and circumstances, and guided by the advice of the fire chief. A training program can include a combination of different OFC training modes as well as local in-house training.

While the decommissioning of the OFC campus in Gravenhurst is set for March 31, 2021, staff will continue to play a leading role in developing training courses. This will include curriculum design and development, registration services, online training development and maintenance, training development to build capacity in RTCs, and monitoring performance and quality assurance of programs at the local level.

As part of this plan, OFC instructors will be assigned regionally so that fire departments have a central point of contact for all training inquiries within their region. Instructors will work collaboratively to ensure the availability of training across Ontario.

Available options for OFC training are outlined below:

1. Online and Blended Courses
2. Learning Contracts
3. Regional Training Centres (RTC)
4. Mobile Live Fire Training Units (MLFTUs)

Inquiries on any of the options available, or how to contact the instructor assigned to your region can be directed to Guy Degagne, Assistant Deputy Fire Marshal, Training and Certification (Guy.Degagne@ontario.ca).

1. Online and Blended Courses

Online courses are generally self-paced, which allows for greater flexibility in completing coursework.

Blended courses have a portion of the course online, combined with specific in-person training sessions. The purpose of blended learning is to focus in-person training to elements that cannot be taught online. Blended courses are offered through RTCs or Learning Contracts.

The following courses are available in either an online and/or blended format:

Course	Online	Blended
Legislation	X	
NFPA 1521	X	
NFPA 1031 – Level 1	X	
NFPA 1035 – PIO	X	
NFPA 1035 – Level 1	X	
NFPA 1021 – Level 1	X	X
NFPA 1021 – Level 2		X
NFPA 1021 – Level 3		X
NFPA 1021 – Level 4		X
NFPA 1041 – Level 1	X	X
NFPA 1041 – Level 2		X
Fire Code – Part 2	X	
Fire Code – Part 6	X	
Fire Code – Part 9	X	
NFPA 1001 – Level 1		X
NFPA 1001 – Level 2		X
NFPA 1002		X
NFPA 1006 – Ice/Water Rescue		X
NFPA 1033 – Fire Investigator		X

The remaining National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) courses are scheduled to be upgraded to online and/or blended by the 2022-23 OFC calendar year. These include:

Course	Online	Blended
NFPA 1031 – Level 1	X	
Fire Code – Part 3	X	
Fire Code – Part 4	X	
Fire Code – Part 5	X	
Courtroom Procedures	X	X
NFPA 1072 Haz Mat Operations		X

2. Learning Contracts

Learning contracts provide access to OFC programs through in-house training that is affordable and scalable, and they are provided at the local fire department at their pace. Learning contracts are set up within one fire department, but there is an opportunity for smaller departments to share in the training.

The OFC supports learning contracts with full OFC course delivery including full registration in the OFC database; OFC course numbers; OFC course material; OFC assistance with arranging ASE testing; OFC support in case of Ministry of Labour investigations; and OFC certificates of completion for each student.

Course delivery costs \$65 per student. Training can occur during working hours to reduce overtime costs and can be provided by fire departments' training staff.

3. Regional Training Centres (RTC)

RTCs are operated by municipalities, community colleges, or associations. They are strategically located across the province and provide access to training for career, composite, volunteer, Northern Fire Protection Program (NFPP), and First Nations fire departments.

RTCs are capable of delivering all NFPA programs, including certification testing, and courses meet professional qualification standards including classroom and outdoor fire ground training. It is important to note that course availability across Ontario will be based on a needs analysis that must support local fire departments and the RTC's infrastructure and capacity to deliver.

A number of factors may result in cost savings or avoidance for fire departments that train at RTCs including mileage to and from the home location, costs to backfill fire department personnel, meal reimbursement, banked time and overtime costs.

The interest to open and operate a new RTC has grown significantly since the announcement in January. A map of current RTC locations is provided below, along with some additional locations being considered. Please note that potential locations are continually being updated and not all locations are reflected in the attached map.

4. Mobile Live Fire Training Units (MLFTUs)

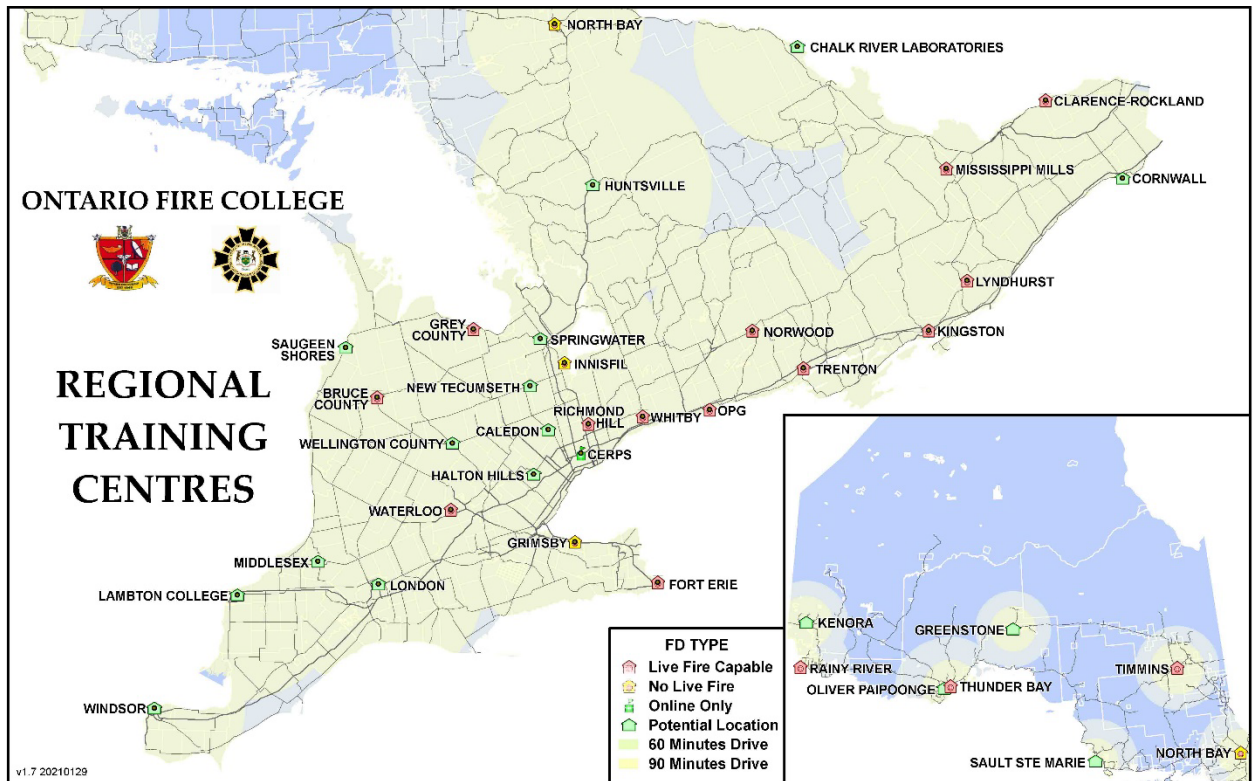
The OFM has purchased two mobile live fire training units that will be available to fire departments across Ontario. In order to support training across the province, one unit will be deployed in northern Ontario and one in southern Ontario. However, this will be continually reviewed to assess where there is the greatest need.

The MLFTUs offer diverse options for live fire training to meet the unique needs of training including: a confined space rescue hatch; main level training rooms; different attack options; multi-prop fire simulators; and portable props.

The OFM will be deploying these units in 2021 and can have them delivered to any location. The MLFTUs will need to be booked in advance and will be available seasonally between May and October. Please contact the OFC Registrar at ApplyOFC@ontario.ca to reserve a unit.

Appendix 1

Map of Ontario's 20 Current Regional Training Centres



Appendix 2
Ontario Fire College – Geographic Coverage Areas

Andrew Blair – Eastern Ontario	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northumberland • Peterborough • Hasting • Prince Edward • Lennox Addington • Frontenac • Lanark • Ottawa • Leeds and Grenville • Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry • Prescott-Russell
Robert King – Central Ontario	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kawartha Lakes • Haliburton • Muskoka • Simcoe • Grey • Bruce • Dufferin
Ken Benoit – GTA / Niagara	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Durham • York • Peel • Toronto • Halton • Hamilton • Niagara
Lyle Quan – Southwest Ontario	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wellington • Waterloo • Brant • Haldimand • Norfolk • Oxford • Perth • Huron • Middlesex • Elgin • Lambton • Chatham-Kent • Essex

Grant Love – Northeast Ontario	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renfrew • Nipissing • Parry Sound • North Bay • Temiskaming
Jamie Meyer – Rainbow / Algoma / Far Northeast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sudbury • Algoma (Wawa and East and South of Wawa) • Cochrane • Manitoulin
Jennifer Grigg – Northwest Ontario (Nipigon and East)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thunder Bay (Area East of Nipigon) • Algoma (Wawa and West and North of Wawa)
Tim Beebe – Northwest Ontario (Nipigon and West)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kenora • Rainy River • Thunder Bay (Area West of Nipigon)

The Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing Administrative Report

Date: March 12 2021 (For Meeting on March 17, 2021)

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: Information Correspondence List

File Number: 02-A01-00001-2016 (Council General Administration)

Submitted by: Erika Kromm, Clerk-Treasurer

ORGANIZATION	DESCRIPTION	DATE
Requests/Information/Minutes		
AMO Communications	AMO Policy Update – New Support for Local Fire Services, Updated COVID-19 Vaccine Tools and Resources	Fri Mar 12, 2021
AMO Communications	AMO Policy Update - Phase II of Vaccinations Plan, Bill 257 – Supporting Broadband and Infrastructure Expansion Act, Fi..	Fri Mar 5, 2021
AMO Communications	AMO Policy Update – New 2021 COVID-19 Relief Funding	Thu Mar 4, 2021
TBDSSAB	TBDSSAB Update from the Board - February 2021 Meeting	Fri Mar 5, 2021
Training/Events		
ACHIEVE	2 New Workshops This Spring	Fri Mar 12, 2021
ACHIEVE	Conflict Resolution Skills for Leaders Training	Tues Mar 9, 2021
ACHIEVE	Free Stress Management Webinar	Fri Mar 5, 2021
ACHIEVE	Management & Supervision Training	Tues Mar 2, 2021
AMO Communications	3 NEW DATES FOR LAND USE PLANNING: BEYOND THE BASICS TRAINING	Wed Mar 10, 2021
Bang the Table	[WEBINAR] Setting Your Engagement Up for Success	Fri Mar 5, 2021
Canadian HR Reporter Editor	New webinar: Protect yourself from bad hiring practices	Fri Mar 5, 2021
Canadian HR Reporter Editor	It's time to vote! Does rapid testing make sense? Employment trends for 2021	Tues Mar 2, 2021
Canadian HR Reporters	Canadian HR Reporter's annual Readers' Choice survey is now open!	Mon Mar 1, 2021
Canadian Network of Asset Managers	Register for CNAM's March Webinar: Supporting data-driven decisions on infrastructure investment	Tue Mar 2, 2021
Canadian Network of Asset Managers	Brian Burke announced as Keynote Speaker – CNAM 2021 Virtual Conference	Mon Mar 1, 2021
Career Concepts	Career Concepts - Managing Conflict in the Workplace Workshop	Mon Mar 1, 2021
FCM Connect	Available now: new asset management training	Fri Mar 12, 2021
FCM Connect	New webinar on rural strength and innovation	Wed Mar 10, 2021

ORGANIZATION	DESCRIPTION	DATE
FCM Connect	New funding and resources for home-energy upgrade financing programs Tackling energy poverty and more	Tues Mar 3, 2021
Ontario Chapter of SWANA	Reminder: Ontario Chapter HHW Operations Course & Scholarships	Wed Mar 10, 2021
OGRA	Manage Stormwater before it becomes a problem.	Thu Mar 11, 2021, and Fri Mar 5, 2021
OGRA	Sanitary Sewer Design - The Path to Clean Water	Mon Mar 8, 2021
OGRA	Cross Paths with MIT - Road Design: Intersections	Tues Mar 2, 2021
Recycling Council of Ontario	Reminder: Announcing a Centre of Excellence to Advance the Circular Economy	Mon Mar 8, 2021
Newsletters		
AMO	AMO WatchFile - March 4, 2021	Thu Mar 4, 2021
AMO	AMO Policy Update – Province Provides Additional Transit Funding, Municipal Modernization Funding, 34 Public Health	Mon Mar 1, 2021
LAS - AMO Business Services	LAS Webinars: Survey Equipment, Legal/Procurement Update	Mon Mar 8, 2021
Katie Allen, The Conservation Fund	We're Hiring - Multiple Opportunities to Join The Conservation Fund & CLN Team!	Tues Mar 9, 2021
Canadian HR Reporter	Safeguarding your employee health during influenza season	Fri Mar 12, 2021
Canadian HR Reporter Editor	Gender equity 'fatigue' Hiring outlook for second quarter \$167,000 for wrongful dismissal	Thurs Mar 11, 2021
Canadian HR Reporter Editor	AI and sexual harassment Readers' Choice opens Discipline in the time of COVID	Tues Mar 9, 2021
Career Concepts	Career Concepts - Supervisory Skills for Managers and Supervisors	Mon Mar 8, 2021
The "CHECKER"® Inspection Check...	The "CHECKER"® Inspection Check... Over 70,000 views! Check out the most popular posts from our blog!	Fri Mar 5, 2021
Economic Developers Council of O.	ICYMI: EDCO Insider Webinar Recording	Tue Mar 2, 2021
Environmental Research & Education Foundation	Solidification/Stabilization for Reverse Osmosis (RO) Concentrate? ?	Tues Mar 9, 2021
Environmental Research & Education Foundation	Environmental Research & Education... Can Solidification/Stabilization Technology Be Used To Mitigate Reverse Osmosis (RO) Concentrate?	Thu Mar 4, 2021
FCM Communiqué	Info session: efficiency financing programs Join the CCRI and more ...	Tues Mar 9, 2021
Korn Ferry Briefings	COVID's Business Legacy Employee-Boss Breakdown Getting Ideas Noticed	Thu Mar 11, 2021
Korn Ferry Institute	Vaccine Vacillation Why Retire Now? Advice for the Hiring Rebound	Thurs Mar 4, 2021

ORGANIZATION	DESCRIPTION	DATE
Municipal Information Network	Municipal Information Network News	Thurs Mar 11, 2021
Municipal Information Network	Municipal Information Network News	Tues Mar 9, 2021
Municipal Information Network	Municipal Information Network Jobs	Tues Mar 9, 2021
Municipal Information Network	Municipal Information Network News	Mon Mar 8, 2021
Municipal Information Network	Municipal Information Network News	Fri Mar 5, 2021
Municipal Information Network	Municipal Information Network News	Thurs Mar 4, 2021
Municipal Information Network	Municipal Information Network News	Wed Mar 3, 2021
Municipal Information Network	Municipal Information Network Jobs	Tues Mar 2, 2021
Municipal World Careers Team	Team Romance in the office –HR Insider News	Thu Feb 18, 2021
OECM	OECM Connection: Winter 2021 Edition!	Wed Mar 3, 2021
Ombudsman Ontario	Ontario Ombudsman's February Newsletter: An interview with the Ombudsman, connecting with future child welfare w..	Fri Feb 26, 2021
Ontario Clean Air Alliance	Mayor Tory & Toronto City Council call for phase-out of Ontario's gas plants	Thurs Mar 11, 2021
Ontario Clean Air Alliance	Andrea Horwath promises to phase-out Ontario's gas-fired power plants by 2030	Mon Mar 8, 2021
Ontario Clean Air Alliance	Mississauga and Brampton call for the phase-out of Ontario's gas-fired power plants by 2030	Wed Mar 3, 2021
Ontario Chapter of SWANA	Message from the Ontario Chapter Safety Ambassador	Tues Mar 9, 2021
OGRA	Heads Up Alert - Cargo E-Bike Pilot Program	Tues Mar 2, 2021
Ontario Heritage Trust	Reminder: BREAKING NEWS from the Ontario Heritage Trust	Mon Mar 8, 2021
OWMA	OWMA News - March 10, 2021	Wed Mar 10, 2021
OWMA	OWMA Member Bulletin - March 5, 2021	Fri Mar 5, 2021
Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce	#tbaymarketplace: NOIC & Diversity TBay	Wed Mar 10, 2021
Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce	the latest: March 8	Mon Mar 8, 2021
Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce	#tbaymarketplace: Done-Rite Tire & Auto AETS	Wed Mar 3, 2021
Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce	the latest: March 1	Mon Mar 1, 2021
Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce	COVID-19 Update: Thunder Bay District moving to Grey-Lockdown on March 1st	Fri Feb 26, 2021
WPS News	How employers can help women returning to work	Mon Mar 8, 2021

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

Date: March 11, 2021 (For Meeting on March 17, 2021)

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: Drone Video 2.0
File Number: 02 100 002 2014

Submitted by: Courtney Lanthier, Economic Development Officer

RECOMMENDATION:

Administration is seeking direction with respect to the design of another drone video with Epica Pictures.

BACKGROUND:

Ms. Lanthier has consulted with Damien Gilbert of Epica Pictures about the idea of another video, this time centered around promoting Neebing to future residents and businesses; “why you should live and work here.” If Council approves the concept listed below, additional details will be worked out with Epica Pictures.

DISCUSSION:

Concept

Ms. Lanthier has provided Mr. Gilbert with the initial ideas Council has had for the concept of this video. It will feature a few specialized places/people/businesses, with more time spent discussing why people like living and working in Neebing.

Damien has suggested that the audio in this video be conducted in the form of a voice-over, in order to retain the creative quality of the piece. The video can offer longer-shots of the places/people/businesses we decide to include, accompanied by talking in the form of a voice-over.

Cost

For the amount we have budgeted for this project (\$4,000), Mr. Gilbert has stated that we can make a 60-90 second video.

ATTACHMENTS: None.

AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST: None

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

Date: March 12, 2021 (For Meeting on March 17, 2021)

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: NOHFC Funding Opportunities
File Number:

Submitted by: Laura Jones, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation to authorize Administration to explore funding opportunities with Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) for renovations at Blake Hall rink; renovations at Pearson rink; addition of a fire training and servicing bay at the municipal office and phase 2 renovations at the municipal office.

BACKGROUND:

The NOHFC has released new grant funding programs. The funding falls under four main streams: target business support, community enhancement, workforce development, and cultural support. The Community Enhancement Stream offers two funding streams: Rural Enhancing Funding Stream and the Enhance Your Community Funding Stream.

DISCUSSION

The Economic Development Officer (EDO) and the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer attended a web conference call with NOHFC on March 4, 2021, where NOHFC staff presented information on their new grant funding opportunities.

The EDO noted that the cultural support funding stream may be useful for future projects, in partnership with external organizations.

The Community Enhancement Stream is for incremental improvements, repairs, and/or renovations to improve and extend the useful life of capital assets including; social and recreational facilities, municipal assets and community halls that contribute to a healthy and vibrant community.

In discussion with NOHFC staff, the following projects were discussed under the Community Enhancement –Rural Enhancement program stream:

- Blake Hall rink renovation:
 - Take the current rink and add a hard surface and roof with lighting (similar to the project that was completed at Conmee Township)
- Pearson Rink Renovation:
 - Add a Hard Surface at the Pearson Rink

Under the Rural Enhancement Stream, for our size of municipality, projects that are defined as renovations are eligible to receive up to 75% of the cost to a maximum of \$500,000. NOHFC was apprised of the current configuration of our two community rinks and stated that in the opinion of the NOHFC representative both projects could qualify for this funding.

In addition to the above projects, the expansion at the municipal office to include a fire bay was discussed:

- Fire training and service bay at the municipal office
 - Renovate existing training and office space
 - New addition of a service and training bay to support Fire Department activities
 - Phase 2 of renovations to the municipal and fire office would include the exterior renovation, windows, as well as flooring and upgrades not included in phase 1 (Phase 1 are renovations to make the office more conducive to business during pandemics)..

This project was thought to qualify under the Community Enhancement –Enhance Your Community Stream. Under this stream, eligible projects can receive funding of up to 50% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$2 million. The Deputy Clerk-Treasurer stated that detailed plans for this project do not yet exist, and NOHFC stated we could include the development of detailed plans in an application.

NOHFC staff indicated that they would be available to support the development of applications and review the applications prior to submission.

NOHFC noted that there are criteria that all projects would have to meet. Specifically, the projects must be identified in some sort of official planning document, such as a strategic plan. The supporting groundwork for these projects is in our draft strategic plan, the completion of which was delayed by the COVID pandemic. The final steps to complete the strategic plan would have to be undertaken prior to submitting an application. However preliminary work on application can start with Council approval, while the final draft of the strategic plan is underway.

ATTACHMENTS: None

AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST: NOHFC slide show, Strategic Planning minutes.

The Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing Administrative Report

Date: March 12, 2021 (For Meeting on March 17, 2021)

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: Second Draft of the 2021 Budget

File Number: 01-F05-00000-2020

Submitted by: Laura Jones, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

RECOMMENDATION:

This Report is prepared for Council's information.

BACKGROUND:

Municipal budgets are reviewed several times prior to being passed. The first draft of the 2021 budget was reviewed on January 27, 2021, with subsequent review of the fire prevention portion (February 3) and roads portion (February 17th). Since the first draft was viewed there have been changes made to the budget which are outlined below. In this second draft, the 2020 figures are preliminary, and may still subject to change, as year-end adjustments, provided by the auditors after the financial statements are accepted, have not been completed.

CHANGES SINCE THE FIRST DRAFT WAS REVIEWED:

REVENUE

- Entered preliminary surplus from accountant Line 25. \$500,521
- Moved the transfer from Reserve for the Fire Pumper to 2021 Line 29.

A note about the surplus: 2020 was an abnormal year for municipal budgets. Many planned activities were curtailed, and thus expenses related to those activities were not incurred: Projects were delayed or placed on hold: Conferences and training occurred remotely or did not occur; Penalties on overdue taxes were halted; Office staff worked remotely; and most staff did not use their vacation and accrued hours.

The province provided grants to assist municipalities with operating pressures that were identified because of the COVID pandemic. An operating pressure can be additional expenses, such as web conferencing subscriptions, or a loss of normal revenue, such as revenue from penalties on overdue taxes. The Municipality had direct expenses relating to the pandemic, which the grant was used to offset. In addition to our direct expenses, and in consultation with our auditors, the following additional operating pressures were identified:

- Lost revenue relating to overdue taxes (based on an average over the previous five years)
- A portion of accrued hours and vacation

By recognizing the above operating pressures, a portion of the COVID grant was placed into 2020 revenue to offset those pressures. The adjustment for that appears in the surplus amount from the auditor, but is not yet reflected in the preliminary 2020 figures presented in this budget draft.

No other adjustments to revenue were made since Draft 1 was reviewed.

EXPENSES

Council

- Reduced Line 49. Conferences and travel to \$7,500

Elections

- No Changes

Administration

- Part-time positions (fire, EDO, summer student) rolled into Admin salaries (line 51)
- Heating (line 55), hospitality (line 56), and conferences and travel (line 69) reduced
- Actual amount entered for insurance (line 61)

Fire

- Honorarium increased to \$50,000 plus employer costs (Line 85)

Policing

- Police Board reduced to \$8,000 (Line 111)

Conservation

- LRCA expense changed to 2021 actual (line 113)

Building

- Changed as per contract (line 114). Building permit income and expenses will likely be different this year, but as the revenue and expenses balance each other, changes to this line does not affect our bottom line.

Emergency Measures

- No changes

Roads

- Road reserve for Rock fall hazard changed to 10,000 (line 147)

Environmental

- Sanitary expenses reduced to \$6,000 (line 156)

Health Unit

- No changes

Ambulance Services

- The 2021 Superior North EMS amount has not been received. The updated 2020 Actual amount , was used (line 163)

Social & Family Services

- No changes

Cemetery, Recreation, Economic Development, Planning

- No changes

CAPITAL PROJECTS**Administration**

- No changes

Fire

- The Fleet capital line was adjusted to add the remaining expense for the fire pumper truck to the rapid attack chassis (line 195)

Roads

- No changes.

Environmental

- Landfill expansion project reduced to \$246,200 (line 217)

Recreation

- No changes

School Board

- No Changes.

DISCUSSION

This second draft of the 2021 budget shows a surplus of \$415,927. Municipalities must pass a balanced budget. Some ideas to address this surplus are to place an amount into roads reserve for future roads projects, or to consider replacing the plow vehicle slated for replacement in 2022.

ATTACHMENTS: Second Draft of 2021 Budget

AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST: Past budgets, detail on various line items, etc.

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REVENUES							
General Government Revenues							
1. 01-00-401100 Municipal Levy	2,580,481	2,586,292	2,681,493	2,639,859	53,567	2.1%	
2. 01-00-401101 Supplemental Levy	50,000	50,000	20,483	50,000	-	0.0%	
3. 01-00-401200 School Levy	527,320	542,721	542,494	549,476	6,755	1.2%	
4. 01-00-401201 Supplemental School Levy	10,000	10,000	4,521	10,000	-	0.0%	
5. 01-00-403150 Library Grant	4,992	4,992	4,992	4,992	-		
6. 01-00-403186 OCIF Fundng	156,581	156,126	156,126	156,126	-	0.0%	
7. 01-00-403195 Other Grants	429,332	476,079	202,139	669,117	193,038		
8. 01-00-403200 OMPF (Ontario Municipal Partnership F	598,050	538,300	538,300	518,200	(20,100)	-3.7%	
9. 01-00-404100 Pymts In Lieu - Federal	16,591	15,403	15,591	15,413	10	0.1%	
10. 01-00-404200 Pymts In Lieu - Provincial	52,840	49,769	51,622	49,802	33	0.1%	
11. 01-00-404300 Pymts In Lieu - City of Thunder Bay	31,580	30,029	43,495	30,049	20	0.1%	
12. 01-00-405105 Provincial Offences Revenue	-	-	5,161	-	-		
13. 01-00-405110 Business Licences	1,750	1,750	1,750	1,750	-		
14. 01-00-405130 Administrative Fees	700	700	1,150	700	-		
15. 01-00-405135 Shared Services	-	-	-	-	-		
16. 01-00-405139 Neebing News	1,500	1,500	1,865	1,500	-		
17. 01-00-405140 Tax Certificates & Zoning Compliance	2,000	2,000	2,650	2,000	-		
18. 01-00-406110 Penalties on Current Taxes	40,000	30,000	10,064	10,000	(20,000)		Reduction In Penalties
19. 01-00-406210 Bank Interest Earned	10,000	10,000	9,773	6,000	(4,000)		Reduction in Interest
20. 01-00-406220 US Exchange	4,000	-	-	-	-		
21. 01-00-406330 Sale of Surplus Assets	30,000	-	-	5,000			
22. 01-00-406310 Land Sales		200,000	133,520	150,000			
23. 01-00-406509 Land Rentals & Aggregate Refund	3,000	3,000	2,161	3,000	-		
24. 01-00-406510 General - Misc Revenues	12,000	1,000	2,162	1,000	-		
25. 01-00-000000 Cash Surplus (Deficit) from Previous Yr	336,125	(25,719)	(25,719)	500,522			
26. 01-00-901000 Transfer from Reserves (Landfill / Farm	430,000	292,983	13,798	402,983	110,000		Landfill 260,000, Farm Road Bridge
	4,976,924	4,976,924	4,604,225	5,777,488	319,323	16.1%	\$32,983.15, COVID Funding from 2020 \$110,000
Fire Revenues							
27. 01-00-403140 Conditional - Helipads	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	-		
28. 01-00-405430 Fire Revenue - MTO Calls, Donations, I	20,000	30,000	16,416	20,000	(10,000)		
29. 01-00-901000 Transfer from Reserves	400,000	430,000	-	490,000	60,000		Fire Pumper + Replace RA Chassis
	467,000	467,000	43,474	517,000	50,000	10.7%	
Building Revenues							
30. 01-00-405120 Building Permits	24,650	24,612	22,973	24,000	(612)		
	24,612	24,612	17,889	24,000	(612)	-2.5%	

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Roads Revenues							
31. 01-00-403110 Federal Gas Tax	251,194	124,682	124,682	124,682	-		
32. 01-00-405425 Haul Permits	3,500	3,500	60	3,500	-		
33. 01-00-901000 Transfer prior yr (Gas Tax)	-	-	-	505,848	505,848		Pardee Rd Bridge
34. 01-00-901000 Transfer from Reserves	-	-	-	600,000	600,000		Grader 470,000, Ice Rink \$130,000
	128,182	128,182	254,070	1,234,030	1,105,848	862.7%	
Environmental Services Revenues							
35. 01-00-405415 Recycling Refunds	3,000	3,000	6,914	3,000	-		
36. 01-00-405417 Landfill Fees	6,000	6,000	8,787	6,000	-		
37. 01-00-403190 RPRA Blue Box Funding	11,110	11,110	12,825	15,916	4,806		
	20,110	20,110	29,337	24,916	4,806	23.9%	
Recreational & Cultural Services Revenues							
38. 01-00-405300 Recreation Committee	650	650	496	650	-		
39. 01-00-406510 Recreation	-	-	-	10,000	-		Donation from Swoop for Rink
40. 01-00-405310 Blake Hall Rentals	500	500	700	500	-		
	1,150	1,150	2,419	11,150	-	869.6%	
Cemetery							
41. 01-00-405510 Cemetery Fees	1,500	1,500	50	1,500	-		
	1,500	1,500	900	1,500	-	0.0%	
Planning Revenues							
42. 01-00-405210 Committee of Adjustment	-	-	3,000	-	-		
43. 01-00-405220 Planning Amendments	6,000	6,000	5,000	6,000	-		
	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	-	0.0%	
Total Revenues:	5,625,478	5,625,478	4,958,313	7,596,084	1,479,365	35.0%	
OPERATING EXPENDITURES							
Council Expenditures							
44. 01-02-501100 Council - Salaries (OMERS Reduction)	78,853	71,744	72,291	72,928	1,185	1.7%	Closed Session
45. 01-02-501180 Council - Mileage	4,500	4,500	380	4,500	-	0.0%	
46. 01-02-501270 Council - Other Benefits	300	300	285	300	-	0.0%	
47. 01-02-501530 Council - Telephone	450	450	554	450	-	0.0%	
48. 01-02-500000 Council Projects	-	-	-	4,000	4,000		Meeting, advertising etc proposal to change composition
49. 01-02-501540 Council - Conf. & Travel	18,000	18,000	3,590	7,500	(10,500)	-58.3%	
	94,994	94,994	77,101	89,678	(5,315)	-5.6%	
Elections Expenditures							
50. 01-01-501600 Elections - Materials (or Reserve)	2,000	2,000	-	2,000	-		

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	2,000	2,000	-	2,000	-	0.0%	
Administration Expenditures							
51. 01-01-501200 Admin - Regular Salaries	214,637	219,538	228,671	252,350	32,812		
52. 01-01-501250 Admin - Benefits	31,000	31,000	25,142	31,000	-		
53. 01-01-501280 Admin - Mileage	1,000	1,000	249	1,000	-		
54. 01-01-501300 Cleaning - Salaries	16,953	17,163	12,627	17,773	610		
55. 01-01-501410 Heating Fuel	7,000	7,000	3,826	5,000	(2,000)		
56. 01-01-501415 Hospitality	7,000	7,000	132	5,000	(2,000)		
57. 01-01-501420 Hydro	3,000	3,000	2,508	3,000	-		
58. 01-01-501430 Bldg. Maint. & Supplies	15,000	15,000	3,671	15,000	-		
59. 01-01-501440 Technology Maint. & Supplies	20,000	20,000	20,738	22,500	2,500		Plus OGRA Weather App, Plus Landfill point of sale
60. 01-01-501505 Office Supplies	10,000	10,000	7,925	10,000	-		
61. 01-01-501510 Insurance	25,062	25,200	25,200	34,962	9,762		Actual 2021
62. 01-01-501515 Audit	25,000	25,000	20,352	25,000	-		
63. 01-01-501518 Information Technology Transfer to Res	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	-		
64. 01-01-501520 Legal	5,000	10,000	6,805	10,000	-		
65. 01-01-501522 Health and Safety	900	900	170	900	-		
66. 01-01-501525 Postage	16,000	16,000	8,503	16,000	-		
67. 01-01-501530 Telephone	4,500	4,500	5,402	4,500	-		
68. 01-01-501535 Property Assessment	58,139	58,986	60,056	58,538	(449)		Actual 2021
69. 01-01-501545 Admin. Conf. & Travel	7,000	7,000	968	4,000	(3,000)		
70. 01-01-501550 Education & Training	6,000	6,000	1,453	6,000	-		
71. 01-01-501555 Maps & Publications	5,000	5,000	4,966	5,000	-		
72. 01-01-000000 Surveys	11,000	11,000	-	-	(11,000)		
73. 01-01-501560 Memberships	10,000	10,000	9,862	10,000	-		
74. 01-01-501565 Donations	9,000	7,000	6,800	7,000	-		2,500/year for 4 years to hospital to 2022
75. 01-01-501570 Advertising	3,500	3,500	4,518	3,500	-		
76. 01-01-501571 The Neebing News	9,000	9,000	9,740	9,000	-		
77. 01-01-501575 Bank Charges & Interest	2,800	2,800	2,560	2,800	-		
78. 01-01-501580 Tax Write-Offs	5,000	5,000	-	5,000	-		
79. 01-01-501585 Miscellaneous	4,000	4,000	12,438	4,000	-		
80. 01-01-501586 Library Expense	4,992	4,992	4,992	4,992	-		
81. 01-01-000000 Asset Management	100,000	40,000	60,165	62,500	22,500		Offset by FCM Grant
82. 01-01-501517 Website Accessibility	10,000	30,000	27,238	5,000			
83. 01-01-501295 COVID Expenditures	-	0	24,523				
84. 01-01-501650 Transfer to Rate Stabilization Reserve (Lan	389,400	151,830	133,520	150,000	(1,830)		Dependent on 2021 acutal sales
	771,409	771,409	738,721	794,315	47,906	3.0%	

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Fire Expenditures							
85. 01-03-501200 Fire -Honourariumsand	42,040	41,920	39,312	52,400	10,480		Honorarium and employer costs Increase as per Council Dec 2020 reimbursement for medicals
86. 01-03-501255 Fire - Group Benefits VFIS	8,226	8,226	9,866	8,770	544		
87. 01-03-501270 Fire - Other Benefits	3,000	3,000	1,427	3,000	-		
88. 01-03-501260 Fire - WSIB	8,792	8,792	9,036	8,792	-		
89. 01-03-502115 Fire - Heating Fuel	10,000	10,000	7,756	10,000	-		
90. 01-03-502120 Fire - Hydro	9,000	9,000	5,760	9,000	-		
91. 01-03-502125 Fire Building Maintenance	15,000	15,000	2,838	15,000	-		
92. 01-03-502130 Fire Equipment Maintenance	10,000	10,000	5,203	10,000	-		
93. 01-03-502131 Fire Personal Equipment Maintenance	5,000	5,000	3,204	5,000	-		
94. 01-03-502135 Fire Fleet Maintenance	40,000	40,000	22,542	40,000	-		
95. 01-03-502140 Fire - Gasoline	8,000	8,000	61	8,000	-		
96. 01-03-502145 Fire - Training	10,000	10,000	3,716	10,000	-		
97. 01-03-502146 Fire - Fire Prevention	1,500	1,500	-	2,000	500		
98. 01-03-502147 Fire - Fire Education	1,500	1,500	1,763	2,000	500		
99. 01-03-502150 Fire - Insurance	21,744	22,209	21,706	22,357	148		
100. 01-03-502152 Fire - Health and Safety	1,000	1,000	143	1,000	-		
101. 01-03-502155 Fire - Telephone & Internet	3,000	3,000	3,199	3,000	-		
102. 01-03-502156 Fire - 911 Service for Municipality	6,000	6,000	7,012	6,000	-		
103. 01-03-502157 Fire - Office Expense	5,000	5,000	5,650	5,000	-		
104. 01-03-502158 Fire - Memberships & Publications	2,000	2,000	1,314	2,000	-		
105. 01-03-502160 Fire - Communications	8,000	8,000	9,116	8,000	-		
106. 01-03-502175+1t Fire - Personal Protective Clothing	4,500	4,500	15,564	4,500	-		
107. 01-03-502185 Fire - Agreement	2,500	2,500	2,458	2,500	-		
108. 01-03-502195 Fire - COVID Expenditures	-	-	1,902	-	-		
109. 01-00-302340 Transfer to Fire Dept Reserve Fund	-	-	-	30,000	30,000		(New Pumper 2035, 2022-65,000)
	226,147	226,147	187,366	268,320	42,172	18.6%	
Policing Expenditures							
110. 01-07-502200 Municipal Law Enforcement Costs	3,000	3,000	318	3,000	-		No Travel COVID Actual 2021
111. 01-07-502250 Police Services Board	15,000	15,000	2,767	8,000	(7,000)		
112. 01-07-502300 Policing	296,942	286,965	282,734	282,001	(4,964)		
	304,965	304,965	299,905	293,001	(11,964)	-3.9%	
Conservation Authority Expenditures							
113. 01-03-502510 LRCA	21,345	22,232	22,232	22,697	465		Actual 2021
	22,232	22,232	21,345	22,697	465	2.1%	

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Building Expenditures							
114. 01-16-502400 CBO - Salaries	23,625	23,587	23,701	22,751	(836)		Closed Session
115. 01-16-502550 CBO - Education & Training	550	550	-	550	-		
116. 01-16-502450 CBO - Supplies	-	-	-	-	-		
117. 01-16-502455 CBO - Telephone	475	475	435	475	-		
	24,612	24,612	18,461	23,776	(836)	-3.4%	
Emergency Measures Expenditures							
118. 01-03-502520 Emergency Management	1,000	1,000	-	1,000	-		
	1,000	1,000	-	1,000	-	0.0%	
Roads Expenditures							
119. 01-05-501200 PWC - Salaries	444,425	394,037	392,832	438,936	44,899		
120. 01-05-501250+2 PWC - Benefits	45,000	45,000	37,478	45,000	-		
121. 01-05-501505 PW - Office Supplies	1,000	1,000	1,703	1,000	-		
122. 01-05-501522 PW - Health and Safety	1,000	1,000	207	1,000	-		
123. 01-05-501570 PW Advertising	1,000	1,000	-	1,000	-		
124. 01-05-503305 Heating Fuel	10,000	10,000	7,732	10,000	-		
125. 01-05-503310 Hydro	7,000	7,000	-	7,000	-		
126. 01-05-503315 Building Maint. & Supplies	6,000	6,000	1,908	6,000	-		
127. 01-05-503319 + Equip. Maint. & Supplies	100,000	120,000	78,854	120,000	-		
128. 01-05-503321 Bridge Inspections	12,000	24,000	6,838	12,000	(12,000)		One Bridge inspection in 2021
129. 01-05-503325 Fuel & Oil	100,000	100,000	79,339	100,000	-		
130. 01-05-503330 Vehicle License	14,500	10,500	9,803	10,500	-		
131. 01-05-503335 Bridge Maintenance & Supplies	5,000	5,000	6,261	5,000	-		
132. 01-05-503340 Road Materials - Summer	80,000	80,000	84,182	100,000	20,000		Extra Calcium
133. 01-05-503341 Road Materials - Winter	15,000	15,000	15,431	15,000	-		
134. 01-05-503345 Equip. Rentals - Summer	7,500	7,500	-	7,500	-		
135. 01-05-503347 Contracted Services	18,000	18,000	18,892	18,000	-		
136. 01-05-503350 Misc. Tools & Equip.	3,000	4,000	3,215	4,000	-		
137. 01-05-503355 PWC - Road Signs	10,000	5,000	1,361	5,000	-		
138. 01-05-503405 Insurance	21,744	22,209	21,466	22,357	148		
139. 01-05-503410 Telephone	2,600	2,600	2,931	2,600	-		
140. 01-05-503415 Communications	6,500	6,500	4,935	6,500	-		
141. 01-05-503420 Education & Training	4,000	4,000	-	4,000	-		
142. 01-05-503425 Memberships	200	200	1,475	200	-		
143. 01-05-503430 Road Inspections	1,000	-	-	-	-		
144. 01-05-503435 Legal	1,000	1,000	-	1,000	-		
145. 01-05-503490 Helipad Maintenance	7,000	7,000	-	7,000	-		
146. 01-05-503395 Roads - COVID Expenses	-	-	40	-	-		
147. 01-00-000000 Transfer to Roads Reserve for Rock Fa	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	-		Rock Fall Hazzard
148. 01-00-301725 Transfer to Roads Dept Reserve Fund	-	-	-	-	-		
	907,546	907,546	777,916	960,593	53,047	5.8%	
Environmental Services Expenditures							
149. 01-08-501200 Waste Mgmt - Salaries	62,995	63,772	58,617	66,143	2,371		
150. 01-00-000000 Waste Mgmt Committee Honourarium	1,800	1,800	-	1,800	-		

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151. 01-00-000000 Waste Mgmt Committee Projects		5,000		5,000			
152. 01-08-501270 Waste Mgmt - Benefits	400	400	163	400	-		
153. 01-08-501275 Waste Management Telephone	250	250	448	250	-		
154. 01-08-504200 Waste Management Maintenance	8,750	6,000	4,702	6,000	-		
155. 01-08-504202 Waste Management Supplies	2,500	2,500	4,027	2,500	-		
156. 01-08-504210 Waste Management - Sanitary	6,500	6,500	3,071	6,000	(500)		reduction in cost
157. 01-08-504250 Recycle Collection	18,000	18,000	22,024	32,400	14,400		bin rentals
158. 01-08-504255 Waste Manangement Consultant	-	-	13,798	-	-		
159. 01-08-503420 Education, Training & Memberships	600	600	-	600	-		
160. 01-08-504295 Waste - COVID expense	-	-	628	-	-		
161. 01-08-504300 Transfer to Landfill Reserve Fund	6,000	6,000	8,787	6,000	-		
	107,795	110,822	116,264	127,093		14.7%	
Health Unit Expenditures							
162. 01-10-505200 T.B. Dist. Health Unit	47,219	51,940	51,940	51,940	-		Actual 2021
	51,940	51,940	47,219	51,940	-	0.0%	
Ambulance Services Expenditures							
163. 01-10-505300 Land Ambulance	228,127	240,533	261,009	261,009	20,476		
	240,533	240,533	240,533	261,009	20,476	8.5%	
Social & Family Services Expenditures							
164. 01-12-506100 General Welfare Assist.	210,236	219,300	217,347	94,121	(125,179)		
165. 01-12-506400 Social Housing	165,185	170,594	169,076	306,162	135,568		Distribution Correction as per DSSAB
	389,894	389,894	375,421	400,283	135,568	2.7%	
Cemetery Expenditures							
166. 01-10-501200 Cemetery - Honourarium	600	600	150	600	-		
167. 01-10-505110 Cemeteries - Yard Maintenance	3,500	3,500	-	3,500	-		
168. 01-10-505115 Cemeteries - Sanitary Services	1,000	1,000	193	1,000	-		
169. 01-10-505140 Cemeteries - One time expense	2,000	2,000	-	2,000	-		Accessible porta-potty
	7,100	7,100	1,344	7,100	-	0.0%	
Recreation Expenditures							
170. 01-15-501200 BH - Honourarium	1,800	1,800	-	1,800	-		
171. 01-15-507210 BH - Heating Fuel	4,000	4,000	3,214	4,000	-		
172. 01-15-507215 BH - Hydro	2,000	2,000	1,242	2,000	-		
173. 01-15-507220 BH - Building Maintenance	10,000	5,000	2,788	5,000	-		
174. 01-15-507222 BH - Grounds Maintenance	2,000	4,187	2,372	4,187	-		
175. 01-15-507225 BH - Insurance	750	702	702	702	-		
176. 01-15-507230 BH - Telephone	300	300	780	300	-		
177. 01-15-507245 BH - Miscellaneous	2,500	2,500	60	2,500	-		
178. 01-15-507300 Recreation Committee	2,500	2,500	1,075	2,500	-		
179. 01-15-507305 Fireworks	-	-	-	-	-		
180. 01-15-507400 Other - Park Maintenance	2,000	2,000	142	2,000	-		
181. 01-15-507410 Other - Park Maintenance - Sanitary Se	6,000	6,000	4,150	6,000	-		
	33,850	30,989	16,526	30,989	-	0.0%	
Economic Development							
182. 01-17-501200 Economic Development Salaries	39,974	21,593	33,872	-	(21,593)		Included with Adminstration
183. 01-17-501530 Economic Development Telephone	450	450	435	450	-		

Municipality of Neebing

Draft 2 - 2021 BUDGET

<u>Account Description</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>	<u>2020 Prelim Actual</u>	<u>2021 Budget</u>	<u>Budget Incr (Decr)</u>	<u>% Chg</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
184. 01-17-501545 Economic Development Conferences &	2,600	2,600	2,188	-	(2,600)		
185. 01-17-501560 Economic Development Memberships	315	315	1,000	1,130	815		
186. 01-17-501589 Economic Development Committee	1,535	1,535	1,642	-	(1,535)		
187. 01-17-501590 Economic Development Projects & Eve	550	4,500	4,577	10,550	6,050		
	45,424	30,993	43,714	12,130	(18,863)	-60.9%	
Planning Expenditures							
188. 01-11-501100 Committee of Adj. - Honourarium	-	-	-	-	-		
189. 01-11-508220 L.R.P.B.	250	250	250	250	-		
190. 01-11-508300 Planning Other - Miscellaneous	2,000	2,000		2,000	-		Proposed Planning Changes
	2,250	2,250	250	2,250	-	0.0%	
Total Operating Expenditures	3,233,692	3,219,425	2,962,086	3,348,174	209,610	4.0%	
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES							
Capital-Admin Expenditures							
191. 01-51-511300 Administration Property Purchase	-	-	-	-	-		
192. 01-51-511100 Administration Building	25,000	40,000	16,846	230,000	190,000		COVID-Safe Entry, Rennovations
193. 01-51-511200 Administration Equipment (Phone system -	35,000	20,000	16,657		(20,000)		
Total	60,000	60,000	33,503	230,000	170,000	283.3%	
Capital-Fire Expenditures							
194. 01-51-512125 Fire - Building Capital	-	20,000	9,586	35,000	15,000		Design of Addition
195. 01-51-512130 Fire - Fleet Capital (TCP)	500,000	520,000	124,350	490,000	(30,000)		Rapid Attack Chasis 102
196. 01-51-512131 Fire - Fleet Capital (TCP)				5,000	5,000		Truck wash Unit
197. 01-51-512131 Air Compressor Bottles				15,000	15,000		10 per year over three years
							3-5 per year, \$2,500 each, First
198. 01-51-512132 Fire - Bunker Units	17,000	17,000	-	17,000	-		responder, wildfire coveralls
199. 01-51-512136 Fire - Radios	11,000	11,000	-	11,000	-		Replace old CP radios
							Improve Radio link for VFD
200. 01-51-512136 Radio link Improvements				35,000	35,000		communication
201. 01-51-512145 Fire - Wildland Fire Protection			-		-		
Total	528,000	568,000	133,935	608,000	40,000	7.0%	
Capital-Roads Expenditures							
202. 01-51-513310 PW Gravel Proj (OCIF & GT)	402,831	100,000	-	280,808	180,808		Contracted services
203. 01-51-513300 PW CRUSHING	-	-	-	100,000	100,000		Contracted Services
204. 01-51-000000 PW Bridges (General Repairs)	50,000	50,000	4,681	50,000	-		maintenance as per inspection reports
205. 01-51-000000 PW Projects (Misc road projects)	20,000	20,000	-	30,000	10,000		Guardrails etc
							Grader - 470,000 + Mower 15,000 +
206. 01-51-513304 Transp. - Equipment-Capital Purchase	60,000	70,000	64,279	500,000	430,000		Extended Warranty
207. 01-51-513315 PW Chip Sealing	50,000	-	-	-	-		
208. 01-51-513302 PW Culverts (General)	30,000	40,000	22,675	40,000	-		culvert replacements
							Pardee bridge, extra for contingency
209. 01-51-513325 Gas Tax Projects (Spend on Pardee Rc	124,682	124,682	-	505,848	381,166		for Farm Road
210. 01-51-000000 Valley Road West turn around				20,000	20,000		Survey

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211. 01-51-000000 PW Project (Farm Road Bridge Prov. Funding)		494,500	-	494,500	-		Farm road bridge, GT, Prov Grant offset 461,516.85
212. 01-51-000000 Streetlight Project (Cloud Lake and Ole	7,150	7,150	-	7,150	-		Cloud Lake and Oleksuk
213. 01-51-000000 Grants saved for future projects	156,581		280,808	-	-		
Total	901,244	906,332	372,443	2,028,306	1,121,974	123.8%	
Capital - Environmental Expenditures							
214. 01-51-000000 Recycling Bins	15,000	15,000	-	-	-		
215. 01-51-000000 Landfill Projects (alternate tech)		20,000	-	20,000	-		Trial alternate technologies
216. 01-51-000000 Attendant Sheds		24,000	24,168	-	-		
217. 01-51-000000 Landfill Expansion	400,000	260,000	-	246,200	(13,800)		
Total	415,000	319,000	-	266,200	(13,800)	-16.6%	
Cemetery Expenditures							
218. 01-51-NNNNNN Cemetery - Survey - Need Corner Pins			-	10,000	10,000		Estimate
Total	-	-	-	10,000	10,000		
Capital - Park Expenditures							
219. 01-51-517400 Park (Alf Olsen rink surface, West Olive	9,000	10,000	-	80,000	70,000		2021 rink surface and boards
220. 01-51-517400 Park (Blake Hall rink surface, roof over surface)		-	-	60,000			2021 rink surface
221. 01-51-561200 West Oliver Lake Parking	-	-	-	-	-		
222. 01-51-000000 Homewagon Project	20,000	-	-	-	-		
223. 01-51-000000 Cemetery Fence	10,000	-	-	-	-		
224. 01-51-517400 Park - Building Capital (Alf Olsen)	80,000	-	-	-	-		
Total	119,000	10,000	-	140,000	70,000		
Total Capital Expenditures	2,023,244	1,863,332	539,882	3,282,506	1,398,174	76.2%	
School Board Expenditures							
225. 01-80-803000 Transfers to School Boards	570,663	542,721	264,634	549,476	6,755	1.2%	
Total	570,663	542,721	264,634	549,476	6,755	1.2%	
Total Expenditures	5,827,599	5,625,478	3,722,887.55	7,180,156	1,554,679	27.6%	
Revenue over Expenditures		0		415,927			

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

Date: March 12, 2021 (For Meeting on March 17, 2021)

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: Turnaround on Valley Road West

File Number:

Submitted by: Laura Jones, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

RECOMMENDATION:

Administration seeks Council's direction regarding a survey for the proposed turnaround on Valley Road West.

BACKGROUND:

At the Regular Council meeting on February 3, 2021, Council reviewed quotes to survey a proposed turnaround on Valley Road West. At that time Council, determined that the most appropriate location was at a point beyond the last two driveways on the road. Only one quote was received for that location. Council requested a second quote from Tulloch Engineering.

DISCUSSION

Tulloch Engineering has provided a quote for a turnaround beyond the last two driveways. They have provided two prices depending on the location that Council chooses. An image showing the two locations is attached to the report. The quoted price for the first location is \$6,900 and the price for the second location is \$7,500.

J.D. Barnes had quoted \$14,800 to survey at the first location.

Administration recommends hiring Tulloch Engineering to complete the survey at the first proposed location. If Council wishes to build the turnaround at the second location, additional work would have to be done to improve the road.

In addition to the survey, Administration will work with legal counsel to properly claim the space required and send notices to the property owners near the proposed turnaround to initiate discussions.

ATTACHMENTS: Quote from Tulloch

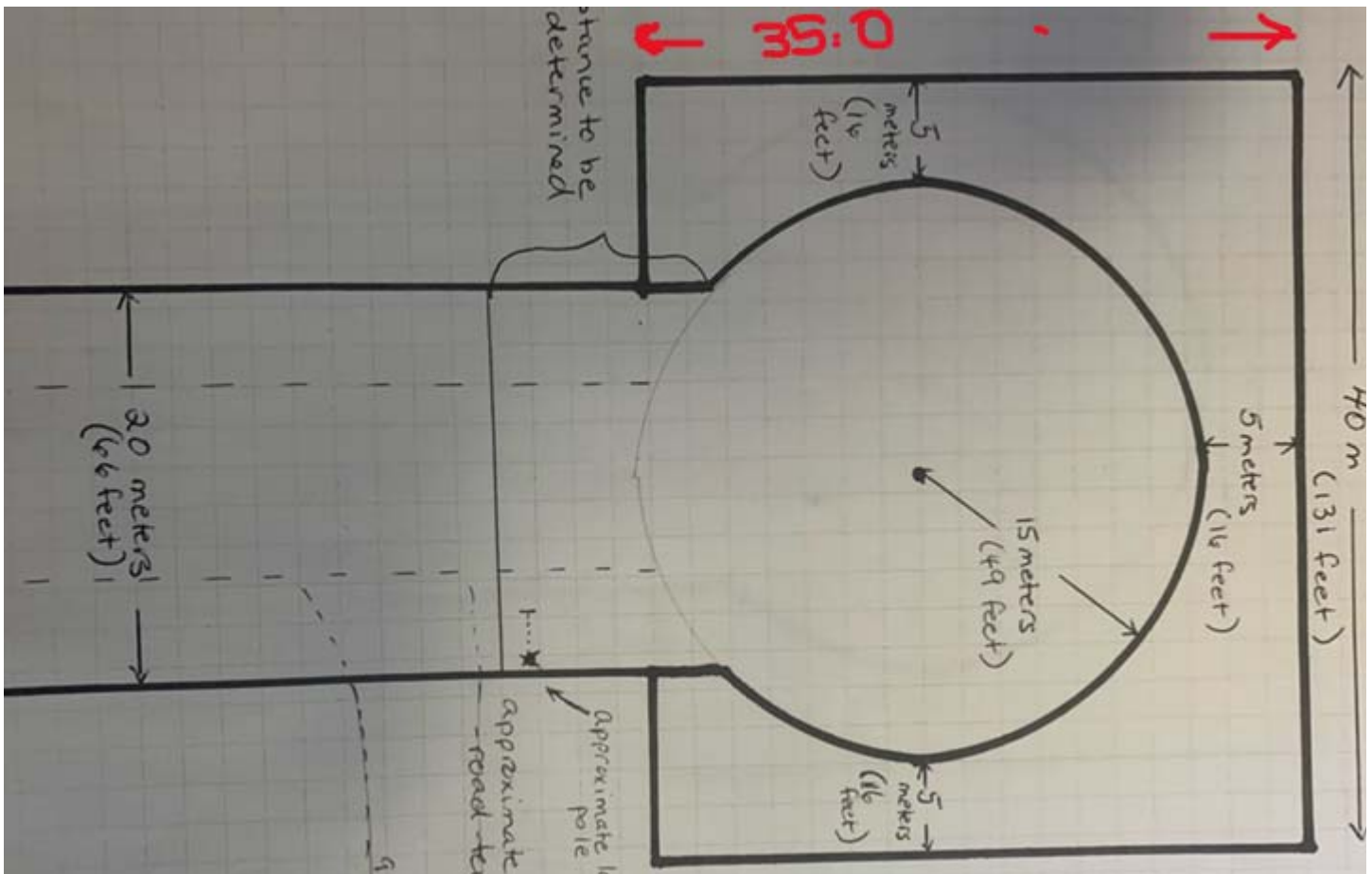
AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST: February 3, 2021 Report to Council

From: Marvin McNabb <marvin.mcnabb@tulloch.ca>
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2021 5:17 PM
To: Erika Kromm
Subject: Proposal 20-0057-196, Proposed turn-around locations on Valley Road West
Attachments: Proposed Turn Around Locations.JPG.jpg

Hello Erika:

As a follow-up to our phone conversation dated February 18, 2021, I have drawn up a couple options for the proposed turn-around location on Valley Road West for your review on the attachment above.

The configuration is reduced from the footprint recommended in the proposal dated December 7, 2020. In this case, using your sample sketch of an area of 40.0 m wide (approximately 20 metres on either side of centre line of road) and 35.0 metres depth, I have shown two locations.



Proposed Location 1 is in the vicinity of the existing driveways. As you can see, this version misses the buildings on the property to the north, however it would be close to the shed and the front of the dwelling. We are not certain how this location may affect the fairly recent gate installation at the property to the south. A variation of this Location 1 would be to start the proposed turnaround further to the west, west of the shed on the property to the north and west of the gate on the property to the south.

Costs including all Professional Fees, Plan Registration Fees and all Disbursements \$6,900.00

+ HST

Proposed Location 2 is an additional 400 metres (approx.) west of proposed Location 1 in the vicinity of the road ("trail") intersection which heads in a northwesterly direction from the unmaintained portion of Valley Road West over to Lot 1, Concession 5 in Pearson Township. This version may require upgrades to the existing road, however if the road is fully maintained in the future, both properties would benefit from the additional "maintained" road frontage and obstacles (buildings, gate) close to the existing driveways would be avoided.

Costs including all Professional Fees, Plan Registration Fees and all Disbursements \$7,500.00 +

HST

Please give me a call if you wish to discuss the options presented. I can formalize and finalize the proposal once I receive direction on how you wish to proceed.

Marvin McNabb BSc, OLS, OLIP
Project Manager



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We want to build an organization where everyone loves their job and their leaders care for them.

Proposed Turn-Around on Valley Road West

Proposal Number 20-0057-196

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Legend

- Proposed Location 1
- Proposed Location 2
- Quarter Section Boundary



100 m



Valley Rd W



Path of the Paddle Association
58 Island Ave
Neebing, ON P7L 0C1

As a wilderness segment of The Great Trail, the Path of the Paddle will be recognized as a world-class trail network connecting waterways, municipalities and Indigenous communities across Northwestern Ontario, providing a recreational relationship with nature, history and culture for people of all ages and abilities, for generations.

February 17, 2021

Members of Neebing Council,

I am writing today on behalf of the Board of Path of the Paddle Association (POPA) to bring you up to date on the efforts of the organization, plus inviting Neebing Municipality to consider supporting the organization financially. Neebing benefits from approximately 75 kms of the Lake Superior shore being part of the POPA water route. Plus, there are hiking trails in Pigeon River Provincial Park (PRPP) and cycling and hiking routes connecting to North Fowl Lake that are destinations for Neebing residents.

For those of you unfamiliar with Path of the Paddle, below is a history of the organization to date:

- The concept of the 24,000 km Trans Canada Trail was started in 1992 as a way to commemorate Canada's 125th birthday. The goal was later set for cross-country connection as part of Canada150 in 2017.
- In 2003, the concept of a water trail to connect the Northwestern Ontario portion of the Trans Canada Trail (TCT), now known as The Great Trail, was proposed by the communities themselves and supported by the Board of Trans Canada Trail Ontario (TCTO). Northwestern Ontario's history has been shaped by water travel. The fur trade was based on travel by canoe. Early fur trade posts and the creation of industries on shorelines defined the settlement patterns of the region.
- Working with the volunteers, TCTO helped to establish POPA's governing Board and from 2009 to 2012 Hap Wilson was hired to plan the route. His suggested route did not include Neebing. A cycling portion was planned to connect from Fort William Historical Park to North Fowl Lake bypassing Neebing.
- Trans Canada Trail Ontario launched the Path of the Paddle Association (POPA) by financially supporting key items like incorporation costs and insurance in 2013. As well TCTO submitted the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) grant application which supported POPA's independent operations from 2014 to 2016, in the amount of \$333,800. During that period, Neebing citizens became involved and the route was changed to begin at Fort William Historical Park and travel along Lake Superior to Pigeon River Provincial Park.
- The POPA route was successfully completed for the National launch in 2017.

To enhance and sustain the Path of the Paddle, The Great Trail section from Thunder Bay to Manitoba for diverse trail users who paddle and portage.

www.pathofthepaddleassociation.com

- In January 2018, with dwindling funds, the organization was forced to be run solely by volunteers. Charitable status was applied for but denied as the objects of incorporation were not deemed charitable, instead being focused on economic development for tourism.
- With funding from TCT, the POPA board hired Boreal Ecosystems Associates Ltd to facilitate and create a 5 year business plan which was completed in 2019.
- A comprehensive overview map was developed and printed with funding from Destination Northern Ontario.
- TCT funding for Capital Improvement Projects in 2020 allowed for the building of latrines and benches for each campsite on Lake Superior as well as a bench at the Lookout trail in PRPP and new signage for Pigeon River Trails. A sign-in log for visitor comments attached to the POPA bench at the Lookout at Pigeon River, is filled with comments from hikers from everywhere.

The summers of 2021 and 2022 is full of promise for outfitters and others providing the needs of wilderness travel and camping in small groups. People feel a sense of safety from COVID while they are in the wilderness. By summer of 2021 people will be getting cabin fever and will be looking for safe outdoor experiences in nature.

The beginning of this trend was already beginning to be evident in the late summer of 2020 when sales of outdoor gear from canoes to camping food to nights booked in provincial parks were exceeding expectations. Our organization, through marketing and map sales will be inspiring people to discover the beauty of Neebing.

Fundraising for core costs is always a challenge. Currently to raise funds, we sell maps and memberships. In non- pandemic times, we would host film festivals and special events.

Currently, POPA is waiting to hear about funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation Resilient Community fund. If approved, funds will be available for trail maintenance and board meetings. The POPA Board is striving to hire a part time coordinator and ensure the organization is less reliant on volunteers.

The communities of Thunder Bay, Kenora, Dryden, Atikokan, Neebing, Machin, Vermillion Bay will be invited to support the organization annually. While there is no expected amount for support, it is hoped that Neebing sees the value of being connected to Canada's Great Trail through the efforts of Path of the Paddle Association and will fund the organization in the \$500- \$1000 range.

Please contact me with any questions. I am happy to make a brief presentation at a Council Meeting.

Yours truly,



Clara Butikofer
Chair of Path of the Paddle Association
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March 4, 2021

CL 4-2021, February 25, 2021
PHSSC 2-2021, February 16, 2021
Minute Item No. 5.1, February 16, 2021

MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPALITIES OF ONTARIO (AMO)***SENT ELECTRONICALLY***Motion respecting Homelessness, Mental Health and Addiction in Niagara

Minute Item No. 5.1

Regional Council, at its meeting held on February 25, 2021, approved the following resolution from its Public Health and Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS Niagara Region prides itself as being a caring and compassionate community that continually strives to be a place where people want to live, work and play;

WHEREAS providing access to safe, adequate and affordable housing for everyone is fundamental to achieving that goal;

WHEREAS Niagara Region acknowledges that mental health, mental illness, addiction and homelessness, while important issues, are not homogenous, interchangeable or consistently interconnected, and doing so may over simplify exceptionally complex issues that require targeted policy solutions and intervention;

WHEREAS Niagara Region's 10-year Housing and Homelessness Action Plan (HHAP), A Home For All, outlines the Region's vision, challenges, and the actions required to achieve its goals;

WHEREAS Niagara Region has embarked on an ambitious effort to end chronic homelessness through participation in the national Built for Zero campaign;

WHEREAS Regional Council formally adopted Mental Health and Wellbeing (2.2) and Addressing Affordable Housing Needs (2.3) as strategic priorities for the current term of our Council;

WHEREAS a recent KPMG report commissioned by Niagara Region indicated that Council invests more levy funding than its peers into homelessness, demonstrating a steadfast commitment to addressing the issue;

WHEREAS Niagara Region acknowledges that people living in shelters are part of the crisis and not the solution;

WHEREAS Niagara Region has two planned housing projects that would directly address those in Niagara who experience chronic homelessness;

WHEREAS the implementation plan for Council's strategic objectives states that staff will identify gaps within the mental health system to increase the functionality and collaboration within it;

WHEREAS the same implementation plan directed staff to partner with Ontario Health (formally the LHIN) to review the local landscape to identify opportunities, including new investment;

WHEREAS the treatment and supports for mental illness, addiction, and homelessness are predominantly funded and directed by the Province;

WHEREAS the success of the Region's Housing and Homelessness Action Plan is dependent on a commitment of sustained and increased funding (both operational and capital) from all levels of government to address the issues of housing insecurity and homelessness in Niagara; and

WHEREAS the needs of the community far outweigh Niagara Region's available resources and funding required to effectively address these issues, and the support of both the Provincial and Federal governments are needed to meet these needs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. That Niagara Region Council officially **ACKNOWLEDGE** that a significant crisis exists in Niagara in regard to the prevalence of chronic homelessness and the lack of affordable housing that far surpasses the Region's ability to meet the vision dictated in its 10-year Housing and Homelessness Action Plan (HHAP);
2. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to send advocacy letters directly to the appropriate Federal and Provincial ministries outlining Niagara's current situation and requesting additional funding be provided to ensure Niagara can meet the vision outlined in its housing action plan;
3. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to advocate to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Minister of Families, Children and Social Development for the required operational funding for the planned supportive and bridge housing initiatives;
4. That Regional staff **BE DIRECTED**, in alignment with the planned review of Council's strategic priorities, to produce a report specifically highlighting the progress being made and critical gaps in regard to services related to mental health, addictions and wellbeing;
5. That Regional staff **BE DIRECTED** to continue providing Regional Council updates on the HHAP and Built for Zero initiatives;
6. That Regional staff **BE DIRECTED** to request an update from the Overdose Prevention and Education Network of Niagara (OPENN) regarding the current status of the actions being taken to address addiction related issues in Niagara; and

7. That a copy of this motion be sent to all members of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Yours truly,



Ann-Marie Norio

Regional Clerk

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March 4, 2021

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

Dear Premier Ford,

Re: Colour Coded Capacity Limits

At its meeting held on March 1, 2021, Sarnia City Council discussed the challenges local businesses are facing with respect to the colour coded system within the Province's COVID-19 Response Framework. The following motion was adopted:

That Sarnia City Council strongly advocate to the Province of Ontario that they adjust the capacity limits for dining, restaurants, sporting and recreational facilities, places of worship, event centers, and all retail/small businesses as part of the colour coded system.

The following rationale was provided with the introduction of the motion:

- The red zone currently only allows 10 people indoors at a dining or a sporting / recreational facility (regardless of the size), places of worship are capped at 30% or 50 people, and retail / small business is limited to a 50% capacity.
- These businesses and organizations have heavily invested in facility improvements and expensive upgrades to ensure safe social distancing and have all the appropriate safety and protection measures in place.
- Businesses in particular cannot properly plan under the current uncertainty and that means the loss of jobs and income for both workers and owners as well as mental health challenges.

- Indoor capacity limits for restaurants, dining, sporting / recreational facilities, event centers, retail / small business, and places of worship should not involve arbitrary numbers (regardless of size), but instead be changed to the amount of people per facility which ensures that strict and safe social distancing can be maintained.

Sarnia City Council has requested that all municipalities in Ontario join this advocacy effort.

On behalf of Sarnia City Council, I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,



Amy Burkhart
Acting City Clerk

Cc: All Ontario Municipalities
Ms. Marilyn Gladu, MP Sarnia-Lambton
Mr. Bob Bailey, MPP Sarnia-Lambton

From: [Kasper Wabinski](#)
Sent: March 8, 2021 9:12 PM
To: [Erwin Butikofer](#)
Subject: FW: Coast to Coast Bus Coalition - Kasper Transportation

Dear Mayor **Erwin Butikofer**,

I hope you are ok during these trying times. Please see our proposal from a newly formed CCBC, Coast to Coast Bus Coalition, that we created in partnership with three other major intercity coach carriers to support long-term solutions to our fragmented transportation system. It is gaining support fast at the federal level. I hope you will help support it federally. I hope you agree it's time to do something about what we propose in the documents attached. I want to request an endorsement for our proposal and in a letter format from you to add to our supporters' list.

Marcus Powlowski, Member of Parliament for Thunder Bay-Rainy River, has been the first MP to support this plan and is actively working with other MP in the rural caucus to bring official support.

If you have time or wish to discuss this matter, I am available anytime. I would also be willing to do a city council deputation if that helps the case.

Thank you



Kasper Wabinski

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CCBC

A COAST TO COAST BUS COALITION

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Partnering to ensure safe and affordable transit and transportation services for all people living in remote or rural communities.

2021 Initiatives

Buses Connect: Rural communities and hub centres provide services to a wide array of society, such as young students, elders and seniors, businesses, First Peoples of Canada, and marginalized and low-income individuals. Without buses, it would be challenging to travel and move around Canada freely. Buses can go anywhere the roads lead, with limited restrictions due to storms or inclement weather. They are quick and easy to deploy and adaptable to Canada's evolving population and demographics.



Medical Appointments and Visits



First Peoples of Canada, First Nation, Inuit, and Metis



Time Sensitive Samples: Blood, Water, Medical, Tissue, Mineral



Access to Federal and Provincial Government, Social Services



Travel, Tourism, Entertainment



Shopping and Municipal Services



Education, Training, Knowledge



Mines, Forestry, Manufacturing, Farming



Package and Freight Service



Not for Profit, Social Assisted Clients, Woman Shelters, Treatment Centers, Animal Care, and Others



Work and Employment



Disaster Relief

HUB AND SPOKE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Buses act like spokes on a wheel. Buses connect the rural population to both medium-sized and larger hub centers. A national **Essential Bus Network** will help reconnect communities no longer on the rail network and connect rail passengers to destinations with hub centers that offer rail service. Buses provide the Government of Canada the most affordable way to connect our country and bring essential travel options to all Canadians.





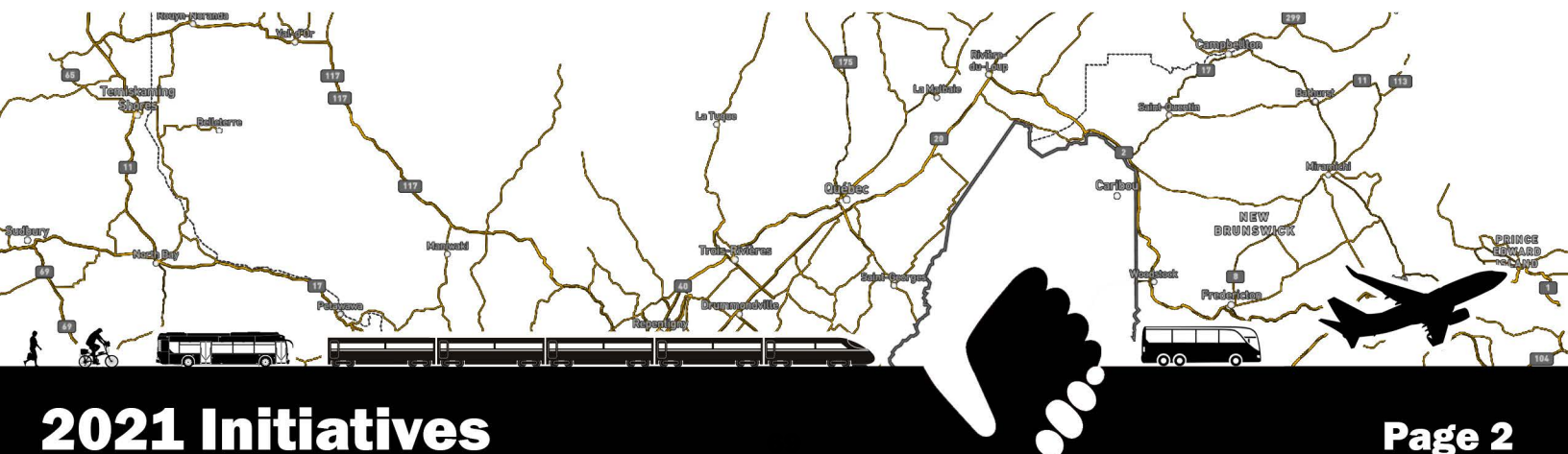
Current Challenge

Since the Government of Canada delegated the responsibility for highway transportation and intercity bus regulation to the provinces in the 1980s, Canada's once strong national network of bus services has suffered successive rounds of route cuts, which culminated in the total collapse of Greyhound Canada service in Western Canada. Under provincial oversight, and with Greyhound dominating the market, Canada's national interest was not a priority. Inconsistent legislation between provinces prevents Canada's bus operators from effectively rebuilding a coast-to-coast, integrated, and connected national bus system and reinstating essential connectivity between all communities. Dependable public transportation, including an **Essential Bus Network**, is just as crucial to Canada's future as any other critical infrastructure. It is therefore imperative that the Government of Canada reassume the role of highway and intercity bus regulation, ensuring seamless interline, inter-provincial, and multi-modal journeys. A **National Highway Transportation Board (NHTB)** would enable the Government of Canada to meet the need for a sustainable, affordable, comfortable, and safe nationwide bus network. The **NHTB** would develop and administer an **Essential Bus Network** in partnership with the motorcoach industry. The Government of Canada often overlooks the contribution and the potential of rural businesses, smaller communities, First Nations, Inuit, and Metis peoples of Canada in the future of the Canadian economy. Under today's provincial oversight of the bus industry, their potential contribution is severely constrained by lack of mobility and connectivity.

“A Connected Canada Coast to Coast Stands Stronger Together”

The National Inquiry Into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls:

Greyhound Canada announced in 2018 that it would stop servicing routes along the Highway of Tears and other stops across Canada. Current NDP Minister of Parliament for Skeena- Bulkely Valley, Taylor Bachrach, has argued that the expanded local transit service along the Highway of Tears does not make up for Greyhound's services. Claire Trevena, who served as the British Columbia minister of transportation during the 41st Parliament, said she plans to work with the communities affected by this service disruption to "ensure their transportation needs are met". The MMIWG report recommends that municipalities and First Nations, as appropriate, work with relevant community agencies and police to establish programs at crucial places where women rely heavily on hitchhiking, and incorporate strategies such as the shuttle bus transportation system recommended in the Highway of Tears Report. With a lack of public transportation along that highway to connect more remote communities and First Nations to urban areas, many of those women are forced to rely on hitchhiking, which puts them at risk. Source: www.mmiwg-ffada.ca





Restoring Canada's Intercity Bus Network

The situation for bus operators across Canada is precarious during the COVID-19 pandemic. We are doing our part to urge people to avoid non-essential travel while simultaneously attempting to sustain essential services to their communities. As industry leaders, we are now working to bring together a cross-Canada, coast-to-coast bus coalition to better interline bus connections between regional operators. CCBC plans to close the existing network gaps and proposes that Transport Canada backstop an **Essential Bus Network** to ensure Canadians in rural, northern, and Indigenous communities are never again isolated and stranded without access to safe transportation. This initiative will advance the social and economic objective of providing dependable, effective, and sustainable public transport for all Canadians. This is urgent and due process is indispensable, however, a timely response is critical to saving bus companies from the devastating effects of COVID-19. With the loss of service and benefits identified in this report, Canada will struggle that much longer to bring those companies back. During corporate bankruptcies equipment is sold or liquidated, employees are laid off, and many will change careers, making it hard to get them back quickly, if at all.



Bus

Private Car

Uber/Lyft

Urgent Matter!

The suitable investment is now. **“An ounce of prevention” will pay massive dividends later** **“worth a pound of cure”** and prevent untold social and economic grief to the municipalities and regions affected. Intercity motorcoach service satisfies many of the needs of First Nations, Inuit, and Metis people of Canada, students, tourists, traveling workers, and government employees by connecting small businesses to more significant hubs and reducing the cost of transportation for parcels and freight. CCBC members are ready to act quickly in partnership with Transport Canada and the Government of Canada.

*CCBC membership is open to any bus operators contributing and strengthening the **Essential Bus Network** by adding new routes.*





Major Selling Points

➔ **Indigenous Partnership:** With the support of the Canadian Government in partnership with CCBC and Indigenous leadership, this partnership can improve economic growth by increasing mobility and access to opportunities. By equalizing access to social services and the economy, we will take meaningful steps along the path to reconciliation while improving the quality of life for all Canadians. The results of this national connectivity will benefit the Government of Canada reconciliation efforts. The coalition welcomes the participation of Indigenous-owned bus operators and will seek to create an environment of economic empowerment and inclusion. Together we will address the transportation issues highlighted in the MMIWG final report.

➔ **Safety:** Statistically, by passenger count, buses are safer than flying commercial aircraft. Canadian winters can be very disruptive to aviation, while buses on the other hand can operate until the roads are closed by local authorities. A national safety standard will ensure an equivalent level of safety on buses across the nation. Mass transit is safer than driving and provides peace of mind for passengers. For example, many seniors choose not to drive during winter and prefer bus transportation.



➔ **The Green Economy:** Although an economic driver within the country, we must offer alternatives to personal vehicle transportation. Each motorcoach can remove as many as 55 automobiles from the highway, reducing congestion. Even when not filled to capacity, motorcoaches have the smallest carbon emission factor of any major motorized vehicle, as motorcoaches capture carbon in special filters.

A couple boarding a motorcoach will cut their carbon footprint nearly in half, compared with driving a hybrid car. If they take a motorcoach rather than an airplane, they will cut their emissions by 55 to 75 percent depending on the distance traveled.

➔ **Improving Accessibility:** The EBN aids the removal of barriers to access for travelers with disabilities when using scheduled intercity motorcoach services in Canada. Where financially possible, accessible buses are utilized. With the Government of Canada's investment, we can add accessible transportation to more rural and smaller communities, including First Nation Reserves. Transport Canada is already responsible for monitoring intercity buses for accessibility compliance and taking on our request fits perfectly with Transport Canada's mandate.



Financial Viability and Sustainability

The **Essential Bus Network** will be developed by the **NHTB** working with regional operators to analyze the information from data, history, and current demand to determine the required service level. The service must make financial and operational sense to achieve breakeven or profitability and not be solely driven by politics. The objective is to develop as many financially viable routes that have long-term sustainability. The following key criteria will be used for optimizing routes to ensure financial viability and sustainability:

- Bus (seating capacity)
- Required frequency
- Best positioned CCBC carrier to operate the route
- Cost structure/consumer pricing
- Stops and locations
- Marketing strategy and budget



Telecommunications Act of 1993

The CNCP Telecommunications (Canadian National-Canadian Pacific Telecommunications) decision confirmed that all telephone companies whose networks were interconnected with the Trans-Canada telephone network were subject to exclusive federal jurisdiction, and not provincial legislation. After several years of preparation and review, Parliament passed the Telecommunications Act in 1993. **Based on this same legal argument, all bus companies that interconnect with the Trans-Canada Highway and travel inter-provincially should also be subjected to exclusive federal jurisdiction.**

CCBC Invites Advisory Board Members from:

- Minister or Deputy Minister, Transportation - Canada
- Minister or Deputy Minister, Finance - Canada
- Minister or Deputy Minister or Executive Director, Transportation - Provinces
- Motor Coach Operators, Founding Companies
- Provincial and community leaders, stakeholders, consumers, and transportation advocates

“An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure”

An **Essential Bus Network** is the best option for the Government of Canada to reconnect our country with a safe, secure, and affordable transportation system. The Government of Canada must understand the importance of buses for seniors retiring in rural communities and the urban flight to rural areas due to COVID-19. Busing is essential for rural communities to attract residents, particularly seniors who often do not drive.





Quick Note Sheet:

"For every dollar invested in intercity buses, 3 dollars return into the economy."

Extrapolated – American Public Transportation Association (APTA) – Public Transportation Facts

COVID-19: 92% of motorcoach operators experienced a drop in revenue between 75% – 100% in 2020.

Canada's Bus Fleet Size:

- **4000** coach buses operated in Canada in 2019.
- **2500** medium size buses operated in Canada in 2019.
- **350** Intercity Coaches serviced Canadian routes in 2018.

Job Creation:

An estimated 1000-2000 employees could be added as the result of the Essential Bus Network, and these jobs would support 6000 people.

Government Investment:

To be determined based on the best operating options for the Essential Bus Network.

Service Range:

With strong investment within the first 3 years, CCBC members can service up to 1,200 communities from Vancouver Island to the Maritimes and beyond by using a network of more than 100 facilities and 690 agencies.

Interlining with:



Industry Facts:

- ➔ 1,242 companies operate across Canada employing 109,834 full-time jobs.
- ➔ During the first ten years of the new millennium, transit ridership increased 40% among 16-34 year olds.
- ➔ 77% of voters support investment in bus transportation infrastructure.
- ➔ Reducing the number of mostly-idle second cars will save \$10,000 per year.
- ➔ Residential property is an average of 42% more valuable if located near high-frequency transit service, which means cities reap greater tax revenues.

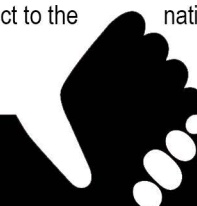
Essential Bus Network Performance Predictions:

Based on Greyhound Canada 2015 (on-line reporting)

- \$490 million in revenue annually (converted to 2020)
- 8 million tickets sold annually
- 5 year anticipated build up phase
- 15 years anticipated to 90% self sustainability



The **NHTB** would administer the **Essential Bus Network** and applications from communities requesting subsidized bus service to connect to the national bus and rail network.



The Time to Act Is Now!

The Ask:

- 1** **Coast to Coast Bus Coalition** to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Transport Canada or the Government of Canada to begin the next step towards a long-term solution for busing, with a mandate to ensure connectivity across Canada for over-the-road busing services.
- 2** A Phase One investment of approximately +/- \$150,000 to provide seed funding for **CCBC** to quickly organize, develop a feasibility study, prepare a business plan, and draft any government recommendations.
- 3** The Government of Canada to establish an initial budget for the **NHTB** with federal representation and invite vetted stakeholders in the development of a **National Essential Transportation System Strategy** and an **Essential Bus Network** program.





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Important Partners:

The **CCBC** is advocating on behalf of all intercity bus operators and will encourage local indigenous, rural, remote, and urban transportation providers across Canada to connect to the **Essential Bus Network**. A coast-to-coast bus network's long-term sustainability will depend on long-distance mainline service providers and local bus and shuttle operators making seamless connections. We urge the Government of Canada to consider the prospective network in its entirety while evaluating the opportunity to connect Canada. The **Canada's Privately Operated Intercity Coach/Bus Network** map is located on the last page.





CCBC SIGNATORIES

Founding signatories of this **Coast to Coast Bus Coalition** proposal 2021, hereby declare full endorsement of this document and stand behind the **CCBC** in its efforts of working with the Government of Canada in creating and enacting the **National Essential Transportation System Strategy** and **Essential Bus Network**. Together, they will work with the **CCBC** on administration and operation of this vital national transportation system. All founding members commit to act in good faith with the **CCBC** in the best interest of all Canadians.



Signed this on the 19th day of February 2021

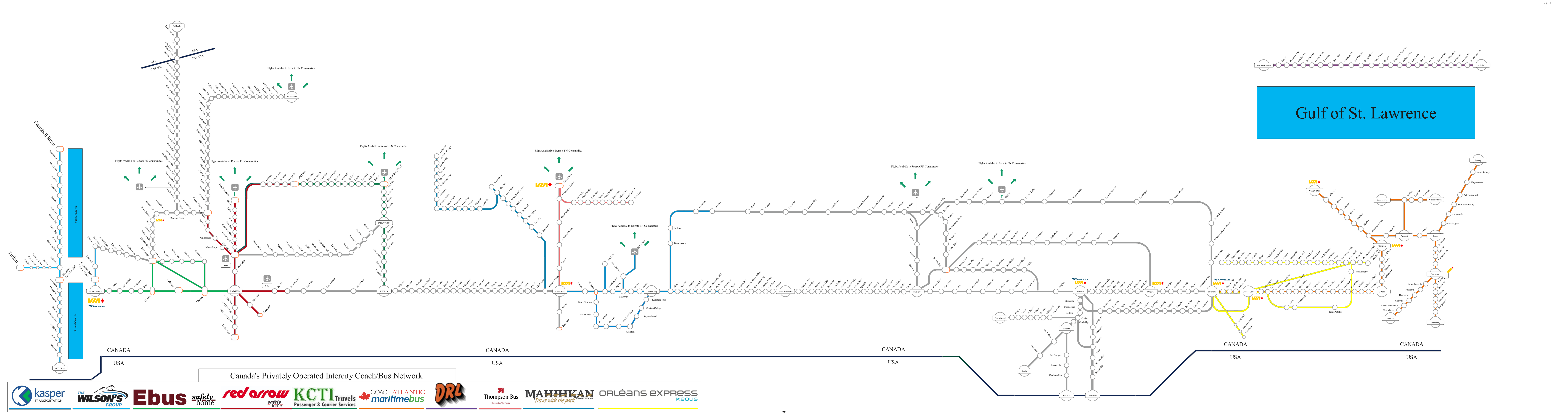
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Gulf of St. Lawrence



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March 1, 2021

Support for the Coast-to-Coast Bus Coalition

Dear Minister,

Transport Action Canada welcomes and supports the recommendations of the *Coast-to-Coast Bus Coalition*. We commend leaders in the motorcoach industry for their efforts to preserve essential services throughout the difficulties of the past year, and for rising to the challenge of preparing for an inclusive and robust recovery by envisioning the revival of a comprehensive network of bus services and connections with VIA Rail passenger train services, which leaves no Canadian behind.

Mobility poverty is the root of many thorny public policy challenges. Access to healthcare has been one of the most critical uses of the public transport network over the past year. It also connects students to colleges and universities. Where regional public transport exists, it connects people with new job opportunities, and ensures employers have access to more potential employees, attracting investment that would not otherwise flow and creating more opportunities for young people to thrive in their home communities.

Where public transport is absent, it is not just opportunities that are lost. Following the publication of *Reclaiming Power and Place: The Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls*, our federal government has an undeniable moral imperative to swiftly restore an essential network of safe mobility that reaches all communities, large and small, from coast to coast to coast.

Sustainable public transport is also key to tackling the climate crisis. Federal reassumption of regulatory stewardship can ensure the financial sustainability needed for service providers to confidently invest in modern, efficient, accessible, and robustly winterized vehicles, while ensuring end-to-end connectivity in a single fare transaction, creating an attractive alternative to less sustainable modes of transport.

An integrated common-carrier package service network would support small business and reduce the cost of living, particularly in rural and remote communities. It could also be leveraged to reduce duplication of economic and environmental costs for CanadaPost and other courier services.

For too long, the costs imposed on other levels of government and on Canadians of public transport network cuts have been underestimated. The loss of a motorcoach route may leave many citizens paying hundreds of dollars for taxi rides to reach medical appointments, requiring days of volunteer driver effort, or require single-passenger shuttle services to be provided from the health budget instead. We have also seen other arms of government establishing limited services for specific clientele, to meet



their policy objectives in areas like education or employment. The resulting fragmented and escalated costs all come from the same pockets in the end.

Provincial and municipal governments in select areas of the country have made significant and welcome investments in regional transit, but this service coverage is patchy. These systems are not yet coherently connected, limiting ridership opportunities and package service, thus failing to maximize their social and economic productivity while foregoing revenues that could sharply reduce the required subsidy. Federal stewardship of a cross-Canada public transport network will significantly enhance the outcomes achieved by such investments.

As the motorcoach industry's proposal shows, solving the mobility poverty problem across Canada need not be expensive, nor need it take long to implement. It just requires the realization that, in terms of total return on tax dollars invested, reconnecting all Canadians through an integrated cross-Canada bus and rail network would be a very efficient use of taxpayers' money. We urge the Government of Canada to embrace this opportunity to launch a *National Essential Transportation System Strategy* and to advance the seed funding requested. The motorcoach industry and VIA Rail are ready to deliver.

Sincerely,

T.W. Johnson

Terence Johnson
President, Transport Action Canada



PUBLIC INTEREST ADVOCACY CENTRE
LE CENTRE POUR LA DÉFENSE DE L'INTÉRÊT PUBLIC

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25 February 2021

Coast to Coast Bus Coalition
c/o Kasper Transportation
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Attention: Kasper Wabinski , President & CEO

VIA email to: kasper@gokasper.com

Dear Mr. Wabinski,

Re: *Essential Bus Network Proposal*
Letter of Support of the Public Interest Advocacy Centre (PIAC)

The Public Interest Advocacy Centre (PIAC) is writing the Coast to Coast Bus Coalition (CCBC) to express its qualified support for the CCBC's proposed "Essential Bus Network".

PIAC is a national, non-profit organization and registered charity that provides legal and research services on behalf of consumer interests, and, in particular, vulnerable consumer interests, concerning the provision of important public services.

PIAC has been active in transportation issues at the federal level, largely in relation to passenger air travel and rail services. However, PIAC has noted with alarm public reports of the recent collapse of cross-Canada bus service and we have received complaints about this development directly from the public.

The CCBC noted in the Essential Bus Network materials you have provided to PIAC that:

Dependable public transportation , including an Essential Bus Network , is just as crucial to Canada's future as any other critical infrastructure. It is therefore imperative that the Government of Canada reassume the role of highway and intercity bus regulation, ensuring seamless interline, inter-provincial, and multi-modal journeys.

We agree that bus transportation is an integral part of Canada's transportation network and that it is indeed imperative to ensure bus transportation's place in this system.

We note CCBC's proposal, therefore, that the federal government create a National Highway Transportation Board (NHTB) to "develop and administer an Essential Bus Network in partnership with the motorcoach industry." We must qualify our support of the Essential Bus Network proposal in that it is PIAC's understanding that the Canada Transportation Agency does not interpret the *Canada*

Transportation Act to actively regulate interprovincial bus services (except as to barriers to disabled Canadians' access to transportation) although there is caselaw to support a wider interpretation of federal constitutional competence in this area. While we support an increased scope of federal involvement in interprovincial bus transportation, we have researched enough recent Supreme Court constitutional law to caution the CCBC that the NHTB proposal would be more likely to lead to progress if the CCBC were to consider alternate federal-provincial cooperation models, rather than imposition of a new federal regulator alone. One which seems to have stood the test of time, and which appears to work for both provincial regulators (who will undoubtedly seek to continue to regulate intra-provincial bus travel) as well as federal goals, are the various marketing board structures. We believe it may be promising to attempt to adapt such a model to interprovincial bus transportation.

We also assume that the CCBC would remain an open coalition, ready to accept new members and would not set prices directly for services unless there were a rate regulation authority, as these activities may fall afoul of the *Competition Act*. We therefore encourage you to engage with the Competition Bureau at your earliest convenience to discuss this proposal.

That said, we are fully supportive of the main goal of the CCBC's ambitious Essential Bus Network Proposal as we believe it will be in the public interest to increase bus transportation in Canada and that a solution to the lack of such service is an urgent issue for Canadians.

Should you wish to discuss developments regarding your proposal I would be pleased to speak with you at any time. Please feel free to share this letter with anyone regarding your proposal.

Sincerely,



John Lawford,
Executive Director and General Counsel

The Hon. Omar Alhabra Minister of Transport Canada
 The Hon. Caroline Mulroney Minister of Transportation
 The Hon. Greg Rickford Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines, and Indigenous Affairs
 CC The Hon. Patty Hajdu MP Thunder Bay-Superior North

Dear Ministers,

Please accept this email as my strong statement of support as MPP for acceptance and analysis of the Coast-to-Coast Bus Coalition (CCBC) proposal as put forward here by Kasper Wabinski, Founder/CEO of Kasper Transportation of Thunder Bay. While the proposal is indeed coast-to-coast and congruent with the National Essential Transportation System Strategy, it would also be of tremendous import to bus and transportation services here in Thunder Bay-Superior North, and throughout Northern Ontario.

I will ask for thorough attention to the attached Kasper CCBC plan from the province of Ontario, as I believe the CCBC as presented here could fill in and improve gaps in Ontario bus service, in harmony with Ontario Northland and smaller Northern bus and train services. I will thank Mr. Wabinski for putting together this impressive proposal, and I will respectfully present it to your Ministries, with my support as MPP for Thunder Bay-Superior North.

Yours, sincerely,

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March 11, 2021

VIA Email

Premier Doug Ford;
Dr. David Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health;
Dr. Janet DeMille, Thunder Bay District Medical Officer of Health

Re: Thunder Bay District Communities in Lockdown

Dear Premier Ford, Dr. Williams and Dr. DeMille:

Please be advised that Council of the Township of Manitouwadge duly moved and carried the following resolution at the Regular Council meeting held on March 10, 2021:

Resolution #2021-86

Moved By: Councillor Arola

Seconded By: Councillor Scapinello

WHEREAS: Council is in receipt of a request for support from the Corporation of the Town of Marathon regarding the Province of Ontario and Thunder Bay District Health Unit ending the lockdown for the district communities located in the Thunder Bay District;

AND WHEREAS: the Board of Directors for Santé Manitouwadge Health endorse bringing awareness to how vast the geographical area is and that the district communities do not have the cases to warrant a lockdown at this time; and further, hope that the Province of Ontario and the Thunder Bay District Health Unit takes into consideration all the facts and the distances between areas when closing entire Regions in the Northwest;

AND WHEREAS: the Thunder Bay District has entered into its third COVID-19 pandemic lockdown in the last eleven months with no stated end date;

AND WHEREAS: as of March 10th, 2021, 1734 of the 1931 total COVID-19 cases in the Thunder Bay District are directly attributable to the City of Thunder Bay and only 92 cases are attributable to district communities;

AND WHEREAS: these ongoing lockdowns are having mental health and wellbeing impacts, as well as creating extreme financial difficulties for local businesses and local economies including municipal facilities and budgets;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Corporation of the Township of Manitouwadge supports the request for the Province of Ontario and the Thunder Bay District Health Unit to end the lockdown for the district communities located in the Thunder Bay District based on the public health indicators for the district communities;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the district communities be put into the appropriate code in the provincial COVID-19 Response Framework based on the active case count, epidemiology, and public health indicators for the district communities in the Thunder Bay District, exclusive of the City of Thunder Bay, on or before March 15, 2021;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford; Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. David Williams; Thunder Bay District Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Janet DeMille; Member of Provincial Parliament for Thunder Bay – Superior North, Michael Gravelle; district communities in the Thunder Bay District; the City of Thunder Bay; and the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association.

CARRIED

On behalf of the Township of Manitouwadge Council, we look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,



Joleen Keough
Clerk

cc: Member of Provincial Parliament for Thunder Bay – Superior North, Michael Gravelle; district communities in the Thunder Bay District; the City of Thunder Bay; and the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association