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300, rue Water,
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To: Imagery Collection Partners

From: Larissa Mathewson-Brake

Date: September 26, 2024

Subject: New government funding for Ontario imagery

I am reaching out to provide an update on the Ministry of Natural Resources' imagery program. Earlier this year, Land Information Ontario transitioned to Geospatial Ontario (GEO). This change aims to enhance access to geospatial data and improve services for Ontarians.

As a part of this transition, the Government of Ontario will now fully fund the collection of aerial imagery across the province. Beginning this year, organizations that need imagery will no longer be required to contribute to the acquisition cost. Imagery acquisitions are scheduled to continue as planned. All imagery will be released under the Open Government Licence of Ontario, making it available to everyone as soon as it is ready as a mappable product. Regularly visit the [Geospatial Ontario Imagery Program](#) page to stay up to date on future acquisitions, imagery releases and new public internet-based imagery services.

The transition to Geospatial Ontario allows us to centralize and modernize our geospatial services, making critical datasets more accessible. Please stay tuned for further updates on the availability of imagery and data services.

For further questions, please contact the imagery team at imagery@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

Larissa Mathewson-Brake
Director, Digital, Data, Information and Business Services Branch
Corporate Management and Information Division
Ministry of Natural Resources



September 13, 2024

Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health & Assistant Deputy Minister
Delivered via email: Kieran.Moore@ontario.ca

Dear Dr. Moore:

Re: Perspectives from Northern Ontario for the Public Health Funding Review

On September 4, 2024, at a regular meeting of the Board for the Timiskaming Health Unit, the Board considered the correspondence from the Northern Medical Officers of Health, regarding the **Public Health Funding Review for Northern Ontario**.

The following motion 45R-2024 was passed:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health supports the Northern MOH letter on funding review as presented, and;

FURTHER THAT the letter be shared Dr. Kieran Moore, local municipalities, district members of the Provincial Parliament, aPHa and Northern Health Units.

We appreciate your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Stacy Wight
Board of Health Chair

Copy to:

- Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health & Assistant Deputy Minister
- Liz Walker, Executive Lead, Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health
- Colleen Kiel, Director, Public Health Strategic Policy, Planning and Communications Branch
- Brent Feeney, Director, Accountability and Liaison Branch
- Fiona Kouyoumdjian, Associate Chief Medical Officer of Health Wajid Ahmed, Associate Chief Medical Officer of Health

THU Ltr of Support: Perspectives from Northern Ontario for the Public Health Funding Review

1 message

Rachelle Cote <coter@timiskaminghu.com>

Fri, Sep 13, 2024 at 11:41 AM

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Good morning,

On behalf of the Timiskaming Board of Health, please see the attached [letter of support](#), dated September 13, 2024, regarding some perspectives from Northern Ontario for the Public Health Funding Review.

For distribution to your council members.

Rachelle Côté

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Secretary to the Board of Health

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August 16, 2024

To: Kieran Moore
Chief Medical Officer of Health & Assistant Deputy Minister

From: Medical Officers of Health
for the 7 Northern Ontario Local Public Health Agencies

Subject: **Perspectives from Northern Ontario for the Public Health Funding Review**

We are writing to you as the seven local public health agencies in Northern Ontario to share some perspectives unique to the North regarding the current Public Health Funding review.

Before we outline our perspectives, we do wish to note our support of the government undertaking a funding review. It has been our perspective, and that of the local public health field, that a funding approach that enables stable and predictable funding is needed so that we can adequately plan and deliver our services.

We understand that the provincial government is quite concerned by the difference in per capita funding between local public health agencies. We agree, this is something needing to be addressed, but that the goal should not be *equal* (per capita) funding across local public health agencies, but rather *equitable* funding which accounts for the circumstances of each health unit.

The following are some equity considerations that can strengthen and improve the validity of the funding approach for public health in Northern Ontario.

For clarity, our comments are intended to relate only to the base funding grants; we do not intend to make comment on the Unorganized Territories Fund, which we believe requires its own review (we welcome the opportunity for further discussion of this at a future date).

Considerations for Funding Public Health in Ontario

1. Geography

Northern Ontario has much larger service areas than in the rest of the province. Northern Ontario spans 90% of Ontario's land mass, but has only a minority of the province's population. [1] That has major implications in terms of service delivery:

- Our staff must travel long distances to deliver service. That has implications in both transportation costs as well as opportunity costs of staff time. Inflationary pressures have exacerbated these costs.
- Given some of our communities are very remote and inaccessible by roads, travel in many cases is not just by car, but by charter flight or boat. This further increases our travel costs.¹
- Since the populations we serve in Northern Ontario are distributed over a large area, we do not benefit from the population density that facilitates economies of scale. That means we must plan and organize a service many times over. In Northern Ontario, we have 142 municipalities plus many other communities in unorganized territories, as well as First Nations communities. If delivering a vaccination program, for example, a northern local public health agency must plan, organize, travel, set-up, and deliver clinics in many locations, taking into account the lack of public transportation in and between most northern communities. These clinics will ultimately serve fewer people and cannot take advantage of the economies of scale possible in a southern Ontario city where only 2 or 3 fixed locations might be need.
- Our rural geography impacts the nature of services we must deliver as well. For example, since much more of our populations are living in rural and remote areas as compared to the rest of the province, we are much more involved with inspecting small drinking water systems and private drinking water testing. Unlike a municipality in southern Ontario that may have a few large municipal water treatment plants that aren't inspected by local public health, northern communities have a plethora of small drinking water systems that do need regular inspections. This adds significant costs to our budgets to travel to and conduct inspections as well as to transport well water samples to the lab. As well, even where a community may be on municipally treated water, these are smaller plants befitting the size of the municipalities without large public works departments operating them. Larger municipalities enjoy economies of scale

¹ While it may be argued that the Unorganized Territories Grant accounts for serving this population, and this does not impact the broader funding approach, we highlight (1) that some fly-in/boat-in communities are organized municipalities (e.g. Moosonee), and (2) in 2008, when local public health associations were asked to account for their true costs of delivering services to unorganized territories, it was concluded that costs were 99% higher than what the Unorganized Territory Grant provided [15], and so the cost-shared budget heavily supported delivery of services to these communities. Since 2008, the Unorganized Territory Fund has increased 41.3% [15] while cumulative CPI in Ontario has increased 47.1% [16], implying that the role of cost-shared funding has increased since then, especially after accounting for population growth.

from running large plants that foster expertise and sophistication, and comparably lower maintenance costs. Most northern Ontario municipalities don't enjoy these economies of scale, resulting in more common problems and interruptions to operations, and so more involvement by public health to assess risk, monitor water quality, and issue boil water advisories, and drinking water advisories.

- Technology, which may sometimes allow bridging distance through virtual delivery of services, is often not possible in Ontario's North or is very expensive to support. In 2023, the Canadian Government-sponsored Northern Ontario Broadband Report [2] found that only 26% of Northern Ontario communities met the standard of 50% of the population of the community having 10/50 Mbps internet speed. In many communities, and particularly spaces between them, mobile phone service is also spotty. The residents we serve in Northern Ontario therefore frequently do not have the ability to be served virtually.

2. Breadth, Diversity, and Complexity of Populations and Partners

The vast land area of the North also brings with it greater diversity in a few different dimensions:

- The North has 32% (142/444) of Ontario municipalities, but only 20.5% (7/34) of Ontario's health units.
- The North has 107 of the 134 First Nations Communities in Ontario (80%), and 78% of the on reserve population in Ontario (recognizing that the Census is an undercount of Indigenous population, so these numbers may underrepresent the true number). [3] Alongside these populations are Band Councils and Indigenous organizations with whom we engage to ensure we can provide services in a way that is welcome and meaningful, while navigating complex jurisdictional ambiguity.
- People in the North have much lower socio-economic standing. Between 2009 and 2018 Northern Ontario had an annual average of GDP growth [1] of 0.1% compared to 1.7% for Ontario as a whole [4]. Other social determinants of health track similarly in Northern Ontario, and so health outcomes are worse. For example, in 2021 if looking at Mortality from Avoidable Causes [5], the Northern health units had an average avoidable mortality of 323 deaths per 100,000 versus 204 for the rest of Ontario. In fact, the seven Northern health units rank in the top 8 health units for avoidable mortality, and occupy all of the top six positions. Worse social determinants of health put a greater burden on Northern local

The implication of this breadth and diversity of our populations and our partners is that it multiplies our workload: we have more municipal, Indigenous, and other partners with whom to engage; and we must meet people where they are with respect to language, Indigenous status, and social determinants of health, and invest in mitigating these. These are challenges not experienced as acutely in other parts of the province.

In addition, when attempting to work upstream, the complex patchwork of partners, many of whom are not well-funded, pose challenges to building coherent coalitions to advance advocacy or policy change for improvement of upstream health determinants.

3. Health Care Gaps

Northern Ontario is unfortunately lacking in health and dental care capacity. According to Ontario's Health Care Experience Survey for December 2019 (most recent results available) [9], 6.7% of Ontarians lacked a primary care provider, but that increased to 11.7% of residents of the North West LHIN and 11.8% of the North East LHIN. The Northern Sub-region reached as high as 29.0% of residents lacking a primary care provider.

In part, this is a function of primary care providers delivering acute care in much of Northern Ontario. In the North, family physicians routinely cover emergency departments, handle most obstetrics, are the primary surgical assists, and support long-term care, often working at multiple sites in a week.

It often falls to local public health to fill the gaps in primary care. For example, looking at the Fall 2023/24 COVID-19 vaccination program, pharmacies did not have the capacity to provide vaccinations in the North to the extent they did in the rest of the province (44.7% of vaccinations delivered by pharmacies in the North compared to 73.9% of vaccinations province-wide). Northern Public health units filled that gap, delivering 43.2% of COVID-19 vaccinations as compared to 15.7% Ontario-wide. Indeed, the six public health units with the lowest pharmacy delivery were all in Northern Ontario, and all 7 Northern Ontario PHUs were in the bottom 10 PHUs for pharmacy share of COVID-19 vaccinations. Despite the lack of pharmacy participation, Northern local public health agencies achieved above average vaccination coverage (17.9% to provincial average of 15.8%) through our efforts.

Table 1 Fall 2023/24 COVID-19 Vaccination Delivery [10][11]

Public Health Unit	Proportion of Vaccines Delivered by Pharmacy	Proportion of Vaccines Delivered by Primary Care	Proportion of Vaccines Delivered by Public Health	Coverage Achieved
Ontario	73.9%	4.4%	15.7%	15.8%
Northern PHUs	44.7%	5.4%	43.2%	17.9%
Porcupine	21.2%	2.2%	66.0%	13.3%
Northwestern	16.2%	3.4%	71.8%	17.0%
Timiskaming	24.0%	12.3%	57.9%	17.2%
Algoma	65.4%	10.0%	18.6%	19.6%
Thunder Bay District	39.7%	8.5%	44.2%	19.9%
North Bay Parry Sound	48.8%	2.0%	43.8%	19.2%
Sudbury & Districts	54.8%	2.6%	36.9%	17.1%

Similar gaps in in primary health care capacity impact other program areas such as child health programming, sexual health programming, infectious disease programming, and rabies post-exposure prophylaxis.

Gaps in primary care can also increase rapidly with the closure of a single clinic or provider group. For example, in 2024, Sault Ste Marie experienced a dramatic announcement that 10,000 patients (8% of the entire health unit’s population) would be de-rostered from their primary healthcare provider due to one provider group having difficulty recruiting primary care providers to replace retirements. [12]

There is also a lack of specialists in the North. Ontario’s Health Care Experience Survey [9] shows that 65.2% of Ontarians must wait longer than 30 days for specialist care. However, that increases to 72.3% of residents in the North West LHIN and 73.8% of those in the North East LHIN. These specialist care gaps create particular challenges for public health follow-up. For example, in the follow-up and care of tuberculosis clients or syphilis infections, both of which have increased in incidence since the pandemic, most Northern communities do not have infectious disease specialists to oversee care, and primary care providers lack experience with these diseases. It falls on public health, who has some expertise from following all cases of these infections, to guide the health care system in care of such clients. This is not the norm in the rest of Ontario where greater clinical expertise exists.

4. Municipal Capacity

Just as local public health agencies struggle with the lack of economies of scale when delivering services to rural and remote populations, it should be observed that municipalities experience these same challenges with their services. Adding in the relatively lower economic opportunities in the North, Northern municipalities therefore have property tax bases that are very stretched. This makes it comparatively difficult for them to contribute to cost-shared funding of local public health. This should be considered in the obligation placed on municipalities in a new funding approach.

We believe all of the above make it more costly to deliver local public health in Northern Ontario, and that needs to be taken into account in the new funding approach.

We also wish to make a couple of comments on measures and metrics which may seem sensible to apply in the funding approach, but which have weaknesses when used for Northern geographies.

Caution on Applying Measures in Northern Ontario

1. Census Undercounting of Indigenous Populations

It is known that many Indigenous people do not complete the Canadian Census, and so the Census's counts for Indigenous population are significant undercounts throughout Northern Ontario. [12]

For example, the Health Counts Kenora project (Our Health Counts - WNHAC) used a respondent driven sampling approach and demonstrated that 76.9% of Indigenous people in the City of Kenora did not complete the 2016 census [7]. Using a conservative approach, "the Canadian Census undercounts Indigenous adults and children living in Kenora by at least 2.6 to 4.0 times." The 2016 Canadian Census reports that 3,155 Indigenous people lived in the City of Kenora; the 2021 Census reported 3,595. Both Thunder Bay and Timmins have also conducted similar counts and found significant undercounts.

As a population known to experience disproportionate health inequities, it is important that any new funding approach factor in the undercount of Indigenous peoples in the Census, and that this undercount is of a population that deserves disproportionate public health resources invested to address their health inequities.

In particular, as a new funding approach attempts to account better for population growth over time, it needs to be addressed that Northern Ontario is seeing significant growth in populations not well captured by the Census, such as Indigenous, anabaptist, and newcomer populations.

2. Inapplicability of ON-Marg in low population areas

The Ontario Marginalization Index is based on analysis at the Census dissemination area. Unfortunately, for much of Northern Ontario, there isn't sufficient population to have data for dissemination areas. For example, in Northwestern health unit, of 229 constituent dissemination areas, 101 (44%) have no data. Therefore, these areas are ignored in ON-Marg calculations. These areas that are excluded from ON-Marg calculations have many First Nation communities with low socioeconomic status and high deprivation, and so their exclusion has the impact of skewing ON-Marg metrics for Northern Ontario to appear less marginalized than is the reality.

- Where dissemination areas do have data, that data is not always reliable. For example, on First Nations communities, the Low Income Measure input to ON-Marg has a flag of caution on interpretation, which means that the material deprivation dimension of ON-Marg should similarly be used in caution when looking at First Nations communities. The Northern public health units share land with 107 of the 134 First Nation communities in Ontario.

We appreciate that designing a funding approach for a diverse and complex group of local public health agencies is no easy task.

At its core, our fundamental message is that if a funding approach is to truly advance health outcomes and health equity across the province, health equity must be foundational in its design, and not be simply a variable included amongst many others. Metrics like per capita funding are attractive for their simplicity and ease of understanding. But that clarity in fact masks the complexities of serving Ontarians who are not uniform statistical units, but who live within diverse social contexts defined by countless inequities. We seek a funding approach that delivers not *equal* per capital funding, but *equitable* per capital funding.

We thank you for the consideration of the issues raised in this letter as you undertake the challenge of developing an *equitable* funding approach.

We would be very pleased to meet in the near future to discuss our perspectives further, and how we can support your team as the funding review proceeds.

And we look forward to there being an opportunity to review a funding proposal in the coming months before a final version is submitted for government approval.

Sincerely,



Lianne Catton (Aug 21, 2024 09:39 EDT)

Lianne Catton
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Janet DeMille
Medical Officer of Health & CEO, Thunder
Bay District Health Unit



Kit Ngan Young Hoon
Medical Officer of Health, Northwestern
Health Unit



Carol Zimbalatti (Aug 17, 2024 16:33 EDT)

Carol Zimbalatti
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Parry Sound District Health Unit

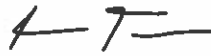


Glenn Corneil (Aug 19, 2024 08:59 EDT)

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John Tuinema (Aug 16, 2024 19:11 EDT)

John Tuinema
Acting Medical Officer of Health & CEO,
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Sept 4, 2024



#10(a)

Resolution No. 31/2024

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCGARRY
TOURIST COMMITTEE
P.O. BOX 99
VIRGINIATOWN, ON. P0K 1X0**

MOVED BY Bonita Culhane

SECONDED BY Wendy Weller

THAT the Tourist committee change the monthly meeting to the third Tuesday of each month, and forward this motion ~~for a~~ to council for approval.

Defeated _____ / Carried J Plante
Chair Chair

Recorded Vote

Requested by _____

	YES	NO
Chair Coucnillor Francine Plante	_____	_____
Co-Chair Councillor Elaine Fic	_____	_____
Nyla Koomans	_____	_____
Renate Schmitz	_____	_____
Wendy Weller	_____	_____
Mayor Bonita Culhane	_____	_____



#10 (b)

Minutes of a Recreation Committee Meeting held on Monday August 12th , 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

1. Opening of Meeting by the Committee Chair / Ouverture de la réunion par le/la Président(e) du comité:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

2. Roll Call / Appel nominal:

<u>Attendance:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Chair Councillor Louanne Caza	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Co-Chair Councillor Annie Keft	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Paulette Paquet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alyson Nickel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mary Walsh	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mayor Bonita Culhane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Deputy-Clerk: Melanie Jensen

Members of the Public: 1

Moved by Paulette Paquet
Seconded by Alyson Nickel

29/2024
Absence

THAT the Chair agrees to grant a leave of absence to member Annie Keft and Mary Walsh for the Recreation Committee Meeting of August 12th, 2024, due to appropriate advance notice submitted to the Clerk or Chair.

Carried

3. Adoption of the Agenda and Addendum / Adoption de l'ordre du jour et de l'addenda.

Moved by Paulette Paquet
Seconded by Alyson Nickel

30/2024
Agenda

THAT the agenda for the Recreation Committee Meeting held on August 12th, 2024 be adopted with the addition of item #10 (g) Bingo for UCFO.

Carried

4. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest / Déclaration d'intérêts pécuniaires: None**

5. **Minutes of Previous Meetings / Procès-verbal des réunions précédentes :**

Moved by Alyson Nickel
Seconded by Paulette Paquet

**31/2024
Minutes**

THAT the minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting held on July 9th, 2024, be adopted.

Carried

6. **Matters arising from the minutes/Affaires découlant des procès-verbaux: None**

7. **Deputations / Délégations / Députations / Délégations : None**

8. **Correspondence, Information / Correspondance, Information: None**

9. **Members Update Reports / Rapports de mise à jour des membres :**

-Report was given verbally and posted online.

10. **New Business/ Nouvelles affaires:**

- a) **September 30th Truth and Reconciliation Day:** Members discussed having an event for the children of making Dream Catchers. Waiting on more details to confirm.
- b) **Thanksgiving Activities:** Members discussed having a Thanksgiving theme morning craft with the kids. More details to come.
- c) **Halloween Adults / Children:** Members discussed having a Halloween pub this year at the Community Centre. More details to follow with a poster.
- d) **Back to Schol contest:** Members have decided not to do this event as we don't have enough time before school starts.
- e) **Centre de Sante:** Members Alyson Nickel and Mayor Bonita Culhane have advised the committee that they have been working with Carole and they may be able to help with some kitchen items.
- f) **Christmas Craft and Bake sale:** Craft and Bake will be on November 16, 2024. Poster to follow soon.
- g) **Bingo for UCFO:** UCFO will be hosting a bingo on September 29th, 2024. The chair has advised UCFO member Paulette Paquet to go to the office and set it all up for the rental and payment.

11. a) Submitted Questions / Questions soumises : None
b) Audience Questions / Questions de l'auditoire : None

A question period was held.

12. Closed Meeting/ Réunion à huis clos: None

13. Adjournment / Clôture de l'assemblée:

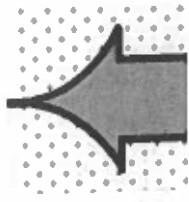
Moved by Paulette Paquet
Seconded by Alyson Nickel

32/2024
Adjournment

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 1:49 p.m.



Chair – Councillor Louanne Caza





#10 (b).

Minutes of a Recreation Committee Meeting held on Tuesday September 3rd, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

1. Opening of Meeting by the Committee Chair / Ouverture de la réunion par le/la Président(e) du comité:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

2. Roll Call / Appel nominal:

<u>Attendance:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Chair Councillor Louanne Caza	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Co-Chair Councillor Annie Keft	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paulette Paquet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alyson Nickel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mary Walsh	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mayor Bonita Culhane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Deputy-Clerk: Melanie Jensen

Members of the Public: 1

3. Adoption of the Agenda and Addendum / Adoption de l'ordre du jour et de l'addenda.

Moved by Paulette Paquet

33/2024

Seconded by Alyson Nickel

Agenda

THAT the agenda for the Recreation Committee Meeting held on September 3rd, 2024 be adopted.

Carried

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest / Déclaration d'intérêts pécuniaires: None

5. Minutes of Previous Meetings / Procès-verbal des réunions précédentes :

Moved by Alyson Nickel
Seconded by Paulette Paquet

34/2024
Minutes

THAT the minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting held on August 12th, 2024, be adopted.

Carried

6. Matters arising from the minutes/Affaires découlant des procès-verbaux: None

7. Deputations / Délégations / Députations / Délégations : None

8. Correspondence, Information / Correspondance, Information: None

9. Members Update Reports / Rapports de mise à jour des membres :

-Report was given verbally and posted online.

10. New Business/ Nouvelles affaires:

- a) **Truth and Reconciliation Day:** Members discussed doing a craft on September 28th, 2024. Poster to follow.
- b) **Kids Activities Night:** Members discussed starting back up the kid's activities back up starting on October 2nd, 2024 from 5:30 -7:30. Poster to follow
- c) **Halloween Dance Adults / Children:** Members discussed the dances, and some details have been confirmed for the adult dance.
- d) **Thanksgiving Craft:** Members discussed certain details on that craft, and it was brought to the attention of the Clerk that the date on the poster was wrong. It has been correct.
- e) **Volunteer Christmas Party:** members decided to have the Christmas Volunteer party on December 14th, 2024. The invitation will be sent out soon.
- f) **Kids Christmas Party:** Members have decided to have the kids Christmas party on December 7th, 2023. Poster to follow.
- g) **Painting:** Members discussed doing some finishing touches on the painting at the community centre.

11. a) Submitted Questions / Questions soumises : None

b) Audience Questions / Questions de l'auditoire : None

A question period was held.


12. Closed Meeting/ Réunion à huis clos: None

13. Adjournment / Clôture de l'assemblée:

Moved by Paulette Paquet
Seconded by Alyson Nickel

35/2024
Adjournment

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 7:39 p.m.



Chair – Councilor Louanne Caza



#10 (c)

Minutes of a Tourist Committee Meeting held on Wednesday August 7th, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in person or on the phone.

1. Opening of Meeting by the Committee Chair:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

2. Roll Call:

<u>Attendance:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Chair Councillor Francine Plante	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Co-Chair Councillor Elaine Fic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nyla Koomans	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Renate Schmitz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wendy Weller	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mayor Bonita Culhane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Deputy-Clerk: Melanie Jensen
Members of the public: 1

Moved by Renate Schmitz **24/2024**
Seconded by Nyla Koomans **Absent**

THAT the chair agrees to grant a leave of absence to member Elaine Fic and Wendy Weller for the Tourist Committee Meeting of August 7th, 2024, due to appropriate advance notice submitted to the Clerk or Chair.

Carried

3. Adoption of the Agenda and Addendum

Moved by Nyla Koomans **25/2024**
Seconded by Renate Schmitz **Agenda**

THAT the agenda for the Tourist Committee Meeting held on August 7th, 2024, be adopted.

Carried

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest: None

5. Minutes of Previous Meetings

Moved by Renate Schmitz
Seconded by Nyla Koomans

**26/2024
Minutes**

THAT the minutes of the Tourist Committee Meeting held on July 3rd, 2024 be adopted.

Carried

6. Matters arising from the minutes: None

7. Deputations / Délégations: None

8. Correspondance, Information: None

9. Members Update Reports:

Members update was done verbally. It can be listened to online.

10. New Business:

- a) **Update on Vendors Market:** Chair Councillor Plante said that the vendors market has been a success this year. Members discussed how to improve it for next year.
- b) **Fall Event:** Members discussed having a Fall Event called Jam-Boree in September 2024.
- c) **Christmas Tree Lighting:** Members discussed tentative dates and will pick a date soon for the Tree Lighting.

11. a) Submitted Questions: None

b) Audience Questions:

A question period was held.

12. Closed Meeting: None

13. Adjournment:

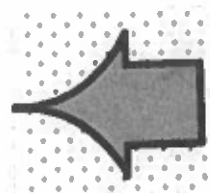
Moved by Nyla Koomans
Seconded by Renate Schmitz

**27/2024
Adjournment**

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Carried


Chair – Councillor Francine Plante





#10(d)

Minutes of a Strategic Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday August 27th 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in person in the meeting room or by phone.

1. Opening of Meeting by the Committee Chair:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

2. Roll Call:

<u>Attendance:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Chair Councillor Elaine Fic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Co-Chair Councillor Annie Keft	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
John Gabourie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wendy Weller	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rodney Pennington	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mayor Bonita Culhane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Emme archer - KDCDC
Deputy Clerk: Melanie Jensen
Member of the audience: 2

Moved by Annie Keft **33/2024**
Seconded by Rodney Pennington **Absence**

THAT the Chair agrees to grant a leave of absence to member Wendy Weller for the Strategic Planning Committee Meeting of August 27th , 2024, due to appropriate advance notice submitted to the Clerk or Chair.

Carried

3. Adoption of the Agenda and Addendum:

Moved by Rodney Pennington **34/2024**
Seconded by Annie Keft **Agenda**

THAT the agenda for the Strategic Planning Committee Meeting held on August 27th , 2024 be adopted.

Carried

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest: None

5. Minutes of Previous Meetings :

Moved by Annie Keft
Seconded by Rodney Pennington

**35/2024
Minutes**

THAT the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee Meeting held on July 30th , 2024, be adopted.

Carried

6. Matters arising from the minutes: None

7. Deputations:

-Emma Archer from KDCDC was there to get some ideas for grants that may be beneficial for our township. See the recording for all details.

8. Correspondence, Information: None

9. Members Update Reports:

-Members gave a verbal report.

10. New Business:

- a) **Strategic Plan:** Members were given the final copy of the Strategic Plan.
- b) **Playgrounds and Painting:** Members discussed painting the playgrounds but the Public Works Department has got the Students to paint them all ready.

11. a) Submitted Questions: None

b) Audience Questions:

A question period was held.

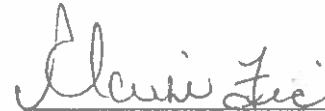
12. Adjournment:

Moved by Rodney Pennington
Seconded by Annie Keft

**36/2024
Adjournment**

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Carried

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Elaine Fic", is written above a horizontal line.

Chair Councillor Elaine Fic

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE

69 Fourth Avenue, Larder Lake, ON

Phone: 705-643-2158 Fax: 705-643-2311



MOVED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

SECONDED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

Motion #: 7

Resolution #:

Date: June 11, 2024

WHEREAS, the Township of Larder Lake is a community that is home to various resource-based community partners which include mining and forestry; And

WHEREAS, the Township of Larder Lake, as a resource-based community, faces many challenges resulting from having such resource-based industries located and operating within and in close proximity to the Township such as localized heavy truck traffic which increases demands on local road infrastructure, traffic congestion, and delays, and general safety concerns for pedestrians and other forms of active transportation users; And

WHEREAS, the demands caused by these resource-based industries have created additional costs for the Township of Larder Lake to maintain the local infrastructure required to service these industries adequately; And

WHEREAS, the current assessment-based taxation system does not provide significant funding to the Municipality to meet these demands and needs; And

WHEREAS, the Province of Ontario has adopted a critical minerals strategy to position Ontario as a global leader in responsibly sourced critical minerals which aims to see more resource extraction and processing in the North; And

WHEREAS, the future housing demand on the Township of Larder Lake as mining is further developed in Northern Ontario will expand the current infrastructure funding gap locally as new housing and development-related infrastructure is required to support and facilitate future mining operations; And

WHEREAS, the Township of Larder Lake acknowledges that it is a recipient of the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) Fund but maintains that the amount received is inadequate

Recorded vote requested:

	For	Against
Tom Armstrong		
Patricia Hull	✓	
Paul Kelly	✓	
Lynne Paquette	✓	
Patty Quinn	✓	

I declare this motion

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carried
<input type="checkbox"/> Lost / Defeated
<input type="checkbox"/> Deferred to: _____ (enter date)
Because:
<input type="checkbox"/> Referred to: _____ (enter body)
Expected response: _____ (enter date)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*

Chair:

*Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.

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MOVED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

SECONDED BY:

- Thomas Armstrong
- Patricia Hull
- Paul Kelly
- Lynne Paquette

Motion #: 8

Resolution #:

Date: June 11, 2024

to support the demands on local infrastructure caused by the resources-based industries in the area nor is it proportionate to the revenues being generated for the province by said industries;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for The Corporation of the Township of Larder Lake hereby petitions the Province of Ontario to create a Provincial funding model, in addition to the NORDS Fund which is set to expire in 2026-2027, to provide revenues to all resource-based communities in Northern Ontario that are proportionate to the revenues leaving our region in an effort to offset the additional burdens placed on resource-based communities to provide municipal services to these industries; And

FINALLY, THAT a copy of this motion be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Northern Development, Timiskaming-Cochrane MPP, Minister of Mines, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), North[western] Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), all District of Timiskaming municipalities, City of Timmins, Municipality of Red Lake, and Township of Dubreuilville.

Recorded vote requested:

	For	Against
Tom Armstrong		
Patricia Hull		
Paul Kelly		
Lynne Paquette		
Patty Quinn		

I declare this motion

<input type="checkbox"/> Carried
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Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*

Chair: _____

*Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.



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#10(F)
TOWNSHIP OF LAKE OF BAYS
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September 10, 2024

Via email: advocacy@amcto.com

AMCTO
Attn: Advocacy Team
2680 Skymark Avenue, Suite 610
Mississauga, Ontario L4W 5L6

RE: Municipal Elections Act Update

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, please be advised the above-noted correspondence was presented at the last regularly scheduled Council meeting on September 10, 2024 and the following resolution was passed.

“Resolution TC-227-2024

WHEREAS election rules need to be clear, supporting candidates and voters in their electoral participation and election administrators in running elections.

WHEREAS legislation needs to strike the right balance between providing clear rules and frameworks to ensure the integrity of the electoral process,

WHEREAS the legislation must also reduce administrative and operational burden for municipal staff ensuring that local election administrators can run elections in a way that responds to the unique circumstances of their local communities.

WHEREAS the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* (MEA) will be 30 years old by the next municipal and school board elections in 2026.

WHEREAS the MEA sets out the rules for local elections, the *Assessment Act, 1990* and the *Education Act, 1990* also contain provisions impacting local elections adding more places for voters, candidates, and administrators to look for the rules that bind the local democratic process in Ontario.

WHEREAS with rules across three pieces of legislation, and the *MEA* containing a patchwork of clauses, there are interpretation challenges, inconsistencies, and gaps to fill.

WHEREAS the Act can pose difficulties for voters, candidates, contributors and third-party advertisers to read, to interpret, to comply with and for election administrators to enforce.

WHEREAS while local elections are run as efficiently and effectively as can be within the current legislative framework, modernization and continuous

improvement are needed to ensure the Act is responsive to today's needs and tomorrow's challenges.

WHEREAS to keep public trust and improve safeguards the Act should be reviewed considering the ever-changing landscape which impacts elections administration including privacy, the threats of foreign interference, increased spread of mis/disinformation and the increased use of technologies like artificial intelligence and use of digital identities.

WHEREAS the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) reviewed the Act and has provided several recommendations including modernizing the legislation, harmonizing rules, and streamlining and simplifying administration.

AND WHEREAS AMCTO put forward recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2026 elections and longer-term recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2030 elections.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays calls for the Province to update the MEA with priority amendments as outlined by AMCTO before Summer 2025 and commence work to review and re-write the MEA with longer-term recommendations ahead of the 2030 elections.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (minister.mah@ontario.ca), the Minister of Education (minister.edu@ontario.ca), the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery (todd.mccarthy@ontario.ca), Minister of Finance (Minister.fin@ontario.ca) the Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca), Township of Lake of Bays MPP (graydon.smith@pc.ola.org) and AMCTO (advocacy@amcto.com).

Carried"

We look forward to hearing of the continued advocacy of this matter and further updates on when the Ministry will move ahead with amending the Municipal Elections Act

Sincerely,



Carrie Sykes, *Dipl. M.A., CMO, AOMC*,
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk
CS/lv

cc. Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (minister.mah@ontario.ca),
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