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Update on POA Modernization and Streamlining Initiatives (Proclamation of Clerk of the Court Amendments and Repeal of Early Resolution Provisions)

1 message

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Cc: "Chen, Wendy (MAG)" <Wendy.Chen@ontario.ca>

Fri, Mar 24, 2023 at 2:52 PM

Our Reference #: M-2023-2275

Dear Heads of Council, Municipal Chief Administrative Officers, and Clerks:

I am pleased to write to you today to provide an update on modernization initiatives in Ontario's *Provincial Offences Act* (POA) courts.

On November 23, 2022, proposed amendments to the POA aimed at modernizing and streamlining processes in POA courts were introduced in the Ontario Legislature as Schedule 8 under Bill 46, the *Less Red Tape, Stronger Ontario Act, 2023*. I am happy to advise that Bill 46 received Royal Assent on March 22, 2023.

As a result, the following changes to the POA have been approved:

Implementation of Amendments to Allow for Clerk Review of Reopening Applications

Currently, the POA allows a defendant convicted of either failing to respond to a charge laid by certificate of offence or of failing to appear for a hearing or early resolution meeting, to apply to have the conviction struck and the matter reopened. Such applications are currently reviewed by a justice of the peace and may be granted if the justice of the peace is satisfied that, through no fault of their own, the defendant was unable to appear for a hearing or an early resolution meeting or did not receive a notice or document relating to the offence.

Effective September 22, 2023, clerks of the court will grant, but not deny, applications to strike a conviction on a ticket, if satisfied that the defendant, through no fault of their own, missed a notice or was unable to attend a meeting or hearing related to the ticket. If the clerk is not able to grant the application and strike the conviction, the clerk must forward the application to a justice of the peace to make the determination whether to grant or deny the request for a reopening.

These amendments will assist municipalities in recovering from the disruption of court operations created by the pandemic by freeing up judicial time and allowing municipal court staff to address the backlog of cases more quickly.

Repeal of the Bill 177 Early Resolution Reforms

Effective March 22, 2023, amendments to section 5.1 of the POA, together with previously proposed sections 5.2 to 5.5 are repealed, although they had not yet come into force. These previously proposed amendments would have changed the "early resolution" process in ways that are no longer desired by stakeholders.

The Ministry of the Attorney General looks forward to continuing engagement with partners and stakeholders on new opportunities for modernizing the early resolution process.

If you have any questions, or if you would like more information about these initiatives, please contact Ms. Wendy Chen, Manager of the POA Unit, either by email at JUS.G.MAG.POASupport@ontario.ca or by telephone at (437) 244-8733.

Thank you for your continued commitment to the administration of justice and for supporting access to justice services for all Ontarians.

Sincerely,

Doug Downey

Attorney General

c: Wendy Chen, Manager, POA Unit, Court Services Division, Ministry of the Attorney General

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Update on the launch of the federal Housing Accelerator Fund

1 message

FCM Communique <communique@fcm.ca>

Fri, Mar 17, 2023 at 4:47 PM

Reply-To: communique@fcm.caTo: kpelletier@mcgarry.ca[View email in browser](#)**FCM**

March 17, 2023



COMMUNIQUÉ



FCM Members,

Today, the federal government launched the long-awaited [Housing Accelerator Fund](#). Many of you know that FCM has been a vocal proponent of the potential of this fund, provided it is designed with municipal realities in mind. You can read our reaction to the announcement [here](#).

Since this \$4 billion fund was announced in Budget 2022, FCM has advocated for important design considerations to ensure this new tool has the flexibility and efficiency needed to help municipalities across Canada remove barriers to increasing housing supply. Above all, we have stressed the need for an application process that is streamlined and efficient – no initiative of this scope should include unnecessary roadblocks to getting municipalities the support they need.

Today's announcement represents notable progress on a critical issue, and a clear signal that the federal government continues to view municipalities as a partner in the mission to address Canada's housing challenges.

Your FCM team is working hard to assess the information made available in today's announcement. In this period ahead of the formal intake process this summer, FCM will

continue to work with the federal government and CMHC to ensure the Housing Accelerator Fund is accessible to all local governments, including small, rural and Northern communities.

Municipal leaders across the country understand better than anyone how great the need is to increase the right kind of housing supply in Canada. Local leaders are on the frontlines of this challenge every day. Working with other orders of government, municipalities will continue to lead the way in building communities that offer everyone a safe place to call home.

Your FCM team



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To the Clerk and Council,

Re: Open Meetings: Guide for Municipalities

I am pleased to send you the latest edition of the Ontario Ombudsman's open meeting guide for municipalities. This guide offers tips and information about Ontario's open meeting rules, based on our Office's past 15 years of experience in investigating complaints about closed municipal meetings.

We have designed this portable, bilingual guide to serve as a handy reference for council members and other municipal officials when dealing with questions about the open meeting exceptions in the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as well as various common procedural issues. It includes frequently asked questions, excerpts from relevant legislation and best practice suggestions. This version includes updated case examples from our investigations and reflects the legislative change that permits councils, local boards, and committees to hold fully electronic or virtual meetings.

As we have done since 2008, our Office is providing this guide for free to all municipal clerks and council members across the province, whether they use the Ombudsman as their closed meeting investigator or not. We do this in the spirit of the open meeting rules – to promote transparency in local governments across the province.

If you require additional printed copies, please contact us at thewatchdog@ombudsman.on.ca. You can also print more copies directly from our website, or view the accessible PDF version, at www.ombudsman.on.ca/resources/brochures-and-posters/municipal-resources.

This link will also take you to our other municipal resources, including tip cards, best practice guidelines, and our online resource, **Open Meetings: Case Digest**, where you can search hundreds of our decisions on open meeting cases by topic, keyword, or municipality.

We hope these resources will be useful to you and the public we all serve.

We welcome your feedback, or any questions you might have about any aspect of our work: Please feel free to contact us at info@ombudsman.on.ca or 1-800-263-1830.

Sincerely,



Paul Dubé
Ombudsman of Ontario

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MPAC RTC/RTQ Expansion Project

1 message

Mario Levesque <mario.levesque@mpac.ca>

Tue, Apr 4, 2023 at 12:48 PM

To: kpelletier@mcgarry.ca

**MUNICIPAL
PROPERTY
ASSESSMENT
CORPORATION**

Good afternoon Karine,

We are evaluating our current Realty Tax Class (RTC)/Realty Tax Qualifier (RTQ) codes and are considering expanding from single-character to two-character RTC/RTQ codes in preparation for potential legislative/regulatory changes that would impact many of the products we provide.

While several RTC/RTQ combinations remain available for future classifications, without a plan to expand the codes beyond a single character, we may be unable to support any additional classes, subclasses, or complexities once these current combinations have been exhausted.

As part of our proactive approach, we have engaged with the Ontario Property Tax Analysis (OPTA) and the following tax vendors:

- Central Square (Keystone, ON PTAX, USTI/asyst)
- Central Square/Aptean (Diamond, VADIM-iCity)
- MuniSoft
- Ravic Tech
- Richard Shapcott Systems
- The Managed Mun - Encompass IT
- TownSuite Municipal Software
- TXM Services
- Vailtech Inc.

We will be providing sample products to assist vendors in evaluating their systems to determine the time requirements needed to apply a potential change. Please note that no changes will be made to existing single-character codes. A second character will only be used for newly added RTC/RTQ codes if it is required.

We will be in touch once we have additional information to share.

In the meantime, if you are not working with any of the vendors listed above, have your own tax software, or have any additional questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Thank you.



Minutes of the Community Policing Committee held on Thursday, February 16th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in person in the meeting room or by phone.

1. Opening of the Meeting by the Chair of the Committee

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

2. Roll Call: The Chair took a roll call

<u>Attendance:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Chair Bonita Culhane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Co-Chair Wendy Weller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Annie Toupin-Keft	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bastiaan Koomans	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Merdy Armstrong	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mayor Stephen McLean	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Constable Peter Crouse and Constable Kurtis Wuerch

Clerk-Typist: Melanie Jensen

Members of the audience present: 2

3. Adoption of the Agenda and Addendum:

Moved by Bastiaan Koomans

Seconded by Wendy Weller

05/2023

Adoption of Agenda

THAT the agenda for the February 16, 2023, meeting of the Community Policing Committee be adopted.

Carried

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary of Interest: None

5. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Moved by Wendy Weller
Seconded by Bastiaan Koomans

06/2023

Previous Minutes

THAT the minutes of the Meeting of the Community Policing held on January 19, 2023 be adopted.

Carried

6. Matters arising from the minutes: None

7. Deputations / Delegations :

Presentation on Snowmobile Safety from OPP is online.

8. Correspondance, Information : None

9. Members Update Reports: None

10. New Business: None

11. a) Submitted Questions : None

b) Audience Questions : None

12. Closed Meeting: None

13. Adjournment:

Moved by Bastiaan Koomans
Seconded by Wendy Weller

07/2023

Adjournment

That this meeting be adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Carried


CHAIR Bonita Culhane



10 (b)

Minutes of a Recreation Committee Meeting held on Tuesday March 7th, 2023 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:

Attendance:

Present

Absent

Chair Councillor Bonita Culhane
Co-Chair Councillor John Truchon
Louanne Caza
Paulette Paquet
Mary Walsh



Clerk Typist: Melanie Jensen
Members of the Public: 3

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

Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by John Truchon

**07/2023
Agenda**

THAT the agenda for the Recreation Committee Meeting held on March 7th, 2023 be adopted with additions to a delegation from Liana Thurston.

Carried

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

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

Moved by John Truchon
Seconded by Louanne Caza

**08/2023
Minutes**

THAT the minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting held on February 7th, 2023 be adopted.

Carried

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

7. Deputations / Délégations / Députations / Délégations :

Liana Thurston brought forward an idea for a possible Croquet tournament in the community. Her presentation is online.

8. Correspondence, Information / Correspondance, Information: None

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

Moved by Paulette Paquet
Seconded by Mary Walsh

**09/2023
Flea Market**

THAT the Recreation Committee get 3 tables to sell surplus equipment at the Flea Market on March 25th, 2023.

Carried

10. New Business/ Nouvelles affaires:

- a) **Schedule Activities:** Members discussed schedules for upcoming activities such as Pickle Ball.
- b) **Update on kitchen equipment:** Chair Councillor Culhane has said that the Community Centre now has 2 new stoves that are in place ready to use.
- c) **Update on Inventory:** Final day for inventory is scheduled for March 13th, 2023.
- d) **March break activities:** Members discussed activities to do on March break.
- e) **Easter weekend activities:** Easter egg hunt will be on April 8th, 2023. Poster with details to come.
- f) **Budget:** Budget meeting will be held on March 20th, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in the meeting room.

11. a) Submitted Questions / Questions soumises : None

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

12. Closed Meeting/ Réunion à huis clos: None

13. Adjournment / Clôture de l'assemblée:

Moved by Paulette Paquet
Seconded by John Truchon

10/2023
Adjournment

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 7:54 p.m.


Chair – Councillor Bonita Culhane



#10 (b)

Minutes of a Recreation Committee Meeting held on Monday March 27th, 2023 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:

Attendance:

Present

Absent

Chair Councillor Bonita Culhane
Co-Chair Councillor John Truchon
Louanne Caza
Paulette Paquet
Mary Walsh



☒ with Regrets

Clerk-Treasurer: Karine Pelletier
Members of the Public: 0

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

Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by John Truchon

**11/2023
Agenda**

THAT the agenda for the Recreation Committee Meeting held on March 27th, 2023 be adopted.

Carried

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

5. **Minutes of Previous Meetings / Procès-verbal des réunions précédentes : None**
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 : None**
10. **New Business/ Nouvelles affaires:**
 - a) **Budget : Members discussed the Yearly Budget.**
11.
 - a) **Submitted Questions / Questions soumises : None**
 - b) **Audience Questions / Questions de l'auditoire : None**
12. **Closed Meeting/ Réunion à huis clos: None**
13. **Adjournment / Clôture de l'assemblée:**

Moved by John Truchon
Seconded by John Louanne Caza

12/2023
Adjournment

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 1:45 p.m.


Chair – Councillor Bonita Culhane



#10 (c)

Minutes of a Strategic Planning Committee Meeting held on Wednesday March 8th, 2023 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:

Attendance:

Present

Absent

Chair Councillor Wendy K. Weller
Co-Chair Councillor Bonita Culhane
John Gabourie
Elaine Fic
Taylor White
Louanne Caza
Mayor Stephen McLean

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Clerk Typist: Melanie Jensen
Member of the audience: 4

Moved by Elaine Fic
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

04/2023
Absent

THAT the Chair agrees to grant a leave of absence to Member Taylor White for the Strategic Planning Committee Meeting of March 8th, 2023, due to appropriate advance notice submitted to the Clerk or Chair.

Carried

3. Adoption of the Agenda and Addendum:

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Elaine Fic

05/2023
Agenda

THAT the agenda for the Strategic Planning Committee Meeting held on March 8th, 2023 be adopted with addition of (d) Budget.

Carried

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest: None

5. Minutes of Previous Meetings :

Moved by Elaine Fic
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

**06/2023
Minutes**

THAT the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee Meeting held on January 31st , 2022 be adopted.

Carried

6. Matters arising from the minutes: None

7. Deputations: None

8. Correspondence, Information: None

9. Members Update Reports: None

10. New Business:

- a) **Update from Group A on the Community Garden:** Members discussed how to start the Community Garden. They discussed water, materials, cost, etc...
- b) **Playground equipment and safety of green spaces:** Members discussed park safety. They also discussed having to get new playground equipment for our parks.
- c) **Resident letter to be discussed:** Members discussed the resident letter. They discussed the possibility of getting Dome at some point made. They will look for future grants for this project.
- d) **Budget:** Members discussed the Budget and will hand it in to the Clerk-Treasurer.

11. a) Submitted questions: None

b) Audience questions: None

12. Adjournment:

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Elaine Fic

**07/2023
Adjournment**

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Carried



Chair

MCGARRY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Minutes of the regular meeting held at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, February 6, 2023, McGarry Public Library.

#10 (d)

PRESENT: Margo Jolette (Chairperson, presided)
Merdy Armstrong, trustee
Francine Plante, council representative
Wendy Weller, council representative

STAFF: Samantha Goulet

ABSENT: Amanda S-Cyr, trustee

AUDIENCE: Bonita Culhane

1. Opening of meeting

Meeting was opened at 6:32 p.m.

2. Conflicts of interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

3. Election of chairperson

2023:01 Moved by Merdy Armstrong

Seconded by Francine Plante

Carried

That Margo Jolette be elected Chairperson of the McGarry Public Library Board.

4. Approval of Agenda

2023:02 Moved by Wendy Weller

Seconded by Francine Plante

Carried

That the agenda be accepted as presented.

5. Minutes of the meeting of October 27, 2022

2022:03 Moved by Francine Plante

Seconded by Merdy Armstrong

Carried

That the minutes of the meeting of 10/27/2022 be approved as presented.

6. Business arising from the minutes

The alarm company has been informed that the library wishes to discontinue the contract with Stanley Security. Board will look into purchase of cameras to assure security.

7. Correspondence\CEO Report

- Christmas sale of ornaments and draw brought in just over 160,00 \$
- Maintenance work was completed : installing shelves, cleaning out storage room, installation of file cabinets in back room for equipment and supplies storage, installation of table.

- Saturday opening: Some patrons are taking advantage of the Saturday afternoon opening. The fact that no children have come led to a discussion about how to bring the young people back to the library. We need to find incentives and programs that will attract young people.
- Connectivity grant has been renewed by OLS. Library will receive funding to cover the cost of Internet service.
- Fitness for Your Aging Brain, a series of free online classes for Ontario Seniors will soon be available at the library.
- Grant application was sent to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for resiliency funds to help overcome the cost of restructuring post covid. Answer should be received in April. MPP John Vanthof supports our request.
- Activities with EarlyON : CEO has been communicating with EarlyON in the hope of coordinating activities.
- Internet upgrade to fiber optic: no news on installation dates.
- Radon Library Lending Program: we will respond to this invitation to acquire radon testing kit that can be lent out to citizens.

8. Financial Updates

2022:04

Moved by Merdy Armstrong

Seconded by Wendy Weller

Carried

That the Income and Expense Report for 2022 be accepted and forwarded to clerk for sharing with council.

- Donation of 500 \$ from McGarry Community Internet Centre
- Credit card issues resolved and cards cancelled

9. Board Training

- Ontario Library Service offers a training program for library board members called Governance Hub. This is an online 4 year program. We will explore this program on a regular basis.
- Bylaws and Policies deferred to next meeting.
- All board members now have a binder which contains information relevant to board members and sections to organize materials distributed at meetings.

10. Adjournment

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, March 27, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the McGarry Public Library.

2023:05

Moved by Francine Plante

That the meeting be adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Carried

Chairperson

Margo Jolitto

Secretary

Samantha Gollet

Approved

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STUDENTS

Of McGarry Township only

CLEAN UP DAY (10 YEARS OF AGE AND UP)

**Saturday, June 3rd, 2023
8:00 A.M TO 12:00 P.M (NOON)**

REMUNERATION: \$50.00

MEET AT 7:30 A.M AT THE TOWNSHIP GARAGE

PLEASE WEAR PROPER FOOTWEAR, GLOVES AND HAT.

**REGISTER BY JUNE 2nd, 2023, BY CALLING THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE AT 705-634-2145 OR
EMAIL : mjensen@mcgarry.ca**



ÉTUDIANTS

Du Canton de McGarry seulement

JOURNÉE DE NETTOYAGE (10 ANS ET PLUS)

**SAMEDI LE 3 JUIN, 2023
8:00 À 12H00 (MIDI)**

RÉMUNÉRATION : \$50.00/JOUR

RENCONTRE À 7H30 A.M AU GARAGE MUNICIPAL

VEUILLEZ PORTER DES CHAUSSURES APPROPRIÉS AINSI QUE DES GANTS ET UN CHAPEAU.

**VEUILLEZ VOUS INSCRIRE AVANT LE 2 JUIN, 2023. APPELER LE BUREAU MUNICIPAL 705-634-2145 OU PAR
COURIEL : mjensen@mcgarry.ca**

Clean Up Week – May 23rd, 24th & 26th, 2023

We ask that all residents tidy up their homes and grounds, and to clean up all rubbish from their own property and adjoining lands, ditches, and streets.

- May 23rd trucks will pickup Virginiatown
- May 24th trucks will pickup North Virginiatown
- May 25th normal scheduled garbage day
- May 26th trucks will pickup Kearns

Township crew will pick up all debris, stones, appliances, old vehicles etc... **Remember to place any recyclable items separately.**

We also ask that **NO ASHES** be put in the garbage unless you are **ABSOLUTELY** sure that brazes are completely out.

Please place rubbish in suitable containers. The container must not hold more than 19 imperial gallons (82 litres) and anything that cannot be put in a container should be neatly tied. Brush and branches should be tied up in small bundles. Metal should be put in a separate pile.

We do urge all citizens to take advantage of this opportunity to clean up our town and we thank you for your cooperation.

The Township landfill site will be open on:

- Tuesday May 23rd and Wednesday May 24th, 2023 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Thursday May 25th, 2023, from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Friday May 26th, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. TO 4:00 p.m.
- Saturday May 27th, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Everything must be out at the road by 9:00 a.m. or it will not be pick up.