



**AGENDA**  
**Regular Council Meeting**

March 12, 2019

6:00 pm

Council Chambers, Town Hall  
175 Queen Street East, St. Marys

**Pages**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**
3. **AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the March 12, 2019 regular Council meeting agenda be accepted as presented.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD**

(Information provided during the Public Input Period shall be directed by the public to Council members and shall deal with matters specific to Agenda business. A maximum of two (2) minutes per person is allotted for questions, and the maximum time allotted for the Public Input Period as a whole is ten (10) minutes)

5. **DELEGATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND PUBLIC MEETINGS**

- 5.1 **Social Research and Planning Council - My PerthHuron Website Update**

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Authorizing by-law considered in By-law section

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the delegation from the Social Research and Planning Council regarding My PerthHuron website update be received; and

**THAT** Council authorize the Mayor and the CAO / Clerk to sign the associated agreement.

**5.2 Social Research and Planning Council - Living Wage Calculation 31**

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the presentation from Social Research and Planning Council regarding living wage calculation be received.

**5.3 All Aboard St. Marys re: 2019 Strategy 42**

Link to supplementary material submitted by delegate:

<https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/daily-quotidien/171129/dq171129c-eng.htm>

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the presentation from All Aboard St. Marys regarding the 2019 Strategy be received.

**6. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

**6.1 Regular Council - February 26, 2019 58**

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the February 26, 2019 regular Council meeting minutes be approved and signed and sealed by the Mayor and the Clerk.

**6.2 Special Meeting of Council - March 5, 2019 75**

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the March 5, 2019 special meeting of Council minutes be approved and signed and sealed by the Mayor and the Clerk.

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **7.1 Laura Hinz re: Child Care Centre Concerns 86**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the correspondence from Laura Hinz regarding Child Care Centre Concerns be received; and

**THAT** Staff be directed to report back on the concerns raised.

### **7.2 Lauren O'Keefe re: VIA Service 88**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the correspondence from Lauren O'Keefe regarding VIA services be received.

### **7.3 Larry Pfaff re: Resignation from Heritage Advisory Committee 89**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the correspondence from Larry Pfaff regarding his resignation from the Heritage Advisory Committee be received with regrets; and

**THAT** Council defer the replacement of the Heritage Advisory Committee member until the committee finalizes the review of the committee structure.

## **8. STAFF REPORTS**

### **8.1 Administration and Human Resources**

#### **8.1.1 CAO 24-2019 Draft Municipal Cannabis Retail Policy Statement 90**

##### **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** CAO 24-2019 Draft Municipal Cannabis Retail Policy Statement be received; and

**THAT** the proposed Municipal Cannabis Retail Policy Statement be adopted.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** CAO 29-2019 Fees for Police Checks for Volunteers be received; and

**THAT** police checks for volunteers in St. Marys be completed at no charge; and

**THAT** the Town reimburse eligible volunteers for the cost of police checks, subject to proof of purchase being provided.

**9. COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** agenda items 9.1.1 to 9.1.6 and 9.2.1 to 9.2.16 be received; and

**THAT** agenda item 9.2.16 be raised for discussion.

**9.1 Operational and Board Reports**

**9.1.1 Bluewater Recycling Association - Coun. Craigmile**

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**9.1.2 Library Board - Coun. Craigmile, Edney and Mayor Strathdee**

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Supplementary Material

**9.1.3 Municipal Shared Services Committee - Mayor Strathdee, Coun. Luna**

No recent meeting

**9.1.4 Perth District Health Unit - Coun. Luna**

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**9.1.5 Spruce Lodge Board - Coun. Luna, Pridham**

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	*Recommendation from Committee in Minute item 9.1. To be considered during staff report CAO 29-2019.	
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9.2.11	<b>Recreation and Leisure Advisory Committee - Coun. Pridham</b>	163
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9.2.12	<b>Senior Services Advisory Committee - Coun. Winter</b>	
	February meeting cancelled	
9.2.13	<b>St. Marys Lincolns Board - Coun. Craigmile</b>	
9.2.14	<b>St. Marys Cement Community Liaison Committee - Coun. Craigmile and Winter</b>	
9.2.15	<b>Youth Centre Advisory Committee - Coun. Edney</b>	
	Inaugural meeting set for March 20	
9.2.16	<b>Youth Council - Coun. Edney</b>	167
	February 20, 2019 Committee Minutes and March 6, 2019 Committee Minutes	

\* Recommendation from Committee in Minute item 7.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** Council direct Staff to post for the vacancies on the Youth Council; and

**THAT** Staff bring forward a list of eligible candidates as soon as possible.

### **10. EMERGENT OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **11. NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **12. BY-LAWS**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** By-Laws 34-2019 through 35-2019 be read a first, second and third time; and be finally passed and signed and sealed by the Mayor and the Clerk.

12.1	<b>34-2019 Data Sharing Agreement with United Way of Perth-Huron</b>	173
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- 12.2     **35-2019 Open, establish and assume parcel in front of 481 Water Street South** 174

Housekeeping matter as part of OPA No. 33 passed by Council  
February 26, 2019

**13.     UPCOMING MEETINGS**

March 19, 2019 - Budget, Council Chambers

March 26, 2019 - Regular Council, Council Chambers

**14.     CLOSED SESSION**

**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council move into a session that is closed to the public at \_\_\_\_pm as authorized under the *Municipal Act*, Section 239(2)(c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.

**14.1     Minutes of February 12, 2019 CLOSED SESSION**

**14.2     CAO 24-2019 (CONFIDENTIAL) Agreement of Purchase and Sale for 478 Water Street South**

**15.     RISE AND REPORT** 175

**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council rise from a closed session at \_\_\_\_pm.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** By-law 36-2019, being a by-law to authorize an agreement of purchase and sale of 478 Water Street South, be read a first, second and third time; and be finally passed and signed and sealed by the Mayor and the Clerk.

**16.     CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW** 177

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** By-Law 37-2019, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of March 12, 2019 regular Council meeting be read a first, second and third time; and be finally passed and signed and sealed by the Mayor and the Clerk.

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** this regular meeting of Council adjourn at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

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A Division of United Way Perth-Huron



**QUALITY OF LIFE**

in Perth & Huron County 2014



Lack of  
Available  
Community  
Data




Online  
Platform


**Problem**

**Solution**

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Explore

## Domain Categories

The areas we report on include the eight domains found in the Canadian Index of Well-being and employed in the SRPC's 2014 Quality of life Report. As well, we include a community profile and information about housing and homelessness. Within each domain we report on a number of indicators.

Data has been gathered from a variety of sources and, wherever possible, data for both Huron and Perth Counties are included. This includes the Town of St. Marys, the City of Stratford and the lower-tier municipalities within the counties, if available.

Census data comes from the 2016 Canada census, where available. Symbols supplied by the Canadian Index of Well-being

 Community Profile	 Community Vitality	 Democratic Engagement	 Education	 Environment
 Healthy Populations	 Housing & Homelessness	 Leisure & Culture	 Living Standards	 Time Use

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**10 Domains 17 Municipalities 53 Indicators**





# A brief introduction as to how [www.myPerthHuron](http://www.myPerthHuron) can be used...





Explore > Living Standards

## Living Standards



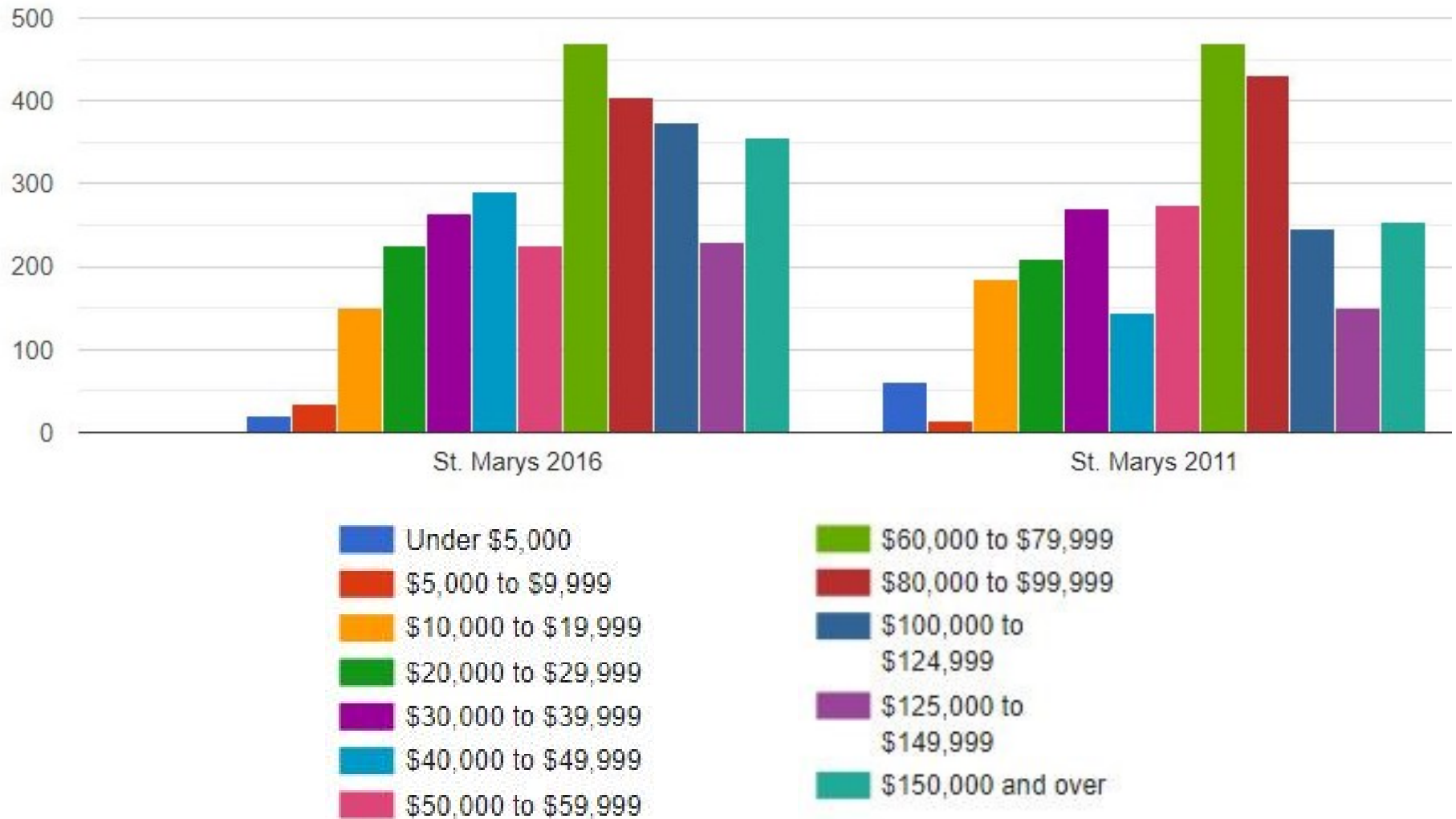
The Living Standards domain looks at the level and distribution of income and wealth in the community. In this section, we explore the state of employment, poverty, housing affordability, social assistance, food security and Internet connectivity.

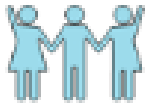
Class of Worker

Employment Earnings

Household Income

## Number of Households by Income Level





Community  
Profile



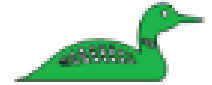
Community  
Vitality



Democratic  
Engagement



Education



Environment



Healthy  
Populations



Housing &  
Homelessness



Leisure &  
Culture



Living  
Standards



Time Use





Explore > Housing & Homelessness

## Housing & Homelessness



The data in these indicators provides information on how stable housing is in Huron and Perth Counties.

### Affordability Benchmarks

[Housing Affordability - Ownership](#)

[Housing Affordability - Rental](#)

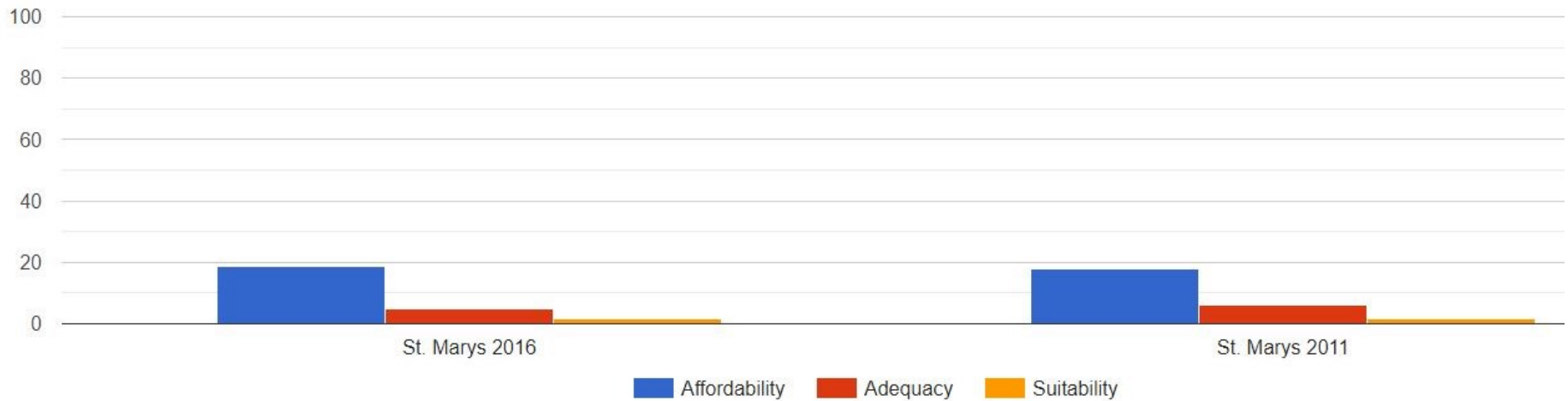
### Core housing Need

[Core Housing Need](#)

### Population Density

[Population Density](#)

## Percentage of Homes with a Core Housing Need



Location ▲▼	Year ▲▼	Affordability	Adequacy	Suitability
St. Marys	2016	18.7	5	1.5
St. Marys	2011	17.9	5.9	1.8

# Data is available at the Municipal Level

Explore > Community Profile > Population Size and Growth

## Population Size and Growth

### Filter by Location

#### Location (Huron)

- ☐ Huron
- ☐ Huron East
- ☐ North Huron
- ☐ Central Huron
- ☐ South Huron
- ☐ Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh
- ☐ Bluewater
- ☐ Howick
- ☐ Morris-Turnberry
- ☐ Goderich

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#### Location (Perth)

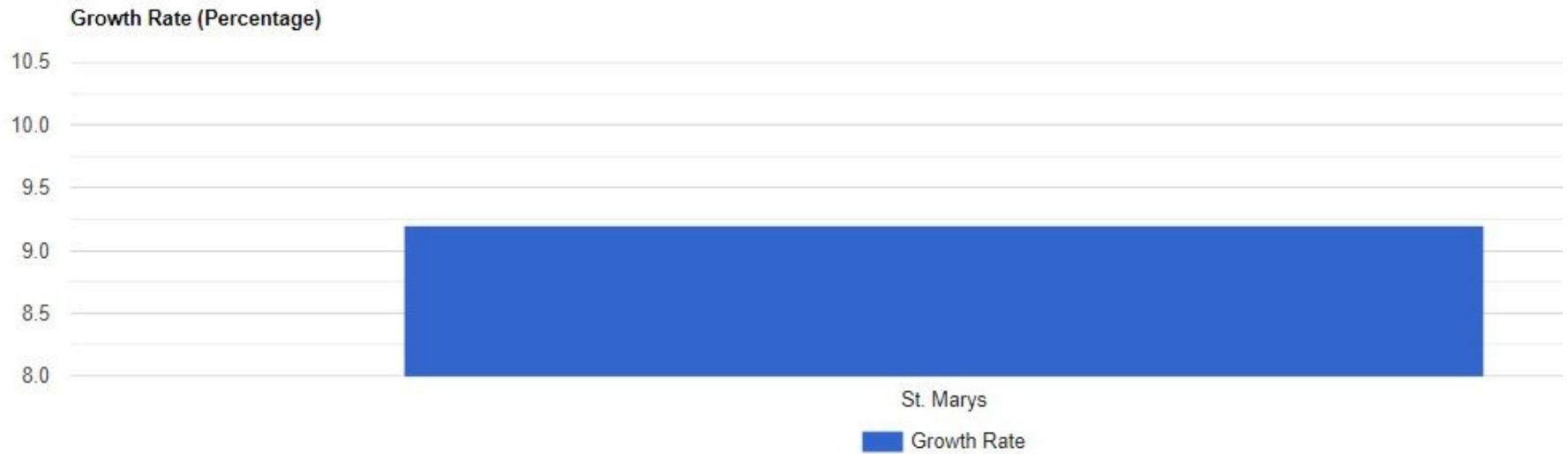
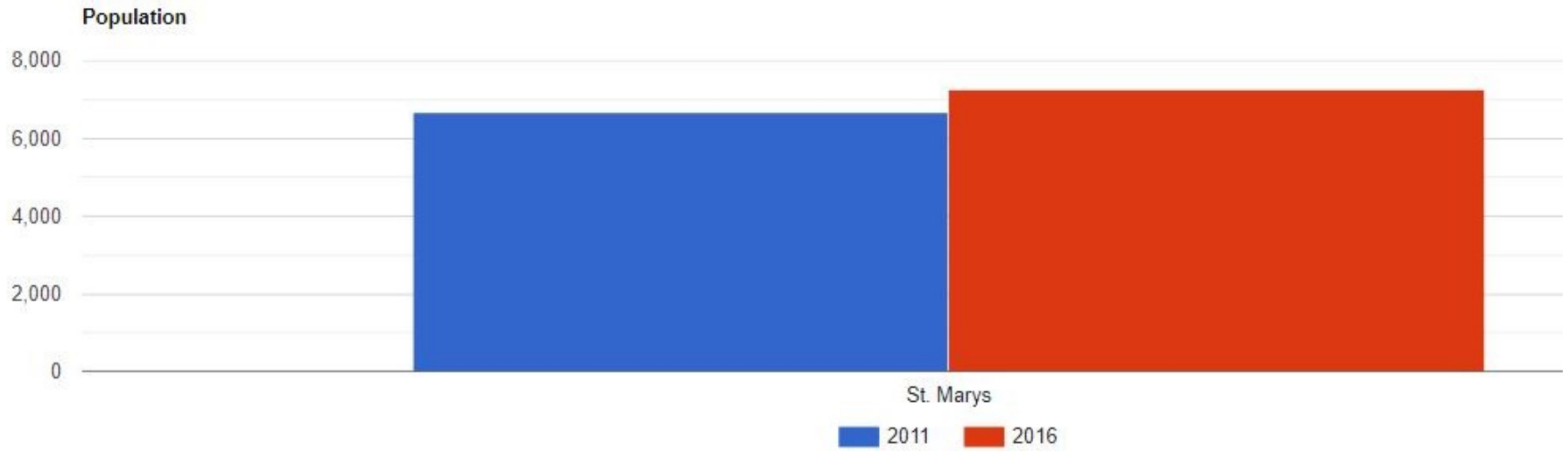
- ☐ Perth
- ☐ Perth East
- ☐ Perth South
- ☐ West Perth
- ☐ North Perth
- ☐ Stratford
- ☒ St. Marys

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# Population



## Population Size and Growth

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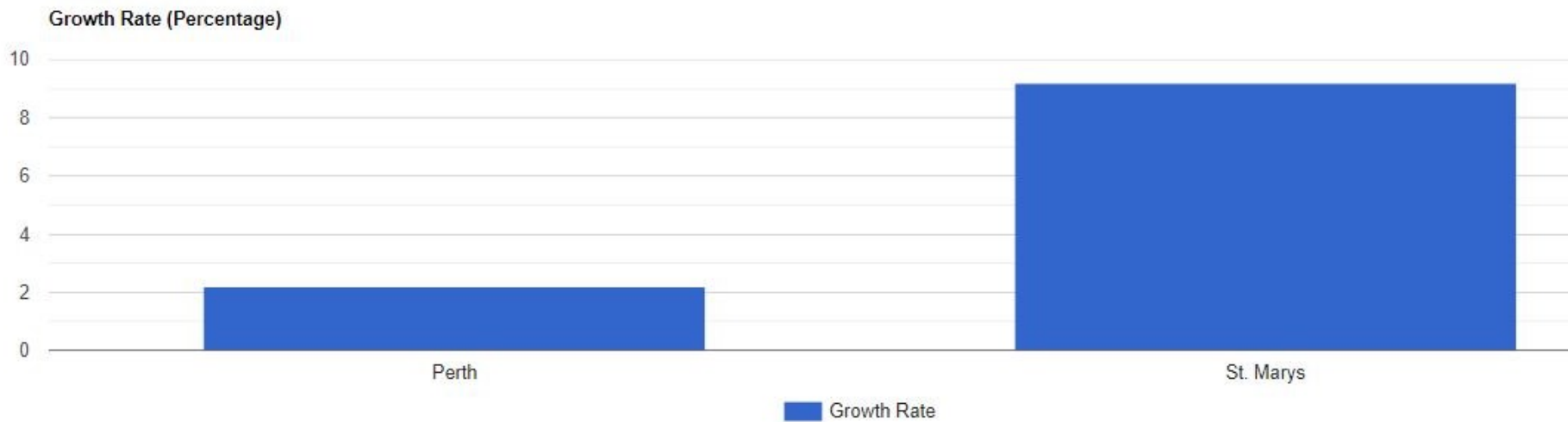
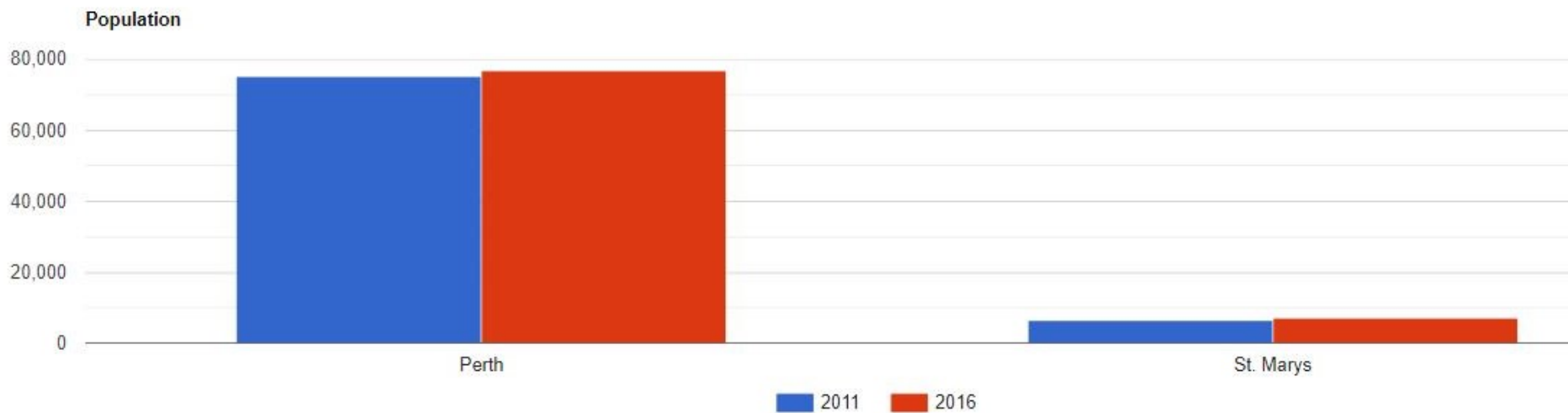
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#### Location (Perth)

- ☒ Perth
- ☐ Perth East
- ☐ Perth South
- ☐ West Perth
- ☐ North Perth
- ☐ Stratford
- ☒ St. Marys

[Select All](#)

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## The stories behind the data...

- Bringing Newcomers and Employers Together
- Sanctuary for Refugees
- Living Wage 2018
- Community through Communication
- Building a New Life in Huron Perth



**[www.myperthhuron.ca](http://www.myperthhuron.ca)**



***The SRPC is requesting that Town of St. Marys Council enter into a Data Sharing Agreement with the Social Research and Planning Council.***





## **Shared Data Agreement**

THIS AGREEMENT MADE THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2019.

BETWEEN:

**United Way of Perth-Huron (operating as the Social Research and Planning Council)**

*Hereinafter referred to as “the SRPC”*

AND

**Town of St. Marys**

*Hereinafter referred to as “St. Marys”*

WHEREAS St. Marys will provide quantitative and/or qualitative values of information as outlined in Appendix A (hereinafter referred to as “data”) to the SRPC to be loaded onto the myPerthHuron Software Platform.

AND WHEREAS the purpose of the myPerthHuron Software Platform is:

- To provide community indicators that reflect the interplay between social, environmental, and economic factors affecting a region’s or community’s well-being and that provide information about past and current trends so as to assist planners and community leaders in making decisions that affect future outcomes.
- To provide a central on-line hub for community data within Huron County, Perth County, City of Stratford and the Town of St. Marys
- To allow for data sharing, as permitted by the agencies providing data
- To provide for related news and information sharing related to community well-being in Huron and Perth Counties

AND WHEREAS public access to St. Marys data will be limited to the terms that are mutually agreed upon by St. Marys and the SRPC.

NOW THEREFORE this Agreement witnesses that, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained and other good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set out, the Parties agree as follows:

1. The data may be used for any one or all of the following purposes:
  - a. for use by the general public accessing the myPerthHuron website;
  - b. for broad social research purposes;
  - c. for internal policy/research studies by the SRPC;

- d. by local government to investigate community issues and implement and measure policy responses.
2. Notwithstanding the limitations regarding the use of the data by the SRPC set out directly above, the data, in an aggregate form, may be used to create public documents about the social and economic health of the community.
3. The SRPC will not, disclose, sell or otherwise distribute the data except in a manner consistent with the purposes identified at paragraph 1 and with the express written consent of St. Marys.
4. St. Marys shall make reasonable efforts to ensure that the data being provided to the SRPC is accurate and current. However, given the limitations inherent in the collection of the data and time sensitivity issues, no warranty is provided by St. Marys that the data is indeed accurate and current, nor that the data is suitable for any particular purpose, including the purposes identified above.
5. The SRPC agrees to attribute credit for the data to St. Marys, whenever appropriate.
6. St. Marys shall provide data on an ongoing basis to the SRPC, for the SRPC to enter into the myPerthHuron Software Platform except as otherwise agreed upon by the parties. SRPC shall take reasonable steps to ensure that the data stored within the myPerthHuron Software Platform is secure.
7. The SRPC and St. Marys agree that the data will not include personal information, as defined in the *Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act* (PIPEDA).
8. Indemnification  
The SRPC shall indemnify St. Marys, its elected officials, officers, employees and agents from and against any and all claims of any nature, actions, causes of action, losses, expenses, fines, costs (including legal costs), interest or damages of every nature and kind whatsoever arising out of this Agreement or the provision of data hereunder, save and except where caused by an act or omission of St. Marys. This indemnity shall survive this agreement.
9. Termination
  - a. Termination upon Notice - Either party may terminate this agreement for any reason upon 10 business days' notice to the other party.
  - b. Termination upon Recipient's Insolvency - This agreement will terminate immediately upon the SRPC's insolvency, bankruptcy, receivership, dissolution, or liquidation.
  - c. Effect of Termination:
    - i. Return of Property. Upon termination of this agreement, the SRPC shall return to St. Marys all data, both originals and copies, under its direct or indirect control.
    - ii. Regulatory Reporting. In the event of any material breach or material default in the performance of any of the SRPC's obligation under this agreement, St. Marys shall file all necessary reports with applicable regulatory bodies.
10. Notice

Any notice required by this Agreement shall be deemed to have been properly given if delivered in person, or mailed by prepaid registered mail addressed:

In the case of St. Marys to:



Clerks Office  
 Town of St. Marys  
 175 Queen Street East  
 PO Box 998 St. Marys ON N4X 1B6

In the case of the SRPC to:

Social Research and Planning Council  
 The United Centre  
 32 Erie Street  
 Stratford, ON N5A 2M4  
 Attention: Director

11. Assignment

The SRPC shall not assign this Agreement.

12. Interpretation

- a. Whenever the context of this Agreement so requires, the singular shall include the plural and vice versa and words importing the masculine gender shall include the feminine and neuter genders. Headings are for convenience of reference only and do not affect interpretation.
- b. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the Province of Ontario.

13. Waiver

Failure by either party to require performance of any term, agreement, obligation or condition herein contained shall not be deemed to be a waiver of such term, agreement, obligation or condition or of any subsequent breach of the same or of any other term, agreement, obligation or condition herein contained. No term, agreement, obligation or condition of this Agreement shall be deemed to have been waived by either party, unless such waiver is in writing and signed by the parties.

14. Entire Agreement

The Agreement and the schedules if any, attached hereto and forming a part hereof, set forth all the terms, obligations, covenants, promises, agreements, conditions and understandings between the SRPC and St. Marys concerning their respective duties, responsibilities and functions and there are no covenants, promises, agreements, conditions or representations, either oral or written, between them other than those that are herein. Except as herein otherwise provided, no subsequent alteration, amendment, change or addition to this Agreement shall be binding upon either party unless reduced to writing and signed by them.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Parties hereby agree to the within Agreement.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

**St. Marys**

Per: \_\_\_\_\_

Per: \_\_\_\_\_

**United Way of Perth-Huron (operating as the Social Research and Planning Council)**

Per: \_\_\_\_\_ Page 29 of 177  
 Ryan Erb, Executive Director

## Appendix A: List of Data Provided

### Municipal elections in 2014, 2018, and future subsequent municipal elections if/when available

- No. of positions open
- No. of positions acclaimed
- No. of females elected
- Percent females
- No. of council candidates
- No. of mayoral/reeve candidates

It is mutually understood that data for the myPerthHuron website will evolve over time to reflect the priorities of the municipalities and the SRPC.



**Social Research &  
Planning Council**

## **2019 Update to Town of St. Marys Council**



# A Living Wage: What it Takes to Make Ends Meet in Perth and Huron Counties



**\$17.44**  
PER HOUR

**2018 Huron-Perth  
Living Wage Rate**





“Earning a living wage has reduced the stress our family was living under significantly and my hope for the future has been restored.”

- *Community member with experience of earning less than a living wage*





**“We support the Living Wage for a variety of reasons. It's good for the community, as it enables workers to live more comfortably, and feel safe, happy and healthy, rather than living pay cheque to pay cheque under constant stress. The benefits to our business have been higher employee engagement and lower absenteeism and turnover. It's great to know that the staff we employ can enjoy all the amazing things our community has to offer, and that in turn encourages a healthy community!”**

**– Rob Russell, owner of MacLeods Scottish Shop** Page 34 of 177





## Total Monthly Costs

**\$1,009**

### Transportation

Cost of operating and maintaining used vehicle(s) (1 in Stratford and 2 in rural areas), public transit and taxis (Stratford only).

**\$233**

### Contingency

4% of household budget. (e.g. unexpected car repairs, insurance deductibles)

**\$149**

### Communications

Typical communication bundle which includes cell phone and Netflix and Internet services.

**\$1,349**

### Childcare

One child in full-time licensed care and the other in a before and after-school care program as well as summer day camps.

**\$737**

### Food

Based on the Nutritious Food Basket Survey conducted by the public health units, calculated for the living wage family composition.

**\$757**

### Other

Laundry, personal care, furniture, household supplies, school supplies and fees, parents' continuing education, reading and entertainment supplies, occasional family outings, birthday presents, a modest vacation and some sports and/or art classes for the children, and bank fees.

**\$270**

### Insurance

Medical, dental, disability and life insurance. Assumes family does not have extended health and dental benefits through work.

**\$1,198**

### Housing & Related Costs

Rent, utilities, tenant insurance and basic household costs.

**\$267**

### Clothing & Footwear

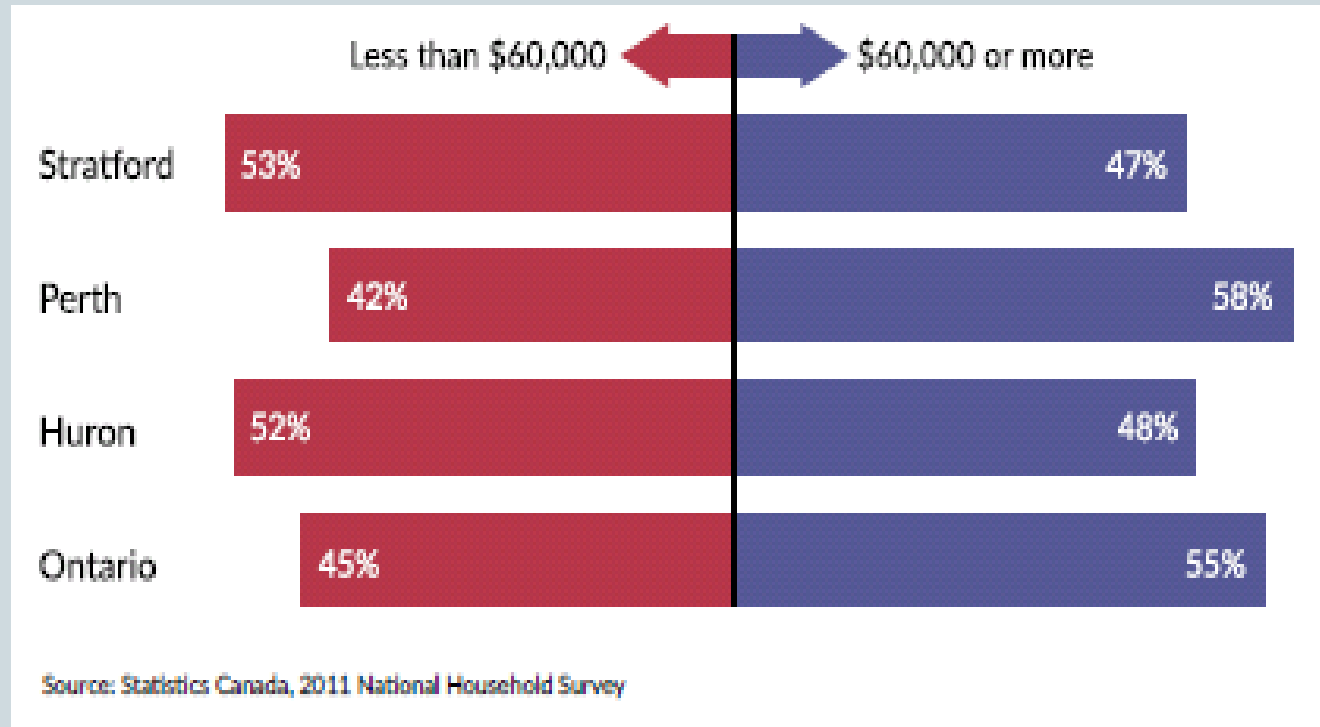
Based on Statistics Canada's Survey of Household Spending for moderate income households.

**"I spent many years living in poverty. Life was always a struggle. I felt trapped with little hope of escape. I am now working and earning a living wage. I have less worries, and more freedoms. I can afford to go places and buy things. I now have goals for the future."**

*- Community member with lived experience of earning less than a living wage*



# Households by Income Level



“The stress and powerlessness of living under such conditions left me feeling hopeless, isolated, and overwhelmed at times.”

*-Community member with experience of earning less than a living wage*





# Why Pay a Living Wage?



## EMPLOYER BENEFITS

- ✓ Enhances marketing strategy for recruitment
- ✓ Increases employee retention and value proposition
- ✓ Elevates employer profile in the community
- ✓ Decreases turnover rates and re-training costs
- ✓ Increases staff morale and loyalty
- ✓ Improves productivity and service delivery



## WORKER BENEFITS

- ✓ Reduces the need to work multiple jobs to pay bills
- ✓ Improves nutrition and reduces the constant stress of financial pressures, resulting in better health
- ✓ Raises standards of living and quality of life
- ✓ Provides opportunities for skills training to improve their education credentials and employment opportunities



## COMMUNITY BENEFITS

- ✓ Raises consumer spending in local economy
- ✓ Increases civic participation (e.g. coaching a soccer team, volunteering at the public library, attending a forum about the municipal election, serving on the board of a community organization)
- ✓ Lowers child poverty rates
- ✓ Promotes the benefits of social programs like child care and public transportation



# Do wage increases cause inflation?

“There is a myth that the “high turnover and low-pay” model is the secret to success in business. But many employers see things differently. We know from experience that a commitment to decent work makes good economic sense. By speaking open up the conversation the most sense today.”

– *Helmi Ansari,*  
*Founder of Grosche Inter*



# Positive Effects for Workers, Employers, and the Economy

“Work should help you rise out of poverty, not keep you there.”



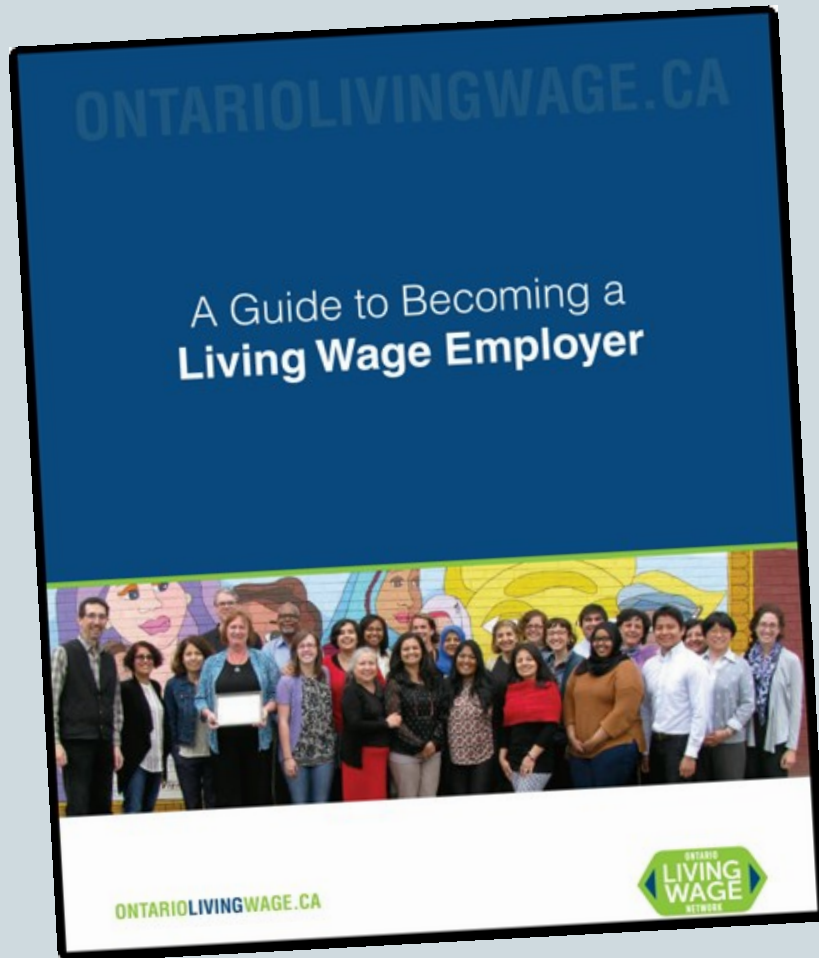
“I’m quite happy that other people don’t do what we do. It allows me to compete better.”

- *HotBlack Coffee* co-owner **Jimson Bienenstock**



# Become a Certified Living Wage Employer

[ontariolivingwage.ca/become\\_a\\_living\\_wage\\_employer](http://ontariolivingwage.ca/become_a_living_wage_employer)



First Name	Last Name
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Email	Mobile phone
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Send me email updates	
Phone	
<input type="text"/>	
Address (Street, City, Province, Postal code)	
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Business / organization name	
<input type="text"/>	
Your title / role	
<input type="text"/>	
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Stratford, ON N5A 2M4

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Fax: 519-273-9350

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recommendations only partially: railway operators still had to obtain regulatory approval to abandon uneconomical routes. Moreover, in the interests of maintaining some level of passenger rail services in Canada, the NTA contained provisions that enabled the federal government to compensate rail carriers for losses incurred in operating money-losing passenger routes or branch lines.

During the 1960s and 1970s, passenger rail services in Canada continued to lose market share to motor vehicles and planes, and CNR and CPR focused increasingly on the more lucrative business line of freight haulage. Intercity rail traffic volumes declined from 3.05 million passenger-miles (4.91 million passenger-kilometres) in 1967 to 1.6 million passenger-miles (2.57 million passenger-kilometres) in 1976.<sup>4</sup> Under the NTA, the federal government paid subsidies to CNR and CPR to offset their losses (up to 80% of operating costs) from operating passenger rail services. From 1967 to 1976, those subsidies increased from \$110 million to \$181.7 million.

### 2.3 CREATION OF VIA RAIL CANADA INC.

In 1976, facing growing subsidy costs and reduced passenger traffic, the federal government revised its policy on passenger rail and ordered the **Canadian Transport Commission (CTC)** and both national rail carriers to develop a passenger rail plan based on the new policy. The two carriers began negotiations to determine the best way of coordinating their passenger rail services in order to eliminate unnecessary duplication, reduce operational losses and improve service delivery. However, instead of joint management of passenger rail services, CNR and CPR agreed to form a passenger rail company that would operate as a subsidiary of CNR.<sup>5</sup> As a result, VIA Rail was incorporated in January 1977, under the *Canada Business Corporations Act*, and became a CNR subsidiary in February 1977.

Later in 1977, the CTC held public hearings on passenger rail transportation in Canada. The main finding was a consensus that there should be no further reductions in passenger rail services. In response, the federal government purchased VIA Rail through an order in council and converted it into a federal Crown corporation. In April 1978, VIA Rail Canada Inc. (hereafter referred to as "VIA Rail" or "VIA") assumed responsibility for the provision of passenger rail services in Canada.

Initially, VIA Rail did not possess any rolling stock, train stations, or associated equipment and facilities. All these items effectively still belonged to the two national rail carriers. For a time, even VIA's operational personnel remained in the employ of CNR or CPR. VIA therefore had to negotiate operating agreements with CNR and CPR. Under these agreements, VIA paid subsidies to both carriers to reimburse them for use of their railroad tracks, equipment and personnel, and other costs incurred in providing passenger rail services. Over the next several years, ownership of some railroad equipment and infrastructure was gradually transferred to VIA Rail. As a result of this transfer, VIA Rail inherited a number of rail corridors and routes across Canada, and also a variety of outdated and obsolete equipment.

Although VIA Rail was responsible for most passenger rail services across Canada, its operations remained subject to Cabinet decision-making and federal government spending priorities. From time to time, budgetary constraints obliged the government

**High Performance Rail, “HPR”** A short list of the features:

- concrete ties
- continuous welded rail
- double- or even triple-track within the existing rights-of-way
- positive train control for safety and capacity expansion
- modern diesel-electric locomotives and comfortable, high-efficiency rolling stock
- shared passenger and freight operation
- feeder buses to link towns not served directly by rail
- improved urban transit connections in the larger communities
- incremental highway grade crossing elimination programs with grade separations, not closures
- speed increases to 110 mph or higher, leading to major reductions in the running times
- frequency increases leading to a train in each direction every hour, plus peak-hour express trains
- no farm-destroying land take



## ***What is High-Performance Rail?***

High-performance rail (HPR) is a proven middle ground between VIA Rail's current service, which largely operates on tracks it shares with freight trains, and high-speed rail (HSR), which operates on all-new electrified lines that must be built from scratch at a very high cost.

HPR incrementally improves all aspects of the existing conventional rail service and builds on the public funds that have already been invested in it. Operating at progressively higher speeds with modern cars and locomotives, HPR offers:

- Increased frequency
- Reduced door-to-door travel times
- Enhanced comfort and onboard amenities
- Better on-time performance and all-weather reliability
- Improved, fully-accessible stations
- More and better connections to local transit

A major advantage of HPR is that it isn't a "big bang" approach that takes years to deliver any benefits before the entire project is completed, as is the case with HSR. It delivers service improvements at each step along a phased pathway to full and greatly expanded service.

HPR is often called a practical and affordable "higher speed" option for today, which can lead the way to more expensive and lengthy HSR construction in the future.

## ***Where is HPR working now?***

HPR is already at work on many rail corridors around the world and more are being developed. On some, HPR's success has led to the construction of all-new HSR lines and its continuation as an important connector for the cities bypassed by the HSR trains.

In the U.S., HPR is now at work on six Amtrak corridors in the Northeast, the Midwest and California. Eight more are being upgraded to HPR standards and several more are planned.

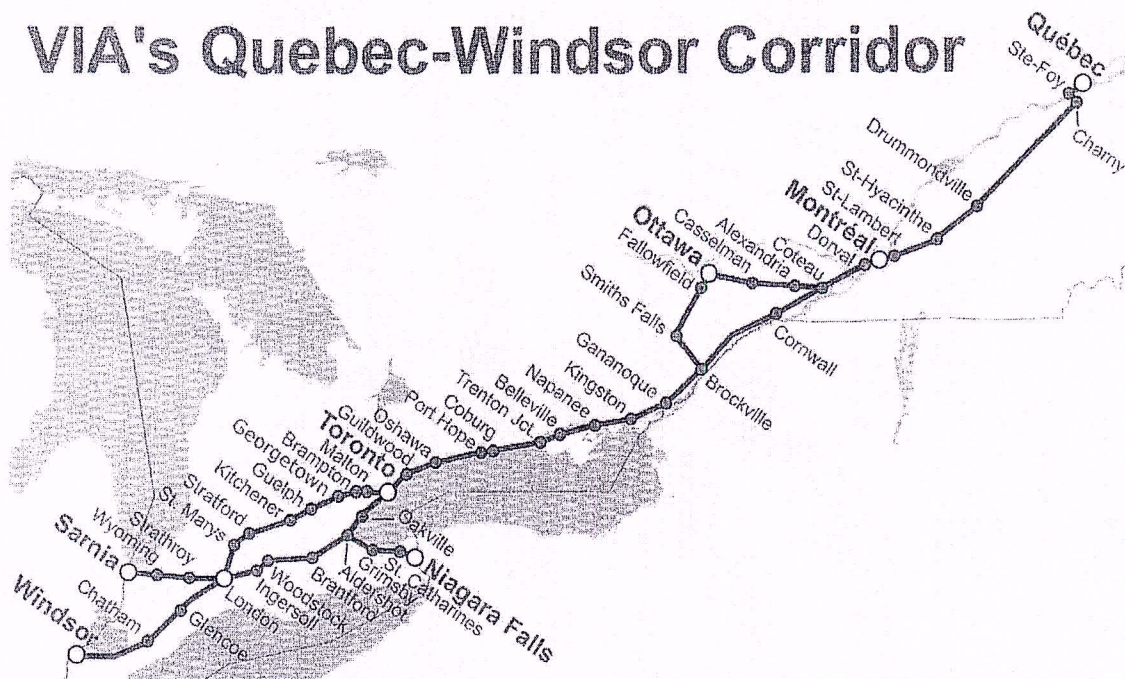
## ***Where would HPR succeed in Canada?***

HPR is ideal for VIA's Quebec-Windsor Corridor, which serves Canada's economic heart. It would be an attractive alternative to driving or flying for the 18 million Canadians who call this mega-region home. More than three million travelers already travel by train in the Quebec-Windsor Corridor annually. Based on the experience of other countries, HPR could be expected to more than double that ridership within a decade.

Eventually, HPR could be applied to other Canadian corridors, such as Calgary-Edmonton and Halifax-Moncton-Saint John. It could also connect with the HPR projects under way or planned for the U.S. border regions.



# VIA's Quebec-Windsor Corridor



## How much would HPR cost?

It could start with a \$3-billion investment that would provide much faster and more frequent service than VIA can now deliver. This initial investment would completely replace VIA's antiquated fleet with modern trains capable of operating at up to 200 km/hour. It would also upgrade the tracks, improve the signal systems and eliminate many dangerous grade crossings. The result would be more travellers, higher revenues, lower costs and improved public safety.

A second \$3-billion wave of HPR improvements would build on the first to cut the journey times further, boost train frequency and attract even more travellers.

## How convenient would HPR really be?

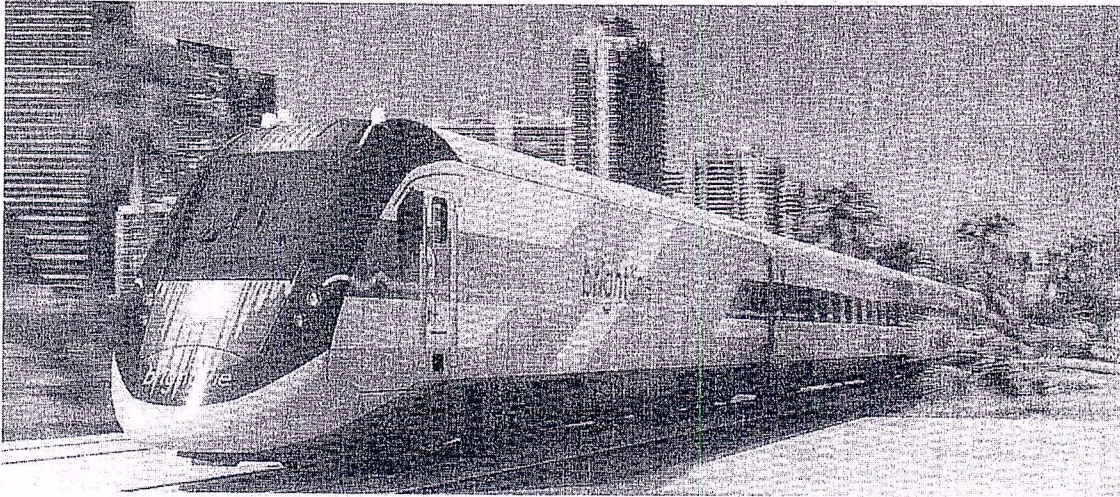
Very convenient. It would deliver attractive travel times and daily departure choices like these:

ROUTE	ROUNDTrips	TRAVEL TIME
Quebec-Montreal	10	2:30
Montreal-Ottawa	15	1:45
Montreal-Toronto	15	3:45
Ottawa-Toronto	15	3:15
Toronto-Brantford-London	10	1:50
Toronto-Stratford-London	10	2:10
Toronto-Windsor	6	3:30
Toronto-Detroit	6	3:50
Toronto-Sarnia	4	2:45
Toronto-Niagara Falls	10	1:45

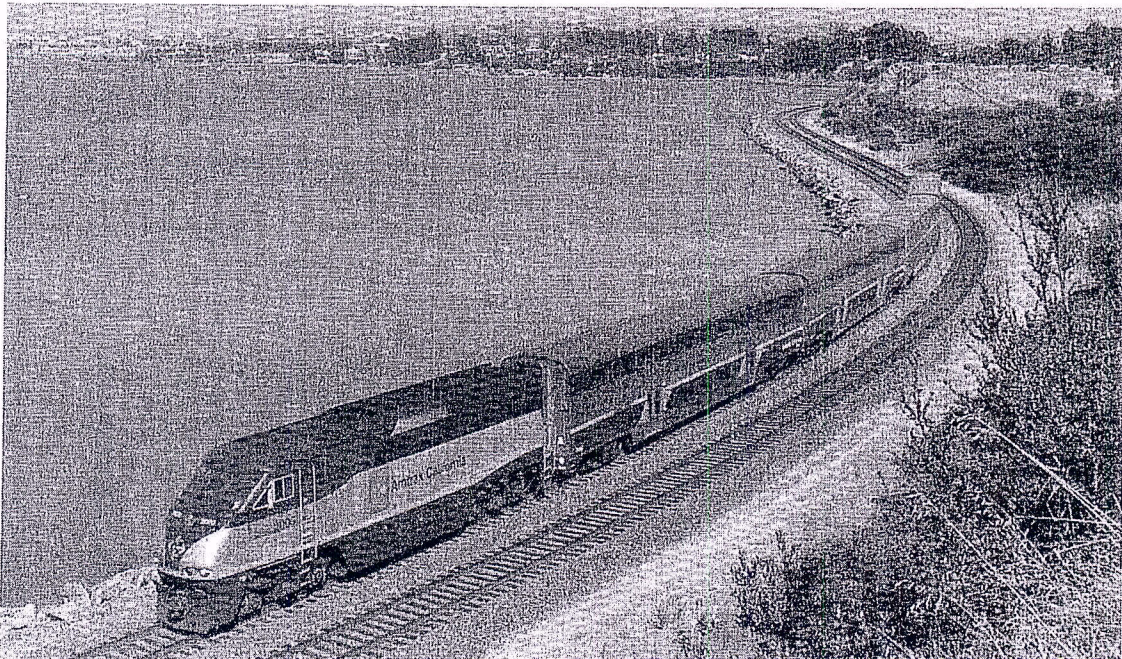


## *Are HPR trains available for Canada?*

There are several HPR equipment options for Canada. Diesel-powered HPR trains are now in use in the U.S. and others will soon to be running on other routes across America. Most are based on trains that have performed admirably on a wide variety of European routes.

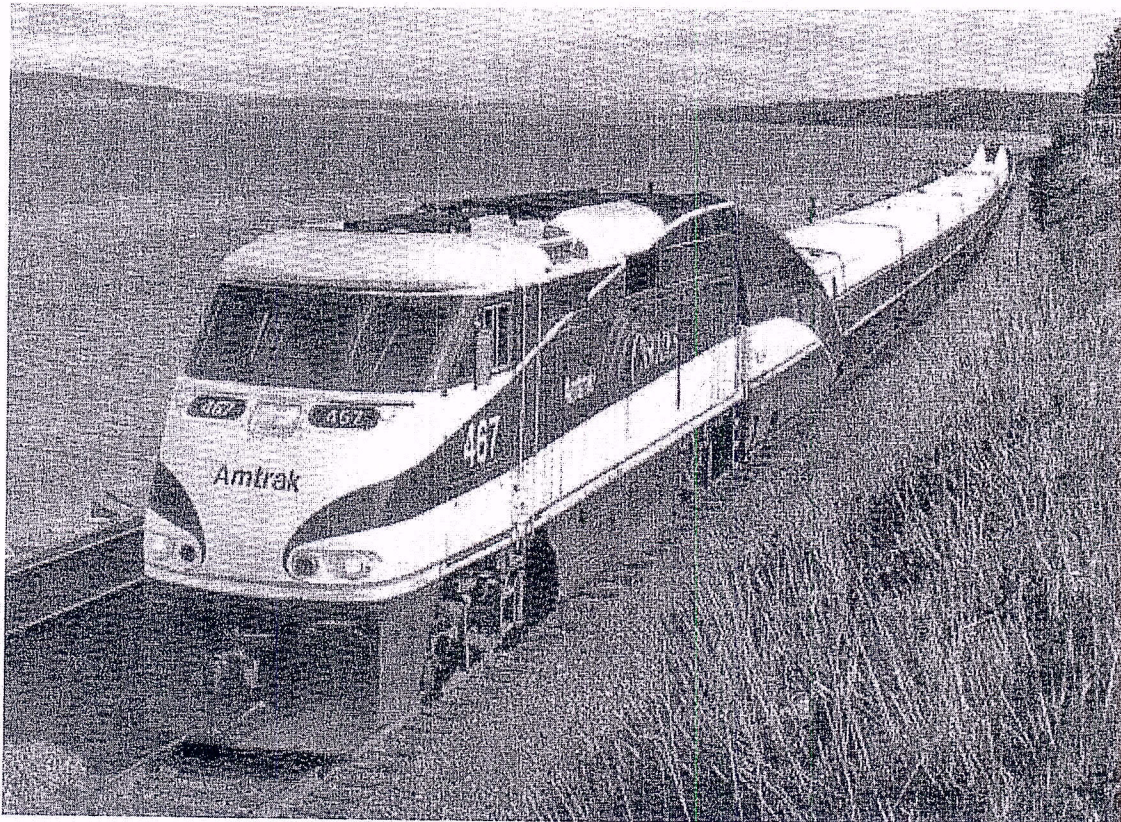


Based on highly successful locomotives and rolling stock in service in Europe, the single-level Siemens Brightline trains have been built in California for the Miami-West Palm Beach-Orlando HPR service that will begin operation in late 2017.

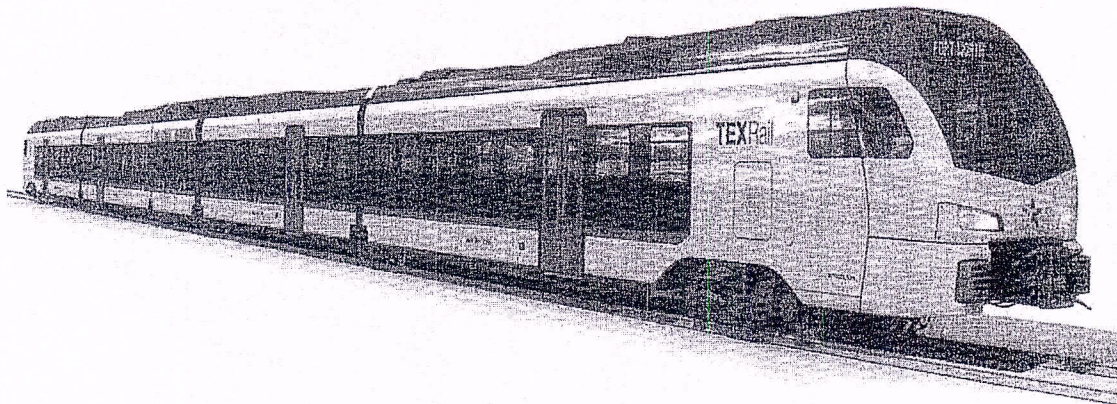


HPR bi-level, push-pull equipment is currently used on three heavily-used Amtrak California routes. They are among the most popular and cost-effective services in the entire U.S. rail passenger network.





Spanish-designed, American-built Talgo HPR trains operate on the Amtrak Cascades route that links Vancouver, Seattle, Portland and Eugene, Oregon. Two more of these low-slung, single-level trains will soon be in service on the Los Angeles-San Diego route.



Self-propelled, diesel multiple unit trains have a role to play in HPR systems, particularly on important lighter-density routes that act as feeders to the heavily-travelled main trunk lines. These Swiss-designed cars are now being built in Utah for use on the TEX Rail service in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Several other designs are now available for North American service.



## *Why should we invest in HPR?*

First and foremost, to improve mobility. HPR would be the strong public transportation core of the Quebec-Windsor Corridor. It would be linked with major improvements to the transit services that would connect with it at multiple points. HPR would foster the development of a seamless, car-free travel system that would be the first choice of millions of travellers annually.

The economic benefits of HPR would also be large. Rail improvement projects have been proven to generate three to four times their investment cost in economic spin-off and job creation. As well, HPR would save taxpayers the expense of putting more of their money into the congested highway and air systems in the corridor – if they could even be expanded.

HPR would offer multiple energy and environmental benefits, especially when compared with car and air travel. It would be a potent force in dealing with climate change.

HPR would also boost our competitiveness with those regions around the world that have built or are building it. Experience has proved that the greater a region's mobility, the greater its attractiveness as a place to live, work and invest. The fact that more and more young people prefer public transportation to driving is a big selling point in HPR's favour.

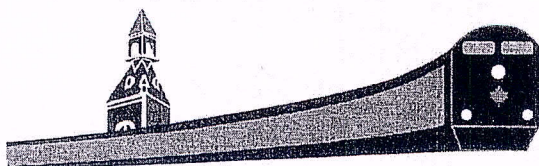
So, can Canada afford to build HPR? The real question is whether we can afford not to.

## *High-Performance Rail: Canada's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Travel Option*



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# Total Direct Automotive Employment in Canada ... Manufacturing, Distribution and Retail

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Change '18/'17
January	675,380	687,885	697,148	714,246	730,086	757,204	763,221	771,795	791,837	2.6%
February	673,535	686,264	697,783	715,128	726,668	750,033	757,610	769,861	792,121	2.9%
March	672,774	684,905	698,327	718,329	727,625	744,594	757,931	767,939	793,271	3.3%
April	682,568	698,458	711,365	725,330	739,253	758,603	772,580	777,476	794,897	2.2%
May	703,341	716,037	738,547	747,635	768,241	788,250	790,939	800,963	825,362	3.0%
June	716,949	734,836	751,131	758,279	786,371	800,643	808,052	819,471	843,472	2.9%
July	718,094	733,719	750,712	761,403	786,479	801,285	805,591	822,107		
August	713,342	730,607	753,373	763,931	784,218	796,811	804,659	824,493		
September	717,981	727,744	748,534	759,435	786,986	797,867	803,542	824,488		
October	723,402	728,173	751,694	763,635	789,668	801,196	804,536	818,899		
November	724,109	730,875	754,039	761,750	787,656	797,434	806,680	824,090		
December	719,932	726,652	744,982	758,823	784,943	797,189	807,576	821,425		
YTD Average	687,425	701,398	715,717	729,825	746,374	766,555	775,056	784,584	806,827	2.8%
Percent Change	-3.1%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.3%	2.7%	1.1%	1.2%	2.8%	



**Subject:** Where's the Beef  
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**Date:** 1/22/2019, 1:16 PM  
**To:** "Phil West" <philwest@kwic.com>

Please ask Teresa to print one copy of cover, and one copy of each of the two attached reports

Thanks, Chris

This week I received another dozen requests for interviews about the GM Oshawa decision. I suspect this is because Unifor is still making a lot of noise. They are out across Canada arguing that this is the end of the automotive industry in Canada as we know it and thus we need massive Government intervention to prevent this from occurring. They are also calling for boycott of GM vehicles. This I don't get at all. More on this later in this rant.

I always like to check the facts so I looked up the actual employment numbers published by Statistics Canada each month for the automotive sector. Year-end numbers are not yet available so I attach their mid-year numbers for 2018 and final annual numbers going back to 2006. Now I follow this industry pretty close but even I was surprised by these stats.

Employment in the manufacturing side of the sector ( we define this as assembly of vehicles of all types and production of components ) is up ( yes UP!!! ) by 9 K workers this year over last year at just under 140 total workers making vehicles and components for this industry. And non-manufacturing jobs ( so head office jobs of the OEMs, vehicle dealers, aftermarket players etc. ) were up by a little over 30K jobs this year at just under 704K workers ... interestingly this number doesn't surprise me at all. Ownership of vehicles in Canada is at an all-time high of about 88 percent of the driving age population which means there are now 10 million more vehicles on the road today than in the year 2000 ( 27 million versus 17 million ). When a country adds 10 million vehicles to its roads it represents one heck of a lot of additional economic activity ... distributing, retailing both new and used vehicles, maintenance and repair etc. And Statistics Canada doesn't break out some other obvious automotive employment numbers from other sectors. Last year, for instance, Canadians financed over 1.9 million vehicles but no-where can I find how many jobs at banks and credit unions are directly related to this activity. If we were able to track down accurate numbers for ALL DIRECT jobs ( ie: exclude indirect jobs like workers at restaurants feeding workers in the auto sector ... I call these the butcher the baker the candle stick maker jobs ... 1 in 7 jobs are also tied INDIRECTLY to the sector ) it is possible that total NON-manufacturing "DIRECT" workers in the automotive sector could approach 800+K rather than the published 700+K in the table.

Add the manufacturing and non-manufacturing auto jobs together and there are now at least 843,472 direct workers in the automotive sector. And this is up by 140 thousand from its trough in 2010. Now I feel very bad about the 2.5K workers that will potentially lose their jobs at the Oshawa manufacturing facility but 2.5 K out of 843K and growing does not represent the 'end of the automotive sector as we know it'. I also say they potentially lose their jobs because GM has offered to retrain any worker that wants to work in the non-manufacturing side of the sector which is growing rapidly. Vehicle dealers, for instance, are searching high and low for service technicians. And before anyone says "wait a minute, these are low paying jobs" ... a service technician in a dealer can easily make as much and quite often more than a worker on an assembly line. Mind you these are very high intellectual jobs and require a lot of hands-on training but they generally do pay very well. Not all but many.

Now, to be fair, the number of workers on the manufacturing side of the industry is down from its peak and there have been some very tough years for workers in our plants. Manufacturing related Employment peaked at 158K workers in 2006 and dropped to a low of 109.1 K workers at the depth of the financial crisis in 2009. That's a massive decline of about 50K workers. Fortunately about 30K of those workers have been brought back to work



in our factories but we are still down 20K workers many of them at the Detroit three factories and their related suppliers. There is no doubt that some of these lost jobs were due to closing of plants. Canada at one point produced over three million vehicles and last year produced a little over 2.2 million vehicles. GM, Ford and Chrysler ( now FCA ) have all closed plants. But why? To be sure there is politics behind some of the plants that were closed in Canada but we also forget that there was politics behind some of the plants that remained open when all the economics pointed to them being candidates for closure. The best example is the GM plant in St. Therese, Quebec which was kept open for a number of years longer than its due date ... and I believe politics was at least partially behind this decision. In addition, and another element that is often forgotten or at least not mentioned is the lost market share of the Detroit three including GM. I have market share Stats going back to 1990 and in that year GM, Ford and Chrysler (now FCA) captured 70.5 percent of the Canadian market. Last year they captured only 40.9 percent of the market. That stat is scary enough but what most haven't cottoned onto yet is that in the depth of the financial crisis when both GM and Chrysler were bankrupt in the US their market share was 43.8 percent in Canada. In 2009 consumers were afraid to buy one of their vehicles because they didn't know whether these companies would survive yet their market share last year was a full three points lower. I find this stunning. I won't go through the numbers but a similar situation existed in the US. Is it possible that this is also why the GM's of the world are closing plants?

And some of the lost employment is due to a classic capital-labour substitution impact. The vehicle companies and especially their suppliers have invested billions and billions in Canada to modernize their factories and this also is part of the lower manufacturing employment levels in Canada. Despite all this our total manufacturing employment grew last year by 9 K workers. Shouldn't we be cheering from the roof tops. And this is why the decision by GM to close Oshawa is the correct one. By closing these low volume plants ( something GM in the past were late to do ) it allows GM to remain competitive and to hopefully hold or stop the deterioration in their market share.

I also want to get back to the non-manufacturing side of this equation which is where there is rapid growth in our automotive work force. I mentioned that ownership has grown to record levels. In the year 2000 it was two-thirds of the driving age population and is now about 87 percent. Again I ask the question why? There are many reasons. Much better built product and a significant increase in the selection of vehicles being offered are two core reasons. In the year 2000 the 15 year survival rate for the average Detroit built vehicle was only 26.8 percent. In the year 2017 it was 46.0 percent. That's a massive increase in quality. Japanese vehicle survival rates increased from 21.7 percent to 62.5 percent ( no wonder they are picking up market share ), Korean vehicles increased for 4.0 percent to 21.9 percent and European vehicles from 41.7 percent to 73.9 percent. All of these stats are for the year 2000 versus the year 2017. With the doubling of survival rates the number of well-built older vehicles on the road in Canada also exploded. In the year 2000 there were about 6 million vehicles on the road in Canada over 10 years old ... last year there were about 11 million vehicles. Many of these are well built and because of their age much less expensive to purchase than a new vehicle and thus the growth in used vehicles sales which are now well over 3 million per year up at least a million units from the year 2000. And a critical element of the additional 140K workers in the non-manufacturing side of the automotive work force.

The new vehicle market has also settled in at new highs. For the longest time ( about 20 years ) a new vehicle market in the 1.4 to 1.6 million range was considered a cyclical high. We have now had three years in the 1.9 to 2.1 million range so we've added about 500K more units to our classic cyclical high. Quality and selection are also part of this growth but pricing is the primary reason for this growth. The increased competition ( thus the lower market share for Detroit ) and the capital-labour substitution equation has meant there has been very little price inflation in the new vehicle sector for quite some time. For most of the last decade and possibly more the Statistics Canada price index for new vehicles has increase by less than 1 percent per year. And this index misses a very big part of the cost of buying a new vehicle. About two-thirds to three-quarters of consumers trade in their current vehicle when they buy a new one. Since their current vehicle is so well built ( thus higher survival rates ) the value of their used vehicle has increased and this effectively lowers the price of their new vehicle. According to Canadian Black Book the wholesale price of the average five, six and seven year old vehicle is up by about 5



points since the year 2000 although the range by brand is very wide with some seeing no increase in their residual value and others increasing by as much as 15 percent. The average transaction price for a new vehicle was about \$35 to \$40K so a 5 point increase in residual value represents about an additional \$2,000 on the typical trade. Combine this with little to no price increase and it is entirely possible that the 'Real' price of some new vehicles have actually gone down this past decade.

In any market and with any good when prices in real terms go down relative to substitute goods consumers buy more. This is exactly what has been happening in the automotive sector and will continue to happen given the focus on cost reduction in the sector and the massive investments each and every OEM is making focused on technology ... thus the focus by most OEMs on autonomous vehicles and electrifying their fleet. Many academics and futurists have written about the demise of the automotive sector and I've lost count of the articles in various publications that predict a dire future for light vehicles. I don't see these trends as the end of the automotive sector I see them as a new beginning for the automotive sector. Yes it will be radically different than in the past but it also will be bigger and more dynamic. The great Yves Landry ( President of Chrysler Canada a couple decades ago ) had it right when he said, "the future of the automotive industry is the six inches between our years". While GM announces 2.5K workers losing jobs in their Oshawa plant they also announce 700 very high paying new engineering jobs going into their Markham R & D centre. Asking consumers to boycott GM vehicles takes away the added profits that GM needs to build on their 700 jobs.

I don't understand the union's strategy is it because non-manufacturing automotive jobs for the most part are non-union as well as very few intellectual jobs?

My rant for the day.

Dennis



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Attachments:

Total Employment - Manufacturing vs Non-Manufacturing - 2006 to 2018.pdf	10.0 KB
Canadian Sales by Segment - 1990, 2000, 2010 to 2018.pdf	143 KB

# ALL ABOARD ST. MARYS



February 5, 2019

Senator Yuen Pau Woo:

Dear Senator:

We need VIA rail enhancements now!

Here's where we are:

- **10,000,000 more vehicles on Canadian roads** since 2000
- **28% of Canadians not driving.**
- Canadian need for mobility to attend school, medical appointments, business meetings, family and social events.
- Successive governments since 1977 led by PM's Pierre Trudeau, Brian Mulroney, Jean Chretien, Paul Martin and Steven Harper accomplishments less than what required.
- **"There should be no further reductions in passenger rail services"**, consensus from Canadian Transportation Commission public hearings on passenger rail transportation in 1977.
- **"We are serious about climate change"** Liberal statement with little action on rail and its environmental benefits.
- **\$37 billion cost** to economy through road accidents **per year.**
- **\$7.5 to \$11 billion cost** in road congestion Greater Toronto Hamilton Area, "GTHA" alone **per year** not solvable by autonomous vehicles.
- **30% population growth** South Western Ontario to 2041.
- **Innovation and productivity potential negated** by lack of adequate transit mobility.
- **Inadequate transit for Stratford Festival** 650,000 guest potential per year and for London airport with potential increase of 250,000 travellers per year.
- **Lack of passage of effective VIA Rail Canada Act.**

Canadians need improved service; demand-based scheduling, newer equipment, more efficiency and implementation of High Performance Rail now!

Studies have shown for every \$1 (one) invested in rail there is a \$3 (three) return.

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We thank the following MP's and MPP's for their support of VIA. We need action from all MP's, MPP's and Senators.

### **Current MP and MLA supporters of enhanced VIA service**

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#### **Members of Provincial Parliament**

Bill Walker, Teresa Armstrong, Michael Mantha, Wayne Gates, Vic Fedeli, Robert Bailey, Randy Pettapiece, Catherine Fife

If you are not on the above list and will do something concrete to improve transit, please let us know!

Yours sincerely,

Chris West. P. Eng

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Maple, Ontario - February 7, 2019

In 2016, the Government of Canada launched the biggest infrastructure plan in Canadian history. Since then, we have invested in and approved thousands of infrastructure projects, including 650 public transit projects in Ontario alone.

As Canadian cities continue to grow, we need to make sure their public transit systems keep pace with current and future transportation needs. The Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, today visited Maple, Ontario, where he highlighted an investment of over \$1.8 billion from the Government of Canada to expand GO rail public transportation infrastructure, including between Barrie and Union Station in Toronto.

These improvements will be funded as part of the ongoing GO Expansion project – the single largest transit project the federal government has ever funded.

With construction soon to be under way, the project will continue to create good, middle class jobs. Once completed, it will cut traffic, reduce air pollution, grow transit ridership, and make it easier and safer for people to get around the Greater Golden Horseshoe area of Ontario.

#### Quote

“Smart investments in public transit help connect communities, create good, middle class jobs, and protect our environment. They also make a real difference in people’s lives, helping them get to work on time in the mornings, and be home with their families in the evenings. We will continue to work with and listen to communities, and invest in the infrastructure they need – today and into the future.”

—The Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada

MP's that cover the constituency where respective NML VIA rail station resides

Toronto: Adam Vaughan

Malton: Hon Navdeep Bains

Brampton: Sonia Sidhu

Georgetown: Hon Michael Chong

Guelph: Lloyd Longfield

Kitchener: Rai Saini

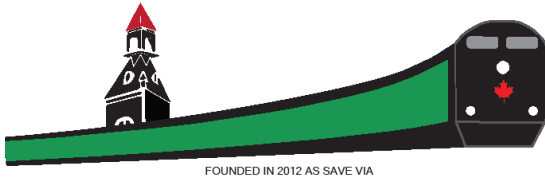
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London: Peter Fragiskatos

Strathroy: Bev Shipley

Sarnia/Wyoming: Marilyn Gladu

## ALL ABOARD ST. MARYS



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All Aboard St. Marys, “AASM” is scheduled to address Mayor & Councillors at **6 pm March 12, 2019** at the Town Hall regarding current VIA rail status on North Main Line and AASM plans through October 2019.

Town Hall Chambers and the meeting are open to the public, so please attend.

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## **MINUTES Regular Council**

February 26, 2019  
6:00pm  
Town Hall, Council Chambers

Council Present: Mayor Strathdee  
Councillor Craigmile  
Councillor Edney  
Councillor Luna  
Councillor Hainer  
Councillor Pridham  
Councillor Winter

Staff Present: Brent Kittmer, CAO / Clerk  
Richard Anderson, Director of Emergency Services / Fire Chief  
Grant Brouwer, Director of Building and Development  
Jim Brown, Director of Finance / Treasurer  
Jed Kelly, Director of Public Works  
Lisa Lawrence, Director of Human Resources  
Trisha McKibbin, Director of Corporate Services  
Stephanie Ische, Director of Community Services  
Jenna McCartney, Deputy Clerk

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Strathdee called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

#### **2.1 Councillor Pridham – Public Meeting for Official Plan Amendment Application OP 01-2019 and Zoning By-law Amendment Application Z01-2019**

Councillor Pridham declared a pecuniary interest in this matter.

#### **2.2 Councillor Pridham – DEV 15-2019 OPA (OP01-2019) and ZBA (Z01-2019) for 481 Water Street South**

Councillor Pridham declared a pecuniary interest in this matter.

#### **2.3 Councillor Pridham – BY-LAWS 27-2019 and Z132-2019**

Councillor Pridham declared a pecuniary interest in this matter.

**3. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councillor Luna requested that emergent business be added under agenda item 9 relating to correspondence from aLPHA (Association of Local Public Health Agencies) about Bill 66, Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act, 2018.

**Resolution 2019-02-26-01**

**Moved By** Councillor Luna

**Seconded By** Councillor Hainer

**THAT** the February 26, 2019 regular Council meeting agenda be accepted as amended.

**CARRIED**

**4. PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD**

None.

**5. DELEGATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND PUBLIC MEETINGS**

**5.1 Retirement Presentation to Rob Wiffen and Jim Siddall**

Mayor Strathdee, Brent Kittmer, Deputy Fire Chief Brent Dundas and Fire Chief Richard Anderson brought forward thanks to Rob Wiffen and Jim Siddall for their years of service to the St. Marys Fire Department and the Town of St. Marys.

**5.2 Public Meeting for Official Plan Amendment Application OP 01-2019 and Zoning By-law Amendment Application Z01-2019**

Having declared a pecuniary interest, Councillor Pridham excused herself from the Council table.

**Resolution 2019-02-26-02**

**Moved By** Councillor Edney

**Seconded By** Councillor Luna

**THAT** the February 26, 2019 regular Council meeting be adjourned at 6:26pm to hold a statutory public meeting as required under the *Planning Act*; and

**THAT** a Public Meeting to consider two planning applications for 481 Water Street South be opened at 6:27pm.

**CARRIED**

Mayor Strathdee stated "This Public Meeting is being held in accordance with Sections 22 and 34 of the Planning Act, RSO 1990.

The purpose of the Public Meeting is to solicit the public's comments with respect to proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments initiated by the Corporation of the Town of St. Marys, the current owner of the subject property.

The purpose and intent of the Applications is to change the Official Plan designation of the subject property to "Highway Commercial" and change the zoning of the subject property to "Highway Commercial Zone (C3)".

Tonight's meeting is the mandatory Public Meeting held under the Planning Act. Council will make a decision regarding this matter during this evening's meeting or at a future Council meeting. If you wish to be notified of Council's decision, please leave your name and address with our CAO/Clerk Brent Kittmer.

I will now ask Mr. Kittmer to advise how notice was given and provide a summary of the comments received regarding this Applications."

Brent Kittmer, CAO / Clerk stated "Notice was given by first class mail to all land owners within 120 metres (400 feet) of the subject property, to those agencies as prescribed by Regulation, and signage advertising tonight's meeting was posted on the property.

Written comments received regarding this Application are as follows:

Department / Agency	Date	Summary of Comments
Town Engineering and Public Works Department	January 10, 2019	Utility services are present to the property. Public Works is not recommending that any further road widening be taken at this time based on a 3.85 metre widening previously taken.

Upper Thames River Conservation Authority	January 15, 2019	No objection to Applications. Landowner to obtain written approval from UTRCA prior to any development or site alteration in the regulated area. Development or site alteration is not permitted on adjacent lands to a significant woodland unless an environmental impact study has been completed.
Festival Hydro	February 4, 2019	Recommend that the lowest point of service wire is at least 4.4 m above the parking lot area to satisfy clearance requirements. Prior to any work taking place, Festival Hydro should be contacted to verify the existing height of service.
Union Gas	February 4, 2019	Union Gas has a gas main in front of this property within the municipal road allowance. For any development activities requiring excavation, regular utility locates must be obtained through Ontario One Call

Councillor Hainer stated "At the January 21, 2019 meeting, the Town's Planning Advisory Committee:

- endorsed the Applications for Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments, in principle; and,
- recommended to St. Marys Town Council that it proceed with a public meeting to consider the Applications."

Mark Stone, Planner, stated "The property is approximately 0.15 hectares in size with approximately 58.8 metres of frontage. The Alexander McDonald House is a 2½ storey stone building and was constructed in the early 1850's. The Town designated the property under the Ontario Heritage Act in 2008 and has now declared the property to be surplus to its needs and is seeking to sell the property.

According to the Town's Official Plan, the subject property is currently designated "Recreational" and a "Natural Hazards Constraints Area" is

identified on the rear portion of the property. The subject property is currently zoned Institutional (I-4) and identified as "Heritage Classified" (for information purposes) in the Town's Zoning By-law Z1-1997.

As noted by the Mayor, the purpose and intent of the Applications is to change the Official Plan designation of the subject property to "Highway Commercial" and change the zoning of the subject property to "Highway Commercial Zone (C3)" with site specific Official Plan policies and Zoning By-law regulations to permit:

- The following uses: business or professional office, convenience store or variety store, equipment sales and rental business, laboratory or research facility, private club, production studio, restaurant, and accessory uses, buildings, and structures.
- A minimum front yard of 5 metres whereas Section 17.2 D of the Zoning By-law requires 10 metres;
- A minimum interior side yard of 2.5 metres whereas Section 17.2 E of the Zoning By-law requires 5 m or one half the building height, whichever is greater; and,
  - A minimum rear yard of 2.5 metres whereas Section 17.2 G of the Zoning By-law requires 5 m.

A concept plan has been included with the application to provide an illustration of what development could look like based on regulations that will apply under the proposed zoning.

Prior to any development on the property, site plan approval will be required to ensure the appropriate layout and design of the proposed parking area. Submission of a Heritage Permit Application will also be required prior to any development on this property."

Mayor Strathdee invited members of the public to provide input on the Applications.

Burton Ready, 35 Ontario Street North, stated his past involvement with the Heritage Committee of St. Marys and the MacDonald House. Mr. Ready said that he is pleased with the proposed future of the property and is in support of the planning applications that are before Council related to this property.

Mayor Strathdee asked Council if there were any questions.

None were presented.

Mayor Strathdee stated "I would like to thank those in attendance for their comments. Should Council proceed with the passage of the Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments, notice of passing will be provided as prescribed by the Planning Act and a 20-day appeal period to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal applies."

**Resolution 2019-02-26-03**

**Moved By** Councillor Luna

**Seconded By** Councillor Hainer

**THAT** this public meeting be adjourned at 6:39pm; and

**THAT** the February 26, 2019 regular Council meeting reconvene at 6:40pm.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Hainer asked if Council would consider moving forward agenda item 8.1.2 *DEV 15-2019 OPA (OP01-2019) and ZBA (Z01-2019) for 481 Water Street South*.

Council agreed.

**8. STAFF REPORTS**

**8.1 Building and Development Services**

**8.1.2 DEV 15-2019 OPA (OP01-2019) and ZBA (Z01-2019) for 481 Water Street South**

Councillor Pridham's absence at the Council table continued having declared a pecuniary interest.

Mark Stone spoke to DEV 15-2019 OPA (OP01-2019) and ZBA (Z01-2019) for 481 Water Street South and responded to questions from Council.

**Resolution 2019-02-26-04**

**Moved By** Councillor Hainer

**Seconded By** Councillor Luna

**THAT** DEV 15-2019 OPA (OP01-2019) and ZBA (Z01-2019) for 481 Water Street South be received;

**THAT** Council approve the Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment Applications for 481 Water Street South given that no

significant concerns are raised by the public or members of Council at the statutory public meeting;

**THAT** Council enact By-law 27-2019 to adopt Official Plan Amendment No. 33; and,

**THAT** Council enact Zoning By-law Z132-2019 for 481 Water Street South.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Pridham returned to her seat at the Council table.

## **6. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

### **6.1 Regular Council - February 12, 2019**

**Resolution 2019-02-26-05**

**Moved By** Councillor Craigmile

**Seconded By** Councillor Winter

**THAT** the February 12, 2019 regular Council meeting minutes be approved and signed and sealed by the Mayor and the Clerk.

**CARRIED**

### **6.2 Special Meeting of Council - February 19, 2019**

**Resolution 2019-02-26-06**

**Moved By** Councillor Pridham

**Seconded By** Councillor Edney

**THAT** the February 19, 2019 special meeting of Council minutes be approved and signed and sealed by the Mayor and the Clerk.

**CARRIED**

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **7.1 Minister of Municipal Affairs re: Housing Supply Action Plan**

**Resolution 2019-02-26-07**

**Moved By** Councillor Pridham

**Seconded By** Councillor Craigmile

**THAT** the correspondence from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding the Housing Supply Action Plan be received.

**CARRIED**



**7.2 Kathleen Cousins re: Resignation from the Library Board**

**Resolution 2019-02-26-08**

**Moved By** Councillor Winter

**Seconded By** Councillor Edney

**THAT** the correspondence from Kathleen Cousins regarding her resignation from the St. Marys Library Board be received with regrets; and

**THAT** Staff be directed to post for the vacancy immediately; and

**THAT** Staff bring forward a list of eligible candidates as soon as possible.

**CARRIED**

**7.3 Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade re: Driving Prosperity**

**Resolution 2019-02-26-09**

**Moved By** Councillor Pridham

**Seconded By** Councillor Luna

**THAT** the correspondence from the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade regarding driving prosperity be received.

**CARRIED**

**8. STAFF REPORTS**

**8.1 Building and Development Services**

**8.1.1 DEV 16-2018 February Monthly Report (Building and Development)**

Grant Brouwer spoke to DEV 16-2019 report and responded to questions from Council.

**Resolution 2019-02-26-10**

**Moved By** Councillor Pridham

**Seconded By** Councillor Craigmile

**THAT** DEV 16-2019 February Monthly Report (Building and Development) be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**8.1.3 DEV 14-2019 St Marys Pyramid Recreation Centre Spa Repair**

Grant Brouwer spoke to DEV 14-2019 report and responded to questions from Council.

**Resolution 2019-02-26-11**

**Moved By** Councillor Pridham

**Seconded By** Councillor Luna

**THAT** DEV 14-2019 St. Marys Pyramid Recreation Centre Spa Repair be received; and

**THAT** report DEV 14-2019 be forwarded to the Recreation and Leisure Advisory Committee for engagement with aquatics users and a recommendation on the future of the Spa at the St Marys Pyramid Recreation Centre.

**CARRIED**

**8.1.4 DEV 12-2019 Dog Park Lighting and Water Installation**

Grant Brouwer spoke to DEV 12-2019 report and responded to questions from Council.

**Resolution 2019-02-26-12**

**Moved By** Councillor Pridham

**Seconded By** Councillor Luna

**THAT** DEV 12-2019 Dog Park Lighting and Water Installation be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**8.2 Administration and Human Resources**

**8.2.1 CAO 19-2019 February Monthly Report (Administration and Human Resources)**

Brent Kittmer and Lisa Lawrence spoke to CAO 19-2019 report and responded to questions from Council.

**Resolution 2019-02-26-13**

**Moved By** Councillor Pridham

**Seconded By** Councillor Luna

**THAT** CAO 19-2019 February Monthly Report (Administration and Human Resources) be received for information.

**CARRIED**

### **8.2.2 CAO 23-2019 Mutual Aid Agreement with the Township of Zorra**

Brent Kittmer spoke to CAO 23-2019 report and responded to questions from Council.

#### **Resolution 2019-02-26-14**

**Moved By** Councillor Winter

**Seconded By** Councillor Craigmile

**THAT** CAO 23-2019 Mutual Aid Agreement with the Township of Zorra be received;

**THAT** Council approves a mutual aid agreement between the Town of St. Marys and the Township of Zorra;

**THAT** the CAO be authorized to take all necessary steps to finalize the agreement;

**THAT** By-law 28-2019, being a by-law to authorize the Mayor and CAO/Clerk to sign a mutual aid agreement with the Township of Zorra, be approved.

**CARRIED**

## **8.3 Corporate Services**

### **8.3.1 COR 06-2019 February Monthly Report (Corporate Services)**

Trisha McKibbin spoke to COR 06-2019 report and responded to questions from Council.

#### **Resolution 2019-02-26-15**

**Moved By** Councillor Edney

**Seconded By** Councillor Pridham

**THAT** COR 06-2019 February Monthly Report (Corporate Services) be received for information.

**CARRIED**

## **8.4 Finance**

### **8.4.1 FIN 04-2019 February Monthly Report (Finance)**

Jim Brown spoke to FIN 04-2019 report and responded to questions from Council.

**Resolution 2019-02-26-16**

**Moved By** Councillor Luna

**Seconded By** Councillor Edney

**THAT** FIN 04-2019 February Monthly Report (Finance) be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**8.5 Fire and Emergency Services**

**8.5.1 FD 03-2019 February Monthly Report (Emergency Services)**

Fire Chief Anderson spoke to FD 03-2019 report and responded to questions from Council.

**Resolution 2019-02-26-17**

**Moved By** Councillor Winter

**Seconded By** Councillor Craigmile

**THAT** FD 03-2019 February Monthly Report (Emergency Services) be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**8.5.2 FD 04-2019 Emergency Management Program By-law Amendment**

Fire Chief Anderson spoke to FD 04-2019 report and responded to questions from Council.

**Resolution 2019-02-26-18**

**Moved By** Councillor Pridham

**Seconded By** Councillor Edney

**THAT** FD 04-2019 Emergency Management Program By-law Amendment be received; and

**THAT** By-law 26-2019, to Amend By-law 58 of 2007 -Emergency Management Program, be approved.

**CARRIED**

**8.6 Community Services**

**8.6.1 DCS 05-2019 February Monthly Report (Community Services)**

Stephanie Ische spoke to DCS 05-2019 report and responded to questions from Council.

**Resolution 2019-02-26-19**

**Moved By** Councillor Edney

**Seconded By** Councillor Luna

**THAT** DCS 05-2019 February Monthly Report (Community Services) be received for information.

**CARRIED**

**8.6.2 DCS 06-2019 Child Care Rates**

Stephanie Ische spoke to DCS 06-2019 report and responded to questions from Council.

**Resolution 2019-02-26-20**

**Moved By** Councillor Luna

**Seconded By** Councillor Hainer

**THAT** DCS 06-2019 Child Care Rates be received; and

**THAT** Council approve the following rate increases for the Early Learning Services-- Infant Program 2%, Toddler Program 5%, Pre-school Program 5% and Nursery Program 5% with an effective date of April 1, 2019: and

**THAT** Council approve priority ranking when filling child care spots as follows:

1. A child that is currently enrolled as part time and would like to attend full time.
2. Children on the waitlist that already have a sibling that attends the program.
3. To families that reside in the Town of St. Marys over out of town residents.

Councillor Craigmile proposed an amendment to resolution 2019-02-26-20.

Councillor Hainer requested a recorded vote for resolution 2019-02-26-21.

**Amendment:**

**Resolution 2019-02-26-21**

**Moved By** Councillor Craigmile

**Seconded By** Councillor Winter

**THAT** priority ranking #3 "to families that reside in the Town of St. Marys over out of town residents" be stricken from resolution 2019-02-26-20.

Support (3): Councillor Craigmile, Councillor Pridham, and Councillor Winter

Oppose (4): Mayor Strathdee, Councillor Edney, Councillor Luna, and Councillor Hainer

**DEFEATED**

Councillor Luna requested a recorded vote for resolution 2019-02-26-20.

**Resolution 2019-02-26-20**

**Moved By** Councillor Luna

**Seconded By** Councillor Hainer

**THAT** DCS 06-2019 Child Care Rates be received; and

**THAT** Council approve the following rate increases for the Early Learning Services-- Infant Program 2%, Toddler Program 5%, Pre-school Program 5% and Nursery Program 5% with an effective date of April 1, 2019: and

**THAT** Council approve priority ranking when filling child care spots as follows:

1. A child that is currently enrolled as part time and would like to attend full time.
2. Children on the waitlist that already have a sibling that attends the program.
3. To families that reside in the Town of St. Marys over out of town residents.

Support (6): Mayor Strathdee, Councillor Edney, Councillor Luna, Councillor Hainer, Councillor Pridham, and Councillor Winter

Oppose (1): Councillor Craigmile

**CARRIED**



## **8.7 Public Works**

Council took a brief recess at 8:26pm.

Mayor Strathdee called the meeting back to order at 8:30pm.

### **8.7.1 PW 13-2019 February Monthly Report (Public Works)**

Jed Kelly spoke to PW 13-2019 report and responded to questions from Council.

#### **Resolution 2019-02-26-22**

**Moved By** Councillor Craigmile

**Seconded By** Councillor Luna

**THAT** PW 13-2019 February Monthly Report (Public Works) be received for information.

**CARRIED**

### **8.7.2 PW 11-2019 Award for RFT-PW-02-2019 Cemetery Turf Maintenance, 2019-2021**

Jed Kelly spoke to PW 11-2019 report and responded to questions from Council.

#### **Resolution 2019-02-26-23**

**Moved By** Councillor Pridham

**Seconded By** Councillor Craigmile

**THAT** PW 11-2019 Award for RFT-PW-02-2019 Cemetery Turf Maintenance, 2019-2021 be received;

**THAT** the procurement for RFT-PW-02-2019 Cemetery Turf Maintenance, 2019-2021 be awarded to St. Marys Landscaping for the procured price of \$98, 639.85, inclusive of all taxes and contingencies;

**THAT** Council approve the unbudgeted amount as identified in PW 11-2019 Award for RFT-PW-02-2019 Cemetery Turf Maintenance, 2019-2021; and,

**THAT** By-Law 30-2019 authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk to sign the associated agreement be approved.

**CARRIED**

**8.7.3 PW 10-2019 Award for RFT-PW-01-2019 Parks Turf Maintenance, 2019-2021**

Jed Kelly spoke to PW 10-2019 report and responded to questions from Council.

**Resolution 2019-02-26-24**

**Moved By** Councillor Pridham

**Seconded By** Councillor Luna

**THAT** PW 10-2019 Award for RFT-PW-01-2019 Parks Turf Maintenance, 2019-2021 be received; and,

**THAT** the procurement for RFT-PW-01-2019 Parks Turf Maintenance, 2019-2021 be awarded to St. Marys Landscaping Ltd. for the procured price of \$230, 746.16, inclusive of all taxes and contingencies; and,

**THAT** By-Law 31-2019 authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk to sign the associated agreement be approved.

**CARRIED**

**9. EMERGENT OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Councillor Luna read the correspondence from aLHPA regarding concerns about Bill 66.

Council discussed the matter and requested that staff keep them up to date on the status of the proposed legislation.

**10. NOTICES OF MOTION**

None.

**11. BY-LAWS**

**Resolution 2019-02-26-25**

**Moved By** Councillor Edney

**Seconded By** Councillor Luna

**THAT** By-Laws 26-2018, 28-2019, 29-2019, 30-2019, and 31-2019 be read a first, second and third time; and be finally passed and signed and sealed by the Mayor and the Clerk.

**CARRIED**

Having declared a pecuniary interest, Councillor Pridham vacated her seat at the Council table.

**Resolution 2019-02-26-26**

**Moved By** Councillor Winter

**Seconded By** Councillor Luna

**THAT** By-laws 27-2019 and Z132-2019 be read a first, second and third time; and be finally passed and signed and sealed by the Mayor and the Clerk.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Pridham returned to her seat at the Council table.

**12. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Mayor Strathdee reviewed the upcoming meetings as presented on the agenda.

**13. CLOSED SESSION**

None.

**14. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

**Resolution 2019-02-26-27**

**Moved By** Councillor Craigmile

**Seconded By** Councillor Luna

**THAT** By-Law 32-2019, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of February 26, 2019 regular Council meeting be read a first, second and third time; and be finally passed and signed and sealed by the Mayor and the Clerk.

**CARRIED**

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution 2019-02-26-28**

**Moved By** Councillor Edney

**Seconded By** Councillor Pridham

**THAT** this regular meeting of Council adjourn at 8:50p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Al Strathdee, Mayor





**MINUTES**  
**Special Meeting of Council**

March 5, 2019  
9:00am  
Council Chambers, Town Hall

Council Present: Mayor Strathdee  
Councillor Craigmile  
Councillor Edney  
Councillor Luna  
Councillor Hainer  
Councillor Pridham  
Councillor Winter

Staff Present: Brent Kittmer, CAO / Clerk  
Jim Brown, Director of Finance / Treasurer  
Trisha McKibbin, Director of Corporate Services  
Matthew Corbett, Library CEO  
Jenna McCartney, Deputy Clerk

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Strathdee called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

**2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Councillor Craigmile declared a perceived conflict of interest with respect to agenda item 4.1 - *St. Marys Healthcare Foundation Funding Request* due to his wife's position with the St. Marys Healthcare Foundation Board.

Councillor Edney declared a conflict of interest with respect to agenda item 5.1 - *Community Grant Reviews* due to his involvement with Front Porch Show.

Councillor Pridham declared a conflict of interest with respect to agenda item 5.1 - *Community Grant Reviews* due to her involvement with Front Porch Show.

During deliberation of agenda item 5.1 - *Community Grant Reviews* (Family Services Perth - Huron), Councillor Edney declared a pecuniary interest due to a connection of his wife with Ontario Works.

During deliberation of agenda item 5.1 - *Community Grant Reviews* (scholarship), Councillor Hainer declared a conflict of interest as she has a child enrolled at St. Michaels Catholic High School.

### **3. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

#### **Resolution 2019-03-05-01**

**Moved By** Councillor Luna

**Seconded By** Councillor Edney

**THAT** the March 5, 2019 special meeting of Council agenda be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

### **4. DELEGATIONS**

#### **4.1 St. Marys Healthcare Foundation - Funding Request**

Krista Linklater and Dr. Bob Davis spoke to the St. Marys Healthcare Foundation funding request and responded to questions from Council.

Having declared a conflict of interest, Councillor Craigmile vacated his seat prior to the commencement of voting for resolution #2019-03-05-02.

#### **Resolution 2019-03-05-02**

**Moved By** Councillor Pridham

**Seconded By** Councillor Luna

**THAT** the delegation from St. Marys Healthcare Foundation regarding funding request be received.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Craigmile returned to his seat at the Council table.

#### **4.2 Stratford Perth Hospice Foundation - Funding Request**

Andy Werner of Stratford Perth Hospice Foundation spoke to the funding request and responded to questions from Council.

#### **Resolution 2019-03-05-03**

**Moved By** Councillor Winter

**Seconded By** Councillor Luna

**THAT** the presentation from the Stratford Perth Hospice Foundation regarding the funding request be received.



**5. REVIEW OF REQUESTS FOR GRANTS**

**5.1 CAO 20-2019 Review of 2019 Community Grant Applications**

Brent Kittmer spoke to CAO 20-2019 report and responded to questions from Council.

Council came to the consensus that the following grant applications receive preliminary approval:

- Beautification Committee
- Farmers' Market

Council debated the merits of the All Aboard St. Marys grant application and passed the following resolution.

**Resolution 2019-03-05-04**

**Moved By** Councillor Hainer

**Seconded By** Councillor Craigmile

**THAT** Council deny the grant request from All Aboard St. Marys.

**CARRIED**

Council debated the merits of the GOALS grant application and passed the following resolution.

**Resolution 2019-03-05-05**

**Moved By** Councillor Pridham

**Seconded By** Councillor Craigmile

**THAT** Council provide preliminary approval to grant 25% (\$3,137.50) of eligible budget to the GOALS program.

**CARRIED**

Council debated the merits of the Army, Navy, Air Force St. Marys grant application and passed the following resolution.

**Resolution 2019-03-05-06**

**Moved By** Councillor Winter

**Seconded By** Councillor Hainer

**THAT** Council provide preliminary approval to the grant request from Army, Navy and Air Force St. Marys with the provision that the eligible receipts be submitted to the Town for reimbursement

**DEFEATED**

Council came to the consensus that Evan's Touch the Truck grant application receive preliminary approval.

Council debated the merits of the Journal Argus Foundation grant application and passed the following resolution.

**Resolution 2019-03-05-07**

**Moved By** Councillor Pridham

**Seconded By** Councillor Edney

**THAT** Council deny the cash grant request from Journal Argus Foundation; and

**THAT** Council provide preliminary approval for the \$2,000 in in-kind request if the event proceeds, and subject to the specific requests for in-kind support being provided

**CARRIED**

Council debated the merits of the United Way Perth - Huron grant application and passed the following resolution.

**Resolution 2019-03-05-08**

**Moved By** Councillor Winter

**Seconded By** Councillor Craigmile

**THAT** Council provide preliminary approval to the United Way Perth - Huron grant request; and

**THAT** the annual United Way Grant be moved to the base budget funded through the Community Grant Program in the future.

**CARRIED**

Having declared a conflict of interest, Councillors Edney and Pridham vacated their seats at the Council table during the vote related to the Front Porch Show.

Council debated the merits of the Front Porch Show grant application.

**Resolution 2019-03-05-09**

**Moved By** Councillor Winter

**Seconded By** Councillor Hainer

**THAT** Council provide preliminary approval to the Front Porch Show for \$1,400 as a cash grant.

**DEFEATED**

**Resolution 2019-03-05-10**

**Moved By** Councillor Luna

**Seconded By** None

**THAT** Council provide preliminary approval to the Front Porch Show for \$1,400 as a cash grant; and

**THAT** Council provide preliminary approval for \$850 to be used for the insurance provision required by the Town.

**MOTION LOST AS NO SECONDER**

Mayor Strathdee passed the gavel to Deputy Mayor Luna.

Deputy Mayor Luna assumed the role of Chair.

Mayor Strathdee contributed to the debate regarding the grant application by the Front Porch Show. Mayor Strathdee moved the following resolution.

**Resolution 2019-03-05-11**

**Moved By** Mayor Strathdee

**Seconded By** Councillor Hainer

**THAT** Council provide preliminary approval to the Front Porch Show with \$850 as a cash grant for the insurance provision.

**CARRIED**

Deputy Mayor Luna passed the gavel back to Mayor Strathdee.

Mayor Strathdee assumed the role of Chair.

Council took a brief recess at 11:24am.

Mayor Strathdee called the meeting back to order 11:32am.

Council was of the consensus to consider agenda item 5.3 at this time prior to concluding deliberation on agenda item 5.1.

**5.3 COR 04-2019 Station Gallery Funding Request**

Trisha McKibbin spoke to COR 04-2019 report and responded to questions from Council. Council invited Cameron Porteous to speak to the operations of the St. Marys Station Gallery.

**Resolution 2019-03-05-12**

**Moved By** Councillor Winter

**Seconded By** Councillor Luna

**THAT** Council provide preliminary approval to the \$10,900 grant request from Station Gallery.

**CARRIED**

**5.1 CAO 20-2019 Review of 2019 Community Grant Applications**

Council resumed consideration of the 2019 Community Grants.

Council debated the merits of the Canada Day Parade grant application and passed the following resolution.

**Resolution 2019-03-05-13**

**Moved By** Councillor Winter

**Seconded By** Councillor Luna

**THAT** Council provide preliminary approval to the Canada Day Parade grant request; and

**THAT** the annual Canada Day Parade grant be moved to the base budget funded through the Community Grant Program in the future

**CARRIED**

Council debated the merits of the Family Services Perth - Huron grant application.

During deliberation of Family Services Perth - Huron, Councillor Edney declared a matter of pecuniary interest.

Councillor Edney vacated his seat at the Council table.

**Resolution 2019-03-05-14**

**Moved By** Councillor Craigmile

**Seconded By** Councillor Winter

**THAT** Council deny the grant request from Family Services Perth-Huron.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Edney returned to his seat at the Council table.

Council took a brief recess at 12:05pm.

Mayor Strathdee called the meeting back to order at 12:29pm.

Deliberation of the community grant applications resumed at the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum.

**Resolution 2019-03-05-15**

**Moved By** Councillor Hainer

**Seconded By** Councillor Luna

**THAT** Council provide preliminary approval to the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum grant request; and

**THAT** Council approves the in-kind building permit fee waiver requested by the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum.

**CARRIED**

Council debated the merits of the St. Marys Kinsmen grant request and passed the following resolution.

**Resolution 2019-03-05-16**

**Moved By** Councillor Craigmile

**Seconded By** Councillor Luna

**THAT** Council provide preliminary approval to the Kinsmen Club of St. Marys grant request.

**THAT** Council provide preliminary approval to the in-kind building permit fee waiver requested by the Kinsmen Club.

**CARRIED**

Council debated the merits of the St. Marys Lincolns grant request and passed the following resolution.

**Resolution 2019-03-05-17**

**Moved By** Councillor Hainer

**Seconded By** Councillor Winter

**THAT** Council approves the St. Marys Lincolns be charged the youth ice rate on an annual basis effective January 1, 2019;

**THAT** Council provides preliminary approval of \$8,738 for a 2019 cash grant to the St. Marys Lincolns' to pay for the costs of room rentals as outlined in their 2019 Community Grant application; and

**THAT** the blueline club bar profits for all pre-season, regular season and playoff games be shared with the St. Marys Lincolns net of the cost of

alcohol sold with the Town absorbing the costs of bartenders to staff the blueline club.

Councillor Pridham proposed an amendment to resolution 2019-03-05-17:

**Resolution 2019-03-05-18**

**Moved By** Councillor Pridham

**Seconded By** None received

**THAT** the Lincolns be provided a 2019 cash grant of \$10,000.

**MOTION LOST AS NO SECONDER**

Mayor Strathdee called the question on the original motion.

**Resolution 2019-03-05-17**

**Moved By** Councillor Hainer

**Seconded By** Councillor Winter

**THAT** Council approves the St. Marys Lincolns be charged the youth ice rate on an annual basis;

**THAT** Council provides preliminary approval of \$8,738 for a 2019 cash grant to the St. Marys Lincolns' to pay for the costs of room rentals as outlined in their 2019 Community Grant application; and

**THAT** the blueline club bar profits for all pre-season, regular season and playoff games be shared with the St. Marys Lincolns net of the cost of alcohol sold with the Town absorbing the costs of bartenders to staff the blueline club.

**CARRIED**

Brent Kittmer provided a recap of the grants approved thus far in the 2019 deliberation. \$44,890 has been preliminarily approved.

Council debated the merits of the annual scholarship to a St. Marys DCVI student and considered adding a scholarship to a student who resides in St. Marys and attends St. Michaels Catholic High School.

During deliberation of this matter, Councillor Hainer declared a conflict of interest and left the Council table.

**Resolution 2019-03-05-19**

**Moved By** Councillor Luna

**Seconded By** Councillor Winter



**THAT** Council provide preliminary approval to fund a \$1,500 scholarship to a St. Michaels Catholic High School student who resides in the Town of St. Marys.

**Amendment:**

**Resolution 2019-03-05-20**

**Moved By** Councillor Pridham

**Seconded By** Councillor Luna

**THAT** the amount of the scholarship provided in resolution 2019-03-05-18 be changed from \$1,500 to \$750.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution 2019-03-05-19**

**Moved By** Councillor Luna

**Seconded By** Councillor Winter

**THAT** Council provide preliminary approval to fund a \$750 scholarship to a St. Michaels Catholic High School student who resides in the Town of St. Marys.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Hainer returned to her seat at the Council table.

**Resolution 2019-03-05-21**

**Moved By** Councillor Luna

**Seconded By** Councillor Craigmile

**THAT** CAO 20-2019 regarding the 2019 Community Grant applications be received for review and budget direction.

**CARRIED**

## **5.2 CAO 21-2019 Stratford Perth Rotary Hospice Grant Request**

Brent Kittmer spoke to CAO 21-2019 report and responded to questions from Council.

Councillor Hainer requested a recorded vote for resolution 2019-03-05-21.

**Resolution 2019-03-05-22**

**Moved By** Councillor Luna

**Seconded By** Councillor Edney

**THAT** Council provide preliminary approval to the Stratford Perth Hospice Grant request for \$100,000 over 5 years.

Support (2): Councillor Edney, and Councillor Luna

Oppose (5): Mayor Strathdee, Councillor Craigmile, Councillor Hainer, Councillor Pridham, and Councillor Winter

**DEFEATED**

**Resolution 2019-03-05-23**

**Moved By** Councillor Hainer

**Seconded By** Councillor Pridham

THAT CAO 21-2019 Stratford Perth Rotary Hospice Grant Request be received; and

THAT Council denies the request for \$300,000.

**CARRIED**

**6. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Mayor Strathdee reviewed the upcoming meetings as presented in the agenda.

Councillor Luna provided regrets for March 19, 26 and the possible meeting on April 2, 2019.

**7. BY-LAWS**

**Resolution 2019-03-05-24**

**Moved By** Councillor Edney

**Seconded By** Councillor Pridham

**THAT** By-Law 33-2019, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of March 5, 2019 special meeting of Council, be read a first, second and third time; and be finally passed and signed and sealed by the Mayor and the Clerk.

**CARRIED**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution 2019-03-05-25**

**Moved By** Councillor Hainer

**Seconded By** Councillor Winter

THAT this special meeting of Council adjourn at 2:00pm.

**CARRIED**

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Al Strathdee, Mayor

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Brent Kittmer, CAO / Clerk

Mayor and Council:

Thank you for taking the time to read through the issues/concerns brought forth in this email.

My husband and I have three little girls and we have used the St. Marys Early Years Center on a part-time basis since 2014. Although the hours do not always jive with our shift work we want our children to experience what the center has to offer.

Our first impression of the center was how it was geared towards the children and their family to create life balance. As of lately, with role turn-over and continuous change it is feeling more like a business.

There are four things I would like to bring to the attention of Mr. Al Strathdee and the Town Council: **Accessibility of part-time enrolment, paying for statutory holidays, closures for snow days, and the parent voice in policy changes.**

### **Accessibility**

I realize the center is not primarily focused on part-time enrolment, however, there is a need for it in this community. There are many jobs in this community that fall outside the regular Monday to Friday 9-5 schedule. My husband and I both work shift work. Part-time enrolment works for us the best, however, with part time enrolment we have to choose specific days of the week in which are not flexible over the course of enrolment. I understand the center has to be ran however, other similar facilities when comparing (ie. Mitchell) have flexible timetables with advanced notice. Until the last few years I felt equal being enrolled part-time, but now have been made to feel I'm taking up a spot for a potential full-time position.

So to put this into context there are days we are sending our daughter to the center when my husband and myself are home depleting us of time with her. Flexibility would allow for a more balanced lifestyle when shift work already takes so much away. We would definitely use this center more if flexibility could be met in the middle.

### **Statutory Holidays**

As part time enrolment when our predetermined days fall on stat days we are to pay for these days (at the full rate) with no service being rendered. I understand there are wages to be paid, but when I use the center on average 8x a month and one of those days fall on a stat that is 12% of my time that I'm paying for for no service. It states in the manual FT fees are calculated based on stats and takes this into consideration whereas PT are required to pay the full amount. This was never the case prior to the move to Holy Name. Families were not charged or were given the option to choose another day that week if desired.

### **Inclement Weather Closures**

Closing the center due to weather is new since the move to Holy Name. I can appreciate the concern of safety and the school closures, however, families having to pay for a center in which is closed is not fair. In the 2014 parent handbook it stated in the event of a school closure related to weather families would be credited for the closed day. With this most recent closure I was informed there would be no reimbursement and we were to pay. There is no documentation supporting this and it is my understanding new documentation is in the works to change the current policy. I want to make sure it is made well aware families should not be held financially responsible moving forward to pay for these closed days.

## **Parent Advocacy**

Policy changes are lacking a critical voice - the parents. How have policies been created without any input from parents thus far? It is my understanding there are different advocacy groups within the community - is this an option for parents who use the center to create an advocacy group? It doesn't seem right new parent manuals are being created and then will just be given to us with changes and we are expected to abide - do we not get a voice at all?

At the end of the day the center is a safe place for our children to be cared for and encouraged in their development. The teachers are fabulous and definitely promote a caring atmosphere. I do see some things starting to slightly return to the way it was when it was on Ontario street (like acknowledging Christmas) and I want to make sure things continue in this direction, but we are far from that until parents start to have a voice.

Thank you for your time and attention to these matters,

Laura Hinz



Hi ,my name is Lauren O'Keefe I will be away for the Via presentation March the 12 th My family of 6 fully supports that our town fight strong for the via train to continue and or increase train times, my family lives in Kingston, Toronto , St.Marys and London all of us use the train on a regular basis as it is easy and safe.

I do not drive much and it is a necessity for me to have this service to visit my family, for my kids to have gone to school and back and for medical services that have been needed out of ton.

Via and the need for transportation using trains is important to our community and a service that should be supported in any way by our town and surrounding areas.

Thank you

Dear Trisha,

I am writing to submit my resignation from the Heritage Committee of which I have been a member since 1984. The weekend commute from Toronto has become such that I'm finding it difficult to attend the meetings comfortably.

I will be glad to continue providing background information of an architectural and historical nature, to conduct walking tours, and to give talks. I have always believed that education is a crucial component of architectural preservation.

Best regards,

Larry Pfaff

23 January 2019

# FORMAL REPORT

<b>To:</b>	Mayor Strathdee and Members of Council
<b>Prepared by:</b>	Brent Kittmer, CAO/Clerk
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	12 March 2019
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>CAO 24-2019 Draft Municipal Cannabis Retail Policy Statement</b>

## PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present a draft Municipal Cannabis Retail Policy Statement as directed by Council.

## RECOMMENDATION

THAT CAO 24-2019 Draft Municipal Cannabis Retail Policy Statement be received; and  
THAT the proposed Municipal Cannabis Retail Policy Statement be adopted.

## BACKGROUND

Within the province's legislative and licensing framework for cannabis the Town plays a limited role. At this point in time, the authority provided to municipalities is for them to decide if they will allow retail sales of cannabis in their jurisdiction, and to provide comments regarding the location of retail stores during the AGCO licensing process.

Private cannabis stores will be licensed and regulated by the AGCO. The licensing regime will have three parts:

- Operator approval;
- Retail site location approval; and
- Store management licensing.

Provincial regulations restrict a cannabis retail store from being located within 150 metres of public and private schools. The AGCO will enforce this distance buffer between cannabis retail stores and schools proactively through their licensing and store authorization process. The distance buffer is measured from:

- The property line, if the school is the primary or only occupant of a building; or
- The boundary of any space occupied by the school within the building, if the school is not the primary or only occupant of a building.

The definition of schools for this purpose does not include colleges or universities. No buffers from any other use has been specified by the regulations and the regulations do not establish a separation distance between cannabis retail stores.

The AGCO will provide a 15-day window for public and municipal government comments for each store site proposed by an approved operator. Per the legislation, municipal comments on store locations should focus on whether a proposed storefront location is in the public interest, as defined in the

regulation (i.e. “public interest” is defined as public health or safety, protecting youth, and eliminating the illegal market). Please note that there is no regulatory requirement for the AGCO to act on municipal input.

AMO suggests that a ‘Municipal Cannabis Retail Policy Statement’ be adopted by Council. Such a policy statement would allow Council to identify specific and significant locally sensitive considerations or uses, to best represent the expectations of the community in allowing cannabis retail. This would give municipal staff direction in responding to the 15-day window during the commentary process.

On January 8 Council made the decision to allow retail sales of cannabis in St. Marys, and directed staff to develop a Municipal Cannabis Retail Policy Statement:

*THAT Council not opt-out of provincially licensed cannabis retail stores in St. Marys; and*

*THAT Staff report back on a draft ‘Municipal Cannabis Retail Policy Statement’ for the March 27, 2019 Council meeting.*

## **REPORT**

Attached to this report is a draft Municipal Cannabis Retail Policy Statement. This draft was developed using the template provided by AMO and adopted by other municipalities.

For alignment between the regulations and the AGCO mandate, municipal comments in the licensing process must focus on the three provincial public interest objectives: public health and safety, protecting youth and ending illegal sales of cannabis. The draft policy statement meets this test.

The key point of the policy is to identify what Council believes to be an appropriate location for a cannabis retail store in relation to an identified sensitive use. Presently, cannabis retail would be allowed within a property zone in which retail is permitted. Municipalities cannot zone for cannabis stores specifically, or pass a bylaw that distinguishes land or building use for cannabis from any other kinds of use.

The legislation restricts cannabis retail stores from being located within a distance of 150 meters of a public school or most private schools. The Town cannot adopt a greater distance. Additionally, the policy cannot be so restrictive that it is impossible to locate a store. Nor can the policy state a specific number of stores permitted.

AMO recommends that Council and staff may want to suggest other youth facilities such as libraries and community centres if appropriate, or other sensitive facilities that serve persons with mental health or addiction challenges, and include those sensitive uses in their policy statement for the AGCO to consider. The policy as written, recommends that a 150 m distance be maintained from:

- i. Schools, as outlines in O. Reg 468.18
- ii. Facilities such as nursery schools, child care centres, libraries, parks, trail heads, sports fields, and recreational facilities including community centres and arenas; and
- iii. Facilities that serve persons with mental health or addiction challenges, group homes, and social housing.

At present, municipal density restrictions on cannabis retail stores are not permitted under the legislation or regulations.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

None.

## **SUMMARY**

Although it is not likely that the Town will see a cannabis retail store within its border in the near future, it is important to be prepared if or when an AGCO notice of application is received. The Municipal

Cannabis Policy Statement attached to this report reflects the template recommended by AMO, and is consistent with the three provincial public interest objectives of cannabis legalization.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN**

☒ Not applicable to this report.

## **OTHERS CONSULTED**

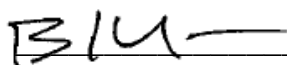
“Municipal Cannabis Update – Information to help municipal staff prepare reports for councils”, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, November 21, 2018.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Draft Municipal Cannabis Policy Statement

## **REVIEWED BY**

### **Recommended by the CAO**

  
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Brent Kittmer  
CAO / Clerk



## **Municipal Cannabis Policy Statement**

### **1.0 Purpose and Vision**

The purpose of this policy statement is to provide a format for input to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) as well as help prospective recreational cannabis retailers in their consideration of location of cannabis retail stores in the Town of St. Marys.

The AGCO is the provincial authority that licences cannabis retail operators, authorizes cannabis retail locations and licenses senior store staff. Municipal governments have no licensing authority.

The AGCO regulates and reviews all aspects of the retail operation including municipal and public input, and that the proposed store location is consistent with the public interest as defined in the regulations.

The Town of St. Marys has chosen to allow retail sales of recreational cannabis. The following provides municipal staff with guidance on commenting to AGCO when notice on a specific proposed cannabis retail store site is provided on the site location.

### **2.0 Principle for Retail Store Locations**

For the purposes of this policy statement, a cannabis retail store shall mean a store licenced by the AGCO.

**Land Use Planning:** The provincial licensing process does not remove the requirement to comply with the zoning by-law and other municipal planning documents. The definitions within the municipality's Official Plan and Zoning By-law are applicable to all retail, including cannabis retail stores. Retail sale of cannabis from a provincially licensed store is legal and is permitted where a 'retail store', as defined in the Town's Zoning By-law, is listed as a permitted use.

**Municipal Building Inspections:** while the licencing of the store operation is the responsibility of the AGCO, the Building Code applies to cannabis retail store locations. Therefore, where a building permit is required, the building inspector will undertake duties as usual. Fire Code compliance is also mandatory.

### **3.0 Cannabis Retail Stores and Sensitive Activities**

In order to help ensure public health and safety, protect youth and reduce illegal sales, retail cannabis stores are discouraged where nearby properties are designed to serve youth, or the potential for illegal sales or health risk exist. It is recommended that a 150 m distance be maintained from:

- i. Schools, as outlines in O. Reg 468.18
- ii. Facilities such as nursery schools, child care centres, libraries, parks, trail heads, sports fields, and recreational facilities including community centres and arenas; and
- iii. Facilities that serve persons with mental health or addiction challenges, group homes, and social housing.

Attached to this policy statement is a map showing lands with zoning that permits retail stores and the activities identified in i), ii), and iii) above (as of the date this policy statement was issued).

## 4.0 Comment Preparation and Submission to the AGCO

When preparing comments to be submitted to the AGCO, municipal staff shall have regard for:

- i. Ensuring the zoning for a proposed location of a cannabis retail store allows a retail store as a permitted use and whether all of the applicable provisions and regulations of the Zoning By-law can be satisfied.
- ii. Ensuring the separation distance listed in Section 3.0 of this policy statement is met.
- iii. Ensuring the goals of this policy to protect public health and safety, protect youth and reduce illegal sales are met.

Where time limits do not allow for a report to be brought before Town Council, the Director of Building and Development, or his designate, is delegated the authority to submit comments to the AGCO on behalf of the Corporation.

## End of Document

Rev #	Date	Reason	Initiated	Reviewed	Approved
0	March 12, 2019	Inception	BM		Council

## FORMAL REPORT

<b>To:</b>	Mayor Stratthdee and Members of Council
<b>Prepared by:</b>	Brent Kittmer, CAO/Clerk
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	12 March 2019
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>CAO 29-2019 Fees for Police Checks for Volunteers</b>

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present Council with a recommendation from CPAC to pass a policy to waive the cost of police checks for volunteers in St. Marys. Council is asked to consider if they want to adopt the recommendation from CPAC.

### RECOMMENDATION

THAT CAO 29-2019 Fees for Police Checks for Volunteers be received; and

THAT police checks for volunteers in St. Marys be completed at no charge; and

THAT the Town reimburse eligible volunteers for the cost of police checks, subject to proof of purchase being provided.

### BACKGROUND

A number of organizations in St. Marys require their volunteers to have police checks or vulnerable sector checks completed prior to serving. When St. Marys was policed by the OPP police checks were provided at no cost to the volunteer if they brought in a letter from their organization.

Checks provided through Stratford Police Service come with an associated fee. According to the Deputy Chief, Stratford residents pay a \$15.00 fee for Criminal Records or Police Information check. The fee goes up to \$25.00 for a Vulnerable Sector volunteer check. Fees for police checks are included as a revenue to the Town under the existing policing contract.

### REPORT

Prior to making the transition to the Stratford Police Service the Town was approached by several organizations asking if these fees could be eliminated for volunteer checks. This request was considered by CPAC in November and staff was asked to report back with a projection of how much revenue would be foregone in a typical year.

Deputy Chief Foster followed up with OPP Detachment Commander Rob Scott after the November 2018 CPAC meeting. Based on 2018 stats, St. Marys projects to have 110 police checks for volunteers in a typical year. In a worst case scenario of all checks being vulnerable sector checks, the revenue that the Town would forego is \$2,500 in revenue.

The CPAC considered this information on February 20, 2019 and made the following recommendation to Council:

**Moved By** Jacqueline Hibbert

**Seconded By** Paul Dunseith

THAT CAO 17-2019 Fees for Police Checks for Volunteers be received; and

THAT the Community Policing Advisory Committee recommends to Council:

THAT Council pass a resolution setting a policy decision that police checks for volunteers in St. Marys be completed at no charge.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

In a worst case scenario of all checks being vulnerable sector checks, the revenue that the Town would forego is \$2,500.

## **SUMMARY**

Volunteers are key to a number of organizations in St. Marys, especially minor organizations serving youth. It is well documented that the spirit of volunteerism is declining in society, and it would be a shame if the cost of a police check was another barrier to someone volunteering. The maximum revenue that the Town would forgo in a typical year is nominal at \$2,500. For these reasons, staff recommends that Council pass a resolution setting a policy decision that police checks for volunteers in St. Marys be completed at no charge.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN**

- ☒ This initiative is supported by the following priorities, outcomes, and tactics in the Plan.
  - **Pillar #3 Balanced Growth:** The two identified demographic groups that will further the vibrancy and culture of the Town include youth and newcomers.
    - **Priority:** Youth recruitment and retention strategy
    - **Outcome:** It is important to not only attract youth to the Town, but also to retain existing youth by ensuring there are adequate opportunities. Tactics will focus on youth of all ages and abilities
    - **Tactic(s):** Review and identify what infrastructure needs should be in place to attract retain this demographic (e.g. housing that's affordable, public services, etc.) [volunteers are key to delivering some public services for youth]

## **OTHERS CONSULTED**

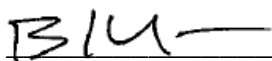
Deputy Chief Gerry Foster, Stratford Police Service

## **ATTACHMENTS**

None.

## **REVIEWED BY**

**Recommended by the CAO**



Brent Kittmer  
CAO / Clerk

Board of Directors Meeting Highlights  
Held on February 21, 2019 at 8:30 AM  
at the Material Recovery Facility Board Room



Association Launches Ad Campaign to Focus on Quality Materials

# STOP Wish-cycling!

## RECYCLE ONLY PRINTED PAPERS AND PACKAGING

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 Boxes and Cardboard



 Aluminum & Steel Cans



 Plastic Bottles & Containers



 Glass Bottles and Jars



**Wish-cycling is the practice of tossing questionable items in the recycling bin, hoping they can be recycled.**

You may wish these were recyclable or even think they ought to be but unfortunately they are not acceptable.

Placing the wrong items in the recycling bins increases the cost of the program, lowers the value of the remaining recyclables, and affects the safety of our employees.

Just because something is made of paper, metal, plastic, or glass, it does not mean it is recyclable. Make sure you see it listed in the latest acceptable list posted on our web site, or your calendar.

If you are unsure, please ask us at [info@bra.org](mailto:info@bra.org) or 1-800-265-9799, or visit [www.bra.org](http://www.bra.org)

It is not uncommon to find pizza boxes stained with grease, and all sorts of weird things like old garden hoses, needles, Christmas lights, and batteries in the recycling bins. These items cannot be recycled in the curbside bin. Food contaminates paper and cardboard making them less likely to be recycled. The hose and christmas lights wraps around the machines that screen and sort items disrupting the operations and reducing the amount of material that can be recycled. The needles and battery cause a hazard to our workers.

Although a lot of items have a recycling symbol on them, that doesn't mean all of them can be placed in the blue bins. Some may even require special handling. Only printed paper and packaging are accepted in the blue bins. Contamination has been a problem for a long time. However, with increasingly stringent standards by end markets, it becomes more important to try to limit it. We need you to help us by recycling smarter. We need you to be thoughtful, intentional, and deliberate with your recycling.

Here are the most common items we find in your recycling bin that should be in your waste bin. Aseptic containers like juice boxes, polycoated containers like those used for milk products, coffee cups, aluminum foil and pie plates, cat food cans, aerosols containers, plastic paint cans, needles, pots and pans, lawn chairs, toys, swimming pools and solar blankets, lottery tickets, anything smaller than 3".



This ad is provided through a partnership between industry and Ontario municipalities to support waste diversion programs.



## 2019 Acceptable List Is Out

A new more detailed acceptable list is now published on our website and it is making its way out to the residents through normal channels like the annual calendars. It focuses on quality over quantity with a clear list of acceptables, some recent changes that reflect market demands and a clear list of not acceptables that some people think should be in the program.

# Acceptable Recyclables

<b>Printed Paper</b>					
	Newspaper&insert	Magazines	Office Paper	Envelopes	Soft Cover Books
<b>Printed Paper</b>					
	Phone Books	Junk Mail	Catalogues	Brochures	Calendars
<b>Paper Packaging</b>					
	Cardboard	Boxboard	Kraft Paper	Paper Cores	Moulded Pulp

**Plastic**

## Not-Acceptable Materials

## Recent Program Changes

<b>Cartons</b>		While cartons are a defined commodity by the ISRI Specification circular, they are a laminated product that needs to be kept separate from other commodities otherwise they become a contamination issue. Because of the shape shifting ability (2D vs 3D) this make them hard to separate even with the latest optical technology. Markets are not stable, price is low while handling costs are high. The material yield is approximately 58% as the plastic and aluminum layers are typically not recycled. The end product is downcycled into disposable paper products like paper napkins and toilet paper.
<b>Aluminum Foil Products, Food Cans, and Aerosols</b>		Buy product packaged in readily recyclable products and/or use refillable containers for lunches to reduce overall waste generated.
<b>Aerosol Containers</b>		Aluminum cans are the most valuable commodity in the blue box program but are not associated aluminum products such as foil, pie plates, food cans, and aerosols; are not desired in the commodity. Foil disintegrates in the smelter, food cans add impurities, and aerosols cause fires. In the past when aluminum was sorted by hand it may have been feasible to separate. Today, most facilities rely on an eddy current to recover the aluminum and the machine cannot tell the difference between foil and cans.
<b>Paint Cans</b>		Dispose of foil products and aluminum food cans (cat food) in waste bin. Consider other cooking methodologies or alternative packaging.
<b>Beverage Cups</b>		Some programs have accepted steel aerosol containers despite being classified as hazardous waste under regulation 347. They contribute to hundreds of fires in processing facilities every year, each jeopardizing the safety of the workers and they cause significant risks to the processing facility. Fires are the number one cause of loss of processing capacity in our industry.
<b>Small Items</b>		Dispose of these containers with your hazardous waste. Consider manual pumps over the use of propellants.

Empty paint cans are readily accepted with the steel cans collected. The problem here is the industry is converting to plastic paint cans with a metal top which are not recyclable. The new containers are not easy for the consumer to tell apart from the old steel container.

Buy your paint in metal paint cans otherwise return the cans to a hazardous waste depot.

Beverage cups have never been part of our program but because the word got out that we were testing them for a while people assumed they were recyclable. Beverage cups are a laminated product much like cartons and they are even more difficult to separate from the rest of the materials and recycle in the end in part because of the ink used on the outside of the cups.

Use a refillable mug. If you need the convenience, then place your old cup in the waste bin.

This is a new problem for us. In the 1990's everything was large and chunky sized. Today, everything is becoming individualized in small sizes of greater variety. The bottom line is we are essentially trying to sort out confetti and it is nearly impossible. Now that quality matters (markets want 99.5% pure material) anything below a certain size has to be screened out to purify the rest of the materials.

Anything smaller than 3 inches will contaminate our glass or they will be screened out and disposed of instead of being recycled. Use reusable containers instead.

## Not-Acceptable Materials

Greeting Cards	Photographs	Hard Cover Books	Disposable Papers
Paper Dinnerware	Gift Bags	Beverage Cups	Soiled Paper
Planters and Pots	Disposable Cups	Smoke Detectors	Fuel Cans
VHS Tapes	Zip Loc Bags	CDs and DVDs	Pesticide Bottles
Aerosol Containers	Peel n Eat Cans	Coat Hangers	Pots and Pans
Piping	Duct Work	Eavestrough	Utensils
Fluorescent Bulbs	Drinking Glasses	Mirrors	Ceramic Dinnerware

## Not-Acceptable Materials

Batteries	Needles	Ammunition	Fire Extinguishers	Propane Tanks
Tree Leaves	Stones and Aggregate	Garden Hose	Lumber	Gasoline Cans
Shrink Wrap	Expanded Foam	Bubble Wrap	Beverage Cups	Solar Blanket
Bed Paper	Christmas Lights	Clothing	VHS Tapes	Bale Twine
Plastic Lids	Metal Caps	Metal Lids	Small Bottle	
Bicycles	Scrap Metal	Bowling Ball	Biomedical Products	

We practically list all of the items we receive every day that are not part of the recycling program. That we can only recycle materials that are desirable in the marketplace to invest in them to end up in the landfill. You have the power to choose what you buy as a consumer. If you value convenience over the environment, then be prepared to pay the full price to dispose of that convenience also. Choose and consume wisely, and remember that when in doubt, leave it out...of the blue bin.



## Harmonized Recycling

Simplified communication decreases contamination and confusion among residents while increasing the capture rate for curbside recyclables.

Imagine trying to take a train, subway or bus system across a city where the signage, names and colors of the routes are inconsistent. It would be difficult. But that's how many communities approach recycling education.

Random instructions here and there won't result in consistent behavior among residents. Instead, municipal recycling programs must offer harmonized and simplified communication across the board to be assured of consistent outcomes.



Harmonizing means bringing into consonance or accord. In municipal recycling, it means material recovery facilities (MRFs) and other stakeholders work together to provide clear, consistent messaging that can effectively change residents' recycling behaviors.

Recycling messages need to be the same at work, home and play, regardless of political or geographic boundaries.

When MRF operators and other stakeholders work together to create educational messaging about recycling that is synchronized across these areas, beautiful things happen: Contamination is reduced and the capture rate increases. But having synchronized messaging doesn't necessarily mean that all stakeholders must have identical educational approaches or perfectly matching "acceptable materials" lists; that's not practical. Rather, all stakeholders should collaborate to keep their messages coordinated.

Across the United States, many MRF operators and the municipalities they serve are collaborating on recycling education by attending workshops on delivering more consistent messaging.

It should be used to refocus messaging on the most detrimental materials. This is not the forum to determine what materials should be "in" or "out" of the recycling stream. This is the start of a long-term strategy to align communities in their messaging.

Often, a community's list of acceptable materials is outdated. For instance, if millennial residents see that "phone books" are acceptable in the recycling stream, they might be unsure of what that means. It might be time to update that item—and others—on the acceptable list.

## **Oil Springs Chooses Automated Collection**

The Village of Oil Springs will be joining the majority of households serviced by the Association using the Automated Collection system with wheelie bins. Over 90% of our households are now serviced this way.

Council reviewed the system and opted to implement a weekly collection program as soon as possible. The implementation is planned for the first week in July 2019.

## **Providing Municipalities with a Say in Landfill Siting Approvals**

Waste collection is vital to the operation of any municipality. Part of the waste management process includes safe and environmentally responsible disposal options, such as engineered landfills, which are essential to managing residual waste materials that cannot be reused or recycled. Ensuring well-planned and well-managed disposal capacity for Ontario's solid waste is an economic and environmental necessity for municipalities, residents and businesses. In 2017, it is estimated that Ontarians sent to 11.6 million tonnes of waste to landfills, which includes a heavy reliance on the exportation of waste. With approximately 123 million tonnes of remaining capacity in approved landfills in the province, Ontario will exhaust this capacity by 2032 at current disposal rates.

To develop new or expanded landfill capacity in Ontario, proponents must conduct a rigorous Environmental Assessment (EA) which historically has taken 5-10 years, at great cost to the proponent. As key stakeholders, municipal governments are already legislated as an official review and commenting agency in the environmental assessment process. Municipalities currently have many opportunities to engage with proponents, review technical studies, provide comments, and effect outcomes in the EA process.

Additionally, municipalities have authority under the Planning Act on Official Plan, zoning, site plan, and other local approvals. Landfill proponents are already required to address the concerns and input of municipalities at every milestone of the environmental assessment process.

Local citizens, municipalities and communities are consulted throughout the Environmental Assessment process and have many ways to voice their opinions, collaborate with the proponent company and form coalitions that can collaborate with the landfill proponent for the entire operating period.

The following recommendations offer additional measures that would enhance municipal engagement within the EA process for new and expanding landfills.

1. Confirm municipal interests at the outset
2. Create means for municipal engagement
3. Articulate financial-related commitments
4. Align Interests/Opportunities regarding local waste management
5. Provide financial assurance declaration
6. Examine other municipal considerations
7. Additional Considerations:

Require landfill proponents to provide ongoing communication to host local governments – and any resident who requests such - through quarterly reports on the environmental assessment review process.

## **OWMA Publishes Latest Stats on Landfill Capacity in Ontario**

Safe and reliable disposal options, such as landfills, are an essential part of managing waste materials in Ontario that are not reused and recycled.

Ensuring adequate disposal capacity for Ontario's solid waste within our own borders is an economic and environmental necessity, and vital for communities, residents and businesses across the province.

OWMA's 2nd Landfill Report, released in January 2019, provides accurate and timely data on the capacity of Ontario's public and private sector landfills to serve Ontario's waste disposal needs.

This data helps guide policy decisions for the waste management sector, enabling those in the industry and government to make better business decisions; and provides better information to educate the broader public. The report's data challenges many assumptions, such as the available remaining capacity in landfills and the amount of waste disposed of annually.

This report provides an important fact-based context for any policy deliberations on potential changes to the landfill siting and expansion environmental review process, as part of the government's consultation on the recently released Ontario Environment Plan.

Based on the current landfill capacity depletion rate, Ontario's available landfill capacity is expected to be exhausted in 14 years, by the year 2032. Should legislative or economic changes result in waste no longer being exported to the United States, Ontario's available landfill capacity will be exhausted sooner, by the year 2028.

Ontario has 805 active public and private sector landfill sites across the province, with remaining capacity of 122.9 million tonnes.

However, most of this remaining capacity is relatively concentrated in just a small number of large landfill sites, with 56% of Ontario's remaining landfill capacity is held by 7 sites (both private and public), while 82% of remaining capacity is held by just 15 sites (both private and public).

In 2017, Ontario landfills received a total of 8.1 million tonnes of waste, an increase of about 5% from the 7.7 million tonnes in OWMA's 2016 Landfill Report.

In addition to waste received at Ontario landfills in 2017 was 3.5 million tonnes of waste that was exported during the year to landfills in the United States, primarily to Michigan and New York.

When waste export data is combined with data on waste disposed in Ontario, the total amount of waste sent to landfills by Ontarians in 2017 equates to almost 11.6 million tonnes.

## **Property Tax Update: Province Intends To Maintain Current Valuation Methodology For Landfills**

On December 21, 2018, Minister Fedeli confirmed that, in order to maintain stability for landfill operators and municipalities, the Province intends to maintain the current valuation methodology for properties in the landfill class for the next reassessment. This means that landfills will continue to be assessed based on vacant industrial land values.

This decision is very positive, not just for landfill operators, but also for all other waste management facilities that faced a similar risk of having their property assessments changed to an income-based approach for property taxation. New regulatory amendments to implement this decision will be brought forward in 2019.

## **Environment Minister Releases Ontario's New Environment Plan**

Environment Minister Rod Phillips released Ontario's Environment Plan. The plan is broad in scope and includes the government's strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The plan outlines the government policy direction on waste management for Ontario. Specific action items that will be of interest to members include:

### **Reduce and divert food and organic waste from households and businesses**

Expand green bin or similar collection systems in large cities and to relevant businesses.

Develop a proposal to ban food waste from landfill and consult with key partners such as municipalities, businesses and the waste industry.

Educate the public and business about reducing and diverting food and organic waste.

Develop best practices for safe food donation.

### **Reduce plastic waste**

Work with other provinces, territories and the federal government to develop a plastics strategy to reduce plastic waste and limit micro-plastics that can end up in our lakes and rivers.

Seek federal commitment to implement national standards that address recyclability and labelling for plastic products and packaging to reduce the cost of recycling in Ontario.

Work to ensure the Great Lakes and other inland waters are included in national and international agreements, charters and strategies that deal with plastic waste in the environment.

### **Reduce litter in our neighbourhoods and parks**

Our environment plan reflects our government's commitment to keep our neighbourhoods, parks and waterways clean and free of litter and waste. When Ontarians walk their dog or take their children to the park they expect their time outdoors to be litter-free.

Work with municipal partners to take strong action against those who illegally dump waste or litter in our neighbourhoods, parks and coastal areas.

Develop future conservation leaders through supporting programs that will actively clean up litter in Ontario's green spaces, including provincial parks, conservation areas and municipalities.

Connect students with recognized organizations that encourage environmental stewardship so they could earn volunteer hours by cleaning up parks, planting trees and participating in other conservation initiatives.

### **Increase opportunities for Ontarians to participate in waste reduction efforts**

Work with municipalities and producers to provide more consistency across the province regarding what can and cannot be accepted in the Blue Box program.

Explore additional opportunities to reduce and recycle waste in our businesses and institutions.

Make producers responsible for the waste generated from their products and packaging

Move Ontario's existing waste diversion programs to the producer responsibility model. This will provide relief for taxpayers and make producers of packaging and products more efficient by better connecting them with the markets that recycle what they produce.

### **Explore opportunities to recover the value of resources in waste**

Investigate options to recover resources from waste, such as chemical recycling or thermal treatment, which have an important role – along with reduction, reuse and recycling – in ensuring that the valuable resources in waste do not end up in landfills.

Encourage increased recycling and new projects or technologies that recover the value of waste (such as hard to recycle materials).

### **Provide clear rules for compostable products and packaging**

Ensure new compostable packaging materials in Ontario are accepted by existing and emerging green bin programs across the province, by working with municipalities and private composting facilities to build a consensus around requirements for emerging compostable materials.

Consider making producers responsible for the end of life management of their products and packaging.

### **Support competitive and sustainable end-markets for Ontario's waste**

Cut regulatory red tape and modernize environmental approvals to support sustainable end markets for waste and new waste processing infrastructure.

Provide municipalities and the communities they represent with a say in landfill siting approvals. While we work to reduce the amount of waste we produce, it is recognized that there will be a need for landfills in the future. The province will look for opportunities to enhance municipal say while continuing to ensure that proposals for new and expanded landfills are subject to rigorous assessment processes and strict requirements for design, operation, closure, post-closure care and financial assurance.

### **Make it easier and safer to reuse excess soil**

Recognize that excess soil is often a resource that can be reused. Set clear rules to allow industry to reduce construction costs, limit soil being sent to landfill and lower greenhouse gas emissions from trucking by supporting beneficial reuses of safe soils.

### **Full Producer Responsibility Transition Underway**

An important component in the Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan is moving Ontario's existing waste diversion programs to the producer responsibility model. Transitioning Ontario's waste diversion programs includes two concurrent steps:

Winding up the existing waste diversion programs and industry funding organizations under the Waste Diversion Transition Act (WDTA); and,

Putting in place regulations under the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act (RRCEA) to make producers fully responsible.

To date, both the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) and the Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste (MHSW) programs have been directed to develop and submit wind up plans to the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority. A revised direction letter was recently issued to Stewardship Ontario instructing them to wind up the battery portion of the MHSW program by June 30, 2020, which is the same day that the WEEE program will cease operation.

In order to enable transition from the existing waste diversion programs to the new producer responsibility framework, the Ministry is developing policy considerations for a new regulation that will be in place when the WEEE and battery programs cease operation (i.e. July 1, 2020).



## **Proposed Regulatory Framework for Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) under the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016**

Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) is one of the most rapidly growing waste streams. In the European Union, it is expected to grow by 3-5% per year to more than 12 million tonnes by 2020. The short lifespans and designed obsolescence of the original products, combined with the toxic components of Electrical and Electronic Equipment (EEE), make responsible management increasingly challenging. This is of particular concern for municipalities as we are often the backstop to ensuring waste is managed properly and does not cause environmental concerns.

Property taxpayers should not be responsible to manage and co-fund a recycling system when they have no influence over the types of materials entering the waste stream, nor do they have the means to create new end markets for recovered WEEE. Municipal governments support provincial policies that assign responsibility to those that can most effectively and efficiently drive change – the producer. As many other jurisdictions have done successfully around the world, producers should be made fully responsible to collect and ensure their materials are properly recycled.

Shifting this responsibility to producers will create economic opportunities, incent innovation, improve our environment, and reduce the burden on Ontario's taxpayers. Producers are in the best position to communicate directly with consumers about whether their materials can be recycled and to decide how to best collect them. They are also best informed to invest in the recycling collection and processing system necessary and to create markets to support their end use. This means making producers directly responsible for ensuring accessibility for all Ontarians, continually improving both collection and recycling outcomes, allowing for competition to drive innovation both at the service provider and producer level and ensuring transparency and direct accountability.

Globally, many corporations recognize that they're in the best position to drive change to address this issue, rather than burdening property taxpayers.

Municipal governments are supportive of a broad and inclusive list of designated WEEE as is currently included in Schedules 1 through 7 of Regulation 389/16 under the Waste Diversion Transition Act, 2016. However, Ontario's current WEEE program is only collecting a subset of these items and the list's complexity makes it difficult for consumers to understand what is acceptable for recycling in the program.

The new WEEE regulation should focus responsibility on those that can most effectively and efficiently drive change. AMO recommends a similar approach to that used to define responsible persons in the Used Tires Regulation (O.Reg. 225/18) be taken by incorporating a cascading approach to identify the responsible person(s).

We recognize the challenge of identifying Responsible Persons who retail products without a legal residence or physical presence in Ontario. The Used Tire Regulation provides a starting point to address this important issue. It is a global issue and as such the Ministry could also look to incorporate the best practices identified in the OECD's latest report entitled 'Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) and the Impact of Online Sales.'

It is essential to ensure consumer accessibility to WEEE collection sites across the Province. We recognize this is one of the key challenges under the RRCEA as the responsibility for collection lies with individual producers and/or their representative Producer Responsibility Organizations. The regulation must also ensure that consumer accessibility is provided in smaller rural, northern and remote communities. Producers should promote details on what types of WEEE can be recycled and what cannot; where it is collected in Ontario.



## Almost Everything You Know About E-Waste Is Wrong

Many of us think we know what electronic waste is because we wonder what to do with devices we no longer want or need. It's the old cellphone and its charger stuffed in the drawer. It's that old laptop, monitor or printer packed behind the door or in the basement. It's also all those things we throw out that are exported overseas, and picked over by people who are either desperate for work, despite the health and environmental risks, or at the forefront of a new green economy, depending on the narrative you hear.

But it is far more than all of that. Waste arises ubiquitously, but unevenly, throughout the lives of electronics, not only when users discard their devices. No amount of post-consumer recycling can recoup the waste generated before consumers purchase their devices.

Data on waste generation typically separate producer wastes, such as those from mining, and consumer wastes such as those from households. But there are problems with such division. It makes the mistake of thinking producer waste and consumer waste are two separate things instead of flip sides of the same coin in industrial systems. It also makes the mistake of presuming consumers have much in the way of meaningful choice in what their electronics are made of.

Electronics contain a wide variety of materials. One important example is copper. The electronics industry is the second-largest consumer of copper. Only the building and construction sector uses more. About 30 per cent of world copper consumption is satisfied from recycling copper scrap. The rest needs to be mined. A United States Geological Survey (USGS) study claims that for every kilogram of copper mined, at least 210 kilograms of mine waste arise.

The same study reports that one of the largest copper mines in the world, Chuquicamata in Chile, generates a daily average of more than 298,000 metric tons of mine waste. At that rate, it only needs to operate for about 12 hours before it generates as much mine waste by weight as Chile does e-waste in a year. After a little over 48 days of operation, the Chuquicamata mine generates about the same amount of mine waste by weight as the total annual e-waste arising in China and the United States combined.

Manufacturing digital devices entails substantial tonnages of discards that, by weight, far exceed what consumers dispose of as e-waste. For example, in 2014, about 3.1 million metric tons of e-waste was collected from households in the European Union. Yet five times more waste, 16.2 million metric tons, arose from electronics manufacturing within the EU. This means that even if all household e-waste collected in the EU is recycled, waste from manufacturing electronics in the same region far outstrips the scale of household e-waste.

Once they're in use, it can be tricky to measure the environmental impact of energy use by electronics. The electricity the device uses may be generated by coal, hydro or solar power plants. But it's clear that the environmental impact of cyberspace is anything but "virtual."

Minting a new bitcoin, for example, can produce seven to 12 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> per coin. Researchers estimate that electricity use for electronics in businesses and homes are responsible for about two per cent of total global greenhouse gas emissions. By 2040 those emissions could account for six to 14 per cent of total global greenhouse gas releases.

Post-consumer recycling of electronics will never be enough, we need to be able to repair — and upgrade — the devices we already have, if we are to slow our production of e-waste. Innovative initiatives that facilitate reuse and repair while also finding ways to offset e-waste that arises do exist. More are needed.

In the U.S., the Repair Association is doing the hard work of advocating for consumers to have the right to repair the devices they purchase by enshrining those rights into law. That said, an e-waste recycler in California now faces a 15-month prison sentence and a US\$50,000 fine in his efforts to extend the lives of computers.

The automobile, food and pharmaceutical industries have to show their products meet certain safety standards before they are put on the market. Why not demand the same of the electronics industry?

Requiring electronics manufacturers to make products that are materially safer, durable and repairable would be important steps in mitigating waste from electronics throughout their life cycle in ways that post-consumer recycling on its own will never achieve.

### **China Details Scrap Metal Import Restrictions For July**

China has announced plans to restrict imports of scrap aluminum, steel and copper starting July 1.

These materials previously were on the "unrestricted" materials list, but will be subject to restrictions and government approval under the new regulations, according to an automated translation of the original news release.

The Ministry of Ecology and Environment indicated that other departments are examining new quality standards for scrap aluminum and copper. They could end up getting classified as regular goods and not solid waste, thus exempting them from the import restrictions.

These restrictions are the latest way China is attempting to clean up its environment and make recycling a more domestically-driven industry. The restrictions follow a year of regulatory additions and tweaks on recyclable material import restrictions and bans. Thus far, the U.S. fiber and plastics sectors have been harder hit by China's restrictions than metals. But this move advances China's stated goal of banning all scrap imports — including metals — by 2020.

The announced regulations on steel, aluminum and copper are merely restrictions, not bans. Even so, import limits likely will affect scrap metal supply, demand and pricing. Some scrap metal markets already have experienced destabilization this year from tariffs introduced in the ongoing U.S.-China trade war. In September, China's scrap paper imports dropped 23% and its scrap metal imports dropped 44% following the tariffs, reports Recycling Today.

Despite the announcement and international press coverage, this move by the Chinese government is similar to others in that it's unclear if the regulations are completely new or if elements already are in effect. The intended 2020 ban, for example, already had been well-known in the scrap recycling industry when an announcement came from the Chinese government last June. The finer details of the just-announced metals restrictions are also a bit hazy because the government statement includes references to a number of import restrictions already in place.

Fastmarkets predicts the metal regulations will result in an influx of copper scrap into China during the first half of this year, as the country's buyers try to secure material before the restrictions take effect on July 1.

## Low Aluminum Prices Add To MRF Woes

Used beverage cans, historically a reliable and valuable commodity, have seen recent price lows that are adding extra strife to already stressed residential recycling markets.

A year ago, UBCs, the most common scrap aluminum grade handled by MRFs, were trading for 74 to 76 cents per pound, truckload quantity picked up from a supplier. Now, they're selling for 20 cents less per pound, according to market reports from the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries (ISRI). Today's price is the lowest it's been since July 2009.

A handful of forces, including lower domestic demand among aluminum producers and growing supply, have played into the price decline.



For example, The Wall Street Journal reported China's imported recyclables quality standards and the U.S.-China tariff war has resulted in a glut of domestic scrap aluminum in the U.S., pushing prices downward.

Trade strife with Russia is also a factor, most notably U.S. sanctions against Russian aluminum supplier Rusal. After the sanctions were announced last April, U.S. companies were given a timeline to stop buying from the Russian aluminum giant. The sanctions were delayed throughout 2018, but the aluminum company has effectively been cut off from North American and European markets, creating turbulence in aluminum prices. The U.S. Treasury Department recently proposed removing those sanctions, which would reopen Rusal's access to domestic markets. Such a move would likely lower U.S. aluminum prices further due to the re-entry of a foreign supplier.

Transportation bottlenecks and other logistical struggles are also playing into aluminum prices, according to ISRI. Moving into 2019, trade policy and domestic investment in aluminum production will be the big factors to watch.

Adding to the trade uncertainty, the Chinese government last month pledged to "restrict" scrap aluminum imports beginning this summer. Aluminum shipments are not proposed to be banned altogether but instead added to a list of materials that will see heavier scrutiny when coming into the country.

This may have a limited impact on MRF material movement because UBCs largely stay domestic. From January 2018 through October 2018, U.S. exporters sent fewer than 800 short tons of UBCs to China, compared with 466,000 short tons of non-UBC scrap aluminum. Industry publication American Metal Market reported last week that "ample scrap availability" is outpacing demand, furthering the downward pricing trend.

The price drop may be felt primarily by municipalities, because many contracts are structured in a way that shields the MRF when commodity prices decline. But unlike other commodities, there's little in terms of sorting that MRFs can do to increase their ability to move or boost the value of the material. When mixed-paper markets collapsed in 2017, for example, MRF operators across the U.S. began slowing their lines, installing new equipment and adding workers, all to maximize the product quality in order to meet buyer specifications.

With UBCs, however, the industry's standard contamination threshold is already about 0.1 percent.

## UPS And TerraCycle Partner To Close The Loop

United Parcel Service (UPS), Atlanta, has joined the coalition of international recycling leader TerraCycle, Trenton, New Jersey, to unveil a new reusable and returnable system for managing consumer product packaging. The system, called Loop, will be tested in Paris and New York as a first step toward full implementation in consumer markets.

UPS says the Loop system breaks through the reliance on single-use packaging for consumer goods. Consumers will be offered a variety of products in customized, brand-specific durable packaging that is delivered directly to customers, then collected, cleaned, refilled and redelivered.

Loop products will be delivered and picked up via a system designed by TerraCycle and UPS, representing the latest advances in TerraCycle's long-standing partnership with UPS.

Loop customers will receive durable, reusable or fully recyclable packaging made from materials such as alloys, glass and engineered plastics. Even the outer shipping container is part of the revamped design; a shipping tote will eliminate the need for single-use boxes and offer consumers an attractive solution that reduces waste.

UPS and TerraCycle collaborated to design outer packaging with protective dividers inside that can handle liquids, dry goods and personal care products. The tote is made with materials that offer easy cleaning for reuse. The UPS Package Design and Test Lab helped to custom-design and test packaging to be appealing to consumers, yet durable enough to be used time and again. UPS says its lab is certified by the International Safe Transit Association (ISTA) to conduct ISTA package integrity testing procedures. During the design and testing, UPS says it identified solutions to mitigate the following: Materials breakdowns, Product leaks, Scratches on metal containers caused by metal closures

Recommendations provided by the UPS lab to TerraCycle included multi-threaded closures for product containers, a modified capping approach to reduce the risk of leaking products and custom dividers within the Loop tote to better hold products in place during transit, among others.

Additionally, UPS says its Package Design and Test Lab implemented rigorous real-world shipment tests to gather insights into how the durable and reusable Loop tote could withstand high-volume shipping through UPS's network of global distribution facilities.

UPS says the pilot tests planned for Paris and New York in 2019 will help refine the process, with additional feedback from consumer experience data.

UPS says its Package Design and Test Lab's specialized equipment mimics the "shake, rattle and roll" effect of high-speed conveyors found in transportation hubs and on commercial delivery vehicles. In addition to evaluating for durability, the lab engineers also evaluate packaging materials to identify stable, efficient, environmentally-conscious solutions.

To use Loop, customers must go to the Loop website, <https://loopstore.com>, or Loop partner retailer's websites to shop.



## **Nestlé Ready To Bin 'Unrecyclable' Packaging Materials**

Nestlé has put several materials, such as polyvinyl chloride and polystyrene, on its so-called 'negative list'. This move is a first step towards phasing out unrecyclable materials from its newest product lines.

We've all encountered the plastic lids on Nestlé's famous Smarties candy packaging. It looks like they may not be around much longer. As of this year, the producer is avoiding 'non-recyclable plastics/paper combinations' in all its future packaging. This includes paper/plastic laminates, and laminated paper cups. Besides, Nestlé has pledged to remove such packaging from its existing portfolio.

The company will also be more cautious regarding the inclusion of sleeves, labels, films, trays, printing inks, as well as sealing layers in its packaging from now on. Ultimately, Nestlé strives to make 100% of its packaging either recyclable or reusable by 2025.

They are determined to look at every option to solve this complex challenge and embrace multiple solutions that can have an impact now. They believe in the value of recyclable and compostable paper-based materials and biodegradable polymers, in particular where recycling infrastructure does not exist.

## **Billion-Dollar Investment To Counter Ocean Plastics From Asia**

Thailand is one of five emerging markets where between 55% and 60% of the world's plastic pollution originates, according to the non-profit group Ocean Conservancy. Now a consortium of nearly 30 global companies has committed more than US\$ 1 billion (EUR 880 million) to developing programs and technologies to tackle the marine waste stream.

Together with China, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Vietnam, Thailand is 'guilty' of producing record amounts of plastic waste. The country's 23 coastal provinces dump around one million tonnes of trash into the sea annually, Thailand's Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment states. Plastic bags make up 15% of this waste while plastic straws account for 7%. The first is not surprising as the country's population of 69 million uses 70 billion plastic bags a year – 1 000 per person, on average.

The total weight of plastic going into the oceans annually currently stands at eight million tonnes – and that figure is growing. Furthermore, only some 10% of all the plastic ever made has actually been recycled, claims the journal Science Advances.

Major companies like LyondellBasell, ExxonMobil, Dow, Procter & Gamble, and Shell Chemical have now formed a united front against plastic pollution called the Alliance to End Plastic Waste. Together, they aim to invest US\$ 1.5 billion in tackling ocean plastics. One billion has already been committed to this cause.

One of the objectives of the project is setting up an incubator network with investment firm Circulate Capital and New York-based consultancy SecondMuse to develop and promote plastic recycling technologies, particularly in south-east Asia.

Project partners will also collaborate with the United Nations to train government officials and community leaders to identify and pursue localised waste prevention efforts. There are also plans to map ocean plastics with help from US recycler Renewology and to establish integrated waste management systems in large urban areas where infrastructure is lacking.



## **NWRA Aims For Big Gains On Industry Safety**

The National Waste and Recycling Association (NWRA) urges local officials to include requirements for technology like automated collection when soliciting bids or proposals for waste and recycling collection. Technology, like automated collection, improve efficiencies in waste and recycling collection and reduce injuries. Drivers do not need to leave the vehicle or lift heavy containers.

“In order to make real progress in reducing fatalities in our industry, we need big wins and major changes. Just doing more of the same -- safety manuals, safety meetings, rhetoric, and finger-pointing - will not get us to where we need to be.

“We need to take a cue from other industries, such as mining, that have embraced technology resulting in drastically reduced fatality rates. We are experiencing fatalities within large companies with stellar safety programs and at smaller companies that have fewer resources. What we are doing is not working. We have little control over issues such as distracted driving by motorists, so we need to use the technology we have available to shield our workers from hazards. It is safety 101. If you cannot eliminate the hazard, install an engineering control that separates the hazard from the person.

“Automated pick-up is a real solution that should be aggressively implemented where feasible. Other technologies and methods that serve as real engineering controls should also be incorporated. We need big wins, we need them now, and we need to get serious if we actually want to change the safety trajectory of our industry,” said NWRA President and CEO Darrell Smith.

NWRA will send a letter to local officials urging wider adoption of technology like automated collection in waste collection. The use of automated pick-up has expanded over the last decade. As automation is more deeply integrated in society, NWRA believes that technological solutions like automated pick-up can improve safety in the waste and recycling industry.

## **California Becomes 23rd State To Adopt Slow Down To Get Around Law**

**Law Will Keep Workers Safe as They Do Their Jobs Along California Roadways**

California became the 23rd state to adopt Slow Down to Get Around legislation, AB 2115, making California roads safer for waste and recycling collection workers.

“Slow Down to Get Around laws carry an important message - take your time and slow down around garbage trucks. We applaud California for joining 22 other states that have now passed similar laws that serve as a national best practice to prevent unnecessary accidents and injuries,” said Darrell Smith, President and CEO of National Waste and Recycling Association.

NWRA member companies have been diligent in providing advanced safety training for drivers and those who hop-off the trucks to make collections. However, distracted drivers operating near a collection truck are a major hazard for waste collection workers.

Sponsored by Assemblyman Miguel Santiago, AB 2115, was passed by the California Legislature and signed into law on September 23, 2018 and will become effective on January 1, 2020. The law:

- requires motorists approaching and passing a stationary solid waste collection vehicle to reduce and maintain a safe speed for weather, road conditions and traffic in order to proceed with due care and caution; and
- provides for the use and display of amber lights.



## New Research from ATRI Identifies E-Commerce Impacts on the Trucking Industry

The American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI) released an analysis of the impacts that emerging e-commerce trends are having on the trucking industry, including the challenges and opportunities that more regionalized retail supply chains and the proliferation of urban “last mile” deliveries have presented. This research was identified as a top research priority by ATRI’s Research Advisory Committee.

The analysis provides background on emerging e-commerce and omni-channel retailing trends, and maps the implications of these trends to trucking operations and the industry’s top ten issues. Key findings in ATRI’s report include:

- From 1999-2017, e-commerce sales increased from less than one percent of total U.S. retail sales to more than nine percent, reflecting a 3,000 percent increase in e-commerce sales.
- Annual growth of e-commerce has ranged between 13 and 16 percent over the last five years, outpacing the one to five percent annual growth in traditional retail sales.
- Retailers are becoming more flexible in how they transact with consumers by decentralizing their distribution/fulfillment networks to bring inventory closer to consumers.
- There were 2,130 fewer department stores and 385,000 fewer jobs at these stores in 2017 compared to 2015; there were 1,937 more courier services operating and just over 85,000 new employees hired in the sector during this time period.
- “Last Mile Fulfillment Centers” represented 73 percent of the industrial real estate market in 2017, a 15 percentage point increase from the previous year.
- Registrations for single-unit trucks increased by 7.8 percent between 2007 and 2016 compared to 4.4 percent growth in combination truck registrations.
- The number of intra-regional and last-mile truck trips has increased while the average length of haul has declined. Average trip lengths have decreased 37 percent since 2000, while urban vehicle miles traveled have increased for much of this time period.
- Intrastate and local hauls for e-commerce could serve as a training opportunity for 18-20-year-old drivers, representing a huge new pool of potential interstate CDL drivers.

## Tire Program

Please note that the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority (RPRA) has published a series of documents on Used Tires to help municipal governments prepare for the new Regulation that comes into force on January 1, 2019:

1. A Compliance Bulletin 6 – Municipal Tire Collection Services provides guidance to municipalities, and producers who are required to establish and operate tire collection sites under the Tires regulation and who wish to include municipal sites in their collection systems.
2. A list of Frequency Asked Questions on Tires provides additional clarity around common questions we’ve been receiving.
3. A reminder that the Compliance Bulletin 1 – Tire Collection Systems (Schedule A) dictates how many collection sites are required in your municipality.

For any questions on the Used Tires program you can contact RPRA’s Compliance and Registry Team at [registry@rpra.ca](mailto:registry@rpra.ca), 647-496-0530 or toll free at 1-833-600-0530.

## If You Recycled All The Plastic Garbage In The World, You Could Buy The NFL, Apple And Microsoft

On Dec. 18, the judging panel for The Royal Statistical Society's International Statistic of the Year announced the winner: 90.5 per cent, the amount of plastic that has never been recycled. Okay – but why is that such a big deal?

Much like Oxford English Dictionary's "Word of the Year" competition, the international statistic is meant to capture the zeitgeist of this year. The judging panel accepted nominations from the statistical community and the public at large for a statistic they feel shines a light on today's most pressing issues.

Last year's winner was 69. That's the annual number of Americans killed, on average, by lawn mowers – compared to two Americans killed annually, on average, by immigrant jihadist terrorists and the 11,737 Americans killed annually by being shot by another American. That figure, first shared in The Huffington Post, was highlighted in a viral tweet by Kim Kardashian in response to the proposed migrant ban.

This year's statistic came into prominence from a United Nations report. The chair of the judges and RSS president, Sir David Spiegelhalter, said: "It's really concerning that so little plastic has ever been recycled and, as a result, so much plastic waste has leached out into the world's environment. It's a great, growing and genuinely world problem."

Let's take a closer look at this year's winning statistic. About 90.5 per cent of the 6.3 billion metric tons of plastic waste produced since mass production began about 60 years ago is now lying around our planet in landfills and oceans or has been incinerated. If we don't change our ways, by 2050, there will be about 12 billion metric tons of plastic waste.

When the panel first began looking at this statistic, I really didn't have any comprehension of what billions of tons of plastic means. Based on a study from 2015 and some back of the envelope calculations, that's the equivalent of 7.2 trillion grocery bags full of plastic as of 2018.

But again, I still didn't quite have a feel for how much that actually is. People tend to use distance measurements to compare numbers, so I tried that. Assuming that a grocery bag of plastic is about 1 foot high, if you stacked the grocery bags, you could go to the moon and back 5,790 times. That's starting to feel a bit more real.

In fact, if you could monetize all of the plastic trash clogging up our environment – including the 12 per cent that is incinerated– you could buy some of the world's biggest businesses.

Assuming it costs 3.25 cents to produce a plastic bottle, we can estimate that a grocery bag contains about US\$1 of plastic material production. (I took a grocery bag and filled it with 31 bottles.) So 7.2 trillion grocery bags is the equivalent of a cool \$7.2 trillion.

What can you buy with that? Apple, Amazon, Google, Microsoft, Walmart, Exxon, GM, AT&T, Facebook, Bank of America, Visa, Intel, Home Depot, HSBC, Boeing, Citigroup, Anheuser-Busch, all the NFL teams, all the MLB teams and all the Premier League Football teams.

In other words, if someone could collect and recycle all the unrecycled plastic on earth, this person would be richer than any individual on the planet.

One of the most difficult aspects of statistics is putting the numbers into a context that we can wrap our heads around, into a format that means something to us. Whatever it is that speaks to you, all I can say is that this speaks to me. It's clearly time to clean up our act.

## **MOECP Issues New Direction to Stewardship Ontario (SO) on Batteries**

The Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks has amended the timelines associated with the wind up of the Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste (MHSW) Program. The Minister has directed Stewardship Ontario (SO) to wind up the program for single-use batteries on June 30, 2020. This change will allow for a coordinated policy approach with the wind up of the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Program on June 30, 2020.

All other deadlines outlined in SO's April 2018 wind-up letter on the MHSW program from remain in place. SO must submit a wind-up plan to RPRA on or before June 30, 2019 and the remaining designated materials under the MHSW Program will wind up on December 31, 2020.

## **New CCME Plastic Waste Strategy**

Federal, provincial and territorial environment ministers, including Ontario, recently announced that they agreed to work collectively toward a common goal of zero plastic waste. To this end, they approved in principle a Canada-wide strategy on zero plastic waste. The announced strategy outlines changes across the plastic lifecycle, from design to collection, clean-up and value recovery, and economic and business opportunities resulting from long-lasting and durable plastics. The Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME) also endorsed a Canada-wide aspirational waste reduction goal. According to CCME, in 2014, each Canadian threw away an average of 706 kg of all types of waste (as per Statistics Canada). The Canada-wide target is to reduce this number to 490 kg per person (a 30% reduction) by 2030, and to 350 kg per person (a 50% reduction) by 2040.

## **Will SWEEP Sweep The Industry?**

The coordinators and organizers of the proposed Solid Waste Environmental Excellence Protocol (SWEEP) standard for waste and recycling practices have scheduled what they are calling their first "national public information meeting" on Tuesday, Feb. 12, in Washington.

The meeting will be held to "review the Public Comment draft of the [SWEEP] Standard in depth, and to take comments on how it can be improved," according to an e-mail sent from the SWEEP offices in Epsom, New Hampshire.

Comments made at the Feb. 12 meeting will be evaluated by SWEEP committees and potentially integrated into the next drafted standard, to be released in March, according to the organization.

The drafted SWEEP municipal standard was published in December 2018 and has been compared to the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) model that has gained widespread adoption in the architecture, engineering and construction sectors.

In a description of its efforts SWEEP says, "The Municipal Market SWEEP Standard evaluates the environmental, economic and social aspects of providing municipal solid waste services. The standard will be achievable by municipal governments of all sizes and covers a range of activities, whether contracted out to waste industry companies or provided by municipal employees."

In addition to a Municipal Standard, the SWEEP website indicates the group also is developing an Industry Standard to "evaluate the environmental, economic and social aspects of delivering private solid waste activities directly to customers or on behalf of a municipality [that] covers a range of activities, from hauling, to recovery, to processing, to vertical integration."

## Canadian Federal Government Proposing New Regulations on Cross-border movement of Hazardous Waste

Environment Canada and Climate Change (ECCC), which is the Canadian equivalent of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, recently released draft regulations to control the cross-border movement of hazardous waste and hazardous recyclable material. The regulations, if eventually promulgated, would repeal and replace the Export and Import Regulations, the Interprovincial Movement Regulations, and the PCB Waste Export Regulations. Although the proposed Regulations would maintain the core permitting and movement tracking requirements of the former regulations, the regulatory provisions would be amended to ensure greater clarity and consistency of the regulatory requirements.

Electrical and electronic equipment (EEE) is not currently listed as hazardous under the Export and Import Regulations and must meet other criteria to fall under the definitions of hazardous waste or hazardous recyclable material, which can be difficult to ascertain. The proposed Regulations would clearly designate “circuit boards and display devices and any equipment that contains them” as hazardous waste or hazardous recyclable material to be controlled when destined for specific disposal or recycling operations. The proposed Regulations would maintain the exclusion currently under the Export and Import Regulations for this type of hazardous waste and hazardous recyclable material moving within OECD countries (including moving between provinces and territories in Canada).

According to the consultation documents prepared by ECCC, the proposed Regulations, if promulgated, would affect 295 companies, 281 of which would be considered small businesses. For these small businesses, the proposed Regulations are expected to result in incremental compliance and administrative costs of \$296,000 in average annualized costs, that is, \$1,070 per small business.

If the proposed Regulations are implemented, it would result in a clarification to the definitions of hazardous waste and would ensure a more consistent application of regulatory provisions. In addition, the proposed Regulations would help minimize environmental impacts outside Canada by ensuring that exported hazardous waste and hazardous recyclable material reach the intended disposal or recycling facilities. The present value of compliance and administrative costs of the proposed Regulations would be \$2.5 million in 2017 Canadian dollars, discounted at 3% to 2018 over a 10-year period between 2021 and 2030.

The proposed Regulations would impose incremental administrative costs on industry attributable to the completion of additional movement documents for interprovincial movements of hazardous waste and hazardous recyclable material. Provincial and territorial authorities that are using a tracking system would achieve small savings if they decided not to request movement document information. The present value of administrative costs of the proposed Regulations are expected to be \$460,000 in 2017 Canadian dollars, discounted at 3% to 2018, over a 10-year period between 2021 and 2030.

Public comments to the proposed Regulations are being accepted by ECCC until up to mid-February. Any person may file with the Minister of the Environment comments with respect to the proposed Regulations or a notice of objection requesting that a board of review be established under section 333 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 and stating the reasons for the objection. All comments and notices must cite the Canada Gazette, Part I, and the date of publication of this notice, and be sent by mail to Nathalie Perron, Director, Waste Reduction and Management Division, Environmental Protection Branch, Department of the Environment, 351 Saint-Joseph Blvd., Gatineau, Quebec K1A 0H3 (fax: 819-938-4553; email: [ec.mt-tm.ec@canada.ca](mailto:ec.mt-tm.ec@canada.ca)).

## Expanded Programs to Keep More Waste from Landfills

Nova Scotians will be able to recycle used oil and glycol and more electronics next year through expanded extended producer responsibility programs. With changes to the Solid Waste-Resource Management Regulations, industry must be ready with programs to recycle new products by Jan. 1.

In addition to the industry recycling programs, effective March 1, 2020, the following products will be banned from landfills:

- microwaves
- e-book readers
- GPS devices
- video game systems and controllers
- external hard drives, optical drives, and modems
- used oil, oil filters, and oil containers
- glycol, which is a coolant, and glycol containers

The affected industries must develop or expand recycling programs for these products.

The Electronic Products Recycling Association has been running Nova Scotia's electronics recycling program for the past 10 years. It will expand its program to recycle the new products.

The Used Oil Management Association runs a used oil and glycol program in other provinces. It will expand its program into Nova Scotia to recycle these products.

## Teamsters Looks To Block Foreign Worker Bid

Teamsters Canada is slamming the Ontario Trucking Association's (OTA) bid to bring in foreign workers to help address a driver shortage – stressing instead that the focus should be on improving wages and working conditions to make the job more attractive.

“Trucking companies can't move overseas, so they're trying to bring cheap labor to Canada. This is nothing short of an attack on Canadian workers and the middle class,” said Francois Laporte, president of the union that represents 15,000 tractor-trailer drivers in Canada. It has 125,000 members overall, and 1.4 million members across North America.



In pre-budget consultations, the Ontario Trucking Association called for access to the provincial nominee program, which could then be used to recruit qualified truck drivers from other countries.

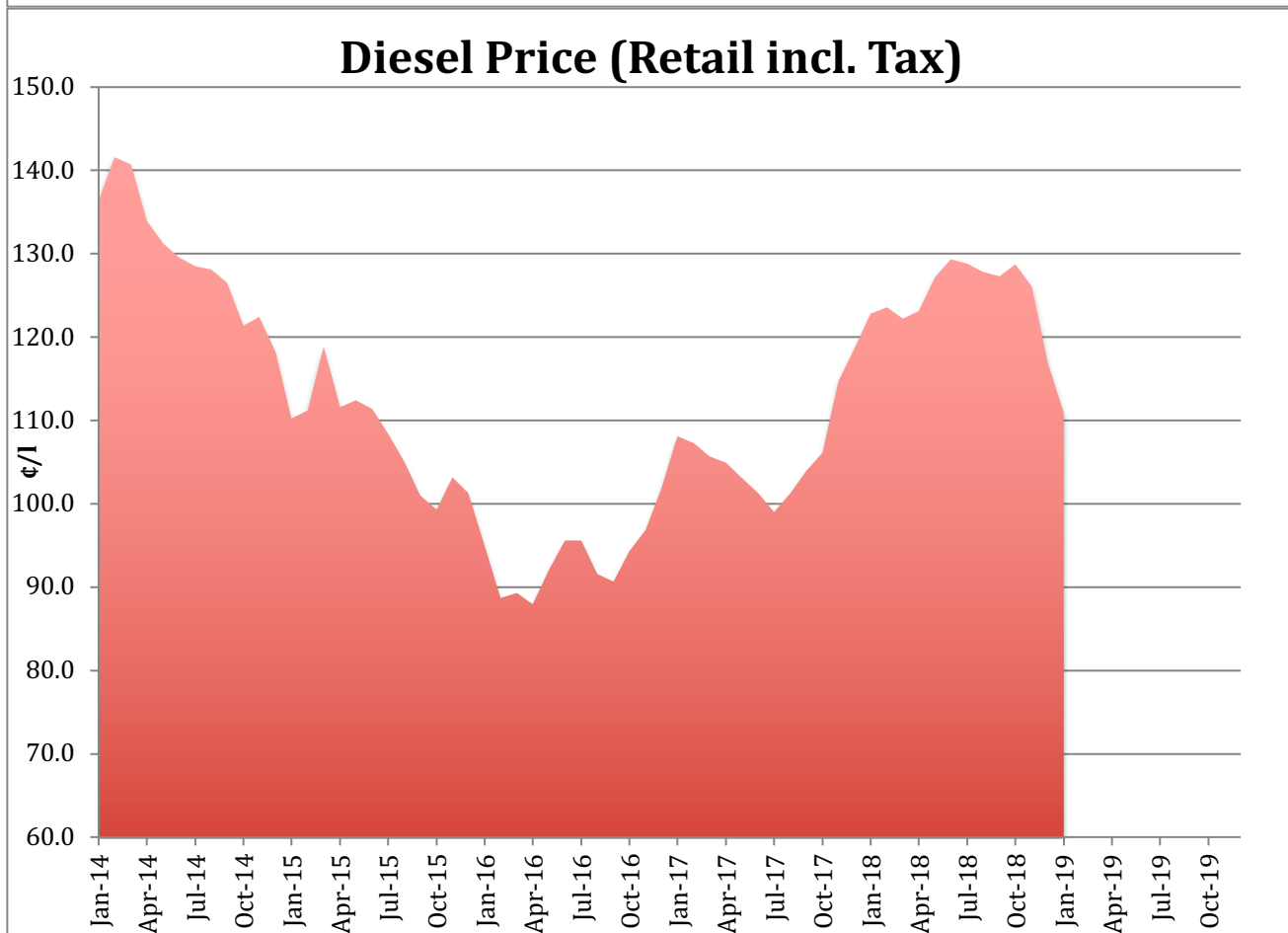
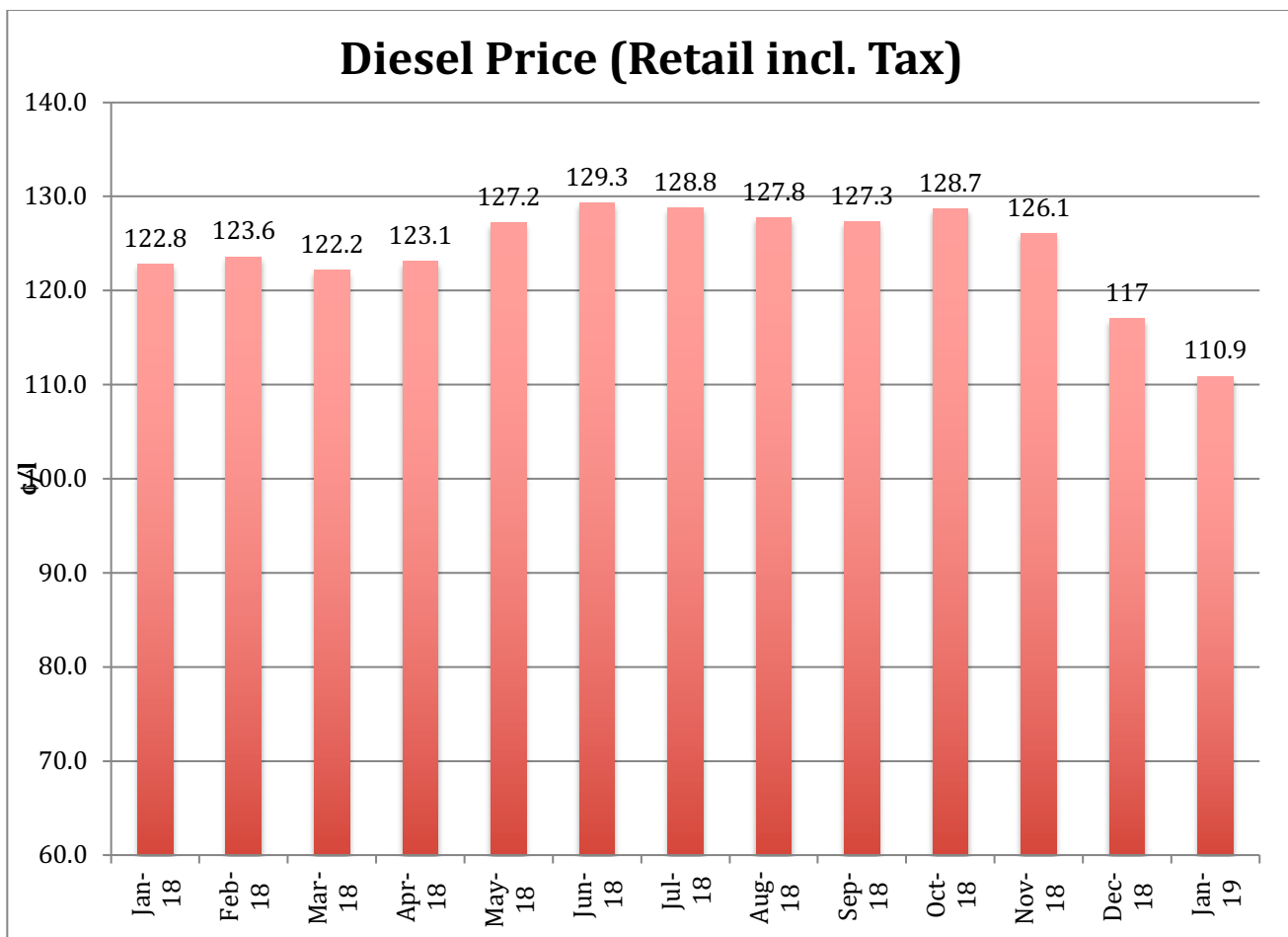
The union says Ontario driver wages have remained stagnant for close to 35 years, citing a 2013 Conference Board of Canada report that found 87% of the for-hire trucking industry's productivity gains have since 1986 been passed on to customers in the form of lower prices. It adds the problem began with the trucking industry's deregulation in the 1980s.

There is no reference to recent pay increases that have been introduced in the face of supply constraints.

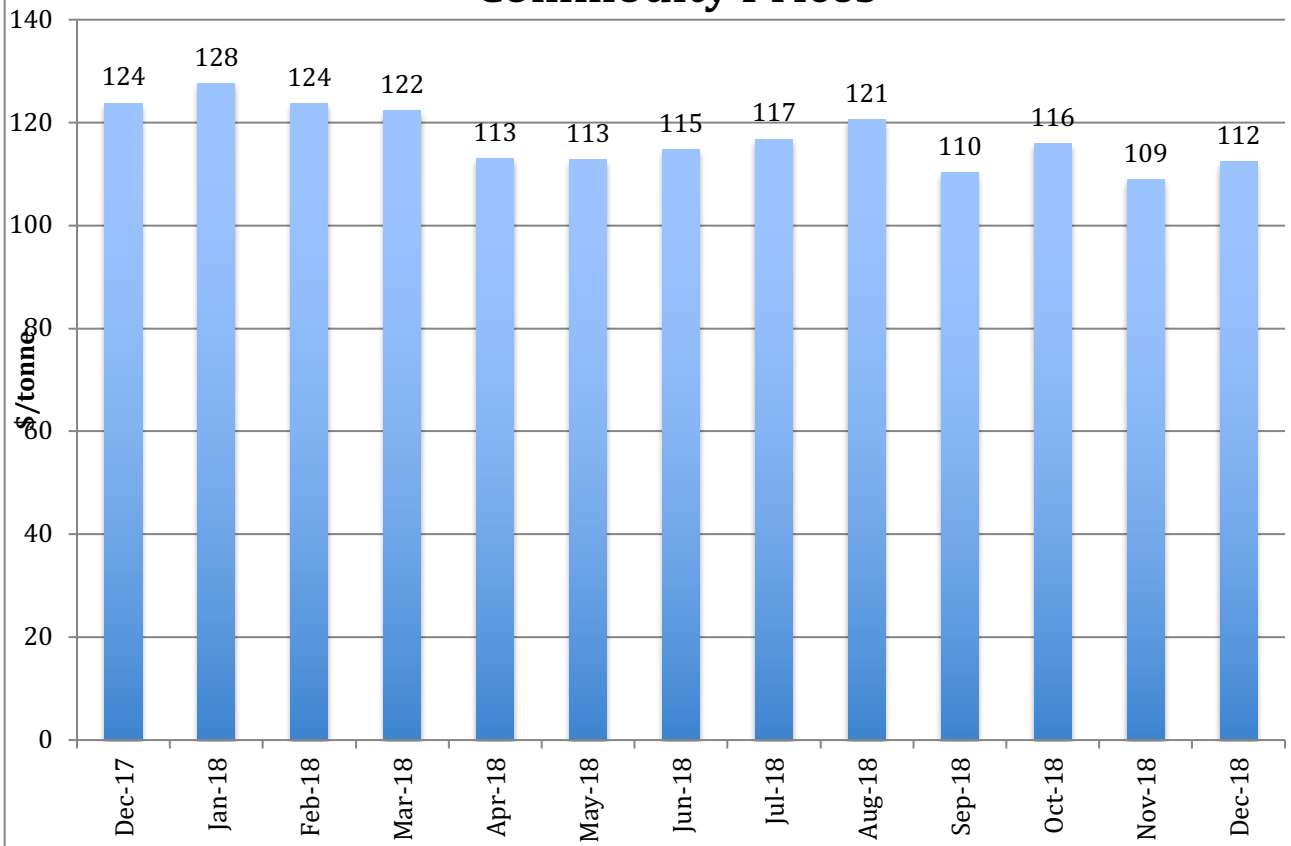
“These businesses chipped away at working conditions and profit margins in the industry by offering ridiculously fast delivery standards at unfairly low prices. The entire industry was forced to adjust; unreasonable delivery schedules, low wages and long hours became the norm for truckers,” Teamsters Canada says.

The union also calls on the province to recognize trucking as a skilled trade to ensure prospective drivers have access to grants and other subsidies.

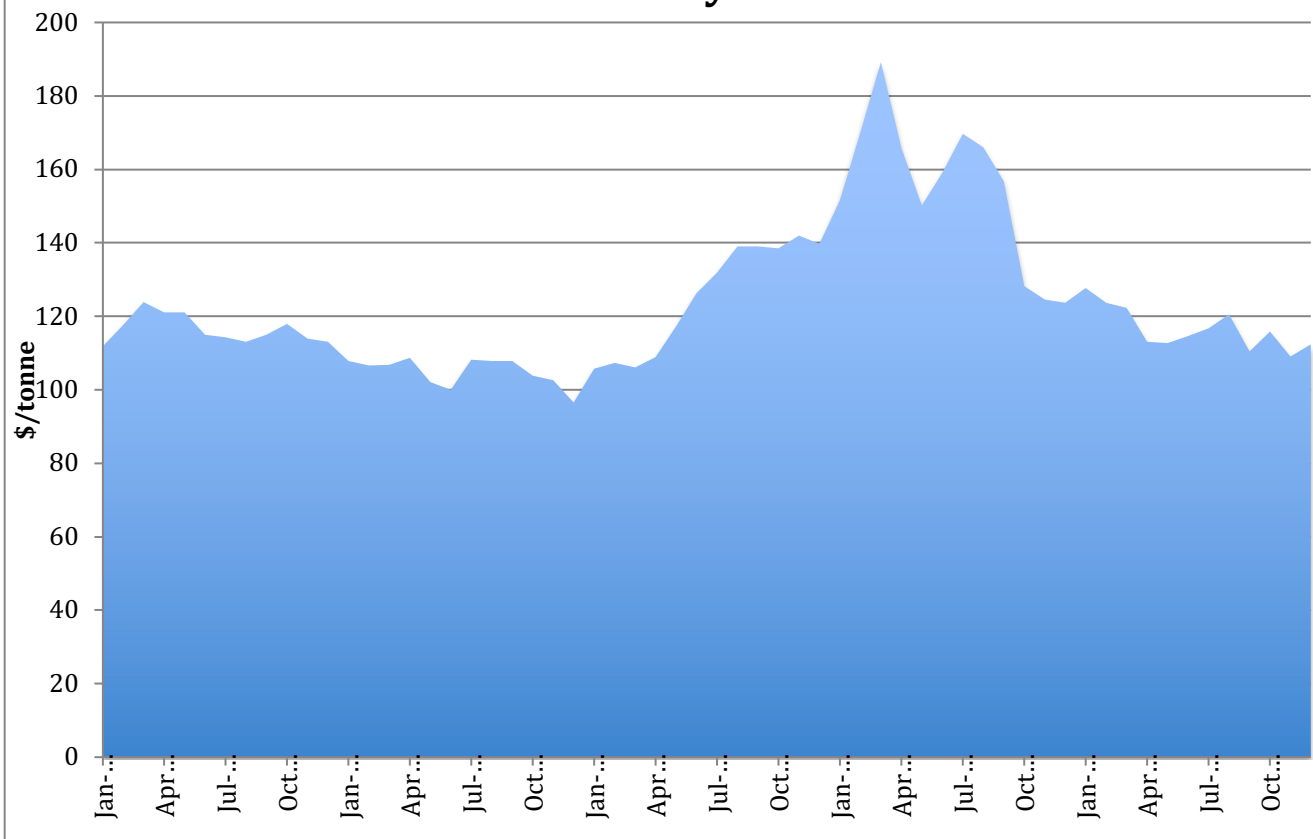




## Commodity Prices



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## **Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the St. Marys Public Library Board**

**Meeting Location:** St. Marys Public Library

**Meeting Date:** February 7, 2019

**Meeting Time:** 6:45pm

**Meeting Attendance:** Board Chair, C. Atlin, J. Craigmille, K. Cousins, R. Edney, L. Hodgins, A. Strathdee, B. Tuer, J. Vivian, M. Zurbrigg

**Present: Staff Present:** CEO M. Corbett, Library Services Coordinator R. Webb

**Regrets:**

1. Call to order

Meeting was called to order at 6:43pm by Board Chair C. Atlin.

2. Approval of the agenda

**Motion:**

**That Donor Collection be added as a discussion item at 7.3.**

**Moved by: B. Tuer**

**Seconded by: J. Craigmille**

**Result: Carried**

**Motion:**

**That the February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 regular meeting of the St. Marys Public Library Board agenda be approved as presented with the understanding that members of the Board will work through agenda items until 7:00pm at which time agenda item 3., Board Training will take place.**

**Moved by: R. Edney**

**Seconded by: J. Craigmille**

**Result: Carried**

3. Board Training—7pm

Members of the Board received webinar training regarding Governance Fundamentals hosted by SOLS.

4. Declarations of pecuniary interest

None declared.

5. Welcome guests or delegations

None present.



6. Consent agenda

**Motion:**

**That Consent Agenda items 5.1 to 5.4. inclusive be adopted by the Board with amendments as discussed to the minutes.**

**Moved by: A. Strathdee**

**Seconded by: B. Tuer**

**Result: Carried**

6.1. Minutes of the January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Regular Library Board meeting

**Motion:**

**That the minutes of the January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Regular Library Board Meeting be approved.**

6.2. CEO Report

**Motion:**

**The CEO Report be received.**

6.3. Library Statistics

**Motion:**

**That the Library statistics report be approved.**

6.4. Financial Report

**Motion:**

**That the Library Financial report be approved.**

7. Discussion items

7.1. Capital Projects update

CEO M. Corbett updated the Board on the presentation of the Capital projects to Town Council. The presentation for the Operational budget will take place on February 19<sup>th</sup>.



## 7.2. Adult Learning Report

### **Motion:**

**That the Library Board, with the recommendation from the Adult Learning Committee, approve the CEO to pursue hiring a computer instructor on a contract basis for the Adult Learning Centre.**

**Moved by: B. Tuer**

**Seconded by: L. Hodgins**

**Result: Carried**

## 7.3. Donor Collection

The Board discussed a donation proposal in memory of David Torbett. There was a discussion about policy and donation recognition.

## 7.4. Strategic Planning—Accomplishments for the coming term

The Board had a discussion about strategic planning and potential accomplishments for coming Board term. The conversation was tabled until the next regular meeting of the Board.

## 8. Friends of the Library report

The FOL AGM took place on January 26<sup>th</sup> in the Library and was a success.

## 9. Round table discussion

CEO M. Corbett updated the Board on the plans of the Finance Committee which includes looking at the budget to be presented in the coming weeks.

## 10. Date of next meeting

The date of the next regular meeting of the Board is Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Adult Learning Centre, 6:45pm. It was also decided that the April meeting will be moved from the 4<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup>.

## 11. Adjournment

### **Motion:**

**That the February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 regular meeting of the St. Marys Library Board be adjourned.**

**Moved by: J. Craigmile**

**Seconded by: J. Vivian**

**Result: Carried**



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TO: Carol Sproat  
Program Co-ordinator  
Adult Learning Programs of Perth

Yvonne Thompson  
Program Co-ordinator  
Adult Learning Programs of Perth

CC: Matthew Corbett  
Chief Executive Officer  
St. Mary's Public Library

FROM: Taylor Frost  
Employment and Training Consultant  
Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities

DATE: February 5th, 2019

RE: **Literacy and Basic Skills Program Monitoring Feedback Report for  
St. Mary's Public Library Board 4626A**

On behalf of the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU), I would like to thank Carol, Yvonne and your learners for your responsiveness and collaboration during the program monitoring process for the Literacy and Basic Skills program at the Adult Learning Programs of Perth (St. Mary's Public Library Board Site 4626A).

As part of the program monitoring process, I spoke with 2 learners, randomly selected 6 learner files to view and validated Employment Ontario Information System data against your paper files. Based on the monitoring activities completed, I have included my observations along with items for action and their timelines.

### **General Observations**

- The Adult Learning Programs of Perth is currently exceeding all provincial performance commitments as well as SQS at 7.83. Especially notable are the results you have achieved for Customer Satisfaction. 100% of learners have responded to the question "How likely are you to recommend the LBS Program to someone looking for similar service?" with Strongly Recommend or Generally Recommend. It was evident from the Positive EO Learner Experience Videos you submitted in support of the Ministry's Western Region All Staff Meetings that

you go above and beyond to support your learners. Some of the most notable comments from these videos include:

- “I walked in not knowing how to read, or spell, or do math.” “I can read and I feel fabulous. And I am proud of myself. Thank you.”
  - “The wonderful ladies in St. Mary’s helped me work through the GED program. I got my GED and that gave me lots of confidence.”
  - “I’d like to say thank you to the program and the ministry for giving me this opportunity. It really has changed my life.”
- It is clear that both Carol and Yvonne are well aware of local community resources in order to make appropriate referrals for their learners. This is evident from their exceptional Service Coordination results, currently at 87% of which the provincial performance commitment being 50%, the regional average at 70% and the provincial average at 75%.
  - Based on your responses to the Monitoring Questionnaire and our discussions during the site monitoring visit, it is clear than you understand the Literacy and Basic Skills: Service Provider Program Guidelines and your Literacy and Basic Skills – Service Delivery Transfer Payment Agreement.
  - Your reports are consistently submitted in accordance with the timelines and content requirements set out in Schedule “F” and did not require resubmission. Your submissions are clear, concise and always address all parts of multi-faceted questions.
  - Your Employment Ontario Information System data is consistent with paper learner files with no discrepancies being found during the file review process.
  - It appears you have adequate processes in place to ensure follow-ups are consistently occurring at 3, 6 and 12 month intervals.

### Summary of Key Observations and Action Items

Key Observations	Recommendations	Timeline	MAESD Follow Up
Copies of GED test application and supporting documents are being kept on Learner files.	Develop new process that safeguards Learner information collected in order to submit GED test application.	All files moving forward	Thursday February 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2019

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Rationale for eligibility exceptions is not being clearly documented in Learner files.	Develop new process that clearly documents rationale for accepting learners that do not meet program eligibility requirements.	All files moving forward	Thursday February 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2019
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Congratulations on your accomplishments this year to date. I look forward to continuing to work with the Adult Learning Programs of Perth and the St. Mary's Public Library. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 519-439-0397.

**Please respond to this report by Thursday February 28th, 2019**

Sincerely,

Taylor Frost  
Employment and Training Consultant (A)

### **Video 1 - Blanche**

Hi, my name is Blanche Kean, I go to Adult Learning Program of Perth and I am here to tell you a little story about myself. I am a 55 year old woman, I just went to this program to learn how to read. I walked in there not knowing how to read or spell or even do math. But the ladies in here gave me the confidence that I needed. Between my friends, my family and my teachers they all gave me the ambition and the confidence in myself. I didn't have any confidence before I walked in this door, now I'm reading three books... and now I have the chills, but it's ok, it's ok, it's part of life.

I don't know how to thank everybody for giving me this power and this ability, I don't even know, the confidence in myself. I have lots of confidence now, I didn't have any. I was very disappointed in myself. I didn't know how to read, I couldn't even read to my grandchildren. I tried to read, they corrected me, I stopped reading. When I have a 5-year-old child to give me a word that I didn't know and they knew, I lost everything. And now, I have lots. I have lots of love, I have lots of ability and now I can read and I feel fabulous and I'm proud of myself! Thank you!

### **Video 2 – Nicole**

My name is Nicole Friesen, I go to the Adult Learning Programs of Perth. I came because I wanted to get my GED and the teachers helped me so much with preparation. It was quite a struggle because I deal with anxiety but the program helped me get accommodations, including extra time and a private room. One of the teachers even gave me this stress ball, to help, while I was writing the exam. And I finally finished writing my last test just last weekend.

I did personal tools, personal success workshop at Conestoga College and now I'm taking a computer course there as well. I am planning to do some career counselling to help me with my next steps. I would like to say a thank you to the program and the ministry for giving me this opportunity, it really has changed my life.

## PERTH DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT BOARD

January 16, 2019

The Board of Health of the Perth District Health Unit met on the above date at 9:04 am at the Perth District Health Unit.

Members present: Daryl Herlick; Todd Kasenberg; Marg Luna; Anna Michener; Paul Robinson; Kathy Vassilakos; and Bob Wilhelm

Member regrets: Bonnie Henderson

Staff present: Dr. Miriam Klassen, Medical Officer of Health; Julie Pauli, Business Administrator; Tracy Allan-Koester, Director of Community Health; Donna Taylor, Director of Health Protection and Irene Louwagie (Recorder)

Julie Pauli, Board Secretary presiding.

Welcome to Daryl Herlick and Todd Kasenberg!

### **Agenda Approval**

Moved by: Marg Luna

Seconded by: Anna Michener

**That the agenda for today's meeting be adopted as presented.  
Carried.**

### **Pecuniary Interest**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

### **Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by: Bob Wilhelm

Seconded by: Kathy Vassilakos

**That the minutes of the previous meeting dated December 19, 2018 be adopted as amended.  
Carried.**

### **Closed Meeting**

None.

### **Business Arising**

#### **a. Board Elections for 2019**

Moved by: Bob Wilhelm

Seconded by: Marg Luna

**That Kathy Vassilakos be nominated for Chair of the Perth District Health Unit Board for 2019.  
Carried.**

Kathy Vassilakos was declared the Chair for the year 2019.

Kathy Vassilakos, Chair presiding for the rest of the meeting.

Moved by: Marg Luna  
Seconded by: Anna Michener

**That Bob Wilhelm be Vice Chair of the Board.**

**Carried.**

Bob Wilhelm was declared Vice Chair of the Board and Chair of the Finance and Personnel Committee for 2019.

Paul Robinson arrived at 9:15 am.

- b. Finance & Personnel Committee  
Moved by: Marg Luna  
Seconded by: Anna Michener

**That the Finance and Personnel Committee for 2019 consist of the Board as a whole.**

**Carried.**

- c. Set Meeting Dates and Times of Regular Meetings  
Moved by: Bob Wilhelm  
Seconded by: Marg Luna

**That the Board continue its current practice of meeting at 9:30 am on the third Wednesday of each month except for November which will be the fourth Wednesday. One or both summer meetings may be omitted if the Board so desires.**

**Carried.**

- d. Transition Team Update  
Dr. Miriam Klassen, Medical Officer of Health presented minutes from the Transition Team meeting dated December 17, 2018 and updated members on the work of the Transition Team.

Moved by: Marg Luna  
Seconded by: Paul Robinson

**Due to the pending approval of Teresa Barresi's provincial appointment position, the Board appoints Kathy Vassilakos to be the regular representative on the Transition Team. Anna Michener will remain the alternate and Paul Robinson be appointed as the additional alternate.**

**Carried.**

### **Adjournment**

Moved by: Bob Wilhelm  
Seconded by: Anna Michener

**That we now adjourn to enter into Finance & Personnel Committee meeting.**

**Carried.**

The Perth District Health Unit Board meeting resumed at 10:00 am.

### **New Business**

- a. Report of the Finance & Personnel Committee dated January 16, 2019.



Moved by: Bob Wilhelm  
Seconded by: Anna Michener

**That the verbal report from the Finance & Personnel Committee dated January 16, 2019 be adopted, including the following 2019 municipally cost-shared budgets:**

<b>Mandatory Programs Budget .....</b>	<b>\$6,273,734</b>
<b>100% Provincially-funded Programs.....</b>	<b>\$1,425,700</b>
<b>Carried.</b>	

- b. Ontario Public Health Standards – Program Standards at PDHU  
Janet Jackson, Public Health Manager presented the 2018 Ontario Public Health Standards on Chronic Disease Prevention and Well-Being and Substance Use and Injury Prevention.
- c. Board Orientation  
Board Orientation for new Board members will take place on March 20, 2019 following the regular Board meeting.

#### **Account Transactions**

Julie Pauli, Business Administrator presented the accounts for the period ending December 30, 2018.

Moved by: Anna Michener  
Seconded by: Bob Wilhelm

**That the accounts totaling \$575,606.33 for December 30, 2018 be adopted as presented.**  
**Carried.**

#### **Medical Officer of Health Report**

Dr. Miriam Klassen, Medical Officer of Health presented a written report for January 16, 2019 which included advocating for public health; preparing for possible health system changes; continuing to strengthen focus on social determinants of health and health equity and staff updates.

#### **Staff Updates:**

- Student public Health Inspector – effective January 7 to March 29, 2019
- Temporary full-time Administrative Assistant – effective January 7 to December 31, 2019
- Part-time Administrative Assistant increased to temporary full-time effective January 2 to December 31, 2019

Moved by: Bob Wilhelm  
Seconded by: Anna Michener

**That the Medical Officer of Health report be adopted as presented.**  
**Carried.**

#### **Correspondence**

- a. Sudbury re 2019 Operating Budget
- b. Peterborough re Opioid Crisis

Moved by: Paul Robinson  
Seconded by: Marg Luna

**That the Board receive correspondence items for information purposes.  
Carried.**

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Perth District Health Unit Board will be held on Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 9:30 am in the Multipurpose Room.

**Adjournment**

Moved by: Bob Wilhelm  
Seconded by: Anna Michener

**That we now adjourn. Carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

**Public Announcements**

- Mayor Task Forces including one for Mental Health and one for Housing ~ Todd Kasenberg

**Education Session**

Jane Leach, Public Health Nurse presented an Education Session on Cultural Communities.

Attendance: Daryl Herlick; Margaret Luna; Walter McKenzie; Anna Michener; Paul Robinson; Kathy Vassilakos; and Bob Wilhelm

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Vassilakos, Chair

**SPRUCE LODGE**  
**Board of Management Meeting**  
**January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Present:** *Peter Bolland, David Schlitt, and Jennifer Facey*

**Councillors:** *Jim Aitcheson, Danielle Ingram, Marg Luna, Fern Pridham, Kathy Vassilakos*

**Regrets:** *Councillor Rhonda Ehgoetz*

**Guests:**

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*Co-Chairperson Councillor Vassilakos brought the meeting to order.*

Moved by Councillor Ingram  
Seconded by Councillor Pridham

**That the agenda for January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 be approved as presented.**

**CARRIED**

➤ Declaration of pecuniary interest.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Councillor Luna indicated that meeting minutes should reflect a conflict of interest not a declaration of pecuniary interest.

Moved by Councillor Aitcheson  
Seconded by Councillor Pridham

**That the minutes of December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 be approved as amended.**

**CARRIED**

**Business Arising:** *None noted.*

**New Business:**

**Ratification of Accounts:**

Moved by Councillor Aitcheson  
Seconded by Councillor Luna

**That the December 2018 accounts in the amounts of \$343,660.48 be ratified.**

**CARRIED**

**Financial Report:**

The Business Manager presented the Spruce Lodge Revenue and Expenses for the 11 month period ending November 30, 2018 for review and discussion.

Moved by Councillor Ingram  
Seconded by Councillor Luna

**To accept the Spruce Lodge Revenue and Expenses for the 11 month period ending November 30, 2018 as presented.**

**CARRIED**

## **SPRUCE LODGE - Continued**

### **Board of Management Meeting**

**January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

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#### **2019 Operating Budget:**

The Business Manager presented the proposed 2019 operating budget for approval and submission to the Municipal Shared Services Committee on January 31, 2019. Because level of care funding will not be announced until February or March of 2019, plans are to transfer funds from the Level of Care Contingency Reserve to make up the budget shortfall. This reserve is set aside to address fluctuations if level of care funding.

Moved by Councillor Ingram

Seconded by Councillor Pridham

**To accept the Spruce Lodge 2019 Operating Budget as presented.**

**CARRIED**

#### **2019 Capital Plan:**

The Business Manager distributed the 2019 Capital Planned Expenditures and Contingent Projects for approval.

Moved by Councillor Luna

Seconded by Councillor Ingram

**To accept the Spruce Lodge 2019 Capital Budget as presented.**

**CARRIED**

#### **Projected Municipal Contributions 2019-2021:**

The Business Manager distributed the Projected Municipal Contributions 2019-2021 for information to be presented to the Municipal Shared Services Committee.

#### **Administrator's Report:**

##### ***Spruce Lodge Board Annual Reporting Requirements & Plans:***

The Administrator distributed the Spruce Lodge Board Annual Reporting Requirements & Plans for information and reference.

##### ***Risk Management:***

There were no critical incidents to report.

##### ***RQI Ministry Visit:***

There was no RQI visit in 2018. The Ministry of Health is moving toward risk based assessments.

##### ***Arrears:***

Generally there are no issues collecting accommodation fees in long-term care, although recently we have experienced several.

One resident is behind approximately \$1,400. This resident is on ODSP is withdrawing funds before the bank transaction. We are attempting to draw the funds the first of every month. Another resident is \$6,000 in arrears. He has a brother taking care of his finances. We tend to have to remind him from time to time in order to get payment.

Another resident whose son is taking care of finances is \$9,000 in arrears. We are meeting with him next week to discuss the situation. We have been in touch with the police and will need to report if there is a concern about resident abuse and misuse of funds.

Note that we cannot evict residents in long term care.

## **SPRUCE LODGE - Continued**

### **Board of Management Meeting**

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#### ***Strategic Planning:***

The leadership team met yesterday to update the strategic plan. We are moving toward using three strategic priorities to align goals and plans.

Board members will receive a copy of the strategic plan next month.

#### ***Partnerships:***

The VON is expanding to five (5) days per week to serve stroke victims. We will be providing extra meals effective April 2019.

ONE Care has not needed the use of our support worker services in Woodland Towers.

We currently have no preferred vendor contract for oxygen supply, but will be meeting with two (2) service providers, Ontario Home and Horizon Pro.

The hospital is now reaching out to Long Term Care homes to free up interim beds for community support services. While we are in support of this initiative, we have no interim or unfunded beds to offer.

Ritz Villa has been invited to meet with the Ministry about redevelopment.

There has been no word on Knollcrest and their request for seven (7) beds. The Knollcrest CAO is retiring in May.

Moved by Councillor Ingram  
Seconded by Councillor Aitcheson

**To enter closed session at 6:25 p.m. to discuss personnel  
CARRIED**

Councillor Luna declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting.

Moved by Councillor Aitcheson  
Seconded by Councillor Pridham

**To enter open session at 6:31 p.m.  
CARRIED**

Moved by Councillor Ingram  
Seconded by Councillor Pridham

**That the Administrator's report be accepted as presented.  
CARRIED**

#### ***Correspondence:***

##### **Memo from the Office of the Premier:**

The Administrator distributed a memo to the Ontario Public Service from the Office of the Premier for information on health care in 2019.

#### ***Dress Down Days:***

☺ *For December 2018, the lucky charitable receipt winner is...Christine Johnstone!*

**SPRUCE LODGE - Continued**  
**Board of Management Meeting**  
**January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

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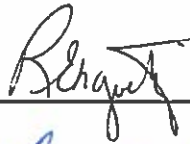
**Other Business:**

Moved by Councillor Ingram  
That the meeting be adjourned.  
**CARRIED**

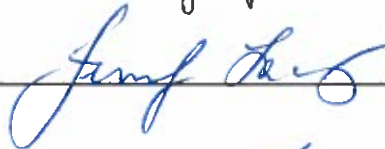
**Date & Time of Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

**Councillor Ehgoetz**  
*Chairperson*



**Jennifer Facey**  
*Secretary*



**Date**





MINUTES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2018

Members Present:	M.Blackie	S.McCall-Hanlon
	M.Blosh	A.Murray
	R.Chowen	B.Petrie
	A.Hopkins	M.Ryan
	T.Jackson	J.Salter
	N.Manning	G.Way
	S.Levin	

Regrets:	H.McDermid	T.Birtch
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Solicitor:	G.Inglis
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Staff:	D.Charles	C.Saracino
	S.Dunlop	A.Shivas
	B.Glasman	M.Snowsell
	C.Harrington	C.Tasker
	T.Hollingsworth	B.Verscheure
	J.Howley	K.Winfield
	E.Lounsbury	

1. Approval of Agenda

M.Blackie requested that item three (3) be corrected to read October 23, 2018, and item 8(c) be moved to follow the approval of the minutes (3).

T.Jackson moved – seconded by A.Murray:-

“RESOLVED that the UTRCA Board of Directors  
approve the agenda as amended.”

CARRIED.

2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

The Chair inquired whether the members had any conflicts of interest to declare relating to the agenda. There were none.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

October 23, 2018

G.Way moved – seconded by A.Hopkins:-

“RESOLVED that the UTRCA Board of Directors approve the Board of Directors’ minutes dated October 23, 2018 as posted on the Members’ web-site.”

CARRIED.

\*8 (c) Dingman Creek Hazard Mapping Update

T.Annett introduced Scott Mathers, Director, Water and Waste Water, City of London and Paul Yeoman, Director, Development Services, City of London. T.Annett discussed and elaborated on her report. She clarified that the screening map was created to flag new developments, within the City of London, for further mapping work, conversation, and early involvement for UTRCA staff. An implementation committee is being formed and will have their first meeting soon.

Mr. Mathers and Mr. Yeoman spoke to the importance of public safety and advancing opportunities for development, and the potential impacts to existing infrastructure. The City will undertake a review of the model, along with a peer review process. It was clarified that the City initiated the Environmental Assessment and hired the UTRCA to do the modeling and mapping. City staff and UTRCA staff answered questions from the Board.

A concern was raised that the screening area may set a watershed wide precedent, expanding the scope of review beyond existing flood modeling. Staff clarified that the maps and models are constantly updated based on the most current information. The screening area was implemented in this case, due to the large difference between existing and new mapping, to flag projects in specific areas to make sure that staff are involved and informed.

There will be more reports and updates on this project in the future.

B.Petrie moved – seconded by T.Jackson:-

“RESOLVED that the Board of Directors receive the report as presented.”

CARRIED.

\*See item 9. Other Business for further Board direction regarding this matter.

4. Delegations

(a) Area Landowners

Mr. Herman Turkstra, a lawyer representing three area landowners, Bluestone Properties, Tradewinds Properties and Exeter Dingman Investments, presented to the Board. They feel the new line is an attempt to change the regulation, which allows the UTRCA to regulate to the

1:250 year flood, without going through the regulatory process at Queen's Park. He stated that the result of changing the line will have profound impacts on the landowners in the millions of dollars. He presented a map on screen to show the area covered by the current line, compared to the area covered by the new line. He added that the new modeling has not been tested or reviewed by the stakeholders and he believes the climate change assumptions should not be included in the model because they are based on assumptions. Mr. Turkstra concluded by asking that the Board not approve the screening area and instead, to initiate a process that involves the stakeholders in determining the new floodplain standards.

(b) London Development Institute & London Homebuilders Association

The London Homebuilders Association elected to give a joint presentation with the London Development Institute. Bill Veitch presented on behalf of the London Development Institute. Mr. Veitch felt there was a lack of detail and legislated basis for the screening area. He voiced concerns that the process of all applications within the screening area passing through UTRCA staff will delay and potentially freeze lands currently approved for development. He added that without a clear definition of a screening area, how it would be applied, supporting data, and the ability to review the model, the industry cannot accept these significant changes. He noted that they are unaware of any legislation that includes climate changes and believe it should not be included unless legislated. They asked the Board to withdraw the screening area map and that the City not require applications outside of the current lines to be reviewed by the UTRCA. The London Chamber of Commerce has sent a letter to the City of London with this request as well.

Lois Langdon, CEO London Homebuilders Association, presented on behalf of the London Homebuilders association. She spoke to the impact of the unanticipated screening area and it's potentially negative effects on construction timelines, causing significant financial penalties for homebuilders. She also outlined discussions had, concerning the Dingman creek hazard mapping update, with London City Council and their solicitor at the November 20<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.

Board members asked questions to the delegates and staff. Staff clarified that proponents can submit their own information, and the updated information will be circulated for peer review.

M.Blackie thanked the delegations, stating their comments would be considered as the UTRCA Board continues with this process.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

(a) Hunting on UTRCA Lands  
(Report attached)

Staff clarified that trapping is permitted on UTRCA properties that are open for hunting when inquiries are brought forward and approved.

Expanded hunting and potential community involvement in the management of the Cade property will be developed over time as staff become more familiar with the community and local interests, as supported by the Management Plan.

N.Manning moved – seconded by G.Way:-

“RESOLVED that the Board of Directors receive the report as presented.”

CARRIED.

- (b) Revised Draft Budget  
(Report attached)

I.Wilcox reported that Bill 148 has been repealed by the Provincial Government. Staff have been invited to present the 2019 draft Budget to the County of Oxford, Middlesex Centre, South West-Oxford and Perth-East. An updated Draft Budget will be circulated along with any Municipal feedback in February.

Conservation Ontario has expressed significant concerns around the future of Provincial funding to Conservation Authorities. No funding cuts have been announced, but UTRCA staff are starting to plan for potential cuts. Midyear budget adjustments may be needed.

There was discussion around ways to educate new Councils and prospective Board members about the UTRCA and the roles and responsibilities of Board members. As suggested by members, staff will create a one page document outlining the roles and responsibilities of Board members, and will see that the FYI is circulated to all Councillors.

A.Hopkins moved – seconded by B.Petrie:-

“RESOLVED that the Board of Directors receive the report as presented.”

CARRIED.

6. Business for Approval

- (a) 2019 Authority Fee Schedule  
(Report attached)

T.Jackson moved – seconded by A.Murray:-

“RESOLVED that the Board of Directors approve the recommendation as presented in the amended report.”

CARRIED.

There was a discussion around the technical planning review fees and cost recovery. Board members asked staff to move towards a complete cost recovery model for plan review fees in the draft Fees Policy. This will further inform the work asked in a past motion.

A.Hopkins left the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

7. Closed Session – In Camera

There being legal matters to discuss,

N.Manning moved – seconded by T.Jackson:-

“RESOLVED that the Board of Directors adjourn to  
Closed Session – In Camera.”

CARRIED.

Progress Reported

(a) Summary of Statement of Claim

B.Petrie moved – seconded by T.Jackson:

“RESOLVED that the Board of Directors receive  
the report as presented in Closed Session.”

CARRIED.

(b) Fanshawe Cottages Update

Staff gave a verbal update regarding the Fanshawe Cottages.

8. Business for Information

(a) Administration and Enforcement – Section 28  
(Report attached)

S.Levin moved – seconded by B.Petrie:-

“RESOLVED that the Board of Directors receive  
the report as presented.”

CARRIED.

(b) Fanshawe Pioneer Village Update

(Report attached)

T.Jackson moved – seconded by A.Murray:-

“RESOLVED that the Board of Directors receive the report as presented.”

CARRIED.

(d) Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund

(Report attached)

T.Jackson moved – seconded by S.McCall-Hanlon:-

“RESOLVED that the Board of Directors receive the report as presented.”

CARRIED.

(e) Staff Succession Planning

(Report attached)

It was suggested that staff be aggressive in backfilling the identified positions, as loss of experience and loss of upper management through retirement will continue to be a problem across all Municipalities and Watersheds.

B.Petrie moved – seconded by M.Ryan:-

“RESOLVED that the Board of Directors receive the report as presented.”

CARRIED.

(f) 2018 New Portable Pass Update

(Report attached)

B.Petrie moved – seconded by J.Salter :-

“RESOLVED that the Board of Directors receive the report as presented.”

CARRIED.

(g) Board Membership Transition and January Orientation

(Report attached)



The next meeting will be an orientation meeting on January 22, 2019. I.Wilcox asked that, if available, outgoing members attend to share knowledge with incoming members. Members were reminded that, according to the Conservation Authorities Act, terms don't end until the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in 2019. The AGM has been proposed for Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>.

N.Manning moved – seconded by S.McCall-Hanlon:-

“RESOLVED that the Board of Directors receive the report as presented.”

CARRIED.

8. November FYI  
(Attached)

G.Way moved – seconded by J.Salter :-

“RESOLVED that the Board of Directors receive the November FYI.”

CARRIED.

9. Other Business

Members were reminded that elections will happen at the Annual General Meeting in February.

A.Murray left the meeting just after 12:00 p.m.

Members had concerns regarding the Dingman Creek Hazard Mapping Update that were not addressed during the discussion following the Delegations, the matter was re-visited. There was a lengthy discussion around the concern that the screening area concept could be applied watershed wide and become a policy through practice without there being a Board approved policy.

T.Jackson moved – seconded by R.Chowen:-

“RESOLVED that until a policy is in place, the concept of a screening area not be employed in the practice of regulation within the watershed.”

B.Petrie moved – seconded by S.Levin:-

“RESOLVED that the motion be referred to staff for a report at the next Board meeting.”

CARRIED.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:47p.m on a motion N.Manning.



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Ian Wilcox  
General Manager  
Att.

# St. Marys Business Improvement Area (BIA) Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, February 11, 2019

Location: Town Hall, Council Chambers, 2<sup>rd</sup> floor, 175 Queen Street East, St. Marys, ON

Time: 6:30 p.m.

General Members in Attendance: Julie Docker-Johnson, Brian Lynch, Laura Pieroni, Maggie Richardson, Tanya Buck, Leanne Riddell, Gordon Diver, Carey Pope, Burt Damen, Scott McLaughlan, Karen Payton, Kara Stevens, Bruce Barnes, Sue Griffiths, Tania Fersoy

Board Members in Attendance: Amie Rankin, Mayor Strathdee, Lanny Hoare, Mary Van Den Berge, Chantal Lynch

Regrets: Emily Lagace, Councillor Winter

BIA Staff in Attendance: Esther DeYoung, Recording Secretary

Staff in Attendance: Kelly Deeks, Manager of Economic Development

## Agenda Items

## 1.0 Call to order and confirmation of Quorum

The chair called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

## 2.0 Declarations of Pecuniary / Conflict of Interest

None declared.

### **3.0 Additions to the Agenda (to be added in Section 8.0 Other Business)**

## -Ambassador Program

-Treasurer's Report

## 4.0 Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Amie

Seconded by: Mary

That the February 11, 2019 Business Improvement Area Board agenda be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

**5.0 Approval of Meeting Minutes from the December 10, 2018 and January 14, 2019 and January 29, 2019 BIA Board Meeting (attached)**

Moved by: Amie

Seconded by: Lanny

THAT the Meeting Minutes from the December 10, 2018 BIA Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

Moved by: Al

Seconded by: Amie

THAT the Meeting Minutes from the January 14, 2019 BIA Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

Moved by: Mary

Seconded by: Lanny

THAT the Meeting Minutes from the January 29, 2019 BIA Board Meeting be approved.

CARRIED

## **6.0 New Business**

### **7.1 Storage containers in the downtown**

The chair opened the floor for discussion on storage containers. Mayor Stratthdee provided some background information on storage containers in the downtown.

No motion was made. This item will be on the next board meeting agenda.

### **7.2 Annual General Meeting**

Moved by: Amie

Seconded by : Mary

THAT the Annual General Meeting be set for Monday, April 8, 2019 instead of February 15, 2019.

CARRIED

## **7.0 Project & Committees**

### **7.1 Creation of Committees**

Motion by: Mary                      Second by: Lanny

THAT four committees, to start, are formed: Budget Committee, Benches and Blossoms/Streetscape Committee, Marketing Committee, Welcome Committee

CARRIED

### **7.2 Public Art Update**

Monies received from the Public Art grant need to be spent by March 2020. The BIA has \$10,000 to commit to the project and the Town has \$20,000. The grant must follow procurement guidelines and use a Request for Proposal process. It will likely be a mural project. This project originated from desire to beautify the back alleys. Previous work by Carey Pope in 2018 has been done to secure locations and speak with business owners. Carey is willing to be part of a new committee. Director of Corporate Services Trisha McKibbin will attend the next meeting to provide more information on the project.

Motion by: Mary                      Second by: Lanny

THAT a 5<sup>th</sup> committee be formed to be called the Public Art committee

CARRIED

## **8.0 Other Business**

### **8.1 Ambassador Program**

Chantal gave a background on the program and asked whether the group supports the program continuing.

Motion by: Mary                      Seconded by: Amie

THAT the chairperson attend a meeting with the BIA ambassador to gain more information

CARRIED

8.2 Treasurer's Report (see attached) The BIA is starting with \$54,000. \$10,000 is earmarked for Public Art

## 9.0 Agenda Items for Future Meetings & Date of Next Board Meeting

March 11

- Committee reports
- Visitor Guides
- invite Town Event Coordinator Andrea Macko to speak about events

## 10.0 Adjournment

Motion by: Lanny

Seconded by: Mary

That the BIA board meeting adjourn at 7:17pm

CARRIED

## 2019 BIA Board Meeting Dates

January 14	February 11	March 11	April 8
May 13	June 10	July 8	August 12
September 9	October 21	November 11	December 9

**BIA Board:** Chantal Lynch (Chair), Mary Van Den Berge (Treasurer), Councillor Tony Winter, Lanny Hoare (Vice Chair), Emily Lagace (Committee Liaison), Amie Rankin (Secretary)

**BIA Staff:** Esther DeYoung

**Town of St. Marys Staff:** Kelly Deeks, Economic Development Manager

**For Information: Brent Kittmer (CAO/Clerk)**



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Account Balance: \$53,556.14

Available Funds: \$53,556.14

Funds on Hold: \$0.00

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Jan 18, 2019	CK	NO.441	\$200.00		\$54,395.02
Feb 13, 2019	CK	NO.443 BIA Administration	\$220.00		\$54,175.02
Feb 26, 2019	CK	NO.442 Can.Tire Downtown \$\$'s	\$40.00		\$54,135.02
Feb 27, 2019	CK	NO.445 Stratford Tourism	\$452.00		\$53,683.02
Feb 28, 2019	DS	QUADRO COMMUNIC BPY/FAC	\$126.88		\$53,556.14



**MINUTES**  
**Community Policing Advisory Committee**

February 20, 2019  
9:00am  
Council Chambers, Town Hall

Committee Members Present: Mayor Strathdee  
Councillor Winter  
Jacqueline Hibbert  
Paul Dunseith

Committee Member Regrets Doug Diplock

Stratford Police Services Present: Chief Greg Skinner  
Deputy Chief Gerald Foster

Staff Present: Brent Kittmer, Secretary

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Winter called the meeting to order at 9:11 am.

**2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None declared.

**3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Paul Dunseith requested that future agenda's reflect the firehall/police colocation discussion scheduled for the May meeting.

Mayor Strathdee requested to add a 9.2.4 regarding concerns received about the social housing in St. Marys.

**Moved By** Mayor Strathdee

**Seconded By** Paul Dunseith

THAT the February 20, 2019 Community Policing Advisory Committee meeting agenda be approved as amended.

**CARRIED**

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

Community Policing Advisory Committee - February 20, 2019

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It was noted that Item #4 of the minutes should be amended to reflect the election of the Vice-Chair for the committee.

**Moved By** Jacqueline Hibbert

**Seconded By** Paul Dunseith

THAT the January 16, 2019 Community Policing Advisory Committee meeting minutes be approved as amended and signed by the Chair and Secretary.

**CARRIED**

## **5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

### **5.1 Follow-Up - Public Education re: CPAC Members**

Brent Kittmer reported that Corporate Communications was developing an updated police webpage for the Town, and would organize public communications regarding the role of CPAC and its members.

Brent Kittmer confirmed that Corporate Communications would review the Town website to ensure that all OPP contact information is deleted.

## **6. DELEGATIONS**

None received.

## **7. REPORTS**

### **7.1 Stratford Police Service Monthly Operating Report**

Chief Greg Skinner and Deputy Chief Gerry Foster provided an overview of the January operations report. They noted the changes in the level of detail in the report as requested by the CPAC. The goal is to make minor changes to the report over the next few months to develop a template that is satisfactory to the Stratford Police Services Board, and the St. Marys and Perth South CPACs.

In response to Mayor Strathdee, the Deputy Chief confirmed that Crime Stoppers is run by the County. The Stratford Police Service receives information from the service and reports back on investigations.

The Chief reviewed the Stratford Police Services organizational structure, and identified each of the services that are available from Stratford. He confirmed that the service does have undercover capacity, and that the service has officers ranging from level 2 to level 4 in traffic collision investigations. In complex situations like accident reconstruction, the service will call in additional expertise from other departments.

In response to Paul Dunseith, the Deputy Chief confirmed that Stratford does have CVSA trained officers, but not to the level of being able to complete a full roadside inspection. During blitzes, MTO staff are arranged to assist.

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **8.1 Director of Public Works re: James Street South Traffic Calming Efforts**

The committee received the correspondence from the Director of Public works with thanks. The committee also extended thanks to the Stratford Police Department for their efforts in reducing speeding in Town.

The committee requested that the Secretary follow-up with Public Works to see if the charts could be modified to show speeds at various times of day.

## **9. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **9.1 CAO 17-2019 Fees for Police Checks for Volunteers**

Secretary Brent Kittmer spoke to CAO 17-2019 and responded to questions from the Committee.

Deputy Chief Foster noted that the online system that the police use may not be capable of waiving the fee. The committee briefly discussed the Town rebating volunteers who provide adequate proof of the costs.

**Moved By** Jacqueline Hibbert

**Seconded By** Paul Dunseith

THAT CAO 17-2019 Fees for Police Checks for Volunteers be received;  
and

THAT the Community Policing Advisory Committee recommends to Council:

THAT Council pass a resolution setting a policy decision that police checks for volunteers in St. Marys be completed at no charge.

**CARRIED**

### **9.2 Report on Community Concerns Received**

#### **9.2.1 James Street South Round About - Traffic Impact**

Paul Dunseith spoke to concerns he's received from members of the public regarding safety issues at the James Street South and

Highway #7 intersection. Mr. Dunseith also explained safety concerns for volunteer firefighters who have to control traffic at accidents at this intersections.

The committee acknowledged that this topic was likely outside of their mandate, but agreed safety of motorists and volunteer firefighters is important. The committee requested that the Secretary follow-up with the MTO to determine if a round-about was planned for this intersection.

#### **9.2.2 Overnight Parking and Enforcement**

Brent Kittmer explained that parking enforcement was delayed due to delivery issues with the parking tickets. Since tickets have been available, the police have been regularly enforcing.

Deputy Chief Foster spoke to the difficulty of CMV parking enforcement in the core. He explained that it is difficult for an officer to differentiate between a vehicle parked for deliveries and a vehicle parked illegally. The Deputy Chief suggested that the Town look for appropriate signage as a first step of enforcement through education.

#### **9.2.3 Downtown Pedestrian Crosswalks - Illegal Pedestrian Crossings**

Paul Dunseith explained the public's concerns that had been raised to him, and the concern for pedestrians who choose to cross illegally.

Mr. Dunseith also noted that there have been instances of eastbound pedestrian lights lighting up on their own.

The committee discussed how to encourage compliance. Staff were requested to consider re-issuing the public education campaign that occurred when the lights were first installed.

#### **9.2.4 Social Housing Resident Concerns**

Mayor Strathdee brought forward recent concerns he had received from residents of the social housing in St. Marys, and thanked the Stratford Police for all of their response efforts.

The Chief and Deputy Chief confirmed that they would be meeting with Stratford Social Services to review current issues and possible solutions.

Chief Skinner explained that the Stratford Police do have a mental health strategy. One initiative has been to have a representative from the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance complete ride alongs one to two days per week to provide support in the community.

**10. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Chair Winter reviewed the upcoming meetings as presented on the agenda.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved By** Paul Dunseith

**Seconded By** Jacqueline Hibbert

THAT this meeting of the Community Policing Advisory Committee be adjourned at 10:13 am.

**CARRIED**

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Chair Winter

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Brent Kittmer, CAO / Clerk, Secretary





## **Minutes**

### **Green Committee**

February 20, 2019

5:30 pm

Municipal Operations Centre  
408 James Street South, St. Marys

Members Present: Lynette Geddes, Chair  
Katherine Moffat, Vice-Chair  
Councillor Craigmile  
John Stevens  
Fred Stam  
David Vermeire

Staff Present: Jed Kelly, Director of Public Works  
Morgan Dykstra, Public Works Coordinator

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 PM.

#### **2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None received.

#### **3. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Resolution: GC-2019-02-01**

**Moved By** D. Vermeire

**Seconded By** F. Stam

**THAT** the February 20, 2019 regular Green Committee agenda be accepted as presented.

**Carried.**

**4. DELEGATIONS**

None received.

**5. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

**Resolution: GC-2019-02-02**

**Moved By** J. Stevens

**Seconded By** D. Vermeire

**THAT** the January 16, 2019 regular Green Committee minutes be approved and signed by the Chair and Committee Secretary.

**Carried.**

**6. REPORTS**

**6.1 Town of St. Marys Forestry Program**

J. Kelly outlined the Public Works Department's organizational structure and its regular operations. J. Kelly also provided insight with regards to some operational challenges and potential improvements with regards to forestry management.

J. Kelly also responded to Committee Member's questions.

**6.2 PW 12-2019 Forestry Management Plan: Tree Species List**

M. Dykstra spoke to PW 12-2019 Forestry Management Plan: Tree Species List.

M. Dykstra updated the Committee on forestry legislative requirements and how the Town complies with those requirements.

The Committee discussed the proposed Tree Species List.

The Committee agrees that during Step 3 of developing the tree species list, the following characteristics should be considered to determine tree suitability: height, soil type, growth speed, availability, and costs.

Once the tree species list is finalized, the Committee will consider developing handouts for each tree that include the benefits of trees, and facts about the tree. The handouts will be given to properties adjacent to a

newly planted tree within the boulevard. When planting, possibly ask property owners fronting the boulevard their species preference.

**Resolution: GC-2019-02-03**

**Moved By** F. Stam

**Seconded By** K. Moffat

**THAT** PW 12-2019 Forestry Management Plan: Tree Species List be received; and

**THAT** Appendix F – Species List & Planting Conditions be retained for natural areas; and

**THAT** the proposed modified environment species list be considered; and

**THAT** Step 3 of creating a revised Tree Species List be initiated.

**Carried.**

## **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Blue Bag Flyers Delivery**

J. Stevens brought forth a concern within the Community. Blue bags with flyers are distributed throughout Town, the bags are often haphazardly thrown onto people's front lawns and the sidewalk.

J. Stevens asked if the concern is within the scope of the Committee. J. Kelly stated that it can be. Town staff will investigate the issue, and contact the blue bag providers before other actions are undertaken.

### **7.2 Green Exposition**

J. Stevens proposed hosting a Green Exposition to highlight green initiatives, inviting green vendors and stakeholders like Bluewater Recycling Association.

Chair L. Geddes suggested that J. Stevens provide an outline of what the Green Exposition would entail, detailing location, possible vendors and costs. Upon receipt of the outline, the Committee will discuss if they would like to move forward with the Green Exposition.

J. Stevens stated that he will bring forward an outline at an upcoming meeting.

### **7.3 Public Works Newsletter**

M. Dykstra informed the Committee that the Public Works Department issues two newsletters each year informing the public about various operational activities and reminders.

M. Dykstra asked the Committee to send her via email any topics they would like discussed in the spring newsletter.

**8. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

2019 Green Committee calendar received.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution: GC-2019-02-04**

**Moved By** Councilor Craigmile.

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 7:18 PM.

**Carried.**

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Lynette Geddes, Chair

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Morgan Dykstra, Committee Secretary



## MINUTES

### Heritage Advisory Committee

February 9, 2019

9:00 a.m.

Municipal Operations Centre

408 James Street South, St. Marys

Members Present: Barb Tuer  
Clive Slade  
Sherri Gropp  
Stephen Habermehl  
Janis Fread  
Dan Schneider  
Michelle Stemmler  
Mike Bolton  
Paul King  
Councillor Fern Pridham

Members Absent: Larry Pfaff  
Al Strathdee

Staff Present: Amy Cubberley  
Jason Silcox

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Stephen Habermehl called the meeting to order at 9:02am

#### 2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None declared.

#### 3. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Paul King suggested that the agenda be amended to include 10.2: Ontario Heritage Trust registry of designated properties and 10.3: 2019 Work Plan for the Committee.

**Moved By** Clive Slade

**Seconded By** Councillor Pridham

THAT the February 9, 2019 regular Heritage Committee agenda be accepted as presented and amended.

**CARRIED**

**4. DELEGATIONS**

None.

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

**5.1 Letter of resignation - Larry Pfaff**

Stephen Habermehl verbally shared Larry Pfaff's letter of resignation.

**Moved By** Dan Schneider

**Seconded By** Michael Bolton

That the St. Marys Heritage Advisory Committee receive, with regret, the resignation letter from Larry Pfaff.

**CARRIED**

**5.2 Notice of Passing of Bylaw**

**Moved By** Clive Slade

**Seconded By** Sherri Gropp

THAT the Notice of Passing of By-law No. Z131-2019 be received.

**CARRIED**

**6. AMENDMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

Clive Slade noted that there is a discrepancy in the November meeting date and request the amendment of the minutes to reflect the correct meeting date of Saturday, November 10, 2018.

**Moved By** Councillor Pridham

**Seconded By** Michelle Stemmler

THAT the Minutes of the January 12, 2019 meeting of the St. Marys Heritage Committee be accepted as presented and amended.

**CARRIED**

**7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Committee members requested that the minutes of the previous meeting be included in the agenda package moving forward.

## **8. REGULAR BUSINESS**

### **8.1 Heritage Conservation District Update**

#### **8.1.1 Heritage Permits**

None to review.

#### **8.1.2 Sign Applications**

Jason Silcox spoke to the Sign Application for 190 Queen Street East and answered questions from the Committee.

**Moved By** Barbara Tuer

**Seconded By** Sherri Gropp

THAT DEV 13-2019 Sign Permit Application – 190 Queen Street E. be received; and

THAT the Heritage Committee support the façade sign permit.

**CARRIED**

#### **8.1.3 Heritage Grant Applications**

None to review.

### **8.2 Municipal Register, Part 1 - Designations/designated property matters**

#### **8.2.1 Heritage Permits**

None to review.

#### **8.2.2 Municipal Register, Part 1 Staff Report - February**

Councillor Pridham spoke to Resolution 2019-01-29-07 That Council direct staff to report back on the selling of Junction Station.

**Moved By** Dan Schneider

**Seconded By** Michael Bolton

THAT the February Municipal Register, Part 1 Staff Report be received as information.



**8.3 Municipal Register, Part 2 - List of Significant properties**

Staff reported that Corporate Services staff are currently reviewing the Register to ensure that all property owner information is up to date.

**8.4 Properties of interest or at risk (not necessarily designated)**

Paul King reported that the vacant lot on Water Street South has sold. The adjacent properties at 84 Water Street South and 136 Water Street South are both designated properties.

**8.5 CHO Report**

Paul King reported that the Ontario Heritage Conference will be held in Goderich, May 30-June 1. Committee members are encouraged to attend.

Paul King encouraged all Committee members to complete the CHO news survey regarding education and training for new committee members.

**8.6 Homeowner/Property owner letters**

There was consensus from the Committee that Paul King send a letter to the new owners of 254 Water Street South.

**9. COUNCIL REPORT**

Councillor Pridham spoke to updates on the Junction Station and McDonald House.

**10. OTHER BUSINESS**

**10.1 Heritage Fair Award - February 22, 2019 7:00 pm**

Clive Slade and Mike Bolton requested to be added to the St. Marys Museum's email list.

**Moved By** Janis Fread

**Seconded By** Sherri Gropp

That Mary Smith and Larry Pfaff be the recipients of the 2019 St. Marys Heritage Awards in recognition of their decades of dedicated service on the St. Marys Heritage Committee.

CARRIED

**10.2 Ontario Heritage Trust Listing of Designated Properties**

**Moved By** Dan Schneider

**Seconded By** Paul King

That Paul King contact Ontario Heritage Trust staff to investigate protocol for including non-designated properties of heritage significance on the Ontario Heritage Trust website.

**CARRIED**

### **10.3 2019 Heritage Advisory Committee Work Plan**

Committee members determined that 2019 priorities could include updating designation statements, developing a walking tour app, assisting with Doors Open, seeking out new heritage designations and presenting an annual report to Council. The most pressing priority is reviewing the current Mandate and Terms of Reference of the Heritage Advisory Committee.

**Moved By** Clive Slade

**Seconded By** Michelle Stemmler

That Mandate and Terms of Reference Discussion be included on the March 9, 2019 Heritage Advisory Committee agenda.

**CARRIED**

## **11. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Saturday, March 9, 2019 at 9:00am at the Municipal Operations Centre.

Committee members requested that the date, time and location of the Heritage Advisory Committee be revisited at this meeting.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved By** Dan Schneider

**Seconded By** Sherri Gropp

THAT this meeting of the Heritage Committee adjourn at 10:09 a.m.

**CARRIED**

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Chair

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Committee Secretary



## **Minutes**

### **Museum Board**

February 13, 2019

6:30 pm

St. Marys Museum

177 Church Street South, St. Marys

Members Present Douglas Fread, Krissy Nickle, Scott Crawford, Councillor Hainer  
Members Absent Douglas Craig  
Staff Present Amy Cubberley, Curator/Archivist

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Fread called the meeting to order at 6:34pm.

#### **2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None declared.

#### **3. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved By** Councillor Hainer

**Seconded By** Scott Crawford

THAT the February 13, 2019 Museum Advisory Committee agenda be accepted as presented.

**Carried**

#### **4. DELEGATIONS**

None.

#### **5. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

**Moved By** Councillor Hainer  
**Seconded By** Scott Crawford

THAT the minutes of the January 9, 2019 meeting of the St. Marys Museum Advisory Committee be accepted as presented.

**Carried**

**6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

None

**7. REPORTS**

No Council report. Staff spoke to the attached Museum Report and responded to questions.

**Moved By** Councillor Hainer  
**Seconded By** Scott Crawford

THAT MUS 01-2019 February Monthly Report be accepted as information.

**Carried**

**8. OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**9. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Wednesday, March 13 at 6:30pm.

**10. ADJOURNMENT AND MUSEUM TOUR**

**Moved By** Councillor Hainer  
**Seconded By** Scott Crawford

That the February 13 Museum Advisory Committee meeting adjourn at 6:53pm.

**Carried**

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Chair Doug Fread

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Board Secretary Amy Cubberley



## **Minutes**

### **Recreation & Leisure Advisory Committee**

February 28, 2019

5:30 pm

Pyramid Recreation Centre

317 James Street South, St. Marys

Member Present        Chelsea Coghlin-Fewster, Darcy Drummond, Scott Crawford,  
                                 Councillor Pridham

Member Absent        Candice Harris, Mike Morning

Staff Members Present:    Stephanie Ische, Director of Community Services, Grant  
Brouwer, Director of Building and Development

#### **1.    CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Pridham called to meeting to order at 5.56pm.

#### **2.    DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

none

#### **3.    AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved: S. Crawford

Seconded: C. Coghlin-Fewster

THAT the February 28, 2019 Recreation and Leisure Advisory Committee  
agenda be accepted as presented.

**Carried**

#### **4.    DELEGATIONS**

None.

#### **5.    ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

Moved: C. Coghlin-Fewster

Seconded: S. Crawford

THAT the January 24, 2019 Recreation and Leisure Advisory Committee meeting minutes be approved and signed by the Chair and Director of Community Services.

**Carried**

**6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

none

**7. REPORTS**

7.1 DEV 17-2019 Switching from Salt Chlorine-Generation to Liquid Chlorine Supply.

G. Brouwer spoke to DEV 17-2019 report and responded to questions from the Committee. The Committee directed staff to report back on the following:

- What the cost is to switch over from Salt to Chlorine?
- Can you add salt to the water to keep the bather experience?
- What happens to equipment when it gets salt damage?
- What the new system work the same as the current salt one?

Moved: S. Crawford

Seconded: C. Coghlin-Fewster

THAT DEV 17-2019 Switching from Salt Chlorine-Generation to Liquid Chlorine Supply be received; and

THAT staff provide public consultation and report back to the Recreation Advisory Committee with its findings.

**Carried**

7.2 DEV 18-2019 St Marys Pyramid Recreation Centre Spa Repair

G. Brouwer spoke to DEV 18-2019 report and responded to questions from the Committee.



Moved: S. Crawford

Seconded: C. Coghlin-Fewster

THAT DEV 18-2019 St. Marys Pyramid Recreation Centre Spa Repair be received; and

THAT staff provide public consultation and report back to the Recreation Advisory Committee with its findings.

**Carried**

**7.3 DCS Quarry Information**

S. Ische spoke to DSC Quarry Information and responded to questions from the Committee.

Moved: S. Crawford

Seconded: C. Coghlin-Fewster

THAT DCS 2019 Quarry report be received for information.

**Carried**

**8. OTHER BUSINESS**

Committee members were given a tour of the building and each department.

**9. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

The Chair reviewed the upcoming meeting as presented on the agenda.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved: C. Coghlin-Fewster

Seconded: S. Crawford

THAT this Recreation and Leisure Advisory Committee adjourn at 7:30p.m.

**Carried**

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Chair

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Committee Secretary



## **Minutes**

### **Youth Council**

February 20, 2019

4:00 pm

Pyramid Recreation Centre - Meeting Room D

317 James Street South, St. Marys, ON

Member Present	Councillor Edney, Aivery Neal, Sam Truax, Lauren Partridge, Ally Kennedy Edyney, Beavan Bearss
Member Absent	Hayden McDonald, Julia Onklin, Hazel Taylor
Staff Present	Ciaran Brennan, Staff Liaison

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Interim Chair Mayor Al Strathdee at 4.09pm

#### **2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Councillor Edney declared a perceived conflict of interest as his daughter is on the Youth Council.

#### **3. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved By** Councillor Edney

**Seconded By** Lauren Partridge

THAT the February 20, 2019 Youth Council agenda be accepted as presented.

**Carried**

#### **4. YOUTH COUNCIL REGULAR BUSINESS**

##### **4.1 COUNCIL ORIENTATION**

The Youth Council introduced themselves and said why they wanted to be on the council.

**Moved By** Councillor Edney

**Seconded By** Aivery Neal

THAT the Orientation for the Youth Council be recieved

**Carried**

4.2 TRAINING BUDGET FROM PRO

The Youth Council want to look at doing a leadership retreat. Will make decision on March 6th meeting.

4.3 PROJECT IDEAS FOR 2019

The Youth Council want to look at doing a campaign around youth drug usage in St. Marys.

To help with this the Perth District Health Unit will come and meet the Youth Council on March 20th.

The Front Porch Show want to approach the Youth Council about project ideas and will present at the March 6th meeting.

Andrea Macko the Event Coordinator for the Town of St. Marys will come to the Youth Council on March 6th to present about doing an event for the Grand Trunk Trail.

4.4 BEST MEANS OF COMMUNICATION FOR THE YOUTH COUNCIL

It was decided to keep on using WhatsApp for means of communication.

4.5 APPOINTMENT OF CO-CHAIRS

Sam Truax and Aivery Neal were appointed Co-Chairs of the Youth Council.

**Moved By** Councillor Edney

**Seconded By** Lauren Partridge

THAT Avery Neal & Sam Truax be appointed Co-Chairs of the Youth Council effective February 20, 2019 to December 31, 2019

**Carried**

**5. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Next meeting will be at March 6th at 4pm.

**Moved By** Sam Truax

**Seconded By** Ally Kennedy Edney

THAT the Youth Council regular meetings set for the first and third Wednesday of a month at 4pm.

**Carried**

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Councilor Edny

Second by Beavan Bearss

**Moved By** Lauren Partridge

**Seconded By** Beaven Bearss

That the meeting be adjourned at 4.40pm.

**Carried**

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Chair

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Committee Secretary



## **Minutes**

### **Youth Council**

March 6, 2019

4:00 pm

Pyramid Recreation Centre - Meeting Room D  
317 James Street South, St. Marys, ON

Member Present      Aivery Neal, Hazel Taylor, Lauren Partridge, Sam Truax,  
Councillor Edney, Allison Kennedy-Edney  
Member Absent      Julia Onclin, Hayden MacDonald, Bevan Bearrs

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 4pm by Chair Aivery Neal

#### **2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None

#### **3. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved: Councillor Edney

Seconded: L.Partridge

THAT the Youth Council agenda on March 6th 2019 be accepted

**Carried**

#### **4. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

Moved: L.Partridge

Seconded: A.Kennedy Edney

THAT the minutes from the February 20th Youth Council meeting be approved

**Carried**

## **5. DELEGATIONS**

### **5.1 John Stevens re Front Porch Show**

Moved: S.Truax

Seconded: A. Kennedy Edney

THAT the Youth Council receive the delegation from John Stevens regarding the Front Porch Show

**Carried**

### **5.2 Andrea Macko re Youth Event for Grand Trunk Trail**

Moved: S.Truax

Seconded: A.Kennedy Edney

THAT the Youth Council receive Andrea Macko in regards to the Grand Trunk Trail

**Carried**

## **6. YOUTH COUNCIL REGULAR BUSINESS**

### **6.1 Project Ideas**

The Youth Council discussed potential project ideas for 2019

### **6.2 Perth District Health Unit Presentation**

The Perth District Health Unit will present to the Youth Council on March 20<sup>th</sup> 2019

## **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

The Youth Council are planning to go and present to the town council in May or June 2019.

The Council are going to launch social media accounts for Facebook and Instagram.

The Council want to advertise the remaining two available spots they have.

Moved: L.Partridge

Seconded: A.Kennedy Edney

THAT the Youth Council recommends to Town Council:



THAT Council post for the two remaining spots on the Youth Council.

**Carried**

**8. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

March 20th 2019

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved: S.Truax

Seconded: L.Partridge

THAT the Youth Council meeting on March 6th 2019 be concluded at 5pm

**Carried**

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Chair

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Committee Secretary

**BY-LAW 34-2019**

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF ST. MARYS**

**Being a By-law to authorize the signing of an agreement between The Corporation of the Town of St. Marys and United Way of Perth-Huron (operating as the Social Research and Planning Council).**

- WHEREAS:** The United Way of Perth-Huron operating as the Social Research and Planning Council provides myPerthHuron Software Platform available to the public (the "Project");
- AND WHEREAS:** The United Way of Perth-Huron operating as the Social Research and Planning Council has invited the Corporation of the Town of St. Marys to share data that would be available for public consumption;
- AND WHEREAS:** The Corporation of the Town of St. Marys deems it expedient to enter into an Agreement with United Way of Perth-Huron for the purpose of clarifying and delineating the respective rights and obligations of and for the delivery of the Project;
- THEREFORE:** The Council of the Corporation of the Town of St. Marys hereby enacts as follows:
- 1.** That the Mayor and CAO / Clerk are hereby authorized to execute an Agreement on behalf of The Corporation of the Town of St. Marys between The Corporation of the Town of St. Marys and United Way of Perth-Huron.
  - 2.** That a copy of the said Agreement is attached hereto this By-law, and to affix the corporate seal of the Corporation of the Town of St. Marys.
  - 3.** This by-law comes into force and takes effect on the final passing thereof.

**Read a first and second time this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.**

**Read a third and final time and passed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.**

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Mayor Al Stratthdee

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Brent Kittmer, CAO / Clerk

**BY-LAW 35-2019**

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF ST. MARYS**

Being a By-law to open, establish and assume as public highway to be known as Water Street South, lands legally described as Part of Lot 35, Thames Concession, in the Town of St. Marys, being Part 1 on Reference Plan 44R-5357.

- WHEREAS:** The *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, Section 31(2), provides that land does not become a public highway unless established by a by-law of the municipality having jurisdiction;
- AND WHEREAS:** The Council of the Corporation of the Town of St. Marys approved an Official Plan Amendment (No. 33) for the property at 481 Water Street South which included the requirement for the transfer of a parcel of land abutting the existent public highway of Water Street South as a road allowance for road widening purposes;
- NOW THEREFORE:** The Council of The Corporation of the Town of St. Marys hereby enacts:
1. That the lands legally described as Part of Lot 35, Thames Concession, in the Town of St. Marys, being Part 1 on Reference Plan 44R-5357 are hereby opened, established and assumed as a public highway, and known as Water Street South.
  2. Enactment of this By-law shall be deemed to be authorization to the solicitor for the Town to register same in the appropriate Land Registry Office, without further written authorization.
  3. This by-law comes into force on the final passing thereof.

Read a first and second time this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.

Read a third and final time and passed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.

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Mayor Al Stratthdee

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Brent Kittmer, CAO / Clerk

**BY-LAW 36-2019**

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF ST. MARYS**

**Being a By-law to authorize an agreement of purchase and sale of 487 Water Street South with Meadowridge Properties Ltd.**

**WHEREAS:** The Corporation of the Town of St. Marys has agreed to sell to Meadowridge Properties Ltd. the land described as Part of Lot 35, Thames Concession, Town of St. Marys, County of Perth, more particularly described as Parts 1, 2 & 3 on Reference Plan 44R-5588 attached as Schedule A being part of PIN 053244-0076 (LT), municipally known as 478 Water Street South;

**AND WHEREAS:** The Corporation of the Town of St. Marys deems it expedient to enter into an Agreement of Purchase and Sale with Meadowridge Properties Ltd. which reflects the intent of the parties;

**NOW THEREFORE:** The Council of The Corporation of the Town of St. Marys hereby enacts as follows;

- 1.** That land described as Part of Lot 35, Thames Concession, Town of St. Marys, County of Perth, more particularly described as Parts 1, 2 & 3 on Reference Plan 44R-5588 attached as Schedule A being part of PIN 053244-0076 (LT), municipally known as 478 Water Street South, is declared surplus to the municipal need.
- 2.** That the CAO be delegated the authority to negotiate such changes to the Agreement of Purchase and Sale with Meadowridge Properties Ltd. as may be necessary to bring the Agreement to its final form.
- 3.** That the Mayor and the CAO / Clerk are authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Corporation of the Town of St. Marys between the Corporation of the Town of St. Marys and Meadowridge Properties Ltd.
- 4.** That a copy of the said Agreement is attached hereto and designated as Schedule "A" to this By-law, and to affix thereto the corporate seal of the Corporation of the Town of St. Marys.
- 5.** This By-Law comes into force and takes effect on the final passing thereof.

**Read a first and second time this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.**

**Read a third and final time and passed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.**

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Mayor Al Strathee

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Brent Kittmer, CAO / Clerk

**BY-LAW 37-2019**

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF ST. MARYS**

**Being a By-law to confirm all actions and proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the Town of St. Marys at its regular meeting held on March 12, 2019.**

**WHEREAS:** The *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, Section 5(3), provides that the jurisdiction of every council is confined to the municipality that it represents and its powers shall be exercised by by-law;

**AND WHEREAS:** The Council of the Corporation of the Town of St. Marys deems it expedient to confirm its actions and proceedings;

**THEREFORE:** The Council of The Corporation of the Town of St. Marys hereby enacts as follows:

- 1.** That all actions and proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of St. Marys taken at its regular meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019 except those taken by by-law and those required by by-law to be done by resolution are hereby sanctioned, ratified and confirmed as though set out within and forming part of this by-law.
- 2.** This by-law comes into force on the final passing thereof.

**Read a first and second time this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.**

**Read a third and final time and passed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.**

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Mayor Al Strathdee

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Brent Kittmer, CAO / Clerk