



TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGINACK
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
IN CHAMBERS
Tuesday, November 18, 2025 07:00 PM
AGENDA

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No items

10.a ENTER CLOSED SESSION

10.b EXIT CLOSED SESSION

11. ADJOURNMENT



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGINACK MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Corporation of the Township of Assiginack was held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, October 07, 2025, at 07:00 PM.

Members Present:

Mayor Reid
Councillor Elliot
Councillor Maguire
Councillor Bowerman
Councillor Hooper

Members Absent:

Staff Present:

CAO Alton Hobbs
Clerk Stasia Carr
Treasurer Deb MacDonald

Staff Absent:

Public:

1. OPENING AND DECLARATIONS

Moved By Councillor Bowerman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Meeting of Committee of the Whole of the Corporation of the Township of Assiginack be opened for business at 7:00 pm, with a quorum of members present and with Mayor Reid presiding in Chair.

Carried

1.a Land Acknowledgement

The land acknowledgement was read by Mayor Reid.

1.b Adoption of Agenda

Moved By Councillor Bowerman

Seconded By Councillor Maguire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the agenda as presented.

Carried

1.c Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof
none

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.a Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 3, 2025

Moved By Councillor Maguire

Seconded By Councillor Bowerman

3. ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE/PLANNING

3.a Sale of Surplus Equipment

Staff provided and update on the opening of bids and awarding. A summary was circulated, received, and approved by the committee.

3.b Strategic Plan Update

Staff will recirculate the plan by email to receive comments from the committee. Comments will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

3.c Branding Report

Staff will recirculate the branding plan for comments from the committee. Comments will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

3.d Active Grants Review

Staff are waiting for a report to provide a response to Council.

HEWSF - A second application was to address the wild waterlines in the township. The committee want staff to follow up with why NEMI received

funding for development water expansion under this fund and report back.

A New Horizons for Seniors Grant is to be approved by Council.

3.e Beach Stairs Alternatives

Mayor Reid urged the committee to provide a decision on what is to be done with the stairs. No decision to date has been made. A plan is required to include with budget deliberation. Discussion ensued. Public Works is to review and provide a report back with a recommendation.

3.f Landfill- Operation of Depot

Site operations including the agreement, changes from the provincial level causing losses to [potential revenue from recycling. The service provided can now make unilateral changes to the agreement. Staffing concerns regarding having only one person on site were also discussed and restricting accessibility. Staff were given direction to come back with some solutions on how to address these issues.

3.g Line Painting Update

Line painting is scheduled for next week. An education campaign will be launched for parking information. Signage in each location is not a feasible possibility. Winter parking begins November 1st.

4. CLOSED SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT in accordance with Section 239 (b) of the Municipal Act, as amended, that the Committee of the Whole proceeds to a Closed Session at 8:00 p.m. to address matters pertaining to:

a) An Identifiable Individual

4.a Identifiable Individual

5. EXIT CLOSED SESSION

Moved By Councillor Maguire

Seconded By Councillor Hooper

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we adjourn from Closed Session at 8:00 p.m., accept the minutes of the previous closed session, and resume our Regular Meeting.

Carried

Moved By Councillor Maguire

Seconded By Councillor Hooper

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council advise staff to follow the direction that was provided to them during closed session.

Carried

6. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Maguire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Committee of the Whole adjourns at 8:01 p.m. and reconvene at the next regular council meeting on DATE, or at the call of the chair.

Carried

Brenda Reid, Mayor

Stasia Carr, Clerk



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGINACK MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Assiginack was held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 01:00 PM.

Members Present:

Mayor Reid
Councillor Elliot
Councillor Maguire
Councillor Bowerman
Councillor Hooper

Members Absent:

Staff Present:

CAO Alton Hobbs
Clerk Stasia Carr
Treasurer Deb MacDonald
Freda Bond
TJ Wilcox
Crystal Lentir

Staff Absent:

Public:

1. OPENING

Resolution Number **91-10-2025**

Moved By Councillor Bowerman

Seconded By Councillor Hooper

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regular Meeting of Council of the Corporation of the

Township of Assiginack be opened for business at 7:00 pm, with a quorum of members present and with Mayor Reid presiding in Chair.

Carried

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Reid.

1.a Land Acknowledgement

The land acknowledgement was read by Mayor Reid.

1.b Adoption of Agenda

Resolution Number **92-10-2025**

Moved By Councillor Maguire

Seconded By Councillor Elliot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we approve the agenda as presented.

Carried

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.a Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 16, 2025 and Committee of the Whole on October 7, 2025.

Resolution Number **93-10-2025**

Moved By Councillor Maguire

Seconded By Councillor Bowerman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we adopt the minutes of the Meeting of the Regular Council meeting of September 16, 2025 and the Committee of the Whole October 7, 2025.

Carried

5. DELEGATIONS

6. REPORTS

6.a E-Billing

Resolution Number **94-10-2025**

Moved By Councillor Bowerman

Seconded By Councillor Elliot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council defers the implementation of e-billing statements until a new financial software system is obtained at the end of the current systems lifespan.

Defeated

Resolution Number **95-10-2025**

Moved By Councillor Elliot

Seconded By Councillor Maguire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff report at the next council meeting with proposed timeline for implementation program for a new financial system including e-billing.

Carried

6.b Public Works Report

Resolution Number **96-10-2025**

Moved By Councillor Bowerman

Seconded By Councillor Hooper

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Public Works staff report is accepted as information.

Carried

6.c Recreation Report

Resolution Number **96-10-2025**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL accept the recreation directors October 2025 Quarterly Report;

FURTHER, Council approves submitting an application to NOHFC, Community Events Program and commit to the municipalities portion of costs for the Deer and Outdoor Show in 2026.

Tabled

7. ACTION REQUIRED ITEMS

7.a Implementation of Mandatory Firefighter Certification Training

Resolution Number **97-10-2025**

Moved By Councillor Elliot

Seconded By Councillor Bowerman

WHEREAS the Ontario government has enacted O. Reg 343/22, establishing mandatory certification requirements for firefighters under the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Assiginack recognizes the vital importance of maintaining a fire department that is adequately equipped, housed, and staffed with volunteer firefighters who are properly trained to respond to any emergency within our boundaries or neighboring communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Assiginack supports the implementation of the Mandatory Firefighter Certification, understanding that there will be additional expenditures for training and related costs.

FURTHER, Council respectfully requests that the legislation be amended to provide a two-year extension, from July 1, 2026, until July 1, 2028, for the certification requirements. and also requests that the current two-year period for full certification from the date of hire be removed to better accommodate the realities faced by volunteer firefighters.

AND FURTHER, this resolution be sent to the Solicitor General, the Premier of Ontario, the Fire Marshal, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), MPP Bill Rosenberg, and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried

7.b Manitoulin Airport

Resolution Number **98-10-2025**

Moved By Councillor Bowerman

Seconded By Councillor Maguire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves its funding portion of \$35,500.00 towards the Manitoulin Eastern Municipal Airport.

Carried

7.c Halton Region re: Public Safety Requirements

Resolution Number **99-10-2025**

Moved By Councillor Elliot

Seconded By Councillor Hooper

BE IT RESOLVED THE Council supports the Region of Halton's call on the

Province of Ontario and Government of Canada to prioritize and expedite the introduction of its promised bail and sentencing reforms in its upcoming session of Parliament including enhancing bail enforcement and monitoring.

Carried

7.d Summer Students

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

8.a DSB Quarterly Activity Reports

Resolution Number **100-10-2025**

Moved By Councillor Bowerman

Seconded By Councillor Elliot

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the District Service Boards' Quarterly Report for September 18, 2025.

Carried

8.b Sudbury District Public Health

Resolution Number **101-10-2025**

Moved By Councillor Hooper

Seconded By Councillor Maguire

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the Sudbury District Public Health minutes of September 18, 2025 as information.

Carried

9. BY-LAWS

9.a Enter into an Agreement re: Unopened Road Allowance

Resolution Number **102-10-2025**

Moved By Councillor Maguire

Seconded By Councillor Elliot

THAT By-law # 2025-24, being a by-law to adopt and enter into an agreement with Daniel and Catherine Robinson for the use of unopened road allowance be given a first, second, and third final reading and enacted in open council.

Carried

10. CLOSED SESSION

11. EXIT CLOSED SESSION

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Councillor Bowerman

Resolution Number **103-10-2025**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adjourns at TIME p.m. and reconvene at the next regular council meeting on DATE, or at the call of the chair.

Brenda Reid, Mayor

Stasia Carr, Clerk

Recreation Department Quarterly Progress Report

Reporting Period: July – October 2025

Prepared by: Kelly Ranta, Recreation Director

Overview

The past quarter has been an active and successful period for the Recreation Department, with a wide range of programs, events, and community initiatives serving residents of all ages. Our focus on engagement, inclusion, and health continues to strengthen community participation and enhance the quality of life in Assiginack.

This summer also presented new learning experiences as I continued to navigate this still relatively new role. In addition to recreation responsibilities, I also oversaw operations at the marina. The marina was not staffed this season and lacked clear signage indicating hours of operation, which understandably led to some frustration for both users and staff. While this was a challenge, it provided valuable insight into areas for improvement. Moving forward, I plan to take a more structured approach for next season and hope to hire summer students to ensure the marina is better staffed and managed.

Programs and Activities

Senior Programming

Senior Fitness Classes: Continued to run regularly with strong core group and consistent participation. I have noticed number have dropped off since having a fee, especially when other municipalities offer the same with no fee. Classes emphasize strength, mobility, and

balance to promote wellness and fall prevention.

Senior Coffee Social: Ongoing weekly gatherings provide valuable social interaction and community connection for older adults.

Dance is back on Thursdays from 3-9 pm in the Atrium. This is a very popular class for seniors and youth alike!

Yoga has started back up with 2 separate classes and talk of having a class for youth as well.

Youth and Community Events

- 4th Annual Youth Baseball Tournament: Hosted in July with an excellent turnout (14 teams) across all age divisions. The event continues to grow and is now a key fixture in our summer calendar. Looking forward to the 5th Annual in 2026!
- Summerfest Weekend: Delivered a fun, family-friendly weekend with great attendance and positive community feedback.
- Fall Fair: Another successful community event, showcasing local talent, vendors, and activities for all ages.
- Redrum Spirit Island Chapter 10th Anniversary: Assisted in coordinating and hosting this milestone event celebrating community spirit and partnership.

Camps and Lessons

- Swim Lessons: Held in August with 15 youth, many from out of town.
- Badminton Camp: Very well attended (14 youth and a few parents for the tournament) due to its popularity, we extended the camp and concluded with a friendly tournament.
- Archery Camp: Another success, offering youth a unique and engaging skill-building opportunity. (9 registered)

(Have a few new ideas for next year!)

Ongoing Recreation Programs

Pickleball: Continues to be one of our most popular activities with growing participation. Play will pause temporarily as the court

transitions into the ice surface for winter.

Tennis Courts: Saw steady use throughout the summer season.

Paint Nights: Continued success with good community turnout, fostering creativity and social connection. (as many as 8 participants with 10 registered for the next one)

Gardening Information Sessions: Newly introduced monthly sessions that have been well received by residents interested in local gardening and sustainability topics.

Threads will be back in November! We will have 2 classes. One for youth and one for adult beginners! This will be offered in 4 week sessions and run once weekly.

Seniors indoor walking will also start back up as the weather turns colder.

Arena Operations and Compliance

- Aviva Insurance/TSSA Inspection: Aviva Insurance conducted an inspection on behalf of the Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) in the Arena Plant Room. We are now fully compliant until September 2028.
- Policies and Procedures: Developed a comprehensive Policies and Procedures Manual for the Arena, with an emphasis on safety and regulatory compliance.
- PPE Enforcement: Implemented and reinforced the use of proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for all arena operations.
- Training and Certification: Completed both the Basic Arena Refrigeration Course and the Safe Arena Refrigeration Plant Owner/Operator Course, ensuring compliance with industry standards and enhancing operational safety.

The Ice Plant was just started for the season on October 16, and we started making ice on Friday October 17. It's been a busy weekend, and we were able to put paint down on Sunday afternoon, and will be doing

the lines on Monday October 20. The plant is running well. We were notified of a power outage for next weekend so we pushed starting the plant ahead by a few days so we could get enough ice made to weather not having power for 8 hours. Things are looking good.

Planning is underway for arena programming, public skating schedules, and our first Hockey Tournament in many years is booked for December 5-7.

Community Engagement and Development

I have continued to reach out and make new connections to strengthen our community partnerships. One of the larger initiatives currently in development is the revival of The Deer Show, which I hope to expand into a two-day Outdoor Show. I have been talking to many of the volunteers who used to be a part of the deer show, and they are on board if we get the approval to do so. I have also reached out to a very popular keynote speaker to get a quote on fees (\$5000.). She is very well known in the hunting (and fishing) world and will be a draw, especially for youth, and females. She would also have a booth of her merch. She has been here before and is keen to come back. As I've just started putting feelers out, I don't have hard numbers, but figured this was one quote we needed. I have talked to other businesses, and they would be interested in coming over for the event...

The goal of this expansion is to create a more inclusive and sustainable event that appeals to a broader audience — not just hunters, but anyone interested in outdoor activities such as camping, fishing, hiking, and nature recreation. By broadening the focus, we can attract more vendors, local artisans, and small businesses, increasing both participation and the overall economic benefit to the community, as well as boosting tourism as it can be a kick off weekend to start the summer season.

To support this initiative, I hope to apply for the Community Events Program Grant, which offers a conditional contribution covering up to 30% of eligible costs, to a maximum of \$15,000. This funding would help offset event expenses while promoting tourism, sustainability, and community engagement on the Island.

Technology and System Improvements

After several meetings and demonstrations, we have committed to switching over our facility booking system to Amelia, a new and more user-friendly platform that will integrate seamlessly with our municipal website. The decision to move to Amelia was based on its ease of use, strong customer service support, and its cost-effectiveness compared to other products offering similar features.

I have been completing training to become comfortable and well-versed in the program, with the goal of being fully ready for the official launch on January 19. This new system will improve accessibility, streamline booking and communication, and provide a better overall experience for both staff and residents.

Looking Ahead

As we move into the winter season, as mentioned planning is underway for arena programming, public skating schedules, and potential indoor recreational opportunities to keep residents active and engaged throughout the colder months. We will also continue to support senior wellness programs and explore new community partnerships and grant opportunities. I am also working on bringing “stay at home”, “babysitting” and youth First aid courses soon.

The Remembrance Day Service is being planned along with the Fall and Christmas Markets which are coming up soon. We’re also organizing the Canteen so we can open with food and snacks in time for the Ice pad to be open.

Additional focus for the upcoming year will include improving marina operations, developing staffing plans for summer students, and expanding community events to encourage tourism and participation across all age groups.

Conclusion

This quarter has been both productive and educational. The programs and events held over the summer have strengthened our community connections and provided valuable experiences for residents of all ages. The progress made in arena safety and compliance, along with the adoption of new technology and professional development achievements, ensures a stronger foundation for future operations.

Looking forward, the Recreation Department remains committed to building sustainable programs, supporting community wellness, and creating opportunities that enhance Assiginack's reputation as a vibrant and welcoming place to live, work, and visit.

Assiginack Museum

Curator Report 2025

Kelsey Maguire
Curator

October 20th, 2025

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Attendance

2025

June: 184 total = 141 walk-in (115 adults & 26 kids); 43 from 3 school trips.
July: 304 total = 294 walk-in (228 adults & 66 kids); 10 from APS Day Care.
August: 421 total = 421 walk-in (340 adults & 81 kids).
September: 178 total = 178 walk-in (169 adults & 9 kids).
TOTAL: 1087

2024

June: 159 total = 95 walk-in (87 adults & 8 kids); 64 from 3 school trips.
July: 330 total = 265 walk-in (224 adults & 41 kids); 65 from open house.
August: 314 total = 314 walk-in (257 adults & 57 kids).
September: 158 total = 135 walk-in (133 adults & 2 kids); 23 from school trip.
TOTAL: 961

COMPARISON: The overall total is up from 2024.

We had 3 school trips and 1 APS Daycare visit this year, totaling 53 students. Compared to 87 from 4 school trips last year. Originally, there was one more school trip booked for this year, but they had to cancel due to a time conflict.

This year we had 1034 walk-in people visit, including the 70th Anniversary open house day, (852 adults, 182 children). Last year we had 874 walk-in people, including the 2024 open house day, (748 adults, 126 children).

The total walk-ins is up, but with fewer adults and more children than last year walking in. Meaning more families are bringing their kids with them this year.

The increase in numbers for August is mostly due to the Open House on August 8th for the 70th Anniversary (113 visitors). Last year the open house day was in July (65 visitors), so the July numbers this year are down a bit due to it being in August instead.

Facebook

The Museum continued to provide information and photographs on its FaceBook page in 2025, updating the most during the summer months. Regularly posting pictures and historical tidbits to the museum Facebook group has been an ongoing program for engagement and advertising.

Posts were pre-scheduled so that during June to September there were typically at least three posts a week. For the “off-season”, posts have been pre-scheduled to three days a week for October so far.

Group Followers 2019: 323
Group Followers 2020 September: 411
Group Followers 2021 September: 474
Group Followers 2022 September: 528
Group Followers 2023 September: 589
Group Followers 2024 September: 623
Group Followers 2025 September: 656

2025 STATISTIC TOTALS

June 1, 2025 to September 30, 2025 (as of October 1st, 2025)

	Post Count	Total Reach	Shares	Likes	Comments
Totals:	58	32511	179	1199	194

A more detailed breakdown of the Facebook statistics per post is attached on the next page.

2024 STATISTIC TOTALS

June 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024 (as of October 4th, 2024)

	Post Count	Total Reach	Shares	Likes	Comments
Totals:	83	30460	102	1719	330

2023 STATISTIC TOTALS

June 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023 (as of October 4th, 2023)

	Post Count	Total Reach	Shares	Likes	Comments
Totals:	52	26483	129	1650	246

2025 Facebook Stats

Post	Date	Reach	Likes	Comments	Shares
Assiginack Museum is now open.	06/02/2025 08:53	489	27	3	6
Assiginack Museum is now open.	06/02/2025 11:27	145	19	0	0
Your reel	06/02/2025 13:27	322	58	0	5
Cooking up Some History	06/09/2025 13:35	1541	26	9	10
Cooking up Some History	06/12/2025 18:38	152	0	0	1
Canada Day Scavenger Hunt	06/17/2025 12:23	293	25	0	1
Cooking up Some History	06/17/2025 15:14	170	57	0	0
Summer Market	06/17/2025 15:15	910	28	2	24
South Baymouth & Slash Baseball	06/26/2025 07:00	800	44	5	3
Canada Day	06/27/2025 07:02	114	13	0	0
Summer Market	07/02/2025 18:19	139	37	1	3
Summer Market	07/04/2025 06:34	686	44	2	10
Your reel	07/04/2025 11:56	124	1	0	2
S.S. Caribou	07/05/2025 13:39	103	26	0	1
Abraham & Mary Hughson.	07/07/2025 07:00	190	0	0	0
Your reel	07/08/2025 09:00	170	42	0	6
Answers to Scavenger Hunt.	07/08/2025 09:40	174	14	0	0
Women's Institute, 1938-1939.	07/09/2025 07:00	720	9	6	1
Summer Market	07/10/2025 11:48	144	25	0	0
Summer Market	07/11/2025 06:58	542	37	1	7
Andrew McLennan & Velma Michie.	07/11/2025 07:00	397	29	3	0
Bill and Ron MacDougall	07/14/2025 07:00	912	0	6	1
Your reel	07/15/2025 13:13	135	1	0	3
Clover Valley School, 1937-1938.	07/16/2025 07:00	576	24	7	2
Cooking up Some History	07/17/2025 10:19	145	5	0	2
Summerfest	07/18/2025 08:54	114	43	0	0
MacDougall's Garage...	07/21/2025 07:00	379	15	2	1
Don Borton, Terry Borton, Eli...	07/23/2025 07:00	1430	34	17	5
Hometown Recipes	07/25/2025 04:03	379	2	0	0
Summer Market	07/25/2025 06:10	316	26	3	3
Richard MacDonald, Ronald...	07/25/2025 07:01	475	3	3	0
Caribou and Manitou	07/28/2025 07:00	599	5	6	4
Flower Show	07/29/2025 19:10	117	8	0	0
Assiginack S.S. #2	07/30/2025 07:00	262	7	8	0
Summer Market	07/31/2025 13:57	99	6	0	0
Manitowaning Lock-up	08/01/2025 07:00	611	26	3	4
70th Anniversay	08/01/2025 10:54	1905	1	0	14
Amelia McLeod, Delia James...	08/06/2025 07:00	319	0	2	0
Owen Maguire, Cecilia Sim...	08/11/2025 07:00	1044	24	12	2
Walking Tour	08/11/2025 11:00	1466	45	4	36
Cronin's Store	08/18/2025 08:00	1349	2	32	3
Steam Engine at Mastin's Creamery.	08/20/2025 07:00	327	9	2	2
Fall Fair	08/21/2025 07:11	86	0	0	1
Queen's Hotel	08/22/2025 07:00	443	31	5	2
Manitowaning, July 12, 1915	08/25/2025 07:00	488	21	3	2
Gerry Cronin & Gib Wallace	08/27/2025 07:00	321	4	0	0
High Falls, circa 1913.	09/01/2025 07:00	2369	7	1	1
Margaret & Ross Burns.	09/03/2025 07:00	465	3	2	0

2025 Facebook Stats

The Fall Fair begins tonight	09/05/2025 07:00	107	12	0	0
Smeltzer family.	09/10/2025 07:00	338	55	3	0
The Hilly Grove Schoolhouse.	09/12/2025 07:00	2046	52	21	5
Hockey Banquet at Mastin's	09/15/2025 07:00	1668	15	7	2
Co-Op Truck	09/17/2025 07:00	298	27	0	0
S.S. Caribou at Burns Wharf	09/19/2025 07:00	485	9	3	1
Cross Word Puzzle	09/22/2025 07:00	301	47	2	1
Purdy's Sawmill	09/24/2025 07:00	1398	2	8	2
Answer Key to the Cross Word Puzzle	09/26/2025 07:00	100	12	0	0
All-Star Hockey Team	09/29/2025 08:34	314	55	0	0

		Reach	Likes	Comments	Shares
Totals (59 posts)	June – Sept, 2025	32511	1199	194	179

Events

COMMUNITY SUMMER MARKET

The Museum again hosted the Summer Markets on the museum lawn on Fridays in July and August from 10 am to 2 pm. In total there were nine markets held at the museum. The Market was advertised on the Museum's Facebook page and in the 230 mailbox-stuffer ads that were sent out.

July 4 – 7 vendors

July 11 – 11 vendors

July 18 – 7 vendors

July 25 – 6 vendors

August 1– 6 vendors

August 8 – 6 vendors

August 15 – 5 vendors

August 22 – 5 vendors

August 29 – 4 vendors

CANADA DAY

As part of the Municipality's Canada Day events on July 1st, the Museum conducted a Manitowaning History Scavenger Hunt quiz for ten of the historic sites in Manitowaning. Copies of the Scavenger Hunt were available two weeks before at the Assiginack Museum, Assiginack Public Library, Township Office and Assiginack Arena. All answers could be found on publicly visible outdoor signs at each location. Completed Scavenger Hunts were submitted to the box at the registration at the Arena where the Canada Day events were being held. Scores of 8/10 or better went into a Prize Draw.

MANITOWANING SUMMERFEST

The Museum had free admission to the museum all day on Saturday July 19th, during Manitowaning Summerfest.

70TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT

Established in 1955, the Assiginack Museum celebrated its 70th Anniversary this year. In 1955, the Assiginack Horticultural Society was also founded to take care of the flower beds at the Museum building and around Manitowaning. This year, the Museum & Horticultural Society held a combined celebration ceremony for their joint 70th Anniversaries on August 8th, 2025 on the Museum grounds.

The event began at noon. Live music was provided by Jack Bolduc. Debbie Robinson led in singing O Canada to open the event. Assiginack Mayor Brenda Reid gave a speech thanking the Museum and Horticultural Society for their many years of service to the community. The Museum Curator Kelsey Maguire gave a speech summarizing the history of the various buildings that make up the Museum complex. The Museum presented a plaque to the family of the late Hugh & Marilyn Moggy, naming the Dining Room at the Museum in their honour for their many years of work supporting the Museum. The connection with the Dining Room is that the room was once used as the Municipal Office and Council Chambers and Hugh served as Reeve and a Councilor for many years. His first term as Reeve would have been served in that room. The Museum also presented a new sundial to the Horticultural Society, to go on top of the monument with the plaque (that is on the Museum grounds) which honours the Assiginack Horticultural Society's years of service. Al Morka then gave a speech on behalf of the Horticultural Society, expressing the benefits of Community service and volunteers for a vibrant and healthy community. Cake and lemonade was served and Jack Bolduc continued to provide us with music for the afternoon. Thank you to all who attended and helped make the event happen.

The Anniversary event was advertised on the Museum's Facebook page, in the Manitoulin Expositor's coming events classifieds, and in the 325 mailbox-stuffer ads that were sent out. The Manitoulin Expositor also published an article detailing the 70th Anniversary of the Museum and the event in the newspaper that preceded the date of the event.

Free admission to the Museum was also offered all day on August 8th. 113 people (92 adults, 21 children) toured the museum throughout the day.

LIONS CLUB

The Lions Club has again been holding meetings in the Museum's Research Room this year. They met here on the first Monday of each month in January to May, and started again this month in October.

WORKSHOPS

Jennifer Hooper kindly conducted two cook workshops this year as part of the Museum's 70th Anniversary events. These "Cooking up Some History" workshops were focused on historic recipes drawn from locally published cookbooks from years past.

Both workshops were conducted in the kitchen room at the Municipal Arena; the first on June 19th and the second on July 24th. Thank you very much to Jennifer.

SCHOOL TRIPS

There were 3 school trip class visits and 1 day care group visit to the Museum this year, totaling 52 people.

- APS Kindergarten visited on June 20th. There were 13 students and 5 adults.
- APS Grade 4 visited on June 25th. There were 10 students and 2 adults. They also did a Scavenger Hunt activity.
- Wiikwemkoong class visited on June 25th. There were 10 students and 3 adults.
- APS Day Care visited on July 24th. There were 8 children and 2 adults. They also did a Scavenger Hunt and a butter making activity.

Items of Note

A new Square Reader and tablet were purchased for the Museum so that we can now accept credit card payments for admissions and gift shop sales.

A new Windows 11 PC was purchased for the Museum Office.

Both the Curator and Museum Summer Student completed two online Accessibility Training Modules: "Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation" and "Working Together: The Ontario Human Rights Code and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act". The two certificates were part of the Mandatory Training for Accessibility Compliance for all Municipal employees.

Exhibits

DISPLAYS

The Engine Order Telegraph (AKA Chadburn Speed Gauge) from the S.S. Norisle was installed on display in the Entrance Room.

Dining Room: The Dining Room was renamed as the “Hugh & Marilyn Moggy Dining Room” in honour of their many years of work supporting the Museum. A plaque was erected on the wall and a selection of items from their Estate were also added to the Dining Room exhibits.

Post Office: A collection of several artifacts from the Manitowaning Post Office that were donated last year were put on display in the Communications Room.

Sun Dial: A new sun dial, which was presented to the Assiginack Horticultural Society at the 70th Anniversary event, was installed on top of the monument on the Museum grounds that has a plaque honouring the Horticultural Society's years of service.

TEMPORARY DISPLAYS

Manitowaning Summerfest: During the week leading up to and during Summerfest, a display of photographs and items related to the South East Manitoulin Lions Club and Manitowaning Summerfest was set-up in the Smith Room, with items and photos on loan from the Lions.

Horticultural Society: For the Assiginack Horticultural Society's 70th Anniversary, a display included items, photographs and the Horticulture Quilt was exhibited at the Museum from July 25th until September 4th.

OFFSITE DISPLAYS

Public Library: A collection of old school text books is still currently on display at the library.

Fall Fair: The Museum's display at this year's Manitowaning Fall Fair on September 5th & 6th consisted of a photo album of past Fairs, a reproduction of the programme from the 100th Fall Fair, several trophies, ribbons, and other small artifacts from the Museum's collection of Fair materials. Additionally, for the Horticultural Society's 70th Anniversary, the Horticultural Society exhibit including the Horticulture Quilt which had been shown at the Museum during August was also displayed at the Fall Fair.

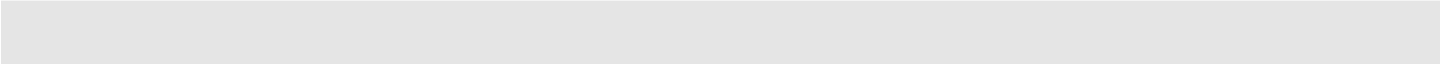


EXHIBIT PLAN (NEXT 2 YEARS)

2026

- Manitowaning 1925 diorama/map
- Washing Machines
- Virtual Tour for Outside Buildings
- Research & relabeling Blacksmith Shop tools

2027

- Research & relabeling Blacksmith Shop tools
- Money Case additions & relabeling
- Woodward's Store

Physical Plant

MAINTENANCE

Flowers: Planting and care for the flower beds was taken care of by the Assiginack Horticultural Society. The Horticultural Society has been tending the flowers on the Museum grounds for 70 years now, and we thank them for their continued care and generosity.

Tree brush was trimmed around the school and the back of the barn in the Spring and Fall.

The section of metal eavestrough along the north side of the 2001 addition had an additional drainpipe added to its middle by Municipal Works so that it will drain better.

The outside Men's Washroom door was sticking again and has been fixed by Municipal Works.

There is a large tree growing up against the back of the barn which could be considered for removal. The branches directly touching the edge of the roof were removed by Municipal Works last Fall, and this Spring they have taken photos of the tree so that it can be considered and budgeted for removal next year.

RECOMMENDED REPAIRS

The lawnmower shed is shingled with cedar shake shingles which are in poor shape and it definitely leaks in a few places. It is not one of the museum's historic buildings and could probably just be reshingled with regular shingles. The small decorative roof on the wishing well could also do with being reshingled.

The barn has a few places where the mortar should be replaced or repointed. The cement floor in the barn has some large cracks in a few places that should be filled and patched. The floor could also do with being repainted.

The furnace was inspected again this year by McDougall Fuels on July 8th and was found to be in good order, but both the furnace and air conditioner unit are from 2001 and are approaching 25 years of service. A plan/budget for their eventual replacement should be considered by the Municipality.

Grants

CMOG

The Community Museum Operating Grant was applied for as usual.

Canada Summer Jobs

This year, the Museum received its grant for a Summer Student through the Canada Summer Jobs.

Summer Student

The Museum's Summer Student for 2025 was Kaden Jamieson. This was Kaden's second year working with the museum. His duties included staffing the front desk, selling items in the gift shop, answering visitor questions, cleaning, accessioning artifacts, organizing obituary clippings, genealogy research, recording temperature readings, and other regular museum duties. He did excellent work.

Volunteers

The volunteers from the Assiginack Horticultural Society took care of the flower beds at the Museum all Summer. Volunteers from the Horticultural Society also assisted in the planning and set-up for our combined 70th Anniversary celebration this year.

The Museum Committee is made up of volunteers that have graciously donated their time and effort towards ensuring the successful operation of the Museum and helping with Museum activities..

Research

The Museum's archive of obituary clippings has continued to be maintained and kept up to date.

Newly scanned 1925 Expositor clippings were forwarded to the Manitoulin Roots website for transcription.

In preparation for the "Manitowaning 1925 diorama/map" display next year, property data to identify buildings on the map was done by correlating the 1925 Fire Insurance Map, 1921 census, 1927 polling book, and 1930 Voters List.

The Assiginack Agriculture Society has accessed the Museum archives to find pictures they can use for their 150th Anniversary next year on mugs and calendars.

Last year, Michael Burri consulted the Museum's archives for information on J.B. Assiginack and gift giving ceremonies for an article he was writing. His article "*Reencountering Trade Legacies, Indigenous Histories, and the Early Leopoldine Society Circle in the Vienna Weltmuseum*" has since been published as part of the book "*Habsburg Encounters with Native America*".

David Smith has completed a booklet on the history of the Norisle. David consulted the Museum's archives for records and photos when researching for the book.

The Assiginack Municipal Office consulted the Museum's archives for information to help update the Veteran's section of the Municipal website.

GENEALOGY

Over the course of the season, 36 Genealogy research requests and 13 information requests came in to the Museum, either over the phone, via email, or via FaceBook messages.

Advertising

BROCHURES

Museum brochures and Manitowaning Walking Tour Maps continued to be distributed to other museums, information booths, and ferry terminals. We will need more brochures printed for 2026.

MAILERS

230 mailers advertising the Museum's Summer Markets in July & August were distributed locally via mailbox stuffing at the Manitowaning Post Office in June.

Another set of 230 mailers advertising the 70th Anniversary event on August 8th were also distributed via mailbox stuffing the week leading up to that.

INFO PACKAGES

In May, information packages about the Museum were printed and distributed to local accommodation providers to inform them about the Museum and included a free admission pass for them.

FACEBOOK

The Museum's Facebook group page (facebook.com/assignackmuseum) has been regularly updated with posts and content for the page, advertising the museum and showcasing information available from us.

NEWSLETTER

In February, a newsletter for the Museum was included in the 2025 Municipal Tax package mailouts. The newsletter included information on the Museum's history, services, hours, 70th Anniversary, and Summer Markets.

BANNERS

The Assiginack Municipality has put up several banners along Arthur Street and Queen Street in Manitowaning for the Museum as part of our 70th Anniversary. The banners advertise the Museum's street address and indicate that we have a Facebook page. We will continue to use these banners during the Summer months in the future.

Recommendations

ADVERTISING

One area of advertising that the Museum is currently lacking in is a focus on bringing more local residents into the Museum. Budgeting for ongoing local advertising in newspapers, in print, and online, would help to keep more local residents informed about the Museum and encourage them to visit and use the facilities, not just for events but for the ongoing general services the museum can provide.

More signage along the highway would also be a benefit in drawing more traffic to the museum. A billboard would be ideal, and a provincial Tourism Oriented Directional Signage (TODS) sign on Hwy 6 for the museum would be very useful.

Memo

To: Mayor and Council
Date: October 27, 2025
Re: Proposed Implementation timeline - New Financial Software

Further to the last meeting of Council, where a memo was presented regarding the potential deferral of e-billing implementation to coincide with the upcoming required purchase of new financial software, please find below an update and proposed timeline for the new software.

Currently, I have submitted requests for quotations for the financial software, and I am awaiting those quotes. My goal is to have it available for inclusion in this year's budget discussions and, depending on costs, consider implementation in either 2026 or 2027.

As noted in the initial Draft 2025 Budget package, staff had recommended establishing a reserve for the new software beginning in 2025, with a suggested initial contribution of \$10,000 (pg. 7). However, this item did not make it into the final approved budget. Council did, however, approve \$5,200 in 2025 for the implementation of e-billing capabilities within the current software (which is due for replacement).

Option

Option 1:

Proceed with e-billing implementation within the current software at a cost of \$5,200 for the initial setup and first-year costs. In addition, budget for the full cost of the new financial software spread out over the 2026 and 2027 budget.

Option 2:

Defer e-billing implementation and reallocate the \$5,200 currently budgeted for e-billing to a reserve for the required software purchase. These funds could then be used toward the new system in 2026 or 2027 dependent on funding. We would ensure that e-billing capability is included within the new software package

Recommendation

It is staff's recommendation that **Option 2** represents the most prudent use of Township resources at this time. This approach will allow the Township to begin setting aside funds for the necessary software replacement while ensuring that e-billing capabilities are included as part of the new system implementation, thereby avoiding duplicate costs.

Deb MacDonald, Treasurer

October 17, 2025

Sent by email

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Re: Provincial Decision on Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE)

The following recommendation of the Committee of Council Meeting of October 1, 2025 was approved by Council on October 15, 2025, pursuant to Council Resolution C230-2025:

CW303-2025

Whereas the Province of Ontario filed enabling regulations in December 2019, to prescribe the locations, fines, and signage for municipalities to utilize Automated Speed Enforcement Cameras (ASE) as a tool to address speeding and improve public safety; and,

Whereas the Province's ASE legislative framework, together with provincial encouragement in 2019, has led municipalities such as Brampton - where auto-insurance rates remain among the highest in Ontario - to implement ASE technology to improve safety, reduce speeding, and prevent serious collisions and fatalities; and,

Whereas the Provincial government, through the Ministry of Transportation, is responsible for the legislation, regulations and program standards governing municipal ASE programs; and,

Whereas some cities have implemented ASE incorrectly, Brampton is part of the vast majority of municipalities who have implemented best practices endorsed by the Ministry of Transportation and the Ontario Traffic Council - including speed thresholds - that prioritize public safety, resulting in safer roads; and,

Whereas consistent with local, regional, national and international research by third parties including Sick Kids & Toronto Metropolitan University, the Canadian Automobile Association, the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police, the Traffic Injury Research Foundation, and the Ontario Traffic Council; the City of Brampton's ASE program has resulted in significant reductions in speed, increased speed compliance in Community Safety and School Zones, and changes in driver behaviour as outlined in the September 10, 2025 Council report titled "Automated Speed Enforcement – Traffic Safety Update";

Whereas the average recorded speed for ticket issued is 15.7 km/h over the posted limit, demonstrating that Brampton's existing threshold is both reasonable and aligned with best practices; and

Whereas between twenty and thirty percent of ASE ticket revenue is collected by the Province of Ontario.

Whereas Brampton is working to improve road safety and uphold its commitment to Vision Zero, through its ASE program and complementary traffic-calming measures such as speedbumps/humps, roundabouts, road diets, and improved signage, in order to reduce speeds, prevent collisions, and promote lawful driving behaviour.

Whereas the City of Brampton has already implemented a significant number of speedbumps, likely the most in the province with 834 locations and anticipates installing an additional 33 individual locations this year, but because speedbumps cannot be deployed in all areas around schools, a comprehensive approach to traffic calming, including Automated Speed Enforcement, has proven effective in reducing vehicle speeds, changing driver behaviour, preventing fatal collisions, and enhancing public safety;

Whereas polling in Brampton demonstrates strong and consistent public support for ASE as a tool to reduce speeding, including: Mainstreet Research (Early September 2025) showing 65% overall support, and the City-led Telephone Townhall poll (July 2025) showing 86% of participants support for speed cameras near schools and parks to help curb speeding; and

Whereas despite clear evidence and proven results from cities like Brampton, municipalities were caught off guard by the Premier's sudden announcement to cancel ASE programs across the province, made without adequate notice and consultation;

Whereas a preliminary estimate of private sector investment by companies delivering ASE solutions indicates the creation of 62 jobs and \$14 million dollars of investment in the province; and

Whereas the Premier believes some municipalities have misused ASE; but that is no reason to shut down municipal ASE programs that have proven successful at changing driver behaviour and improving public safety; and

Whereas the Premier's concerns regarding ASE can be addressed through amendments to provincial legislation, regulations and program standards that enable municipalities to consistently utilize ASE, without an outright ban on the technology; and,

Whereas Brampton's ASE program is considered best-practice and rather than banning, the Premier should meet with Mayor Patrick Brown and other municipal leaders to develop improved provincial legislation, regulations and program standards related to the ASE program; and,

Whereas it is reckless to abandon what works, and essential to maintain a program that preserves public safety, and, especially, at a very minimum, safety in school locations; and,

Whereas should the ASE program be cancelled, the considerable municipal investments to implement this provincially shaped program must be reimbursed, and additional funding must be provided to implement alternate, although not necessarily as effective, traffic calming measures.

Therefore be it resolved:

1. That Brampton City Council formally opposes the Province's decision to abruptly cancel ASE, a public safety tool enabled through provincial regulations in December 2019; and,
2. That a letter from Council be sent to the Premier, the Minister of Transportation, and local MPPs outlining Brampton's position, calling for the continuation of ASE, and Brampton Council request that the Premier meet with Mayor Patrick Brown, and other municipal leaders to negotiate consistent implementation across municipalities that utilizes best practices to uphold the public safety benefits of ASE; and,
3. That the City of Brampton immediately implement the following ASE program enhancements to accommodate concerns and maintain the technology as an effective public safety tool:
 - a. Limit the use of ASE cameras to school locations
 - b. Maintain the existing threshold and implement variable threshold speeds:
 - Maintain existing speed threshold during peak hours around schools
 - Implement a higher speed threshold for non-peak hours to enforce excessive speeding & stunt driving
 - c. Develop and implement a process to limit the number of tickets that can be issued to a single license plate within a defined period of time, excluding excessive speeding or stunt driving
 - d. Prohibit the operation of an ASE camera for six months following a speed limit change
 - e. Require that surplus ASE revenues be reinvested in road safety-related infrastructure, initiatives, and education
 - f. Require that staff report annually to Council, through the budget process, on the allocation and use of surplus ASE revenues
 - g. Require that staff report annually to Council on outcomes of the ASE program (e.g., number of tickets, speed reductions, speed limit compliance, collisions, injuries/fatalities, etc.); and,

4. That the City of Brampton request the Provincial government to amend their legislation, regulations and program standards governing ASE as follows:
 - a. Restrict the use of ASE to School locations
 - b. Use of ASE in areas that do not contain schools must be approved by the Minister of Transportation, supported by data clearly demonstrating the need and a description of why alternative traffic calming measures are not suitable for the location.
 - c. Eliminate provincial fees and charges from ASE tickets, including:
 - MTO fee, currently \$8.25 per ticket, for providing registered license plate owner information
 - Victim surcharge fee ranging from \$10 to \$125 - or 25% of the fine for speeding offences greater than \$1,000
 - d. Develop a revised fee schedule for ASE tickets that reduces the cost for lower speed infractions while maintaining higher penalties for excessive speeding and stunt driving
 - e. Extend voluntary electronic notification (SMS and/or email) to license plate holders to reduce the notification period for ASE offences, similar to license plate renewal notifications
 - f. Develop new signage to include language indicating that the location is speed camera enforced
 - g. Develop more visible ASE signage that includes the speed limit
 - h. Require municipalities to reinvest surplus ASE revenue into road safety-related infrastructure, initiatives and education
 - i. Require greater transparency from municipalities by implementing the following reporting requirements:
 - Report annually to municipal Council on how surplus ASE funds are spent.
 - Require annual public reporting of program outcomes (e.g., number of tickets, speed reductions, speed limit compliance, collisions, injuries/fatalities, etc.).

- j. Establish program standards across all municipalities for key program elements - like speed thresholds - through a process led by the Ministry of Transportation and in consultation with municipalities to ensure consistency and transparency for all municipalities in Ontario.
 - k. That the Ministry of Transportation provide greater oversight and enforcement of Municipal ASE programs through regular audits; and
- 5. That, should the provincial government proceed with banning the use of ASE despite Brampton's immediate actions to address concerns and requests to work collaboratively with the Province and other municipalities to continue these programs, the Province must reimburse municipalities for all costs incurred to implement ASE program; and,
 - 6. Staff be directed to report back on potential impacts of an ASE ban on Brampton's road safety strategy and financial investments; and,
 - 7. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Transportation, Brampton members of Provincial Parliament, local MPPs across the Region of Peel, all Ontario Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP), and the Ontario Traffic Council; and,
 - 8. That the City develop an advocacy campaign consistent with this motion.

Note: Item **RM 45/2025** has been added to the Referred Matters List for the report requested in clause 6 of the recommendation above, and assigned to Michael Kralt, Director, Automated Enforcement and Court Administration, Legislative Services.

Yours truly,

Sonya Pacheco

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**The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE**



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 5.4.2.
Resolution Number 2025-241
Title: Resolution of Support - Closure of Before and After School Programs
Date: October 15, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Pothier
Seconded by: Councillor Laframboise

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Bluewater, at its Regular Meeting of September 2, 2025, passed a Resolution urging the Province of Ontario to address the staffing shortages leading to the closure of before and after school programs;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of St-Charles is experiencing a similar challenge, whereby financing for before and after school programming is provided through the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board, but the managing organization has been unable to recruit sufficient staff to operate programs in our local school, despite the existence of a substantial waiting list of families requiring care;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of St-Charles recognizes the importance of before and after school programs in providing a trusted, safe, and consistent environment for children outside of regular school hours—support that many working parents and guardians rely upon to balance their employment and family responsibilities;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Council of the Municipality of St-Charles hereby supports the Municipality of Bluewater's September 2, 2025 resolution regarding the closure of before and after school programs;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Education; John Vanthof, MPP for Timiskaming—Cochrane; and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR

October 30, 2025

Re: Rent Protection for Tenants

At its Council Meeting of October 28, 2025, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge passed the following Motion:

WHEREAS this council understands that the need for affordable rental housing not only applies to new builds but also to the protection of existing affordable units.

WHEREAS the removal of rent control in 2018 on any new residential rental unit opened the door to excessive year over year rent increases and the resulting anxiety and mental anguish that come with unpredictable rental costs and loss of housing security.

WHEREAS the loss of rent control has caused a high number of people across Ontario to be forced out of their homes due to their inability to afford their rent increases.

AND WHEREAS without protection from excessive and malicious rent increases, many Cambridge renters will also be at risk of being priced out of their own homes.

WHEREAS unlimited rent increases can be used as a tool by landlords acting in bad faith to remove existing tenants in order to replace them with new tenants at increased rates.

WHEREAS providing housing stability, maintaining affordable housing stock, and protecting renters from unfair rent increases is of utmost importance to this council.

AND WHEREAS This council recognizes that landlords are essential to a flourishing and affordable housing system,

AND WHEREAS maintaining Ontario as a location that is attractive to landlords is of utmost importance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. Cambridge City Council request the Province of Ontario provide adequate protection against excessive and malicious rent increases for all rental units occupied for residential purposes while maintaining the ability for landlords to operate a viable and sustainable business, and that the City Clerk for the City of Cambridge send a letter to Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, MPP Jess Dixon, MPP Brian Riddell, and other municipalities throughout Ontario for their endorsement consideration.

Should you have any questions related to the approved resolution, please contact me.

Yours Truly,



Jennifer Shaw
City Clerk

CC: (via email)
Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
MPP Jess Dixon
MPP Brian Riddell
Ontario Municipalities

October 31, 2025

Township of Assiginack

Dear Mayor Reid and Council ,

If you would prefer to receive this correspondence electronically, you may e-mail vglasby@mfresources.net and request that your donation letter be sent to your e-mail address. Likewise, you may use the same email address should you wish to unsubscribe from our Christmas mail list.

Thank you for helping us preserve our planet.

Christmas is around the corner once again and Manitoulin Family Resources' Emergency Food Assistance Program has started the preparations for the 2025 Christmas Basket campaign.

The Food Bank & Thrift Store has been providing emergency and seasonal food supports to the residents of Manitoulin district for over 36 years. Last year, thanks to the generosity of community members, businesses, and organizations, our expectations were surpassed. Close to \$100,000.00 was raised and was put towards the cost of generating 600 baskets and gifts for families and individuals.

Each basket is tailored to the size of the family and includes a turkey or ham, a generous supply of seasonal food and other food products. In past years, baskets have also included gifts for all children and teens, as well as some winter apparel (hats and mittens) for adults and children.

We hope to raise a minimum of \$100,000 during this year's Christmas campaign to meet increasing demands, as well as the increased cost of food and transportation. All surplus funds from the campaign will be used to meet the food security needs in our community throughout the year.

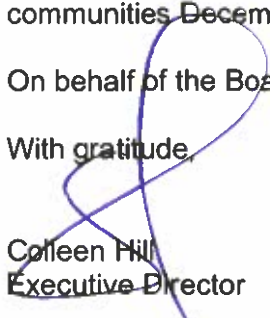
If you would like to contribute to the Christmas Food Basket Campaign, monetary donations are greatly appreciated and can be mailed to our office. Please make cheques payable to "Manitoulin Family Resources" and indicate on the memo line "Christmas Basket Campaign 2025".

If you prefer an online option, you can e-transfer your contribution to finance@mfresources.net or donate via Canadahelps.org by visiting www.mfresources.net and clicking on the 'Donate Now' at the top right of the page to link you to our donation site. Please follow the instructions, making sure you select 'Christmas Food Hamper Drive' in the drop-down window under 'Apply your donation to a specific fund set up by this charity'. Tax receipts will be issued for financial donations over \$20 dollars.

In the case of non-monetary/food donations, please call the Food Security Program Supervisor at 705-368-3400, ext. 242, to arrange for donation drop-offs. Christmas baskets will be prepared and distributed within communities December 8th through to December 19th, 2025.

On behalf of the Board, Volunteers, and Staff please accept our sincere thanks.

With gratitude,


Colleen Hill
Executive Director



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October 2025

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Dear Reeve & Council:

RE: Assiginack Municipality Bursary

It is time to plan for our 56th Annual Awards Night. You have been a valued contributor in the past, giving \$300. The Manitoulin Student Aid Fund looks forward to continuing your award this year.

Please send your donation or indicate your intention, no later than December 1, 2025, to facilitate the selection processes of the various committees. The date of Awards Night at Manitoulin Secondary School this year will be Thursday, December 18, 2025, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Manitoulin Secondary School at 705-368-7000 during the day. If you leave a message, your call will be returned.

Thank you for considering the objectives of the Manitoulin Student Aid Fund as worthy of your support.

Sincerely yours,

Karlene Scott, Secretary
Manitoulin Student Aid Fund



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***Awards Night this year is Thursday, December 18, 2025 at 7:00 pm**

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LAST Name	FIRST Name	Which Township/Res	Post Secondary Institution/S	Name of the Program you are enrolled in:	Length of progr
Abotossaway	Nyaeli	AOK	Kenjgewin Teg	Early Childhood Education Anishinaabemow	2 yrs
Aelick*	Landon	NEMI	Cambrian	Heavy Equipment Technician	2 yrs
Antoine	Johnny	Zhiibaahaasing	Cambrian	HVAC	2 yrs
Arabadzhyi	Anhelina	Sault Ste. Marie	Sault College	Graphic Design - Digital Media	2 yrs
Arthurs	Rhyis	NEMI	St Clair College	Powerline technician	2 yrs
Best	Corbin	Gore Bay	Canadore College	Business	2 yrs
Bridgeman*	Sadie	Central Manitoulin	Laurentian University	Bachelor of Physical Health and Education	4 yrs
Carter-O'Hearn	Orland	Kagawong	Fleming college	Arboriculture	1 yr
Cooper	Zach	Central Manitoulin	Apprenticeship	Agricultural Equipment Technician	4 yr
Cranney	Aubri	Central Manitoulin	Canadore college	Indigenous wellness and addiction prevent	2 yrs
Davy*	Autumn	Central Manitoulin	University of Sunderland	MPharm	4 yrs
Debassige*	Aspen	M'Chigeeng	Queens University	Kinesiology	4 yrs
Diebolt*	Ezra	Billings	Wilfrid Laurier University	Bachelor of Arts in Biology	4 yrs
Fields*	Ava	NEMI	Candore College	Pre-Health	1 yr
Goddard*	Jordan	Central Manitoulin	University of Windsor	General Engineering	4 yrs
Harper*	Nevaeh	Central Manitoulin	Cambrian college	Animation	3 yrs
Hughson	Gage	NEMI	Cambrian College	Heating, ventilation, and Air Conditioning	2 yrs
Hughson	Cole	Nemi	Wilfred Laurier	Bachelor of music	4 yrs
Jones	Kalli	NEMI	Georgian College	Business	2 yrs
Kuntsi*	Ryan	Assiginack	York University	Computer Science, B.Sc.	4 yrs
Lockyer	Ryder	Gordon/Barrie Island	Canadore College/Kenj	Renovation Techniques Carpentry	1 yr
Lovelace*	Hannah	M'Chigeeng	Trent University	Honors Art, Psychology	4 yrs
MacDonald	Alexis	Assiginack	CTS Canadian Career Colleg	Accounting and Payroll	1 yr
McCann	Patrick	Gore Bay	Canadore	Business	3 yrs
McCarthy	Connor	Central Manitoulin	Cambrian College	Game Design and Simulation	2 yrs
McCauley	Ian	M'Chigeeng	Candore College	Police Foundations	2 yrs
McKee*	Alex	NEMI	Brock University	BSc Honours - Kinesiology	4 yrs
McKinley	Alyx	Sheshegwaning	SAIT - Southern Alberta Insti	Welding and Fabrication Tech	2 yrs
McLaughlin	Hugh	M'Chigeeng	Canadore College	Police Foundations	2 yrs
McVey*	Alexis	Burpee mills	University of Waterloo	Kinesiology Co-Op	4 yrs
Merrylees*	Tessa	Gordon/Barrie Island	University of Waterloo	Honours Arts and Business with Co-op	4 yrs
Moggy Buie*	Evan	N.E.M.I.	Guelph University	Family Studies and Human Development	4 yrs
Moore	Ryann	Sheshegwaning	Sault College	Esthetician program	1 yr
Panamick	Jaron	M'Chigeeng	Canadore College	Indigenous Wellness and Addictions Preve	2 yrs
Panamick-Shawan	Harmony	M'Chigeeng	Nipissing University	Child & Family Services	4 yrs
Paul	Tessa	M'Chigeeng	Toronto Metropolitan Univ	Sociology	4 yrs
Paul	Trinity	M'Chigeeng	Fanshawe College	General Arts and Science	1 yr
Pennie*	Grace	Assiginack	Guelph University	Zoology	4 yrs
Shank*	Katelyn	Sheshegwaning	Carleton University	Psychology	4 yrs

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VIA EMAIL

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
The Honourable Francois-Phillipe Champagne, Minister of Finance
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM)
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville
All Upper- and Lower-Tier Municipalities in Ontario

Please be advised that at its Regular Council meeting held on Monday, September 29, 2025, the Council of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal unanimously adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION: Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF)

WHEREAS the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal acknowledges that municipal infrastructure—roads, bridges, water and wastewater systems—underpins public safety, economic vitality and quality of life in Ontario's rural and small urban communities;

WHEREAS the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) was created in 2015 to assist small and rural municipalities facing infrastructure deficits that exceed their local revenue capacities;

WHEREAS in 2022 the Government of Ontario committed to increase the annual OCIF envelope from \$100 million to \$400 million over a five-year term, with that commitment scheduled to expire at the end of fiscal 2026;

WHEREAS fixed funding levels amid rising labour, materials and climate resilience costs have eroded the purchasing power of the \$400 million envelope, jeopardizing municipalities' ability to deliver and sustain essential services without incurring unsustainable debt;

WHEREAS predictable, multi-year funding indexed to real-world cost drivers is critical for municipalities to develop, finance and execute long-term asset management plans, reduce emergency repairs and leverage complementary federal and private infrastructure financing;

WHEREAS the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal requires a steadfast provincial partner to extend and enhance OCIF beyond 2026, ensuring infrastructure resilience, fiscal sustainability and equitable access for all small and rural municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. The Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal calls upon the Government of Ontario to extend the annual OCIF envelope at not less than \$400 million beyond its current five-year term ending in 2026, with no reductions in subsequent provincial budgets.
2. The Province be requested to index the total annual OCIF envelope—and each individual municipal allocation—to the Ontario Consumer Price Index (CPI), calculated on a calendar-year basis and disbursed in the first quarter of each fiscal year.
3. The Ministry of Infrastructure establish a new five-year OCIF funding framework that guarantees annual envelopes and allocation percentages by municipality, enabling long-term capital planning and stable cash-flow management.
4. The Province undertake a formal review of the OCIF allocation formula at least once every four years, incorporating current municipal asset management data, demographic projections, climate resilience metrics and rural equity considerations.
5. A dedicated contingency reserve equal to 5 percent of the annual OCIF envelope be created within the fund to address extraordinary cost escalations, emergency repairs or project overruns without reallocating core funding.



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6. The Ministry of Infrastructure publish an annual OCIF performance report—including program disbursements, allocation adjustments and reserve expenditures—in a transparent, publicly accessible online dashboard.
7. The Clerk of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal forward this resolution to:
 - The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
 - The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
 - The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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If you have any questions, please contact me at the email address below.

Sincerely,

Natalie Charette
Interim Clerk
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Net Levy prior to Capital deliberations

Amounts remaining

\$ -

Items not yet included in Budget

X New Website - Estimated

\$ 25,000.00

Landfill expansion - property acquisition - based on appraisal

\$ 350,000.00

Salary adjustments as per FCR recommendations when complete

?

Washrooms - McLeans Park and High Falls

?

Landfill - Security Cameras

?

Plow Truck

?

Pickups - PW, Recreation dept, Bylaw

?

NORDS Grant Remaining

OCIF Grant

Repyt of reserve used for Red Lodge Rd

Fire Hall Tender (\$8000 est for updated engineering prior to tender)

Sander for pickup

\$ 15,000.00

New Water Tank for trucks (dust suppression)

\$ 40,000.00

Backhoe

?

AAEC

?

Start reserve for accounting software transition required

\$ 10,000.00 end of life 2029?

X Roads

Michael's Bay Rd

Spragge St

Queen St

Add Summer Students - 3 people

Tax Levy Required with above projects \$ -

Assiginack Museum Committee Meeting Minutes June 16, 2025 – 7:00 p.m. at Assiginack Museum

PRESENT: Kelsey Maguire, Burke Pennie, Alice Pennie, Jennifer Hooper, Janice Bowerman, Andrew Gerhard, Sandra Pope, Brenda Reid.

Meeting called to order by Kelsey.

Motion made by Sandra, seconded by Alice that agenda be approved as presented.

Motion made by Jennifer, seconded by Burke that Minutes of Committee Meeting – May 12, 2025 be accepted.

Land acknowledgment was read by Kelsey.

Kelsey will take minutes.

Discussion

1. Updates:

The CSJ summer student for the Museum this season has been hired and will start on June 30th.

Canada Day events will be at the arena/fairgrounds this year. The Museum will do a “Manitowaning History Scavenger Hunt” for the event.

The limbs around the base of the hawberry tree at the museum were mistakenly cut by the lawn care contractor.

Kelsey will follow up with Municipal Works again about the eavestrough and the tree behind the barn.

2. 70th Anniversary Planning:

Discussion about potential live music providers? Kelsey will check with Deb about available event budget. Will do advertising fliers for mailbox stuffing and posters. Expositor ad? Will do a press release to send to Expos. Will try to get plaque for dining room ready in time for open house for presentation.

Other presentations/speeches?

Jennifer will do a cooking workshop on June 19th.

Could do a workshop for making butter and ice cream at home?

Will invite Horticultural Society again to next meeting for more planning.

3. Appointments:

Andrew has accepted nomination as Committee Chair. *[All in favour, passed.]*

Janice has accepted nomination for Secretary. *[All in favour, passed.]*

4. School Trips:

June 20th – Kindergarten. Janice can come help.

June 25 – APS Grade 5/6 and a group from Wikwemikong.

June 26 – APS Grade 4 (want to do Scavenger Hunt). Janice can come help.

New Business: Some Agriculture Society members would like to come research Fall Fair clippings for the 150th fair next year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, July 7th at 7:00 p.m.

Assiginack Museum Committee Meeting Minutes
July 7, 2025 – 7:00 p.m. at Assiginack Museum

PRESENT: Kelsey Maguire, Brenda Reid, Jennifer Hooper,
Regrets: Janice Bowerman, Andrew Gerhard, Sandra Pope, Burke Pennie, Alice Pennie,
No Quorum, Open Discussion.

Meeting called to order by Kelsey.
Kelsey will take minutes.

Discussion

1. Updates:

The eavestrough on the north side was repaired by Public Works.
The Museum did a Scavenger Hunt quiz for the Canada Day event at the Fairgrounds.
The CMOG grant application has been submitted.
Propane tanks will be serviced tomorrow.

2. 70th Anniversary Planning:

Jennifer's cooking workshop was well attended. May do the next workshop at Knox's kitchen?
Kelsey will order the plaque for the Dining Room.
Still looking for live music options.

3. School Trips:

APS Kindergarten came on June 20th. APS Grade 4 and Wikwemikong class came on June 25th. APS
Grade 5/6 canceled their trip.
APS Daycare coming on July 24th, will do butter making and a scavenger hunt activity.

4. Museum Summer Market:

Markets are on Fridays in July and August, 10am to 2pm.
Jennifer will lend her portable speaker for music.
Kelsey will talk to Alton about the grass clippings.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Assiginack Museum Committee Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2025 – 7:00 p.m. at Assiginack Museum

PRESENT: Kelsey Maguire, Burke Pennie, Alice Pennie, Jennifer Hooper, Andrew Gerhard, Sandra Pope,

Absent: Janice Bowerman. Brenda Reid.

Meeting called to order by Kelsey.

Motion made by Jennifer, seconded by Alice that agenda be approved as presented.

Motion made by Burke, seconded by Jennifer that Minutes of Committee Meetings – June 16th and July 7th be accepted.

Land acknowledgment was read by Kelsey.

Kelsey will take minutes.

Discussion

1. Updates:

The eaves trough on the north side of the 2000 addition has had an addition drainpipe installed by Municipal Works so that it will drain better.

There were 3 school trips that came to the Museum in June. The APS Day Care visited on July 24th.

2. 70th Anniversary Recap:

Event began at noon. Live music by Jack Bolduc. Debbie Robinson led in singing O Canada. Mayor Brenda Reid gave a speech. Curator gave a speech on history of the Museum buildings. Presented a plaque naming the Dining Room after Hugh & Marilyn Moggy. Presented a sundial to Horticulture. Al Morka gave a speech for Horticultural Society. Cake and lemonade was served. Free admission to the Museum all day, 113 visitors. Expositor published an article about the Anniversary preceded the event.

3. Fall Fair:

The Manitowaning Fall Fair is September 5 & 6. Kelsey will set up the Fall Fair history display at the Fair again this year. He will also display the Horticulture Quilt for the Horticultural Society's 70th Anniversary. Next year is the 150th year of the Manitowaning Fall Fair.

4. Cooking Workshop/Apple Festival:

Jennifer's 2nd cooking workshop was on July 24th at the arena. 5 people attended.

Ideas for an Apple based event on September 13th or 20th: truck out front to take picture by, photographer, apple-bobbing/competition, music, cider press? Stasia can help and setup a steel plate for cooking. Jennifer will be in charge of planning.

New Business: Summer Markets: We probably can't have cooked food (meat and meringues) prepared on site and sold anymore, need to inform vendors next year that it has to all be prepared ahead of time in a regulated kitchen.

Kelsey will give Jennifer a list of vendors so she can send thank you cards & he will print some family passes to the Museum for next year to include as well.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, October 20th at 7:00 p.m.