



AGENDA
Regular Council Meeting

October 8, 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 October 8, 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**

6. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

6.1 Strategic Priorities Committee - September 17, 2019

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RECOMMENDATION

THAT the September 17, 2019 Strategic Priorities Committee meeting minutes be received by Council, and signed and sealed by the Mayor and the Clerk; and

THAT minute items 4.1, 4.2 and 4.4 be raised for discussion.

6.1.1 Minute Item 4.1 - DEV 50-2019 Proposed Fire Hall Design and Pre-Tender Cost Estimate

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council directs Design Team 2 to complete a final line by line review of the design details and furnishings and equipment budget to determine what items are a critical need today, and what items could be eliminated or delayed; and

THAT Council directs the design be modified to demolish the existing hose drying tower and mezzanine area to create an entirely “build new” administrative area; and

THAT once the design modifications are made by Design Team 2, staff are authorized to release the fire hall upgrade tender, and authorized to include provisions to allow a flexible completion date of within 24 months of the awarding of the project (i.e. construction within either the 2020 or 2021 construction season), with a requirement for completion of within 8 months of breaking ground.

6.1.2 Minute Item 4.2 - PW 51-2019 Water and Sewer Rates

RECOMMENDATION

THAT water rates be increased by 2.0% for 2020 in accordance with the Town's current Water System Financial Plan;

THAT wastewater rates be increased by 2.4% for 2020 in accordance with the Town's current Wastewater System Financial Plan; and

THAT Council direct staff to prepare the necessary amendments to the fees by-law related to water and wastewater rates and bring it forward at a future Council meeting.

6.1.3 Minute Item 4.4 - PW 52-2019 Waste Management Services and Fees By-law Review

RECOMMENDATION

THAT a Mattress and Box Spring program be incorporated into the waste management by-law update with the program to be self-funded through per unit charges; and,

THAT At Home Diversion Initiatives be supported by Council with inclusion of an annual budget allotment of \$5,000.00 to be sold to residents at cost; and,

THAT Waste dumping restrictions at the Site within 30-minutes of site closure and on Saturdays be incorporated into the proposed waste management by-law; and,

THAT Waste Diversion Initiatives such as Recycling, Leaf and Yard Waste be incorporated into a self-funded Waste Management System to be funded through Wheelie Bin fees and landfill site operations.

6.2 Strategic Priorities Committee - September 24, 2019

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RECOMMENDATION

THAT the September 24, 2019 Strategic Priorities Committee meeting minutes be approved by Council, and signed and sealed by the Mayor and the Clerk.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the September 24, 2019 regular Council meeting minutes be approved by Council, and signed and sealed by the Mayor and the Clerk.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Township of Perth East re: Conservation Authorities

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RECOMMENDATION

THAT the correspondence from the Township of Perth East regarding conservation authorities be received.

7.2 Spruce Lodge Long Term Care re: Spruce Lodge Funding Cuts

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RECOMMENDATION

THAT the correspondence from Spruce Lodge Long Term Care regarding Spruce Lodge funding cuts be received.

7.3 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing re: Building Code Services Transformation

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RECOMMENDATION

THAT the correspondence from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding Building Code Services Transformation be received.

8. STAFF REPORTS

8.1 Corporate Services

8.1.1	COR 30-2019 Electronic Vehicle Charging Station at St. Marys Train Station	39
	RECOMMENDATION	
	THAT COR 30-2019 Electronic Vehicle Charging Station at St. Marys Train Station report be received; and	
	THAT Council support the installation of one EVC station at the St. Marys Train Station; and	
	THAT Council chooses Option # 2, and refers the project to the 2020 capital budget as a pre-budget discussion item to decide on the Town's financial support for the installation.	
8.2	Community Services	
8.2.1	DCS 28-2019 Community Support Month Proclamation	42
	RECOMMENDATION	
	THAT DCS 28-2019 Community Support Month Proclamation report be received; and	
	THAT Council proclaim the month of October as Community Support month in the Town of St. Marys	
8.3	Administration	
8.3.1	CAO 54-2019 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan	45
	RECOMMENDATION	
	THAT CAO 54-2019 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan report be received; and	
	THAT Council approve the 2019 – 2025 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan.	
8.3.2	CAO 55-2019 2020 Council Meeting Calendar	59
	RECOMMENDATION	
	THAT CAO 55-2019 2020 Council Meeting Calendar report be received; and	
	THAT Council approves the 2020 Council calendar as presented.	

9. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

RECOMMENDATION

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10. EMERGENT OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

12. UPCOMING MEETINGS

October 15, 2019 - 9:00 am, Strategic Priorities Committee, Council Chambers

October 22, 2019 - 6:00 pm, Regular Council, Council Chambers

13. 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)(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, and (d) labour relations or employee negotiations.

13.1 Minutes CLOSED SESSION

13.2 HR-07-2019 CONFIDENTIAL Annual Cost of Living Adjustment & 27 Pay Periods in 2020

13.3 HR 08-2019 CONFIDENTIAL Team Member Handbook Final Approval

14. RISE AND REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council rise from a closed session at ____pm.

15. BY-LAWS

15.1 By-Law 87-2019 To Repeal By-law 53 of 2008

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RECOMMENDATION

THAT By-law 87-2019 be read a first, second and third time; and be finally passed by Council and signed and sealed by the Mayor and the Clerk.

16. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

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RECOMMENDATION

THAT By-Law 87-2019, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of October 8, 2019 regular Council meeting be read a first, second and third time; and be finally passed by Council, and signed and sealed by the Mayor and the Clerk.

17. ADJOURNMENT

RECOMMENDATION

THAT this regular meeting of Council adjourn at _____ p.m.



MINUTES
Strategic Priorities Committee

September 17, 2019
9:00 am
Council Chambers, Town Hall

Council Present: Mayor Strathdee
Councillor Craigmile
Councillor Edney
Councillor Hainer
Councillor Luna
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
Dave Blake, Environmental Services Supervisor
Brent Dundas, Deputy Fire Chief
Morgan Dykstra, Public Works Coordinator
Amanda McKay, Planning Coordinator
Jason Silcox, Building Inspector
Jenna McCartney, Deputy Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

3. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Resolution 2019-09-17-01

Moved By: Councillor Winter

Seconded By: Councillor Pridham

THAT the September 17, 2019 Strategic Priorities Committee agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES REVIEW

4.1 DEV 50-2019 Proposed Fire Hall Design and Pre-Tender Cost Estimate

Grant Brouwer, Jason Silcox and Fire Chief Anderson presented DEV 50-2019 report.

The Committee discussed the design and asked that staff take into consideration future administrative staffing needs of the Fire Department to ensure that space exists today for tomorrow's needs.

The Committee discussed the costing options.

Brent Kittmer provided an overview of the next steps for the project, the cost estimate as it is today, and how the project can be financed.

Resolution 2019-09-17-02

Moved By: Councillor Hainer

Seconded By: Councillor Luna

THAT DEV 50-2019 Proposed Fire Hall Design and Pre-Tender Cost Estimate report be received; and

THAT Strategic Priorities Committee recommend to Council:

THAT Council directs Design Team 2 to complete a final line by line review of the design details and furnishings and equipment budget to determine what items are a critical need today, and what items could be eliminated or delayed; and

THAT Council directs the design be modified to demolish the existing hose drying tower and mezzanine area to create an entirely “build new” administrative area; and

THAT once the design modifications are made by Design Team 2, staff are authorized to release the fire hall upgrade tender, and authorized to include provisions to allow a flexible completion date of within 24 months of the awarding of the project (i.e. construction within either the 2020 or 2021 construction season), with a requirement for completion of within 8 months of breaking ground.

CARRIED

The Committee took a brief a recess at 10:38 am.

Chair Strathdee called the meeting back to order at 10:45 am.

4.2 PW 51-2019 Water and Sewer Rates

Dave Blake spoke to PW 51-2019 report and responded to questions from the Committee.

Resolution 2019-09-17-03

Moved By: Councillor Pridham

Seconded By: Councillor Luna

THAT Report PW 51-2019 Water and Sewer Rates be received for discussion; and

THAT the Committee recommends to Council:

THAT water rates be increased by 2.0% for 2020 in accordance with the Town's current Water System Financial Plan; and

THAT wastewater rates be increased by 2.4% for 2020 in accordance with the Town's current Wastewater System Financial Plan.

CARRIED

4.3 PW 56-2019 Water and Sewer Policies

Dave Blake spoke to PW 56-2019 report and responded to questions from the Committee.

Councillor Hainer departed the meeting at 10:49 am.

The Committee recommended that the Frozen Water Policy be amended to include text about responsibilities if taps are not left running during a frozen water occurrence, and encouraged staff to ensure that all notices are very clear on the homeowner's responsibilities and liabilities.

The Committee requested that staff review and confirm the Town's legal right to enter private property to connect one home's water supply to a neighbour's.

Councillor Hainer returned at 11:04 am.

The Committee recommended that the Water Repair and Restoration policy be amended to include an option to pay a homeowner cash reimbursement for damages incurred to private driveways rather than the Town undertaking the work. There was general agreement that this

reimbursement rate would need to be adjusted on an annual basis to reflect current contractor costs.

The Committee also requested that the policy speak to specialty driveways like interlocking brick and stamped concrete, with consideration given to establishing a cap on the compensation rate offered to repair these types of driveways.

Resolution 2019-09-17-04

Moved By: Councillor Luna

Seconded By: Councillor Craigmile

THAT Report PW 56-2019, Water and Sewer Policies be received for discussion; and

THAT the Strategic Priorities Committee recommends to Council:

THAT Council adopt the amended Water and Sewer policies regarding “Frozen Water Service”, “Sewer Blockage” and “Water Repair and Restoration”.

CARRIED

4.4 PW 52-2019 Waste Management Services and Fees By-law Review

Dave Blake spoke to PW 52-2019 report and responded to questions from the Committee.

Resolution 2019-09-17-05

Moved By: Councillor Edney

Seconded By: Councillor Hainer

THAT Report PW 52-2019, Waste Management Services and Fees By-law Review be received for discussion; and

THAT the Committee recommends to Council:

THAT a Mattress and Box Spring program be incorporated into the by-law update with the program to be self-funded through per unit charges; and,

THAT At Home Diversion Initiatives be supported by Council with inclusion of an annual budget allotment of \$5,000.00 to be sold to residents at cost; and,

THAT Waste dumping restrictions at the Site within 30-minutes of site closure and on Saturdays be incorporated into the proposed waste management by-law; and,

THAT Waste Diversion Initiatives such as Recycling, Leaf and Yard Waste be incorporated into a self-funded Waste Management System to be funded through Wheelie Bin fees and landfill site operations.

CARRIED

Brent Kittmer advised the committee that one discussion point regarding the fire hall was missed. Brent Kittmer sought clarification from the Committee with respect to the possibility of private donations for the Fire Hall. The Committee was of the consensus that all donations would be factored into the bottom line of the project.

5. NEXT MEETING

Chair Stratthdee reviewed the upcoming meetings as presented on the agenda.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 2019-09-17-06

Moved By: Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By: Councillor Luna

THAT this meeting of the Strategic Priorities Committee adjourn at 12:20 pm.

CARRIED

Al Stratthdee, Mayor

Brent Kittmer, CAO / Clerk



MINUTES
Strategic Priorities Committee

September 24, 2019
9:00 am
Council Chambers, Town Hall

Council Present: Mayor Strathdee
Councillor Craigmile
Councillor Edney
Councillor Hainer (arrived at 9:03 am)
Councillor Luna
Councillor Pridham
Councillor Winter

Staff Present: Brent Kittmer, CAO / Clerk
Grant Brouwer, Director of Building and Development
Matthew Corbett, Library CEO
Jed Kelly, Director of Public Works
Lisa Lawrence, Director of Human Resources
Trisha McKibbin, Director of Corporate Services
André Morin, Director of Finance / Treasurer
Stephanie Ische, Director of Community Services
Jenna McCartney, Deputy Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

3. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Resolution 2019-SPC-09-24-01

Moved By: Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By: Councillor Luna

THAT the September 24, 2019 Strategic Priorities Committee agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4. CLOSED SESSION

Resolution 2019-SPC-09-24-02

Moved By: Councillor Edney

Seconded By: Councillor Luna

THAT the Strategic Priorities Committee move into a session that is closed to the public at 9:01 am as authorized under the *Municipal Act*, Section 239(2)(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, and (d) labour relations or employee negotiations.

CARRIED

Councillor Hainer arrived at 9:03 am.

4.1 CAO 48-2019 CONFIDENTIAL Corporate Review of Services, Budgets, and Efficiencies

4.1.1 Library Programs and Services

4.1.2 Museum Strategic Plan and Review of Programs and Services

5. RISE AND REPORT

Resolution 2019-SPC-09-24-03

Moved By: Councillor Edney

Seconded By: Councillor Luna

THAT the Strategic Priorities Committee rise from a closed session at 11:37 am.

CARRIED

Chair Strathdee reported that a closed session was held and the matter of the corporate review of services, budgets, and efficiencies was continued.

6. NEXT MEETING

Chair Strathdee stated there is no need for further meetings therefore, Tuesday, October 1 is cancelled.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 2019-SPC-09-24-04

Moved By: Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By: Councillor Edney

THAT this meeting of the Strategic Priorities Committee adjourn at 11:38 am.

CARRIED

Al Strathdee, Mayor

Brent Kittmer, CAO / Clerk



MINUTES Regular Council

September 24, 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
Stephanie Ische, Director of Community Services
Jed Kelly, Director of Public Works
Lisa Lawrence, Director of Human Resources
Trisha McKibbin, Director of Corporate Services
André Morin, Director of Finance / Treasurer
Matt Brown, Corporate Communication and Events Manager
Andrea Macko, Event Coordinator
Jenna McCartney, Deputy Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

3. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Strathdee asked Council to consider moving agenda item 8.3.3 in front of 8.1.1.

Resolution 2019-09-24-01

Moved By Councillor Luna

Seconded By Councillor Edney

THAT the September 24, 2019 regular Council meeting agenda be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

4. PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

None.

5. DELEGATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND PUBLIC MEETINGS

5.1 St. Marys Golf Course Principals re: Unresolved Flooding Concerns and Response from UTRCA

Dave Courtnage and Matt Staffen of St. Marys Golf Course spoke to the unresolved flooding concerns and response from UTRCA presentation and responded to questions from Council.

Resolution 2019-09-24-02

Moved By Councillor Luna

Seconded By Councillor Edney

THAT Council request a delegation from the Town of St. Marys to meet with the Ministry of the Environment to present concerns regarding the UTRCA practices as per the *Conservation Authorities Act*, and to ask the Minister to impose an operating strategy for Wildwood Dam on UTRCA that will minimize flooding in St. Marys.

CARRIED

6. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

6.1 Regular Council - September 10, 2019

Councillor Luna noted that the minutes stated Mayor Strathdee called the meeting to order where in fact it should be noted as Deputy Mayor Luna called the meeting to order.

Resolution 2019-09-24-03

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT the September 10, 2019 regular Council meeting minutes be approved as amended by Council, and signed and sealed by the Mayor and the Clerk.

CARRIED

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Other Municipalities re: Conservation Authorities

Resolution 2019-09-24-04

Moved By Councillor Winter

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT the various correspondence from other municipalities regarding conservation authorities be received.

CARRIED

7.1.1 Township of Perth South re: Minister Yurek's Correspondence About Conservation Authorities

7.1.2 Township of Zorra re: Minister Yurek's Correspondence About Conservation Authorities

7.1.3 South Huron re: Minister Yurek's Correspondence About Conservation Authorities

7.2 St. Marys Public Library re: Library Board Recommendation to Strike a Joint Space and Needs Committee

Resolution 2019-09-24-05

Moved By Councillor Hainer

Seconded By Councillor Winter

THAT the correspondence from the St. Marys Public Library regarding the Library Board recommendation to strike a Joint Space and Needs Committee be received;

THAT Council supports the creation of an ADHOC Library Space and Needs Committee including Council and Library Board members; and

THAT Councillors Luna and Edney be appointed to the Committee.

CARRIED

7.3 Township of Perth South re: Water and Waste Water Services

Resolution 2019-09-24-06

Moved By Councillor Luna

Seconded By Councillor Edney

THAT the correspondence from the Township of Perth South regarding water and waste water services be received.

CARRIED

8. STAFF REPORTS

8.3 Community Services

8.3.3 DCS 25–2019 Ontario Health Team Application

Jenny Mikita spoke to DCS 25-2019 report and responded to questions from Council.

Resolution 2019-09-24-07

Moved By Councillor Luna

Seconded By Councillor Hainer

THAT DCS 25–2019 Ontario Health Team Application report be received;

THAT Council authorize Mayor Strathdee to sign the Huron Perth Ontario Health Team Application on behalf of the Town; and

THAT Council authorize staff to continue working with the respective partnership agencies to develop the Huron Perth Ontario Health Team.

CARRIED

8.1 Building and Development Services

8.1.1 DEV 51-2019 September Monthly Report (Building and Development)

Grant Brouwer spoke to DEV 51-2019 report and responded to questions from Council.

Resolution 2019-09-24-08

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT DEV 51-2019 September Monthly Report (Building and Development) be received for information.

CARRIED

8.1.2 DEV 52-2019 – Encroachment Agreement for 11 St. John Street North, St. Marys (Habermehl)

Resolution 2019-09-24-09

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT DEV 52-2019 – Encroachment Agreement for 11 St. John Street North, St. Marys (Habermehl) be received; and,

THAT Council approve By-law 83-2019 for an encroachment agreement with the property owner, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the associated agreement respecting 11 St. John Street North, St. Marys.

CARRIED

8.2 Corporate Services

8.2.1 COR 26-2019 September Monthly Report (Corporate Services)

Trisha McKibbin spoke to COR 26-2019 report and responded to questions from Council.

Resolution 2019-09-24-10

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By Councillor Hainer

THAT COR 26-2019 September Monthly Report (Corporate Services) be received for information.

CARRIED

8.2.2 COR 27-2019 Summer 2019 Events Overview

Andrea Macko spoke to COR 27-2019 report and responded to questions from Council.

Resolution 2019-09-24-11

Moved By Councillor Winter

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT COR 27-2019 Summer 2019 Events Overview be received for information.

CARRIED

8.2.3 COR 28-2019 Marketing Overview

Matt Brown spoke to COR 28-2019 report and responded to questions from Council.

Resolution 2019-09-24-12

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By Councillor Hainer

THAT COR 28-2019 Marketing Overview report be received for information.

CARRIED

8.2.4 COR 29-2019 Public Art Program

Trisha McKibbin spoke to COR 29-2019 report and responded to questions from Council.

Resolution 2019-09-24-13

Moved By Councillor Luna

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT COR 29-2019 Public Art Program be received; and

THAT Council support Option #3, to redirect the \$20,000 in funding from the Main Street Fund to another Town initiative and put the public art program on hold; and

THAT staff report back at a future meeting of the Strategic Priorities Committee on options and grant eligibility.

CARRIED

8.3 Community Services

8.3.1 DCS 22-2019 September Monthly Report (Community Services)

Stephanie Ische spoke to DCS 22-2019 report and responded to questions from Council.

Resolution 2019-09-24-14

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT DCS 22-2019 September Monthly Report (Community Services) be received for information.

CARRIED

8.3.2 DCS 24-2019 Home Support Services Declaration of Compliance

Jenny Mikita spoke to DCS 24-2019 report and responded to questions from Council.

Resolution 2019-09-24-15

Moved By Councillor Luna

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT DCS 24–2019 Home Support Services Declaration of Compliance be received; and

THAT Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to sign the South West Local Health Integration Network Declaration of Compliance for the reporting period of April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019.

CARRIED

8.4 Finance

8.4.1 FIN 15-2019 September Monthly Report (Finance)

Andre Morin spoke to FIN 15-2019 report and responded to questions from Council.

Resolution 2019-09-24-16

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Edney

THAT FIN 15-2019 September Monthly Report (Finance) be received for information.

CARRIED

8.5 Fire and Emergency Services

8.5.1 FD 19-2019 September Monthly Report (Emergency Services)

Fire Chief Anderson spoke to FD 19-2019 report and responded to questions from Council.

Resolution 2019-09-24-17

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT FD 19-2019 September Monthly Report (Emergency Services) be received for information.

CARRIED

8.6 Public Works

8.6.1 PW 57-2019 September Monthly Report (Public Works)

Jed Kelly spoke to PW 57-2019 report and responded to questions from Council.

Resolution 2019-09-24-18

Moved By Councillor Luna

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT PW 57-2019 September Monthly Report (Public Works) be received for information.

CARRIED

8.6.2 PW 34-2019 Service Club Signs - Review of Options to Address Surplus of Applications

Jed Kelly spoke to PW 34-2019 report and responded to questions from Council.

Resolution 2019-09-24-19

Moved By Councillor Hainer

Seconded By Councillor Luna

THAT PW 34-2019 Service Club Signs – Review of Options to Address Surplus of Applications Received report be received; and

THAT the Staff are directed to implement Option 1, to review current applications and approve only compliant applications for the remaining three spaces.

CARRIED

8.6.3 PW 45-2019 CEO MEA Agreement for Egan Ave Engineering Design and Contract Administration

Jed Kelly spoke to PW 45-2019 report and responded to questions from Council.

Resolution 2019-09-24-20

Moved By Councillor Luna

Seconded By Councillor Edney

THAT PW 45-2019 CEO MEA Agreement for Egan Ave Engineering Design and Contract Administration be received; and

THAT Council approve By-Law 84-2019 for an agreement with BM Ross and Associates Ltd., and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the associated agreement.

CARRIED

8.6.4 PW 55-2019 Tree Removals – Southvale Road and Meadowridge Drive

Jed Kelly spoke to PW 55-2019 report and responded to questions from Council.

Resolution 2019-09-24-21

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Edney

THAT PW 55-2019 Tree Removals – Southvale Road and Meadowridge Drive be received for information.

CARRIED

8.6.5 PW 59-2019 Asphalt Resurfacing Tender Award

Jed Kelly spoke to PW 59-2019 report and responded to questions from Council.

Resolution 2019-09-24-22

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT PW 59-2019 Asphalt Resurfacing Tender Award be received; and,

THAT the tender for asphalt resurfacing be awarded to COCO Paving Inc. for the bid price of \$180,517.50, inclusive of all taxes and contingencies; and,

THAT Council approve funding the unbudgeted amount from the Roads Reserve as identified in PW 59-2019 Asphalt Tender Award report; and,

THAT By-Law 85-2019 approving the procurement and authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk to sign the associated agreement be approved.

CARRIED

8.6.6 PW 60-2019 Wood and Brush Grinding Procurement Award

Jed Kelly spoke to PW 60-2019 report and responded to questions from Council.

Resolution 2019-09-24-23

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By Councillor Hainer

THAT PW 60-2019, Wood and Brush Grinding Procurement Award be received; and,

THAT the procurement for Wood and Brush Grinding be awarded to Sittler Grinding Inc. for the procured price of \$24,535.69, inclusive of all taxes and contingencies; and,

THAT Council approve the unbudgeted amount as identified in PW 60-2019 report; and,

THAT By-Law 82-2019 authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk to sign the associated agreement be approved.

CARRIED

8.7 Administration and Human Resources

8.7.1 CAO 53-2019 September Monthly Report (Administration and Human Resources)

Brent Kittmer and Lisa Lawrence spoke to CAO 53-2019 report and responded to questions from Council.

Resolution 2019-09-24-24

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Councillor Hainer

THAT CAO 53-2019 September Monthly Report (Administration and Human Resources) be received for information.

CARRIED

9. EMERGENT OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

None.

11. BY-LAWS

Resolution 2019-09-24-25

Moved By Councillor Luna

Seconded By Councillor Edney

THAT By-Laws 82-2019, 83-2019, 84-2019 and 85-2019 be read a first, second and third time; and be finally passed and signed and sealed by the Mayor and the Clerk.

CARRIED

11.1 By-Law 82-2019 Authorize an Agreement with Siddler Grinding Inc.

11.2 By-Law 83-2019 Encroachment Agreement with Jennifer Anderson and Evan Habermehl for 11 St. John Street North

11.3 By-Law 84-2019 Authorize an Agreement with BM Ross and Associates Ltd.

11.4 By-Law 85-2019 Authorize an Agreement with COCO Paving Inc.

12. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mayor Strathdee reviewed the upcoming meetings as presented on the agenda and confirmed that October 1 meeting has been cancelled.

13. CLOSED SESSION

None.

14. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

Resolution 2019-09-24-26

Moved By Councillor Hainer

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT By-Law 86-2019, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of September 24, 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 2019-09-24-27

Moved By Councillor Hainer

Seconded By Councillor Winter

THAT this regular meeting of Council adjourn at 9:16 pm.

CARRIED

Al Stratthdee, Mayor

Brent Kittmer, CAO / Clerk



Township of Perth East

P.O. Box 455, 25 Mill Street
Milverton, Ontario N0K 1M0

Mayor Rhonda Ehgoetz

519-393-6888

Mayor@pertheast.ca

September 17, 2019

Honourable Jeff Yurek
Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A2J3

Honourable Minister Yurek

Re: Letter to Conservation Authorities Dated August 16, 2019

At their meeting held on September 5, 2019 the Council of the Township of Perth East received your correspondence dated August 16, 2019 pertaining to conservation authorities across the province.

The Township of Perth East welcomes your comments to improve transparency and accountability for conservation authority activities. Perth East has 3 watersheds which includes the Maitland Valley, Grand River and the Upper Thames River Conservation Authorities. To date only the Upper Thames have been making comments.

Costs seem to be getting out of control whereas Conservation Areas can charge the land owners. Conservation Areas charge permit fees for buildings that are going up, fees for culverts in municipal ditches (these were designed to drain the water from fields) and now we have experienced that land owners were required to complete ecologically studies on land the Conservation Areas want to designate without walking the land or asking the land owners permission to do this. The Upper Thames uses aerial photography to determine if there are deciduous woodland, deciduous swamp, upland thicket, and upland meadow. If a land owner wishes to build in an ecological area, the conservation areas now require that the land owner needs to do an ecological study which will then be looked at by the Conservation Areas. Why should a land owner have to pay to do this when they did not ask the land to be designated like this in the first place?

Building permits that land owners are getting from Perth East are held up because the conservation areas have to comment as well as collect a fee and right now land owners are being told that the Upper Thames are not issuing permits and the Maitland Conservation Area website indicates that it will take 6-8 weeks for them to issue a permit. The land owner is being held up and having to pay extra expenses on top of the levy that the Township already pays.

Recently landowners wanted to close in a municipal drain. The Upper Thames Conservation area held this up for more than 2 years. The land owner experienced

extra costs because of this. In the end, the Conservation Area held a hearing to determine if this drain should be closed (tile put in) or not and it was finally determined it could be. Perth East's Drainage Superintendent had never seen anything like this before in over 40 years of being a Drainage Superintendent. Not only did this take up the land owners time, but Perth East staff as well, spent a great deal of time on this drain and on meetings that needed to be attended

Perth East Council is in full support of your letter dated August 16, 2019 in which you advise conservation authorities that there will be legislative and regulation changes for conservation authorities in the coming months. Your request not to increase fees or levies prior to the new legislation and regulations being published is welcoming. The following resolution was endorsed at our September 5th, 2019 council meeting;

THAT the Council of the Township of Perth East receive the correspondence from Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks - More Home, More Chouche Act, 2019 and Al Strathdee, Mayor of the Town of St. Marys - correspondence to Minister Yurek, proposed changes to the Conservation Authorities Act for information;

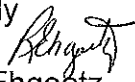
AND THAT Council support the correspondence from the Town of St. Marys;

AND THAT Council direct the Mayor to prepare correspondence to be sent to Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks;

AND THAT the correspondence be circulated to MPPs and Municipalities in the Township of Perth East watershed, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario

We thank you for giving us the opportunity to provide feedback and to make comments. The Township of Perth East appreciates your government looking into conservation authorities.

Yours truly


Rhonda Ehgoetz,
Mayor
Township of Perth East

September 23, 2019

Municipal Heads of Council
County of Perth
Town of St. Marys
City of Stratford



Attention: Al Stratthdee, Town of St Marys c/o jmccartney@town.stmarys.on.ca

Dear Mayor Stratthdee,

Re: Spruce Lodge funding cuts

Please find attached a copy of correspondence that was shared with the Spruce Lodge Board of Directors at their September 18th meeting, sent to the MPP representing the County of Perth and the MPP representing the County of Huron. The Spruce Lodge Board has requested that this correspondence be shared with its respective heads of council. You will note among other topics, that the attached correspondence summarized the funding cuts proposed by the Province of Ontario.

The purpose of my attaching this cover letter is to inform you that an announcement was made September 20th that some of the funding cuts have been postponed. The elimination of the high wage transition fund was postponed until December 31, 2020, and the Structural Compliance fund cut was postponed to March 31, 2020. The postponement of these direct funding cuts is a positive step and the result of both local advocacy efforts and advocacy efforts across the province. While the indirect funding cuts addressed in the attached correspondence are significant, please be aware that these reflect more a break from normative expectations and trends, versus funds committed and then eliminated. Please also be aware that the provincial government has indicated that they are reviewing the LTC funding gaps and they are looking at a comprehensive funding model, both strategies intended to address challenges facing the LTC sector.

Kindly let me know should you require further information or clarification.

Yours truly,

Peter L. Bolland
Administrator

c. Spruce Lodge Board of Directors
Municipal Heads of Council



**Huron
Perth
Non-profit
Homes and
Services for
Seniors**

**Blue Water Rest Home – Zurich
Greenwood Court – Stratford
Huronlea – Brussels
Huronview – Clinton
Knollcrest Lodge – Milverton
Ritz Lutheran Villa – Mitchell
Mitchell Nursing Home – Mitchell
Spruce Lodge – Stratford**

September 9, 2019

Mr. Randy Pettapiece
MPP Perth – Wellington
(delivered via email)

Mrs. Lisa Thompson
MPP Huron- Bruce
(delivered via email)

Dear M.P.P. Pettapiece and Honourable Minister Thompson,

Re: Our meeting of August 22, 2019

Further to our correspondence of July 11th, thank you for taking the time to meet with our network of LTC service providers last month about some of the issues affecting us operationally. It was helpful for us to hear your perspective on these matters, and for us to consider how we can work together to support government priorities. We have summarized the discussion and follow up action for each of the agenda items tabled.

Funding cuts: An updated summary was provided to explain the funding cuts to our Huron Perth network of the LTC homes, now totaling approximately \$2.4 Million between now and 2021. While we can appreciate the challenge of balancing budgets, as we are required to do each year, we are concerned firstly that the cuts were made to in-year funding, and secondly that the LTC sector has been identified by the Public Inquiry into the Safety and Security of Residents in the LTC Homes System, as a sector that needs to broaden its spectrum of staff, versus cutting staff hours. We also need to remember given the end to structural compliance premiums, that building infrastructure still needs to be maintained and that any diversion of operating funds toward capital projects will negatively impact staffing levels. Finally we should point out that resident acuity levels are increasing at a pace of approximately 2% annually and while government increased the accommodation fees charged to residents by 2.3% in August, LTC only received a 1% increase. This implies either that resident fees are

not being reconciled dollar for dollar back to the Homes, and/or that level of care funding is not keeping up with rising acuity levels. Either way we would have expected at least a 2% increase just to maintain status quo.

Pharmacy reform: The province has proposed changes the Ontario Benefit Act 1990 relating to reimbursement policies to pharmacies. It's reported that the new model would eliminate the MedsCheck system of quality and risk management, which would yield \$149M in savings. In light of the aforementioned public inquiry recommendations regarding safe medication management, this reform presents a greater risk to seniors residing in LTC. It is also reported that we can expect to see pharmacy counselling for Residents, Family and Nurses eliminated, as well as the requirement to audit resident prescriptions and to dispose of medications safely. We will monitor these reforms and will continue to advocate that service levels and risk management practices be sustained for quality of care and service.

Redevelopment: We discussed the approved redevelopment projects for Ritz Lutheran Villa and Knollcrest in Milverton. As was reported, while these projects have been approved in principal, they have not received executed development agreements from the Ministry of Health. This has hampered their ability to keep these projects moving forward, thereby ensuring that they meet stakeholders expectations of delivering projects on time and on budget. We are asking that you make inquiries of the Honorable Minister of Long Term Care, Merrilee Fullarton in order to expedite and finalize these agreements.

Spousal priority on a campus of care: This agenda item was revisited in 2019 as it had been identified at our meeting last year as a non-monetary priority. In summary, while the LTC admission process gives priority to couples where both wish to live in the same LTC home, it does not give priority to couples who live on the same campus of care, where only one requires LTC services. With a shortage of LTC beds, the result is that couples are being separated for the first time in their 50-70 years of marriage. Our proposal is to amend the legislation, such that it gives priority admission to an applicant whose spouse already lives on the same campus of care, much the same as it already does for couples, where both need LTC services.

Heath Human Resource Crisis: While it was noted that there are challenges to recruiting and retaining staff in all job classifications, the personal support worker (PSW) crisis is affecting all Long Term Care homes. Again it was pointed out that the legislation governing Long Term Care is overly prescriptive when it comes to front line staff. It has only been in the last decade that legislation mandated the use of credentialed PSW staff, where many staff in prior decades were trained in-house to become excellent care providers. Note that all homes have been approached by job applicants who are prepared to become care providers, but who cannot afford the time or resources to return to school for training. Homes are having to rely on staffing agencies or overtime premiums in order to maintain safe staffing levels, often resulting in shifts going unfilled. A legislative change that would enable Homes to hire some non-credentialed care providers would support safe staffing levels.

Thank you again for the opportunity to meet and please let us know if you require any further information or clarification regarding these or other matters affecting LTC in our Huron Perth communities.

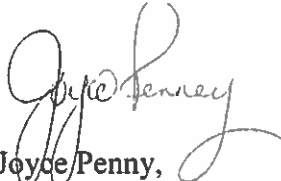
Yours truly,



Connie Townsend,
Director, Huronview & Huronlea HFTA



Jeff Renaud,
Administrator/CEO, Ritz Villa



Joyce Penny,
Administrator, Greenwood Court



Angie Dunn,
Administrator, Blue Water Rest Home



Peter Bolland
Administrator, Spruce Lodge



Jackie Yost,
Administrator, Knollcrest Lodge

c. Lisa Levin, CEO- AdvantAge Ontario
Board Chairs and Municipal CAO's of the above noted LTC homes

HPNHSS funding cuts 2019/2020

2019 (based on direct funding cuts being implemented October 1, 2019, as subsequently agreed to)

LTC Home (# beds)	Loss of High Wage transition funding (A)	Loss of Structural Compliance funding (B)	Reduction in RAI funding (C)	Total Direct funding cuts (D= A+B+C)	Indirect funding cut 1% (E)	Total funding Cuts (F=D+E)
Blue Water (65)	0	0	2,785	2,785	31,494	34,279
Greenwood Crt (45)	0	19,709	16,508	36,217	29,072	65,289
Huronlea (64)	6,950	17,520	2,747	24,437	31,009	55,446
Huronview (120)	22,730	32,850	3,070	49,558	58,143	107,701
Knollcrest (76)	35,768	0	5,368	26,829	37,790	64,619
Ritz Villa (83)	0	18,180	5,000	23,180	40,800	63,980
Mitchell NH (47)	0	10,500	2,400	12,900	15,000	27,900
Spruce Lodge (128)	9,890	35,016	3,000	43,950	62,019	105,969
Total	75,338	133,775	40,878	219,856	305,327	525,183

2020

LTC Home	Loss of High Wage transition funding (A)	Loss of Structural Compliance funding (B)	Reduction in RAI funding (C)	Total Direct funding cuts (D= A+B+C)	Indirect funding cut (+1%) (E)	Total funding Cuts (F=D+E)
Blue Water	0	0	6,643	6,643	41,992	48,635
Greenwood Crt	0	49,272	16,508	65,780	38,762	104,542
Huronlea	16,680	70,080	6,593	93,353	41,346	134,699
Huronview	54,552	131,400	7,368	193,320	77,524	270,844
Knollcrest	53,652	0	8,052	61,704	50,390	112,094
Ritz Villa	0	54,540	12,000	66,540	54,400	120,940
Mitchell NH	0	31,500	5,760	37,260	20,000	57,260
Spruce Lodge	23,736	140,060	7,200	170,996	82,693	253,689
Total	148,620	476,852	76,767	695,596	407,107	1,102,703
2019/2020 Total	223,958	699,810	117,645	1,034,770	712,434	1,747,204



19-4232

September 24, 2019

RE: Building Code Services Transformation

Dear Head of Council,

I am writing today to announce that my ministry is launching a consultation on potential changes to the delivery of building code services. On September 24, 2019, I released a discussion paper: *Transforming and Modernizing the Delivery of Ontario's Building Code Services*.

Our government has heard from stakeholders about the need for better, modern, and timely services to support the building sector's ability to understand and apply building code requirements. To do this, the ministry is proposing to establish a new administrative authority to deliver a suite of enhanced and new user-driven services. Modernized service delivery will ensure that the sector has the supports it needs to continue growing Ontario's economy, while protecting public health and safety.

Your feedback is important and will help inform enhancements to current building code services and the development of new services, which would:

- strengthen public safety
- streamline customer service and approval processes
- deliver sector-driven services
- provide timely and modern tools and products
- promote consistency across the province
- enhance integrity in the system.

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We will also be hosting regional information sessions that will include an informational session for the sector earlier in the afternoon (1:00 - 3:00 p.m.) and a public open house in the evening (5:30 - 7:00 p.m.). Sessions will be held on the following dates:

1. City of Belleville: Friday, October 4, 2019
Belleville Lions Club, 119 Station St., Belleville
2. City of North Bay: Monday, October 7, 2019
North Bay Memorial Gardens, 100 Chippewa St. W., North Bay
3. Municipality of Chatham-Kent: Wednesday, October 9, 2019
Chatham-Kent Cultural Centre, 75 William Street, Chatham-Kent
4. City of Vaughan: Wednesday, October 16, 2019
Vellore Hall, 9541 Weston Road, Woodbridge

For more information about this consultation and for additional ways to participate, please visit www.ontario.ca/buildingtransformation where you will find:

- A link to the discussion paper
- Information about how to provide feedback
- A short optional survey

The consultation will close on November 25, 2019.

I look forward to your feedback on the transformation of building code service delivery. Please note that Chief Building Officials will also receive notification of this transformation initiative and associated opportunities for engagement.

If you have any questions about the consultation, please contact ministry staff at buildingtransformation@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,



Steve Clark
Minister

c: Municipal Clerks

FORMAL REPORT

To:	Mayor Strathdee and Members of Council
Prepared by:	Kelly Deeks - Johnson, Economic Development Manager
Date of Meeting:	8 October 2019
Subject:	COR 30-2019 Electronic Vehicle Charging Station at St. Marys Train Station

PURPOSE

This report offers information about the history of discussions between Town representatives and VIA Rail for an electronic vehicle charging (EVC) station to be installed at the St. Marys Train Station, the status of the project currently, and recommendations for progress.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COR 30-2019 Electronic Vehicle Charging Station at St. Marys Train Station report be received; and

THAT Council support the installation of one EVC station at the St. Marys Train Station; and

THAT Council chooses Option # 2, and refers the project to the 2020 capital budget as a pre-budget discussion item to decide on the Town's financial support for the installation.

BACKGROUND

The project was brought forward by Chris West on behalf of All Aboard St. Marys. Several years ago Chris West and Mayor Strathdee met with then VIA President Yves Desjardins-Siciliano, at his Toronto office, where they requested a charging station and a commitment to install a station was made by the VIA President. There was no mention of a cost breakdown although Chris West has noted that the commitment at the time was that there would be no cost to the Town. The project sat on hold for a period of time due to a lack of project management. In 2018 the project was handed to the Economic Development Manager, and the project is now ready to advance.

REPORT

Currently the Town of St. Marys has one EVC station located at the Westover Inn but it is restrictive to only Tesla vehicles. VIA has committed to funding professional fees, the EVC station, project management, and procurement fees, but has requested that the Town pay the costs for the installation work. Staff decided to allow VIA to complete the engineering and design in order to get a full understanding of the install cost for the project.

VIA has completed all the necessary work to tender for the installation and a local contractor is prepared to complete the installation. VIA has also agreed to manage the project through to completion.

Council may wish to consider the following options.

Option 1:

That Council approve the installation of an EVC station at the St. Marys Train Station and pay for the installation of the EVC station through donor support.

Option 2:

That Council approve the installation of an EVC station at the St. Marys Train Station and fund the installation of the EVC through a variance in the 2019 budget or through inclusion in the 2020 budget.

Option 3:

That Council does not proceed with the install of an EVC station at this time.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

VIA posted an RFQ for the project and requested that the Town share local contractors who may have an interest in bidding on the project. All local contractors relevant to this project were shared with VIA and two put in a formal bid. The winning bid is Forman Electric at \$13,127.00 with a \$5,000 extra work provision. This cost is for installation of the EVC, a cost that the Town would be expected to cover.

VIA has agreed to act as Project Manager.

SUMMARY

VIA Rail, All Aboard St. Marys and Town staff are seeking Council's direction on if we can proceed with installation of an EVC station at the St. Marys Train Station. This has been a topic of discussion for many years and the project is now shovel ready if Council wishes to proceed.

STRATEGIC PLAN

☒ This initiative is supported by the following priorities, outcomes, and tactics in the Plan.

- Pillar #1 Infrastructure:
 - Outcome: Granting Readiness
 - Tactic(s): Keep abreast of developing and evolving opportunities. Actively seek opportunities that align with municipal capacity and vision.

OTHERS CONSULTED

Grant Brouwer, Director of Building & Development

Ray Cousineau, Facilities Supervisor

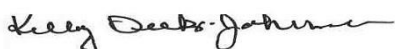
Jose Martel, Project Manager, Capital Asset Management, VIA Rail Canada

ATTACHMENTS

None

REVIEWED BY

Recommended by the Department

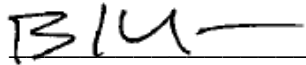


Kelly Deeks-Johnson
Economic Development Manager



Trisha McKibbin
Director of Corporate Services

Recommended by the CAO

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Brent Kittmer
CAO / Clerk



FORMAL REPORT

To:	Mayor Stratthdee and Members of Council
Prepared by:	Jenny Mikita, Senior Services Supervisor
Date of Meeting:	8 October 2019
Subject:	DCS 28-2019 Community Support Month Proclamation

PURPOSE

Annually, municipal Councils across Ontario recognize the importance of Community Support Services in their communities. This report presents to Council information on the “October is Community Support Month” movement that offers an outlet to formally recognize Community Support Services and their importance to the communities they serve.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT DCS 28-2019 Community Support Month Proclamation report be received; and

THAT Council proclaim the month of October as Community Support month in the Town of St. Marys

BACKGROUND

October is Community Support Month in Ontario. Every day, staff and volunteers working in the community support services sector deliver critical service to frail seniors and, people with varying abilities. These services are often critical in helping family caregivers, while promoting independence in the home.

REPORT

Community support services support nearly one million Ontarians each year, including seniors and people with disabilities. They help clients live independently in their own homes and communities for as long as possible, and reduce the burden on family caregivers and other parts of the health care system. As Ontario’s population ages, community support services will become even more important.

Over 25 different community support services are provided by hundreds of charities and not-for-profit agencies across the province. Services include personal care and home help, Meals on Wheels, Alzheimer and adult day programs, transportation to medical appointments, friendly visiting, caregiver support, hospice and palliative care services, and much more.

The sector employs over 20,000 people and engages up to 100,000 volunteers. Each year, they deliver nearly 3 million meals, provide 2 million rides to medical appointments, and serve 30,000 Ontarians in adult day programs and 25,000 with assisted living services.

Agencies only receive partial government funding, and are supported by community foundations, individual donations and thousands of dedicated volunteers.

In 2018 St. Marys Home Support Services provided over 750 community members with services. Over 4,600 hot and frozen meals were delivered, 1,000 footcare appointments and 2,000 visits or

telephone calls were made, over 2,000 meals were served and approximately 10,000 fitness classes were provided.

Attached to this report is a proposed proclamation which will be distributed through social media upon Council's approval proclaiming October as Community Support month in St. Marys.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None

SUMMARY

Formally proclaiming October as Community Support month in St. Marys validates the importance that these services hold in supporting independence within the community.

STRATEGIC PLAN

☒ This initiative is supported by the following priorities, outcomes, and tactics in the Plan.

Recreation and Leisure Master Plan;

- Outcome – to facilitate engaging older adults and seniors to discuss opportunities to become an “Age Friendly Community” which may involve identifying gaps in programming and services, areas to improve recreation opportunities, and other relevant matters.

OTHERS CONSULTED

None.

ATTACHMENTS

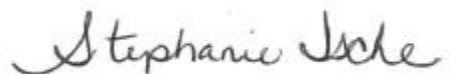
October is Community Support Month Proclamation

REVIEWED BY

Recommended by the Department

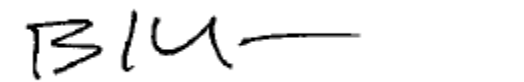


Jenny Mikita
Senior Services Supervisor



Stephanie Ische
Director of Community Services

Recommended by the CAO



Brent Kittmer
CAO / Clerk



**Ontario Community Support Month
October 2019
PROCLAMATION**

Whereas people in St. Marys enjoy healthy lives in their own homes with the support of excellent community support services like Meals On Wheels, transportation services, home care and wellness programs. These people are our neighbours who are proud to live here, shop here, volunteer and support our community.

Whereas community care must be better recognized and funded for its invaluable contribution to the health of St. Marys.

Whereas for one month every year, people receiving home and community support services and the professionals and volunteers providing it are due our special thanks.

I, Mayor Al Strathdee, do hereby proclaim October as Community Support Month in the Town of St. Marys.

Dated in the Mayor's Office on this the 8th day of October, 2019.

Mayor Al Strathdee

FORMAL REPORT

To:	Mayor Stratthdee and Members of Council
Prepared by:	Jenna McCartney, Deputy Clerk
Date of Meeting:	8 October 2019
Subject:	CAO 54-2019 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan

PURPOSE

To present Council with the draft 2019 – 2025 Multi – Year Accessibility Plan and to seek Council’s approval of the Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT CAO 54-2019 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan report be received; and

THAT Council approve the 2019 – 2025 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan.

BACKGROUND

Under O. Reg 191/11 of the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act* (AODA), organizations must establish, implement, maintain and document a multi-year accessibility plan, which outlines the organization’s strategy to prevent and remove barriers. The Committee of the day endorsed the 2012-2017 Accessibility Plan in 2012 (attached to this report as a reference).

REPORT

Staff have drafted the 2019-2025 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan taking into consideration what the Town has done to date to improve accessibility and forecasted what it expects to do in the future to prevent and remove barriers. O. Reg 191/11 sets out a number of key implementation dates for accessibility standards to be achieved and these have been factored into the draft Plan. There is an expectation amongst accessibility professionals that more key implementation dates will be developed once the revised Information and Communication Standard is released. Staff will monitor this development and ensure that these dates are included in an Annual Update of the Accessibility Plan.

Staff presented the draft Plan to the Accessibility Advisory Committee at their regular meeting held on September 4, 2019. The Committee reviewed the draft Plan and provided input. The following recommendation was passed:

Moved By Marie Ballantyne

Seconded By Mary Smith

THAT Multi-Year Accessibility Plan report be received; and

THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee endorse the 2019 – 2025 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan; and

THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee recommend the 2019- 2025 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan to Council for formal adoption as amended.

It is the Town's responsibility to post the approved Plan publically which the Town shall oblige by posting on the municipal website.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

SUMMARY

Staff are asking Council to review and subsequently approve the draft 2019 – 2025 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan.

STRATEGIC PLAN

- ☒ This initiative is supported by the following priorities, outcomes, and tactics in the Plan.
- Pillar #1 Infrastructure
 - Develop an Inclusion Policy / standard partnered with guidelines or standards operating procedures that outline how the Town will adopt inclusion and to what extent inclusion will be considered for Town infrastructure, programs, events, etc.

OTHERS CONSULTED

Accessibility Advisory Committee

Matthew Corbett, Library CEO

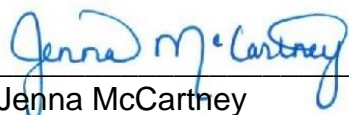
ATTACHMENTS

2012 – 2017 Multi – Year Accessibility Plan

Draft 2019 – 2025 Multi – Year Accessibility Plan

REVIEWED BY

Recommended by the Department



Jenna McCartney
Deputy Clerk

Recommended by the CAO



Brent Kittmer
CAO / Clerk

2012- 2017 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan

Accessible Format

If you require this document to be in an accessible format, please contact Deputy Clerk at natlin@town.stmarys.on.ca or 519-284-2340 x241.

Background

In December 2001, the Ontarians with Disabilities Act (ODA) was passed by the provincial government to improve access and opportunities for persons with disabilities. The ODA stipulates the following municipal obligations to the Act:

- Municipalities are required to prepare annual accessibility plans;
- Municipalities will be able to stipulate accessibility requirements when granting business licenses;
- Municipalities shall have regard to the accessibility of persons with disabilities when purchasing goods and services;
- In consultation with persons with disabilities, municipalities will develop accessibility plans for municipally-administered, sub-contracted or licensed transit providers;
- Municipalities will improve access to municipal elections by giving greater consideration to accessible voting locations;
- Municipalities will enforce new penalties for counterfeiting and misuse of disability parking permits; and
- Municipalities will increase the minimum penalty for misuse of designated parking, under municipal by laws, to \$300.
- Municipalities, with a population greater than 10,000, are required to establish accessibility advisory committees. In addition, the legislation stipulates that the majority of committee members must self-identify as a person with a disability. Based on the population of St. Marys, we were exempt from this legislation.

In 2003, the government conducted a public consultation on the ODA. The feedback received was as follows:

- There is a need for Government inspections;
- Municipalities were writing plans, but not implementing them;
- ODA had no influence to affect change;
- There is a need for stricter fines for non-compliance; and
- There is a need for provincial standards.

Based on the public consultation, new legislation was developed. In June 2005, the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act 2005 (AODA) was enacted into law. The Act is more comprehensive and prescriptive than the ODA and its requirements now apply to the public, private, and not-for-profit sectors. The Act requires the development of accessibility standards, compliance deadlines, and administrative penalties for non-compliance.

Moreover, the fundamental purpose of the AODA is to ensure that Ontario is universally accessible by 2025. Ontario is the first, and only, Canadian jurisdiction to regulate accessibility standards.

Under the Act, the Minister of Community and Social Services established committees to create provincial accessibility standards. Members of these committees included persons with disabilities or their representatives, and representatives of industry/organizations or ministries to which the standard is intended to apply. Standard Development Committees were established in the following areas:

- Customer Service
- Information and Communications
- Employment
- Transportation
- The Built Environment

On July 1, 2011, the Ontario government enacted the Integrated Accessibility Standards (Ontario Regulation 191/11 under the AODA) to encompass Information and Communication, Employment and Transportation.

Although the AODA is in place, until all accessibility standards have been enacted into law, the ODA will remain in force. Therefore, municipalities will be obligated to comply with two pieces of legislation.

Commitment Statement of The Town of St. Marys

The Town of St. Marys is committed to enriching the quality of life for persons with disabilities. The Town recognizes that it is a long-term process, and knows that community collaboration is vital for moving towards full accessibility for persons with a disability. The Town strives to remove existing barriers that limit inclusion while sustaining a community where residents are proud to be a member.

Accessibility Advisory Committee

The members of the AAC shall be appointed by Council for a four year term. The committee is comprised of a member of Town Council, a Town staff liaison, and stakeholders within the

community. The committee is not to exceed six individuals. Ideally the stakeholders on the committee should be comprised of individuals with disabilities. The meetings are open to the public and are held at the Pyramid Recreation Centre on the third Tuesday of March, June, September and December. For agendas, or to be notified of a meeting, please contact the Town of St. Marys' Corporate Services Department.

On April 18, 2011, the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) met for the first time. Discussions involved identifying barriers within Town, initiatives of the Town to meet AODA compliance, and ways to seek more committee members.

2011-14 Committee Members:

Stephanie Lee – Representative from Community Living St. Marys & Area (Chair)
Donna Kurchak – Citizen Member
Laura Langdon – Citizen Member
Lynn Hainer – Council Representative
Jenna McCartney – Staff Liaison

Accomplishments

2008-2010

- In 2008, initiated Train the Trainer program to implement Customer Service Standard of AODA
- During that time, over 200 employees, council members and board members were trained in the Customer Service requirements
- Formed the Accessibility Advisory Committee

2011

- Developed the committee's terms of reference

2011- General

- The Corporation has included notification on the website that content is available upon request in an alternative format.

2011- Employment

- All job postings now include a standard statement to express our desire to accommodate individuals with disabilities during the hiring process and leading into successful employment.

- When an applicant is contacted to move forward with the selection process, it is stated that accommodations are available upon request to assist the application with the process.
- The existing 'Return to Work' program has been reviewed to ensure it meets the requirements of the standard.

2012- General

- Review multi-year accessibility plan with Accessibility Advisory Committee and make it available to the public (add to website) in an accessible format.
- Develop Corporate Accessibility Policy and make it available to the public.
- Ensure all RFP/RFT include a statement indicating the Proponent is required to show proof that their staff have been trained in Accessible Customer Service.
- Develop a standard template for RFP/RFT that has been accessibly formatted to ensure equal opportunity to all vendors.
- Include a statement within the RFP/RFT that indicates we are wishing to accommodate vendors that have accessible needs.
- Ensure a section within the RFP/RFT has been designated to accessibility and that it shows how the project may include accessibility into the procurement process.
- The Corporation shall incorporate accessible features when designing, procuring or acquiring self-service kiosks.

2012- Information and Communication

- Corporation's emergency plan has been reviewed and made available to the public. The content is in accessible format and posted on the website.
- Processes have been set up to ensure individuals have the a way to provide feedback about barriers around Town.
- New website content complies with WCAG 2.0 A.
- The St. Marys Public Library is providing accessible materials as they become available within the system.

2012- Employment

- Human Resources met with current employees that have existing disabilities to prepare an accommodation plan in the event of a workplace emergency. The accommodation plan will be kept on file. At the discretion the Team Member, another Team Member may be brought in to discuss the accommodation plan in the event that an additional employee is required to carry out the set plan.

- Human Resources informed all Team Members that individualized workplace emergency response plans will be created with the assistance of Team Members input that require assistance in the event of an emergency.

Plan for the Future

Yearly

- AAC will provide advisory role for all corporate projects to ensure that accessibility is considered.
- Continue to channel input regarding accessibility from public through the AAC.

2013- Employment

- Human Resources will modify job descriptions to include a statement that the employer will modify workplace emergency response information to include an accommodation plan for individuals with disabilities.
- Department managers will complete a survey of their local emergency plans based on site location to determine if the accessibility criteria is in place.
- Notify successful applicant within the letter of employment of existing policies for accommodating persons with disabilities.
- Existing Team Members have been notified of existing policies for accommodating persons with disabilities.
- Should Team Members express an interest in obtaining an accessible format or communication support in order to perform their job, the request will be handled by Corporate Services department.

2013- Facilities

- AAC will plan a site tour of Town Hall and Milt Dunnell Field to determine how accessibility can be incorporated into those facilities.

2013- Built Environment

- Review requirements of standard with committee of Team Members and develop an implementation plan.

2013- Information and Communication

- If there Corporation were to create a new website after January 1, 2014, we will ensure the entire website meets WCAG 2.0 A standards.

- Create opportunities for the public to provide feedback through accessible formats as well as notifying the public of the availability of accessible formats are available upon request.

2014- Information and Communication

- Provide accessible formats or communication supports in a timely fashion and at no additional charge to the user.

Conclusion

The Town of St. Marys has made significant milestones in adopting practices that ensure ‘accessibility for all’ is at the forefront of our planning and development of business practices. Whether it be through improvements to by-laws, policies, work procedures, facilities, services, or programs, we will strive to reach ‘accessibility for all’ by 2025.

Feedback on the accessibility of the Town’s facilities, programs, and goods and services is always welcome. Please contact the Deputy Clerk as indicated below:

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TOWN OF ST. MARYS MULTI-YEAR ACCESSIBILITY PLAN 2019-2025

In accordance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act 2005



Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act

Provincial legislation was passed in June 2005 that provided direction to making Ontario accessible by 2025. The *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act 2005* (the “AODA”) was more comprehensive and prescriptive than the *Ontarians with Disabilities Act* from 2001 and applies to public sector, private sector and non-profit organizations. The AODA includes accessibility standards, compliance deadlines, and administrative penalties for non-compliance.

As stated, the purpose of the AODA is to make Ontario accessible by 2025. Ontario is the first and only Canadian jurisdiction to regulate accessibility standards. As the Act is prescribed today, these are the following standards:

- Customer Service
- Information and Communication
- Employment
- Transportation
- Built Environment

Repeal of the Ontarians with Disabilities Act

The *Ontarians with Disabilities Act* (the “ODA”) established the foundation for accessibility in the public sector by requiring municipalities over the population of 10,000 to establish Accessibility Advisory Committees (the “AAC”) and develop accessibility plans. These have been municipal requirements since the legislation was enacted in 2001.

In 2005, the AODA was established. The AODA allowed for the development of accessibility standards to be developed by the Province of Ontario. The Ontario government has removed sections of the ODA which are comparable to those addressed by the AODA or its regulations.

Effective December 1, 2017, many sections of the ODA have been repealed. These sections are largely duplicated or addressed in a comparable manner by the AODA or its regulations. This change will positively reduce the administrative burden on municipalities.

Implementation Strategy

The Town of St. Marys supports the implementation of the AODA to make the Province of Ontario accessible by 2025. St. Marys is striving to become more accessible and inclusive to people with disabilities by ensuring accessibility is a reality throughout all goods, services and facilities offered by the Town.

Applicable Parties to the Act

St. Marys is comprised of multiple departments and services. The overarching purpose of the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan is to encompass all departments and services and work towards the purpose of the AODA.

Within St. Marys the following departments and services are included under the municipal umbrella:

- Administration
- Building and Development
- Corporate Services
- Community Services
- Finance
- Fire and Emergency Services
- Human Resources
- Public Works
- St. Marys Public Library

Commitment Statement

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Accessibility Advisory Committee

As stated, within the legislation of the AODA, municipalities with 10,000 or more must establish an advisory committee. The 2010 – 2014 term of Town Council made the commitment to accessibility by establishing an AAC. Over the years the committee has focused on identifying barriers, accessible related capital projects and community education.

The Committee is comprised of the public that are living with a disabilities, are caring for a family member with a disability, or represent an agency caring for persons with disabilities. The Committee advises Town Council on accessible matters and operates on a mandate prepared by Council.

Monitor and Review

The Multi-Year Accessibility Plan will be reviewed on an annual basis at which time the Annual Status Update is prepared. The purpose of the Status Update is to document the progress taken to implement the Town's strategy and meet the requirements under the Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation.

Accomplishments

2008-2010

- Implement Customer Service training for existing employees
- Formed the AAC

2011

- Developed the Committee's terms of reference
- Website notification that content is available upon request in an alternative format
- Updated employment practices

2012

- Prepared multi-year accessibility plan with AAC
- Developed Corporate Accessibility Policy
- Improved procurement process to include accessible consideration
- Began to make publically available documents accessible formatted
- Created process for public to provide feedback about barriers around Town
- Trained staff on accessible documents so that when uploaded to Town website, content would be accessibly formatted
- The St. Marys Public Library is providing accessible materials as they become available within the system
- Reviewed employees needs for workplace emergency accommodations
- AAC worked closely with staff to construct a barrier-free family change room at the Aquatic Centre consisting of an adult change table and ceiling track lift. Within the pool area, a pool-side lift was purchased and installed
- Completed a File Review for the Ministry of Community and Social Services

2013

- Implement customer service training during orientation for all new employees, volunteers, board members, committee members and council members
- Job descriptions updated to include statement that workplace emergency response information will be included in an accommodation plan unique to each individual
- Staff trained on existing policies related to accessibility
- Notify successful applicant within the letter of employment of existing policies for accommodating persons with disabilities
- Review requirements of Design of Public Space standard and developed an implementation plan
- Completed 2013 Compliance Report

2014

- Staff began providing comments during site plan reviews related to accessibility
- Began recording Council meetings and amplifying voices to offer improved accessibility to local governance proceedings
- 283 metres of sides were replaced with number curb cuts made to improve path of travel
- Increased the number of accessible parking spots in the downtown core

2015

- Trained all new Council, Committee and Board members on the Town's accessibility policy and the requirements of the AODA

- As a recommendation by the AAC, the Town purchased four new accessible picnic tables to be disbursed throughout Town parks
- The AAC was consulted on a number of capital projects including the accessible amenities at the North Ward playground, facility washrooms, Town Hall entrance doors, accessible ramp to the Museum, sidewalk replacement and a complete refurbishment of the second floor of the Public Library
- Staff and a member of the AAC began joining the review committee for the upcoming downtown reconstruction project
- Completed 2015 Compliance Report

2016

- Redesign of the Town's website was launched. Compliance to WCAG 2.0 A standards were met.
- Staff and a member of the AAC met regularly with the review committee for the downtown reconstruction project. Topics that received comment include pedestrian crossings (equipment, tactile warning strips, placement of lines), future accessible access to store fronts, temporary access to store fronts during construction
- High School Inclusion Committee created a 5 minutes video that highlighted the vast improvements made to removing barriers within the downtown core during the reconstruction project
- AAC involved in the relocation of the Child Care Centre to a single-level, fully accessibly facility
- Council and staff embraced the philosophy of involving the AAC for project review prior to capital projects being tendered

2017

- Significant park revitalization project began which required consultation from the AAC and the public to ensure vital accessible amenities were included and barriers were not created
- Council supported procurement for barrier-free accessible seasonal washrooms at multiple sites throughout Town
- Completed 2017 Compliance Report

2018

- Improvements made to the stone steps and railing leading to the Public Library to improve accessibility. As well, improved signage has been placed at the front of the Public Library to direct individuals as necessary

2019

- Trained all new Council, Committee and Board members on the Town's accessibility policy and the requirements of the AODA

- Library Board and Council have identified a number of barriers to access at the Public Library and are therefore working towards removing those barriers
- Recreation staff have been working to improve inclusion in all programming
- Completed 2019 Compliance Report

Future Goals

2019

- Accessible circulation desk to be installed at Public Library
- Accessible pathway to the Museum Barn

2020

- Review of Public Library lift to second level to determine if function still exists

2021

- Achieve WCAG 2.0 Level AA

Conclusion

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FORMAL REPORT

To:	Mayor Stratthdee and Members of Council
Prepared by:	Jenna McCartney, Deputy Clerk
Date of Meeting:	8 October 2019
Subject:	CAO 55-2019 2020 Council Meeting Calendar

PURPOSE

To present Council with the 2020 Council meeting calendar which includes dates for Council, Strategic Priorities Committee and Budget meetings.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT CAO 55-2019 2020 Council Meeting Calendar report be received; and

THAT Council approves the 2020 Council calendar as presented.

BACKGROUND

Section 5.6 of By-law 20 of 2016 requires that the next year's Council meeting calendar shall be presented to Council prior to December 1 of the current year.

At the August 27 regular Council meeting, Council was presented with the proposed budget meeting schedule for the 2020 budget review which Council subsequently approved. Those dates have been included within the 2020 Council calendar which is being presented.

REPORT

As per sections 5.6.1 and 5.6.2 of By-law 20 of 2016, the calendar has been prepared with the same sequential order for regular Council meetings and Strategic Priorities Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

SUMMARY

Staff are recommending that the proposed 2020 Council meeting calendar be approved as presented. Once approved, these meeting dates will be updated on the Town's website to provide the requisite notice of the meetings.

STRATEGIC PLAN

☒ Not applicable to this report.

OTHERS CONSULTED

None.

ATTACHMENTS

2020 Council Meeting Calendar

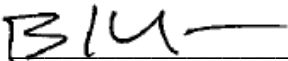
REVIEWED BY

Recommended by the Department



Jenna McCartney
Deputy Clerk

Recommended by the CAO



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CAO / Clerk

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Regular Council Meeting 6:00 pm, Council Chambers
Strategic Priorities Committee 9:00 am – 12:00pm, Council Chambers
Budget Meeting 9:00am – 12:00pm, (Council Chambers)
ROMA Conference (Toronto, ON)
OGRA Conference (Toronto, ON)
OSUM Conference (Dates Not Known)
FCM Conference (Toronto, ON)
AMO Conference (Ottawa, ON)
Statutory & Public Holidays + Christmans Break

December 2019 DATES

December 3rd, 9:00am, Budget #1
(Council Chambers)

December 10, 6:00pm, Regular
Council (Council Chambers)

**Board of Directors Meeting Highlights
Held on September 19, 2019 at 8:30 AM
at the Material Recovery Facility Board Room**



Why Manufacturers Might Be Better At Recycling Than Ontario Municipalities

Ontario's new recycling program will roll out starting in 2023



Ontario's new plan for how recycling is handled in the province won't be completely in place until 2025.

Starting in 2025 Ontario's blue box program will no longer be the responsibility of municipalities across the province.

Instead, it will be run by product manufacturers, a change the Ontario government says would reduce waste and save municipalities millions of dollars each year.

Environment Minister Jeff Yurek said the transition will happen in phases starting in 2023.

He said recycling rates in the province have been stalled for 15 years and as much as 30 per cent of materials currently put in blue boxes are sent to landfills.

Sarah King, head of Greenpeace Canada's oceans and plastics campaign said "Ontario and all provinces need to make producers take full responsibility for the entire life of their products and packaging, and move towards a ban on all single-use plastics. If collection and recycling efforts aren't paired with a ban, millions of tonnes of throwaway plastics are still being produced and are flooding our communities, with continued massive costs to taxpayers and the environment."

Why is the province moving to one streamlined recycling program?

They want to transfer the cost from municipalities and taxpayers to the actual producers of products and the theory being that this will allow the manufacturers to simplify packaging. Change it. Streamline it. Find new ways to sell the collected material from the blue box and reduce costs and increase recycling rates.

Well that's what we know the position is from Environment Minister Jeff Yurek who says as much as 30 per cent of what we currently throw into our blue bins ends up in landfill. How do you believe that this streamlined program, for as much as we know about how it all work, would improve our recycling rates?

It makes sense to do this because we should include the costs of packaging in the price that is paid for goods and the producers should do that. It's going to be most economically effective and efficient for them to do it. The key here though, is we still don't know what the standards of recovery are going to be. How much waste actually has to be brought back in and how is that going to be enforced? Are there going to be incentives for the businesses to achieve those recovery rates or penalties if they don't achieve them? And then the creation of new markets for the materials that are collected is really important. So, the province is going to need to say, for example, 40 50 60 per cent of the plastic packaging sold in Ontario has to be recycled material. It can't be new material and that'll help to create a market. So, there's still a lot of work to be done here.

What reason would you say there is to believe that manufacturers would be better at this than municipalities?

Economies of scale and incentive to meet the targets or have to pay taxes or penalties that are imposed by the province. So, that's going to be key — to see those targets set at a high level. And, also I think the province needs to go a bit further here and stipulate some of the recovery mechanisms that companies should use. For example, every other province in Canada except for Ontario and Manitoba has a deposit return system for plastic bottles, sort of like what we have for beer bottles and we know those systems work incredibly well. You can get recovery rates up in the 80s and 90s because once something has a monetary value then it's going to get returned. So, that's something the province needs to think about. And then we have all of the commercial and industrial waste that is going to, mostly, directly into landfill in Ontario and that's about 60 percent of our waste stream and this blue box change, of course, doesn't address that in any way.

Any indication yet from manufacturers about whether or not they're interested in running the e

Well, they've been supportive of it and they don't have a lot of choice. Legislation was passed by the last government and now the current government is moving that program forward. This is the way that the world is going around who's responsible for waste and we know that it improves recovery rates and also recycling rates when it happens.

Anything else you'd like to see?

We really think that we have to move ahead on dealing with industrial waste, and waste from restaurants, etc. and also that we ensure that the list of things that goes in the blue box is as long as possible because if you shorten that list, well we know that it goes directly into the landfill or into the environment. So, that list of things in the blue box needs to be really inclusive when they wrap this all up.

US Citizens Are World's Top Waste Producers, Report Shows

Two new indices produced by United Kingdom-based consulting firm Verisk Maplecroft that measure the waste generation and recycling tendencies of 194 countries show that the United States is the world's top waste producer.

The report notes that 2.1 billion metric tons of municipal solid waste (MSW) are generated throughout the globe annually. Only 16 percent of this waste gets recycled.

As part of the company's Waste Generation Index (WGI) that captures per capita rates of waste production, U.S. citizens were found to produce 1,704 pounds per person of MSW. In total, this accounts for 12 percent of global MSW production while representing only 4 percent of the world's population.

By contrast, the WGI found that China and India combine to account for 36 percent of the world's population, yet the population of the countries generate only 27 percent of its waste. In relation, U.S. citizens end up producing three times the waste of Chinese individuals and seven times more waste than Ethiopians, the country ranked as the "lowest risk" in the index in terms of their waste production.

The countries that are considered the highest risk after the U.S. in terms of waste produced include the Netherlands, Canada, Austria, Switzerland, Germany, France and Australia.

In the Recycling Index produced by Verisk Maplecroft, the U.S. was found to recycle 35 percent of its MSW. Germany, the most efficient recycling nation according to the index, was shown to recycle 68 percent of MSW.

According to the report, the U.S. "is the only developed nation whose waste generation outstrips its ability to recycle, underscoring a shortage of political will and investment in infrastructure."

The consultancy concludes that the U.S., along with other nations, could be poised to introduce new legislation to combat plastic waste as the ramifications of China's National Sword import ban continue to reverberate both domestically and abroad.

"Beyond the potential financial impacts, the reputational risks for business are high if they ignore intensifying interest in the issue from consumers and investors," a summary of the report concludes. "Using data from our suite of waste indices, we identify the Netherlands, the U.S. and the U.K. as the most likely countries to pass new regulations on plastic materials that could hit companies in the pocket. But, France, Canada, Australia and Belgium are also flagged as jurisdictions to watch.

"It's going to be vital for companies to get ahead of these issues. Investing in circular economy measures can not only mitigate risk but can open up new markets and improve brand reputation."



Truck Insurance Review Underway

The Ontario Trucking Association (OTA) believes some fleets may be misrepresenting themselves when applying for Facility Association insurance.

A national review by Facility Association – an insurer of last resort for fleets that can't secure coverage elsewhere – is looking to keep trucking companies from misrepresenting themselves when negotiating insurance premiums.



The Ontario Trucking Association (OTA) and selected insurers began to shine a light on the potential challenge last year, following reports that a growing number of truck fleets were being covered by Facility Association. A formal meeting of the two groups was held in May.

Facility Association's commercial insurance premiums rose an astounding 47% in the 12 months leading up to March 2019, and those linked to interurban vehicles were up 200%.

Some of the growth is believed to be linked to carriers that are misrepresenting where they are actually based. A fleet that does most of its business in Ontario, for example, might tell Facility Association that it's based in New Brunswick.

The problem emerges because the insurance premiums are based on risk. If the high-risk fleets insured by Facility Association file more insurance claims than expected, the extra costs are absorbed by the rest of the insurance industry. Those insurance providers then need to increase the rates paid by their customers.

The national review is scheduled to conclude this fall, with revised rules to be in place by the close of the year, subject to regulatory approval, Matheson says.

The OTA's own Facility Association Commercial Underwriting Working Group began to meet in June, and will continue working throughout 2019 to review specific technical issues relating to underwriting rules and procedures. It wants to make recommendations regarding underwriting rules, documentation requirements, a fraud mitigation strategy, audit strategy, and key risk indicators.

Facility Association emerged in the 1970s, after governments began to mandate automotive insurance. The insurer of last resort now operates in Alberta, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, the Northwest Territories, Nova Scotia, Nunavut, Ontario, P.E.I., and the Yukon.

The rising cost of truck insurance, and the challenge of getting coverage in the first place, was recently highlighted during a rolling protest by a group of Toronto-area aggregate haulers.

They're among a growing list of fleets and owner-operators who face higher premiums as insurers re-evaluate the risks they're willing to cover. Some insurers are simply stepping away from trucking industry sectors thought to represent an unacceptable risk – like the aggregate haulers serving construction activities in and around Toronto.

Truck insurance claims have generally been rising quicker than original projections because of factors such as pricey legal settlements and technology-laden trucks that can be costly to repair.

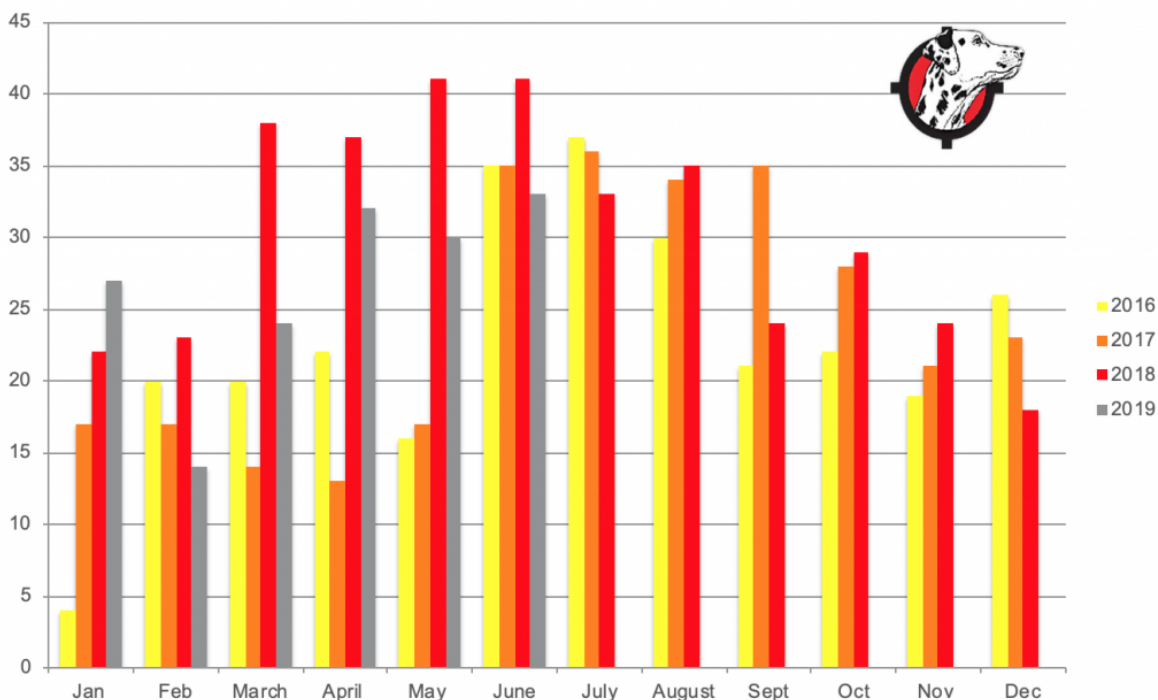
Summertime Peak In Fires At Recycling Sites

During the past 12 months, a total of 323 fire were reported at waste and recycling facilities in both the US and Canada. ‘This June alone, there were 10 reported injuries to fire professionals,’ reports fire safety expert Ryan Fogelman of Fire Rover.

‘In June, a harsh reality hit,’ Fogelman says. He cites the traditional “summertime spike” is once again a fact. So far, April, May and June saw the highest number of fires this year.

‘Even with all of the work we are doing, the problem driven by lithium-ion batteries seems to be getting worse,’ Fogelman exclaims. If 2019 trends hold true, reported fire incidents in waste/paper/plastics facilities will have increased 14% over the 2016-2018 average by year’s end. ‘The sheer number of lithium-ion batteries that are getting into our waste and recycling streams is increasing on a daily basis,’ the fire safety specialist urges.

REPORTED WASTE & RECYCLING FACILITY FIRES IN US/CAN FEB 2016 – JUNE 2019



Source: Ryan Fogelman, rfogelman@firerover.com

The good news is that the industry is making progress. For example, California Assembly Bill 1509 – the Lithium-Ion Battery Fire Prevention Act – would require any businesses selling lithium-ion batteries to offer a safe collection point for the used lithium-ion batteries. The bill highlights a fact presented by Resource Recycling Systems that estimates between 75% and 92% of lithium-ion batteries are disposed of improperly.

Fogelman points out one obvious issue: ‘The reality is that even when the public is educated on how to handle and dispose of lithium-ion batteries properly, there are not enough convenient locations to properly recycle them. I stress convenience, which is a problem that this bill is taking a first step to solve.’

SWANA Records 30 Solid Waste Worker Fatalities in 2019

The Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) has identified at least 30 solid waste worker fatalities in 2019 in the United States and Canada. These tragic deaths make it clear that more work remains to be done to improve industry safety and is why SWANA is supporting national Safe + Sound Week, August 12–18, 2019.

An average of more than four worker fatalities has occurred each month this year through July 31. Collection remains the deadliest aspect of the job, with 19 people killed. Of those deaths, 31 percent were single-vehicle crashes and 26 percent were the result of a worker being struck by their own vehicle.

Post-collection safety remains a concern as well, with seven on-the-job fatalities at landfills, three at MRFs, and one at a transfer station. Even when not on the road, being struck by another vehicle or heavy equipment was the most common cause of death.

Texas has had the most worker deaths this year, with five as of July 31. January and June were the worst months, both seeing seven deaths each. The average age of the victim when known was 49 years old.

Fortunately, the solid waste industry is not alone in its fight to eradicate worker fatalities. The third annual OSHA Safe + Sound Week brings together more than 1,800 participants and 220 partners, including SWANA, to help raise awareness about workers' health and safety. We believe every workplace should have a safety and health program that includes management leadership, worker participation, and a systematic approach to finding and fixing hazards.

Solid waste employers can help make real change this year by participating in a local event, developing a safety and health program, engaging with SWANA Chapter Safety Ambassadors, and encouraging employees to take the SWANA Safety Pledge to show their commitment.

NWRA Urges California Lawmakers To Consider Incentives For Domestic Recycling Infrastructure

In a letter to AB 1080 sponsor, California Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez, the National Waste and Recycling Association (NWRA) urged California lawmakers to incorporate in legislation incentives to boost domestic recycling markets and capacity. AB1080 and its companion bill SB54, legislation known as California Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act, would require a 75 percent reduction in waste from single-use plastic products by 2030 and requires all single-use plastic products in California to be recyclable or compostable by 2030.

"The changing nature of recycling and waste materials has made it challenging to collect and segregate items and has led to increased confusion as to what is recyclable. The ability to identify recyclability or compostability, and the ability to sort these materials must be considered. We have concerns that these bills may drive product manufacturers to label their materials as recyclable while there is no end market. We suggest that the legislation include incentives to encourage investment in domestic market development," said NWRA President and CEO Darrell Smith.

Investments in a domestic market would have the potential to create greater stability in California's existing recycling infrastructure and spur the development of domestic processing facilities, in order to solidify a closed loop for single-use plastic products.

Phoenix Paper Invests In \$200M Expansion

The new recycling facility will have an annual capacity of 700,000 tons of postconsumer cardboard and mixed paper.

Phoenix Paper LLC, Wickliffe, Kentucky, has announced plans to invest \$200 million to build a paper recycling facility on the grounds of a Wickliffe paper mill it purchased for \$16 million about one year ago.

Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin announced the company's investment Friday, Aug. 9, during a conference call with west Kentucky leaders at Wickliffe City Hall. The company took over the site of the former Verso paper mill in Wickliffe last year, Phoenix Paper reports in a news release announcing the investment. The mill's former owner, Verso Corp., idled the facility in late 2015 and closed the operation in July 2016.

Phoenix Paper reopened the mill this year and announced the completion of its first roll of paper at the Wickliffe mill in May. That facility currently employs more than 200 people and has an annual capacity of 300,000 tons.

Company leaders say they plan to use the existing Wickliffe site to build a paper-and-pulp recycling facility. The new recycling facility will have an annual capacity of about 700,000 tons of postconsumer cardboard and mixed paper that it will receive from various regional locations, according to a news release from Bevin's office.

Following the cleaning and screening of the raw material, the stock will be formed and dried into industrial pulp and finished paper.

Current design and equipment specifications are being finalized with construction to begin before the end of the year. The project is expected to be completed within 14 to 18 months.

Bevin adds that there will be 150 employees at the new facility. Phoenix Paper is owned by Chinese manufacturer Shanying International, and the new facility will process recycled paper and send it to China to be used for packaging.

Indonesia Rejects Eight 'Dirty' Containers From Australia

Indonesia is returning 210 tonnes of waste to Australia. Local authorities in Jakarta and Surabaya say the material is 'too contaminated' to be recycled.

Eight containers full of used electronics, plastics, engine oil, and aluminium and steel cans are en route to Australia. The material quality is 'too low' to be accepted, according to the imports inspection crew in Indonesia's capital and the nation's second largest city.

One of the rejected containers originated from major recycler Visy Recycling. It was supposed to contain only recovered paper and cardboard, but also held a large portion of mixed plastic waste. The materials were further contaminated by household garbage that was leaking in infested with maggots. Company owner Anthony Pratt – one of the richest people in Australia – has not yet commented on the matter.

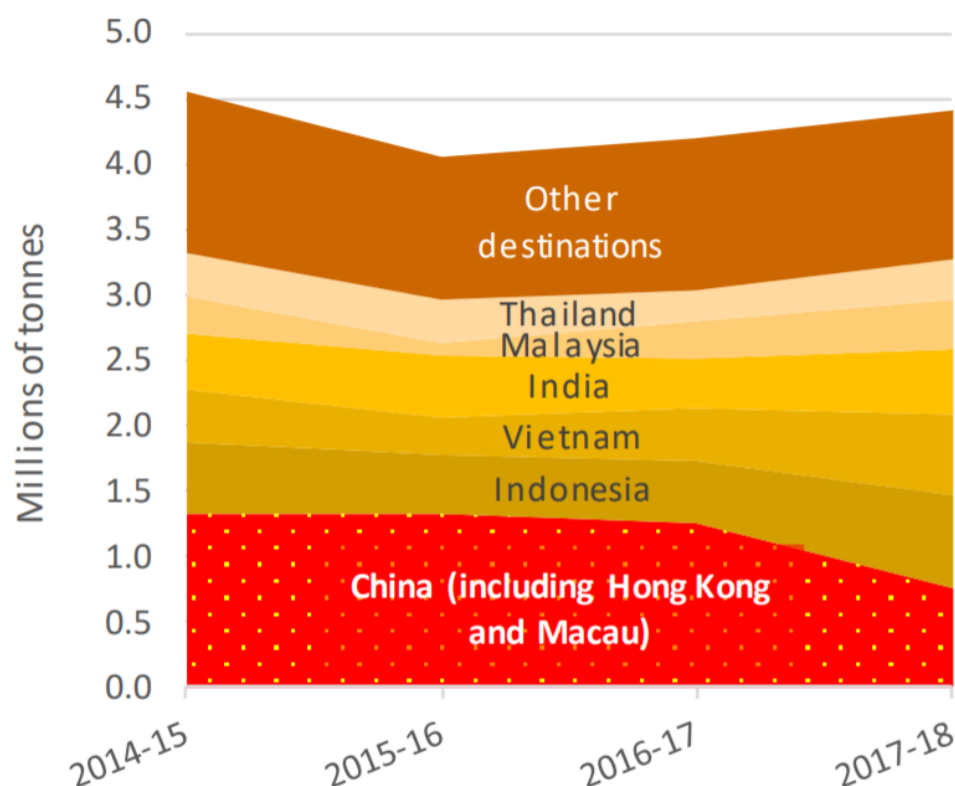
This isn't the first time shipments have been sent back to Australia; the Philippines and Malaysia have taken similar actions recently. The nations say they are stepping up their game to avoid becoming the 'dumping ground' of foreign waste following China's import ban. Ever since, Australian entrepreneurs have called for more investments in the domestic recycling industry.



These ongoing developments will have a notable impact on the economy in Australia considering its overall waste exports increased by 5% last financial year.

Figures by consulting company Blue Environment state that waste exports from Australia to China have taken a nose dive in some categories. In 2017-18, exports of waste metals fell by 23%; plastics by 77%; and paper and cardboard by 39%. Overall, waste exports to China decreased 41%. See graph for more details.

Exports of waste from Australia by financial year, showing the top six recipient destinations



Australia generates around 67 million tonnes of waste per year. A total of 37 million tonnes (55%) goes to recycling, while 3% serves energy recovery, and the rest is either landfilled or incinerated.

Around 4.3 million tonnes of waste (about 12% of national recycling and 6% of national waste generation) was exported in 2017-2018. This includes 75 000 tonnes going to China (17% of all exports and 2% of national recycling).

Market analysts conclude: ‘If Malaysia, Vietnam and Thailand enacted waste import bans similar to China’s, Australia would need to find substitute domestic or export markets for approximately 1.29 million tonnes – worth AU\$ 530 million – of waste a year.’

The customs and excise office at Tanjung Perak Port in Surabaya, East Java, is set to send back eight containers of waste paper from Australia after finding them contaminated with toxic and dangerous materials.

2.6 Million Pounds Of Houston Recyclables Sent To Landfill



City records reveal Houston broke recycling rules hundreds of times.

The city of Houston has sent at least 2.6 million pounds of curbside collected recyclables to the landfill this year, breaking its own recycling rules in the process, KHOU 11 reports after analyzing city records.

A city council member called for the removal of Harry Hayes, director of Houston's Solid Waste Management Department, for failing to ensure residents' recyclables were being properly handled.

Daily collection data forms were analyzed by KHOU 11's investigative team. The forms included the type of material collected, the time it was collected and disposal site for each load. These forms were filled out daily by each truck driver responsible for the loads.

The information revealed a pattern of recycling violations occurring throughout the city, KHOU 11 reports.

KHOU 11 found that at least 123 city trucks dumped 333 loads or partial loads of recyclables at a landfill or garbage transfer facility, which ultimately ends up in a landfill.

Additionally, about 41 percent of the estimated 2.6 million pounds of recyclables sent to the landfill was dumped after Houston's new recycling center began processing recyclables March 1, KHOU 11 reports.

City records also show that 28 loads still went to the landfill after Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner ordered the Solid Waste Department to send out a memo to employees April 24 that threatened "immediate disciplinary action" if the city's recycling policy was not upheld.

Residents in the Tanglewilde neighborhood of Houston voiced their displeasure with the news that their recyclables were being sent to landfill.

KHOU 11 reports that Hayes, the head of the city's recycling program, said his agency is less than two weeks away from completing an internal audit and will comment once that report is final.

Don't Put Bullets, Batteries Or Bear Spray On The Curb

Recycle BC is sounding the alarm over the rising number of explosive and hazardous materials British Columbia residents are placing in the province's residential packaging and paper recycling. BC's major recycling collectors and processors have seen seven fires in 2019, with several of them having endangered lives and forced the temporary closure of facilities.

"Hazardous materials present a very real danger for workers in BC's recycling industry. They can cause explosions and fires, and most of these incidents are caused by residents placing items such as lithium-ion batteries and propane or butane canisters into the residential recycling," said David Lefebvre, Director of Public Affairs for Recycle BC. "Earlier this month a resident put 58 rounds of live ammunition into their recycling. We need people to think before they put something that is potentially explosive and deadly into a recycling bin."

Recycle BC audits of materials in 2019 found two thirds of container loads had hazardous materials present, a 47 percent increase over the last five years. Hazardous materials include:

- Butane and propane canisters
- Batteries (especially lithium-ion batteries)
- Compressed gases
- Ammunition
- Knives
- Sharps
- Bear spray.



Fires are such a significant issue to recycling companies that material receiving facilities often have special teams trained to respond to fires quickly. The number of fires could be significantly higher if these teams were not on hand to manage smoldering materials. While they are able to put out the majority of incidents before they become unmanageable, the potential for injury and significant damage to the recycling system is high. Last year the waste industry reported three deaths and 13 injuries across North America due to these types of incidents.

Across North America, the industry saw a 26 percent increase in the number of fires in waste and recycling facilities in 2018, with 371 unique incidents reported between February 2018 and January 2019. The risk of fires or explosions is especially high for material collection vehicles and receiving facilities due to the presence of significant amounts of paper. The combination of easily flammable material, plenty of oxygen and large amounts of material sorted into piles where sparks can smolder for lengthy periods of time undetected makes the presence of hazardous material especially precarious.

Residents should dispose of hazardous materials properly, which means many of these items should not only be kept out of the residential packaging and paper recycling system but also out of the waste system as well.

Eastman Makes Big Strides In Chemical Recycling Of Plastics

US chemical company Eastman has developed two circular production processes.

Eastman is building a facility, expected to be completed in 24 to 36 months, which will perform chemical recycling on a broadly mixed stream of polyester-family polymers using a process called methanolysis. The input stream includes polyesters as well as coloured, coated and contaminated polyethylene, says Holli Alexander, strategic initiatives manager for global sustainability at Eastman.

The company, which reported revenues of US\$ 10 billion (EUR 9 billion) last year, says its innovative process can break down the plastic scrap into two base monomers, dimethyl terephthalate and ethylene glycol, from which virgin polyester is made.



‘Our intention then is to use those monomers as intermediates for our co-polyester production in-house,’ Alexander explains. That would include the company’s Tritan plastic, used primarily for consumer housewares, Eastar for packaging and the Glass polymer for cosmetic packaging.

The second recycling process is based on gasification. Eastman calls this the Carbon Renewal Technology. It is described as the ‘circularisation of an existing production process’. Only now, though, the approach will take in a much broader stream of mixed plastics, not limited to polyester, and break them down into the basic chemical constituents of carbon monoxide and hydrogen. Those two chemicals, when combined, become syngas.

This isn’t the first time Eastman has backed plastics recycling. Back in the 90s, Eastman invested in a commercial line of PET materials that used 50% chemically recycled content. The ambitious project was discontinued because demand for recycled materials was not high enough at the time. It’s safe to say this has changed in recent years.

‘Eastman has a strong history in polymer science and has experience with commercialising advanced circular recycling, known in scientific terms as methanolysis,’ the company writes in its latest sustainability report. ‘We know this is a technology that works and a methanolysis facility can be developed at a scale to meet the demands of our copolyester markets. We believe this is a technology that will help close a gap in current recycling capabilities.’

Coca-Cola Will Sell Dasani In Aluminum Cans And Bottles

Coca-Cola is giving Dasani a green makeover to help meet its environmental goals and boost interest in its biggest water brand.

Over the next year, the beverage company plans to unveil new Dasani packaging and products, including aluminum cans and bottles, "How2Recycle" labels and improved Dasani water coolers.

Coca-Cola (KO) will continue to sell Dasani in plastic bottles too, but it will reduce the amount of plastic in those containers through a process called lightweighting. Coke is also launching a new hybrid bottle made with up to 50% recycled plastic and renewable, plant-based materials.

As consumers grow concerned about plastic pollution, big companies are pledging to reduce packaging waste. Coca-Cola produced 3.3 million tons of plastic in 2017, it disclosed in a recent report by the Ellen MacArthur foundation. And environmental activists have called out the company for contributing to the problem. A recent report published by Greenpeace called Coca-Cola "the most prolific polluter" compared to other top brands because in a series of global beach cleanups, Coca-Cola branded packages were collected the most.

Environmental commitments may help protect the company's image.

Coca-Cola has promised to collect and recycle the equivalent of every bottle or can it sells by 2030. It's also committed to making its bottles and cans out of at least 50% recycled material in the next 11 years. And recently, Coca-Cola said it has withdrawn from the Plastics Industry Association because the lobbying group took positions that "were not fully consistent with our commitments and goals."

The changes to Dasani could help Coca-Cola reach those goals and remove about 1 billion virgin plastic bottles, made with non-recycled plastic, from its supply chain over the next five years.

PepsiCo (PEP) has also announced that it will start selling its Aquafina water brand in aluminum cans at US fast food and restaurant chains as soon as next year. The company is also testing out a broader rollout to retail stores.

Using aluminum bottles and cans may help increase the number of Dasani products that get recycled. Aluminum is recycled more easily than plastic, and the "How2Recycle" labels should help clarify how the package should be recycled.

The company is also launching a new version of the Dasani PureFill water dispensers, which allow people fill their own bottles or cups with Dasani products, including flavored and sparkling waters.

Environmentalists argue the best way to eliminate waste is to reuse containers. But the "solution can't be one thing," said Bruce Karas, vice president of environment and sustainability for Coca-Cola North America.



Auditor General of Ontario Appoints Commissioner of the Environment

Jerry V. DeMarco as an Assistant Auditor General, will be assuming the duties of Commissioner of the Environment.

The Office of the Auditor General of Ontario assumed new environmental responsibilities on April 1, 2019 under the Restoring Trust, Transparency and Accountability Act, 2018.

The Act transferred many of the responsibilities of the Office of the Environmental Commissioner to the Auditor General's Office. The role of Commissioner of the Environment, created by the Act, is designated as an Assistant Auditor General, reporting directly to the Auditor General.

Ontario To Tighten Emissions Testing For Trucks

“Part of the redesigned program will include strengthened enforcement through increased on-road inspections, which will focus on heavy-duty diesel vehicles and heavily polluting modified vehicles to ensure that emissions control components are installed and functioning,” the source at the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks said.

In December, Reg. 361/98 (Motor Vehicles) under the Environmental Protection Act was amended to make current tampering restrictions applicable to out of province vehicles on Ontario roads.

Until then, the rule was applied only to Ontario-plated vehicles.

The government said the amendment created a level playing field between all transportation companies by making all users of roads subject to on-road enforcement.

During a recent fleet inspection, the ministry reported that officers had found that pollution control equipment on 13 trucks had been tampered with by one company.

Truckers have long complained about the problem-plagued emissions aftertreatment systems (ATS), which are mandatory on all new rigs.

They say qualified ATS technicians are few and far between, and owners are forced to tow their trucks to dealerships to fix minor problems on the supersensitive ATS sensors.

Industry lobbying groups have been calling for a crackdown on service providers who offer to remove the emission control systems and reprogram the engine to make it more “fuel efficient.”

In 2014, about 23% greenhouse gas emissions in Canada came from the transportation sector, and heavy-duty vehicles accounted for about 8% of total GHG emissions in the country, according to the government.

ISRI Joins Industry-Led Coalition in Calls for Recycled Content Minimum in Plastic Bags

Twenty-seven organizations call for urgent government action to help deal with the global plastic problem. The industry-led Recycle More Bags coalition proposes using legislative action and procurement policy to drive demand for a minimum of 20% post-consumer recycled content in some types of plastic bags by 2025.

The United States and Canada have been largely dependent on foreign markets for recycling plastic bags and similar plastic grades, like plastic wrap. Foreign demand for these products has decreased markedly in recent years, primarily as a result of China's "National Sword Policy," which banned the import of many recyclables. The North American recycling industry is now more dependent than ever on the health of domestic plastic film recycling end-markets. However, these domestic markets have long been impeded by the continued expansion of domestic oil and gas activity and the low-cost virgin plastic resins that are produced as co-products.

According to More Recycling, a company that tracks plastic recycling year over year in the United States and Canada, the amount of bags and wrap collected through at-store recycling programs has grown, but that growth is expected to slow or reverse if the dynamics in the marketplace continue. There is a need to recognize the value of using recycled resin in new products to mitigate plastic pollution and to encourage the expansion of the North American circular economy.

The Recycle More Bags coalition consists of stakeholders involved in the plastic recycling industry: industry associations, material recovery facility (MRF) operators, plastic reclaimers, municipalities, environmental non-profits, recycling consultants, and a film plastic stewardship organization. The coalition's signatories, who are situated at various steps along the circular economy supply chain, see a need for government to mandate an increased use of recycled resin in plastic bags. At this pivotal moment, government intervention is essential to encourage continued uptake of recycled resins by the plastic film industry, which has been slowed by low pricing of virgin plastics.

The call-to-action proposes a progressive timeline to increase the use of post-consumer recycled content in garbage bags and grocery bags. The vast majority of these two types of plastic bags are made from 100% virgin plastic resin. Incentivizing – and where needed, requiring – a minimum level of recycled content in these two applications will replace large amounts of virgin material and support the dual goals of increasing plastic recycling rates while ensuring plastic bags are managed in an environmentally responsible manner.

Increased demand for recycled plastic resin would, in turn, create a greater incentive for effective and efficient recycling of plastic products, expediting the shift to a circular economy and improved environmental outcomes. For example, if all plastic bags sold in the United States and Canada included 20% recycled content, carbon emissions savings of about 320,000 metric tonnes per year – the equivalent of the removal of 250,000 cars from the road – would result.

San Francisco, CA's Checkout Bag Fee to Rise to 25 Cents

San Francisco's Board of Supervisors unanimously approved legislation that was introduced by Supervisor Vallie Brown to increase the current fee of 10 cents per bag to 25 cents, a 15 cent increase that will go into effect on July 1, 2020. The fee hike is meant to encourage more shoppers to bring their own bags to cutdown on waste. "It's time for us as a city, as a leader on the environment, to step up," Brown said.

The City doesn't know for certain how many shoppers are currently bringing their own bags and instead paying for bags, but the Department of the Environment has committed to doing a study to

figure it out before the fee hike goes into place. This would allow The City to gauge its effectiveness. The department said other places that have a 25 cent fee, like Santa Cruz, have reported that 90 percent of the shoppers bring reusable bags.

San Francisco banned single-use plastic checkout bags in 2007 and in 2012 added a 10 cent fee for allowable checkout bags, such as compostable, reusable and paper bags. The legislation also bans pre-checkout plastic bags, like those used for produce and bulk items, and requires them to be recyclable or compostable. "Recently some businesses have been using non-compostable green plastic bags in their produce aisles," Brown said.



City of Victoria Vows to Find Another Way to Eliminate Single-Use Plastic Bags

On July 11, the B.C. Court of Appeal overturned the BC Supreme Court decision and has struck down the City's Checkout Bag Regulation Bylaw.

In their reasons for judgment, the Court of Appeal found that the bylaw's dominant purpose was to protect the natural environment rather than business regulation. Therefore, in accordance with the requirements of the Community Charter, provincial approval for the bylaw was required, and since the City did not obtain such approval, the bylaw is not valid. Writing for the unanimous Court, Madam Justice Newbury stated: "While the City's intentions in passing the Bylaw were no doubt reasonable, we must give effect to the clear instructions of s. 9(3) [of the Community Charter] requiring the Minister's approval."

The bylaw, which has been in effect since July 1, 2018, banned the use of single-use plastic checkout bags and set a minimum price on paper and reusable checkout bags. It was developed with extensive input from local businesses and the community over a two-year period.

Victoria has made sustainable habits and removing single-use checkout bags the new normal. Since the bylaw's introduction, more than 17 million plastic bags have been eliminated from the community, village centres, parks and beaches - bags that otherwise would end up as litter or choke the landfill for hundreds of years.

Hundreds of B.C., Canadian and international jurisdictions are already introducing programs and regulations to eliminate single-use plastic bags.

KFC Canada Is Removing All Plastic Straws And Bags From Restaurants This Year

Achievement advances sustainability agenda in Canada

KFC Canada today announced a series of new sustainability and environmental commitments aimed at curbing the company's use of plastics in restaurants across the country.

By October 2019, plastic straws and plastic bags will no longer be used or provided at any KFC restaurant locations across Canada. This effectively removes 50 million plastic straws and 10 million plastic bags from restaurants – and more importantly – landfills, waterways, and the communities in which KFC Canada operates.

Earlier in 2019, KFC Canada announced its alliance with KFC's across the globe on a commitment that all plastic-based, consumer-facing packaging will be recoverable or reusable by 2025. This news today marks an important – and proactive step – towards achieving this goal.



Quebec Community Newspapers Association Rocked By Bankruptcy Protection Measures For French Dailies

Publishers across Quebec are alarmed by the bankruptcy protection news from Groupe Capitales Médias. Members of QCNA, English community newspaper publishers in Quebec, face a crisis similar to the French dailies belonging to Groupe Capitales Médias.

Local newspaper publishers have alerted levels of government to the growing crisis in news reporting if simple steps are not taken to turn the tide in Quebec and Canadian publishing.

Re-instating government advertising in newspapers is one step in the solution that provides information to the dedicated readers of local newspapers and provides financial assistance to the publishers. Taxing digital media giants is another suggestion that would help level the playing field between small publishers and online social media giants that are both cannibalizing the advertising dollars and reprinting locally-generated news articles.

Furthermore, the inequity facing publishers in matters of fees paid to the Quebec Government for newsprint recycling in itself make newspaper publishing in the province a virtually insurmountable burden. Recycling fees set by the Ministry of Environment, based on recycling numbers provided to Quebec by municipalities, has increased over 1,060 % in the last six years at a time when newspaper readers are conscientiously re-using newsprint to wrap compost waste and other uses, rather than sending it for recycling.

"Wouldn't it be interesting to know the total recycling bill amount for the Groupe Capitales Média newspapers last year? What a wasteful burden," commented QCNA President Lily Ryan. "The government's \$5 million loan to the six dailies will help them publish until the end of the year, but what is the government's plan to improve publishing in the province? Readers enjoy print over digital at a rate of about 1 to 5, so the present push to digital doesn't come from Quebec readers, it is a top-down push to web that shows the Quebec Government needs to get in touch with the population."

Nespresso Launches Capsule Takeback Scheme In China

Consumers of the Nespresso brand of coffee capsules in China can now send them for recycling because of a tie-up with a national logistics network.

A doorstep programme has been devised by JD Logistics with capsules being collected and delivered to processing facilities in Beijing, Shanghai or Guangzhou depending on the consumer's location. Previously, this service was available only for deliveries to Nespresso Boutique locations or for selected B2B customers such as offices, restaurants or hotels.

Using an app, customers schedule a JD courier to come to their door and pick up used coffee capsules either that day or the next. The aluminium from the capsules will be made into novelty gift products such as Nespresso-branded knives, while the used coffee grounds is used as fertilizer at Nespresso's eco-farm on the Yangtze River near Shanghai.

'It's a great honour to work with JD for this project. Sustainable development is Nespresso's brand responsibility, as well as the core concept of our business strategy,' says Alfonso Troisi, Nespresso's business executive officer in Greater China. 'We believe we can achieve 100% recycling capacity all over the world in 2020.'

Last year, JD Logistics collected used clothes from Chinese households as part of an effort with the World Wide Fund for Nature to raise awareness of sustainable development in the retail industry.

Keurig Faces Lawsuit Over Recyclable Pod Claim

The company is accused of falsely labeling its coffee pods as recyclable.

Keurig Green Mountain Inc., Reading, Massachusetts, faces a proposed class action accusing it of falsely labeling its coffee pods as recyclable despite being too small for handling by material recovery facilities (MRFs) and other recycling facilities, a federal judge in California ruled on Friday, June 28.

According to a news release from Reuters, Keurig had argued that its labels were not misleading because they told consumers to "check locally" about whether its K-Cups products were recyclable, but U.S. District Judge Haywood Gilliam in Oakland, California, has rejected that defense. Reuters reports that consumers had alleged the pods were not recyclable at any MRF or recycling facility in the country, and so the "check locally" disclaimer did not make the recyclable claims truthful, Gilliam stated.

Keurig's K-Cup pods are made from polypropylene (PP), which is a material accepted by many MRFs. A Law360report states that the defendant Kathleen Smith found that most MRFs aren't equipped to work with materials as small as K-Cup pods. "Common sense would not so clearly lead a person to believe that a package labeled 'recyclable' is not recyclable anywhere," Gilliam stated.



2,000 Mattresses Diverted From Landfill In First Six Months Of Pilot Recycling Program



The City of Kawartha Lakes says it diverted 2,000 mattresses from landfill in the first six months of a pilot mattress recycling program.

The program launched at the start of 2019 at the Lindsay Ops landfill. To date it's diverted over 200 tractor trailers worth of space, or roughly 955 tonnes of residential waste.

Based on that success staff brought forward a report to Council today recommending that a permanent program be adopted in the 2020 budget. The City says the estimated cost savings in landfill space is approximately \$143,000. The creation of a permanent mattress recycling program has a projected annual savings of \$273,000 in deferred landfill space, based on an annual estimate of 4000 mattresses recycled through the municipality each year according to officials.

The recommendation was approved by Council and the program will be brought forward to be considered in the upcoming 2020 budget deliberations.

Mattresses can be recycled through the program by bringing them to the Lindsay Ops landfill or alternatively, through purchasing a curbside tag for pickup at your local municipal service centre.

Mattresses are still being accepted for disposal at all other landfill sites, however due to the storage space required, Ops landfill is the only location that can currently manage to operate the mattress recycling program. Staff are currently looking at the possibility for future operations of extending the program to our additional sites.

Revolutionary Blast Furnace Vaporizes Trash And Turns It Into Clean Energy (Without Any Emissions)

An exciting new startup can make clean energy by vaporizing heaps of trash without any waste or emissions.

The Sierra Energy company is aiming to tackle all of the non-recyclable garbage that ends up in landfills—



from hazardous wastes and plastics to everyday trash and tires.

The company's modified blast furnace uses FastOx gasification technology to heat all of the trash to 4,000 degrees Fahrenheit, which is about twice as hot as the heart of a volcano.

While it may seem like this would require large amounts of energy, the system is able to generate the heat simply by injecting pure oxygen into the furnace. The oxygen then reacts with the carbon emanating from the rotting garbage in order to create carbon monoxide and hydrogen. The steam is then pumped back into the furnace to maintain the internal temperature.

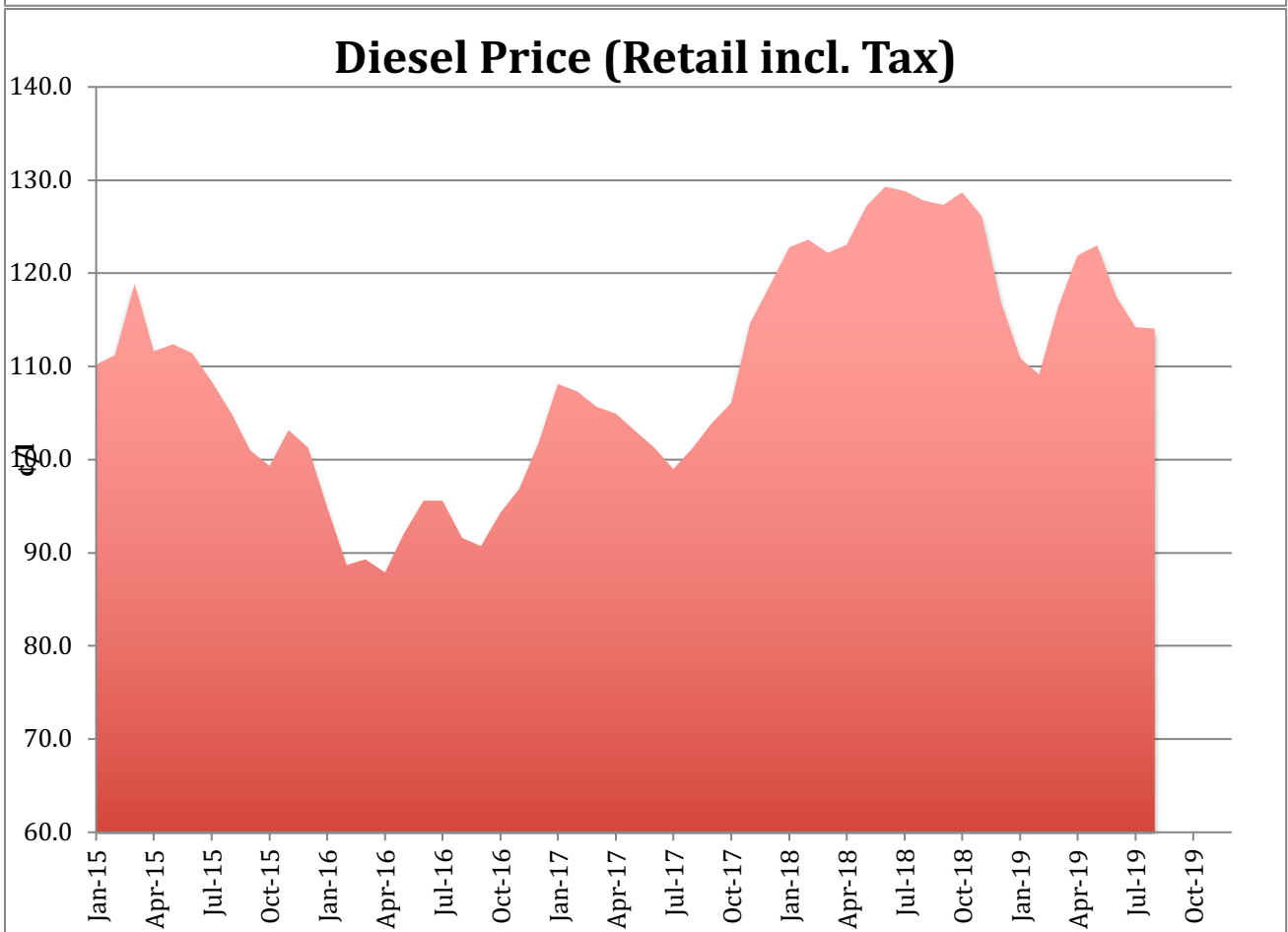
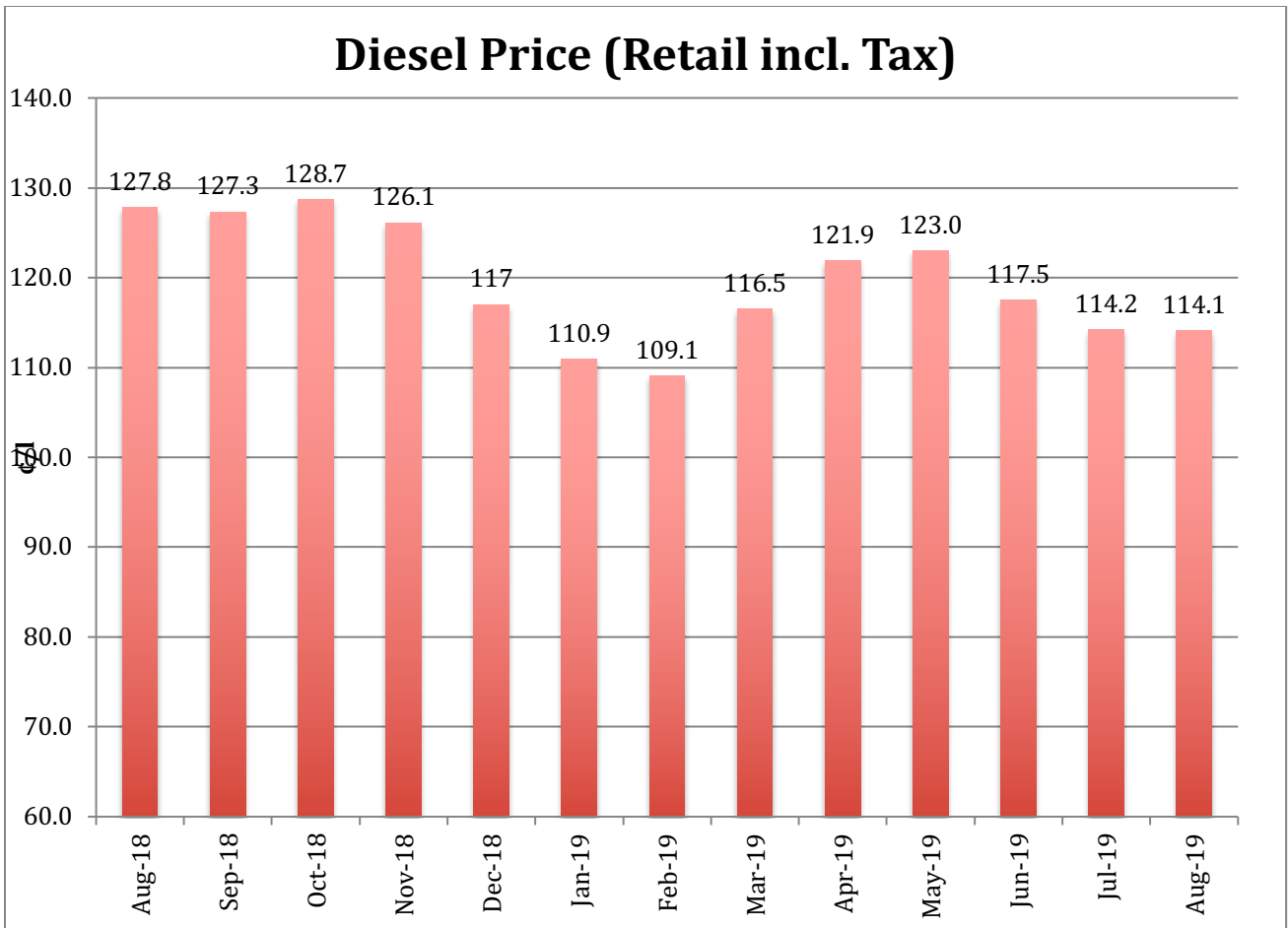
The fuel that is made from the FastOx technology is reportedly 20 times cleaner than California fuel standards. And all of the gases that are generated by the chemical process are captured for reuse—for instance, to replace fossil fuels that power airplanes or for use as fertilizer, hydrogen, or ethanol.

Earlier this week, Sierra Energy announced that they were able to close a \$33 million Series A investment round in order to further develop and commercialize its technology for municipalities and landfills so they can convert waste into clean, renewable energy and fuels.

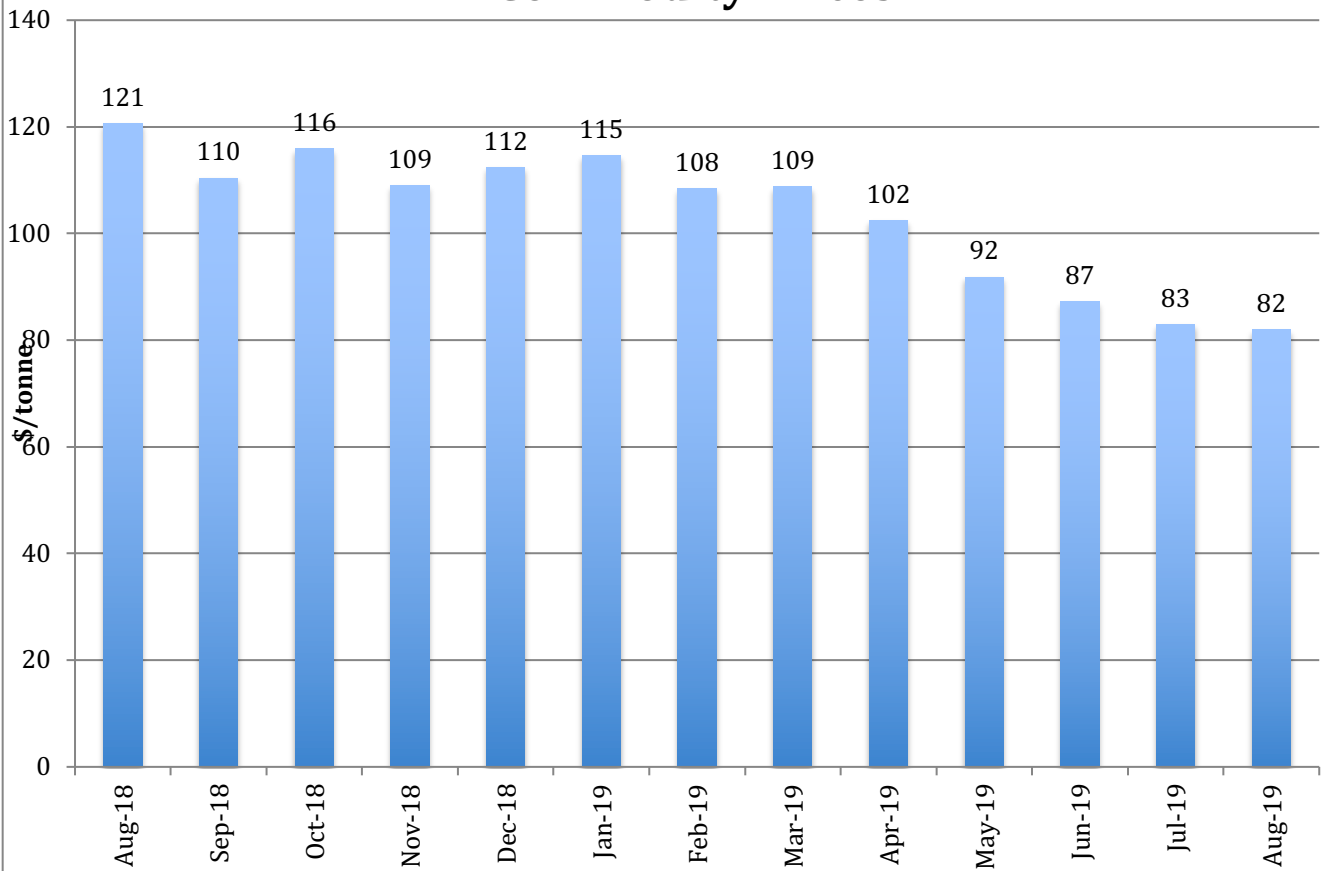
“The world is drowning in trash which, when landfilled, is a leading generator of methane, a greenhouse gas that is 86 times more harmful to our climate than carbon dioxide,” said Mike Hart, Sierra Energy's CEO.

“Our FastOx gasification technology can efficiently and cost-effectively convert this trash into electricity, hydrogen, renewable natural gas, diesel, ammonia, and a variety of other valuable end-products. When you combine our technology with recycling and other waste diversion strategies, you have the solution to the world's waste problem as well as a valuable source of renewable energy.”

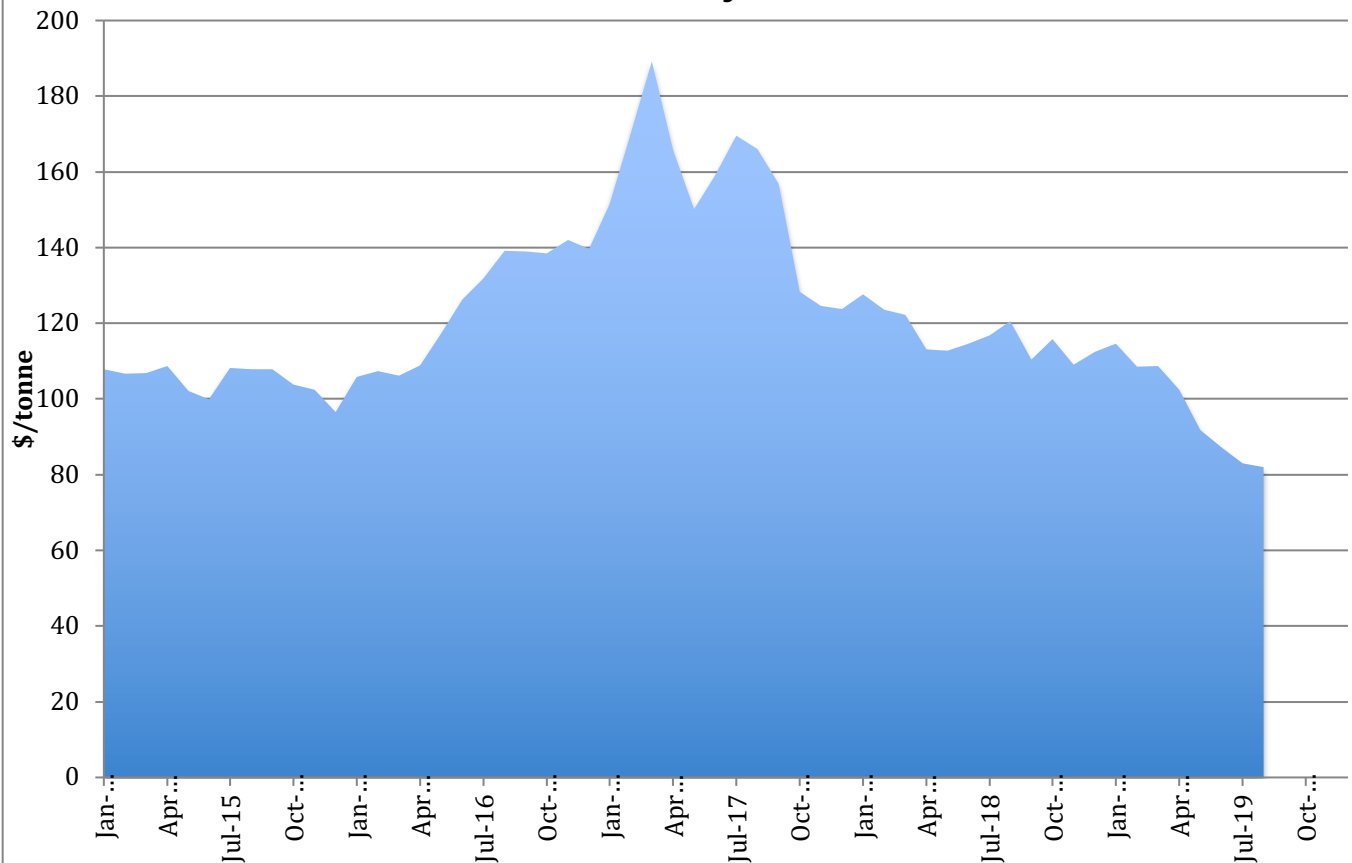
The first commercial FastOx system was installed at a U.S. Army installation at Fort Hunter Liggett in Monterey County, California in 2017, to help achieve the Army's zero waste goals.



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Minutes of a Special Meeting Library Board

Meeting Location: St. Marys Public Library, 15 Church St. N., St. Marys, ON

Meeting Date: July 15, 2019

Meeting Time: 6:45pm

Meeting Attendance:

Present, J. Craigmille, R. Edney, L. Hodgins, R. Quinton, A. Strathdee, B. Tuer, J. Vivian, M. Zurbrigg, C. Atlin (attended via skype video)

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

1. Call to order

Meeting was called to order at 6:46pm by Board Vice Chair, B. Tuer

2. Approval of the agenda

Motion:

That the July 15th, 2019 regular meeting of the St. Marys Public Library Board agenda be approved as presented.

Moved by: R. Quinton

Seconded by: L. Hodgins

Result: Carried

3. Declarations of pecuniary and Conflict of interests

None declared.

4. Welcome guests or delegations

None present.

J. Vivian entered at 6:48pm

5. Consent agenda

Motion

That Consent Agenda items 5.1 and 5.2. inclusive be adopted by the Board with item 5.2, Minutes of the June 6th, 2019 Regular Board Meeting pulled out and accepted with amendments.

Moved by: R. Quinton

Seconded by: J. Cragimille

Result: Carried

5.1. Minutes of the May 28th , 2019 Special Joint Library Board and Town of St. Marys Council meeting

Motion:

That the minutes of the May 28th, 2019 Special Joint Library Board and Town of St. Marys Council meeting be approved.



Board

Motion

That the minutes of the June 6th, 2019 St. Marys Public Library Board regular meeting be approved.

6. Training/Education Resources

6.1. The Guardian Newspaper article May 10th, 2019

Article was circulated as a point of advocacy and interest.

7. Correspondence to Public Library Board

7.1. Resolution Communication from the St. Marys Town Council regarding budgeting exercise.

M. Zurbrigg entered the meeting at 6:54pm.

Motion

That the Library Board receive the correspondence from St. Marys Town Council for information and that CEO will complete exercise as directed.

Moved by: L .Hodgins

Seconded by: J. Vivian

Result: Carried

8. Discussion items

8.1. St. Marys Public Library Service Level Document

Motion

That the Library Board formally approve and adopt the Service Level document presented as a draft.

And further

That the Service Level document will be re-evaluated in September by the Library Board.

Moved by: R. Quinton

Seconded by: M. Zurbrigg

Result: Carried



8.2. St. Marys Public Library Program and Marketing Plan

Motion

That the Library Board approve and adopt the Program and Marketing strategy for 2019 through to 2023.

Moved by: L. Hodgins

Seconded by: R. Quinton

Result: Carried

8.3. Respect and Acknowledgement Declaration Policy

Motion

That the Library Board, by recommendation of the Policy Committee, approve and adopt the Respect and Acknowledgement Declaration Policy as amended at 3.1. and to be reviewed November 2022.

Moved by: R. Quinton

Seconded by: R. Edney

Result: Carried

8.4. Library expansion discussion—long-term solution decision

The Board discussed

Motion:

That the Board in principal endorse the recommendations of the Space and Service Needs study to do an expansion to and renovation of the existing Carnegie building while acknowledging that the two main recommendations are to restore the Carnegie library and rebuild the addition.

Moved by: M. Zurbrigg

Seconded by: C. Atlin

Result: Carried

J. Craigmille requested a recorded vote.

Support: B. Tuer, R. Edney, L. Hodgins, M. Zurbrigg, C. Atlin,

Oppose: A. Strathdee, R. Quinton, J. Craigmille, J. Vivian

Result: CARRIED

Direction to the CEO and Board Chair to draft correspondence to the Town to inform them of the decision and thank them for their input and time in this process so far.

The Board took a five minute break at 8:58pm.

The Board returned from break at 9:08pm.



9. Closed Session

9.1. Communication from Executive Director of Literacy Link South Central to expand LBS Program and discussion about Adult Learning Programs of Perth

Motion:

That the St. Marys Public Library Board move into a session that is closed to the public in accordance with the Public Libraries Act, Section 16.1(4)(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, and Section 16.1(4)(d) labour relations or employee negotiations at 9:08pm.

Moved by: J. Vivian

Seconded by: A. Strathdee

Result: Carried

Motion:

That the St. Marys Public Library Board move out of a session that is closed to the public at 9:45pm.

Moved by: A. Strathdee

Seconded by: J. Craigmille

Result: Carried

10. Date of next regular meeting—Thursday, September 5th, 2019

11. Adjournment

Motion:

That the July 15th, 2019 special meeting of the St. Marys Library Board be adjourned.

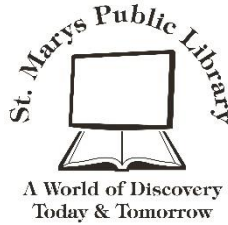
Moved by: J. Craigmille

Seconded by: L. Hodgins

Result: Carried

Cole Atlin, Chair

Matthew Corbett, Secretary



Minutes

Library Board

September 5, 2019

6:45 pm

St. Marys Public Library

15 Church Street North, St. Marys

Member Present	Councillor Craigmile, Councillor Edney, Barbara Tuer, Cole Atlin, Reg Quinton
Member Absent	Mayor Strathdee, Lynda Hodgins, Melinda Zurbrigg, Joyce Vivian
Staff Present	CEO Matthew Corbett, Library Services Coordinator Rebecca Webb

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Reg Quinton

Seconded By Councillor Edney

THAT

The September 5th, 2019 regular meeting of the St. Marys Public Library Board agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None declared.

4. DELEGATIONS

None present.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Barbara Tuer

That Consent Agenda items 5.1 to 5.5. inclusive be adopted by the Board.

5.1. Minutes of the July 15th, 2019 Special Library Board meeting

Motion:

That the minutes of the July 15th, 2019 Special Library Board Meeting be approved.

5.2. CEO Report

Motion:

The CEO Report be received.

5.3. Library Statistics

Motion:

That the Library statistics report be approved.

5.4. Financial Report

Motion:

That the Library Financial report be approved.

5.5. Staff Training Day

Motion:

That the Library Board approve the closure date of December 6th for staff training.

Carried

6. CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD

6.1 Correspondence from Council regarding Library Space and Service Needs Study Resolution

Members of the Board discussed how to proceed with next steps and ultimately decided to pursue the creation of a committee.

Moved By Reg Quinton

Seconded By Barbara Tuer

THAT The correspondence be received.

Carried

Moved By Barbara Tuer
Seconded By Reg Quinton

THAT The Board invite interested Town staff and Council to join a committee to develop a ten year plan for the expansion of the Library.

Carried

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 Finance Committee of the Board- Budget

CEO M. Corbett reviewed the proposed budget with members of the Board and gave an overview of changes from the 2019 budget. Board member R. Quinton suggested that the FOL account lines be renamed to more accurately reflect their purpose.

Moved By Councillor Craigmile
Seconded By Barbara Tuer

THAT the draft 2020 budget presented to the Library Board on September 5th, 2019 be presented to the Corporation of the Town of St. Marys for budget deliberations.

Carried

Moved By Councillor Craigmile
Seconded By Barbara Tuer

THAT the Library Board, pending the Town of St. Marys Finance Departments updated staffing costs, provide Staff with the authority to adjust the staff budget lines for the 2020 budget.

Carried

7.2 Accreditation Update

The Southern Ontario Library Service commended the Library Board for having the appropriate documents in place. There was a few changes put in place and as a result, the Library will be fully accredited and a formal accreditation document will follow.

Moved By Councillor Edney
Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT the verbal report regarding Library Accreditation be received as information.

Carried

7.3 St. Marys Public Library Service Level Goals

The Service Level Goals document has been updated as requested by the Board at the last regular meeting.

Moved By Reg Quinton

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT the revised Service Level Goals document be approved by the St. Marys Public Library Board; and

THAT the Service Level Goals document be reviewed and revised annually or as required.

Carried

7.4 Policy Committee Update

Changes will be implemented as discussed.

Moved By Reg Quinton

Seconded By Barbara Tuer

THAT policy GOV-01 Purpose and Duties of the Board, GOV-02 Board Development Policy, BL-02 Loan Periods and Fees for Service, OP-02 Circulation Policy and OP-10 Public Internet Use Policy be approved as recommended by the Policy Committee with amendments as discussed.

Carried

7.5 PCIN Update

Moved By Barbara Tuer

Seconded By Reg Quinton

THAT the Board accept the report and motion from the PCIN Board as information;

AND THAT the Library Board request the Finance Department of the Town of St. Marys to transfer up to \$10,233, set aside for PCIN, from the Library Reserves into the Library Operational Budget for 2019 in order to cover the St. Marys Public Library's portion of the PCIN van purchase.

Carried

8. CLOSED SESSION

Moved By Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By Councillor Edney

THAT the St. Marys Public Library Board move into a session that is closed to the public in accordance with the Public Libraries Act, Section 16.1(4)(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, and Section 16.1(4)(d) labour relations or employee negotiations at 8:40pm

Carried

Moved By Barbara Tuer

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT the St. Marys Public Library Board move out of a session that is closed to the public at 9:14pm.

Carried

9. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

CEO M. Corbett updated the board on the Adult Learning program hiring process and program status. It was requested and agreed that the next regular meeting of the Board would be changed to October 10th, 2019. CEO M. Corbett updated the Board on current CEO tasks and document delays.

10. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The date of the next regular meeting of the St. Marys Public Library Board is October 10, 2019 at 6:45pm.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Reg Quinton

Seconded By Barbara Tuer

That the September 5th, 2019 regular meeting of the St. Marys Library Board be adjourned.

Carried

Chair

Board Secretary

PERTH DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT BOARD

June 19, 2019

The Board of Health of the Perth District Health Unit met on the above date at 9:30 am at the Perth District Health Unit.

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

Member regrets: Daryl Herlick

Staff present: Julie Pauli, Business Administrator; Donna Taylor, Director of Health
Protection; Tracy Allan-Koester, Director of Community Health; and
Irene Louwagie (Recorder)

Staff regrets: Dr. Miriam Klassen, Medical Officer of Health

Kathy Vassilakos, Chair presiding.

Agenda Approval

Moved by: Bob Wilhelm

Seconded by: Marg Luna

**That the agenda for today's meeting be adopted as amended.
Carried.**

Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by: Todd Kasenberg

Seconded by: Paul Robinson

**That the minutes of the previous meeting dated May 15, 2019 be adopted as
presented. Carried.**

Closed Meeting

Moved by: Bob Wilhelm

Seconded by: Anna Michener

**That the Board enter into Closed Meeting at 9:32 am to discuss property, litigation
and personal matters. Carried.**

The Board reconvened in open meeting at 9:43 am.

Moved by: Bob Wilhelm

Seconded by: Anna Michener

**That the Board recommend that as of January 1, 2020, the Huron Perth Health Unit
no longer provide plumbing and sewage as a program and return this program to
Huron County. Carried.**

Business Arising

a. Transition Team Update

Julie Pauli, Business Administrator updated members on the work of the Transition Team.

New Business

- a. 2018 Communications Report
Rebecca Hill, Communications Manager, reviewed the 2018 Annual Communications Report for the Perth District Health Unit.
- b. Board of Health Self Evaluation
Board members will be asked to complete the Board of Health Self Evaluation at the September 18, 2019 Board meeting.

Business Administrator Report

- a. Account Transactions
Julie Pauli, Business Administrator presented the accounts for the period ending May 2019.

Moved by: Anna Michener
Seconded by: Bob Wilhelm

**That the accounts totaling \$757,882.99 for May 2019 be adopted as presented.
Carried.**

- b. Financial Report
Julie Pauli, Business Administrator presented the financial report for the period ending May 31, 2019.

Moved by: Todd Kasenberg
Seconded by: Bonnie Henderson

**That the Financial Report for May 31, 2019 be adopted as presented.
Carried.**

- c. MOHLTC 2018 Settlement
Julie Pauli, Business Administrator presented the MOHLTC 2018 Settlement.

Moved by: Todd Kasenberg
Seconded by: Bob Wilhelm

**That the Board recommends that staff provide a staff report to update the Board on the implementation to publicly disclose results of all inspections or other required information in accordance with the Ontario Public Health Standards.
Defeated.**

Moved by: Bob Wilhelm
Seconded by: Anna Michener

**That the Board authorize the Board Chair and PDHU staff to sign the MOHLTC 2018 Settlement.
Carried.**

Medical Officer of Health Report

A written report for June 19, 2019 was presented which includes advocating for public health; preparing for possible health system changes; continuing to strengthen focus on social determinants of health and health equity; other and staff updates. Donna Taylor, Director of Health Protection will provide the Board with rates of students who are exempt from immunizations versus those that are required to be immunized that were given suspension notices.

Staff Updates:

- a full-time Immigrant Advocate resigned effective August 12, 2019
- a temporary full-time Public Health Promoter has been extended to December 31, 2019

Moved by: Todd Kasenberg
Seconded by: Bonnie Henderson

That the Board recommend that the Health Unit present information to the County of Perth and Town of St. Marys to increase awareness and provide education similar to what was provided to the City of Stratford in regards to Smoking in Public Places By-Law 174-2003 to include vaping products and cannabis and prohibit smoking (cannabis/tobacco/vaping products) in areas not considered in a highway and in City Parks. Carried.

Moved by: Bob Wilhelm
Seconded by: Anna Michener

That the Medical Officer of Health report be adopted as presented. Carried.

Correspondence

- a. Windsor-Essex re Strengthening the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017 to Address the Promotion of Vaping
- b. Premier of Ontario re Public Health Care Funding
- c. Sudbury re Modernization of the Ontario Public Health System
- d. Brant County re Modernization of the Ontario Public Health System
- e. Peterborough re Modernization of the Ontario Public Health System
- f. Eastern Ontario Wardens Council re Restructuring of Public Health Units in Ontario
- g. KFL&A re Health Promotion as a Core Function of Public Health
- h. Windsor-Essex re Modernization of Alcohol Retail Sales in Ontario
- i. Windsor-Essex re Smoke-Free Multi-Unit Dwellings
- j. KFL&A re Reversing Retroactive Funding Cuts to Municipal Funding
- k. Timiskaming re Northeastern Regional Public Health Regional Boundaries
- l. Grey Bruce re Modernization of Alcohol Sales in Ontario
- m. Grey Bruce re Minimizing Harms Associated with Sale of Alcohol in Ontario
- n. Grey Bruce re Children Count Task Force Recommendations
- o. Grey Bruce re Minimizing Alcohol-Related Harms
- p. Hastings Prince Edward re Alcohol beverage Sale in Ontario
- q. coMOH re Alcohol Choice & Convenience
- r. Durham re Modernizing Ontario's Health Units
- s. Algoma re Modernization of the Ontario Public Health System

Moved by: Bob Wilhelm
Seconded by: Anna Michener

That the Board receive correspondence items for information purposes. Carried.

Next Meeting

Julie Pauli, Business Administrator will schedule a July meeting to discuss Huron Perth Health Unit building options.

The Perth District Health Unit Board will be held on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 9:30 am in the Multipurpose Room.

Adjournment

Moved by: Marg Luna
Seconded by: Paul Robinson

That we now adjourn.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:52 am.

Public Announcements

- none

Education Session

Jacqui Tam, Public Health Manager presented an Education Session on Oral Health.

Attendance: Bonnie Henderson; Todd Kasenberg; Marg Luna; Anna Michener;
Paul Robinson; and Kathy Vassilakos

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Vassilakos, Chair

PERTH DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT BOARD

July 10, 2019

The Board of Health of the Perth District Health Unit met on the above date at 10:00 am at the Perth District Health Unit.

Members present: Bonnie Henderson; Daryl Herlick; Todd Kasenberg (arrived at 10:10 am); Anna Michener; Paul Robinson; Kathy Vassilakos (by Skype) and Bob Wilhelm

Member regrets: Marg Luna

Staff present: Julie Pauli, Business Administrator; Dr. Miriam Klassen, Medical Officer of Health; Donna Taylor, Director of Health Protection; Tracy Allan-Koester, Director of Community Health; and Irene Louwagie (Recorder)

Bob Wilhelm, Vice-Chair presiding.

Agenda Approval

Moved by: Bonnie Henderson

Seconded by: Daryl Herlick

**That the agenda for today's meeting be adopted as amended.
Carried.**

Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

New Business

a. IT Budget for Merger

Julie Pauli, Business Administrator presented the IT budget for the merger.

Moved by: Paul Robinson

Seconded by: Todd Kasenberg

That the Board remove the pause for the IT budget portion of the merger to ensure legislated date of January 1, 2020. Carried.

a. Communication from Grey-Bruce Health Unit

Miriam Klassen, Medical Officer of Health presented communication from Grey-Bruce Health Unit.

Moved by: Anna Michener

Seconded by: Bonnie Henderson

**That the Board accept the offer to meet with Chairs and Vice-Chairs and Provincial Representative of Boards of Health for the Perth District Health Unit, Huron County Health Unit and Grey Bruce Health Unit (Grey-Bruce to schedule).
Carried.**

Next Meeting

Irene will send out a doodle poll for a possible meeting date on either August 14, 21 or 22.

Adjournment

Moved by: Daryl Herlick
Seconded by: Anna Michener

That we now adjourn.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:32 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Wilhelm, Vice-Chair

SPRUCE LODGE
Board of Management Meeting
June 19th, 2019

Present: *Peter Bolland, David Schlitt, and Jennifer Facey*

Councillors: *Jim Aitcheson, Rhonda Ehgoetz, Danielle Ingram, Marg Luna, Fern Pridham, Kathy Vassilakos*

Regrets:

Guests:

Chairperson Councillor Rhonda Ehgoetz brought the meeting to order.

Moved by Councillor Ingram
Seconded by Councillor Vassilakos

That the agenda for June 19th, 2019 be approved as amended.
CARRIED

➤ Declaration of pecuniary interest.

Approval of Minutes:

Moved by Councillor Aitcheson
Seconded by Councillor Luna

That the minutes of May 15th, 2019 be approved as presented.
CARRIED

Business Arising: *None noted.*

New Business:

Staffing Shortages:

Staffing shortage concerns were brought to a Board member. Staff shortages is a concern throughout the industry. This could be due to a staff entitlement issue, or the need for a higher staffing ratio. Spruce Lodge does have an attendance support program for chronic absenteeism. The new union leadership is very supportive of their members, and the new C.U.P.E. national office representative seems very supportive and we hope to have a better working relationship with the union. Without increasing operations, we cannot add staff. Spruce Lodge has higher wages and benefits costs and only a 1% increase in funding. The consensus in the sector is that government needs to increase funding levels.

The Administrator will produce a report tracking staff shortages.

Ratification of Accounts:

Moved by Councillor Aitcheson
Seconded by Councillor Vassilakos

That the May 2019 accounts in the amounts of \$412,694.51 to be ratified.
CARRIED

SPRUCE LODGE - Continued

Board of Management Meeting

June 19th, 2019

Financial Report:

The Business Manager presented the financial report for the 4 month period ending April 30th, 2019 for review and discussion.

Moved by Councillor Ingram

Seconded by Councillor Vassilakos

To accept the Spruce Lodge Revenue and Expenses for the 4 month period ending April 30th, 2019 as presented.

CARRIED

Administrator's Report:

Provincial Funding:

The Administrator presented Provincial Budget Highlights as information. It was anticipated that long-term care funding would increase 1.7%. Resident fees will increase approximately 2.3%, and effective April 1, 2019 a global per diem funding increase will be provided at 1.7%. RAI funding has decreased due to conversion to per diem funding. High Wage Transition funding has been discontinued, and structural compliance funding of \$140,000 will no longer be received.

The HPNHSS group is planning to produce a report showing impact of funding reductions to the MPPs. Municipalities will be directly affected by this reduction

The Business Manager distributed the revised Capital Reserve Fund Projection with the annual Ministry allocation removed. A suggestion was made to fundraise for a capital campaign. The Stratford Perth Community Foundation does offer grants that could be investigated.

Critical incident:

A critical incident occurred when there was an unwitnessed fall in a hallway. The resident hit their head and suffered a broken hip.

There was another incident where a resident fell and suffered multiple facial fractures.

There was another incident involving resident aggression. A resident grabbed the arm of another kicked them resulting in one resident bleeding. BSO has been monitoring and there have been no ongoing issues.

There was another incident in Cottage B where a male resident slapped a female resident twice, punched and slapped another male resident, and struck the arm of another resident. The resident has been given anti-psychotics and is receiving DOS monitoring for the BSO program.

Ontario Health Team:

There were 150 applications for the Ontario Health Team, and only 5 or 6 will be selected. There is a need for a pilot, and rural Ontario is positioned well.

Community Support Services (CSS):

A meeting of the CSS agencies has been scheduled for Friday to discuss the possibility of shared governance to make it separate from other agencies.

HPNHSS:

The HPNHSS group met at Huron Lea in Brussels. The discussion focused around funding changes. The next meeting is scheduled for September 30, 2019 at Knollcrest in Milverton.

SPRUCE LODGE - Continued

Board of Management Meeting

June 19th, 2019

Moved by Councillor Pridham

Seconded by Councillor Aitcheson

To enter closed session at 6:07 p.m. to discuss identifiable individuals.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Luna

Seconded by Councillor Pridham

To enter open session at 6:19 p.m.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Aitcheson

Seconded by Councillor Pridham

That the Administrator's report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Correspondence: *None presented.*

Dress Down Days:

☺ *For May 2019, the lucky charitable receipt winner isJenn Facey*

Other Business:

Moved by Councillor Luna

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Date & Time of Next Meeting:

Wednesday, September 18th, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Councillor Ehgoetz

Chairperson

Jennifer Facey

Secretary

Date

Sept 18/19

MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2019

Members Present:	M.Blosh A.Dale D.Edmiston A.Hopkins T.Jackson S.Levin - Chair N.Manning	P.Mitchell A.Murray B.Petrie J.Reffle J.Salter M.Schadenberg A.Westman
Regrets:	H.McDermid	
Solicitor:	G.Inglis	
Staff:	T.Annett F.Brandon-Sutherland E.Chandler D.Charles M. Fletcher C.Harrington T.Hollingsworth C.Saracino	A.Shivas C.Tasker B.Verscheure S.Viglianti M.Viglianti – Recorder I.Wilcox K.Winfield

1. Approval of Agenda

S.Levin asked that item 8. Business for Information, be moved up to follow item 4. Business Arising, and further, to start with item 8 (c) and the newly added 8 (c) (i), followed by 8 (b) and finally 8 (a).

B.Petrie moved – seconded by A.Hopkins:-

“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
June 25, 2019

N.Manning moved – seconded by T.Jackson:-

“RESOLVED that the UTRCA Board of Directors approve the Board of Directors’ minutes dated June 25, 2019 as posted on the Members’ web-site.”

CARRIED.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

8. Business for Information

- (c) Bill 108 and Other Provincial Updates & (i) Update: Provincial Changes to the Conservation Authorities Act
(Report attached)

I.Wilcox presented his report and addendum report.

The Board members who attended the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) meeting discussed the meeting and AMOs position on the changes to the Conservation Authorities act through Bill 108.

Staff clarified that there is no strategy in place yet for approaching Municipalities on the creation of individual contracts as outlined in Conservation Authorities Act, and they are waiting to find out the details of what will be needed exactly in terms of agreements. The managers will start developing a strategy, beginning with making sure Municipalities know the programs and services the UTRCA currently provides. I.Wilcox will be looking to Board members for suggestions on the best strategies for approaching their individual Municipalities.

The mover and seconder of the motion on the floor agreed to include a friendly amendment directing staff to begin discussions with Municipal members on potential service agreements and levy on mandatory programs.

A comment was made regarding a perceived lack of consultation with the Board members before staff went to the media. It was also suggested that the UTRCA let Conservation Ontario lead the Provincial push back, and further, in order to protect the charitable status of the organization, it was felt that in the media and through the solicitation of support, the UTRCA should be careful and diligent to not appear partisan.

The Board asked staff to create a reference sheet that would include the changes to Bill 108 and mandatory vs. non mandatory programs for Board members to use when speaking to Councils and Municipal partners.

There was a suggestion to identify and share the programs at risk of being cut with the Municipalities to garner support for those programs.

The Board noted that our funders and partners need to be educated and notified that the programs they fund are at risk.

A.Westman joined the meeting at 10:12am.

P.Mitchell informed the Board that he drafted a Notice of Motion to present to Zorra Council in support of the UTRCA's programs. He offered to make his draft Notice of Motion available to other members to use as a template.

The Chair suggested that each member do what they feel is most appropriate for their Municipality.

The Board suggested that while staff switch focus from the media to Member municipalities, it is important to keep the media involved so the issue doesn't fade from public view.

The Board suggested staff create three lists of programs; clearly mandatory, clearly non-mandatory, and one for programs that fall in the middle. Staff confirmed they have enough information to create the lists, and they will serve as a starting point for conversations with Municipalities. Conservation Ontario has created lists based on their interpretation of the legislation.

B.Petrie moved – seconded by A.Murray:-

“RESOLVED that the Board of Directors approve the recommendations as presented and add:
3. Staff be asked to begin discussions with Municipal members on potential service agreements and levy on mandatory programs.”

CARRIED.

(b) Mid-Year Financial Update
(Report attached)

C.Saracino introduced her report and clarified that this is a forecast for what the year end may look like. She noted that this forecast includes the result of the cut in Transfer payment from the Province, a contract from the city of London, changes in user fees, amortization, and adjustments to what investment returns may look like at year end.

She added that at this point nothing has been unmanageable in terms of the budget, the cuts were absorbed and managed internally using reserves.

P.Mitchell moved – seconded by A.Westman:-

“RESOLVED that the Board of Directors receive the report as presented.”

CARRIED.

- (a) Administration and Enforcement – Section 28
(Report attached)

T.Annett noted the missing information for permit application 146/19 and informed the Board that the application was completed on August 7th and the permit issued on August 12th. There was a discussion around the higher than usual number of violations.

It was suggested that the UTRCA better communicate to the public that permits are granted much more often than denied, and going through the proper channels saves time and money in the long run.

N.Manning moved – seconded by M.Schadenberg:-

“RESOLVED that the Board of Directors receive the report as presented.”

CARRIED.

5. Board Orientation

N.Manning moved – seconded by A.Hopkins:-

“RESOLVED that the Board of Directors defer 5 (a) and (b) to a future meeting.”

CARRIED.

- (a) Community and Corporate Services Unit Orientation

Deferred.

- (b) Finance Training – Depreciation

Deferred.

6. Business for Approval

- (a) WL Dyke P5/6 Construction Contract Award & Increase Contract to Full Tender Value in 2019

(Report attached)

C.Tasker noted that this project is not reflected in the budget update, and it is a multi-year project that goes beyond the 2019 budget.

Concerns were raised that only one tender was submitted for this project. Staff clarified that while they have no way of knowing for sure, the reason may be that the company who submitted the tender is already very familiar with this project, which may have dissuaded other companies from spending the time and money to try and compete.

The Board suggested that staff put tenders out in the spring to attract more bidders and better prices. Staff will do so, but due to the timing of funding announcements it is not always practical or possible.

Staff have no information to share regarding the funding to the Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure (WECI) program for 2020. The Board asked I.Wilcox to pass on their suggestion to K.Gavin of Conservation Ontario to ask about the 2020 WECI funding when she meets with Minister Yurek in September.

B.Petrie moved – seconded by M.Blosh:-

“RESOLVED that the Board of Directors approve the recommendations as presented in the report.”

CARRIED.

(b) Client Services Measures – CA review
(Report attached)

T.Annett introduced her report.

J.Salter moved – seconded by M.Blosh:-

“RESOLVED that the Board of Directors approve the recommendations as presented in the report.”

CARRIED.

7. Closed Session – In Camera

T.Jackson moved – seconded by A.Hopkins:-

“RESOLVED that the Board of Directors adjourn to Closed Session – In Camera.”

CARRIED.

Progress Reported

(a) Property Matter Relating to Fanshawe Cottages

B.Petrie moved – seconded by P.Mitchell:-

“RESOLVED that the Board of Directors receive the report as presented in Closed Session.”

CARRIED.

(b) Proposed Property Disposition – City of London

J.Reffle moved – seconded by N.Manning:-

“RESOLVED that the Board of Directors approve the recommendation as presented in the closed session report.”

CARRIED.

9. July For Your Information
(FYI attached)

The July FYI was presented for the Member’s information. S.Levin encouraged Board members to circulate the monthly FYI to their Municipal councils.

B.Petrie moved – seconded by D.Edmiston:-

“RESOLVED that the Board of Directors receive the report as presented.”

CARRIED.

Staff clarified that all proper permissions are obtained before photos are published by the UTRCA.

10. Other Business

I.Wilcox informed the Board that a tree will be planted in the member’s grove in memory of Kayla Berger and a small ceremony of dedication will be held for family, staff and Board members following the October Board meeting. In addition to the tree, one of the UTRCA Conservation Awards will be re-named in Kayla’s honour.

I.Wilcox informed the Board that Pat McLean, who worked 29 years in Community Education for the UTRCA has retired.

The Board was reminded that the planned budget workshop for September has been postponed.

S.Levin reported that himself, T.Jackson and I.Wilcox met with the Mayor and senior staff of Perth South in July. Perth South communicated their concerns and struggles with the UTRCA budget.

A.Westman informed the Board he will be hosting another microscope and telescope event at Wildwood on Saturday, August 31st at the beach pavilion.

S.Levin encouraged Board members to explore the Conservation Areas.

P.Mitchell reported that he attended the photo op for the new accessible dock at Wildwood, which was an initiative of Paul Switzer.

M.Schadenberg attended the Toyota funding announcement event where it was announced Toyota was donating \$60,000.00 to the UTRCA for tree planting and education programs in the Woodstock area.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:36 am on a motion by N.Manning.



Ian Wilcox
General Manager
Att.



**Minutes
Accessibility Advisory Committee**

September 4, 2019
5:00 pm
Council Chambers, Town Hall

Members Present: Marti Lindsay, Chair
Donna Kurchak
Cameron Stanger
Mary Smith
Marie Ballantyne
Councillor Hainer

Members Absent: Beverley Grant

Staff Present: Jenna McCartney, Staff Liaison
Jason Silcox, Building Inspector

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lindsay called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None declared.

3. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Marie Ballantyne

Seconded By Councillor Hainer

THAT the September 4, 2019 special meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee agenda be accepted as presented.

Carried

4. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

4.1 Inaugural Meeting - January 21, 2019

Moved By Mary Smith

Seconded By Councillor Hainer

THAT the January 21, 2019 inaugural meeting minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee be approved by the Committee, and signed by the Chair and the Secretary.

Carried

4.2 Regular Meeting - April 15, 2019

Moved By Mary Smith

Seconded By Councillor Hainer

THAT the April 15, 2019 regular meeting minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee be approved by the Committee, and signed by the Chair and the Secretary.

Carried

4.3 Special Meeting - May 27, 2019

Moved By Mary Smith

Seconded By Councillor Hainer

THAT the May 27, 2019 special meeting minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee be received by the Committee, acknowledging that quorum was not met for the meeting.

Carried

5. REPORTS

5.1 DEV 31-2019 Fire Hall Design

Jason Silcox, the Town's Building Inspector, spoke to DEV 31-2019 report and responded to questions from the Committee.

Moved By Councillor Hainer

Seconded By Mary Smith

THAT DEV 31-2019 Fire Hall Design be received for information.

THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee endorses the Fire Hall design as presented with the following suggestions to staff regarding the design:

1. A type "A" accessible parking stall be considered as the barrier-free parking stall and that the curbing on the left side of the stall does not create a barrier from persons exiting on that side of a vehicle.

2. Consider that enough space exists within the two standard parking stalls to permit future transition to a barrier-free stall if needed.
3. Electronic signage not be replaced on facility but consideration be given to place the electronic sign on the ground to improve visual access of the information.
4. Gender neutral signage for washrooms be used rather than limiting usage.
5. Avoid using a gloss finish on the floor if possible, and consider a matte finish.

Carried

5.2 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan

Jenna McCartney spoke to the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan and responded to questions from the Committee.

The Committee suggested the following editions to the Plan:

- include the construction of a ramp to barn of the Museum for 2019
- provide full term for WCAG
- change the terminology within 2020 goal regarding Library Lift review to state a review of current function

Moved By Marie Ballantyne

Seconded By Mary Smith

THAT Multi-Year Accessibility Plan report be received; and

THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee endorse the 2019 – 2025 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan; and

THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee recommend the 2019- 2025 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan to Council for formal adoption as amended.

Carried

6. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The Committee will review the 2020 budget later in the year. There are no future meetings set as this time.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Hainer
Seconded By Donna Kurchak

THAT this special meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee adjourn at 6:37 pm.

Carried

Chair Lindsay

Jenna McCartney, Committee Secretary

St. Marys Business Improvement Area (BIA) Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, July 8, 2019

Location: Town Hall, Council Chambers, 2rd floor, 175 Queen Street East, St. Marys, ON

Time: 6:00 p.m.

General Members in Attendance: Julie Docker-Johnson, Karen Payton, Cindy Taylor, Sue Griffiths-Hyatt

Board members in attendance: Chantal Lynch, Councillor Winter, Lanny Hoare, Amie Rankin, Mary Van Den Berge, Emily Lagace

BIA Staff in Attendance: Recording Secretary, Esther DeYoung

Staff in Attendance: Kelly Deeks, Manager of Economic Development

Agenda Items

1.0 Call to order and confirmation of Quorum

The meeting began at 6:01pm

2.0 Declarations of Pecuniary / Conflict of Interest

None

3.0 Additions to the Agenda (to be added in Section 11.0 Other Business)

11.0- BIA Governance shuffle

10.4 Christmas Committee

10.5 Public Art

9.2 Safety Alert

4.0 Approval of Agenda

THAT the agenda for July 8, 2019 be approved

Moved by: L. Hoare

Seconded by: M. Van Den Berge

Carried

5.0 Approval of Meeting Minutes from the June 10, 2019 Meeting:

THAT the Meeting Minutes from the June 10, 2019 BIA Board Meeting are approved.

Motion: L. Hoare

Second: A. Rankin

Carried

6.0 Public Input Period

There was clarification offered on which version of the Constitution the BIA is using. The BIA is using the December 2018 version- see attached. The board will follow up with more info at the next meeting.

7.0 Delegations

7.1 Ruthann Waldick, DCVI Scholarship (see attachment)

The high school is in the process of reaching out to community groups and individuals to support students in their post-secondary endeavors. The board asked how the scholarship works-it can be 'in trust' and handled by the board or money is received annually by community donors. The board asked about entrepreneurial scholarships. There is no minimum amount a group of individual can donate.

8.0 Council Report

Councillor Winter provided updates from the most recent Council meeting.

9.0 New Business

9.1 Downtown Photo Shoot

Sean Camp will be taking photos of the downtown, scheduled to take place by the end of July. This will allow updated photos for use in social media and promotions. He may be looking for volunteers to be part of the photo shoot.

THAT the BIA provide \$400 to go towards the downtown photo shoot

Moved by: L. Hoare

Seconded by: E. Lagace

Carried

9. 2 Security Alert

Kelly Deeks gave an update that news releases will be sent directly to the Town's Communication department from the police service. Discussion ensued on how to share security alert information with BIA members.

10.0 Project & Committees

10.1 Treasurer's Report

THAT the Auditors Report be accepted

Moved by: T.Winter

Seconded by: L. Hoare

Carried

10.2 Marketing Committee Report

M. Van Den Berge presented info on behalf of the committee. The committee met with Kevin Lagace and plan to release a 1 page website using Square Space which will focus on Christmas promotion. The committee plans to offer a workshop to businesses which would focus on the customer experience.

THAT the Marketing Report be received

Moved by: T. Winter

Seconded by: E. Lagace

Carried

10.3 Welcoming Committee

A. Rankin provided an update on behalf of the committee. The committee is working on a Welcome Kit. They will be seeking feedback from members on items to include. The kit will be finalized by September 9. Discussion ensued on staging a social event for downtown businesses.

THAT the Welcoming Committee report be received

Moved by: T. Winter

Seconded by: M. Van Den Berge

Carried

10.4 Christmas Committee

J. Docker-Johnson provided an update on behalf of the committee. The theme will be "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" and the colours are red, green and gold. The committee created Save the Date cards which can be purchased. The usual entertainment and features of the Open House have been booked.

THAT the Christmas Committee report be received

Moved by: T. Winter

Seconded by: A. Rankin

Carried

10.5 Public Art Committee

L. Hoare provided an update. The first project will be in the Town Hall courtyard. A request for proposals will be put out and any decisions will require Town Council approval.

THAT the Public Art committee report be received

Moved by: T. Winter

Seconded by: E. Lagace

Carried

11.0 Other Business

11.1 Governance Shuffle

THAT the current BIA Board chair voluntary rescinds the position of Chair and Landon Hoare assumes the role of Chair

Moved by: E. Lagace

Seconded by: M. Van Den Berge

Carried

THAT Chantal Lynch becomes the BIA Board Vice-Chair

Moved by: E. Lagace

Seconded by: M. Van Den Berge

Carried

12.0 Agenda Items for Future Meetings & Date of Next Board Meeting

August 12

13.0 Adjournment

Motion: C. Lynch

Seconded: Emily

The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

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

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)

St. Marys Business Improvement Area (BIA) Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, August 12, 2019

Location: Town Hall, Council Chambers, 2nd floor, 175 Queen Street East, St. Marys, ON

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Board members in attendance: Lanny Hoare, Amie Rankin, Chantal Lynch, Mary Van Den Berge, Tony Winter, Emily Lagace

BIA Staff in Attendance: Esther DeYoung, Administrative Assistant

General Members in Attendance: Scott McLauchlan, Angela Patterson, Councillor Lynn Hainer, Kevin Lagace, Bruce Barners, Karen Payton

Staff in Attendance: Kelly Deeks, Economic Development Manager, Trisha McKibbin, Corporate Services Director

Agenda Items

1.0 Call to order and confirmation of Quorum

Called to order at 6:00pm

2.0 Declarations of Pecuniary / Conflict of Interest

None

3.0 Additions to the Agenda (to be added in Section 11.0 Other Business)

4.0 Approval of Agenda

Moved by: T. Winter

Seconded by: M. Van Den Berge

Carried

5.0 Approval of Meeting Minutes from the July 8, 2019 Meeting:

THAT the Meeting Minutes from the July 8, 2019 BIA Board Meeting are approved.

Moved by: A. Rankin

Seconded by: M. Van Den Berge

Carried

6.0 Public Input Period

No feedback

7.0 Delegations

7.1 Kevin Lagace– Website Information on behalf of the Marketing Committee

Kevin presented information on a forthcoming Square Space website to market Downtown St.Marys. There is no cost to businesses to be listed. If anyone in the business community has a question, they can email Kevin who will bring questions back to the board in a committee report.

8.0 Council Report

T. Winter gave an overview of recent council decisions.

9.0 New Business

9.1 Mary Van Den Berge Resignation Correspondence – attached

THAT the resignation of Mary Van Den Berge be accepted

Moved by: E. Lagace

Seconded by: A. Rankin

Carried

9.2 Appointment of Treasurer

THAT the board appoints Amie Rankin to assume the title of Secretary/Treasurer

Moved by: E. Lagace

Seconded by: T. Winter

Carried

9.3 Esther DeYoung Resignation Letter – attached

THAT the board accepts Esther De Young's resignation as Recording Secretary

Moved by: E. Lagace

Seconded by: C. Lynch

Carried

THAT a job description for a Recording Secretary be posted in the St.Marys Independent Newspaper and on the Opportunity Lives Here website.

Moved by: A. Rankin

Seconded by: E. Lagace

Carried

9.4 Election

THAT the board look for nominations to fill up to two seats on the board

Moved by: A. Rankin

Seconded by: E. Lagace

9.5 Constitution Update – attached

At 7:05pm Chair L.Hoare passed the gavel to Vice-Chair, C.Lynch.

THAT the Governance committee review the December 2018 version of the draft Constitution and report back to the board at the September meeting.

Moved by: L. Hoare

Seconded by: T. Winter

E. Lagace and M. Van Den Berge did not vote. Not carried.

L. Hoare resumed role of the chair at 7:10pm

9.6 Murdoch Mysteries

Murdoch Mysteries donated \$250 to the St.Marys Healthcare Foundation on the suggestions of two members of the BIA board.

9.7 Email Direction for Board and stmarysdowntown@gmail.com

C.Lynch will look at the issue so everyone can access the email.

9.8 Storefront Vacancy

Staff clarified the Town works on a complaints basis regarding vacant downtown stores. Any owners should make a formal complaint to the Town.

9.9 Quilting Event

C. Lynch and K. Payton spoke about the Quilting Shop-Hop which recently brought 1,200 people to town in July. They spoke about the possibility of creating coupons for future visits. There will also be a quilt show in September.

10.0 Project & Committees

10.1 Treasurer's Report- attached

THAT the Treasure's Report be accepted

Moved by: E. Lagace

Seconded by: C. Lynch

Carried

10.2 Welcoming Committee

There will be a drop-in event at Jennies on Tuesday, September 17 from 7-9 p.m. to welcome the new businesses and honour closed businesses.

10.3 Benches and Blossoms

THAT the BIA is in support of increasing their contribution to the budget for flowers to add to the Town's overall budget to enhance the flowers in the future in the downtown.

Moved by: E. Lagace

Seconded by: C. Lynch

Carried

11.0 Other Business

11.1 Advertising budget

There will be a report at the next meeting

12.0 Agenda Items for Future Meetings & Date of Next Board Meeting

September 9, 2019

-Constitution report

-Marketing report will report on advertising

13.0 Adjournment

Moved by: C.Lynch

Carried

Adjourned at 7:40pm

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: Lanny Hoare (Chair), Mary Van Den Berge (Treasurer), Councillor Tony Winter, Chantal Lynch (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)



MINUTES
Community Policing Advisory Committee

September 18, 2019
9:00am
Council Chambers, Town Hall

Committee Members Present: Councillor Winter
Mayor Strathdee
Doug Diplock
Jacqueline Hibbert

Committee Members Absent: Paul Dunseith

Stratford Police Services Present: Chief Greg Skinner
Deputy Chief Gerald Foster

Staff Present: Brent Kittmer, Secretary
Jenna McCartney, Deputy Clerk
Morgan Dykstra, Public Works Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Winter called the meeting to order at 9:11 am.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Moved By Doug Diplock

Seconded By Jacqueline Hibbert

THAT the September 18, 2019 Community Policing Advisory Committee agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved By Mayor Strathdee

Seconded By Doug Diplock

THAT the minutes of June 19, 2020 Community Policing Advisory Committee be approved and signed by the Chair and Secretary.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

5.1 Update - Notice of Motion from Council re: 40 km/h and 60 km/h zones

Brent Kittmer spoke to the notice of motion and stated that a report back to Council is pending. Information will be provided to the Committee once it is available.

5.2 Update - Staff report regarding speed limits in the downtown core

Morgan Dykstra spoke to the downtown speed limit information and stated that a report back will occur in October to the Committee prior to Council review.

6. DELEGATIONS

None.

7. REPORTS

7.1 Monthly Policing Report

Deputy Chief Foster spoke to June, July and August monthly operations reports.

In response to questions raised by committee members, Deputy Chief Foster and Chief Skinner provided the following points of clarification:

- Domestic violence statistics are typically related to family issues, and not violence between intimate couples.
- The reported overdose was actually an attempted suicide.
- Most break and enters are crimes of opportunity where homes, cars, and sheds are left unlocked. Unsecured bikes represent the highest instance of theft.
- Speeding is consistently the highest traffic ticket that is enforced in St. Marys.
- Police efforts in collaboration with Stratford Social services appears to be having a positive impact on calls for service to 270 Queen Street.
- There are no specific civilian complaints regarding policing in St. Marys.

- An overview of how monthly policing costs are charged to St. Marys was provided. At this point in time, the primary risks to costs increases would be due to Police Services Association negotiations, and reduced funding from the province for prisoner transport and security.

Moved By Jacqueline Hibbert

Seconded By Doug Diplock

THAT the June, July, and August 2019 monthly policing reports be received for information.

CARRIED

7.1.1 Monthly Operations Report - June 2019

7.1.2 Monthly Operations Report - July 2019

7.1.3 Monthly Operations Report - August 2019

7.2 Monthly Crime Stoppers Report

Chief Skinner reported that the Huron and Perth Crime Stoppers have amalgamated as one entity. Chief Skinner spoke to the July 2019 monthly report.

Moved By Mayor Strathdee

Seconded By Doug Diplock

THAT the July 2019 monthly Crime Stoppers report be received for information.

CARRIED

7.3 Verbal Update - Summer Bike Patrol

Deputy Chief Forest provided a verbal report on the summer bike patrol. Many positive comments have been received about the presence. Officer Keating was deployed on the bike two to three days per week, approximately four hours per day.

Moved By Mayor Strathdee

Seconded By Jacqueline Hibbert

THAT the verbal update about the summer bike patrol be received.

CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Committee Members' Reports on Community Concerns

9.1.1 T. Winter - Homelessness and Loitering

Chair Winter spoke to the current situation of homelessness and loitering in St. Marys and asked the police to provide a briefing on the situation.

Chief Skinner stated that the police service is well aware of the situation and is working with a number of local agencies to combat homelessness within Stratford and St. Marys. Current statistics from social services agencies indicate there are approximately 150 homeless individuals in the Stratford area. Chief Skinner provided an update on the Mobile Crisis Repaid Response Team This includes a shared social services worker who completes ride-along with both the Stratford Police Service and the OPP on a rotational basis. As well, an Intensive Case Management initiative is being implemented. The police service has submitted a grant application that would support infrastructure needs related to supporting at risk individuals.

Chief Skinner clarified that despite public desires for these individuals to be detained and transferred out of the community, the police cannot take this action and arrest any individual arbitrarily. The intervention model employed by the police is to try to develop a relationship with the individuals, and to connect them with the necessary supports. Chief Skinner advised the committee that it is a common misconception in the public that the police can invoke more power/intervention than they are legally allowed to.

Finally, Chief Skinner sited that the police service is investigating opportunities to utilize the Cannabis Funding for social awareness.

9.1.2 T. Winter - Recent Break and Enters

Chair Winter spoke to recent concerns of break and enters that have been expressed through social media and requested a briefing from the police.

Deputy Chief Foster stated that most of the time individuals breaking into vehicles and private property tends to be when a vehicle or home is left unlocked, or when valuables are visible.

Deputy Chief Foster reiterated the need to keep valuables out of sight and to lock property. Deputy Chief Foster further stressed that the public needs to call when they have been the victim of a crime and that the public cannot rely on simply posting their concerns to social media.

10. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Chair Winter reviewed the upcoming meeting dates as presented on the agenda.

The Committee will reschedule the November meeting to Wednesday, November 27 at 9:00 am.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Jacqueline Hibbert
Seconded By Mayor Strathdee

THAT this meeting of the Community Policing Advisory Committee be adjourned at 10:10 am.

CARRIED

Chair Winter

Brent Kittmer, CAO / Clerk, Secretary



Minutes

Green Committee

September 18, 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 David Vermeire
Members Absent	Fred Stam
Staff Present	Morgan Dykstra, Committee Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None declared.

3. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution: GC-2019-07-01

Moved By Katherine Moffat

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT the September 18, 2019 regular Green Committee agenda be accepted as presented.

Carried

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1 Upper Thames River Conservation Authority re: Invasive Species in Sparling Bush

John Stevens arrived at 5:34 PM.

Morgan Dykstra introduced Vanni Azzano and Jay Ebel of the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority. Vanni and Jay discussed their letter to the Committee and recommendations for improving the health of the Sparling Bush.

The Committee discussed the benefit of using filter cloth to suffocate dog-strangling vine. In two to three years, the filter cloth will deteriorate, and the Town can plant native species. The fabric will continue to smother the invasive species and allow new species to thrive.

The Committee affirmed that chemical treatment is unacceptable. To eliminate the invasive species, the Town must use a Class 9 herbicide.

Mr. Azzano and Mr. Ebel advised that any woodchips used in Sparling Bush should be clean. The wood chips should not contain any remnants of Buckthorn or Manitoba Maple trees. The application of woodchips on the trail and the perimeter should be three to four inches high.

Resolution: GC-2019-07-02

Moved By David Vermeire

Seconded By Katherine Moffat

THAT the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority invasive species Sparling Bush letter be received.

Carried

5. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Resolution: GC-2019-07-03

Moved By David Vermeire

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT the June 19, 2019 regular Green Committee minutes be approved and signed by the Chair and Committee Secretary

6. REPORTS

6.1 PW 58-2019 Review & Endorsement of DRAFT Sparling Bush Plan 2020-2022

The Committee recommends that staff should use metrics to determine the effectiveness of the approaches.

Resolution: GC-2019-07-04

Moved By Lynette Geddes

Seconded By David Vermeire

THAT PW 58-2019 Review & Endorsement of DRAFT Sparling Bush Plan 2020-2022 be received;

THAT the Committee endorse the DRAFT Sparling Bush Plan 2020-2022; and

THAT the Committee recommend Council allocate funds in the 2020 Capital Budget to implement the Plan's objectives for 2020.

Carried

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Bluewater Recycling Association – Mixed Paper Recycling

The Committee discussed how Bluewater Recycling Association processes mixed paper. The Company currently complies with existing contamination restrictions for mixed paper.

7.2 Solid Waste Management By-law Update

M. Dykstra provided the Committee with an update on the draft Solid Waste Management By-Law, and decisions made by the Strategic Priorities Committee on September 17, 2019.

J. Stevens proposed that the use of plastic water bottles at Council meetings be prohibited. Councillor Craigmile will discuss the ban with Council.

8. UPCOMING MEETINGS

October 16, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. - Solid Waste Management By-law

November 20, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution: GC-2019-07-05

Moved By John Stevens

Seconded By Councillor Craigmile

THAT this meeting of the Green Committee adjourn at 6:45 PM

Carried

Chair

Committee Secretary



MINUTES

Heritage Advisory Committee

July 29, 2019

6:15 p.m.

St. Marys Museum

177 Church Street South, St. Marys

Members Present: Al Strathdee
Clive Slade
Janis Fread
Dan Schneider
Paul King
Sherri Winter-Gropp
Stephen Habermehl
Michael Bolton
Michelle Stemmler
Councillor Fern Pridham

Members Absent: Barbara Tuer

Staff Present: Trisha McKibbin

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Stephen Habermehl declared an interest regarding 8.2.1 Application for Minor Variance - 11 St. John St. N., as the application is being submitted by his son.

3. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Michelle Stemmler

Seconded By Dan Schneider

THAT the July 29, 2019 meeting agenda of the Heritage Committee be accepted as presented.

4. DELEGATIONS

None.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

6. AMENDMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Moved By Clive Slade

Seconded By Sherri Gropp

THAT the Minutes of the June 10, 2019 Heritage Committee meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Staff provided an update regarding the heritage permit for 11 Wellington St. N. Staff have approved the permit for the application and have been informed that the applicant will be enlarging the size of the north window to balance the façade.

8. REGULAR BUSINESS

8.1 Heritage Conservation District Update

8.1.1 Heritage Permits

No applications at this time.

8.1.2 Sign Applications

Staff provided an update to the Committee that the damaged awning at 127 Queen Street East, has been removed.

8.1.3 Heritage Grant Applications

8.1.3.1 159 Queen Street East

Moved By Mike Bolton

Seconded By Michelle Stemmler

THAT the application for a Heritage Grant for 159 Queen Street East, to paint the trim located on the façade of the building, be approved.

CARRIED

8.2 Municipal Register, Part 1 - Designations/designated property matters

8.2.1 Application for Minor Variance - 11 St. John St. N.

The Committee reviewed the Minor Variance Application for 11 St. John St. N. No concerns were expressed by the Heritage Committee.

8.2.2 Heritage Permits

8.2.2.1 5 James Street N - VIA Station

Moved By Dan Schneider

Seconded By Michelle Stemmler

THAT DEV 33-201 Via Station Address Sign be received;
and

THAT the Heritage Committee support a heritage permit for the installation of address sign at 5 James Street North.

CARRIED

8.2.3 Municipal Register, Part 1 Staff Report

Staff provided an update that the repointing and structure repairs at the Water Tower have been completed and the scaffolding removed.

8.3 Municipal Register, Part 2 - List of Significant properties

Nothing to report at this time.

8.4 Properties of interest or at risk (not necessarily designated)

8.4.1 Arthur Meighen House

8.4.2 McDonald House

Staff provided an update regarding the Expression of Interest process for the McDonald House. The submission deadline is Friday, August 2, 2019.

8.4.3 Junction Station

Staff provided an update regarding the Expression of Interest process for the McDonald House. The submission deadline is Friday, August 2, 2019.

8.4.4 St. Marys Cement Office Building

Staff provided an update to the Committee regarding a possible tour of the original Office Building. Town staff spoke with Cement Plant staff and were told that the building has been condemned and access is restricted. Staff will confirm this with the Building Department. Staff will circulate to the Committee photographs of the building shortly after construction was complete.

8.5 CHO Report

Paul King confirmed with Committee members that they had received the latest electronic copy of the CHO newsletter. He highlighted that Mary Smith received a provincial award for her work on the St. Marys Heritage Committee.

He updated the Committee on CHO's work to develop a webinar for the training of local Heritage Committee members on what it means to be on a committee.

8.6 Homeowner/Property owner letters

A suggestion was made that once the project was complete, a letter be sent to the Shaw's located on Elgin Street, regarding the use of reclaimed brick on their garage construction.

9. COUNCIL REPORT

Mayor Stratthdee provided an update on the 2020 budget process and the review that is being undertaken due to the provincial mandates that have recently been announced.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 Walking Tour App

Staff provided an update on the Driftscape App and the recent conversation with the Municipality of Bluewater staff regarding their involvement in the App for the provincial conference. Clive Slade and staff will be having a conference call with Driftscape to demonstrate the functions of the App.

10.2 Doors Open St. Marys - September 28, 2019

Staff provided an updated on the planning for the 2019 event. Doors Open will be crossed promoted as part of the provincial Culture Days event. The committee discussed best practices for signage, traffic flow and footwear at participating sites. Staff asked for volunteers from the Committee to assist with the day and Clive Slade and Mike Bolton volunteered their assistance.

10.3 Public Art RFP

Staff provided an update on the Public Art Project. The Request for Proposals has been released and the budget for the project is \$30,000. The RFP closed on August 15.

11. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The Committee discussed its current monthly schedule. There was consensus from the Committee that they would be pleased to hold a special meeting in order to review applications and keep projects moving forward in a timely manner. This has been an ongoing practice of the committee and they would continue forward in this manner.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 12, 2019 6:15pm at the St. Marys Museum.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Sherri Gropp

Seconded By Dan Schneider

THAT the meeting of the Heritage Committee adjourn at 7:17 p.m.

CARRIED

Chair

Committee Secretary



MINUTES

Heritage Advisory Committee

August 19, 2019

6:15 p.m.

St. Marys Museum

177 Church Street South, St. Marys

Members Present: Al Strathdee
Barbara Tuer
Janis Fread
Dan Schneider
Paul King
Michael Bolton
Councillor Fern Pridham

Members Absent: Clive Slade
Sherri Winter-Gropp
Stephen Habermehl
Michelle Stemmler

Staff Present: Trisha McKibbin

1. CALL TO ORDER

In the chair, Barb Tuer called the meeting to order at 6:17p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

3. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Dan Schneider

Seconded By Janis Fread

THAT the August 19, 2019 meeting agenda of the Heritage Committee be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS

None.

5. REGULAR BUSINESS

5.1 Heritage Conservation District Update

5.1.1 Heritage Grant Application - 26 Water Street South

The Committee reviewed the application for 26 Water Street South and discussed views of the building in historic photographs, the original roofing material and the purpose of the Heritage and Façade Grant.

Moved By Mike Bolton

Seconded By Janis Fread

THAT the Heritage Committee recommends approved of a Heritage Grant for the application, as submitted, for 26 water Street South.

CARRIED

5.1.2 Façade Improvement Grant Application - 26 Water Street South

The Committee discussed the Façade Improvement Grant, its purpose and how it differs from the Heritage Grant.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

7. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, September 9, 2019, 6:15 p.m. - St. Marys Museum

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Mike Bolton

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT the meeting of the Heritage Committee adjourn at 6:46 p.m.

CARRIED

Chair

Committee Secretary



MINUTES

Heritage Advisory Committee

September 9, 2019

6:15 p.m.

St. Marys Museum

177 Church Street South, St. Marys

Members Present: Janis Fread
Paul King
Michael Bolton
Sherri Winter-Gropp
Stephen Habermehl
Michelle Stemmler
Councillor Fern Pridham

Members Absent: Al Strathdee
Barbara Tuer
Clive Slade
Dan Schneider

Staff Present: Trisha McKibbin

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

3. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Michelle Stemmler

Seconded By Sherri Gropp

THAT the September 9, 2019 meeting agenda of the Heritage Committee be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS

None.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Moved By Mike Bolton

Seconded By Councillor Pridham

THAT the correspondence from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport regarding an update on heritage advisory services be received as information.

CARRIED

6. AMENDMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Moved By Janis Fread

Seconded By Michelle Stemmler

THAT the Minutes of the July 29, 2019 Heritage Committee meeting be approved.

CARRIED

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By Mike Bolton

THAT the Minutes of the August 19, 2019 Heritage Committee meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None.

8. REGULAR BUSINESS

8.1 Heritage Conservation District Update

8.1.1 Heritage Permits

Staff provided an update on proposed work to 138-142 Queen Street East. The proposed work is for repointing, which does not require a heritage permit.

8.1.2 Sign Applications

None.

8.1.3 Heritage Grant Applications

Staff provided an update that while there were no Heritage Grant applications submitted there was an application to the Façade Improvement grant for painting to the storefront façade of 127 Queen Street East.

8.2 Municipal Register, Part 1 - Designations/designated property matters

8.2.1 Heritage Permits

None.

8.2.2 Municipal Register, Part 1 Staff Report

Nothing to report.

8.3 Municipal Register, Part 2 - List of Significant properties

Nothing to report.

8.4 Properties of interest or at risk (not necessarily designated)

8.4.1 Arthur Meighen House

Nothing to report.

8.4.2 McDonald House

Staff and Councillor Pridham provided an update regarding the Expression of Interest (EOI) for the McDonald House. Council has reviewed the applications and will next be meeting with the applicants.

8.4.3 Junction Station

Staff and Councillor Pridham provided an update regarding the Expression of Interest (EOI) for the Junction Station. Council has reviewed the applications and will next be meeting with the applicants.

The Committee then discussed alteration requests and process under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act and as a National Historic Site.

8.5 CHO Report

Paul King provided an update on the seminar platform for training workshops being launched by CHO. Work is still underway to make the seminars accessible through different web browsers.

The next Ontario Heritage Conferences will be held in Markham in 2020, Belleville in 2021 and London in 2022.

8.6 Homeowner/Property owner letters

There was consensus from the Committee that letters would be sent to the following property owners:

- 46 Peel Street South for recent exterior renovations
- Stone Barn off of Church Street South, located behind the Oddy House

Staff will provide Paul King with the addresses for these two properties.

9. COUNCIL REPORT

Nothing to report at this time.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 Walking Tour App Update

Staff provided an update that a one year contract with Driftscape has been negotiated and that the St. Marys content will be launched in October. An update on the content of the App, including Tours (Heritage Walking, Culinary, Trails) audio component (Interpretive Heritage Plaques) and destinations was provided.

10.2 Doors Open St. Marys - September 28, 2019 - Volunteers

Staff provided an update on the participating locations and promotion of Doors Open St. Marys. Volunteers are being sought for participating sites and several members of the Committee signed up to volunteer.

11. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Due to the next scheduled meeting of the Heritage Committee falling on Thanksgiving Monday, the meeting will be rescheduled to Monday, October 21, 6:15 p.m. at the St. Marys Museum.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Mike Bolton

Seconded By Michelle Stemmler

THAT the meeting of the Heritage Committee adjourn at 6:48 p.m.

Chair

Committee Secretary

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Minutes

Museum Board

September 11, 2019

6:30 pm

St. Marys Museum

177 Church Street South, St. Marys

Members Present	Councillor Hainer, Krissy Nickle, Peter McAsh, Scott Crawford, Karen Ballard
Members Absent	Douglas Craig, Doug Fread
Staff Present	Amy Cubberley, Curator & Archivist

1. CALL TO ORDER

Staff informed the Committee that Douglas Craig submitted his resignation over the summer. Karen Ballard has been appointed by Council to fill the vacancy.

Karen introduced herself and was welcomed by the Committee.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

3. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Peter McAsh

Seconded By Councillor Hainer

THAT the September 11, 2019 Museum Advisory Committee meeting agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

4. DELEGATIONS

None

5. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Moved By Councillor Hainer

Seconded By Scott Crawford

THAT the July 10, 2019 Museum Advisory Committee meeting minutes be approved as presented

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Staff updated the Committee on the status of Council's approval of the Strategic Plan.

7. REPORTS

Staff spoke to report MUS 10-2019 and responded to questions.

Councillor Hainer provided a verbal Council update, highlighting the Fire Hall renovation and 2020 budget process.

Moved By Scott Crawford

Seconded By Karen Ballard

THAT MUS 10-2019 September Monthly Report be received for information.

Carried

8. OTHER BUSINESS

None

9. UPCOMING MEETINGS

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Peter McAsh

Seconded By Councillor Hainer

That the September 11, 2019 Museum Advisory Committee meeting adjourn.

Carried

Chair Doug Fread

Board Secretary Amy Cubberley



Minutes

Recreation & Leisure Advisory Committee

August 22, 2019

5:30 pm

Pyramid Recreation Centre

317 James Street South, St. Marys

Member Present	Candice Harris, Darcy Drummond, Mike Morning, Scott Crawford
Member Absent	Chelsea Coghlin-Fewster, Councillor Pridham
Staff Present	Stephanie Ische, Staff Liaison, Doug Lapointe

1. CALL TO ORDER

In the roll of Chair, Scott Crawford called the meeting to order at 5:30pm

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None declared.

3. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

THAT the August 22, 2019 Recreation and Leisure Advisory Committee agenda be accepted as presented.

Carried

4. DELEGATIONS

None.

5. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

None.

THAT the July 25, 2019 Recreation and Leisure Advisory Committee meeting minutes be approved and signed and sealed by the Chair and Director of Community Services.

Carried

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None raised.

7. REPORTS

7.1 DCS 21-2019 Shoulder Ice Follow Up

Stephanie Ische spoke to DCS 21-2019 report and responded to questions of the Committee. The Committee discussed the implications of delaying the installation of the second ice pad as late as October 1st. The consensus of the Committee was for staff to investigate a more optimal week between September 1st and October 1st more suited to begin ice programming. The Committee deliberated the most current ice allocation spreadsheet outlining seasonal ice usage.

THAT DCS 21-2019 Should Ice Follow up report be received; and

THAT the Recreation and Leisure Advisory Committee endorse option 2 as presented in report DCS 21-2019.

THAT a decision to establish a timeline to install the second ice pad be deferred until Staff research and report back to the Committee.

Carried

8. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

9. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The Chair reviewed the upcoming meeting as presented on the agenda.

10. ADJOURNMENT

THAT the Recreation and Leisure Advisory Committee adjourn at 6:50p.m.

Carried

Chair

Committee Secretary



MINUTES

Senior Services Advisory Committee

September 23, 2019

3:30 pm

Pyramid Recreation Centre - Meeting Room A
317 James Street South, St. Marys

Member Present Donna Kurchak
 Joyce Vivian
 Owen O'Brien
 Councillor Winter
 Richard Lyons

Member Absent Candice Harris
 Donna Simmons
 Marie Ballantyne

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 3:30 p.m. by chair Rick Lyons

2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None declared.

3. **AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chair Rick Lyons noted that the next meeting time will be discussed under Upcoming Meetings.

Moved By Owen O'Brien

Seconded By Joyce Vivan

THAT the September 23, 2019 Senior Services Advisory Committee agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Moved By Rick Lyons

Seconded By Owen O'Brien

THAT the Senior Services Advisory Committee minutes dated June 24, 2019 be approved and signed by the Chair and staff liaison

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

5.1 Goals & Projects

Staff informed the group that the Friendship Centre hosted the High Five Principals of Healthy Aging Workshop. Committee member Candice Harris attended along with 20 other volunteer program facilitators and relevant Town of St. Marys programming staff.

Staff updated the group on the Core Services review undertaken by the Municipality. Staff updated the group on outcomes pertaining to the Senior Services department from the review.

6. REPORTS

6.1 DCS 26-2019 Ontario Health Teams

Staff updated the committee on the work today with Ontario Health Teams. Staff presented the Ontario Health Team report highlighting the recommendation for Council.

Moved By Owen O'Brien

Seconded By Donna Kurchak

THAT DCS-26 2019 Ontario Health Teams report be received.

CARRIED

6.2 DCS 27-2019 September Monthly Report

Staff presented the September monthly report highlighting the upcoming events to be held at the Friendship Centre.

Moved By Joyce Vivan

Seconded By Councillor Winter

THAT DCS 27- 2019 September Monthly Report be received.

CARRIED

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 2020 Rates

Staff presented the group with the 2020 rates for discussion. No concerns were noted. 2020 rates will be updated in the Fee By-Law which will be presented to Council before the end of 2019. Increases will not take effect until January 2020.

7.2 New Horizons Grant

Staff informed the committee that the Senior Services department submitted an application for New Horizon funding to support building capacity within the Municipal volunteer program.

8. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The time of the meeting was discussed. It was noted that the current time does not suit all committee members. The October meeting time was discussed and it was determined that the meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. with the 2019/2020 meeting schedule added to the October agenda for further discussion and approval.

Next Meeting: Monday October 21, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Winter

THAT the Senior Services Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

CARRIED

Chair

Committee Secretary



Minutes
Youth Council

September 11, 2019
4:00 pm
Pyramid Recreation Centre
317 James Street South, St. Marys

Member Present Aivery Neal, Sam Truax, Councillor Edney, Allison Kennedy-Edney
Member Absent Hazel Taylor, Julia Onclin, Lauren Partridge, Hayden MacDonald, Bevan Bearrs

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 4.06pm by Aivery Neal

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

none

3. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved: Lauren

Seconded: Ally

THAT the agenda for the Youth Council on September 11th 2019 be adopted as presented.

Carried

4. DELEGATIONS

none

5. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

THAT the minutes from the Youth Council meeting on June 19th be accepted as presented.

Moved: Ally

Seconded: Lauren

Carried

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

6.1 New Members

Council talked about doing up promotional posters and getting all school to run announcements informing youth about the Youth Council

Council also talked about going into schools and giving a talk to certain grades

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Promoting the Youth Council

as discussed with 6.1 (New Members)

The Council will make promotional posters and also ask schools to push information out through announcements.

7.2 OSLC Event

Council talked about the conference and will re-visit it and finish preparation at the next meeting

7.3 Event ideas for 2019-2020

Council are looking to organize youth dances and also run another Christmas event.

7.4 Discuss time for meetings

Council discussed potentially changing the day and time for their meetings. Finished up deciding to stay on Wednesdays and potentially

start the meetings at 3.30pm. The issue is going to be addressed again in the next meeting.

8. UPCOMING MEETINGS

September 26th at 4pm in the Pyramid Recreation Centre

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Ally

Seconded: Lauren

THAT the meeting of the Youth Council on September 11th 2019 be adjourned at 4.51pm.

Carried

Chair

Committee Secretary

BY-LAW 87-2019

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF ST. MARYS

Being a By-law to repeal By-law 53 of 2008, originally authorizing the acceptance of the Town of St. Marys Employee Handbook / Policy Manual.

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 repeal By-law 53 of 2008, originally authorizing the acceptance of the Town of St. Marys Employee Handbook / Policy Manual;

NOW THEREFORE: The Council of The Corporation of the Town of St. Marys hereby enacts as follows:

1. That By-law 53 of 2008, originally authorizing the acceptance of the Town of St. Marys Employee Handbook / Policy Manual, are hereby repealed.
2. This by-law comes into force on the final passing thereof.

Read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 8th day of October, 2019.

Mayor Al Stratthdee

Brent Kittmer, CAO / Clerk

BY-LAW 87-2019

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 October 8, 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;

NOW 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 8th day of October, 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, second and third time and finally passed this 8th day of October, 2019.

Mayor Al Stratheed

Brent Kittmer, CAO / Clerk