

The Corporation of the
Municipality of Neebing

AGENDA for Regular Council meeting: June 16, 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 Kevin Cadieux will address Council regarding the condition of the road at West Oliver Lake 1
- 2.2 Karen Kerk will address Council regarding the Thunder Bay and Area Food Strategy 2-9

3. Consent Agenda: Minutes, Reports and Correspondence

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- 3.3 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Administrative Activity 18-21
(Recommendation to receive the report for information)
- 3.4 Report from Working Roads Foreman Regarding Departmental Activity in the preceding month 22
(Recommendation to receive the report for information)
- 3.5 Report from Fire Chief Regarding Departmental Activity in the preceding month 23-24
(Recommendation to receive the report for information)
- 3.6 Correspondence from NOSM received June 3, 2021, Regarding NOSM becoming a Stand Alone University 25-27
(Recommendation to receive the correspondence for information)
- 3.7 Minutes of the Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board meeting held on April 15, 2021 28-34
(Recommendation to receive the minutes for information)
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4.13	Correspondence from Fort Erie, received June 1, 2021, Capital Gains Tax (Recommendation to provide direction.)	109-110

5. By-laws for Passage

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 those paragraphs of Subsection 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 for which the meeting was closed, to consider item 7.1 (minutes of the Closed session of the prior Council meeting); and Under paragraph 239(2)(c) to consider item 7.2, involving a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality.

7.1	Minutes of the Closed Session portion of the Regular Meeting of Council held on June 2, 2021 (Recommendation to approve the minutes is included in the consent agenda)	111- 112
7.2	Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Offers to Purchase Property (Recommendation to provide direction.)	113- 127

Council will rise from Closed Session

Matters Arising from Closed Session

Resolutions relating to Item 7.2

8. Confirmation By-law

8.1	By-law 2021-026, to confirm the proceedings of the meeting (Recommendation to pass the by-law)	128
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9. Adjourn the Meeting

From: Kevin Cadieux <kevincadieux0@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 12:43 PM
To: Erika Kromm; Erwin Butikofer; Brian Kurikka
Subject: Roads and trees

Hello Ms. Kromm

Jill has forwarded me your response to her inquiry regarding roads maintenance and trees. I think it's best I add myself to your next council meeting so I can hear directly from council what the plan is for the roads in this area.

I understand we live in an area that has gravel roads and that maintenance can sometimes be challenging. My issue is that several years ago council made the decision to make the only boat launch access for Oliver Lake from Podres Road East. Since that decision was made both access points to Podres Road East being Podres Road West and West Oliver Lake road have seen substantial more traffic as well Obviously this was bound to happen.

There was never a plan put in place by council to upgrade the roads at this end of the lake to handle the extra traffic. In addition to this extra traffic there is commercial logging happening on West Oliver Lake road which is hard on the upkeep as well. When all this extra traffic is coupled with the complete lack of preventative maintenance we end up with a deteriorating road network. There is absolutely no crown left on any of the previous roads mentioned so when it does rain, instead of running off in the ditch, it pools and creates potholes and washboard.

As I said I understand road maintenance is always an ongoing issue. I don't understand how council can push traffic to this location, promote the area as Falcon Landing Park, open up logging and not spend a single cent on infrastructure to accommodate increased traffic. It's also unacceptable that it is June 7 and zero plan is in place to even grade the road at minimum, which still won't solve any issues as more material is needed on these roads to repair the grade.

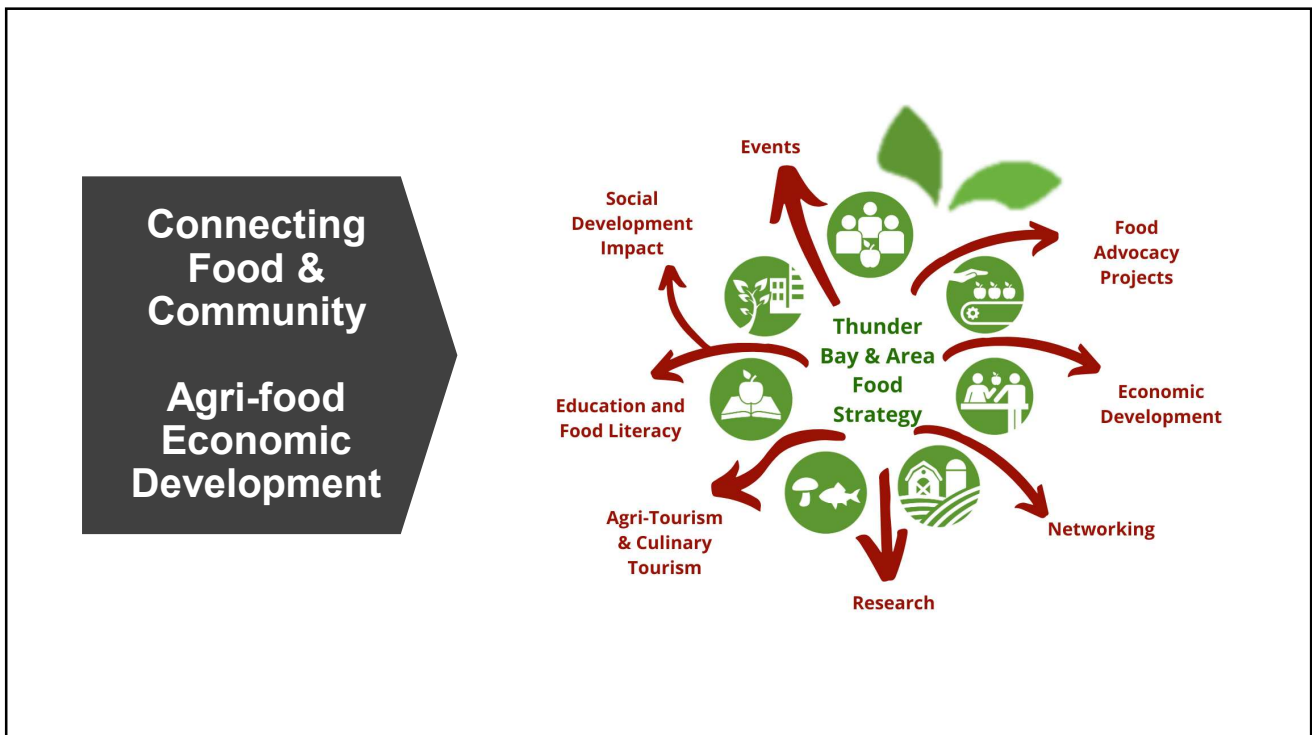
Right now these roads are a disaster and need immediate attention. And this is not just due to the rainstorm that blew through this morning. I want to know when they will be repaired.

Also in regards to your response on the trees. This is the same line we hear every year that they will be determined if they are priority by roads maintenance. The trees are dead and seeing as how road maintenance has been non existent here when might someone make this determination. This weekend, and every weekend in every summer, people are parked under them. It is my opinion that they need to be dealt with in order to avoid an injury or property damage should they eventually fall down. Large branches have come down in the past, luckily not hitting anyone or thing on the road. It has been brought to your attention many times so I assume the municipality would rather take the chance that nothing will happen than face the reality of liability.

Please acknowledge my concerns and the earliest I can address a regular council meeting. These photos are not just from rain damage they are from neglect.







2021-2022 Priorities



Social Priorities

Community Emergency Food Response
Plan (CEFRP)



Agri-Food Economic Development Priorities

tbayInSeason Local Food Marketing
Initiative

Increasing Local Food Procurement
Possible Farmland Mapping Project

CEFRP Project Overview



Funder

Project
Team



12 person
Advisory
Committee

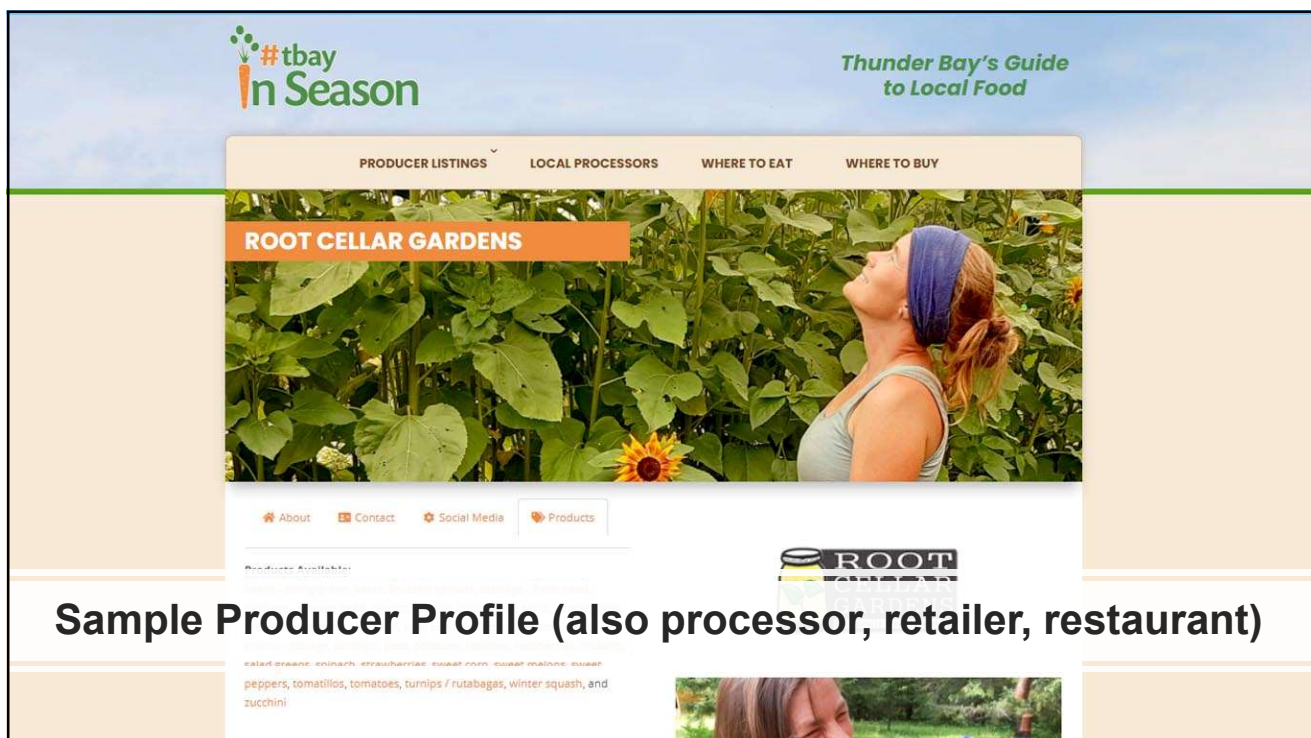
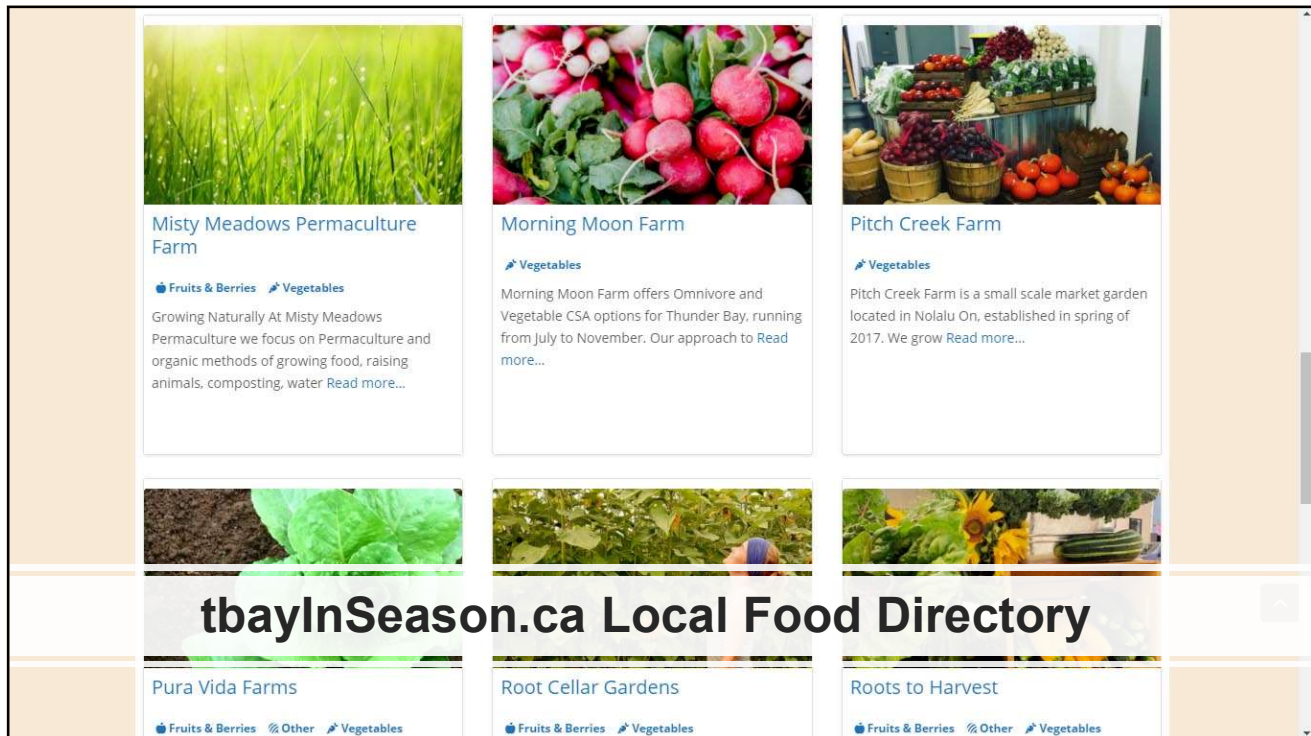
*Connecting 50+ community
organizations, food retailers &
distributors, and the voices of
recipients of food support*

tbayInSeason Local Food Marketing Initiative

- Thunder Bay is well-known as a **'food destination'**
- City/Region **already heavily invested in agri-food & culinary tourism** (e.g. cheese farm, Markets, etc.)
- Identified a tourism **"gap" re: domestic tourists**
- Reports show that **people want to support local but don't know where to go** (FAMS)
- Local culinary tourism and agri-food marketing is currently **ad hoc and piecemeal**
- Need to make **connecting local buyers & sellers easy & accessible** (OCC report)

Why a Local Food Marketing Strategy?

- tbayInSeason is the **connecting portal** making it **easy for anyone to find and buy** local foods
- Targets **domestic tourists as well as visitors**
- Marketing content will both tell people **how to use the foods** produced locally **AND** drive them to the portal **where they can find/purchase them**
- Strengthens local **food value chain**
- **\$6M+ annual investment opportunities** – more locals spending more money on local businesses
- **Invests in local agri-food infrastructure** (website, marketing tools, food focused magazine)



Increasing Local Food Procurement



Economic: \$1 invested locally = \$3 reinvested in our local economy; 10% challenge = \$6.3M



Health: fresher foods, less travel miles, increases local food supply and infrastructure



Social: strengthened local food value chain, local pride and connections, positive public relations

Potential Farmland Mapping Project



Covid 19 sparked a renewed interest in local food production

Barrier re: land availability

Increasing inquiries into available farmland (local and from far away)

Opportunity to explore a farmland mapping project

Similar to Northeast Community Network

Partnerships with TBAFS & Rural Municipalities

External funding



How Can Municipalities Support?

- Stay connected with TBAFS
- Review and incorporate the findings from the CEFRRP; contribute to developing the Plan
- Support & promote tbayInSeason
- Continue prioritizing responsible agri-food development
- Continue supporting TBAFS' work

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEEBING

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held using GoToMeeting Web Conference System

On Wednesday, June 2, 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

Erika Kromm, Clerk-Treasurer
 Laura Jones, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer
 Courtney Lanthier, Economic Development Officer

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/Amend the Agenda:

Res. No. 2021-06-122

Moved by: Councillor Thibert

Seconded by: Councillor Cuthbertson

BE IT RESOLVED 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:

No deputations were scheduled for this meeting of Council.

3. CONSENT AGENDA: MINUTES, REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- 3.1 Minutes of the Open Session portion of the Regular Meeting of Council held on May 19, 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.)
- 3.2 Minutes of the meeting of the Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board held on April 15, 2021
 (Recommendation to receive the minutes.)

- 3.3 Minutes of the meeting of the Lakehead Regional Conservation Authority held on April 28, 2021
(Recommendation to receive the minutes.)
- 3.4 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Administrative Activity
(Recommendation to receive the report for information)
- 3.5 Correspondence from Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, received May 27, 2021, Regarding Three-Step Roadmap to Safely Reopen the Province
(Recommendation to receive for information.)
- 3.6 Information Correspondence List
(Recommendation to receive the correspondence for information)

Res. No. 2021-06-123

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the recommendations from Administration with respect to all of the items on the consent agenda portion of this evening's meeting, being Items 3.1, through 3.6, and item 7.1 the closed session minutes from May 19, 2021.

CARRIED ✓

4. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED REQUIRING DIRECTION:

- 4.1 Report from Economic Development Officer Regarding Proposed Monthly Newsletter

Members present reviewed the report. The Economic Development Officer provided an overview of the report.

Res. No. 2021-06-124

Moved by: Councillor Thibert

Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes Administration to develop a monthly economic development newsletter.

CARRIED ✓

Administration was directed to create page on the municipal website to post economic development information.

- 4.2 Report from Economic Development Officer Regarding Curated Packages

Members present reviewed the report. The Economic Development Officer provided an overview of the report.

Res. No. 2021-06-125

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes administration to launch the first curated package, as detailed in the report.

CARRIED ✓

4.3 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Roadside Grass Cutting

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2021-06-126

Moved by: Councillor Coulson

Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council waives the requirements of the purchasing by-law in order to sole-source a 2-year extension to the expired contract with Daniel Vanlenthe Mechanical for the roadside grass cutting, on the basis that there are few service providers, that the existing contractor is familiar with the municipal road system and has performed well over the past four years.

CARRIED ✓

4.4 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding Consultation on the Phase 1 Regulations Under the Conservation Authorities Act

Members present discussed the report.

Res. No. 2021-06-127

Moved by: Councillor Gardner

Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Municipality of Neebing supports the comments from Lakehead Region Conservation Authority regarding the Phase 1 Regulations Under the Conservation Authorities Act;

AND THAT Administration be directed to submit comments outlining Council's position to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

CARRIED ✓

4.5 Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Regarding the Grant Application for Municipal Office Addition

The Deputy Clerk-Treasurer informed Council that new information regarding grant criteria was obtained and asked that this item be deferred to the next meeting.

4.6 Report from Clerk-Treasurer Regarding a Request to the Ministry of Transportation to Repair Secondary Highway 597

Members present reviewed the report.

Res. No. 2021-06-128

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

WHEREAS the condition of the road surface on some sections of Secondary Highway 597 have fallen into a condition that could be damaging to vehicles;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of Neebing has been notified that Secondary Highway 597 is not scheduled for work in 2021;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Municipality of Neebing requests that the Ministry of Transportation undertakes work to repair Secondary Highway 597 between Mannisto Road and Cloud Lake Road.

CARRIED ✓

4.7 Report from Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Regarding the Municipal Vision and Mission.

Members present discussed the municipal Vision and Mission statements. Administration was directed to bring forward proposed statements to the next regular Council meeting.

4.8 Correspondence from Perth County, received May 26, 2021, Regarding Domestic COVID-19 Vaccine Production and Capacity

Members present discussed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2021-06-129

Moved by: Councillor Thibert

Seconded by: Councillor Coulson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the resolution passed by Perth County regarding domestic COVID-19 vaccine production and capacity.

CARRIED ✓

4.9 Correspondence from Township of Terrace Bay, received May 18, 2021, Regarding Advocacy for Reform MFIPPA

Members present reviewed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2021-06-130

Moved by: Councillor Wright

Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the resolution passed by Terrace Bay regarding advocacy of MFIPPA reform.

CARRIED ✓

4.10 Correspondence from Wounded Warriors Magazine, received May 18, 2021, Regarding Sponsorship Renewal

Members present reviewed the correspondence.

Res. No. 2021-06-131

Moved by: Councillor Thibert
Seconded by: Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to renew the sponsorship with Wounded Warriors Magazine.

CARRIED ✓

4.11 Correspondence from Township of McKellar, received May 17, 2021, Regarding Tax Breaks on 2020 CERB Payments

Members present reviewed the correspondence. No resolution was passed.

4.12 Correspondence from York Region, received May 27, 2021, Regarding Reopening Ontario Plan

Members present reviewed the correspondence. No resolution was passed.

4.13 Correspondence from Municipality of Calvin, received May 25, 2021, Regarding Lottery Licensing

Members present reviewed the correspondence. No resolution was passed.

5. BY-LAWS

No by-laws were submitted for passage at this meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Butikofer noted that people are complaining about dust on the roads. Unfortunately, the weather has been too dry to grade and lay down Calcium. the Clerk-Treasurer advised that Superior North Emergency Medical Services will be working on their Master Plan and will have a process to consult with Municipalities.

Councillor Coulson stated that a resident complained about grading on Lake Lenore road. He asked if the whole road could be graded – not just the hill.

Councillor Cuthbertson stated that Margaret Street seemed to be graded with the blade at two different levels.

Councillor Kurikka advised that the Ontario Government has placed a forest sector strategy on the Environmental Registry. He would like to assist Administration in drafting a report to Council in order for the Municipality to submit comments.

The Clerk-Treasurer advised that we need to examine whether the hauling bylaw requires changes.

The Deputy Clerk-Treasurer advised that rink proposal for Blake Hall has passed Stage 1.

7. CLOSED SESSION

Res. No. 2021-06-132

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by: Councillor Kurikka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 7:45 p.m. Council will enter closed session under those paragraphs of Subsection 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 for which the meeting was closed, to consider item 7.1 (minutes of the Closed session of the prior Council meeting); and Under paragraph 239(2)(k) to consider item 7.2, involving a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality.

CARRIED ✓

During Closed Session the following resolution was passed

Res. No. 2021-06-133

Moved by: Councillor Cuthbertson
Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 7:55 p.m., Council rise from closed session and report in open session.

CARRIED ✓

Matters Arising from Close Session

7.1 Minutes of the Closed Session portion of the Regular Meeting of Council held on May 19, 2021

This item was approved as part of the consent agenda

7.2 Report from Economic Development Officer Regarding Negotiations Relating to a Proposed Plan

Res. No. 2021-06-134

Moved by: Councillor Kurikka
Seconded by: Councillor Wright

BE IT RESOLVED THAT with respect to Item 7.2 on this evening's Closed Session agenda, Administration is authorized to proceed as directed in Closed Session.

CARRIED ✓

8. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

8.1 By-law 2021-025 To Confirm the Proceedings of the Meeting

Res. No. 2021-06-135

Moved by: Councillor Coulson
Seconded by: Councillor Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2021-025, 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 8:00 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Erwin Butikofer
MAYOR

Erika Kromm
CLERK-TREASURER

ITEM 3.2 May Voucher Report

TO BE DISTRIBUTED BEFORE THE MEETING

The Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing Administrative Report

Date: June 11, 2021 (For Meeting on June 16, 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 (May 28, 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 July edition is June 20.
3. Economic Development: Ms. Lanthier has been working alongside Mayor Butikofer to develop a route along Highway 61 to promote within the feasibility study underway through the Great Lakes Waterfront Trail organization. Their study will be completed by December 2021, at which point their board will make decisions on how best to capture Northern communities in trail enhancements and signage along the Great Lakes.

Ms. Lanthier has also been preparing to launch the curated packages project. A report has been prepared outlining the project on this agenda. The project will be rolled out in the coming week.

Ms. Lanthier has been working with Councillor Kurikka to conceptualize a snowmobile route from Fort William First Nation to the border at Pigeon River. A draft route has been provided on this agenda, as well as property owners in the vicinity and a draft letter to send to them. Once our snowmobile group agrees on a draft route, we will be seeking engagement from the property owners to get their feelings on the project.

4. Landfill Site Work: The Environmental Assessment for Scoble Landfill is now posted on the municipal website for a 60-day review and comment period. KGS is now preparing for a 60-day comment period that will begin on May 8. Administration met with KGS to discuss the wrap-up of the Scoble Expansion application and the next steps to begin the Sand Hill Expansion project.

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: Administration is still 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. Prudent Investor Standard: The Deputy Clerk-Treasurer is working on developing a 10-year capital and financial plan. One of the first steps is to review the Asset Management Plan renewal forecast and seek to reconcile what we have available to spend with what we need to spend.

There is a report regarding Asset Management and Capital Planning later in this meeting.

8. Municipal Properties: Marketing is continuing for the remaining surplus municipal properties. Administration will be moving forward with marketing the Island Avenue lot once the leaves are on the trees in order to maximize the marketing photos.
9. Broadband Project: Both the provincial and federal funding programs have closed the application process and we are awaiting decisions. The members of the LRMC have been asked to promote the applications with local MPs and MPPs. Members of the LRMC have agreed to contact local politicians for this purpose. .
10. West Oliver Lake Park: The work permit has been received from the MNRF. Work on the expanded parking will begin once the locates have been received. Locates are taking longer than normal and it is unknown when they will be received.
11. Sturgeon Bay Boat Launch: The work permit for the improvements to the Sturgeon Bay Boat Launch was submitted to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. It is anticipated that a meeting will be scheduled with the Ministry in May. The project was denied under the first intake of the Healthy Community Initiative. Administration will move forward with an application for the second intake.
12. Tenders: The tender for the supply and apply of gravel to East Oliver Lake Road, McClusky Road and Candy Mountain Drive closed on June 12, 2021.
13. Grants: Administration is continuing to work on NOHFC Grant Applications.

The Recreation Committee determined they would cancel the Canada Day Celebrations for 2021 and directed Administration to return the annual grant.

Planning:

14. Zoning By-law Amendment: No new applications have been received. Administration has not received any further information regarding the re-zoning application that was deferred on April 21, 2021.
15. Severance Applications: No new applications have been received.

Training:

16. Training: All training events lists are occurring via web conference.

The Clerk-Treasurer is attending a workshop held by the Municipal Engineers Association on Municipal Class Environmental Assessments on June 1 to 3, 2021.

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

ATTACHMENT: Upcoming Meetings/Events

NOTE: Due to the COVID 19 Emergency, most committee and board meetings have been suspended until further notice.

Date/Time	Meeting	Attendees/Comments
June 15, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m. Via Web Conference	Health & Safety Committee	Councillor Wright, Ms. Kromm
June 16, 2021 @ 5:00 pm Via Web Conference	Special Council meeting	Open to the public (excepting Closed portion, if any)
June 16, 2021 @ 6:00 pm Via Web Conference	Regular Council meeting	Open to the public (excepting Closed portion, if any)
July 7, 2021 @ 6:00 pm Via Web Conference	Regular Council meeting	Open to the public (excepting Closed portion, if any)
July 14, 2021 @ 6:00 pm Via Web Conference	Lakehead Police Services Board	Mayor Butikofer, Ms. Kromm, Open to the public
August 11, 2021 @ 6:00 pm Via Web Conference	Regular Council meeting	Open to the public (excepting Closed portion, if any)
September 1, 2021 @ 6:00 pm Via Web Conference	Regular Council meeting	Open to the public (excepting Closed portion, if any)
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: Third Tuesday of each month (4:00 p.m.; Oliver Paipoonge Municipal Office.)

ITEM 3.4 REPORT FROM WORKING ROADS FOREMAN

TO BE DISTRIBUTED BEFORE THE MEETING

The Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing Administrative Report

Date: June 11, 2021 (for Council meeting on June 16, 2020)

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: May Monthly Report

Submitted by: Dale Ashbee, Fire Chief

Overview

NES callout activity in **May** was considered to be light, a continuing reflection of recent pandemic response patterns over our calendar periods of 'lockdown'. NES responded to **two (2)** paged **911** emergency calls over the course of the month.

NES did receive several direct phone reports from residents regarding the appearance of "smoke in the air" in different areas of the Municipality, which were investigated and managed.

EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

Spring is the time of year when **annual safety inspections** for many of our NES fire apparatus become due.

Annual Safeties performed/certified in May included:

- **P 101** - Annual safety.
- **T 103** - Annual safety.
- **P 106** - Annual safety.
- **P 151** - Annual safety.
- **R 152** - Annual safety.
- **R 155** - Annual safety.

Pumper 108:

- Warranty work (for an issue identified during a Safety Standards Certificate Inspection) was carried out successfully. Once the required Certificate was deemed valid and in place, Neebing was able to complete papers for the ownership transfer of P108 to Neebing. The Pumper was outfitted with regulation license plates, and then officially put 'on the road'.
 - P108 participated in its first morning work out on Saturday morning, May 15, 2021, at the Little Trout Bay boat launch site. Assisted by P151 and P105 (which were supplying water), P108 was run through its paces 'pushing' water - at one point reaching an impressive 1500 gallons per minute!
- While final outfitting of the unit continues, a readiness check conducted on May 27th indicated that P108 met the technical requirements to be placed 'in-service'. It was

subsequently placed in Hall 1 where it will assume its role as 'front line' fire pumper in Neebing.

CALLS

May saw NES respond to **two (2) formal page-outs**. These included **one (1)** page requesting medical assistance, and **one (1)** page requiring fire-related support.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

- While observing COVID safety protocols, NES utilized a variety of teaching strategies to allow for training sessions during May. These included: on-line presentations, 'virtual-live' demonstrations, in-person (restricted number of students) CPR recertification classes at Blake Hall, and outdoor training exercises.
- The Pre-Service Fire Fighter (PSFF) students from Confederation College continued with a variety of classroom and practical training sessions in Neebing throughout the month of May. These included their NFPA testing (which was conducted at Blake Hall).

ADMINISTRATION

- The **breathable air compressor received** its bi-annual maintenance servicing and air-quality testing. Twenty (20) SCBA units were 'flow-tested' to ensure they meet the operational standards required for safe use of the units by fire fighters.
- Work continued on several projects including; updates to the "Fire Safety Bay Addition" at the municipal office, and follow up work with regard to the project funding approved in the OFM Fire Safety Grant.
- Administration continued to review updates from provincial agencies, and to provide inputs into surveys dealing with the use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), and to bulletins regarding the impacts of the COVID situation on operations.
- Preparation of ongoing Officer Meeting **minutes, reports and newsletter articles** all received attention during May, and Incident Report records were filed with the OFM via our FP2 computer program.



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Media Release

For immediate release – June 3, 2021

NOSM to Become First Stand-alone Medical University in Canada

Social accountability mandate drives innovation in education and health care.

Today, the Government of Ontario passed legislation to make the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) a university. With this status, NOSM becomes the first stand-alone medical university in Canada.

“This is a historic occasion for our medical school and all of Northern Ontario,” says Dr. Sarita Verma, Dean, President and CEO of NOSM. “We are grateful to Minister Romano and the Ford Government for this incredible transformation, as the first medical school in Canada founded with a social accountability mandate we are now the first medical university of its kind in the country.”

NOSM was established as a government strategy to address the health needs of the region, improve access to quality care, and contribute to the economic development of Northern Ontario. It was born of a grassroots movement, from communities across Northern Ontario advocating for a solution to regional health inequalities. Becoming a university translates that vision into a reality in the future.

Since opening its doors in 2005, NOSM has produced 714 MDs, 48 self-identify as Indigenous, 151 self-identify as Francophone with an additional 66 MDs set to graduate this spring. In addition, 579 residents have completed NOSM programs. More than half of these health practitioners have stayed in Northern Ontario, with the majority establishing their practice in Sudbury and Thunder Bay.

“The Government is proud to support this legislation to grow world-class postsecondary education in Northern Ontario. Thanks to this legislation, Hearst will become Ontario’s second independent Francophone university, governed by and for Francophones. NOSM will become Canada’s first standalone independent medical school and be empowered to expand its current services and programs and address the health needs of the region. The legislation represents a major opportunity for Northern Ontario to build and expand two new independent universities. In the coming months the Ministry will be working with the two institutions and with northern communities and stakeholders about the details of how NOSM and Hearst will operate in the future,” says Ross Romano, Minister of Colleges and Universities.

NOSM’s latest strategic plan, The NOSM Challenge 2025, will move forward with addressing the urgent crisis in physician workforce and health education and research reform.

“We will build upon the strength of our flagship campuses in Sudbury and Thunder Bay, with an expanded medical school, new residency programs innovated health professional education, population based research within a pan-northern regional model. This is exciting for all of Northern Ontario,” says Dr. Verma. “NOSM University will have an immense impact on the health and wealth of Northern Ontarians.”



NOSM will begin broad consultations about the next steps over the summer months. More information about this will be communicated publicly in the coming weeks.

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About the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM)

NOSM is an award-winning socially accountable medical school renowned for its innovative model of distributed, community-engaged education and research. With a focus on diversity, inclusion, and advocacy for health equity, NOSM relies on the commitment and expertise of the peoples and communities of Northern Ontario to educate health-care professionals to practise in Indigenous, Francophone, rural, remote and underserved communities.

- NOSM was established as a separate legal entity – an independent not-for-profit corporation with its own Board of Directors. Its affiliation with Laurentian University and Lakehead University was for the purpose of conferring degrees.
- Other than the degree granting authority, all other operational and academic aspects of the medical school are established under NOSM's authority.
- The NOSM MD program is independently accredited by the Committee on Accreditation for Canadian Medical Schools (CACMS) and the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME). NOSM's accreditation will not change by becoming a university.
- All degrees issued under the authority of Lakehead and Laurentian University in the past, will remain in good standing and not be affected.

About NOSM University

- Once legislation is proclaimed in force, NOSM University will form a new Board of Governors and new Senate.
- NOSM University will continue to receive 90% of its operating funds directly from the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Colleges and Universities.
- NOSM University will continue to handle the administration of its own staff and faculty, curriculum, labs and equipment, and provide support and graduate its own learners. It will continue to provide its own finance, IT, research, and libraries.
- NOSM University will remain deeply committed to its partnerships with Indigenous, Francophone, rural and remote communities that have been critical to NOSM's mission and success.
- NOSM's partnerships and collaborations with over 500 organizations, 90-plus communities, and more than 1,800 clinical, human and medical sciences faculty dispersed across all of Northern Ontario will continue.
- NOSM has recently renewed affiliations with the two Academic Health Science Centres, Health Sciences North in Sudbury and Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre and partners with Lakehead University, Laurentian University, Health Sciences North, Health Sciences North Research Institute, Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre and Thunder Bay Regional Research Institute in the Northern Ontario Health Innovation Cluster.
- As a University, NOSM will not be leaving Thunder Bay or Sudbury and will build on its collaborative relationships with Laurentian University and Lakehead University.

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

BOARD MINUTES

**AMENDED MINUTES OF BOARD (REGULAR SESSION) MEETING NO. 06/2020
OF
THE DISTRICT OF THUNDER BAY SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BOARD**

DATE OF MEETING: April 15, 2021

TIME OF MEETING: 10:00 AM

LOCATION OF MEETING: Microsoft Teams

CHAIR: Lucy Kloosterhuis

PRESENT:

Albert Aiello
Kim Brown
Shelby Ch'ng
Jody Davis
Andrew Foulds
James Foulds
Rebecca Johnson
Lucy Kloosterhuis
Elaine Mannisto
Aldo Ruberto
Wendy Wright

OFFICIALS:

William (Bill) Bradica, Chief Administrative
Georgina Daniels, Director, Corporate Services Division
Ken Ranta, Director, Integrated Social Services Division
Glenda Flank, Recording Secretary

GUESTS:

Crystal Simeoni, Manager, Housing Programs
Jennifer Lible, Manager, Social Assistance Programs
Keri Greaves, Manager, Finance
Barry Caland, Manager, Infrastructure & Asset
Management
Carole Lem, Communications & Engagement Officer

REGRETS:

Ray Lake
Kevin Holland

ABSENT:

Brian Hamilton

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

BOARD MEETING

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

NEW BUSINESS

TBDHC Fifteenth Annual Shareholder's Meeting – Confirmation of Proxy

Memorandum from William Bradica, CAO dated April 8, 2021, was presented to the Board recommending the Board Chair for appointment as proxy for the Thunder Bay District Housing Corporation Shareholder's meeting.

Resolution No. 21/22

Moved by: Albert Aiello
Seconded by: Rebecca Johnson

THAT with respect to the Thunder Bay District Housing Corporation Fifteenth Annual Shareholder's Meeting, to be held on April 15, 2021 at The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Headquarters, we, The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board appoint the Board Chair, Lucy Kloosterhuis, to be the designated Proxy.

CARRIED

CONFIRMATION OF BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Resolution No. 21/23

Moved by: Kim Brown
Seconded by: Elaine Mannisto

THAT with respect to the agendas for the Board Regular Session meeting of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board for April 15, 2021, we approve the agendas as printed;

AND THAT we approve any additional information and new business.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 21/24

THAT the Board Meeting No. 06/2021 of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board, held on April 15, 2021, be adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

CARRIED

At 10:41 a.m. the meeting reconvened in Regular Session and Barry Caland, Manager, Infrastructure & Asset Management joined the meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Board Meetings

Minutes of Board Meeting No. 04/2021 (Regular Session) and Board Meeting No. 05/2021 (Closed Session) of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board, held on March 18, 2021, were presented for confirmation.

Resolution No. 21/25

Moved by: James Foulds
Seconded by: Albert Aiello

THAT the Minutes of Meeting No. 04/2021 (Regular Session) and Meeting No. 05/2021 (Closed Session) of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board, held on March 18, 2021, respectively, be confirmed.

CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION

Administration recommended that the Board adjourn to a closed meeting relative to receipt of information with respect to security of the property of the Board regarding the confidential attachment to the Capital Carryforward report.

Resolution No. 21/26

Moved by: Shelby Ch'ng
Seconded by: Jody Davis

THAT the Board adjourns to Closed Session relative to the receipt of information with respect to security of the property of the Board regarding the confidential attachment to the Carryforward of Capital Projects report.

CARRIED

At 10:49 a.m. the meeting reconvened in Regular Session.

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION

Year 2020 Investment Portfolio Performance

Report No. 2021-13 (Corporate Services Division) providing information regarding the year 2020 performance of investments held by TBDSSAB was presented to the Board for information.

Georgina Daniels, Director, Corporate Services Division responded to questions.

Carryforward of Capital Projects

Report No. 2021-14 (Corporate Services Division) providing the list of budgeted capital projects that the Chief Administrative Officer has approved to be carried forward and completed in the 2021 was presented to the Board for information.

At 10:53 a.m. Barry Caland, Manager, Infrastructure & Asset Management left the meeting.

2020 Fourth Quarter Financial Report and Program Levy Operating Surplus Disposition

Report No. 2021-15 (Corporate Services Division) providing the Board with the 2020 Fourth Quarter Financial Report and Administrations recommendation regarding the disposition of the 2020 program levy operating surplus was presented for consideration.

William Bradica, CAO provided a brief introduction and responded to questions.

Georgina Daniels, Director, Corporate Services Division provided an overview of the report and responded to questions.

A discussion was held regarding the options provided by Administration in Report No 2021-15. An amendment was proposed and a recorded vote was requested for the amendment proposed and the amended motion.

Resolution No. 21/27

Moved by: Shelby Ch'ng
Seconded by: Elaine Mannisto

THAT with respect to Report No. 2021-15 (Corporate Services Division), we, The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board, approve Option 3 – Transfer the net levy surplus related to various housing programs of \$241,257 to the Capital Regeneration Reserve Fund, and return the remaining net surplus of \$844,916 using the 2020 cost apportionment.

Resolution No. 21/27 (Amendment)

Moved by: Andrew Foulds

Seconded by: Albert Aiello

THAT Resolution No. 21/27 be amended to change Option 3 to Option 2.

MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS	MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
Albert Aiello	X		Kevin Holland		
Kim Brown	X		Rebecca Johnson	X	
Shelby Ch'ng	X		Lucy Kloosterhuis	X	
Jody Davis	X		Ray Lake		
Andrew Foulds	X		Elaine Mannisto		X
James Foulds	x		Aldo Ruberto	X	
Brian Hamilton			Wendy Wright	x	

CARRIED

Resolution No. 21/27 (As Amended)

Moved by: Shelby Ch'ng

Seconded by: Elaine Mannisto

THAT with respect to Report No. 2021-15 (Corporate Services Division), we, The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board, approve Option 2 – Transfer the full \$1,086,173 levy surplus to the Capital Regeneration Reserve Fund to further support financing of the Bertrand Court Redevelopment project

MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS	MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
Albert Aiello	X		Kevin Holland		
Kim Brown	X		Rebecca Johnson	X	
Shelby Ch'ng	X		Lucy Kloosterhuis	X	
Jody Davis	X		Ray Lake		
Andrew Foulds	X		Elaine Mannisto		X
James Foulds	x		Aldo Ruberto	X	
Brian Hamilton			Wendy Wright	X	

CARRIED

June 2021 Mortgage Renewal – 131 Wadsworth Drive

Report No. 2021-16 (Integrated Social Services Division) providing the Board with the upcoming mortgage renewal arrangements for the property located at 131 Wadsworth Drive in the Township of Nipigon, was presented for consideration.

Resolution No. 21/28

Moved by: Rebecca Johnson
Seconded by: James Foulds

THAT with respect to Report No. 2021-16 (Corporate Services Division) we, The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board (TBDSSAB), approve the Ministry Resolution as attached, to be duly signed in accordance with TBDSSAB By-Law No. 01-2017 (Governance and Procedural);

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

CARRIED

At 11:33 a.m. Crystal Simeoni, Manager, Housing Programs and Jennifer Liblé, Manager, Social Assistance Programs joined the meeting.

Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF)

Report No. 2021-17, (Integrated Social Services Division) was presented to the Board providing updated information regarding the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Social Services Relief Fund Phase 3, for information.

William Bradica, CAO provided clarification and responded to questions.

Ken Ranta, Director, Integrated Social Services Division responded to questions.

On consensus, a list of Warming and Support Locations in Thunder Bay is to be provided to the entire Board by email.

Provincial Vision – Social Assistance
Modernization

Memorandum from William Bradica, CAO, dated April 1, 2021 was presented to the Board to provide information regarding social assistance modernization.

William Bradica, CAO provided an overview of the information received to date from the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services regarding the vision for social assistance modernization and responded to questions.

At 12:09 p.m. Crystal Simeoni, Manager, Housing Programs and Jennifer Liblé, Manager, Social Assistance Programs left the meeting.

TBDSSAB 2020 Annual Report

Memorandum from William Bradica, CAO, (CAO Division) providing the Board with the 2020 Annual Report, for review and consideration.

William Bradica, responded to questions.

Resolution No. 21/29

Moved by: Kim Brown
Seconded by: Jody Davis

THAT The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board, approve the 2020 Annual Report, as presented;

AND THAT the 2020 Annual Report be posted to the TBDSSAB website.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

BY-LAWS

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board will be held on Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., in the 1st Floor Training Rooms, TBDSSAB Headquarters, 231 May Street South, Thunder Bay, Ontario.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 21/30

Moved by: James Foulds
Seconded by: Elaine Mannisto

THAT the Board Meeting No. 06/2021 of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board, held on April 15, 2021, be adjourned at 12:11 p.m.



Chair



Chief Administrative Officer

The Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing Administrative Report

Date: June 11, 2021 (For Meeting on June 16, 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		
NOSM Advancement	An Important Announcement from the Office of the Dean, President and CEO	Thu 6/3/2021 4:11 PM
Stewardship Ontario	Ontario issues final Blue Box Regulation	Thu 6/3/2021 4:06 PM
Training/Events		
AMO Events	Second Date Added for AMO Human Rights and Equity Training: The Role and Obligations of Municipal Leaders	Tue 6/8/2021 10:02 AM
AMO Events	AMO's Outstanding Conference Program for 2021	Sat 6/5/2021 7:02 AM
Environmental Research & Education Foundation	Two ELL Training Sessions Coming Up!	Thu 6/3/2021 4:06 PM
MFOA	MFOA E-News: 2021 Virtual Annual Conference	Tue 6/8/2021 8:11 AM
ROMA	Request for Input on ROMA Governance and 2022 Conference & General Meeting	Mon 6/7/2021 3:48 PM
Newsletters		
AMO Communications	AMO Policy Update - Province Announces Employment Services Changes and Phase 2 of Natural Gas Expansion Progra	Thu 6/10/2021 2:22 PM
AMO Communications	AMO-Loomex Training Leading Through Crisis - New Date!...	Wed 6/9/2021 10:02 AM
AMO Communications	AMO Policy Update - Province Moving to Step One of Its Roadmap to Reopen on Friday, June 11th, 2021	Mon 6/7/2021 1:45 PM
Canadian HR Reporter Editor	Canadian HR Reporter Editor Hiring for third quarter What makes a termination bad faith? A holistic hybrid approach Thu 6/10/2021 3:04 PM	Thu 6/10/2021 3:04 PM
Canadian HR Reporter Editor	DLGL Employees to Receive \$2,500 Vaccination Bonus	Wed 6/9/2021 11:01 AM
Canadian HR Reporter Editor	COVID long-haulers off work Recovery hiring program Termination options for employers	Tue 6/8/2021 3:02 PM
Canadian HR Reporter Editor	What percentage of Canadian employers plan to adopt flex work permanently?	Tue 6/8/2021 11:02 AM

ORGANIZATION	DESCRIPTION	DATE
Canadian HR Reporter Editor	New white paper: How to rethink your employee benefit strategy	Fri 6/4/2021 11:05 AM
Canadian HR Reporter Editor	Talent shortages reach record highs Will workers leave if they can't work from home? B.C. case looks at mask refusal	Thu 6/3/2021 3:03 PM
Career Concepts	Career Concepts - The Administrative Professional Workshop	Mon 6/7/2021 10:35 AM
Delayne from ACHIEVE	June's Free Webinar	Fri 6/4/2021 11:08 AM
EcoSuperior Environmental Progra...	June E-Newsletter	Wed 6/9/2021 1:25 PM
Environmental Research & Education Foundation	Final Call: Submit Your Executive Outings Interest Form TODAY	Wed 6/9/2021 11:01 AM
Environmental Research & Education Foundation	Your WasteExpo VIP Pass	Fri 6/4/2021 1:31 PM
FCM Communiqué	FCM Voice : FORWARD: FCM's first virtual Conference a success FCM's new Board of Directors and Table Officers FC...	Mon 6/7/2021 3:33 PM
FCM Connect	Gain skills to develop your own circular economy strategy Strengthen infrastructure investment and maintenance plan...	Tue 6/8/2021 10:01 AM
Korn Ferry Institute	Office Slacking? Women on Boards Toxic Bosses	Thu 6/10/2021 9:24 AM
Municipal Information Network	Municipal Information Network News	Tue 6/8/2021 3:17 AM
Municipal Information Network	Municipal Information Network News	Mon 6/7/2021 3:17 AM
Ontario Clean Air Alliance	We need an unbiased assessment of ending gas-fired generation	Wed 6/9/2021 11:39 AM
Ontario Clean Air Alliance	We need to stop OPG's GTA nuclear reactor plan now	Thu 6/3/2021 2:17 PM
RPRA Communications	RPRA's June Newsletter	Fri 6/4/2021 12:10 PM
Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce	#tbaymarketplace: The Walleye, Chamber team	Wed 6/9/2021 10:31 AM
Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce	the latest: June 7	Mon 6/7/2021 2:59 PM

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

Date: June 10, 2021 (For Meeting on June 16, 2021)

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: Tender for 2021 Gravel Haul Project

Submitted by: Laura Jones, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

RECOMMENDATION:

The recommendation from the Tender Review Committee will not be available until after its meeting Monday, June 14, 2021. It will be presented to Council at the meeting.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

Four proposals were submitted in response to the Municipality's Tender 2021-01 for the supply and application of Gravel. The Tender Review Committee is meeting Monday June 14 to review the submissions, and will be making a recommendation to Council at the Council Meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST:

Proposals received (on a confidential basis),

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

Date: June 11, 2021 (For Meeting on June 16, 2021)

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: Asset Management

File Number:

Submitted by: Laura Jones, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends that Council reconvenes the Asset Management Committee; confirms who will sit on the committee; and authorize a working group to reconcile the Asset Renewal Forecast from the Asset Management Plan with available finances to create a 10-year capital plan.

BACKGROUND:

The Asset Management committee was established in 2019 to direct the progression of the development of the Asset Management Plan. A consultant was hired and in conjunction with Asset Management Committee developed an Asset Management plan for Neebing. The Consultant also provided a current asset inventory and a renewal forecast projection for those assets.

DISCUSSION:

The Asset Management Plan (AMP), finalized in September 2020 highlights a number of areas where there is further work to be done. In particular there is a funding gap over the next thirty years between actual average annual capital expenditures (\$749,300) and what the AMP states is required (\$2,446,600) (AMP, p. 112).

This 1.7-million-dollar funding gap needs to be addressed. The Asset Committee can look at increasing the service life of assets, reducing service levels, disposing and not replacing assets (for example Council determined it would not renew Fire Hall 3), or examining alternative revenue (for example increasing landfill fees) (AMP, p. 121-122).

Any recommendations coming from the working group and the Asset Management Committee, including the Capital Plan, would go to Council, for review and approval.

ATTACHMENTS: None

AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST: Asset Management Plan, Asset Register, Asset Renewal Forecast

The Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing Administrative Report

Date: June 11, 2021 (For Meeting on June 11, 2021)

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: Public Works Activity

File Number:

Submitted by: Laura Jones, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

RECOMMENDATION:

Administration seeks Council direction regarding the referral of certain work items to the Roads Committee or the Asset Management Committee.

DISCUSSION:

A number of recent items have come to the attention of the Working Roads Foreman, and he asked whether items such as these should be directed to the Roads Committee or to other working groups

- 1) **West Oliver Lake Beach:** There are recent complaints of overcrowding, including a report that Podres Road is congested and people cannot drive down the road. Nor is there access for emergency vehicles.
- 2) **Signage:** The East Oliver Lake Road people walking sign is full of bullet holes and road signs are disappearing from some roads in the Municipality
- 3) **Scent of Pine Park (Memory Road) boat launch:** The Boat launch recently had a picnic table donated. Should we have a port-a potty there? Are we not taking the boat launch out of that spot? What maintenance is expected?
- 4) **Cloud River Helipad:** The helipad requires a more solid base to be constructed (as per a recent helipad inspection). There is concern that some of the larger Air Ambulances will have trouble with the existing ground. This work will be scheduled as a public works project. This is work that the Province pays the municipality to complete.

- 5) **Drive culvert installations:** Neebing is performing more driveway culvert installations these days. Many people can no longer obtain their own culverts, as they do not have a way to transport the culverts. The Public Works Foreman suggested we have individuals purchase their entrance culverts from the municipality, rather than buying individually. By supplying the culverts (at cost) a number of problems are alleviated including:
- Culverts are not stolen while waiting for installation
 - The correct size and type of culvert is installed
 - Scheduling is simplified
- 6) **A documented approach for when to Chip Seal Roads is required.** Residents are contacting the office and the Public Works Foreman to ask when their roads will be chip-sealed. Council initially decided that no additional roads would be chip sealed until a cost/benefit analysis could be done. The Asset Management Committee could look at the cost of maintenance and renewal on our chip sealed roads as compared to gravel roads and provide Council with information to move forward with his project.

ATTACHMENTS: None

AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST: None

The Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing Administrative Report

Date: June 11, 2021 (For Meeting on June 16, 2021)

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: Mission and Vision Statements

File Number:

Submitted by: Laura Jones, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

RECOMMENDATION:

Council determine a new mission statement and a new vision statement.

BACKGROUND:

As a part of the creation of the new Strategic plan, Council revisited the existing mission and vision statements and determined that updates were necessary.

Council reviewed and discussed these two statements in meetings, and tasked administration to review the draft Mission and Vision statements, and devised additional draft versions of these statements for Council to review and edit.

DISCUSSION:

The draft Strategic plan, presented as an item later in this meeting, includes the proposed versions of the mission and vision statements as place-holders. The approved statements will be substituted once Council has passed a resolution with the final version of the statements.

MISSION STATEMENT

A Mission Statement describes why our corporation exists and why it's important:

CURRENT MISSION STATEMENT

To actively seek out economic development opportunities which will provide the basis for social and economic growth, the enhancement of the quality of life for all residents, and the management of our natural resources.

FIRST DRAFT

To actively seek out opportunities for social and economic growth, the enhancement of the quality of life for all residents, and the management of our natural resources.

PROPOSED MISSION STATEMENT

The Municipality of Neebing provides governance that delivers quality public service with an emphasis on neighbourhood livability, responsible planning, and management of the natural environment.

VISION STATEMENT

A Vision Statement describes where we want to be in the future, it connects the mission statement, to the values (Accountability, Stewardship, Social Responsibility, Lifestyle), and goals (Municipal Infrastructure, Tourism, Attracting Economic Development, Health, Community and Recreation, Governance and Administration)

CURRENT VISION STATEMENT

Valuing the natural beauty of our Community and our unique quality of life, respecting our heritage and recognizing our diversity

FIRST DRAFT

Many ideas were provided but the completion of a new statement was tabled to this meeting.

PROPOSED VISION STATEMENT

Neebing is a vibrant rural municipality that enriches the quality of life for its citizens, nurtures its economy, and continues to build on community pride making it a healthy place to live, work, and play. Neebing demonstrates integrity in its stakeholder relationships by producing lasting connections that benefit the region.

ATTACHMENTS: None

AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST:

Past Vision Statement ideas

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

Date: June 11, 2021 (For Meeting on June 16, 2021)

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: Strategic Plan

File Number:

Submitted by: Laura Jones, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

RECOMMENDATION:

Council approve the Strategic Plan and direct Administration to contract a graphics designer to produce a professional looking accessible document.

BACKGROUND:

The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) requires that items produced by government entities be available in a format that is accessible for people with disabilities.

DISCUSSION:

The Strategic Plan is an important document for Neebing that communicates the goals of Council to Neebing staff and to the Public. When the website was redone, a branding guideline for the Municipality of Neebing was created. A graphic design person can follow the branding guideline, and the rules for AODA compliant documents, to make the final version of the Strategic Plan into an accessible document that also looks good.

ATTACHMENTS: Draft Strategic Plan

AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST: AODA Compliance information



**Municipality of Neebing
Strategic Plan 2020-2024**
June 2021



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Introduction

The Municipality of Neebing Strategic Plan fits within a framework and context of existing plans. The Strategic Plan captures the vision and direction specific to the Municipality, and reflects the strategies it will employ to support a sustainable environment in which its citizens and businesses can thrive. The Strategic Plan is a key document that provides direction for organizational planning work. The Municipality's Asset Management Plan, Capital Plan, Budget and Operational plans all link back to the Strategic Plan.

Council and staff have worked together to define the mission, vision, values, strategic

themes and objectives for Neebing. We have collaboratively requested and listened to input from Neebing citizens, and business and community leaders through public consultations. We have coupled this input with statistical data and worked closely together to develop this road-map for the next four years.

This Strategic Plan is intended to be a 'fluid' document that provides clear direction and establishes the foundation for organizational and operational decisions but is also regularly reviewed and enhanced based on internal and external changes.



The Environment for Planning

The Municipality of Neebing is composed of five townships spread out over 88,000 hectares. The population density is very low as compared to Southern Ontario.

The majority of taxable assessment in Neebing is residential (89.5%), followed by government properties (3.9%) and farmlands (3.4%). Properties with roll numbers that are exempt from taxation make up 2.4% of the total assessment, as well as large tracts of crown land that are unassessed. Commercial and industrial properties make up 0.8%, and managed forest account for 0.1% of the total assessment (MPAC, 2021).

Like many Northwestern Ontario communities, Neebing is experiencing minimal population growth (3.5% from 2011 to 2016) (Statistics Canada, 2019). The population is somewhat older than in Ontario as a whole, with a median age of 48. However, like the rest of Canada, Neebing is faced with the realities of an aging baby boomer population, which include a diminishing workforce, requirements for appropriate housing, transportation options, and additional health and social services. Retention of the community's youth post high school continues to be a challenge.

The Indigenous population in Neebing is low; however, there is an opportunity for partnerships with the neighbouring bands in Fort William First Nation and Grand Portage. Neebing's population is generally well-educated, with an above-average number of citizens possessing apprenticeship and college qualifications (Statistics Canada, 2019). Post-secondary education is available outside the community through Confederation College and Lakehead University located in the City of Thunder Bay.

Neebing residents have a higher rate of unemployment and higher median household income compared to Ontario as a whole, however there is a large gap between households with high income (130 >\$150,000) and those households with low incomes (115 <\$40,000) (Statistics Canada, 2019).

Small businesses account for most of Neebing's employers, with 90.4% percent of businesses in the community having fewer than five employees. According to the Northern Policy Institute (2017), Neebing has a larger proportion of employers in animal production and aquaculture, and in the specialty trade contractor industry. Many of Neebing's residents commute into Thunder Bay for work.



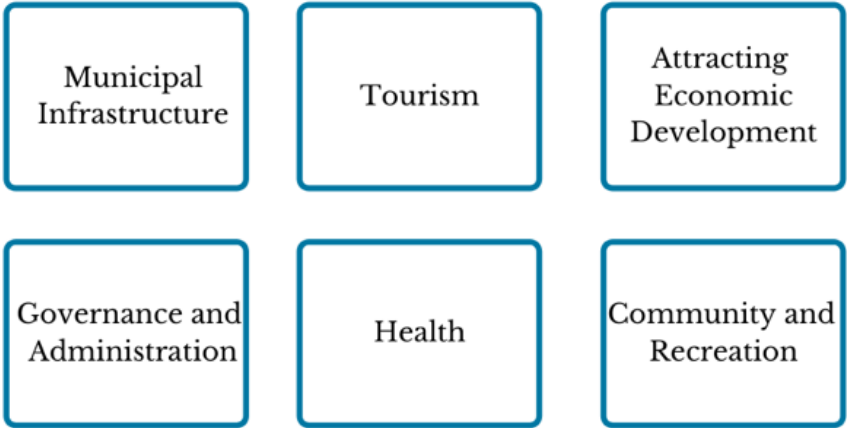
Mission, Vision and Values

Mission

The Municipality of Neebing provides governance that delivers quality public service with an emphasis on neighbourhood livability, responsible planning, and management of the natural environment.

Vision

Neebing is a vibrant rural municipality that enriches the quality of life for its citizens, nurtures its economy, and continues to build on community pride making it a healthy place to live, work, and play. Neebing demonstrates integrity in its stakeholder relationships by producing lasting connections that benefit the region.



Values

At the Municipality of Neebing we value:

Accountability:

financial responsibility, transparency, trust, competence, professionalism, integrity, fairness, impartiality, determination

Stewardship:

planning, environment, teamwork making a difference, partnership, efficiency, commitment, innovation, economy vision, knowledge

Lifestyle:

nature, outdoors, imagination, recreation, opportunity, adventure, humour, people, diversity

Social Responsibility:

caring compassion, family, commitment, accessibility, patience, partnership, service, listening, volunteering, health, decisiveness, supportive



Current State Summary

Strengths and Weaknesses are internal to the municipality and provide both a foundation for growth and targeted areas for improvement.

Opportunities and Risks are external to the municipality. While beyond its control, the municipality can recognize and capitalize on opportunities or take action to reduce exposure to risks.

Strengths

- Natural beauty
- Lots of land
- Close to U.S. border
- Good transportation network
- Tourism – parks, tourism associations
- Empty lots for development
- Municipality is in good financial state
- Friendly people
- Low crime rate
- No expensive municipal infrastructure (water/sewer treatment)

Weaknesses

- No “downtown” or community hub
- Limited Commercial Development
- Too close to Thunder Bay
- Limited internet services
- No water or sewer services to support business.
- Tax base is not diverse.
- Lack of volunteers
- Exempt Assessments
- Landfill site capacity and costs
- Difficulties meeting gov’t expectations
- Outdated website

Opportunities

- Partnerships
- Tourist Center
- Provincial Parks
- Agriculture
- Communication Plan
- Forestry and Mining
- Sommerhjem Series
- Local artists
- Potential medical clinic

Threats

- Government over-regulation
- General resistance to change (NIMBY)
- Lack of grants
- CLTIP
- Aging equipment and buildings
- Landfill situation
- Communication deficiencies



Strategic Directions

Municipal Infrastructure

Municipal infrastructure is maintained to optimize its lifecycle and replaced as necessary

Tourism

Neebing is a known and popular tourist destination

Attracting Economic Development

Expand business capacity in Neebing

Health

Neebing has health and related services available to support aging in place

Community and Recreation

Neebing is a community of neighbourhoods where people work together in support of recreation activities, facilities and healthy lifestyles

Governance and Administration

Neebing is managed by the right number of people with the right skills and the right resources



Strategies and Objectives

Strategic directions are the *strategic* areas chosen to bring about a desired future – the high-level categories to achieve our vision.

Objectives are clear, measurable steps to move forward.

Municipal Infrastructure

Objective: Municipal Infrastructure is maintained to optimize *its* life cycle and replaced as necessary

Target for Completion

Activities	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
1 Implement asset management plan priorities as needed affordable		x			
2 Develop and implement the Road Maintenance Plan (bridges, culverts, ditching, gravel, chip seal, grading, etc.)		x			
3 Extend the life of the landfill sites through: viable alternatives; new waste techniques; increased recycling/diversion efforts				x	
4 Complete the applications for the expansion approvals for both Scoble and Sandhill landfills			x		
5 Seek funding to support a new fire hall addition		x			
6 Finalize the Fire Department Strategic Plan			x		
7 Optimize municipal landholdings				x	
8 Renovate the municipal office complex to support long-term use			x		



Tourism

Objective: Neebing is known and popular as a tourism destination

Target for Completion

Activities	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
1 Put Neebing's amenities (trails, boat launches, parks and other attractions) on an app and make information about them readily available					x
2 Encourage, partner with, and/or leverage initiatives by others that make use of Neebing's natural advantages (i.e., Path of the Paddle, Ontario Parks, the dark skies initiative, the Nature Conservancy, the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority, etc.)				x	
3 Participate in and become popular for geo-caching				x	
4 Encourage the development of recreational opportunities such as camping, snowmobiling, cycling, etc.		x	x	x	x
5 Work with the Province to improve the use and utility of the tourist information center at the border			x		



Attracting Economic Development

Objective: Expand business capacity in Neebing

Target for Completion

Activities	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
1 Focus attention on business development and growth of existing businesses	x				
2 Continue efforts to attract new business	x	x	x	x	x
3 Maintain and support the Neebing Economic Development Advisory Committee		x			
4 Support rural day care			x		
5 Promote Neebing as a place to live and work through the development of local businesses	x	x	x	x	x



Health

Objective: Neebing has health and related services to support aging in place		Target for Completion				
Activities		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
1	Explore the opportunities for supportive living for seniors such as independent living and/or assisted living facilities and businesses					x
2	Encourage the establishment of health-related businesses and services				x	
3	Continue to develop and enhance emergency health systems					x



Community and Recreation

Objective: Neebing is a community of neighbourhoods where people work together in support of recreation activities, facilities and healthy living

Target for Completion

Activities	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
1 Develop parks appropriately in communities within the Municipality (i.e., Alf Olsen Center area)	x				
2 Develop the open-air arena at Alf Olsen Memorial Park		x			
3 Name, maintain, and promote parks and other amenities	x				
4 Expand the Sturgeon Bay Boat Launch facility				x	
5 Increase utilization at Blake Hall			x		
6 Develop a covered open-air arena at Blake Hall				x	
7 Develop a solution for parking issues at West Oliver Lake		x			
8 Encourage the development of camping facilities					x



Governance and Administration

Objective: Neebing is managed by the right number of people with the right skills and the right resources

Target for Completion

Activities	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
1 Reduce the size of Council from 7 to 5 members		x			
2 Optimize the number and skill sets of staff	x	x	x	x	x
3 Develop a succession plan				x	
4 Plan for the continued existence of an Economic Development Officer position after internship funding expires			x		
5 Continue to develop electronic communication and supporting infrastructure	x				
6 Adopt an attitude that supports asset management planning and analysis, including linking long term planning documents with asset management to sustainably manage our assets and resources		x			



Performance Measures

Performance measures provide a means of evaluating progress, understanding where adjustments in strategy may be required, and reporting to the public. The following set of performance measures will form the basis of future reporting for the Municipality of Neebing.

Measure	Municipal Infrastructure	Tourism	Attracting Economic	Health	Community and Recreation	Governance and Administration
Active stakeholder partnerships	x	x	x	x	x	x
Federal and provincial commitments	x	x	x	x	x	x
Growth in Population	x		x	x	x	x
Business growth and diversification	x		x			
Visitors, Perception		x			x	
Recreational opportunities, programs and participation		x			x	
Neebing has active community volunteers		x	x	x	x	x
Seniors/affordable housing units				x		
Services for Seniors			x	x	x	
Municipal revenues and financial stability	x		x			x
Municipal planning documents (Fin, Strat, Asset, Fire, Ec Dev etc) are in alignment	x					x
Number of complaints are reduced	x					x
Compliant with Asset Management Policy and	x					x

Implementation

Work began on this strategic plan in 2019 and the plan was due for completion in early 2020. However, the COVID Pandemic delayed the plan's completion until the Spring of 2021. The effective range for this plan is the five-year period from 2020-2024.

While the objectives were already being moved forward prior to finalizing the plan, the results of this Strategic Plan will be formally communicated to staff by the Clerk-Treasurer, and it will be used by Council to provide direction for their decision-making.

Progress advancing this plan will be reviewed annually beginning in 2022 by Council. The annual review should also include reviewing the plan to ensure it remains valid, and updating strategies and objectives to support the vision and strategic directions. Progress advancing this plan will be communicated to the community in an annual "Report to the Community".

Elections in Neebing are held every four years. It is recommended that the next Council begin work on the plan in late 2023, and be ready to implement a renewed plan in late 2024.



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

Date: June 11, 2021 (For Meeting on June 16, 2021)

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: 2021 Final Tax Bill – Newsletter Insert
File Number: 06-I07-00001-2014

Submitted by: Laura Jones, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

RECOMMENDATION:

Administration requires direction on content for the final tax bill newsletter insert. A proposed draft is appended to this Report.

BACKGROUND:

It is practice in Neebing to include in the interim (January) and final (June) tax bills an informative newsletter-type insertion. Council approves the form and content prior to mailout.

DISCUSSION:

A proposed insert newsletter is attached to this Report for Council's consideration.

Administration attempts to keep the newsletter to two pages (one, double-sided) however, we have had occasions where a four page, booklet-style newsletter was used. If Council wishes to include more information, that is certainly possible.

ATTACHMENTS:

One: Draft tax bill insert, NFRA Insert

AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST:

Historic versions of the insert



Municipality of Neebing

New and Noteworthy

Message from Your Mayor and Council

Council wishes you and your family a safe and healthy return to normal as we come out of this pandemic. Thank you for your patience and cooperation during these difficult times. While our office remains closed until Stage 2 of the *Provincial Roadmap to Reopen*, essential municipal services continue to be available. You can make an appointment with staff by phone or email.

Council Meetings currently take place online and are normally held on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Summer meetings are once a month and scheduled for July 7 and August 11 of this year. You are welcome to join the meetings via computer or by phone. Details on how to participate can be found in the Council Calendar posted on our website at www.neebing.org/events, or you can call the office for the meeting phone number and access code. If you wish to speak with Council about a matter, please contact the office one week in advance of the next Council meeting date to ensure you are added to the agenda and your information can be sent to Council members in advance of the meeting.

Tax Installment Due Dates are AUGUST 27, 2021 and OCTOBER 29, 2021

If you have any questions about the information contained in your tax notice, contact the Municipal Office. Staff will be happy to explain any adjustments, increases or decreases that appear on your billing. Visit www.neebing.org/taxes for details and available options on how to pay your taxes.

In early 2021, Council resolved to waive penalties on all overdue taxes until the end of September 2021 to provide property owners with the flexibility during the pandemic to make payments outside the normal due dates without consequence. The normal 1.5 % per month penalty will once again be applied to overdue taxes beginning October 1, 2021.

Vaccination and Health Clinics

The best source for information on vaccination clinics is available from the Thunder Bay District Health Unit (807) 625-5900 or www.tbdhu.com or www.neebing.org/COVID19.

The NorWest Community Health Centres Mobile Clinic includes Nurse Practitioners, Foot Care Nurses, Community Health Workers and Dietitians. For more information on their services or to book an appointment, call 626-5474 or toll free at 1-866-357-5454 ext. 8474.

Public Works Projects

Public Works is scheduled to begin work that will renew the gravel surface of Oliver Creek Road, Candy Mountain Drive and McCluskey Drive. Maintenance, including gravel applications, patching, grading, and culvert work is also ongoing on other municipal roads. Please be careful and slow down when you approach these construction areas and keep our workers safe.

Outdoor Parks

Neebing outdoor amenities are popular! Grant applications have been submitted for improvements to the Blake Hall Rink, the Alf Olsen Memorial Park Rink, and the Sturgeon Bay Boat Launch. This year we look forward to improving the parking area at West Oliver Lake.

Fire Permits

Fire Permits are required from April 1 to October 31 each year. Permits issued by the Municipality are free and can be obtained online at www.neebing.org/firepermits. Fireworks permits must be issued by the Fire Chief.

Volunteers Wanted

Neebing has several volunteer opportunities available. If you are interested, please contact:

Recreation Committee: Karen Coulson (807) 577-2475

Economic Development Committee: Courtney Lanthier (807) 633-1992

Neebing Volunteer Fire Department: Dale Ashbee (807) 474-5331

Municipal By-Laws

Canine Control By-law 028-2014 being a by-law requiring the owners and keepers of dogs to be responsible pet owners. It is an offence for the owner of a dog to allow the dog to be running at large. You must be in care and control of your dog to ensure it does not leave your property.

Noise By-law 2020-033 being a by-law to prohibit and regulate noise. Certain restrictions are in place to limit excessive noise between the hours of 11:00 pm and 7:00 am such as loud music or construction.

Every person who commits an offence under these by-laws is, upon conviction, subject to the penalties prescribed by the *Provincial Offences Act*. For more information on these and other Neebing By-laws visit www.neebing.org/bylaws

Talk to us!

Mayor:

Erwin Butikofer Phone: 626-6596 email: mayor@neebling.org

Councillors:

Curtis Coulson, Pardee	Phone: 577-2475	email: pardee@neebling.org
Gordon Cuthbertson, At Large	Phone: 708-7548	email: councilatlarge@neebling.org
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Mark Thibert, Blake	Phone: 474-1362	email: blake@neebling.org
Brian Wright, Crooks	Phone: 964-2365	email: crooks@neebling.org

On the web: www.neebing.org/contactus

Did we mention we have a brand new fully accessible website? Come and check it out!

www.neebing.org



The Fill the Fire Hose Fundraising Campaign was a success!

In 2019-2020 Neebing Fire/Rescue Association (NFRA) agreed to help the Municipality of Neebing buy a new fire pumper truck. At that time last year we were seeking \$17, 000 to complete the project. Due to your generous donations and support of metal recycling program plus our first silent auction our goal was reached! This new fire truck is now delivered and is the front line fire fighting vehicle in our community.

Since 2019 NFRA has raised and donated \$73,000 towards important purchases for the pumper and training needs. Your support for future needs continues. Please choose NFRA as a charity of choice.

Donations by cheque made payable to the Neebing Fire and Rescue Association should be mailed to 4766 Highway 61, Neebing ON P7B 0B5 or donate online at <https://neebingfire rescueassociation.com> and click the **DONATE HERE- CANADA HELPS!** button. Receipts issued for donations of \$20 or more.

We hope you can help us continue this 'important to all of Neebing' work!

Sincerely, **NFRA Board of Directors**

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

Date: June 11 2021 (For Meeting on June 16, 2021)

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: NOHFC Grant Application for Fire Safety Addition

Submitted by: Laura Jones, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends that Council authorizes Administration to submit the Stage One grant submission for the Fire Safety Addition, as appended to the report.

BACKGROUND

NOHFC has released new funding for Community Enhancement Projects in March 2021. The Enhance your Community Stream will fund up to 50% of approved projects, to a maximum of \$2,000,000.

NOHFC states that eligible projects include: 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. Upon obtaining Council approval, work on submissions for this grant was begun. This report includes the third of three grant submissions.

DISCUSSION:

NOHFC grant applications have a staged process. The Stage One application provides rough estimates and project descriptions. The Stage Two application requires more detail and if we are approved to move onto Stage Two, then our strategic plan needs to be finalized prior to the Stage Two submission. Based on discussion with NOHFC, they advised us to start submitting our Stage One applications prior to finalizing the Strategic Plan.

ATTACHMENTS: NOHFC Draft submission for the Fire Safety Addition at the Municipal Office.

AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST: NOHFC new programs presentation.

Community Enhancement Program - Enhance Your Community Stream

Saved As: Fire Safety Bay Addition on 2021/05/11 at 5:12 pm, Version 1 (IN PROGRESS)

Application Created On: 2021/05/11, 5:12 pm

Application not submitted yet.

1. Assistance Received in Completing this Application

Have you received any assistance in completing this application from the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines staff?	• Yes	If yes, please indicate the staff person you worked with	Chelsea DeGagne
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2. Applicant and Contact Information

Legal Name of business/organization*	Corporation of the Municipality of Neebing	Type of Registration Number*	• Other (please explain or specify)
Registration Number or Explanation*	Municipality was incorporated in 1881 and does not have a number	Operating name of business/organization*	Municipality of Neebing
Date of incorporation or registration of business/organization (yyyy/mm/dd)	1881/01/01		
Unit Number		Street Number*	4766
Street Name*	Highway 61	PO Box	
City/Town*	Neebing	Province*	• Ontario
Postal Code*	P7L 0B5	Business Phone Number and Extension*	(807) 474-5331
Fax Number	(807) 474-5332	Email Address*	deputyct@neebing.org
Website/Facebook/Twitter/Instagram for the business	www.neebing.org / https://www.facebook.com/Neebing / no twitter account / https://www.instagram.co		

Type of Legal Entity of Applicant*	• Municipality	Other Type of Legal Entity of Applicant - please specify	N/A
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First Name*	Laura	Last Name*	Jones
Position (e.g. Manager)	Deputy Clerk-Treasurer		

Briefly describe the nature of your business/organization, including its sector (e.g. manufacturing) or mandate.*

The Municipality of Neebing is a rural geographically widespread municipality in Northwestern Ontario comprising of the townships of Blake, Scoble, Pearson, Pardee and Crooks. Neebing has a mandate to provide services to our residents including the protection of persons and property through the provision for policing and Fire protection and prevention.

We want to expand and improve our existing facility in order to:

- Meet our mandatory Health and Safety obligations by providing a heated space to clean vehicles people and equipment after a fire response event.
- Improve Municipal Fire Response by being able to more quickly return to a state of response readiness after an event.
- Provide better fire education to our Volunteer Fire-Fighters and the Public.
- Enhance and/or create partnerships with other entities for Fire Response Training.
- Create a central heated space within the Municipality to store fire response gear and equipment.

3. Project Information

My business/organization is located in Northern Ontario.*	• Yes
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Why is the project being undertaken?*	<p>Neebing's volunteer fire department infrastructure is the consolidation of a number of small rural Fire Departments in the 1990's, and currently operates as 5 small fire halls. Most of Neebing's halls provide protected and heated cover for the fire response emergency vehicles, but most lack other amenities such as wells, storage or training space. The Neebing Municipal Office is isolated from the fire halls but central to the large rural community. The Municipal Office already holds a dedicated fire training classroom, a Sea-Can for unheated storage, some indoor storage and an office for the Fire Chief.</p> <p>Neebing needs to develop one location that offers sufficient space to provide infrastructure to allow for core support activities such as decontamination of vehicles, gear and personnel, an indoor training area that can accommodate fire vehicles and equipment, and heated storage for equipment. The new infrastructure space will provide a heated fire bay area for washing and maintaining vehicles, a safe heated space to store equipment, and can also be used as a space for hands-on training activities. None of the existing fire halls can accommodate these activities.</p> <p>Neebing's centrally located main office location, which already has dedicated space for the fire department, has the space to accommodate additional infrastructure.</p>
Is the project identified in a planning process such as a current community or organizational plan? Please explain.*	Yes - Neebing's draft strategic plan is expected to be finalized in June 2021. The draft version includes a Pillar for Municipal Infrastructure. Under this pillar one objective is to Seek funding to support a Fire Safety Hall Addition.
What are the key activities that will be undertaken to complete the project?*	<p>This project consists of the following improvements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine the final design; create drawings, and develop the project plan. • Build a heated fire bay addition at the main office which would be large enough to accommodate a fire truck, equipment to facilitate the washing of an emergency vehicle and hoses, with additional space for training, cleaning, organizing and storing gear and equipment. The Fire Bay would be a pressurized area to isolate contaminants separate from the main building. Adjoining the Fire Bay and within the pressurized area would be an area with showers and washing machines and dryers, including a clean area to dry personal gear and equipment. • Renovate the existing indoor space for the fire department including storage and training space.
What are the expected outcomes and benefits of the project?*	<p>This project will allow the Municipality of Neebing to meet their obligations under the Health and Safety Act and provide a facility for handling soiled or contaminated vehicles and equipment.</p> <p>Applicable regulations, acts and standards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occupational Health and Safety Act <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ clause 25(1)(b) for maintaining equipment in good condition ◦ clause 25(2)(a) for providing information and instruction to a worker ◦ clause 25(2)(d) for making workers aware of hazards ◦ clause 25(2)(e) for consulting with the Joint Health and Safety Committee or Health and Safety Representative ◦ clause 25(2)(h) for taking every precaution reasonable to protect workers • Regulation 833 - Control of Exposure to Biological or Chemical Agents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ O. Reg. 278/05 - Designated Substance - Asbestos on Construction Projects and in Buildings and Repair Operations ◦ O. Reg. 490/09 - Designated Substances <p>More information on the selection, care, and maintenance of firefighting protective ensembles to reduce health and safety risks associated with improper maintenance, contamination, or damage, can be found in the NFPA 1851 Standard on selection, care and maintenance of protective ensembles for structural fire fighting and proximity fire fighting</p> <p>For more information on Fire safety and decontamination see https://www.ontario.ca/document/firefighter-guidance-notes/6-1-hygiene-and-decontamination</p> <p>In addition to meeting health and safety requirements this project will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance Public Education and Fire Safety awareness by providing a venue for various events. • Provide a safe training space for the training of Fire Department Volunteers. • Allow Neebing to develop, or continue, training partnerships with neighbouring municipalities and Confederation College. • Provide a facility for indoor maintenance. • Provide a heated facility for the safe storage of gear and equipment. • Optimize staffing by allowing municipal administrative staff to perform fire-department related administrative activities.
Please identify the technical, managerial and financial capacity for implementing the project.*	<p>This Project will require a part-time Project Manager. The Municipality has a building inspector, public works and administrative staff to assist the Project Manager. The Building Inspector has an office on-site in Municipal Office, and will be available to review and inspect the project through to completion. The project would be completed in three phases (project design, drawings, and planning; new addition build; renovation of existing space).</p> <p>Municipalities are bound by the Municipal Act to have a fair bidding process to allow companies to bid on the project.</p>
Please identify the technical, managerial and financial capacity for sustaining the facility.*	<p>The Fire department would manage the day-to-day operation of the facility, with help from the municipal administrative staff. A part-time person will be hired to assist with administrative duties. Once constructed, the improvements would be identified and managed through the municipality's existing Asset Management Plan. The Asset Management Plan includes asset lifecycle activities which provide budgeting and planning for facility operation, maintenance and renewal activities.</p>

Please explain how the project builds on and optimizes the capacity and efficiency of existing infrastructure.*	<p>This project makes use of the existing municipal building, hydro, computer and telecommunication systems, septic, well and other existing core building services. The renovated existing space will optimize the existing municipal space used by the fire department by creating distinct areas for storage, training a meeting room and office. The Fire Safety Addition would have enough storage that all items requiring storage could be located in a heated area that is accessible year-round (the existing storage is distributed over several Fire Halls and in a metal Sea-Can container that is unheated and does not have a pathway plowed in the winter).</p> <p>The Fire Safety Addition can be attached to existing municipal office building services (computer system, telecommunications, well, septic etc.).</p> <p>Classroom fire training which currently takes place in the Training Classroom would be enhanced, as there would be an opportunity to learn theory and then apply the theory in practice exercises using the space in the Fire Safety Addition. If exercises involve the use of trucks or equipment, the heated addition can accommodate the necessary vehicle or equipment. This flexibility would enhance existing training partnerships, and allow the Municipality of Neebing to explore new training partnerships.</p> <p>In summary the project consolidates core support services for the Fire Team by optimizing the use of the existing municipal infrastructure while improving training and creating capacity to meet mandatory Health and Safety obligations.</p>
Why is NOHFC funding necessary for the completion of this project?*	<p>Discussion about deficiencies in the Fire Service operation have been ongoing for many years in Neebing. An independent base-station concept was in discussion for at least 10 years, and led to development of an architectural concept plan. However, no funding could be obtained for that project. During the past few years, the idea of placing a Fire Safety Addition adjacent to the existing Municipal Office gained support, however, no action has been taken because of lack of funding for this project.</p> <p>The nature and scope of the Fire Safety Addition project is such that the municipality cannot afford to complete it without some form of funding. Previous Councils have sought grant funding to address part of the cost for an independent base-station. No grants were available that qualified for that type of project. Neebing even hired a grant writing company to investigate grant opportunities and they could not find grants that fit that type of project.</p>
In addition to the funding sources identified herein, have you approached, or applied to, any other funding programs? If yes, indicate organization and the status of those applications. If no, please explain.	Previous searches for grants that would support a fire base-station were unsuccessful. It was determined that no grants were available that qualified for this type of project.

Project Name*	Fire Safety Addition	Project location (Community)*	Neebing
Proposed Project Start Date (yyyy/mm/dd)*	2021/09/30	Proposed Project End Date (yyyy/mm/dd)*	2024/10/31
Full-time jobs	0		
Part-Time Jobs	1		
Seasonal jobs	0		

4. Project Costs

Project Cost Category	Project Cost Description	Eligible Costs	Ineligible Costs	Total Cost
Plan Design, Drawings, Project Plan	Further develop existing plan design, create Architectural Drawings. Develop a project plan for the infrastructure which includes environmental assessment for water run-off from trucks, water storage, and ties into existing building services (hydro, computer, telecommunications, well, septic)	200,000.00	0.00	200,000.00
Fire Safety Addition Build	NOTE: Until formal plans have been completed all estimates are a rough approximation. Approximately 70' by 50' heated fire bay addition with additional water storage, in-floor heating and drainage, a place to wash and dry equipment such as hoses, heated storage areas, and a wash area for people with showers and laundry facilities.	2,000,000.00	0.00	2,000,000.00

Existing Space Renovations	Renovate existing Fire space. The existing space allocated to the Fire department consists of a school classroom (training room), a hallway (used for locker storage), and another two adjoining rooms previously used for a faculty lounge and kitchen (current use is storage and a shared office for the Fire Chief and Deputy). This renovation would provide an entrance tie-in to the new Fire Safety Addition, update the classroom, optimize the existing indoor storage space, create a Fire Conference/Tactical Response room, and maintain the fire office space for the Fire Chief and Deputy. The estimated cost for office renovation for the Fire Chief and Deputy has an estimated budget of \$30,000, and is listed as an ineligible expense.	270,000.00	30,000.00	300,000.00
N/A		0.00	0.00	0.00
		Total Eligible Costs 2,470,000.00	Total Ineligible Costs 30,000.00	Total Project Costs 2,500,000.00

5. Project Funding

Funding Source	Financing Type	Status	Funding Amount
	NOHFC: Conditional Grant		1,235,000.00
	NOHFC: Repayable Loan		
	Applicant: Cash		1,265,000.00
	Private Sector Funding		
	Other Government Funding		
			Total Financing 2,500,000.00

6. Certification

Your certification - Authority*		Your certification - Information*	
Print Name (first name and last name)*		Position (e.g. Manager)	
Date (yyyy/mm/dd)*			
Ownership			

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

Date: June 11, 2021 (For Meeting on June 16, 2021)

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: Draft Forest Biomass Action Plan

Submitted by: Erika Kromm, Clerk-Treasurer

RECOMMENDATION:

Administration is recommending that Council approves the letter appended to the report regarding the Draft Forest Biomass Action Plan.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

At the regular Council Meeting held on June 2, 2021, Councillor Kurikka advised that the Draft Forest Biomass Action Plan was posted on the Environmental Registry for public comment. Administration was directed to draft a letter outlining Council's concerns and bring it forward to this meeting for review.

The draft letter is attached to this report. If Council approves the letter, Administration will distribute with any requested edits.

ATTACHMENTS:

One: Draft Letter to Ministry
Two: Draft Forest Biomass Action Plan

AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST: None

ATTACHEMENT ONE: Draft Letter to Ministry

June 16, 2021

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Re: Ontario's Draft Forest Biomass Action Plan, ERO # 019-3514

Dear Ms. Jackson,

Council of the Municipality of Neebing would to thank the Ministry for the opportunity to provide comment on the Draft Forest Biomass Action Plan. The draft plan was reviewed at Council meeting held on June 16, 2021 and the following comments were provided.

Neebing is a large rural forested community that has no access, and most likely will have no access to natural gas. Our residents and businesses must rely on expensive electricity, fuel oil and/or propane for their heating requirements. Many residents utilize cord wood for heat but this becomes restrictive to our senior population. Modern wood pellet or wood chip boilers will provide a lower heating and life cycle cost, and reduce GHG emissions.

Council feels that an incentive to offset capital conversion costs would be a way to move this initiative forward. The growth of biomass as a heating source will result in LOCAL employment related to installation of new systems, production and delivery of wood pellets and wood chips in bulk form and the additional forestry jobs processing and delivering the raw materials.

One of our major employers is agriculture. Currently, our farmers are using propane for heating of their agricultural facilities. Propane prices can fluctuate throughout the heating season, creating financial hardship. Wood pellet or wood chip costs have historically remained relatively stable since they are produced locally.

Since Neebing is largely forested, situations exist with over mature and dying forests creating a forest fire hazard. Additional volume exists in the allowable harvest that could be utilized for biomass heat. The benefits of proper forest management and full utilization of fibre is already in your report and Neebing supports it.

We look forward to a clear plan forward and thank the Ontario Government for reducing red tape in the approval process for new biomass heat installations (Guideline A-14).

Sincerely,

Erwin Butikofer, Mayor
 On behalf of Council
 Resolution # 2021-06-***

Forest Biomass Action Plan

Draft

April, 2021

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Introduction

As part of Sustainable Growth: Ontario's Forest Sector Strategy, the government of Ontario committed to putting a Forest Biomass Action Plan in place that secures jobs and encourages sustainability in the forest sector, while supporting economic development through the use of forest biomass. Actions identified in this plan will help to realize the goals and vision set out in Sustainable Growth.

Given continued global demand for forest products, consumer interest in sustainable products, and movement to a more circular economy, and under the right operational and economic conditions, there is immense potential to increase the use of Ontario's sustainable forest biomass resources. Creating new business opportunities and initiating new projects that use forest biomass can play an important role in growing the economy while sustaining existing forest sector businesses. In addition to contributing to Ontario's economy, efficient use of forest biomass can also contribute to our province's forest management and environmental objectives. The Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan identifies the opportunity to use forest biomass to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in industrial processes, and as a heating fuel in Ontario's northern, rural, and Indigenous communities.

This action plan was developed in collaboration with a Forest Biomass Action Plan Working Group (the Working Group) comprised of partners from across the forest biomass supply chain. The action plan highlights Ontario's forest biomass advantages, recognizes challenges and seeks to identify means to increase its use. Valuable insights from the Working Group members underscored the importance of bioenergy to existing forest product supply chains. Maintaining and transitioning the province's existing bioenergy infrastructure will create a foundation for future forest biomass investment opportunities and support for Ontario's forest dependent communities.

Building on Ontario's strengths and progress to date, this document ends with a set of actions based on five objectives. Actions identified in this plan will be coordinated over five years with expert oversight from the Working Group in the first year and the Forest Sector Strategy Advisory Committee in subsequent years.

Forest biomass advantage

Wood is a versatile material allowing for a wide range of uses in addition to more familiar forest products like lumber, pulp and paper, or particleboard. Wood, including forest biomass, can be used to produce bioproducts. It is the structure and four main components of wood: cellulose, hemicellulose, lignin, and extractives, that provide for a wide range of products. The examples highlighted below demonstrate current and emerging products that can be derived from trees and forest biomass.

Chemicals

Examples of current uses

- Fertilizers and soil amendments
- Aromatic compounds
- Thickening agents
- Emulsifiers
- Binders
- Food additives
- Fragrances
- Flavouring

Examples of emerging uses

- Sugars and alcohols
- Green solvents and chemicals
- Resins, binders and adhesives
- Medicines and pharmaceuticals
- Paints and dyes
- Plastics and polymers

Materials

Examples of current uses

- Pulp and paper products
- Packaging
- Personal protective equipment
- Timber products
- Veneer
- Particle board
- Rayon fibres
- Landscaping products

Examples of emerging uses

- Mass timber products
- Composites
- Textiles
- Carbon fibre
- 3D printing
- Biochar and carbon
- Cellulose nanocrystals and nanofibrils
- Battery energy storage filaments

Energy

Examples of current uses

- Pellet, wood chip, and cordwood heating
- Combined heat and power
- Drying and industrial processes
- Grid electricity

Examples of emerging uses

- Renewable natural gas
- Modern wood heating
- Biodiesel and liquid biofuels
- Community and district energy systems
- Green hydrogen
- Jet fuel

What is forest biomass?

This action plan focuses on two types of forest biomass that can be converted into bioproducts through new and existing industrial processes:

- **Forest biofibre:** composed of forest resources (trees or above-ground tree parts) that are not normally used for conventional forest products, and that are made available from Ontario's Crown forests under an approved forest management plan, or sourced from private woodlots and other forested lands.
- **Mill by-products:** composed of residues generated as a result of forest product manufacturing (e.g., bark, shavings, sawdust).

In Ontario, the most common use of forest biomass is for bioenergy in the form of heat, power, and combined heat and power (CHP). Use of forest biomass for bioenergy has long been integrated into forest product operations. Mill by-products and forest biofibre are often used as a renewable fuel to provide the necessary heat or electricity to make forest products or to generate electricity for Ontario's electrical grid. This often leads to diverting mill by-products destined for landfill sites and the utilization of forest biofibre. Ontario is also home to manufacturers which make wood pellets and wood chips for use in domestic, commercial, institutional, and industrial heating systems.

While there are opportunities to use forest biomass beyond bioenergy, those uses pose technical challenges. Emerging and future products from forest biomass often use specific components of wood, making consistency in feedstocks key to their development and commercial deployment. To convert wood into consistent feedstocks, processes like biochemical refining or thermochemical refining can be applied. These conversion processes present opportunities for bioproduct creation; however, additional work is needed to make these opportunities commercially viable.

Figure 1 illustrates the technical and commercial readiness of various established and emerging uses for low-grade forest biomass in the form of bark. This demonstrates that new uses for low-grade forest biomass requires significant investments in pre-commercial development.

DEPLOYABLE TECHNOLOGY PATHWAYS FOR LOW GRADE BIOMASS*

*adapted from technology benchmarking conducted by CRIBE in September 2020

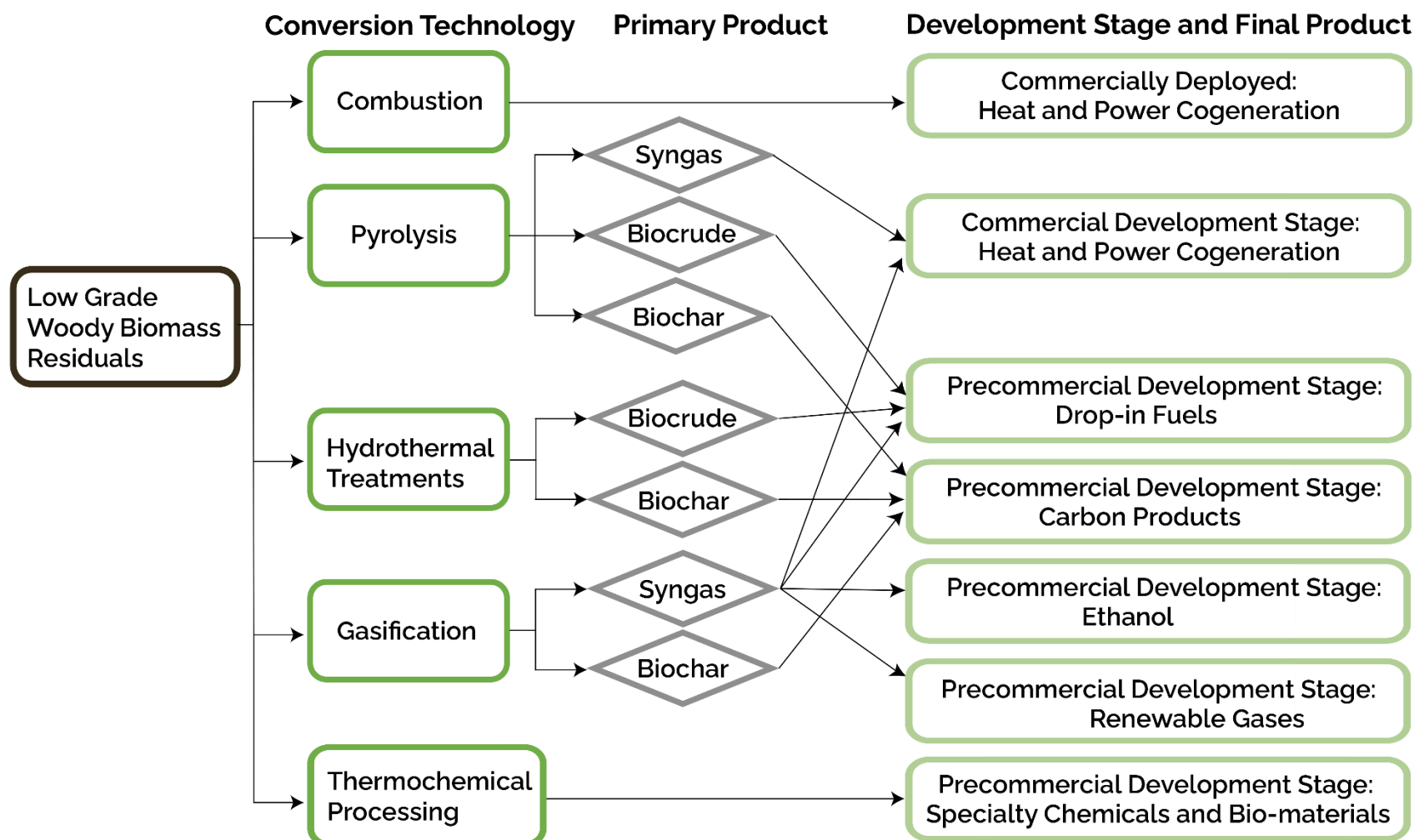


Figure 1. Deployable technology pathways for low grade forest biomass such as bark.

Bioenergy production from low-grade forest biomass can support existing and new uses of wood. Figure 2 illustrates the process that aims to maximize value from forest biomass through generation of high value bioproducts and bioenergy. At the value identification phase, feedstocks are assessed for their use and prepared for processing. Value extraction refers to the processes used to convert forest biomass into high value bioproducts, bioenergy, or both. Production of bioenergy plays an important part in enabling the economic case to produce high value bioproducts by creating a market outlet for low-grade forest biomass.

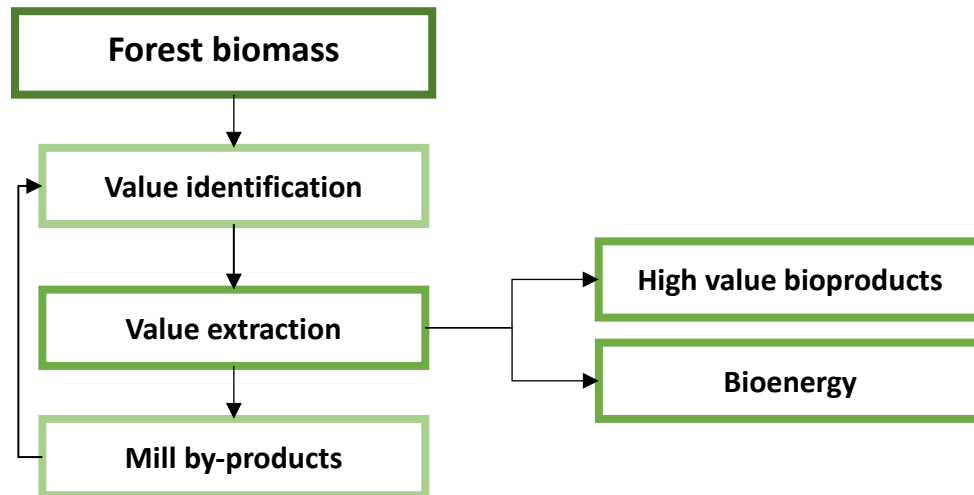


Figure 2. Value identification and extraction from forest biomass. Adapted from FPInnovations Bio-energy and Bio-chemicals Synthesis Report (2011).

The case for using forest biomass

Use of forest biomass supports a resource-efficient forest products sector and has advantages over other feedstocks because of the significant contributions it can make to Ontario's economy, communities, and environment.

Building our economy

- ✓ Diversifies product and revenue streams for the existing forest industry.
- ✓ Attracts new business and investment in Ontario's forested regions.
- ✓ Creates new markets and trade opportunities.
- ✓ Supports cost competitiveness for new uses of wood.
- ✓ Increases revenues and grows the provincial Gross Domestic Product (GDP).
- ✓ Helps to reduce facility energy and disposal costs.

Supporting communities and livelihoods

- ✓ Creates more local jobs than fossil fuels imported from outside of Ontario.
- ✓ Contributes to community capacity and resilience through training opportunities and local business opportunities.
- ✓ Supports opportunities for increased Indigenous participation in forest sector supply chains.
- ✓ Provides energy security and enables other infrastructure investments.
- ✓ Could contribute to domestic production of bioproducts, such as personal protective equipment.

Improving our environmental stewardship

- ✓ Reduces waste and disposal of mill by-products into landfill.
- ✓ Helps to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions by reducing reliance on fossil fuels.
- ✓ Creates sustainable, renewable and low-carbon consumer products.
- ✓ Contributes to provincial forest management objectives.
- ✓ Avoids use of toxic and ecologically damaging fuels and chemicals.
- ✓ Promotes healthy and resilient forests.

Ontario's forest biomass advantage

Leadership in the green economy

The forest sector is a leader in the emerging green economy. In fact, in the early parts of the 20th century, the forest industry was already producing a range of energy services and bioproducts using mill by-products from both solid wood processing and pulp and paper operations. Until lower cost petroleum products were introduced in the 1950s, the wood pulping industry was one of the largest suppliers of specialty chemicals in the world.

The forest sector played an important role in Ontario's phase out of coal for electricity generation. Following a switch from coal to wood pellets at Ontario Power Generation's Atikokan facility, Ontario is home to North America's largest forest biomass-only electricity generating station. This action demonstrated how Ontario's forest sector can contribute to economic and environmental objectives while positioning the province as a leader in the low carbon economy.

Ontario's forest sector is highly integrated. For example, mill by-products from one facility is the feedstock to produce energy for another which helps reduce waste and promotes a circular economy. The existing forest products manufacturing infrastructure provides for a solid foundation to leverage future investments for the development of new bioproduct and revenue streams while avoiding added pressure on landfills.

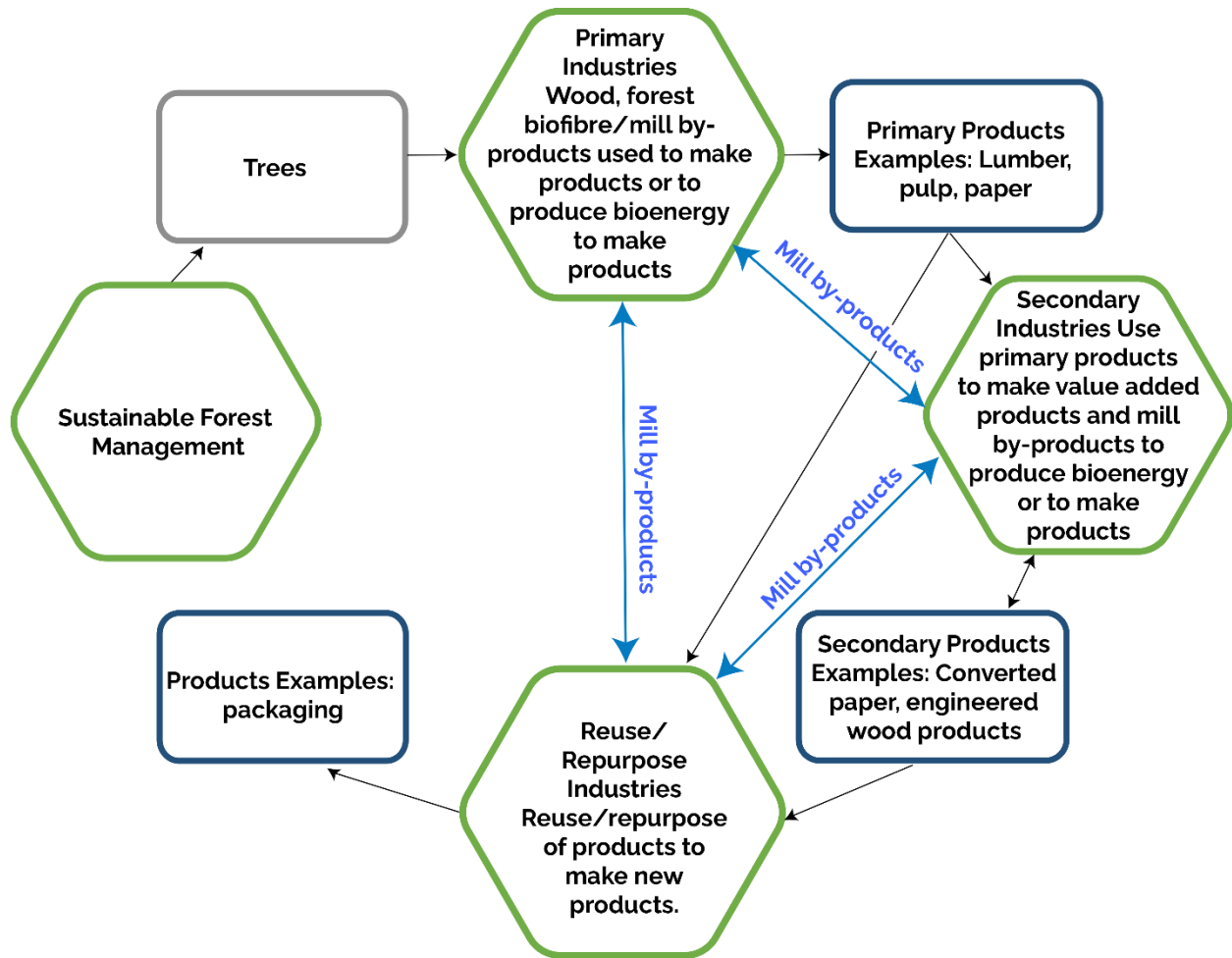


Figure 3. A flow chart illustrating the circular nature of the forest sector highlighting the integration and interconnectivity of forest biomass.

As other sectors of the economy move to transition away from fossil fuels and toward more circular and sustainable alternatives, the forest sector can provide valuable supply chain benefits to participants in the emerging green economy.

Spotlight: Integrating biomass in Resolute Forest Products' Northwestern Ontario operations

Resolute's Northwestern Ontario operations is an example of moving towards a circular economy. In a circular economy, resources gain value as they are optimized through process improvements, waste reduction and repurposing. This creates new and innovative business opportunities while reducing a products' environmental footprint.

Wood is harvested to produce pulp and paper at Resolute's Thunder Bay mill and for lumber at their sawmills in Thunder Bay, Atikokan and Ignace. Wood chips generated from their lumber mills feed their pulp mill; sawdust generated from their lumber mills are used to create wood pellets at their Thunder Bay pellet mill; and wood shavings feed their wood drying kilns. Other sawmill residues, harvest

residues and unmarketable trees are consumed by their BioEnergy Generating Station producing heat for the pulp mill and paper mills and electricity for the provincial grid with ash leftover from the combustion process used by local farmers for soil nutrient enhancement. The BioEnergy Generating Station is the heart of this integrated model allowing Resolute to utilize renewable biomass and be at the forefront of a cleaner more competitive circular economy.

Sustainable forest management framework

Ontario's Crown forests are managed sustainably in accordance with the Crown Forest Sustainability Act, its regulated manuals, and approved forest management guides. Ontario delivers a world-renowned forest policy framework that is supported by the best available science and the principle of adaptive management. Through the forest management planning process, forestry professionals gather knowledge (traditional, scientific, and social), plan, implement, monitor, report, and re-plan based on performance and the evaluation of new information, science, and Traditional Ecological Knowledge. This approach ensures that the allocation and utilization of Ontario's Crown forests, for forest biomass and traditional wood products, will be ecologically sustainable.

Ontario's private woodlots and other forested lands also provide a source of sustainable forest biomass. Ontario supports implementation of sustainable forest management practices on private woodlots through initiatives like the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program.

Available supply

Approved forest management plans for Ontario's Crown forests identify 30 million cubic metres of wood supply that can be harvested annually. Currently, approximately 15 million cubic metres is harvested per year. The unused wood supply could potentially support further investment in the forest sector. Increasing the harvest within the limits of what can be sustainably removed can be accomplished while maintaining Ontario's high standards of forest management. Forest biomass harvesting offers an opportunity for the forest industry to further utilize the available supply identified in approved forest management plans.

Opportunity also exists to utilize forest biomass on private woodlots and other forested land. Furthermore, mill by-products provide additional product and revenue streams.

Spotlight: Whitesand Bioeconomy Centre

The Northwestern Ontario Indigenous community of Whitesand First Nation is preparing for the construction of a Bioeconomy Centre to support new forest biomass and wood processing facilities. The Centre will include a five-megawatt combined heat and power plant, a wood pellet plant, and a wood processing and merchandizing yard. The project will create approximately 77 direct and 55 indirect full-time jobs in the communities of Whitesand First Nation and Armstrong Station.

and represents a decade long development partnership between Ontario, Canada and Whitesand.

Whitesand First Nation has partnered with Resolute Forest Products on wood supply management. Once their pellet plant and co-generation plant are in operation, they will be using 264,128 cubic metres of forest biofibre per year sourced from hardwood and underutilized softwood (undersized trees and tree tops) from the Armstrong and Black Spruce Forests. By utilizing these unmarketable species and parts of trees, it will allow the sustainable harvest of additional low-sawlog-quality stands that were previously uneconomical to harvest. This will result in an additional 154,200 cubic metres of softwood logs being feasible for harvest and use by Resolute's Thunder Bay mills.

Innovation networks

Innovation and collaboration will be key to transforming the forest sector and increasing the use of available forest biomass resources. Fortunately, Ontario is home to a growing cluster of expertise in forest product innovation and the forest bioeconomy. In 2009 the province established the Centre for Research and Innovation in the Bio-Economy (CRIBE) to support new job and business creation in the bioeconomy using forest biomass. Alongside other forest innovation stakeholders like FPInnovations and industry associations, CRIBE supports research and development and contributes to the knowledge-base around Ontario's forest resources and forest product supply chains. Building from regional and provincial strengths in forestry, CRIBE established Nextfor, an industry-led ecosystem of collaborators aiming to accelerate new technologies and next generation forest products in Ontario.

Spotlight: Thunder Bay's Forest Bioeconomy Cluster

In addition to hosting CRIBE, Thunder Bay is emerging as a regional cluster of expertise and know-how in the development and commercialization of forest biomass.

Research and demonstration facilities: Lakehead University is building research strengths in wood product processing and transformation through demonstration facilities and research labs such as its Biorefining Research Institute (BRI), Green Chemistry Lab, Wood Science Testing Laboratory, and Fire Testing and Research Laboratory. The BRI creates research and development opportunities, new technology models and jobs, and value-added products from renewable resources that can ultimately lead to reduced dependence on fossil fuels and lower greenhouse gas emissions.

Piloting innovative new processes and products: Thunder Bay is home to the TMP-Bio Plant, an FPInnovations supported project in Resolute Forest Products' local pulp and paper complex. TMP-Bio can treat 100 metric tonnes of biomass annually

and produces lignin and sugars that will be used to develop new bioproducts, diversifying Resolute's product mix, and adding new revenue streams.

Growing community support for forest biomass

Across Ontario there is growing interest in leveraging the province's forest biomass resources to meet community energy needs and create local jobs. Community heating and energy projects like the Wiikwemkoong Wood Heating Initiative are being pursued by several groups, including Indigenous communities looking to reduce their reliance on fossil fuels and become active partners in forest product supply chains.

Spotlight: Wikwemikong's Bioheat Initiative

Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory in northern Ontario is undertaking a Bioheat Initiative to become energy self-sufficient and to create forest bioeconomy-related jobs. The Bioheat Initiative involves vertically integrating Wikwemikong's community wood heating project with their Nairn Centre Wood Pellet Plant project.

The community wood heating project is modernizing homeowners' existing wood heating stoves with high-efficiency wood heating appliances and reducing the use of fossil fuels in heating community buildings and residences. So far, this project has seen eight community buildings and 102 homes converted to wood pellet heating. A further 40 more residences are slated for complete switching from fossil fuels to pellet heating.

Sourcing their own fuel is the next step for Wikwemikong's Bioheat Initiative through the Nairn Centre Wood Pellet Plant project. The project is to construct a pellet mill next to EACOM's Nairn Centre sawmill, their wood supply partner. The new plant will have the capacity to produce 150,000 tonnes of premium wood pellets annually to supply the community, northeastern Ontario, and export markets.

Unlocking Ontario's potential

In Ontario, forest biomass is primarily used to produce heat, electricity, or CHP and is a feedstock for the manufacture of wood pellets and other bioenergy products. There are several obstacles that currently make diversification of forest biomass use difficult, making it likely that heat and power will remain the primary end-use for Ontario's forest biomass in the short-term. To enable new uses for forest biomass the province must begin to lay the groundwork for commercialization of new bioproducts to be ready for future opportunities as they emerge.

According to Statistics Canada the five most cited obstacles faced by biomass establishments are difficulty entering the commercial marketplace, cost of biomass, cost and timeliness of regulatory approvals, lack of financing, and unreliable

quantity of biomass¹. Considering these barriers and recommendations from the Working Group, this action plan addresses areas Ontario can most influence, as indicated by the objectives in the following section.

The province has taken initial steps to encourage the use of forest biomass. Crown forest biofibre is managed according to the province's rigorous sustainable forest management framework. Projects that use forest biomass are considered in economic development and industry support programs. Ontario has streamlined regulations for wood combustors and adopted world class standards into the province's air quality regulatory framework to enable the use of forest biomass in heating applications. Climate and environmental objectives laid out in the Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan identify the role that forest biomass can play in reducing emissions when used as a bioenergy feedstock for other industries (e.g., steel, lime, cement) and as a heating fuel for northern, rural, and Indigenous communities.

Spotlight: Regulatory burden reductions

The Government of Ontario has made advancements to improving the policy environment for the use of forest biomass for heat and combined heat and power (CHP), including:

- Creation of Guideline A14: Guideline for the Control of Air Emissions from Small Wood-Fired Combustors (< 3 MW), to streamline approvals and reduce burden for low-risk wood-fired combustion systems.
- Introduction of new alternate rules under the Operating Engineers Regulation that reduce unnecessary burden on bioheat and CHP system operating engineers while maintaining public safety standards.
- [Ontario is helping more communities and businesses benefit from combined heat and power \(CHP\) technologies that use wood biomass as fuel](#), by exempting certain low impact CHP systems from requiring an environmental approval.

To unlock Ontario's forest biomass potential, collaboration between all forest sector partners including, government, industry, Indigenous communities, northern and rural communities, and research organizations, will be essential. This collaboration will help to diversify the forest sector's product mix, augment existing markets for forest biomass with new users, and expand supply chains. By utilizing Ontario's advantages and existing economic base, there are significant opportunities to support supply chain integration with other large industrial and manufacturing operations. Community-based renewable energy, low carbon fuels, bio-based

¹ Rancourt, Y., C. Neumeyer and N. Zou. 2017. Results of the Bioproducts Production and Development Survey 2015. Statistics Canada.
<<https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/18-001-x/18-001-x2017001-eng.htm>>.
Accessed September 2, 2020.

Note: refers to agricultural and forest biomass

plastics, sustainable chemicals, and natural consumer products also present new opportunities to attract investment and create jobs across the province.

Objectives and actions

The goals of the Forest Biomass Action Plan are to secure jobs, support economic development, and encourage sustainability in the forest sector through the use of Ontario's forest biomass. To support these goals, we have identified five objectives, each with a set of actions that will be pursued over the five-year term of this action plan:

- **Objective 1:** Identify pathways to markets for forest biomass.
- **Objective 2:** Support demand for forest bioenergy and bioproducts.
- **Objective 3:** Improve the business and regulatory environments for the use of forest biomass.
- **Objective 4:** Support holistic, culturally relevant pathways for Indigenous community involvement in forest biomass value chains to support reconciliation between Indigenous communities and the Crown.
- **Objective 5:** Communicate, collaborate, and inform on forest biomass opportunities.

In the short-term we aim to have a better understanding of Ontario's forest biomass resources and determine where our forest biomass opportunities are in the emerging green economy. Over the longer-term, this understanding will assist in stimulating new investments and compliment government efforts to support demand and improve the business and policy environments for forest biomass use. Acknowledging Indigenous leadership in the development of Ontario's forest biomass resources, Ontario will work collaboratively to increase Indigenous participation in, and benefits from, forest biomass supply chains. As the actions in this plan are implemented, Ontario will actively engage a broad range of partners and stakeholders to overcome barriers and help realize new and innovative uses for the province's forest biomass resources.

Objective 1: Identify pathways to markets for forest biomass.

Action 1.1: Further refine Ontario's inventory of forest biomass using tools such as CRIBE's Economic Fibre Supply Model.

Action 1.2: Publish a report that summarizes the types of forest bioproducts and their technology and commercial readiness.

Action 1.3: Publish a report that describes the current and future market demand for bioproducts made from Ontario's forest biomass.

Action 1.4: Complete a jurisdictional scan to inform bioproduct development and commercialization approaches for Ontario's forest biomass.

Action 1.5: Develop a life cycle inventory for traditional and non-traditional wood products (material/energy inputs and emissions), study biomass carbon dynamics, and refine life-cycle impact assessment models to build understanding of the environmental performance of forest biomass.

Action 1.6: Support development of regional clusters that increase value generation from the use of forest biomass.

Action 1.7: Conduct collaborative research studies on soil quality, stand development, productivity, and biodiversity to ensure long-term ecological sustainability of forest biomass harvesting.

Objective 2: Support demand for forest bioenergy and bioproducts.

Action 2.1: Ensure that existing facilities that consume biomass for electricity generation are provided ongoing access to the provincial market at fair compensation for the value they provide to Ontario's electricity system. This includes recognizing and, where possible, removing barriers that prevent biomass facilities from optimizing their assets.

Action 2.2: Publish a report that quantifies the financial contribution of forest biomass to individual facilities and the entire forest sector, and its socio-economic contribution to local communities and the provincial economy.

Action 2.3: Provide resources for the development of community-led projects that use forest biomass.

Action 2.4: Advance the use of forest biomass in the production of biofuels for heat through the Ontario Bioheat Initiative.

Action 2.5: Create a provincial bioheat strategy to increase production and consumption of domestic biofuels.

Action 2.6: Engage with potential industry users to integrate forest biomass into supply chains.

Action 2.7: Pursue government procurement to reduce the embodied and operational carbon footprint of buildings, energy, and other products through the use of strategies such as life cycle assessment and certified sustainable materials.

Objective 3: Improve the business and regulatory environments for the use of forest biomass.

Action 3.1: Review and update Ontario's Forest Biofibre Directive.

Action 3.2: Streamline permitting and reduce regulatory burden for all sectors which use forest biomass.

Action 3.3: Look for opportunity to make forest biomass projects eligible in relevant economic development and business support programs.

Action 3.4: Integrate the benefits of forest biomass use in provincial Emissions Performance Standards and relevant provincial strategies.

Action 3.5: Advocate on behalf of Ontario's forest biomass users and provincial interests during the creation and implementation of national climate change initiatives, such as the Clean Fuel Standard.

Objective 4: Support holistic, culturally relevant pathways for Indigenous community involvement in forest biomass value chains to support reconciliation between Indigenous communities and the Crown.

Action 4.1: As part of readiness building, provide opportunities for Indigenous businesses to build capacity and knowledge in the use of forest biomass. This includes understanding of:

- where biomass feedstocks are available and present feasible opportunities;
- how to optimize location to create best opportunities for success;
- complexity in forest product supply chains;
- Ontario's regulatory environment for forestry activities; and
- how to access forest biofibre through the Crown Forest Sustainability Act.

Action 4.2: Work with Indigenous communities to take a stepwise approach to bring about greater Indigenous involvement and benefit from the use of forest biomass:

- create network connections;
- foster partnerships with industry; and
- encourage agreements between industry and Indigenous communities.

Action 4.3: Support Indigenous participation in forest biomass project investments through provincial funding programs and explore additional opportunities for enabling investments through capacity building, skills training, access to expertise, and knowledge transfer.

Action 4.4: Support Indigenous community applications to federal funding programs for projects that use forest biomass.

Action 4.5: Facilitate preferred access to forest biomass for proposals with Indigenous participation, where and when forest biomass is available, as can be facilitated through regulations under the Crown Forest Sustainability Act.

Action 4.6: Support Ontario's Far North Indigenous communities in the development of bioenergy systems to replace base load power generation using diesel fuels with local forest biomass.

Objective 5: Communicate, collaborate, and inform on forest biomass opportunities.

Action 5.1: Create information, communication, and marketing materials to support prospective forest biomass users.

Action 5.2: Support and participate in forest sector innovation networks that aim to deliver solutions for challenges to using forest biomass.

Action 5.3: MNR's Forest Industry Division will facilitate discussions between other ministries, federal agencies, investors, technology providers, and forest sector partners to increase the use of forest biomass.

Action 5.4: Engage with partners and stakeholders to ensure alignment between regional, provincial and federal initiatives.

The road ahead

This action plan is an important component of achieving the vision identified in Sustainable Growth: Ontario's Forest Sector Strategy. By supporting our government's priorities of job creation, reducing administrative burden, and promoting economic growth and prosperity, the Forest Biomass Action Plan will play a role in building a resilient forest sector that encourages innovative uses of forest biomass that contribute to the province's forest management and environmental objectives.

Actions laid out in this plan will be implemented over the course of five years. The Appendix provides a summary of the actions and their associated timeframes. Progress and completion of these actions will be tracked through an interim (2023) and final report (2026) published by Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. Indicators for each objective are identified below, which will be used to track progress on objective achievement. To achieve the objectives set out in this action plan our government looks forward to the continued contribution and advice provided by the Working Group.

Objective 1: Identify pathways to markets for forest biomass.

Indicators:

- Information available regarding Ontario's forest biomass characteristics. For example, types, quality, quantity, geography and economics.
- Identification of Ontario's potential forest biomass markets, commercial and technological readiness.

Objective 2: Support demand for forest bioenergy and bioproducts.

Indicators:

- Socio-economic contribution to local communities and the provincial economy.
- Number and range of facilities using forest biomass in their operation.
- Regional interest and implementation of forest biomass projects.

Objective 3: Improve the business and regulatory environments for the use of forest biomass.

Indicators:

- Regulatory burden reductions in the use of forest biomass.
- Number of biomass projects funded through federal and provincial programs.
- The role of forest biomass in climate change initiatives and programs.

Objective 4: Support holistic, culturally relevant pathways for Indigenous community involvement in forest biomass value chains to support reconciliation between Indigenous communities and the Crown.

Indicators:

- Number of Indigenous communities engaged in forest biomass projects.
- Range of forest bioproducts created by and/or used by Indigenous communities.
- Number of Indigenous communities engaged in learning about forest biomass.
- The number of Indigenous communities that have forest biomass integrated into their community's comprehensive plan.

Objective 5: Communicate, collaborate, and inform on forest biomass opportunities.

Indicators:

- Materials created and utilized to support prospective forest biomass users.
- Participation in stakeholder discussions, industry innovation network events and workshops.

Appendix

Actions to be completed by 2022

- **Action 1.2:** Publish a report that summarizes the types of forest bioproducts and their technology and commercial readiness.
- **Action 1.4:** Complete a jurisdictional scan to inform bioproduct development and commercialization approaches for Ontario's forest biomass.
- **Action 2.1:** Ensure that existing facilities that consume biomass for electricity generation are provided ongoing access to the provincial market at fair compensation for the value they provide to Ontario's electricity system. This includes recognizing and, where possible, removing barriers that prevent biomass facilities from optimizing their assets.
- **Action 2.2:** Publish a report that quantifies the financial contribution of forest biomass to individual facilities and the entire forest sector, and its socio-economic contribution to local communities and the provincial economy.

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- **Action 1.3:** Publish a report that describes the current and future market demand for bioproducts made from Ontario's forest biomass.
- **Action 3.1:** Review and update Ontario's Forest Biofibre Directive.

Actions to be completed by 2026

- **Action 1.5:** Develop a life cycle inventory for traditional and non-traditional wood products (material/energy inputs and emissions), study biomass carbon dynamics, and refine life-cycle impact assessment models to build understanding of the environmental performance of forest biomass.
- **Action 1.6:** Support development of regional clusters that increase value generation from the use of forest biomass.
- **Action 2.3:** Provide resources for the development of community-led projects that use forest biomass.
- **Action 2.5:** Create a provincial bioheat strategy to increase production and consumption of domestic biofuels.
- **Action 2.6:** Engage with potential industry users to integrate forest biomass into supply chains.
- **Action 2.7:** Pursue government procurement to reduce the embodied and operational carbon footprint of buildings, energy, and other products through

the use of strategies such as life cycle assessment and certified sustainable materials.

- **Action 3.2:** Streamline permitting and reduce regulatory burden for all sectors which use forest biomass.
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- **Action 3.5:** Advocate on behalf of Ontario's forest biomass users and provincial interests during the creation and implementation of national climate change initiatives, such as the Clean Fuel Standard.
- **Action 4.1:** As part of readiness building, provide opportunities for Indigenous businesses to build capacity and knowledge in the use of forest biomass. This includes understanding of:
 - where biomass feedstocks are available and present feasible opportunities;
 - how to optimize location to create best opportunities for success;
 - complexity in forest product supply chains;
 - Ontario's regulatory environment for forestry activities; and
 - how to access forest biofibre through the Crown Forest Sustainability Act.
- **Action 4.2:** Work with Indigenous communities to take a stepwise approach to bring about greater Indigenous involvement and benefit from the use of forest biomass:
 - create network connections;
 - foster partnerships with industry; and
 - encourage agreements between industry and Indigenous communities.
- **Action 5.1:** Create information, communication, and marketing materials to support prospective forest biomass users.

Operational actions to be sustained

These are actions that will continue through the duration of the Forest Biomass Action Plan and into the future.

- **Action 1.7:** Conduct collaborative research studies on soil quality, stand development, productivity, and biodiversity to ensure long-term ecological sustainability of forest biomass harvesting.
- **Action 2.4:** Advance the use of forest biomass in the production of biofuels for heat through the Ontario Bioheat Initiative.
- **Action 4.3:** Support Indigenous participation in forest biomass project investments through provincial funding programs and explore additional opportunities for enabling investments through capacity building, skills training, access to expertise, and knowledge transfer.
- **Action 4.4:** Support Indigenous community applications to federal funding programs for projects that use forest biomass.
- **Action 4.5:** Facilitate preferred access to forest biomass for proposals with Indigenous participation, where and when forest biomass is available, as can be facilitated through regulations under the Crown Forest Sustainability Act.
- **Action 4.6:** Support Ontario's Far North Indigenous communities in the development of bioenergy systems to replace base load power generation using diesel fuels with local forest biomass.
- **Action 5.2:** Support and participate in forest sector innovation networks that aim to deliver solutions for challenges to using forest biomass.
- **Action 5.3:** MNRF's Forest Industry Division will facilitate discussions between other ministries, federal agencies, investors, technology providers, and forest sector partners to increase the use of forest biomass.
- **Action 5.4:** Engage with partners and stakeholders to ensure alignment between regional, provincial and federal initiatives.

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

Date: June 11, 2021 (For Meeting on June 16, 2021)

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: OPP Detachment Board Structure

Submitted by: Erika Kromm, Clerk-Treasurer

RECOMMENDATION:

Administration is recommending that Council pass the following resolution regarding the proposed structure for the new OPP Detachment Police Service Boards:

WHEREAS the Provinces is requesting that municipalities submit proposals for the new structures of the OPP Police Service Boards;

AND WHEREAS the geography between the five municipalities serviced by the OPP around the City of Thunder is not significant;

AND WHEREAS the five municipalities around the City of Thunder Bay regularly meet and collaborate as part of other boards and committees;

AND WHEREAS the policing issues facing the five municipalities around the City of Thunder Bay are similar in nature;

AND WHEREAS the initial budget analysis indicates that there could be significant savings to the municipalities by establishing one police services board rather than two boards;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Municipality of Neebing prefers the creation of one police services board comprised of Conmee, Gillies, O'Connor, Shuniah and Neebing; with the involvement of the First Nations still to be determined.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The municipalities in the Thunder Bay OPP Detachment are in discussions regarding the future structure of the police services board. There is some debate over whether there should be one board with all five municipalities (Conmee, Gillies, O'Connor, Shuniah and Neebing) or if the status quo should remain with the two existing boards (Shuniah and the Lakehead Boards). To date it has been the position of Neebing Council to request that only one board be formed.

Administration has done an initial financial analysis of the two options and it is clear that there would be savings by having one board.

The Ministry will require formal consent from each municipality regarding the proposal that eventually get submitted.

Administration is recommending that Council pass a formal resolution stating their position on the matter.

ATTACHMENTS:

One: Initial Budget Analysis

Two: Resolution from Township of Conmee

AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST: None

ATTACHMENT ONE: Initial Budget Analysis**ONE BOARD**

					Allocation Based on Households	\$150/meeting per diem Simple Budget Example	
	# of Members	% of Board	Household Count				
Shuniah	1	11%	Shuniah	2,218 52%	\$ 8,288.92	Per diems	\$ 6,000
Neebing	1	11%	Neebing	1,210 28%	\$ 4,521.91	Mileage	\$ 1,000
Gillies	1	11%	Gillies	219 5%	\$ 818.43	Conferences/Training	\$ 6,500
Conmee	1	11%	Conmee	325 8%	\$ 1,214.56	Administrative Costs	\$ 1,000
O'Connor	1	11%	O'Connor	296 7%	\$ 1,106.19	Membership Fees	\$ 1,450
Community	2	22%					
Province	2	22%					
	9	100%	4,268	100%	\$ 15,950.00		\$ 15,950

TWO BOARDS

					Allocation Based on Households	\$150/meeting per diem Simple Budget Example	
	# of Members	% of Board	Household Count				
Neebing	1	13%	Neebing	1,210 59%	\$ 9,060.24	Per diems	\$ 5,400
Gillies	1	13%	Gillies	219 11%	\$ 1,639.83	Mileage	\$ 1,000
Conmee	1	13%	Conmee	325 16%	\$ 2,433.54	Conferences/Training	\$ 6,500
O'Connor	1	13%	O'Connor	296 14%	\$ 2,216.39	Administrative Costs	\$ 1,000
Community	2	25%				Membership Fees	\$ 1,450
Province	2	25%					
	8	100%	2,050	100%	\$ 15,350.00		\$ 15,350

					Allocation Based on Households	\$150/meeting per diem Simple Budget Example	
	# of Members	% of Board	Household Count				
Shuniah	3	60%	Shuniah	2,218 100%	\$ 13,550	Per diems	\$ 3,600
Community	1	20%				Mileage	\$ 1,000
Province	1	20%				Conferences/Training	\$ 6,500
	5	100%				Administrative Costs	\$ 1,000
						Membership Fees	\$ 1,450
							\$ 13,550



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At the May 25th 2021 regular council meeting, the following resolution was carried.

Resolution No. 2021-128

Moved by: Councillor MacMaster

Seconded by: Councillor Kivisto

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, with regards to future local police services board, Council supports the creation of two local police services board, one board being comprised solely of the municipality of Shuniah and one board being comprised of the municipalities of Conmee, Gillies, O'Connor and Neebing with cost appropriations to be negotiated

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Enbridge
36 Charles St E,
North Bay, Ontario P1B 8K7
Canada

DATE

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

Re: Natural Gas Expansion Program

Recently, the Government of Ontario announced the projects that are eligible for funding assistance under its Natural Gas Expansion Program. Regrettably, our project(s) to expand the access to natural gas in your municipality was not selected.

The Natural Gas Expansion Program was oversubscribed and not all projects could be funded. It is our understanding that the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines has determined that funding will be made available to projects that best meet the Natural Gas Expansion Program objectives and will deliver the maximum benefit possible.

Enbridge Gas remains committed to delivering reliable and affordable energy to more communities, businesses and First Nations. To that end, we are hopeful that the government will recognize the need for continued support of the expansion of natural gas services so that we may have the opportunity to provide expanded access in your municipality, and others, to natural gas in the future.

Enbridge Gas has been meeting Ontario's energy needs for more than 170 years. Our customers count on us to deliver clean, reliable and affordable natural gas, and we are proud to deliver on this commitment. Our work to expand access to natural gas will continue – so too will our exploration of alternative energy solutions, such as renewable natural gas, hydrogen blending and geothermal energy, as pathways to lower-cost, clean and reliable energy options for Ontarians.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, or your municipal advisor, if you have any questions regarding the expansion of access to natural gas. We would be more than happy to meet with you and/or attend a meeting of Council.

Sincerely,

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June 9, 2021

His Worship Erwin Butikofer
Mayor
Municipality of Neebing
mayor@neebing.org

Dear Mayor Butikofer:

I am writing to update you about our government's efforts to expand access to natural gas for families and businesses in rural, Northern and Indigenous communities in Ontario through Phase 2 of the Natural Gas Expansion Program.

Access to natural gas both lowers heating costs and drives economic development. The Natural Gas Expansion Program encourages communities to partner with natural gas distributors on potential projects that are not currently financially viable and would not be built without additional financial support.

While I appreciate your interest in Phase 2 of the program, I regret to inform you that we will not be able to provide funding for the NEEBING proposal at this time.

I would like to ensure that you understand how this decision was reached.

There was tremendous interest in Phase 2 of the program. The 210 submissions received by the Ontario Energy Board requested a total of \$2.6 billion in funding. The government originally intended to make \$130 million in ratepayer-funded financial support available for Phase 2 projects over the three-year period from 2021 to 2023. Even with our decision to increase the budget to \$234.24 million and extend funding to 2025, the total requested funding for the 210 submissions still greatly exceeded the funding available. With so many worthy proposals to consider, I'm sure you can appreciate our challenge.

I can assure you that, in assessing the project submissions, my ministry used consistent criteria to assess each and all projects.

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Our top priority was to connect the most customers, as broadly across the province as possible, in the most economically feasible way. To account for these factors, we used the Ontario Energy Board's Profitability Index (PI) indicator to guide us in recommending the most suitable projects for eligibility under Phase 2.

The PI measures the economic viability of a project. The OEB determines whether a project is economical based on the number of customers forecast to connect to the project over a 10-year period in relation to the costs of the project. While none of the projects were fully viable without support, after ensuring that short-listed projects were regionally distributed, the projects that were ultimately selected were the ones with the strongest indexes.

Going forward, we will continue to consider opportunities to further support natural gas expansion beyond Phase 2. I would note that natural gas utilities are welcome to propose expansion projects to the OEB at any time if they are economically viable, and municipalities may want to consider what they can do to assist with the economics of projects in their areas.

Our government will continue to work hard to deliver on our commitment to reduce energy costs.

Thank you for your interest in the Natural Gas Expansion Program and please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bill Walker", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

The Honourable Bill Walker
Associate Minister of Energy

c: Judith Monteith-Farrell, MPP, Thunder Bay-Atikokan
Hon. Greg Rickford, Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines,
Minister of Indigenous Affairs

Laura Jones

From: Imagery <Imagery@ontario.ca>
Sent: June 9, 2021 2:40 PM
To: Imagery
Cc: Matthews, Bryce (MNRF)
Subject: North West Ontario Aerial Photography Project 2022 - Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
Attachments: Template-Letter of Intent to Participate-NWOOP2022.docx; LIO-NWOOP2020-ENG-2021-05-04.pdf

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) invites you to participate in an aerial photography acquisition project of north west Ontario scheduled for the spring of 2022.

By participating in NWOOP (North West Ontario Orthophotography Project) 2022, your organization will gain access to current, high quality, high resolution aerial photography as soon as it is available at a very low cost. This photography can be used for a variety of purposes such as:

- providing a spatial reference in online mapping applications
- information and reference for land use and emergency planning
- assist with asset management mapping
- information for tax/permit compliance
- information for economic development, policy development, environmental management
- assist with various monitoring activities
- field work planning
- information to create or update mapping of any surface feature such as roads, buildings, streams, lakes, etc.

In the spring of 2017, the MNRF coordinated an aerial photography project in north west Ontario with local participants and acquired nearly 23,000 km² of aerial photography. Participants included 13 municipalities, 3 federal agencies, 3 private companies and 3 other organizations. Because of the success in 2017, we are looking to expand the acquisition in 2022 to up to 40,000 km².

This email contains information regarding the project and your potential participation. You have been contacted as you were a past participant in NWOOP 2017, (or another LIO acquisition) or potentially have an interest in participating in the project. If you are not the correct contact for your organization, please forward to that person, or reply to this email with the correct contact information.

A public virtual meeting/teleconference to discuss NWOOP 2022 has been set for September 15, 2021 at 2pm EST, 1pm CST. Connection details and phone number will be provided closer to the event. Additionally, we hope to have some presentations of applications using NWOOP 2017 (or similar data). If you have an idea for a presentation, whether from you or an application/presentation you have seen that would be beneficial for all to hear, please let me know. It would also be good to have a discussion on how well this program is serving you, and any ideas/suggestions you have on how it can be improved. Please let me know if you can make it so that we can plan accordingly.

Please find attached an information sheet for NWOOP 2022. The map in the sheet depicts the area of consideration, which is very large. We cannot collect all this area; it must be refined, and we look to all the project participants to help us do that. As it is a shared cost initiative, your final cost of participation cannot be determined until all participants and their area of interest are known. Our goal is to acquire enough participation to bring the shared cost per participant down to less than \$5-6 per km².

If you know you would like to participate in the acquisition, you can fill out the attached *Letter of Intent to Participate* template attached. By filling out the Letter of Intent, you are not binding yourself to participate – you can withdraw at any time simply by letting us know.

NWOOP 2022 will be acquired in the spring. We start the process of finding project participants now so everyone can determine their area of interest and plan their budgets. Participants pay for their NWOOP participation in two installments; forty percent after agreement execution (by September 2022) and sixty percent after data delivery (by February 2023).

If your organization is not interested in participating, please let me know by replying to this email, so that I can remove you from my communications list.

If you have any questions at all, feel free to contact me anytime.

Sincerely,

Bryce

Bryce Matthews

Mapping and Geomatics Project Manager
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Discover more about Land Information Ontario:

<https://intra.ontario.ca/mnrf/mirb-lio> (internal)

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/land-information-ontario> (external)

Learn more about how [Ontario Together](#) connects government with businesses and organizations who can supply emergency products and innovative solutions to support the COVID-19 response.

Please note: As part of providing [accessible customer service](#), please let me know if you have any accommodation needs or require communication supports or alternate formats

Need Access to Imagery in Northwest Ontario?

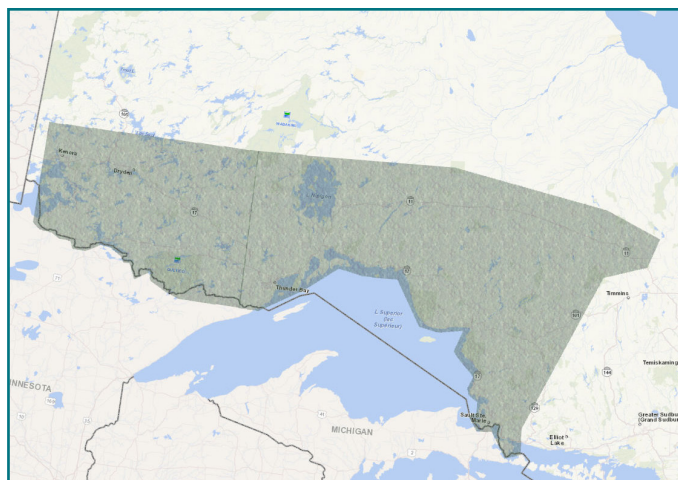
Become a Partner and Save on Collection Costs

Northwest Ontario Orthophotography Project Factsheet

Land Information Ontario (LIO) is looking for partners to acquire aerial imagery for Northwest Ontario in the spring of 2022.

The project will capture 20 cm resolution, leaf-off, multi-spectral imagery that is accurate within 60 cm "on the ground". Partners will have access to all imagery products including the orthophotography, stereo data and digital elevation surface models.

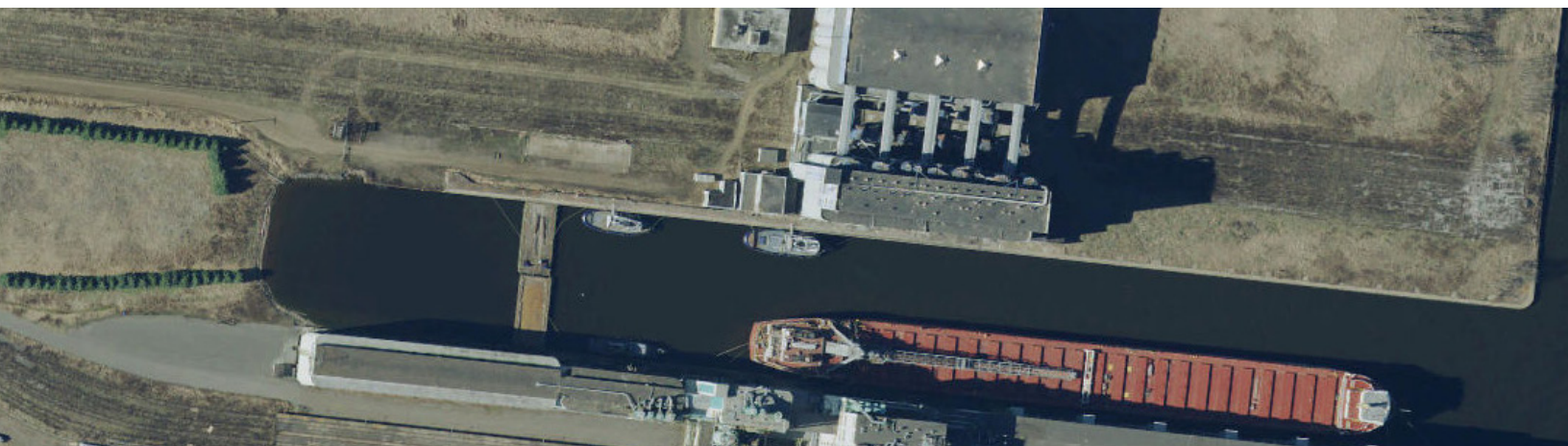
LIO pays 40 percent of acquisition costs. Remaining costs are shared by partner organizations. As more partners join, costs decrease for each partner. As a result, partners realize significant costs savings when compared to acquiring the imagery on their own.



General project target area—to be refined

Partnership Benefits:

- ✓ Access to up-to-date, high-quality imagery for mapping, analysis and interpretation.
- ✓ Save on acquisition costs—in some cases over 90 percent.
- ✓ Input into the final capture area.



LIO Imagery Acquisition Program:

Up-to-date imagery is critical for mapping as well as land use planning, asset management, research, analysis, emergency planning, compliance enforcement and much more. The Program coordinates partnerships to acquire new imagery on five-year refresh cycles. Since 2013, over 370,000 square kilometres of aerial imagery has been captured throughout Ontario.

How to Participate:

Participation requires a minimum contribution of \$1,000. Total funding commitment is based on the organization's area of interest.

An agreement between partners and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry will govern funding and identify the terms and conditions of data use. The Queen's Printer for Ontario retains ownership of the data. Delivery of orthophotography to partners should occur in the following winter.

A steering committee of project partners and LIO representatives provides oversight for the project, supports the development of partnerships across public and private sectors and assists with logistics prior to acquisition.



For More Information

email: imagery@ontario.ca

visit: ontario.ca/lio

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Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
 Corporate Management and Information Division
 Mapping and Information Resources Branch
 Mapping and Geomatics Services Section
 Spatial Data Support Unit
 300 Water Street
 2nd Floor, North Tower
 Peterborough, Ontario
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Attention: Mapping and Geomatics Project Manager, Spatial Data Support Unit

Re: North West Ontario Orthophotography Project (NWOOP) – 2022

Letter of Intent to Commit Funding

To whom it may concern,

This letter is to inform you that the <<< **Insert Organization Name** >>> intends to participate in the project to acquire leaf off, digital orthophotography in north west Ontario during the spring of 2022. We acknowledge that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) is the lead for this project and requires this Letter of Intent to Commit Funding as the first component of organizational commitment to the project. It is expected that this letter gives the MNRF the ability to continue with the management and implementation of the project, which will include formalizing the participation and developing the funding model. Subject to the appropriate financial approvals, <<< **Insert Organization Name** >>> agrees that they will genuinely pursue funding and a firm commitment for this project but recognize that, should their Council or Board not approve such an expenditure, they will have no legal obligation to provide funding.

It is understood that participation in the NWOOP 2022 project will evolve through a phased approach, prior to organizations making a final commitment to the amount of funding required. We accept the phases for the project, as described below:

1. A minimum funding contribution of \$1,000.00 is required to become a NWOOP 2022 participant. No funding is required until the agreements have been finalized.
2. Organizations provide MNRF with a Letter of Intent to Commit Funding, along with an Esri shapefile outlining their area(s) of interest, using the NWOOP2022 tile index. **(Deadline – October 6, 2021)**
3. MNRF will use the shapefiles provided by each organization, apply the funding model (based on the value of the accepted contract for the acquisition), and

provide all organizations with the calculated cost for their portion of the project area.

4. Organizations will then accept their funding commitment or decide not to participate in the shared cost project, by notifying the MNRF Project Manager.
5. Upon receipt of acceptance (or withdrawal) from the registered organizations MNRF will rerun the funding model and provide adjusted costs to all participating organizations.
6. Once the final calculations have been completed, and each organization has acknowledged their commitment, a legal agreement will be provided to formalize the funding commitment and participation of each organization.

An ESRI shape file will be provided to the MNRF Mapping and Geomatics Project Manager with the submission of this letter. The ESRI shape file will define the area of interest for <<< **Insert Organization Name** >>> so that it can be used to calculate the shared costs required for the project.

Provided that sufficient funding has been committed by October 6, 2021, to complete the entire project, the undersigned agrees to attempt to formalize the funding commitment through the signature of a legal agreement after the acquisition (flight) to conclude June 2022. If funding for the entire project is insufficient, a meeting will be held to determine whether to limit the scope of the project (extent or products), cancel the project, or seek additional funding. In the event that the scope of the project is limited, the commitment above will be reconsidered.

This arrangement presents a unique opportunity for public and private sector organizations to collaborate in a project of this magnitude in order to satisfy a wide variety of business needs. We look forward to seeing this project realized and offer our support in the goals and objectives of developing this partnership.

Sincerely,

<<<**Name**>>>

<<<**Position**>>>

<<<**Organization**>>>

<<<**Phone#:**>>>

<<<**E-mail Address:**>>>



**The Royal Canadian Legion
Manitoba/NW Ontario Command**

“Military Service Recognition Book”

Dear Sir/Madam:

Thank you for your interest in **The Royal Canadian Legion Manitoba/NW Ontario Command** and the local **Veterans**. Please consider this our written request for your support as per our recent telephone conversation.

Our **Command** is very pleased to be printing our 13th Annual “**Military Service Recognition Book**”, which is designed to recognize and honour many of **Manitoba/NW Ontario’s** brave **Veterans** on an individual basis who have served our Country so well in the past three major world conflicts (WW1, WW2 and the Korean War) and recent conflicts such as Afghanistan. This publication will go a long way to help our Legion in our role as the “**Keepers of Remembrance**”.

It will be distributed to school and university libraries, Legion branches, and many other public facilities in Manitoba and NW Ontario.

We would like to have your organization’s support for this milestone project of our **Manitoba/NW Ontario Command Legion**, by purchasing an advertisement space in our “**Military Service Recognition Book**”. Proceeds raised from this important project will allow us to make this unique publication available throughout the province and will also benefit the many ongoing community activities of our Legion Command including **Scholarships, Youth Sponsored Programs** and, of course, our ongoing tireless support for **Manitoba/NW Ontario’s Veterans** and their dependants.

Please find enclosed a rate sheet for your review. Whatever you are able to contribute to this worthwhile endeavor would be sincerely appreciated. For further information please contact our **Manitoba/NW Ontario Command Military Service Recognition Book Office** toll free at **1-855-559-5056**.

Thank you for your consideration and/or support.

Sincerely,

**Jerry Lava
President
The Royal Canadian Legion Manitoba/NW Ontario Command**

**The Royal Canadian Legion
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Lest We Forget

Bravely Met

It began at dawn with weapons drawn,
as battles often do.

A tot of rum, the prayers done,
it's time to see it through.

The whistles blow and off they go,
hoping to fight well.

Side by side with fear and pride
they charged out into Hell.

It's quiet now among the crosses
in pristine rows that mark our losses.

Belying the horror
of that long past dawn,
Where they stood with weapons drawn.

Past whispers of the silent prayers
of all our soldiers everywhere,
ask only that we not forget
the battles past, so bravely met.



Community Services

Legislative Services

June 1, 2021
File #120203

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
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Honourable and Dear Sirs:

Re: Capital Gains Tax on Primary Residence

The Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of May 31, 2021 passed the following resolution:

Whereas primary residences are currently exempt from a capital gains tax, and

Whereas currently secondary and additional non-primary properties are subject to capital gains, and

Whereas the Federal Government is currently looking into a primary residence capital gains tax as they have recognized that affordable housing has become a serious issue in Canada, and

Whereas smaller communities including the Town of Fort Erie are seeing unprecedented higher selling prices that are outpacing prices in larger cities, and

Whereas many hard-working Canadians who have only a primary residence with no additional non-primary homes count on their home equity as financial aid to apply to upsizing or downsizing their home depending on their personal situation, and

Whereas a change in taxation to primary residences would be a significant financial blow to Canadians and would create an unfair, two-tiered taxation which could lead to depleted savings, inter-generational disparities, disparities among diverse groups such as seniors who may have a significant portion of their savings vested in their primary residence, as well as, reducing the ability of home ownership thereby a further, higher need for rentals, and

Whereas the Federal government could look at other means to slow down the rapidly escalating housing costs to improve housing affordability;

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The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister
The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

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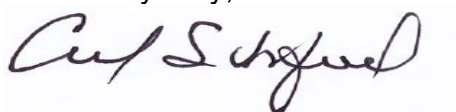
Now therefore be it resolved,

That: The Federal Government cease further consideration of eliminating capital gains tax exemptions on primary residences, and further

That: A copy of this resolution be circulated to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, All Members of Parliament, All Members of Provincial Parliament, The Regional Municipality of Niagara, and all Municipalities, for their support.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,



Carol Schofield, Dipl.M.A.
Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk

cschofield@forterie.ca

CS:dlk

c.c. All Members of Parliament
All Members of Provincial Parliament
The Regional Municipality of Niagara
Ontario Municipalities