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January 31, 2022

Mayor & Councillors  
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RE: Preliminary Integrity Commissioner Report

Mr. Mayor & Members of Council

Our office received a Request for Inquiry from a Member of the Public. Pursuant to the Integrity Commissioner Inquiry Protocol, we conducted a preliminary review. We have determined that we will not be conducting a full inquiry.

Herein is our report outlining our reasons.

#### **THE REQUEST**

The Requestor alleged Councillor John Shymko contravened five (5) Sections of the Municipality of Temagami Code of Conduct ("Code of Conduct") since May of 2021 and ongoing, due to comments and posts on his "*Temagami Talk*" Facebook Group page. More specifically, the Applicant alleged Councillor Shymko:

- Enabled cyberbullying on *Temagami Talk*, a Facebook page that he founded and administers
- Allowed false posts to remain on his group page for lengthy periods of time and to this day
- Made comments that are construed by the complainant as bullying and irresponsible contrary to the requirements he has set for *Temagami Talk* and the *Municipal Code of Conduct*.
- Made incautious comments as a known and recognized member of Temagami's Council, such comments being attributable to his position as a Councillor and giving him an effective voice that can be perceived by members of his *Group Page* to be guided by and substantiated by his position as a Councillor.
- By his comments and inaction in banning those who broke his rules as the Administrator of *Temagami Talk* he emboldened others to make belittling comments about the Requestor.

#### **LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY**

Under section 223.4(1)(a) of the *Municipal Act*, a request may be made for an inquiry to the Integrity Commissioner about whether a member or members have contravened the Code of Conduct.

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When a matter is referred to us, we may then conduct an inquiry in accordance with the Municipality's Integrity Commissioner Inquiry Protocol and, upon completion of the inquiry, if a breach is found, we may make recommendations to Council on the imposition of penalties.

#### **INQUIRY PROCESS**

The responsibilities of the Integrity Commissioner are set out in section 223.3(1) of the *Municipal Act*. Requests may be made to the Integrity Commissioner for an inquiry about whether a member has contravened the Code of Conduct that is applicable to that member. Additionally, the Integrity Commissioner is responsible to follow the Municipality's Integrity Commissioner Inquiry Protocol.

We confirm that the Application is properly filed and within the jurisdiction of the Integrity Commissioner to consider.

The Integrity Commissioner Inquiry Protocol requires that a preliminary review be conducted to determine if a full inquiry is necessary. We have conducted such review and have determined that a full inquiry is not necessary in the circumstance.

#### **REASONS**

The Requestor is a ratepayer within the Municipality and is not a member of Council, nor a member of staff. The Requestor alleged that Councillor Shymko contravened sections 1.1, 1.2 a) b) c) d), 5.1 and 7.1 & 7.2, of the Code of Conduct.

At issue is whether Councillor Shymko is bound by the Code of Conduct when participating on social media and more specifically in relation to his *Facebook* group page *Temagami Talk*.

Valerie Jepson, Integrity Commissioner for the City of Toronto in her report entitled "*Integrity Commissioner Report Regarding Use of Social Media*" April 26, 2016 stated;

- Common features of social media are that accounts can be acquired at no cost and content is by default public and permanent.
- Elected officials are to use caution not to speak, or be seen to speak, for Council or the Municipality. There is a recognition that it may be difficult to distinguish between a member's personal use, official use, and private use.
- A social media account is identified as a member's social media account if it identifies the member as a current member of Council, uses a municipal email address as a point of contact, is published on the Municipality contact page for Members of Council, uses the Municipal logo, contains contact information for the member at the Municipal Hall, or is managed or maintained by Municipal Staff, the

Member's staff or volunteers or using services eligible to be paid out of the Constituency Services and Office budget.

We find no evidence that Councillor Shymko's *Facebook* group page is linked to his position as a Councillor for the Municipality of Temagami or that any comments posted or allowed to be posted acknowledge his position as a Councillor.

The City of Ottawa, provides additional guidance related to Councillor use of social media on their website:

*"Interpretation Bulletin on the Use of Social Media"*

- Social media platforms exist as largely informal spaces, and the way the applications are structured place Members and the public on more equal footing than would be in a physical or formal setting.
- While this flattening of hierarchy may blur the line between private and public, Members using accounts representing the City will always be perceived to be acting in their public capacity. The use of titles, "verified" accounts and City branding reinforce Members' positions the same way a letterhead might.
- Members should be aware that their positions as public officials cannot simply be turned off and should treat their social media presence as extensions of their public personas. Members are expected not to use offensive language when interacting with members of the public or each other online. While heated language and debate are part and parcel of informal expression on social media, civility and respect should remain the overriding concern for Members.

We find no evidence that Councillor Shymko's *Facebook* group page represents the Municipality of Temagami and therefore he is not acting as a public official in his role as the Group Moderator.

The Code of Conduct section entitled "Principles", it states:

- 1.1) A municipality is a responsible level of government. Improving the quality of municipal governance and administration can best be achieved by encouraging high standards of conduct on the part of all Members. In particular, the public is entitled to expect the highest standards of conduct from the Members of its local government. In turn, adherence to these standards will protect and promote the Municipality's reputation and integrity

Section 7, "Conduct Respecting Others" states:

7.10 Every Member has the duty and responsibility to treat members of the public, one another and staff appropriately and without abuse, bullying or intimidation, and to ensure that the municipal work environment is free from discrimination and harassment. The Member shall be familiar with, and comply

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with, the Municipality's Workplace Anti-Violence, Harassment and Sexual Harassment Policy.

**OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS COUNCILLOR**

The *Canadian Bar Association* recognizes that all Canadians have the right to free speech and that social media channels are equally accessible to all. Social Media policy does not seek to unduly restrict individuals' use of personal social media channels.

We find that Councillor Shymko as a citizen is entitled to have personal opinions and to express those opinions on social media. While the Code of Conduct applies to the ethical behaviour of a Councillor, it does not expressly prohibit social media or other online activity. The test therefore is one of representation. Is Councillor Shymko representing his opinion or that of Council?

The evidence before us does not reflect that Councillor Shymko is representing Council when he is commenting and allowing comments on his *Facebook* group page. To be clear, nothing Councillor Shymko has commented on or allowed as a posted comment, can be construed as being related to his role as Councillor.

The Requestor's allegations regarding action or inaction by Councillor Shymko as the *Facebook* group page administrator do not fall under the purview of the Integrity Commissioner.

Additionally, the comments do not meet the test set out in 7.10 as the allegations are not from an employee or member of Council. Furthermore, the evidence before us does not meet the test of discrimination or harassment.

**DECISION**

There will be no further investigation of this complaint, which is hereby dismissed, and we submit this correspondence as the public report regarding the matter.

Respectfully,



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March 8, 2022

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Honorable Prime Minister Trudeau and Premier Ford:

RE: Resolution Passed by Woolwich Township Council – Mental Health Supports

This letter is to inform you that the Council of the Township of Woolwich endorsed the following resolution at their meeting held on March 7, 2022:

**WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Woolwich (the "Township") has been an annual funding partner of Woolwich Counselling Centre to support local mental health counselling; and**

**WHEREAS Woolwich Counselling Centre is part of the broader Counselling Collaborative of Waterloo Region, a community-based partnership between six community counselling service providers within Waterloo Region; and**

**WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on individuals and families, both globally and locally, including immediate and ongoing mental health concerns; and**

**WHEREAS the Township is aware that there has been an average 39% increase in total client referrals, which includes a 71% increase in child and youth referrals, for government funded programs in 2021 across member organizations of the Counselling Collaborative of Waterloo Region, which has led to difficulty for the member organizations to keep up with the demand in terms of bringing on new qualified staff to support the substantial increase in local client needs; and**

**WHEREAS** the Township believes local needs for mental health supports and difficulties in responding to this increased need is indicative of a broader issue across Ontario and is expected to continue in the future; and

**WHEREAS** the current provincial funding model for mental health support is fragmented across several ministries and programs;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Township of Woolwich requests that the Government of Canada ensure appropriate and sustained funding is transferred to provinces for mental health purposes in their 2022 budget; and

**THAT** the Council of the Township of Woolwich requests the Government of Ontario to provide stable, reliable and predictable funding for mental health organizations in their 2022 budget; and

**THAT** this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister, the Federal Minister of Finance, the local Member of Parliament, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the local Member of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and other municipalities in Ontario.

Should you have any questions, please contact Alex Smyth, by email at [asmith@woolwich.ca](mailto:asmith@woolwich.ca) or by phone at 519-669-6004.

Yours truly,



Jeff Smith  
Municipal Clerk  
Corporate Services  
Township of Woolwich

cc. Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance  
Tim Louis, MP Kitchener-Conestogo  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities  
Peter Bethlenfalvy, Ontario Minister of Finance  
Mike Harris, MPP Kitchener-Conestogo  
Association of Municipalities in Ontario (AMO)  
Municipalities in Ontario

February 24, 2022

**Re: Item for Discussion – Hospital Capital Funding**

At its meeting of February 23, 2022, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge ratified motions 22-PD-014, regarding the Item for Discussion – Joint and Several Liability Reform, as follows:

“WHEREAS healthcare funding is a provincial and federal responsibility;

AND WHEREAS from 2009 to 2020 a total of \$415.4 million has been transferred from municipal operations to fund and build provincial hospitals;

AND WHEREAS remaining long-term commitments to hospitals stand at \$117.5 million (as of 2020), which will also be financed from municipal operations;

AND WHEREAS a hospital is one of many public services that contributes to healthy communities;

AND WHEREAS municipal contributions to provincial hospitals takes away from the resources available for other municipal services that contribute to the health and well-being of residents;

AND WHEREAS a community’s total contribution to local hospitals also includes the donations made by benevolent individuals, groups, and businesses along with municipal contributions;

AND WHEREAS a community’s required local share is to pay 10% of capital construction costs and 100% of the cost of equipment, furniture, and fixtures, which includes medical equipment with big ticket prices: MRI machines, CT scanners, and x-ray machines;

AND WHEREAS this translates to a 70% provincial share and 30% local share (individuals, groups, businesses, and municipalities) of the overall cost of provincial hospital operations and capital projects;

AND WHEREAS the adoption of the “design-build-finance” hospital construction model (also known as alternative financing and procurement or P3 projects), has increased local share amounts because they now include the costs of long-term financing;

AND WHEREAS equipment replacement needs are increasingly frequent and increasingly expensive with average equipment lifespan of just ten years;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario has highlighted the “local share” of hospital capital contributions as a major issue in its 2022 Pre-Budget Submission to the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs;

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge calls for a provincial re-examination of the "local share" hospital capital calculation methodology, to better reflect the limited fiscal capacity of municipalities, and the contributions to health care services they already provide to a community;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Health, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Local Member of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Ontario municipalities."

In accordance with Council's direction I am forwarding you a copy of the resolution for you reference.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any additional clarification in this regard.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lori McDonald', written in a cursive style.

Lori McDonald  
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk





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February 25, 2022

The Honourable David Piccini, Minister  
Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks  
College Park 5th Floor, 777 Bay St.  
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

**Re: Municipal Accommodation Tax and Crown Campgrounds**

On January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, the Town of South Bruce Peninsula implemented a Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT). The tax equates to a 4% fee Levied on short term accommodations including, hotels, motels, rooming houses, bed & breakfast, cottage rentals and campgrounds, for all bookings of 30 days or less.

The Town of South Bruce Peninsula is the first jurisdiction in Ontario to levy the MAT on campgrounds. There are approximately 14 campgrounds within the Town of South Bruce Peninsula. Of those, one is a municipally owned campground, and one is a provincially owned campground, known as the Sauble Falls Provincial Park.

The Town recently amended the MAT program to confirm that our Town owned campground will contribute to MAT in the same manner as all of our privately owned campgrounds.

The Municipal Act states that "the Crown, any agency of the Crown in right of Ontario or any authority....." Is exempt from MAT. As such, the Sable Falls Provincial Park is not participating in the MAT program.

Several campground owners within the Town recently attended a Council meeting and stated their concerns and objections pertaining to the MAT exemption for the Sauble Falls Provincial Park. Town Council and private campground owners believe that this exemption creates an unfair competitive advantage for the provincially operated campground.

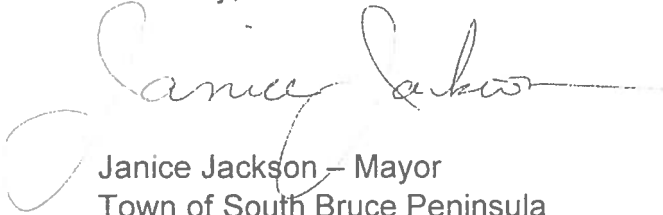
Council fully supports the position of our local campground owners and has passed the following resolution

*"And further that the Town sends a letter to the Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks as well as to MPP Bill Walker requesting the removal of the Municipal Accommodation Tax exemption for all Crown owned campgrounds and that this letter is sent to all Ontario municipalities to seek their support"*

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By way of this letter, we are asking the province to remove exemptions listed within section 400.1 (1) of the Municipal Act pertaining to Crown owned facilities, specifically campgrounds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Janice Jackson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Janice Jackson – Mayor  
Town of South Bruce Peninsula  
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519-534-1400 ext. 200

cc. MPP Bill Walker



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**RE: Gypsy Moth Spraying**

**JANUARY 19, 2022**

At its meeting of January 17, 2022, the Council of the Township of Limerick passed a motion in regard to the Gypsy Moth Concentration and Control Measures;

“WHEREAS the Gypsy Moth defoliation in Limerick Township has caused significant damage, with Limerick Township reportedly having the highest concentration of Gypsy moths in Hastings County due to the Rural nature of the Township; and

WHEREAS the reported responses from the public do not present an accurate picture of the devastation as the geographical area is quite large in relation to the low population of Limerick Township;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Township of Limerick request that the County of Hastings consider the impact of the Gypsy Moth Caterpillars on the rural communities across Ontario, not only through online reporting but also taking into consideration the land mass associated with each municipality. For example, one property owner recently purchased 27,000 acres of land, but was only able to submit 1 report for the entire property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the population of seasonal residents not reporting in the area during the off season also be taken into consideration, as there is potential that they are unaware of the reporting process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Hastings take the necessary steps to accurately interpret the devastation of the Gypsy Moth Caterpillar by way of geographical consideration along with the online reporting method to ensure accurate and beneficial spraying to combat this problem is undertaken.”

Please reach out to the Township Clerk with any additional questions at 613-474-2863.

Sincerely,

Victoria Tisdale

Victoria Tisdale, Clerk Treasurer  
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March 03, 2022

Re: Seeking input about the use of floating accommodations on waterways over Ontario's public lands

Greetings,

The Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (NDMNRNF) would like to make you aware of a Bulletin recently posted to the Environmental Registry of Ontario [<https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-5119>].

We are seeking to engage municipalities on potential ideas and approaches to manage "camping" and the use of floating accommodations on waterways over Ontario's public lands. The ministry is seeing increased interest in the use of waterways by various types of vessels (i.e., watercrafts equipped for overnight accommodation). In some cases, the ministry has heard concerns relating to vessels that are primarily designed for accommodation and not navigation.

We are seeking input from the public, Indigenous communities, and municipal associations, and various stakeholders including your organization **by April 19, 2022**.

Input from this process will inform consideration of potential future changes intended to address growing concerns around the impacts of this activity on Ontario waterways and those who use them.

Please note, no regulatory changes are being proposed at this time. Any regulatory or policy changes that may be considered in the future would be posted on the Environmental Registry for consultation purposes.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Julie Reeder, Sr. Program Advisor, Crown Lands Policy Section at [Julie.reeder@ontario.ca](mailto:Julie.reeder@ontario.ca).

Sincerely,

Peter D. Henry, R.P.F.  
Director  
Crown Forests and Lands Policy Branch



Municipality of  
**SHUNIAH**

# COUNCIL RESOLUTION

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Resolution No.: 44-22

Date: Feb 8, 2022

Moved By: DONNA BLUNT

Seconded By: DON SMITH

THAT Council hereby supports the resolution from Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) regarding supporting the expansion of Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) to address the urgent need for physicians in Northern Ontario; and

BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Colleges and Universities Jill Dunlop, Minister of Health Christine Elliot, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation & Trade Victor Fedeli, local MP's and MPP's, Ontario Medical Association, Northern School of Medicine, Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), all Ontario Municipalities.

- Carried
- Defeated
- Amended
- Deferred

Wendy Lantry  
Signature

Municipality of Shuniah, 420 Leslie Avenue, Thunder Bay, Ontario P7A 1X8

**HCM Clerk-Treasurer**

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**From:** Julian, Peter - Riding 1D <peter.julian.c1d@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** February 15, 2022 1:54 PM  
**To:** Julian, Peter - Riding 1D; Gesner, Lindsay (Julian, Peter - MP); Mah, Doris (Julian, Peter - MP)  
**Subject:** (Ontario) Seeking your endorsement for Bill C-229 - Appel à votre soutien pour le projet de loi C 229

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Dear Mayors and Councils,

Everyone deserves to live in safety and dignity. Everyone has the right to feel welcomed and respected in their community. Yet, during the pandemic, racist incidents reported to police have increased at an alarming rate. Tragically, we have seen an increase in Islamophobia, anti-Semitism, racism, homophobia, transphobia and misogyny in our society. We see rising racism against Indigenous people, Black, Asian and other racially marginalized communities, while symbols of hate continue to be displayed and sold across our country.

Last week, I re-tabled my Private Member's Bill C-229, An Act to Amend the Criminal Code (banning symbols of hate), to prevent anyone from selling and displaying symbols that promote hatred and violence against identifiable groups. It is a tool designed to address the growing violence and hate that we are seeing in many Canadian communities.

Thank you to those who joined the call in the previous Parliament for Bill C-229. Today, I am seeking your continued support for this legislation. To those who did not have a chance to show your support in the last parliament, I am seeking your endorsement. This is an opportunity to join tens of thousands of Canadians in calling on the federal government and all MPs to ban the sale and display of hate symbols.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - NDP bill would ban hate symbols

Allowing these symbols of hatred to be sold in stores or publicly displayed is threatening for people who have been, and continue to be, targets of violence and oppression.

As we've seen in the past two weeks, during protests around the *Convoy for Freedom*, Canadians witnessed vile and hateful genocidal displays of hate symbols such as Nazi swastikas and the flying of Confederate flags at the very center of Canadian democracy.

With hate crimes on the rise across Canada, we must do everything we can to stop the spread of hate in our communities. Municipalities across the country are seeing the same trend in hate crimes. Hate and associated extremist ideology is spreading like wildfire on the Internet. Even today, many Canadians are saddened by the lack of recourse against the display of symbols that incite hatred. The time for rhetoric is over: the time for action is now.

Banning symbols of hatred like swastikas or Klu Klux Klan insignia, flags such as the standards of Nazi Germany from 1933 to 1945 and those of the white supremacist Confederate States of America

from 1861 to 1865, is an important step the federal government should take now for all Canadians to feel safe and secure against hate.

I am seeking your support and public endorsement in the 44<sup>th</sup> Parliament to urge the federal government and all MPs to support Bill C-229

Please consider using the following text:

*On behalf of \_\_\_\_\_(Number of residents), \_\_\_\_\_(Name of the municipality) endorses MP Peter Julian's Private Member's Bill C-229 - Banning Symbols of Hate Act.*

I hope that I can count on you and your council to endorse Bill C-229. Thank you very much for your consideration. I look forward to hearing back from you soon.

If you have questions and require further information, please feel free to contact my assistant Doris Mah, at 604-353-3107 [peter.julian.c1d@parl.gc.ca](mailto:peter.julian.c1d@parl.gc.ca).

Sincerely,

Peter Julian, MP  
New Westminster - Burnaby

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Chers Messieurs les Maires, Mesdames les Maires, Mesdames et Messieurs membres des conseils municipaux,

Chacun mérite de vivre dans la sécurité et la dignité. Chacun a le droit de se sentir accueilli et respecté dans sa collectivité. Pourtant, pendant la pandémie, les incidents racistes signalés à la police se sont multipliés à un rythme alarmant.

Tragiquement, nous avons constaté une augmentation de l'islamophobie, de l'antisémitisme, du racisme, de l'homophobie, de la transphobie et de la misogynie dans notre société. Nous constatons une hausse du racisme envers les personnes autochtones, noires et asiatiques et d'autres groupes racialement marginalisés, tandis que des symboles haineux continuent d'être affichés et vendus à l'échelle du pays.

La semaine dernière, j'ai déposé de nouveau le projet de loi d'initiative parlementaire C-229, Loi modifiant le Code criminel (interdiction des symboles de haine), qui vise à interdire à quiconque de vendre et d'exposer des symboles qui fomentent la haine et la violence à l'égard de groupes identifiables. Il s'agit d'un outil pour combattre la montée de la violence et de la haine dans les communautés à travers le Canada.

Je remercie tous ceux et celles qui ont soutenu le projet de loi C-229 lors de la 43<sup>e</sup> législature. Aujourd'hui, je sollicite de nouveau votre appui.

A ceux et celles qui n'ont pas eu l'occasion de l'appuyer auparavant, j'espère pouvoir compter sur votre soutien pendant cette 44<sup>e</sup> législature. C'est l'occasion de vous joindre à des dizaines de milliers de Canadiens et Canadiennes pour demander au gouvernement fédéral et à tous les député.es d'interdire la vente et l'exposition de symboles haineux.



# Clerks and Bylaw

February 18, 2022

SENT VIA E-MAIL TO:

Joanne Vanderheyden  
President of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities  
[info@fcm.ca](mailto:info@fcm.ca)

Dear President Vanderheyden,

Re: Year of the Garden Proclamation

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On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of Norfolk County, please be advised that upon the recommendation of the Tourism and Economic Development Advisory Board, Council passed the following resolution at the February 15, 2021 Council meeting:

**Resolution No. 13**

**Moved By:** Councillor Martin  
**Seconded By:** Councillor Huffman

WHEREAS Norfolk County is known as Ontario's Garden and has a rich agricultural and horticulture industry;

AND WHEREAS Communities in Bloom and "Fleurons du Québec" in collaboration with the Canadian Garden Council, invite all municipalities to celebrate the Year of the Garden 2022;

AND WHEREAS the Year of the Garden 2022 celebrates the Centennial of Canada's horticulture sector;

AND WHEREAS gardens and gardening contribute to the quality of life of our municipality, our climate action goals and create safe and healthy places where people can come together in the spirit of inclusivity and reconciliation;

AND WHEREAS the Year of the Garden 2022 will highlight and celebrate the important contribution of gardeners, our local gardening organizations, horticultural professionals and local horticultural businesses which contribute to garden culture and experience of our municipality;

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AND WHEREAS gardens and gardening have helped us face the challenges of the COVID pandemic;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

THAT Norfolk County hereby proclaim 2022 as the Year of the Garden in celebration of the contribution of gardens and gardening to the development of our country, our municipality and the lives of our citizens in terms of health, quality of life and environmental challenges;

AND THAT the Saturday before Father's Day, National Garden Day, June 18 in 2022, be recognize as Garden Day in Norfolk County as a legacy of Canada's Year of the Garden 2022;

AND THAT Norfolk County is committed to be a Garden Friendly County supporting the development of its garden culture and is proud to have history, heritage and diversity of gardens;

AND FURTHER THAT all municipalities across Canada be invited proclaim 2022 to be the Year of the Garden in their respective municipalities, and that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and for that purpose.

Further information regarding the Year of the Garden Proclamation can be found on the [Year of the Garden Website](#). If any municipality would like to partner with Norfolk County in proclaiming 2022 as the Year of the Garden a draft resolution is attached below.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter or should you require additional information, please contact Kevin Klingenberg, Deputy Clerk at 519-426-5870 x. 1261, or email: [Clerks@norfolkcounty.ca](mailto:Clerks@norfolkcounty.ca)

Sincerely,

Kevin Klingenberg  
Deputy Clerk  
Norfolk County

CC:

- Federation of Canadian Municipalities
- All Ontario municipalities
- Tourism and Economic Development Advisory Board

## Year of the Garden 2022 PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS** the *Year of the Garden 2022* celebrates the Centennial of Canada's horticulture sector;
- WHEREAS** gardens and gardening contribute to the quality of life of our municipality and create safe and healthy places where people can come together;
- WHEREAS** the *Year of the Garden 2022* will highlight and celebrate the important contribution of gardeners, our local gardening organizations, horticultural professionals and local horticultural businesses which contribute to garden culture and the experience garden of our municipality;
- WHEREAS** gardens and gardening have helped us face the challenges of the COVID pandemic;
- WHEREAS** Communities in Bloom in collaboration with the Canadian Garden Council, invites all municipalities to celebrate the Year of the Garden;

### NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- THAT** (add name of municipality) **HEREBY PROCLAIMS 2022 as the *Year of the Garden*** in celebration of the contribution of gardens and gardening to the development of our country, our municipality and the lives of our citizens in terms of health, quality of life and environmental challenges; and
- THAT** the **Saturday before Father's Day**, June 18 in 2022, be recognize as Garden Day in (add name of municipality) as a legacy of Canada's Year of the Garden 2022; and
- THAT** (insert name of Municipality) is committed to be a **Garden Friendly City** supporting the development of its garden culture and is proud to have:
- (name at least two city initiatives that support the garden culture of your city and the spirit of the Year of the Garden); and*
- THAT** all municipalities across Canada BE INVITED to proclaim 2022 to be the ***Year of the Garden*** in their respective municipalities, and that a copy of this resolution be provided to the FCM, and for that purpose.

DATED AT CITY HALL, (the xx day of (add month), 2021 or 2022

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(insert Mayor's name), Mayor

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**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH GLENGARRY**

**MOVED BY Sam McDonell**

**RESOLUTION NO 36-2022**

**SECONDED BY Stephanie Jaworski**

**DATE February 7, 2022**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of South Glengarry hereby supports Prince Edward County's call for government action concerning the current legislation and regulations surrounding municipal requirements to take over and maintain abandoned operating cemeteries;

AND FURTHERMORE that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Government & Consumer Services, ROMA, the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED       DEFEATED       POSTPONED

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Lyle Warden

Recorded Vote:	Yes	No
Mayor Warden	___	___
Deputy Jaworski	___	___
Councillor Lang	___	___
Councillor McDonell	___	___
Councillor Luck	___	___

# Ontario Increasing Seniors Community Grant Funding

Province building a stronger Ontario by doubling investment in seniors initiatives across Ontario

March 04, 2022

[Seniors and Accessibility](#)

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TORONTO — The Ontario government is doubling its [Seniors Community Grant Program](#) funding since 2018 by investing a record \$6 million in 2022-23 for seniors-based projects that help Ontario's seniors stay safe, healthy, active and connected to families and friends in their communities.

Applications are open now until April 28, 2022, at [Ontario.ca/getfunding](https://ontario.ca/getfunding) for community organizations, municipalities and Indigenous organizations to apply for funding for various programs and services across the province that empower seniors to continue being active participants in their community.

"This year we are investing more than ever before into the hugely successful Seniors Community Grant Program so that dozens of more initiatives can be supported," said Raymond Cho, Minister for Seniors and Accessibility. "I encourage community groups here in Mississauga and all across Ontario to apply for a Seniors Community Grant to help safely bring seniors together to learn new skills, socialize and keep fit."

Funding ranges from \$1,000 up to \$25,000 for local projects and each year Seniors Community Grants support hundreds of diverse, accessible and innovative activities that provide something for everyone – from Tai Chi lessons, lawn bowling and other physical activities, to arts and music appreciation, to virtual speakers' series, day trips, and so much more.

"I want to first congratulate the Kang Nai Xin Senior Association, the Sawitri Theatre Group, and the Church of St. Mary & St. Athanasius recipient, all of whom received funding from our government's Seniors Community Grant Funding," said Natalia Kusendova, MPP for Mississauga Centre. "We all recognise that seniors across Ontario have contributed so much over the course of their lives to make our province the place we know and love today. As the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Francophone Affairs, I look forward to continuing to work with Francophone community stakeholders to ensure that French-speaking seniors remain supported in communities across Ontario."

Throughout their lives, seniors have helped build and contribute to Ontario's quality of life. Seniors Community Grants provide them with new ways to engage with their local communities to promote physical, mental and social well-being.

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## Quick Facts

- The Seniors Community Grant Program provides funding ranging from \$1,000 up to \$25,000 for local projects.
  - Ontario's seniors are the province's fastest growing demographic, and by 2023, there will be 3 million Ontarians over the age of 65.
  - Since June 2018, the Seniors Community Grant Program has provided more than 950 grants to benefit older Ontarians.
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## Additional Resources

- [Apply for a Seniors Community Grant](#)
  - [See a full list of 2021-22 Seniors Community Grants](#)
  - [Age-Friendly Communities Planning Guide](#)
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## Related Topics

[Home and Community](#)

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February 25, 2022

Hello neighbours,

I am writing to enlist your support to defeat Council's proposal to interfere with private property owner's rights to use their own property.

Council is proposing to create a property standards bylaw (they like to call it clean and clear) that would do nothing for our Municipality other than to interfere with private property rights, treat ratepayers differently, pit neighbour against neighbour, and increase Municipal costs to name but a few examples.

The proponents think that if they clean up some of the less attractive properties along Highway 17 it would make Head Clara and Maria more attractive for people wanting to move to a new location. Our Municipality had the second highest increase in population of the 17 municipalities in Renfrew County last year so their rational falls flat when you consider facts and not vague supposition.

There are examples on either side of us that demonstrate the time and expense involved in trying to enact property standards. The City of North Bay has been fighting a ratepayer on the corner of Cassells Street and Seventh Avenue for over 25 years to no avail. Closer to home, the Town of Deep River has been battling a ratepayer on Banting Drive for many years. Both these places have much deeper pockets than our small Municipality.

One of the visually less attractive properties in Head Clara and Maria is located on Pine Valley Road. That property's condition didn't stop the two campgrounds off Pine Valley Road from posting "no vacancy" signs most weekends last summer. So where's the problem?

I have asked the proponents of this proposed bylaw to simply withdraw it from the Council table but they have stubbornly refused to do so. As a result we will just have to spend more time and more taxpayer generated revenue to put a stop to this blatant erosion of private property rights.

Even the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is moving in the direction of increasing private property rights. They are in the process of changing the building code to increase the size of a shed from 10 square metres to 15 square metres without requiring a building permit. You have to wonder why our Council would move in an opposite direction.

The proposed bylaw and a survey are currently on the Township's website. Please read the proposed bylaw and fill out the survey and indicate that we don't need this bylaw or anything that may resemble it.

If we don't stand up to the erosion of our property rights, we will eventually have none.

So again, I ask for your help to defeat this removal of private property rights.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Jim Gibson

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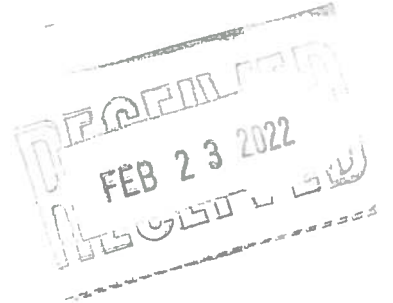
Crystal and Council Members

For your consideration, please find the following 3-items, "Helpful Information...Trailer Bylaw...Proposed Clear and Clean By-law Survey".

"There is no such thing as a problem, only a situation!"

"Nature teaches more than she preaches"

With Thanks, Doug Antler



Helpful Information

We have a large number (for H.C.&M.) of properties being sold, and new developments, with new residents. We have an excellent newsletter published regularly.

Could we include a little section of "Goodbye" to those selling and leaving our beautiful area? Then a section for those newly arriving to what we call "our home territory" to include as a start, the following:

Welcome to H.C.&M. and settling in at Head, Clara or Maria. Mr. & Mrs. ".....", moving from ".....", with original home being ".....". The "....." have "....." children ages ".....". They come with backgrounds in "....." and have plans to ".....". They are looking to volunteer (or not). They are also hoping to see visitors for introduction, "....." Weeks after they settle in, call ahead to make sure they are at home, Phone No. ".....". They enjoy "....." as a pastime, and play euchre!

That's my short list, greater minds can add to introduction list.

## Trailer Bylaw

When I first heard about the trailer bylaw, about 2-months ago, I emailed and asked "do we really want to go down this bylaw road for trailers", and was completely surprised that H.C.&M. had an existing trailer bylaw, and was going for an update. I explained to staff that what I'd been reading of (BV) Bonnechere Valley (latest article enclosed) and in particular on Lake Clear for about 5-years and hundreds of thousands of dollars spent, is definitely not what H.C.&M. should be wanting. But here we are.

My greatest fear as a campground owner was becoming another tax collector for the government, which has been on government radar for some time with private campgrounds (no mention of provincial parks).

Once we poke the bear, start the snowball rolling, etc. it is quite likely we will be in the same predicament as they (BV council) are, as "new" people move to the area and want tidy landscapes and increased value on property.

To be clear, once we start taxing in earnest private trailers on private property, it will spill over to private campgrounds and seasonal trailers. Possibly council should ask those campground owners still in H.C.&M. if they are willing to collect another tax for governments and their insatiable appetites for tax, money? Collect may not be the right wording, how about paying for those trailers in their campgrounds, and then be the really bad guy and have to try to get the money back from their campers.

Also, is H.C.&M. willing to spend a lot of time, energy and money on collecting another tax? The Bylaw Officer will only be the person handing out the paper.

## Proposed Clean & Clear By-Law Survey

You hopefully got to read my comments section in the Proposed Clean & Clear By-Law Survey I filled in, and if you didn't "why didn't you"?

In a follow up to that I would like to offer some suggestions. Taking into account that cleanup and disposal is both costly and time consuming, it would better serve the local residents/taxpayers, if they were contacted and asked "Can we the Townships help you with the cleanup of said grievance on your property?" There is a very good chance that more than 50% of the clean & clear situation are not affordable by the individual owning the property, plus they may not have the ability or the availability of equipment to complete the clean & clear.

Example: I have several large metal items that need to be cleaned up. I don't have a tow truck or large flat bed, and no means of loading them. I consulted the Eganville Leader Newspaper and there in full page ads was CASH FOR TRASH. I called 3-times only to get an answering service, then someone answer, and said I should be in contact with Shawn, and message would be passed on. Shawn called and I was out. I called his cell phone 3-more times and left messages including where I am located and the size and weightiness of the items. He has never returned my calls... are the items too big, or am I located too far away? I tried due diligence but still have the items, and now trying to figure out what's next, and not even sure if they could go to our landfill site at Bissett.

Would there be opportunities here within the Townships for someone to make a small business out of this, which could also include demolition services? A list of contacts from H.C.&M. would definitely be a plus, and dealing locally a bonus.

Sometime ago there was a young chap in Mattawa, who had to work "under the table" because of his pending immigration status. I hired him because he seemed honest and genuine and in need of financial assistance to survive. On his first day I asked him "so what are you good at"? His reply was "demolition", and he gave me some references, which were utterly remarkable. His first task, to remove and dispose of two pontoons off the houseboat. I calculated 3 – 5 days, he was up asking me "what's next" in 5 hours, I couldn't believe it, but it was neatly done. I proceeded to teach him how to build things and it was a great working relationship. And anything I wanted to dispose of he'd ask "how much", and the deal was made, and resulted in him selling or trading the items for 2 to 3 times their value.



# RV debate continues as BV seeks to find a balance for reasonable use of property

By Debbi Christruck  
Staff Writer

**Pembroke** How long is it reasonable for someone to stay in an RV on a property which already has a dwelling on it? How many RVs are reasonable to have on a 15-acre rural property? Is a limit of 30 days per year for a stay at a temporary RV reasonable? Will minor variances be required for more than one RV on a property? What is a reasonable use of property? What about hunting/fishing camps?

Those are among the myriad of questions facing Bonnechere Valley council as staff begins to prepare an RV by-law, including making a distinction between a permanent RV structure and a temporary use of an RV.

"I think we are going down a path that won't cost our ratepayers an arm and a leg, that we will be able to defend it," Mayor Jennifer Murphy said during a committee meeting of council last Tuesday.

Councillor Brent Patrick questioned what a reasonable enjoyment of property is.

"We are also taking away people's rights they originally had with their properties and not something I think we should get into business with," he said.

"That is why we wanted to make sure there were avenues, because there are exceptions to every rule," Councillor Lynette Gilchrist said.

The RV issue was discussed for about an hour during the committee meeting and although many questions were asked, no decisions were made and staff will again have to bring back the discussion for council before a draft is prepared.

"We still have quite the process to go through public consultations," Mrs Gilchrist said.

The draft staff is working on is beginning with amending the definition of an RV to match the Municipal Act, which describes an RV more as a trailer. She also noted tiny homes can be added to the definition to allow for similar provisions.

"That is definitely something that is out there and prominent and people are having these mobile tiny homes," she said.

Mrs. Gilchrist said the proposal from staff would also make provisions for when RVs are used for special events when there might be several RVs on the property. They could be on the property for a special event for a few days, she noted.

The recommendation is to note there is a difference between a permanent structure and temporary accommodation, she stressed. For a permanent accommodation, servicing, density, location and setbacks are all to be factored in, she said. Having something used all year is more like a home, she noted.

On the other hand, Mrs. Gilchrist continued, RVs are not allowed as secondary dwellings on a property which already has a permanent home, adding they could be used as a granny suite option on a temporary basis. Other options include having minor variance options for property owners to have more RVs, she said.

"For bigger properties can you have more?" she questioned. "We have to look at it on a case-by-case basis."

Mrs. Gilchrist said this does not prevent bringing in restrictions where council wants to bring in restrictions. The temporary use of an RV trailer is for someone who wants to vacation on their lot or have guests stay. She said there could be the provision to allow one where there is a dwelling. There would have to be a specific framework and questions to be asked.

"How many days a year is it occupied?" Mrs. Gilchrist gave as an example. "Does it have to comply with setbacks?"

"If you want to have more than one, how many acres do you have?"

Allowing people to have one RV for temporary use on their property is not too difficult to implement, but becomes a case by-case issue, she suggested.

"If you have two or three kids and a lot of acreage, look at it on a case-by-case basis."

"We don't want to restrict people who we don't have to but we also don't want to leave it open so we can enforce it where we see a situation where we can say 'I understand why your neighbours aren't happy about this'..." she said.

**It has to be temporary?**

Councillor Jack Roesner questioned the mention of a time limit on how long people can use a temporary RV trailer, asking if the 30-day limit mentioned was the maximum.

Mrs. Gilchrist said the proposal was while the trailer can be there from May to November it can only be occupied for a portion of that.

"If people are just coming on weekends, that could be something," she said.

"There is no regulation in that whatsoever," Councillor Tim Schison said. "You can't prove someone is there any length of time."

Mrs. Gilchrist said in discussions with staff and County of Renfrew staff, it was noted about 45 days would be defensible if it was challenged.

"The whole point is finding what is a reasonable timeline for the township and the residents," Bruce Howarth, the manager of planning for the County of Renfrew, explained.

The municipality does have flexibility if they say 45 days which would be most of the summer, he said.

"Another option was no more than 10 days at a time or 14 days at a time," he said. "This is for temporary use for guests."

Coun. Roesner asked if that 45-day limit is given to council as guidance.

Mr. Howarth said it was presented as a conversation point. He said having someone living in an RV permanently if there is a primary dwelling already is not acceptable.

"The Official Plan has a restriction where there is a primary dwelling you can't have an RV," he said.

Mayor Murphy said whatever council comes up with needs to be defensible.

"I don't want this to turn into a neighbour-on-neighbour fight," she said.

Mr. Howarth said the current recommendations for a temporary one is defensible. He pointed out in most municipalities by-law enforcement is done on a complaint basis. He said the current discussion is to enable people to have "a reasonable use of property" in the township. The current provision would have a base by-law and reviews on a site-specific basis, he said.

"I want to be as open as possible while at the same time being respectful," Coun. Schison said.

Coun. Patrick pointed out the township currently allows up to four RVs.

"Now we are asking individuals with multiple acres to put in a minor variance," he noted. "How many acres do you have to have four?"

Coun. Schison pointed out anyone can set up a trailer on Crown land for 21 days.

Mr. Howarth pointed out on Crown land there are no neighbours so the same restrictions would not apply. However, one option which could be considered are exemptions for hunting and fishing for people who bring in several RVs for this.

"For rural land, we have to provide exemptions as well," Coun. Schison said.

Forestry is exempt from noise by-laws, so some things are allowed to carry on, he said.

Coun. Roesner asked if they would discuss whether they would have a special section for Lake Clear within the by-law or two separate by-laws. He said he would also like to have input from the Ministry of the Environment.

Staff will continue the discussion bringing back recommendations to council.



## TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY Summer Student Employment Opportunities

The Township of Bonnechere Valley requires Summer Students in a variety of positions within the municipal departments:

**HORTICULTURAL:** The Township of Bonnechere Valley is seeking (2) student to perform grass weeding, trimming, and watering and other duties as required. Must possess a valid driver's license.

**PARKS AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE:** The Township of Bonnechere Valley is seeking (2) student to perform grass cutting, trimming and other duties as required. Must possess a valid driver's license.

**ROADS DEPARTMENT:** The Township of Bonnechere Valley is seeking (4) labor students, must have driver's license, duties will include patching, flagging, raking, sign installation, etc. as well as waste site custodian to fill in for vacations when needed.

**SWIM INSTRUCTORS:** The Township of Bonnechere Valley is seeking (2) two Swim Instructors to teach Canadian Red Cross Swimming at Rotary Beach. Must be at least 16 years of age and possess the Canadian Red Cross Water Safety Instructor Certificate, Current National Lifeguard Award, CPR and First Aid Training.

**TOURIST AMBASSADORS:** The Township of Bonnechere Valley is seeking (1) one Tourist Ambassador to work at the Tourist Information Centre. The job entails greeting and directing the public to tourist attractions in the area. A good knowledge of the area would be an asset. 35 hours a week and includes weekends.

**WATER DEPARTMENT:** To assist in the operation and maintain plants, distribution and collection system under the supervision of the Water/Sewer Employees.

**Applicant resumes clearly stating the position you are applying for will be received by Wednesday, March 2, 2022.**

All interested candidates are to send resumes by:  
Email: [admin@eganville.com](mailto:admin@eganville.com)  
Mail: 49 Bonnechere Street East, Box 100, Eganville, ON K0J 1T0  
Fax: 613.628.1336



**TOWNSHIP OF  
ADMASTON/  
BROMLEY**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**  
**RFP2022-ADM-01**  
**Organizational Review Consulting Services**

RFP Organizational Review can be found on the Township's website [admastonbromley.com](http://admastonbromley.com) or request via email at [info@admastonbromley.com](mailto:info@admastonbromley.com)

The deadline for submissions is 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 24, 2022 as follows:

**HCM Clerk-Treasurer**

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**From:** David and Cathy Balla-Boudreau <ballaboudreaudc@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** February 22, 2022 9:01 AM  
**To:** HCM Clerk-Treasurer  
**Cc:** Debbi Grills  
**Subject:** Fw: Clean and clear survey

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Good morning Crystal

Attached please find the email that I sent to Mayor Grills yesterday, after which she called me, and we had a good conversation on this new bylaw. At the end of our call, she asked that I forward to you any additional thoughts that I had to try and make this bylaw more acceptable to everyone.

I understand that this bylaw was modelled on similar bylaws from neighboring communities which is always a good place to start however it can be made HCM specific.

Not sure how possible this suggestion will be however does the process really need to start from a complaint? (Please see the definition for Notice where 'via complaint' is underlined. This would certainly lead be the root of the neighbor vs neighbor situation which we do not need. If the CBO (as a HCM employee) becomes aware of a situation, why could he not just go and visit the owner/occupier and start the process?

Most of the areas of concern are visible and known to all who spend any amount of time in HCM. The CBO travels to work in Stonecliffe and see what he sees from the highway. Additionally the roads person and the disposal site person travel all the township roads on a weekly basis (and also as HCM employees) they could advise the CAO and CBO of any situation that requires investigation/action under this bylaw.

Finally we have the Mayor, all members of council, and the township staff who also travel to work and could advise of any situation requiring a visit by the CBO.

Bottom line is to somehow eliminate the 'personal' complaint and make it a concern that is coming from a source that is deemed 'not personal' but rather someone who is an employee of HCM (and who therefore both represents and is working in the best interests of HCM).

I appreciate this opportunity to add to the survey that I already completed online.

Regards

David

Sent from [Outlook](#)

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**From:** David and Cathy Balla-Boudreau  
**Sent:** February 21, 2022 9:36 AM  
**To:** Debbi Grills <d.grills@headclaramaria.ca>  
**Subject:** Clean and clear survey

Good morning Mayor Grills

I recently completed the survey, however when I tried to add one last comment, I must have hit a wrong button and the survey was marked as completed, and I was not allowed to add any other comment.

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The point I missed was my fear that the nature of this bylaw may pit one neighbor vs another in a less than friendly manner. In our recent past we saw the many negative aspects of this type of behaviour, and I would like to see this bylaw softened or revised in process to make it more of 'helping a neighbor' than one that is more punitive in nature.

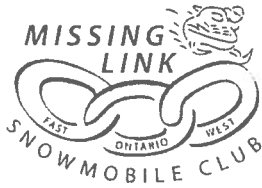
I would appreciate your help to make this happen.

Regards

David

Sent from [Outlook](#)

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**The Missing Link Snowmobile Club Inc.**

Ont. BN #183478  
20 Leon Valley Lane  
Stonecliffe, ON  
K0J 2K0

The United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria  
15 Town Hall Rd.  
Stonecliffe, ON  
K0J 2K0

March 4, 2022

MAR 07 2022

Att: Crystal Fischer

RE: Trail reroute and Salt shed

Good morning,

The Missing Link Snowmobile Club requests the approval to reroute our snowmobile trail onto the emergency maintenance section of Kenney Rd. as well as approx.. 50m of the travelled portion from the waste disposal access to the Algonquin Trail (rail bed). This is due to The Ministry of Transportations removal of our MOU to travel alongside Hwy 17 from Red Fox to Menet Lake rd. MTO now requires 90 degree crossings only. Unfortunately, the bridge overpass and the curve guardrails at Menet Lake rd. prevent us from doing so. Therefore, it is our intention to reroute the trail from the pipeline onto Kenney rd. as described above. We will then extend (with the County's approval) our trail on the Algonquin Trail to Kenney Rd. This is the Top A trail which connects our system with our neighbouring partners.

Our second request is approval to leave the groomer drag in the leased premise (salt shed) during the off season.

With best regards,

Brent Allen  
President

Missing Link Snowmobile Club Inc.



2022 February 11

BD-2022-001

Townships of Head, Clara and Maria  
Crystal Fischer  
15 Township Hall Road  
Stonecliffe, ON K0J 2K0

Dear Ms. Crystal Fischer:

Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) is asking our stakeholders and the community to support our proposal to construct a Near Surface Disposal Facility (NSDF) that will address legacy waste at the Chalk River Laboratories. With public hearings on the NSDF fast approaching, I am writing to make sure you are aware of the opportunity to participate in this important regulatory process.

Chalk River Laboratories has been the site of research leading to breakthroughs in science and technology for more than 70 years. To remain on the leading edge of ground-breaking discoveries, CNL is revitalizing the site. As part of the revitalization, the NSDF project will enable the permanent disposal of low level waste from the demolition of more than 100 aging structures and from contaminated lands, as well as waste from the decades of innovative, life-saving research at the site.

CNL has submitted an application to the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC), Canada's nuclear regulator, to amend its existing site licence in order to construct the NSDF. The project has been under a rigorous review by the CNSC since 2017 and is also subject to a federal assessment under the 2012 *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*.

The CNSC has scheduled a public hearing, to begin on 2022 May 31, to consider CNL's application. The public comment period is now open to allow Indigenous communities, the public and other stakeholders to submit their written feedback on the NSDF project to the CNSC. At the hearing, interested parties will have the opportunity to present their views to CNSC Commissioners.

On behalf of CNL, I encourage you to consider participating in this important process. Comments can be submitted to the CNSC as a written intervention, which can be in the form of a letter. If you also wish to speak at the hearing, you can request to appear as an in-person delegation in support of your written submission. While CNL welcomes any support on the project, I believe that in-person interventions have the potential to make a significant impact on the process.

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Chalk River, Ontario  
Canada K0J 1J0  
Telephone: 613-584-3311  
Toll Free: 1-866-513-2325

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Ministry of Infrastructure

Broadband Strategy Division

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## Getting Ontario Connected Act, 2022

I am pleased to reach out to you today, following the update that the Minister of Infrastructure, The Honourable Kinga Surma provided (March 7, 2022) to municipal heads of council.

The Government is committed to ensuring that all communities across Ontario have access to high-speed internet by committing nearly \$4 billion in funding-based opportunities for unserved and underserved communities. The *Building Broadband Faster Act* was enacted in April 2021 to help achieve this goal by the end of 2025. This legislation will help remove barriers or delays to broadband project construction and support a more streamlined approach to the deployment of high-speed internet infrastructure.

The Building Broadband Faster Act Guideline (Guideline) was then released in November 2021 to outline the standards for supporting broadband deployment. This was accompanied by a Statement of Intent that provided a roadmap for further legislative, regulatory, and policy tools to facilitate this work.

In line with the Statement of Intent, the Government of Ontario has introduced the *Getting Ontario Connected Act, 2022* which, if passed, would help achieve its high-speed internet goals by reducing construction delays and expediting collaboration among infrastructure owners.

The legislation, if passed, would amend the *Building Broadband Faster Act, 2021* (BBFA) to set required service standards to ensure municipalities provide timely responses to right-of-way permit requests. It would also require information and data sharing by municipalities, infrastructure owners and other stakeholders upon request in relation to designated broadband projects.

Infrastructure Ontario is concurrently developing an online platform called Broadband One Window that would provide municipalities and stakeholders with easy and secure access to datasets while helping to manage right of way access applications.

The legislation, if passed, would also amend the *Ontario Underground Infrastructure Notification System Act, 2012* to improve the process for locating underground infrastructure while enabling construction activities in the province to be completed faster and more efficiently, without compromising safety.

The government has worked with municipalities and other key stakeholders to communicate the impacts these measures would have in advancing broadband projects. To further support these efforts, I would appreciate your feedback on a proposal to be posted shortly on Ontario's Regulatory Registry related to these amendments, as well as a separate proposal for an administrative penalties framework under the BBFA, which will be developed in the coming months.

Thank you for your ongoing support and should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Ministry at [broadband@ontario.ca](mailto:broadband@ontario.ca).

Yours sincerely,

Jill Vienneau

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Jill Vienneau  
Assistant Deputy Minister  
Broadband Strategy Division



March 11, 2022

Right Honourable Justin Trudeau  
Prime Minister of Canada  
Office of the Prime Minister  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Right Honourable Justin Trudeau:

On March 8, 2022, Council for the Town of Mono passed the following resolution calling on the federal government to provide greater support to Ukraine in their fight against the invasion of their sovereign territory by Russia.

Resolution #9-5-2022

*Moved by Ralph Manktelow, Seconded by Fred Nix*

*WHEREAS Russia made an unprovoked attack on the people of Ukraine on the 24th day of February and continues to wage war;*

*WHEREAS the Town of Mono is aghast at this aggression, and the carnage that is happening to the Ukrainian people and their land;*

*WHEREAS we are alarmed at the implications to world security;*

*WHEREAS we know that our efforts as a small municipality are slight, but that collectively the many voices of the world have great power and can exert meaningful pressure on President Putin to stop this war;*

*AND THAT the Town of Mono strongly condemns Russia's attack on Ukraine;*

*AND THAT by this motion and by flying the Ukrainian Flag at the Town Hall, the Town of Mono extends a strong gesture of support to the Ukrainian people,*

*AND THAT we call on the Canadian Government without delay to provide greater material support, to exert maximum sanctions and pressure on Russia and to use all diplomatic means possible to end this war.*

**"Carried"**

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Respectfully,

**Fred Simpson**

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Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General & MPP Dufferin-Caledon  
All Ontario Municipalities

March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022

The United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria  
15 Township Hall Road  
Stonecliffe, Ontario, Canada  
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Tel. (613) 586-2526

Attention: Crystal Fischer, Clerk/Treasurer

Dear Crystal Fischer,

**Re: Proposed Wireless Communication Site: C8531 - Trans Canada & Stonecliffe**

On behalf of Rogers Communication Inc. (“Rogers”), I would like to submit for your review and consideration a summary of the municipal and public consultation process for the purpose of issuing a statement of concurrence concerning a proposed wireless communication site to be located at **1256 Pine Valley Road, Stonecliffe.**

**Project Description & Proposed Location**

Rogers is constantly improving and expanding its infrastructure to meet the ever-growing demand for high-quality reliable wireless voice and data services. The proposed site is needed to improve our wireless voice and data services within the growing community.

The proposed wireless communication installation consists of a 90m guyed communication tower and (1) walk-in equipment cabinet located within an enclosed compound approximately 260m east of Highway 17.

**Municipal & Public Consultation Process**

Rogers is regulated and licensed by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED, formerly Industry Canada) to provide inter-provincial wireless voice and data services. As a federal undertaking, Rogers is required by ISED to consult with land-use authorities in siting tower locations. The consultation process established under ISED’s authority is intended to allow the local land-use authorities the opportunity to address land-use concerns while respecting the federal government’s exclusive jurisdiction in the siting and operation of wireless and data systems.

The provisions of the Ontario Planning Act and other municipal by-laws and regulations do not apply to federal undertakings. Rogers is, however, required to follow established and documented wireless protocols or processes set forth by land-use authorities.

Rogers submitted an Application for an Antenna System to the the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria via email on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 for a wireless communications installation to be located at 1256 Pine Valley Road.

The United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria has not developed a protocol relevant for establishing telecommunication facilities in the Townships and as a result, Rogers is following Innovation, Science and Economic Development (ISED) Canada's CPC-2-0-03 Default Protocol as it pertains to the public notification and consultation required for communication towers.

Rogers provided the attached Public Notification Package to the one property owner within the required 270m radius of the proposed installation. The notice was issued by regular mail on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The notice described the proposal and invited comments by mail, electronic mail, or phone before 5:00pm on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

A newspaper ad was also published in the February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 edition of the North Renfrew Times notifying the public of the proposal and inviting residents to provide comments within 30 days of the notice.

No comments were received.

Rogers has now fulfilled all circulation requirements under ISED's Default Protocol as they pertain to the proposed new communication site to be located at 1256 Pine Valley Road.

Rogers has followed all the necessary steps in accordance with the Default Protocol's guidelines by:

- consulting with the municipality;
- advising the public of our proposal;
- addressing all reasonable and relevant concerns pertaining to our proposal; and
- keeping and producing all associated communications to Industry Canada and the municipality.

### **Conclusion**

Rogers takes concerns or suggestions expressed by the public as important elements to our proposal. As a result of the consultation process, no comments were submitted to Rogers by the public.

Rogers feels that the proposed site is well located to provide improved wireless voice and data services in the targeted area. The proposed site is also situated and designed so as to have minimal impact on surrounding land uses.

### **Request for Concurrence**

Rogers has now fulfilled all the requirements under ISED's Default Protocol as they pertain to the proposed new telecommunications site at 1256 Pine Valley Road.

In order to conclude this land-use consultation and meet ISED's requirements, Rogers Communications Inc. respectfully requests that our proposal be considered complete and that the The United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria move forward with the assessment of the process Rogers has undertaken to date.

Rogers also requests that the The United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria issue a formal Letter of Concurrence to Rogers with a copy to ISED in order to permit Rogers to move forward with the installation of the proposed wireless communication site.

Yours Truly,

Daryl Rancourt, Site Acquisition Specialist  
On behalf of Rogers Communications Inc., Network Implementation  
(613) 983-6456

**From:** [Debbi Grills](#)  
**To:** [Tom and Diane Foreman](#)  
**Cc:** [HCM Clerk-Treasurer](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Clean and Clear Bylaw  
**Date:** March 11, 2022 10:49:51 AM

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Good morning Tom and Diane,

Thank you very much for sharing your thoughts with the entire Council on the proposed Clean and Clear Bylaw. I can see that you understand what the Council is trying to achieve for the betterment of our municipality.

Regards,  
Debbi

Mayor Debbi Grills  
The United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria  
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**Subject:** Clean and Clear Bylaw

Good afternoon,

Just a quick note to show our support in favor of the proposed Clean and Clear By-Law. It seems every year since moving to HCM we have noticed another derelict, falling down or abandoned structure or trailer. It is an eyesore for anyone passing through or visiting HCM, also extremely dangerous. In Canada an individual's single largest investment is their home/property with HCM being no different. For that reason alone I can't understand anyone not wanting to protect said investment.

Diane and I recently became aware of a note/letter send to council on Feb.26<sup>th</sup> of this year stating that Mr. Gibson had yet to speak with anyone in favor of the proposed by-law. Well I have to tell you all that he and I had a brief conversation on or about Oct.26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> regarding said by-law. Upon hearing that we were in favor of it he responded with " I told council I would fight this in court". As I said then " that's just what we (HCM) need.

So clearly Mr. Gibson either ignores the opinions of those on the opposite side of the fence or he has a memory problem. If it is that he has forgotten our conversation then one has to wonder just how many other opposing opinions he has forgotten.

Regards,  
Diane & Tom Foreman

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