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MPAC: 2021 Fall Economic Statement

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Good afternoon Karine,

Today, as part of the *Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review: Build Ontario* the government announced the continued postponement of the province-wide assessment update.

This means that property taxes for the 2022 and 2023 taxation years will continue to be based on the January 1, 2016 valuation date. Property assessments will remain the same as they were for the 2021 tax year, unless there have been changes to the property.

This announcement does not change the work we do to maintain the assessment roll, including the addition of new assessment. We understand the importance of revenue generated from ongoing construction and renovation projects, and we will continue to capture the value of these changes throughout the year.

We will also continue our work to provide you with market analysis and insights to support you in managing your assessment base and planning for the future.

In addition to the postponement, other relevant highlights from today's *Fall Economic Statement* include:

- Temporary suspension of the five per cent cap on the payments in lieu of property tax (PILT) to municipalities until passenger volumes return to pre-pandemic levels for each airport.
- Simplifying the legislative requirements with respect to the assessment of pipeline properties, including the designation of pipelines by owners.
- Several farm property-related measures: Changes to small-scale on-farm business subclass, extending the farm property tax treatment that currently applies to the processing of maple sap to include all edible tree saps and increasing the current limit on the property tax exemption for farm woodlots from 20 to a proposed 30 acres.
- Streamlining and simplifying application processes for the Farm Property Class Tax Rate Program.
- Our work to develop an annual performance report beginning in 2022, which will contain many elements from our Service Level Agreement and is one of the ways we will demonstrate accountability and transparency in our work.

Over the coming weeks we will be meeting with our municipal partners to talk about how we will continue to work in partnership with you to support efforts to modernize the sector, and ensure we are in the best possible position to deliver the next assessment update.

We thank you for your partnership and we are here to continue to support you. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to your local account manager.

Sincerely,

Nicole

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2021 Property Assessment Notice

If you recently moved, changed your school support or made changes to your property, your notice is on its way.

Why did I receive a 2021 Property Assessment Notice from MPAC?

We are continuously reviewing properties. You may have received a Notice for one of the following reasons:

- change to property ownership, legal description, or school support;
- change to the property's value resulting from a Request for Reconsideration, an Assessment Review Board decision, or ongoing property reviews;
- property value increase/decrease reflecting a change to the property; for example, a new structure, addition, or removal of an old structure; or

- change in the classification or tax liability of the property.

In 2016, we mailed a Property Assessment Notice to every property owner in the province – assessing more than five million properties in Ontario. Your 2016 Notice reflects the assessed value and classification of your property as of January 1, 2016 and this will be used as the basis for calculating your 2022 property taxes.

The valuation date, established by the Ontario government, is a fixed day to which all properties are valued. In simple terms, the value is the price your property might reasonably have sold for in its current state and condition on January 1, 2016.

What do I do with my Property Assessment Notice?

Your Property Assessment Notice has important information for you as a property owner. Please review it and file it away for your records. No action is required unless you have questions about your assessment.

Questions about your assessment?

Visit AboutMyProperty (<https://www.aboutmyproperty.ca/>) to learn more about how your property was assessed, see the information we have on file, and compare it to others in your neighbourhood. Look for your Roll Number and Access Key on your Property Assessment Notice to register.

If you still disagree with MPAC's assessment or classification of your property, you can choose to either file a Request for Reconsideration (RfR) with MPAC or file an appeal directly with the Assessment Review Board (ARB).

If your property, or a portion of it, is classified as residential, farm or managed forest, you must file an RfR with MPAC – and MPAC must make a decision before you are eligible to appeal to the ARB.

Request for Reconsideration (RfR) Deadline Extension

The Request for Reconsideration (RfR) deadline for property owners who disagree with their property assessment is March 31 of the applicable tax year.

Learn about the deadlines to file an RfR for other Notices you may have received from us.

The fastest way to start the review of your property's assessment is to file an RfR on AboutMyProperty (<https://aboutmyproperty.ca/>). The tool allows you to attach pictures and reports to accompany your RfR and check the status of your request. You may also send us your completed RfR form by email or mail. ([/en/Contact](#))

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October 24, 2022
is voting day for the
**Ontario Municipal and
School Board Elections.**

Register to vote – or confirm
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The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) is responsible for compiling information from eligible Ontario voters to create a Preliminary List of Electors for municipal and school board elections.

To make sure you are on the list and your information is accurate, visit voterlookup.ca to register, confirm details and update any information that may not be current.





MEMORANDUM

TO: ARB Stakeholders
FROM: Ken Bednarek, Association Chair and Kelly Triantafilou, Registrar
DATE: December 9, 2021
SUBJECT: Tribunals Ontario Portal Launched

Tribunals Ontario continues to put users first as part of our ongoing mission to enhance service delivery and improve access to justice.

We are pleased to announce that the [Ministry of the Attorney General's Justice Accelerated Strategy](#) has enabled the launch of [Tribunals Ontario Portal](#) - a new case management system that will transform how users engage with tribunals. It will streamline the dispute resolution process by allowing applications to be filed, processed and scheduled online.

The Landlord and Tenant Board (LTB) is the first of Tribunals Ontario's boards and commissions to implement the new system.

Among the features available, parties will be able to:

- Submit applications with simple and easy to use online forms
- Pay application fees on the portal
- Upload evidence directly to the portal
- View and exchange documents with other parties
- View their file and status of their application(s) online
- Receive decisions electronically
- Use the dispute resolution tool to communicate with other parties or ask for assistance from a LTB Dispute Resolution Officer to try to reach an agreement

Once fully implemented, the Tribunals Ontario Portal will help reduce delays, enhance user experience, and encourage resolution of disputes before the hearing. It will also significantly modernize operations across all our tribunals and standardize many aspects of case management and reporting, supporting a consistent user experience for all those who access Tribunals Ontario's services.

We will be expanding the Tribunals Ontario Portal to our other tribunals over the next three years and we look forward to sharing with you our plans in that regard in the near future.

Sincerely,

Ken Bednarek
Associate Chair

Kelly Triantafilou
Registrar

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MEMORANDUM TO: Municipal CAOs

FROM: Jill Vienneau
Assistant Deputy Minister
Broadband Strategy Division

DATE: December 1, 2021

RE: Building Broadband Faster Act Guideline and Regulations

As you may be aware, the Ontario government has committed to ensuring that communities across Ontario have access to high-speed internet by 2025 and has committed nearly \$4 billion funding-based opportunities for unserved and underserved communities.

On September 9, 2021, the Government also launched a new innovative and competitive process which will enable qualified ISPs to bid for opportunities to provide high-speed internet access to remaining underserved and unserved communities across the province by the end of 2025. This process is now well underway and is being led by Infrastructure Ontario.

In April 2021, the Government of Ontario enacted the *Building Broadband Faster Act, 2021* (BBFA) along with amendments to the *Ontario Energy Board Act* through the passage of the *Supporting Broadband and Infrastructure Expansion Act, 2021* (SBIEA). The BBFA will help to remove barriers and support a more streamlined approach to the timely deployment of reliable, high-speed broadband infrastructure in unserved and underserved areas throughout Ontario.

On November 30, 2021, the Ministry of Infrastructure and Infrastructure Ontario issued the **Building Broadband Faster Act Guideline (Guideline)**, and two BBFA regulations ("**Prescribed Loss or Expense**" and "**Designated Broadband Projects**"), effective as of that date.

The Guideline and regulations support a new, more coordinated process and set out the collaboration expected of all partners, including municipalities, to reduce barriers and expedite deployment of broadband infrastructure. We will also put in place a Technical Assistance Team to provide implementation support to municipalities and other partners involved in high-speed internet projects.

The government has also proposed future legislative and regulatory amendments, as explained in the **Statement of Intent** (included in the Guideline). The Ministry is actively consulting on the proposed legislative measures, including with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), before bringing forward amendments. If passed, these additional measures would provide greater certainty, and ensure the successful implementation of broadband projects.

The Ministry will be hosting a webinar in early 2022 on the Statement of Intent and Guideline. Further information will be provided in the coming weeks, including an invitation to you and/or your representative to participate.

Thank you for your support and should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Ministry.

Yours sincerely,

Original signed by

Jill Vienneau

Attachment: Building Broadband Faster in Ontario Guideline

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December 6, 2021

Dear noise practitioners and stakeholders:

This letter is to inform you that the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks is updating the noise prediction methods used for assessing road and rail traffic to protect Ontarians from excessive noise levels and ensure that our noise pollution control methods are effective and based in current science.

The new guideline will ensure that proponents use up to date noise prediction methods when determining sound levels caused by road and rail traffic. This will result in more accurate noise predictions compared to the 1995 methods that are currently in place. Also, proponents who have been asking for permission from the ministry to use newer noise prediction methods will no longer have to seek this approval.

Without changing established noise limits, the new guideline will allow proponents to make realistic predictions of noise impact with updated technology in a way that is consistent with current methodologies. The updates will allow us to protect our environment better from the adverse effects of noise.

For further details on NPC-306, please access the link to the policy proposal on the Environmental Registry of Ontario: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-3239>

If you have any further questions, please contact Mary Ianni, Program Support Coordinator at Client Services and Permissions Branch, Environmental Assessment and Permissions Division by email mary.ianni@ontario.ca or by phone 437-788-6772.

Sincerely,



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Good afternoon Karine,

Please see the following communication from Chris Rickett, Director, Municipal and Stakeholder Relations regarding the 2021 Municipal Partnership Report and Assessment Change Summary.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have.

Happy Holidays!

Mario Levesque, A.I.M.A
Account Manager
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To: Chief Administrative Officers, Chief Financial Officers, Treasurers,
and Tax Administrators

From: Chris Rickett, Director, Municipal and Stakeholder Relations

We understand this has been another challenging year for everyone, but our commitment to support our municipal partners through the pandemic has been as important as ever. To highlight our work together, we are pleased to share with you our [2021 Municipal Partnership Report](#) as well as the attached Assessment Change Summary – a high-level summary of the assessment changes within your municipality.

The 2020 tax year was the last year in the current 4-year assessment cycle, based on 2016 CVA. As a result of the Ontario Government's continued postponement of the Assessment Update, both the 2021 and 2022 tax years will be based on the fully phased-in January 1, 2016 current values. There will be no phased-in growth in 2022.

Although the valuation base year remains the same, the assessment roll may still change from 2021 to 2022 due to changes in state and condition of properties. As with any other year, MPAC continued to conduct business, including updating property information, capturing new assessment, analyzing sales, completing tax applications and managing Requests for Reconsideration and appeals.

We plan to share this report (not the Assessment Change Summary) with all Municipal Clerks in January for sharing with your councils.

On behalf of MPAC and our Municipal and Stakeholder Relations team, we wish you all the very best this holiday season.

We look forward to working with you in 2022.

Regards,

Chris

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2021 MUNICIPAL PARTNERSHIPS REPORT



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2021: RISING RISING TO THE CHALLENGES OF THE PRESENT, AND LOOKING TOWARD THE FUTURE

As the pandemic continued to unfold this year, we've remained focused on delivering the services Ontario municipalities rely on. We've also looked beyond the challenges and demands of our current reality, and toward what property assessment looks like in a post-pandemic world.

We may have spent the year apart, but we've worked with our municipal partners like never before. Together, we laid the groundwork for technological innovation, modernization and more efficient services.



"During this time of uncertainty, we have continued to control MPAC's budget to limit costs. MPAC's Board of Directors approved the 2022 operating budget with no increase to the provincial levy, for the second year in a row. While each municipality's annual levy amount is determined by a formula set out in the *Assessment Act*, there is no total levy increase for 2022."

Alan Spacek
Chair, MPAC Board of Directors



MAINTAINING ONTARIO'S PROPERTY DATABASE

MPAC maintains a one-of-a-kind, comprehensive database of information for each of the more than 5.4 million properties in Ontario. We continuously update these records each and every day so that municipal tax bases are kept current and municipal financial decisions can be based on the most accurate data possible.

Our work to maintain Ontario's property data set includes:

- ✓ Supporting our municipal partners and property owners
- ✓ Analyzing the market and observing COVID-19 impacts on property sectors
- ✓ Processing severances and consolidations and assessing new construction, additions and renovations
- ✓ Addressing Requests for Reconsideration and appeals
- ✓ Responding to vacancy and tax applications from municipalities
- ✓ Tracking school support



"Soon after a tornado hit the City of Barrie in July, we had a series of meetings with MPAC and put together a plan for how we would address damage to properties and tax relief applications. We've been having weekly check-ins with MPAC to review what's happening with properties and building permits, sharing information and establishing consistent messages to support property owners who suffered damage to their property."

Grace Marsh

Acting Manager, Property Tax and Revenue, City of Barrie

CAPTURING \$38 BILLION IN NEW ASSESSMENT

We know that the value of new construction, additions and renovations continues to be an important source of municipal revenue during the pandemic. This year, we continued to work with municipalities to validate property information in new ways, including through the digital submission of building plans.

Thanks in large part to this collaboration, we were able to access the information required to add more than \$38 billion in new assessment to municipal assessment rolls across Ontario this year.



"Staying on top of property assessment trends is an important way we make sure we're ready to capture new assessment quickly when building permits are closed, so we can provide municipalities with new revenue sources."

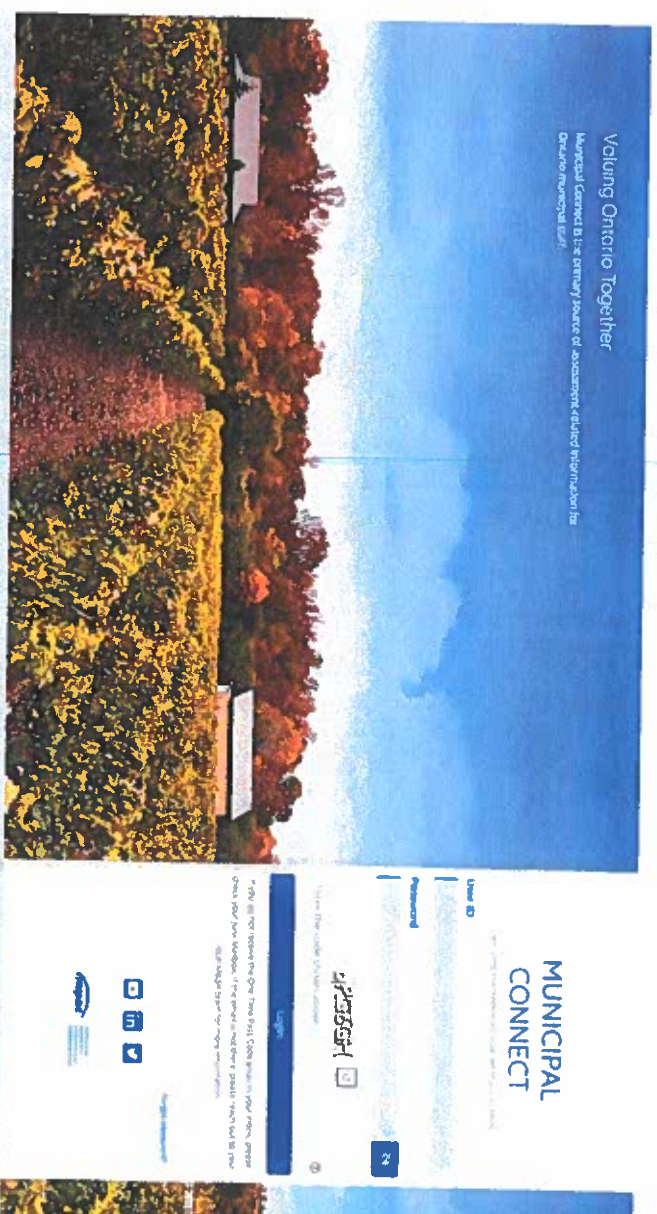
Carmelo Lipsi
Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer, MPAC

INNOVATIVE DATA SHARING

One of the most important ways we support all 444 municipalities in Ontario is by providing them access to **Municipal Connect**, a sophisticated data-sharing platform. Together with our partners, we reimagined the platform to provide more convenient access to high-quality property data.

Built by our IT team and subject matter experts in just six months, the new Municipal Connect launched this year and brings the tools municipal users requested to their fingertips.

It also laid the groundwork for elements of our 2021-2025 Strategic Plan, including expanded use of MPAC data to support municipal operations and planning, and the creation of further collaboration tools to support municipalities and other public and private sector partners in using our data to find solutions and make even smarter decisions.



“I have been impressed with the engagement and constructive development process that has been applied at Municipal Connect Working Group meetings. The MPAC development team sought insights about how best to meet municipal needs, applied changes where possible, and described any restrictions. This dialogue and consideration supported the development of an innovative new Municipal Connect.”

Tammy Sikma
Enterprise Applications Manager, County of Peterborough

DIGITAL PERMITTING IN ONTARIO

We are the only organization with data on all building permits in Ontario, and we process about 300,000 building permits each year on properties of all types, from condos to distribution centres.

Modernizing and digitizing permit collection and exchange can create internal efficiencies for municipalities and help us capture new assessment faster, resulting in new municipal revenues sooner.

We work with a number of e-permitting providers to support municipalities in automating permit submissions into our systems. However, we know many municipalities still rely on paper-based systems. In 2020, we conducted a market scan and found that only 27 per cent of municipalities had an end-to-end e-permitting solution.

We are working with municipalities to digitize their permitting process and collaborating with sector associations, like the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's (AMO) business services arm, Local Authority Services (LAS), to further advance the consideration and adoption of e-permitting in the municipal sector.

"Our move to a digital e-permitting solution was always the plan, but COVID-19 put the plan into overdrive. Ensuring information was easily available with a few clicks was the only way to go—the industry is already doing work electronically and we were the hold up. This change will pay dividends in the near future as our municipality continues to grow and staff pressures increase."

Mary Hasan

Director of Finance/Treasurer, Township of Puslinch



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HELPING MUNICIPALITIES EVALUATE THE NEW OPTIONAL SMALL BUSINESS SUBCLASS

Together with the municipal sector, we published a Small Business Property Subclass Report to support municipalities in their evaluation and potential use of the new optional tax subclass made available by the Province.

We also sent an online survey to Finance and Economic Development staff across all 444 municipalities to inform the group's work.

"The Small Business Subclass report provides significant guidance for municipalities who are considering implementing the subclass. It should prove to be a very useful tool in defining small businesses and identifying appropriate properties, as well as assisting in the development of local policies."

Donna Herridge
Executive Director, Municipal Finance Officers' Association

Key stakeholders contributed to the report, including representatives from Ontario municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Municipal Finance Officers' Association (MFOA), Ontario Municipal Tax and Revenue Administrators (OMTRA), Toronto Association of Business Improvement Areas (TABIA), and Ontario Business Improvement Area Association (OBIAA).

EVOLVING OUR SERVICES TO DELIVER MORE VALUE TO ONTARIO

The pandemic has driven us to be more innovative, efficient and future-forward thinking than ever, and we've formalized that way of working through our new [2021-2025 Strategic Plan](#).

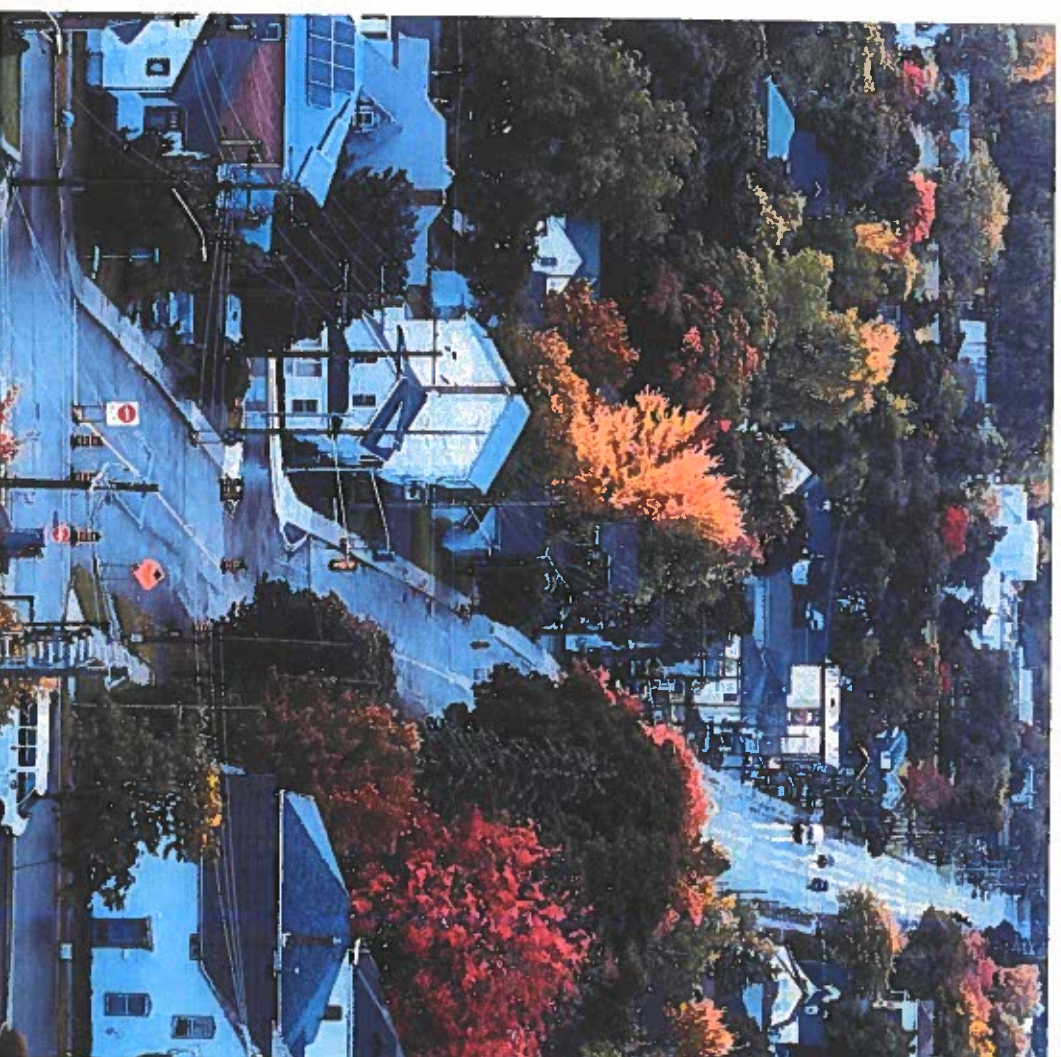
Over the next several years our focus will be on:

- ✓ Modernizing our operations
- ✓ Strengthening our relationships with municipalities
- ✓ Supporting property owners
- ✓ Attracting and retaining top talent
- ✓ Unlocking new revenue streams to offset the levy impact for Ontario municipalities



"The cornerstone of our 2021-2025 Strategic Plan is our relentless focus on delivering the greatest possible additional value, beyond our foundational assessment role. That means providing municipalities with value-added data, analytics and actionable insights. That's our vision for property assessment in a post-pandemic world."

Nicole McNeill
MPAC President



LOOKING AHEAD

As part of its 2021 Fall Economic Statement, the Ontario Government announced a continued postponement of the assessment update.

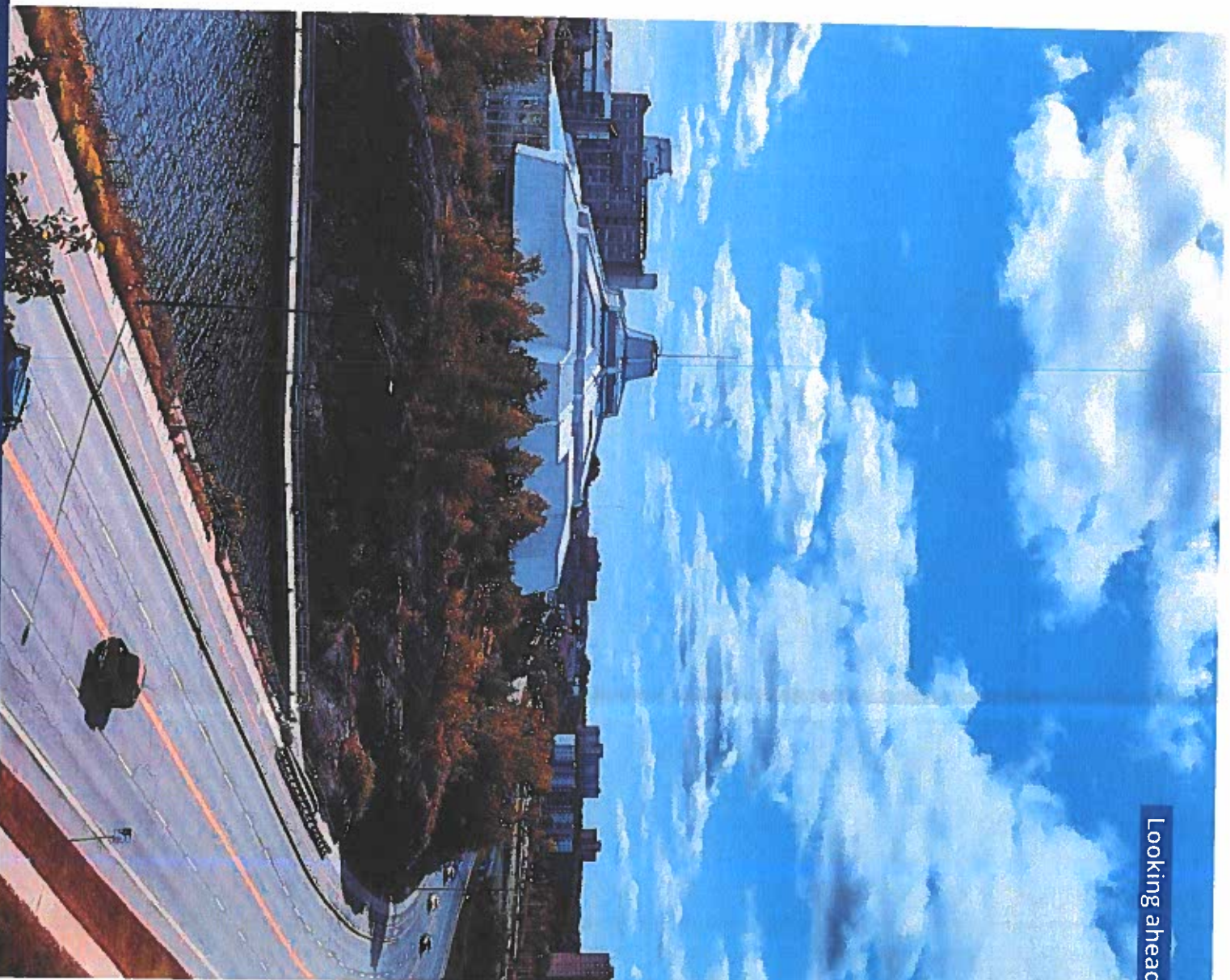
This means that property taxes for the 2022 and 2023 taxation years will continue to be based on the January 1, 2016 valuation date. Property assessments will remain the same as they were for the 2021 tax year, unless there have been changes to the property.

We will continue to provide you with market analysis and insights, stay ready to deliver the assessment update when called upon, and work every day to maintain Ontario's property database, which includes the timely assessment of new construction, additions and renovations.

Next year, we will lean into our partnerships that are driving technological innovation to provide municipalities with the best possible products, modernization of the broader sector and more efficient services.

We will keep working hard to help all Ontarians better understand who we are, what we do and the ways we support property owners to understand their assessment.

And most importantly, we will do our part to support communities on the path to better days ahead.



Looking ahead

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Assessment Change Summary Township of McGarry

The following chart provides a snapshot comparing the assessed value at the beginning of one taxation year (2021), to the assessed value at the beginning of the next taxation year (2022).

Property Tax Class (RTC) Description	RTC	Based on 2016 Current Value Assessment (CVA)			
		Destination CVA At time of roll return for 2021 Tax Year	2022 Tax Year Destination CVA at time of roll return for 2022 Tax Year	Percent Change 2021 - 2022 Tax Year	Percent of Total CVA Distribution of CVA between classes for 2022 Tax Year
Residential	R	33,748,200	33,384,900	-1.08%	84.71%
Commercial	C	686,200	635,400	-7.40%	1.61%
Commercial (New Construction)	X	49,000	49,000	0.00%	0.12%
Industrial	I	531,900	559,200	5.13%	1.42%
Managed Forests	T	98,000	97,100	-0.92%	0.25%
PIL - Residential	R	187,300	187,300	0.00%	0.48%
PIL - Commercial	C	382,800	379,800	-0.78%	0.96%
PIL - Shortline Railway Right-of-Way	B	-	-	0.00%	0.00%
Exempt	E	4,133,600	4,120,300	-0.32%	10.45%
TOTAL		39,817,000	39,413,000	-1.01%	100.00%

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December 22, 2021

MEMORANDUM TO: Municipal Chief Administrative Officers and Clerks

SUBJECT: Extension of Emergency Orders and Provincial Response to the Omicron Variant

I am writing to you today about the Ontario government's ongoing work to protect Ontarians in the fight against COVID-19, including the rapidly spreading Omicron variant, and to ask you to consider any additional support that can be provided to help your local public health unit maximize vaccinations to protect the most vulnerable and all Ontarians. While cases were always expected to rise, the increased transmissibility of the Omicron variant is requiring rapid adjustments to a changing situation and could put additional strain on Ontario's hospital capacity.

Vaccinations

To protect Ontario's progress in the fight against COVID-19, the Ontario government is rapidly accelerating its booster dose rollout by expanding eligibility to all individuals aged 18 and over, as well as shortening the interval to three months following an individual's second dose beginning Monday, December 20, 2021.

Public health units are at the forefront of this critical effort and municipalities can play a key role in supporting stretched public health resources. Public health units will need facilities to deliver vaccination clinics, including municipally-run facilities, and human resources in areas such as clinic management, operations and logistics, project management, data entry, and customer service.

I know that our public health units have valued your collaboration in this fight so far and I know many of you will have reached out already to your local Medical Officer of Health to offer your continued partnership in maximizing the delivery of critical vaccinations that will keep Ontarians safe and the economy open.

To enhance requirements related to proof of vaccination, the Ontario government also announced on December 10, 2021 a suite of new measures related to:

- Delaying the [lifting of proof of vaccination requirements](#) beyond January 17, 2022, aligned with the reopening plan that stipulated that doing so was contingent on the absence of concerning trends.
- Effective January 4, 2022, requiring the use of the enhanced vaccine certificate with QR code and the Verify Ontario app in settings where proof of vaccination is required. The QR code can be used digitally or by printing a paper copy. Individuals can download their enhanced certificate with QR code by visiting <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/>.
- Strengthening the verification process for medical exemptions and clinical trial exemptions by requiring a certificate with a QR code. Organizations and businesses that are under the provincial proof-of-vaccination system will be advised to no longer accept physician notes as of January 10, 2022.
- Effective December 20, 2021, requiring proof of vaccination for youth aged 12 to 17 years participating in organized sports at recreational facilities.

Public Health Measures

As you may know, the Government has extended all emergency orders under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020* (ROA) until March 28, 2022. As the province continues to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, these extensions provide the government with the necessary flexibility to address the ongoing risks and effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and ensure important public health and workplace safety measures remain in place.

The Omicron variant has led to new challenges in Ontario's response to managing the COVID-19 pandemic. In consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, the government has approved amendments to O. Reg. 364/20: Rules for Areas at Step 3 and at the Roadmap Exit Step, **which came into effect on Sunday, December 19th**.

In addition, effective December 19, 2021, to mitigate COVID-19 transmission that can occur at social gatherings, **the province is also reducing social gathering limits from 25 people to 10 people indoors, and outdoor gatherings are being reduced from 100 people to 25**. Social gatherings associated with weddings, funerals and religious services, rites or ceremonies are subject to these limits.

For further details, please see O.R. 364/20 as amended (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/200364>).

Local Medical Officers of Health continue to have the ability to issue advice, recommendations or letters of instruction as well as Section 22 orders under the Health Protection and Promotion Act, and municipalities may enact by-laws, to target specific transmission risks in the community.

Compliance and Enforcement

As a reminder, for offences under the Reopening Ontario Act (ROA), police and other provincial offences officers, including First Nation Constables, special constables, and municipal by-law officers, have discretion to either issue tickets to individuals for set fine amounts or issue a summons under Part I of the Provincial Offences Act (POA) or to proceed under Part III of the POA by laying an information.

The ministry recognizes that municipalities have been a key partner in the defence against this virus through the coordinated compliance and enforcement activities in an effort to reduce the presence of COVID-19 in our communities. The Ontario government is continuing to help workplaces stay safe and stay open by carrying out COVID-19 safety campaigns. These campaigns are developed in consultation with local public health units, and bylaw enforcement departments, and support Ontario's *Plan to Safely Reopen Ontario*.

The campaigns include visits to workplaces that present heightened risk factors for potential transmission of COVID-19, including restaurants and banquet halls, gyms and fitness centres, personal care services, meeting and event spaces, mall-based retail, cinemas and performing arts centres. We so appreciate the collaboration of our municipal partners closely with provincial enforcement officers and public health officers to coordinate enforcement activities in your communities. If you are interested in having a provincial team support local compliance and enforcement activities in your community, please contact William (BJ) Alvey, Manager and Executive Advisor of Regulatory Compliance Ontario by email at: William.BJ.Alvey@ontario.ca or by phone at 905-572-7648.

Thank you for your support and for joining our shared commitment to work together to protect the health and well-being of Ontarians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Manson-Smith".

Kate Manson-Smith
Deputy Minister

Media Release



Community Drug and Alcohol Strategy coming to Timiskaming District December 17, 2021 - For immediate release

Many local organizations in Timiskaming are partnering in the development of a community drug and alcohol strategy to detail the current situation in Timiskaming related to substance use, and address the harms associated with it.

In January of 2021 a Steering Committee formed to provide coordinated leadership and direction in the development, implementation and evaluation of a Timiskaming District Drug and Alcohol Strategy (TDDAS). "Many organizations and groups have been working to prevent and address harms associated with the continuum of substance use" said Kerry Schubert-Mackey, co-chair of the Steering Committee and Director of Community Health at the Timiskaming Health Unit (THU). "Organizations want to make an impact together by addressing gaps and building on one another's efforts," adds Schubert-Mackey.

The Steering Committee, co-chaired by THU and Canadian Mental Health Association Cochrane-Timiskaming, recently approved their Terms of Reference to provide direction and guidance for all members. The Strategy is based on the pillars of prevention, harm reduction, treatment, enforcement, and includes an opioid early warning and response system. It will work to strengthen systems related to responding and preventing overdoses and poisonings, recognizing and disrupting stigma and discrimination associated with substance use and addiction, enhancing pathways to substance use services and supports, and advocate for funding, resources, and public policy to address the root causes of substance use and substance use disorders.

"Co-chair Tyler Twarowski and I are grateful for a dedicated group of steering committee members who are sharing their knowledge and wisdom. Together they are recommending actions specific to Timiskaming that are based on the best evidence," said Schubert-Mackey. Steering Committee members represent mental health and addictions treatment services, Indigenous services, community members including those with lived experience, social services, family health teams, hospitals, school boards, police, and public health.

Work is underway to determine local priorities for action. A TDDAS Primer Report will be released in the coming months along with a request for community feedback ahead of the launch of the local TDDAS. A website and communication plan are in development to ensure that information is accessible to anyone interested in learning more.

www.timiskaminghu.com

For more information

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Media Contact:

Megan McBride

Coordinator, Timiskaming District Drug and Alcohol Strategy

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Strategic Planning Committee Meeting, Tuesday, August 31st, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

CHAIR: Councillor Wendy K. Weller
CO-CHAIR: Councillor Bonita Culhane

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Nyla Koomans
Francine Plante

AUDIENCE: Clerk-Typist Receptionist Melanie Jensen
3 members of the public

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Wendy K. Weller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

2. Appointment of Recording Secretary

Moved by Bonita Culhane **2021/06**
Seconded by Nyla Koomans **Appointed secretary**

THAT, Francine Plante be appointed recording secretary for the Strategic Planning Committee of August 31st, 2021.

Carried

3. Additions/Deletions/Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Nyla Koomans **2021/07**
Seconded by Bonita Culhane **Adoption**

THAT the agenda for the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on August 31st, 2021 be adopted.

Carried

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

None

5. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Nyla Koomans

2021/08
Adoption

THAT the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee held on March 23rd, 2021 be adopted.

Carried

6. Matters arising from the Minutes:

None

7. Deputations/Delegations:

None

8. Correspondence:

None

9. Committee members report:

Question on zoning from public. - Ask Clerk to get a hold of J.L. Richards. If setting another meeting for Council will let public know when dates are set.

10. New Business

- a) The last report received: The company on Gov RD East Creative Design still waiting on Committee to come in to see sign. Money was there need to ask Clerk if money is still there for the sign.

Covid put a hold on the project. Figurines to be changed-out put of residents.

If money is there, we will book a time to go see.

Councillor Culhane: Relocated Sign will we have another home of the Country Jamboree. Could we have a spot for advertising.

Send to Tourist if they will continue with the Jamboree.

- b) Twp purchased old school lot. Send advertisement to dif. Company for ex: Tim Horton's AMO conference under gas tax won 3rd prize: Belleville made green space, Dog Park, Kid Splash Park.

Councillor Culhane: Concern advertisement: No property standard we should clean community up before inviting people over. Property Enhancement Committee

Councillor Weller: Council report presented a mission statement and recommendation on how to do it. Councillor Culhane will take on this report. To address at Council meeting.

Moved by Francine Plante
Seconded by Nyla Koomans

2021/09
New Committee

THAT Councillor Culhane and members of the Strategic Planning Committee investigate and write a Council report on the need for a Property Enhancement Committee to be given to Council for consideration.

Carried

c) Open Discussion:

Cardlock Gas Station:

- Same franchise Business
- Very profitable
- Laneway clear
- Only cost lay concrete foundation; no municipality can own

By-Law Officer:

- Who direct him to issue a fine?

Councillor Weller:

- (Property Standard Appeals) (By-Law Officer)

Property By-Law Committee:

- Work with By-Law Officer

No By-Law for the committee

- Any provincial By-Law takes over municipal By-Law

We have no Property By-Law Committee

- Only way to complain about a property is a form from municipality
- Sent to By-Law Officer

Should have a meeting with By-Law Officer to put things more in perspective.

Councillor Culhane:

Residents that have concerns. Some wants to fill out complaints but they don't out of fear of retaliation.

Public School lot:

- Officially purchased
- The Hydro Station has requested a strip of it.
- Will need to decide how to charge Hydro.

Council will receive info tomorrow. Heads up

Municipal enhancement group:

-He went and photograph all the properties. We need to step up and issue fines.
We need to step up enforcing By-Laws.

d) Resignation:

-Bonnie Devine
- John Gabourie would be a great asset to the committee.

Councillor Culhane:

Letter of Thank you from Council to Bonnie.

Moved by Nyla Koomans
Seconded By Bonita Culhane

2021/10
Resignation

THAT Strategic Planning Committee accept with regrets the resignation of Bonnie Devine.

Carried

e) New member:

Letter to Council John Gabourie

Moved by Nyla Koomans
Seconded By Bonita Culhane

2021/11
New Member

TO accept Mr. John Gabourie as a Committee member on Strategic Planning Committee.

Carried

11. Question Period

Q- Mayor Reimer: Is the sign about listing all the businesses in town?

Q- Is its municipal Funding?

A- Councilor Weller: - Gas Tax Funding

Q- Resident: Signage. She agrees with Councilor Culhane Country Jamboree should be taken off regardless. If they want to keep going it's unfair to Fire Brigade. Poker run was running for more than 30 years. Should all be taken off when there's a special event to have a spot on the sign for that.

Q- Resident: Signage: Was it not money aside for electronic sign?

A- No never (she thought they was gov money for that)

Q- Resident: Property Standards: Is there still one on?

A- It is only meant for appeals. They need to meet to pick a chairman. They never had a meeting to see what their duties are. Clerk will contact member to tell them what their mandate is "Ontario Building Code: Standards of Appeal."

Wendy: Only 3 members, none from Council. Committee of appeals- Building Code

12. Closed Meeting

None

13. Adjournment

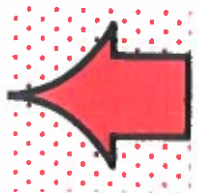
Moved by Nyla Koomans
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

2021 /12
Adjournment

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Carried


Chair, Strategic Planning Committee



Next meeting will be held Tuesday, September 28th, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting, Tuesday, September 28th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

CHAIR:	Councillor Wendy K. Weller
CO-CHAIR:	Councillor Bonita Culhane
COMMITTEE MEMBERS:	Nyla Koomans John Gabourie
ABSENT WITH REGRETS:	Francine Plante
AUDIENCE:	Clerk-Typist Receptionist Melanie Jensen 4 members of the public

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Wendy K. Weller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

2. Appointment of Recording Secretary

Moved by Nyla Koomans
Seconded by John Gabourie

2021/13
Appointed secretary

THAT, Bonita Culhane be appointed recording secretary for the Strategic Planning Committee of September 28th, 2021.

Carried

3. Additions/Deletions/Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Nyla Koomans
Seconded by John Gabourie

2021/14
Adoption

THAT the agenda for the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on September 28th, 2021 be adopted.

Carried

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest:

None

5. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by John Gabourie
Seconded by Nyla Koomans

**2021/15
Adoption**

THAT the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee held on August 31st, 2021 be adopted.

Deferred

6. Matters arising from the Minutes:

None

7. Deputations/Delegations:

None

8. Correspondence:

None

9. Committee members report:

None

10. New Business

- a) J.L. Richards- will hold a public meeting.
- b) Signage – Creative DSigs
Talked to chair at M.T. C. – Chief MVFD
Sign – New Signage – Welcome to community. Motto “Yours to be Proud”
Funding – Council Report - submit quote.
New Committee – Council Report - none
- c) Rocks along Highway - Loose rock is a concern
- d) Storage Unit at acquired grounds – Self storage units day time supervisor, John will bring back report.
- e) Broadband Communication – August 2021 – Councillor Weller attended conference for Broadband and will report on her attendance.
- f) Submitted and Audience questions

11. Question Period

Q- Resident Why would the Township go into the business of storage unit rental? Would this not be better suited for private businesses?

A- Your question will be answered at the next Strategic Committee meeting.

Q- Why are the large amounts of rocks dumped at the Marina? What will be used for?

A- Your question will be answered at the next Strategic Committee meeting.

12. Closed Meeting

None

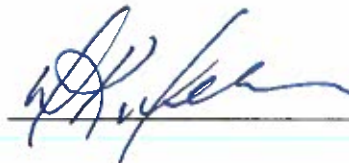
13. Adjournment

Moved by Nyla Koomans
Seconded by John Gabourie

**2021 /16
Adjournment**

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

Carried



Chair, Strategic Planning Committee



Next meeting will be held Tuesday, October 28th , 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

FONOM

BIG DATA - BIG IDEAS

NORTHEASTERN MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE

HOSTED BY THE CITY OF NORTH BAY

#10 (b)
2022

MAY 9 - 11

- Information and insight on topical municipal issues
- Update on provincial legislation
- Ministers Forum
- Banquet
- Annual Awards Presentation
- Annual FONOM Business Meeting

TRADE SHOW & OPENING RECEPTION

Monday, May 9, 2022
11:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Tuesday, May 10, 2022
8:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Wednesday, May 11, 2022
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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MCGARRY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Minutes

Minutes of the special meeting held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, August 23, 2021, at the McGarry Public Library.

PRESENT: Margo Jolette (Chairperson, presided)
Francine Plante, co-chair
Merdy Armstrong, trustee
Wendy Weller, council representative
Louanne Caza, council representative

ABSENT:

STAFF: Erika Baillargeon

1. Approval of Agenda

2021:19	Moved by Merdy Armstrong Seconded by Wendy Weller Carried	That the agenda be approved as presented.
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2. Minutes of the meeting of July 6, 2021

2021:20	Moved by Francine Plante Seconded by Louanne Caza Carried	That the minutes of the meeting of 06/07/2021 be approved.
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3. Business arising from the minutes

Erika Baillargeon was hired as new staff of the McGarry Public Library.

4. Appointment of CEO/Librarian

2021:21	Moved by Merdy Armstrong Seconded by Wendy Weller Carried	That Erika Baillargeon be appointed CEO/Librarian secretary/treasurer of the McGarry Public Library.
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5. Appointment of signing officers

2021:22 Moved by Wendy Weller
 Seconded by Louanne Caza
 Carried

That Erika Baillargeon, CEO,
Francine Plante, co-chair,
Merdy Armstrong, trustee,
be designated signatories
for McGarry Public Library.

6. Draft Budget

2021:23 Moved by Louanne Caza
 Seconded by Francine Plante
 Carried

That the Draft Budget be
accepted and forwarded to
Council as requested.

7. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, September 27, 2021 at 6:60
p.m. at the McGarry Public Library.

8. Adjournment

2021:24 Moved by Merdy Armstrong
 Seconded by Wendy Weller

That the meeting be
adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary

Approved

(DATE)

MCGARRY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

AGENDA

Special Meeting

August 23, 2021

McGarry Public Library

1. Opening of Meeting
 2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest
 3. Approval/Addition of Agenda
 4. Minutes of meeting 06/07 2021 (attached)
 5. Business arising from the minutes
 - a. Hiring of librarian
 6. Appointment of CEO/Librarian, Secretary-Treasurer
 7. Appointment of signing officers
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8. Discussion – Draft Budget
 9. Next meeting
 10. Adjournment

MCGARRY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Minutes

Minutes of the special meeting held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, September 13, 2021, at the McGarry Public Library.

PRESENT: Margo Jolette (Chairperson, presided)
Francine Plante, co-chair
Merdy Armstrong, trustee
Wendy Weller, council representative – by telephone
Louanne Caza, council representative

ABSENT:

STAFF: Erika Baillargeon

1. Approval of Agenda

2021:25	Moved by Merdy Armstrong	That the agenda be
	Seconded by Wendy Weller	approved as presented.
	Carried	

2. Minutes of the meeting of August 23, 2021

2021:26	Moved by Francine Plante	That the minutes of the
	Seconded by Louanne Caza	meeting of 08/23/2021
	Carried	be approved.

3. Business arising from the minutes

The draft budget accepted at the meeting was sent to Council on Tuesday morning, August 24, 2021.

4. Treasurer's Report

Francine reported that she is working at getting our accounting program set up. We just received access to the bank account and will soon have it up and running.

5. Board chairperson's report

Board chairperson reported on progress being made in getting library organized and functional.

October is Library month. Library is looking at special activities for all age groups.

6. Chief Executive Officer's Report

CEO reported on activities. We have finally received acceptance from Tech Soup for purchasing software at discounted prices. We will order Microsoft Office licence as well as antivirus software. We are awaiting final acceptance to complete the Provincial Grant application. That application must be completed by September 23, 2021.

7. Other Business

Council representative reported on possible need to incorporate library as it appears that it is not incorporated. He need for executive liability insurance was brought up, as well as content insurance. Councillor Webber suggested we call PIB, a firm that insures the Legion.

Francine suggested we look at possible fund-raising activity. She will get more details and report to members.

8. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, October 25, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the McGarry Public Library.

9. Adjournment

2021:27 Moved by Erika Baillargeon
Carried

That the meeting be
adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary

Approved

MCGARRY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

AGENDA

Regular Meeting

Monday, September,13 2021

McGarry Public Library

1. Opening of Meeting
2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Minutes of meeting 08/23 2021 (attached)
5. Business arising from the minutes
 - Draft budget
6. Treasurer's Update
7. Board chairperson's report

8. Chief Executive Officer's report
9. Other Business
 - Wendy and Louella
10. Next meeting
11. Adjournment

MCGARRY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 25, 2021, at the McGarry Public Library.

PRESENT: Margo Jolette (Chairperson, presided)
Francine Plante, co-chair
Merdy Armstrong, trustee
Wendy Weller, council representative
Louanne Caza, council representative

ABSENT:

STAFF: Erika Baillargeon

1. Conflicts of interest

No conflicts of interest were declared

2. Approval of Agenda

2021:28 Moved by Francine Plante
Seconded by Louanne Caza
Carried

That the agenda be
be approved as amended.

3. Minutes of the meeting of September 13, 2021

2021:29 Moved by Erika Baillargeon
Seconded by Merdy Armstrong
Carried

That the minutes of the
meeting of 09/13/2021
be approved.

4. Business arising from the minutes

Chairperson reported on video call with lawyer, clerk and council members regarding the subject of incorporation. Library is seeking confirmation that the library is already a corporation.

5. Correspondence

Librarian reported on correspondence received.

6. Treasurer's Report

2021:30 Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Merdy Armstrong

That the financial report
be accepted.

Carried

7. Board Chairperson Report / CEO Report

Chairperson and CEO reported on ongoing activities to get library back on track. Activities are being organized to get patrons back in person.

8. Chief Executive Officer's report

CEO reported on fundraising suggestions. She also commented on patrons returning to the library.

9. Other Business

- A handbook will be prepared for board members and council representatives. This handbook will contain information pertinent to members and will help to guide them in their work. 10 Things You Need to Know was handed out to members and will be part of the handbook.
- Dealing with Covid: safety plan and vaccine policy need to be prepared and approved.
- Funding: Discussion about possible fundraising activities
- Access to meetings: Code for Google Meet will be made available to public for next meeting.
- Agenda and minutes of meetings need to be submitted to Council.

10. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, November 29, 2021 at 6:60 p.m. at the McGarry Public Library.

11. Adjournment

2021:31 Moved by Francine Plante

That the meeting be adjourned at
7:40 p.m.

Chairperson _____

Secretary _____

Approved _____

AGENDA

Regular Meeting

Monday, October 25, 2021

McGarry Public Library

1. Opening of Meeting
2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Minutes of meeting 09/13 2021
5. Business arising from the minutes
 - Incorporation
6. Correspondence
7. Treasurer's Update
8. Board chairperson's report
9. Chief Executive Officer's report
10. Other Business
 - Handbook preparation
 - Dealing with Covid: vaccination policy; safety plan
11. Next meeting
12. Adjournment

mcgarry.township@ntl.sympatico.ca

From: Line Lamontagne <Line.Lamontagne@hotmail.com>
Sent: November 24, 2021 8:10 AM
To: McGarry Township
Subject: Water bills

Hi there,

At the last town council meeting on November 16th, I tried to ask a question during the question period but I think there were some technical issues and so it didn't work.

I would like to know the cost of the report done by the consultant regarding the clerical errors related to the water billing?

Also, I was wondering if the town will actually be reimbursing some dollars to citizens, or is this just a correction on paper?

From my understanding of the report, these credits are for citizens who's accounts were already in arrears, so no actual dollars will be paid out. Is this correct?

I would like the answers provided at the next council meeting. Also, please acknowledge receipt of my email.

Thanks and best regards!
Line Lamontagne

Agenda # 13 (a)



Karine Pelletier <kpelletier@mcgarry.ca>

Lawyers fees

2 messages

Francine Plante <francineb.plante@gmail.com>

Wed, Dec 8, 2021 at 9:21 AM

To: Karine Pelletier <kpelletier@mcgarry.ca>, matt4kurl@aol.com, Louanne Caza <louannecaza2021@gmail.com>, wendy weller <wendyweller@msn.com>, bonialphabet@msn.com, daaok23@gmail.com

Good day

As per my request at the last council meeting, I was informed to make my request in writing as well. I am requesting that all lawyers fees that were incurred by the municipality be made public at the next January council meeting. The fees per year would suffice starting from 2018 to 2021.

Sincerely,

Francine Plante

Karine Pelletier <kpelletier@mcgarry.ca>

Wed, Dec 8, 2021 at 10:41 AM

To: Francine Plante <francineb.plante@gmail.com>

Received.

[Quoted text hidden]

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Karine Pelletier
Clerk-Treasurer
Township of McGarry
705-634-2145, Ext 223

#13 (a)

23 Hilltop Cres
Virginiatown, On
P0K 1X0

4 January 2022

Township of McGarry
27 Webster St
Virginiatown, On
P0K 1X0

To Mayor and Council

I would like this letter read and answered at the next Regular Council Meeting.

The former Property Standards Committee was important to the community. It played a vital role in identifying properties within the Township that were not in compliance with By-Law 2016-17 (The Clean Yards By-Law). It worked with the Municipal By-Law Enforcement Officer to ensure delinquent property owners were notified to comply and it kept Council as a Whole updated on the status of delinquent properties.

There seems to be a disconnect since this committee was dissolved. It appears Council as a Whole is not informed of what is happening with regards to properties that are in breach of the provisions of this By-Law.

Would Council consider reinstating the former Property Standards Committee under a different name; i.e. Community Clean Yards Committee or McGarry Township Clean Yards Committee? It would be a benefit to the community to have such a committee. Afterall, the appearance of a community is reflective of how strong a council it has.



Muriel Rose