

# TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGNACK

## REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

To Be Held in the Council Chambers Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Council's Regular Meeting Agenda

## For Consideration:

## 1. OPENING

- a) Adoption of Agenda
- **b)** Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof *Resolutions prepared*

# 2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

# 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a) Regular Council Meeting of February 16, 2016 (p.3) Resolution prepared

# 4. DELEGATIONS

# 5. REPORTS

# 6. ACTION REQUIRED ITEMS

- a) Accounts for Payment: General: \$65,165.00 Payroll: \$17,580.25 (p.7)
- b) Manitoulin Centennial Manor Board: Seniors Assisted Living Facility Resolution (p.10)
- c) Manitoulin Fine Arts Association: Art Tour Donation Request (p.16)
- d) OPP Detachment Boundary Changes (p.18)
- e) Authorize RFP: Single Axle Snow Plow Truck (p.19) Resolutions prepared

# 7. INFORMATION ITEMS

- a) FONOM Press Release February 24, 2016 (p.23)
- b) Rainbow District School Board Stakeholder Meeting Report February 19, 2016 (p.24)
- c) Georgian Bay Association Update Newsletter (p.28)
- **d)** AMO Policy Update 2016 Provincial Budget (p.31) Resolution prepared

# 8. BY-LAWS

# 9. CLOSED SESSION

a) Personal Matters about an identifiable individual (Municipal Act, 2001, c.25 s.239 (2) (a))

# **10.ADJOURNMENT**

# 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, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Present:

Mayor Paul Moffatt

Councillor Robert Case Councillor Hugh Moggy Councillor Les Fields Councillor Brenda Reid

Staff:

Alton Hobbs, CAO

Jeremy Rody, Clerk

Press:

Alicia McCutcheon, Expositor

# **OPENING:**

#34-03-16 R. Case - B. Reid

THAT the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Assiginack be opened for business with a quorum of members present at 5:00 p.m., with Mayor Moffatt presiding in the Chair.

CARRIED

# **AGENDA:**

#35-03-16 B. Reid – R. Case

THAT the agenda for this meeting be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED** 

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Councillor Fields commented on the snowshoeing activities that have been taking place at McLean's Park as she took part in a group that went the previous week. By the end of the program, over 500 kids/adults will have been taken through McLean's Park, where they learn about different types of trees and outdoor safety. She thanked Ron Cooper and OPP Community Safety Officer Steve Hart for participating in this program; she also thanked Rob Mellan for grooming a superb trail. Councillor Fields also noted that this program was made possible by grants received from RBC Learn to Play Project and Healthy Kids Healthy Community - Manitoulin Challenge, and that the community should be really proud. There are 80 pairs of snowshoes available for rent, free of charge at the Municipal Office.

# **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:**

Councillor Reid disclosed a direct pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 6A Payroll as her husband is an employee of the Township. She did not take part in any discussion, attempt to influence the vote or vote on the matters.

# **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

#### #36-03-16 R. Case – B. Reid

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016, be accepted.

# #37-03-16 B. Reid - R. Case

THAT the minutes of the Manitoulin East Municipal Airport Commission meeting of February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016, be accepted.

CARRIED

## #38-03-16 R. Case – B. Reid

THAT the minutes of the Sudbury & District Board of Health meeting of January 21st, 2016, be received.

**CARRIED** 

# **ACTION REQUIRED ITEMS:**

#### #39-03-16 B. Reid - R. Case

THAT Council authorizes the following Accounts for Payment:

General:

\$174,816.09

AND THAT the Mayor and administration be authorized to complete cheques #25280 through #25323 as described in the attached cheque register reports.

**CARRIED** 

# #40-03-16 H. Moggy – L. Fields

THAT Council authorizes the following Accounts for Payment:

Payroll:

\$17,607.61

AND THAT the Mayor and administration be authorized to complete cheques #25324 through #25328 as described in the attached cheque register report.

CARRIED

# #41-03-16 L. Fields – H. Moggy

THAT Council authorizes the services of Castellan James & Partners Architects Inc. outlined in their letter of January 13, 2016, in the amount of \$9,800.00 plus disbursements and HST

CARRIED

# #42-03-16 B. Reid – L. Fields

THAT Council authorizes the costs associated with installing a new streetlight at the corner of Sucker Lake Road and Highway 6, as per the communication from J.J. Pole Line Construction, dated February 9, 2016.

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# **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

# #43-03-16 B. Reid – L. Fields

THAT we acknowledge receipt of the following correspondence items:

- a) Autism Ontario: World Autism Awareness Day
- b) City of Greater Sudbury: Resolution
- c) Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB: Municipal 2016 Apportionment
- d) Manitoulin North Shore Victim Services
- e) Town of Aurora: Resolution
- f) Essentials of Municipal Fire Protection & Emergency Management Seminar

CARRIED

# #44-03-16 L. Fields – R. Case

THAT Assiginack Council supports the City of Greater Sudbury's Resolution #CC2016-14, regarding their request to Premier Kathleen Wynne and the Minister of Community and Correctional Services Yasir Abbas Naqvi, to expedite the return of the OPP search and rescue helicopter to the Sudbury Airport to better serve the needs of Northern Communities.

CARRIED

# #45-03-16 B. Reid – H. Moggy

THAT Assiginack Council supports the Town of Aurora's Resolution of January 26, 2016, regarding their request to the Government of Ontario to limit the jurisdiction of the Ontario Municipal Board to questions of law or process and for the Ontario Municipal Board to uphold any planning decisions of Municipal Councils unless they are contrary to the processes and rules set out in legislation.

**CARRIED** 

# **CLOSED SESSION:**

# #46-03-16 H. Moggy – L. Fields

THAT in accordance with By-law #15-30 and Section 239 of the Municipal Act, as amended, Council proceeds to a "Closed Session (in-camera)" at 5:29 p.m. in order to attend to a matter pertaining to:

f) Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege

**CARRIED** 

	#47-03-16	L. Field	ls – H.	Moggy
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THAT we adjourn from our Closed Session at 6:06 p.m., approve the minutes of the Closed Session of December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and resume our regular meeting.

CARRIED

# **CLOSING:**

#48-03-16 H. Moggy – L. Fields

THAT we adjourn until the next regular meeting or call of the Chair.

**CARRIED** 

Paul	Moffatt.	MA	YOR

Jeremy Rody, CLERK

6:10 p.m.

These Minutes have been circulated but are not considered Official until approved by Council.

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# The Township of Assiginack

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# Manitoulin Centennial Manor

# Fax

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Please find attached, the motion that was passed by the Monitoulin Pentennial Monor Board of Managemen during their meeting on February 18,201	, <i>f</i> =
Michelle Dond Administrator.	

## 9.0 New Business

Dr. Jeffery made a presentation to the Board regarding an assisted living facility adjacent to the Manitoulin Centennial Manor. He is requesting that the Manor board consider whether is would be in the interests of the Manor and its municipal owners to provide some of the currently unused portion of the Manor lot for this purpose.

## 18/16 Orr/McDonald

The Manitoulin Centennial Manor Board submits the following motion to its member municipalities for consideration and support.

Whereas a proposal has been submitted to the Board by Dr. Jeffery for the establishment of a Not for Profit multi-unit seniors assisted living facility;

And whereas the proposed assisted living facility would require the Board to relinquish a portion of its land to the Not for Profit Board;

And whereas the proposal is contingent upon funding being available, as well as a determination of the financial benefit if any to the Manor;

Therefore the Manor Board seeks the concurrence of its member municipalities to investigate the proposal and determine its compatibility with and benefit to the Manor including compliance with the strategic plan.

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# A suggestion for filling the gap in housing opportunities for seniors on Manitoulin Island.

# An assisted living facility adjacent to the Centennial Manor

The *Phase 1: Housing Supply and Demand Analysis* explored the demographic and economic factors affecting the need and demand for seniors housing and supports on Manitoulin Island and the Analysis presented a potential model for building a continuum of care community on the Island based on the identified needs of the Island's seniors.

Approximately 33% of the Island's population is at or near the age of retirement. Population forecasts for Manitoulin Island estimate that this group of the population will grow to 44% by 2020 and 48% by 2035, more than doubling its current size. Affordability is a key concern in providing seniors accommodations on the Island.

The senior population on Manitoulin Island is large and diverse. The residential accommodations for this population will need to adjust to serve the changing and varied physical and financial limitations of this growing population. The Island's large proportion of single-detached homes and predominance of home ownership provide fewer housing options for individuals or households with diverse needs. As the population continues to age, the physical and financial ability of individuals to maintain their own homes and meet their daily needs will diminish. There are few supportive housing units for seniors on Manitoulin Island.

Providing a continuum of care for seniors on Manitoulin Island by increasing the supply of supportive housing units, as well as alternative residential models and services, presents an opportunity to build on existing social housing and Long Term Care facilities for seniors to fulfill the broad range of housing and support needs of seniors on Manitoulin Island. A study on seniors' residential housing options for the North East Local Health Integration Network found that several continuing care facilities across North East Ontario were playing a particularly

effective role in meeting the range of needs facing area seniors and that they were able to achieve important economies in the operation of these facilities.

The proposal we have in mind would envision the formation of a non- profit organization to build and operate affordable rental apartments in close proximity to the Manor which might benefit from a variety of support services offered through Centennial Manor and community agencies.

These would be one and two bedroom apartments occupied by seniors living relatively independently; an assisted living facility aimed at persons requiring modest supports.

The Manor site is currently zoned for Institutional use and allows for 35% coverage. Any expansion of the Manor's current facilities for residential accommodations that are not considered long-term care will require rezoning of the site by the Manitoulin Planning Board. Local planning staff indicated that, due to the compatibility of the proposed uses with the existing facility, they did not anticipate any serious difficulty in achieving zoning approval.

In terms of sewer and water services, the municipality has indicated that both water and sewage capacity will be available to accommodate additional residential development at the site.

Accordingly, there appears to be no major barriers from a planning and servicing standpoint should Centennial Manor wish to allow us to proceed with the development of the proposed concept plan.

It is proposed that a new non-profit corporation be established to own and operate the new facilities. If desired the Manor Board of Directors could be utilized to direct the operation of the assisted living facility. This would have the advantage of ensuring the same Board was in control of all facilities on the site, while limiting the legal liabilities of each corporation to the facilities for which they are directly responsible. Experience elsewhere has demonstrated, in fact, that one of the key advantages in the operations of continuing care communities of the type being suggested here is that economies of scale can be realized in the

day-to-day management of the facilities through sharing of responsibilities and staffing.

An assisted living operation of the type being suggested requires much the same type of services in terms of management, maintenance and supports, with additional responsibilities for food and light care. Here again, staffing from Centennial Manor could share responsibilities within such a facility, thereby realizing cost-savings for both.

There are a number of sources of funding of capital costs for the development of the proposed project. In order to become eligible for anticipated federal infrastructure funding we would need to develop a proposal, secure an appropriate building site, and be "shovel ready" for the announcement of funding availability in the spring.

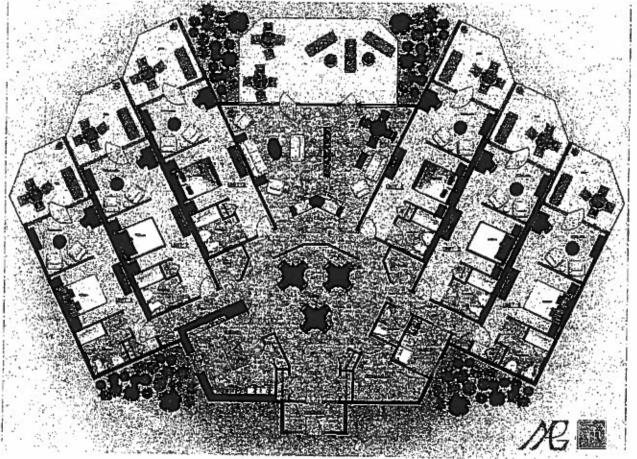
At this time we are asking the manor board to consider whether it would be in the interests of the manor and its municipal owners to provide some of the currently unused portion of the manor lot for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy Jeffery

Feb 18, 2016







February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Manitoulin Fine Arts Association is celebrating its 22<sup>nd</sup> year and have started planning the 2016 Manitoulin Art Tour, which will take place on July 15, 16 and 17, 2016.

We are asking for your support to help make this event a successful endeavour. Any contribution will be gratefully appreciated and will be used to help with brochures, radio and newspaper advertising, bulletin boards, and display posters.

The Manitoulin Fine Arts Association is a provincially registered non-profit organization (#1566382) that promotes local and visiting artists, photographers, artisans/craftspeople and businesses on Manitoulin Island. The Art Tour is a collaborative event that involves local and visiting artists, as well as local businesses, including art galleries and community organizations across the island.

Close to 2,000 visitors travel to the island to attend the three day event and experience beautiful Manitoulin Island while they admire local artistic talent. Last year we had 84 artists participate in 30 locations across Manitoulin Island.

We would appreciate your consideration of sponsorship for the Manitoulin Art Tour.

We thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. We are attaching a sponsorship form for your convenience.

Yours truly,

**Christie Pearson Anderson** 

MFAA President and Acting Treasurer

Thank you for supporting local arts on Manitoulin Island http://www.manitoulinart.com/



# **MFAA ART TOUR 2016 SPONSORSHIP FORM**

**Event Name: Manitoulin Art Tour 2016** 

Event Date: July 15, 16, 17, 2016

Event Location: Manitoulin Island, Ontario, Canada (multiple locations)

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Burpee and Mills <burpeemills@vianet.ca>

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Stephens; Ron Lane; Ruth Frawley; Tom; Township of Assiginack; Township of

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Subject:

Meeting Re: OPP Boundary Changes

# Good Day,

We have tentatively scheduled an MMA meeting for Thursday, March 3, 2016 at Central Manitoulin Community Hall at 1:30 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed amendments to the OPP Detachment boundaries. Command staff is to do a presentation to MMA members with a question and answer period following. Staff is also welcome to attend.

Please advise if you, or an alternate, will be unable to attend this meeting.

Regards,

Lee Anne Bailey Assistant Clerk Township of Burpee and Mills burpeemills@vianet.ca 705-282-0624

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# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGINACK

# REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL SUPPLY OF A SINGLE AXLE SNOW PLOW TRUCK, SANDER BOX, PLOW, HARNESS, & PUMP

RFP No. 2016-##

Requests for additional details and/or clarification should be directed to Ron Cooper, Public Works Superintendent at 705-859-3780

Closing at 4:00 p.m., Friday, 2016	
Tender opening at 2:00 p.m., Monday 2016	
At 156 Arthur Street, Manitowaning, Ontario POP 1KO	
Awarding of tender will be made by Council	
at the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday	, 2016
Complete proposal packages must be delivered to the attention of the Clerk, Tov	vnship of
Assiginack, in sealed envelopes clearly marked "Single Axle Snow Plow Truck."	•

By Mail: Post Office Box 238, Manitowaning, ON POP 1NO In Person: 156 Arthur Street, Manitowaning, ON POP 1NO

Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted

Please note that faxed tenders are not acceptable

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# PROPOSAL DOCUMENT

# SUPPLY OF SINGLE AXLE SNOW PLOW TRUCK, SANDER BOX, PLOW, HARNESS & PUMP

# **Notice to Prospective Bidders**

The tender document includes this summary section for the above-noted equipment. A complete tender submission will provide an attachment of the requested specifications. The Township reserves the right to discard any tender submission that it deems to be incomplete.

Acceptance of Cab, Chassis and installed equipment will be subject to pre-delivery inspection by the Township at the Dealer's location. Parts, repair, and operator instruction manuals for all installed equipment shall be supplied with each unit.

# **ONTARIO AGENT:**

The vendor shall designate an Ontario agent(s) authorized to represent the vendor in Ontario for the purpose of equipment delivery, warranty, equipment repairs and parts supply. The agent must operate a full service facility.

SPECIFY:		100	NA /		
WARRANTY					
All supplied and defective material date. YES:	mounted e	orkmanship	inus the cab for a minimur	& chassis shall be guan period of one year fro	ranteed agains m the in service
The manufacturer YES:	shall subm	it a signed w	arranty staten	nent with the Tender do	cuments.
Tender must be ba	sed on the	supply of 20	15 or newer r	manufactured equipment	: <b>.</b>
Firm delivery date	must be sp	ecified:			

The complete Unit is to be priced F.O.B. Sudbury, at truck dealer's location.

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# **Tender Submission**

Description	Tendered Price
	Incl. Applicable Taxes
1. Truck Cab & Chassis – G.V.W.R. 19,500 kg (43,000 lbs)	\$
2. 11 Foot Two-way Snow Plow-Poly Trip Edge	\$
3. Snow Plow Truck Harness	\$
4. 11 Foot Snow Leveling Wing	\$
5. Full Hydraulic Snow Plow Wing Tower	\$
Note: firm requirement of automatic transmission and	
34' under length.	>
TENDED TOTAL	
TENDER TOTAL	\$
DELIVERY DATE:	
COMPANY NAME:	
SIGNATURE: NAME (please print):	
DIAME II	
E-MAIL: DATE	

## CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGNACK

# Specifications Truck Cab & Chassis G.V.W.R. - 19,500kg (43,000 lbs)

#### **GENERAL:**

This specification covers a 43,000 lbs G.V.W.R. diesel truck, single axle, intended for installation of snow plow and dump body or material spreader body.

Requisition should state alternate C.A. dimension for frame if required for body installation.

It is the supplier's responsibility to deliver a fully equipped unit with compatible components to provide dependable efficient service.

The bidder shall attach a full list of specifications for the following items:

- Make and Model
   CMVSA
   Engine Equipment
   Gross Weight Ratings
   Cab
   Axles
   Fuel Tank
   Brakes
   Frame
   Paint
- 7. Suspension 16. Warranty 8. Wheels and Tires 17. Additional

9. Engine

Bids will not be considered if:

- the product on which a price is submitted does not meet all the requirements of the specification, or
- the bidder does not provide the requested specifications

SIGNATURE OF BIDDER:	 	
DATE SIGNED:		
DATE SIGNED.	 	



For immediate release:

#### **FONOM Pleased with Recent Provincial Announcements**

**February 24, 2016 – Toronto, ON** - The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) is applauding the provincial government for recent announcements which will benefit municipalities and Northern residents, including the extension and expansion of the spring bear hunt and investments into infrastructure

The extension of the spring bear hunt for an additional five years and the expansion to all Wildlife Management Units (WMUs) that currently have a fall hunt as well as including non-resident hunters has been called for from across the North. "The extension and expansion will address public safety concerns as well as bring much needed economic activity to the region. We are hopeful that the data generated from the pilot will result in the permanent reinstatement of the program," says Mayor Alan Spacek of Kapuskasing and President of FONOM.

The announcement of investments into two infrastructure funding programs from Premier Kathleen Wynne during the 2016 Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) / Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) combined conference that took place February 21-24 in Toronto was also welcomed. The funding which is part of the government's \$15 billion commitment infrastructure for outside of the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area would see the Connecting Links program doubled to \$30 million a year by 2018-2019, while the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) would be expanded to \$300 million a year by 2018-2019 from the current \$100 million. The program will also be more flexible as municipalities will now be able to bank funding for up to five years.

"An important aspect of the OCIF funding that FONOM has requested from the province was for the formula based portion of the funding to be increased so that municipalities would have greater predictable funding," stated Spacek. "This announcement captured that by committing \$200 million towards formula based and \$100 million towards application based."

FONOM looks forward to seeing the infrastructure projects that Northern municipalities will be able to undertake as a result of this funding.

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For More Information:

Mayor Alan Spacek, President of FONOM 705 335 0001

# Township of Assiginack

# Memo

To:

Council & Staff

From:

Councillor Les Fields

Date:

February 24, 2016

Re:

Rainbow District School Board Stakeholder Meeting - Feb. 19th, 2016

The Public Events Co-ordinator and I attended a meeting with the Rainbow District School Board on Friday, February 19, 2016.

All school boards across Ontario are facing a significant decline in student enrolment. The Ministry of Education has advised that there will be funding cuts beginning with the next school year. Rainbow Board cuts were estimated to be approximately \$4,000,000, with half in staffing and half in building infrastructure. It was noted that some schools in Sudbury would be closing.

All schools on Manitoulin including MSS, except Assiginack, are showing dramatic reductions in student enrollment and utilization of space in the next 5 years. However, capital spending is estimated at approximately \$28,600,000 for Manitoulin alone. All areas of the Rainbow District are facing similar circumstances.

The Board has produced and presented a Community Planning and Facilities Partnerships document that outlines the process and procedures for exploring and initiating opportunities to share facilities with community partners (attached).

Although the enrollment at Assiginack Public School seems to be very positive now, with in fact, an indication of a slight over-capacity by 2019, we need to be diligent in monitoring this situation, while exploring options that we may need to consider in the future. Presently it appears that imminent cuts may adversely affect staffing and infrastructure.



# ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION Effective: November 24, 2015 Last Revised:

# **Community Planning and Facilities Partnerships**

#### 1. RATIONALE

Rainbow District School Board is committed to exploring opportunities to share facilities with its community partners when building new schools, undertaking significant additions and/or renovations, considering the use of underutilized space in schools, and considering properties associated with schools that may close and sites that may be considered for future disposition.

#### 2. DEFINITIONS

Board: Rainbow District School Board

Community Partners: Community non-profit or profit entities expressing interest in participating in facility use partnership agreements that are deemed eligible by the board. At Minimum all levels of municipal government, District Social Services Administration Boards (DSSABs), Consolidated Municipal Service Managers (CMSMs), public health boards, Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs), and children's mental health centres.

Facilities: Buildings and properties owned by Rainbow District School Board.

**Facility Partnerships**: A mutually beneficial and supportive arrangement supported by a formal Facilities Partnership Agreement with the board.

Unused space: Space that is unoccupied in a facility that has not been declared surplus to the needs of the board.

## 3. APPLICATION

The intent of facilities partnerships is to reduce facility operating costs, strengthen the relationships between the board, community partners and the public, maximize the use of public infrastructure, provide a foundation for improved service delivery for communities, and ultimately improve services, programs and supports available to students.

#### 4. PROCEDURES

# 4.1 Facilities Partnership Opportunities

Each year, a long-term capital and accommodation plan of all facilities will be conducted and reported to the Board.

The board will identify facilities deemed eligible for facilities partnerships.

# 4.2 Criteria for Facilities Partnerships

The board will consider the value of the facilities partnerships to its students, when applying the following criteria:

- The health and safety of students must be protected;
- Partnerships must be appropriate for the school setting;
- Partnerships must not compromise the student achievement strategy;
- Entities that offer competing education services such as tutoring services, K-12 private schools or private colleges, and credit-offering entities that are not government funded, are not eligible partners.

# 4.3 Co-building Opportunities

The construction of new schools, additions and major renovations may provide co-building opportunities with entities that offer services and programs for children, their families and the community. The board will endeavor to notify its potential facilities partners well in advance of the anticipated construction start date (typically 1 to 3 years).

The board does not need to have an identified source of funding or Ministry approval when notifying potential partners of co-building opportunities, however, formal partnership agreements cannot be finalized until both the board and the partners have an approved source of funding.

The board encourages community partners to provide notification of proposals or plans to build new facilities.

# 4.4 Suitability of Unused Space

Facilities deemed eligible for facilities partnerships will be identified as part of the long-term capital and accommodation plan.

The following factors will be considered when determining the suitability of unused space for facility partnerships:

- the space is not required by the board for programming in the foreseeable future;
- suitable parking exists;
- accessibility of the space under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disability Act (AODA);
- the ability to create a distinct and contiguous space within the facility, separate from the students, if necessary;
- zoning and site use restrictions;
- the condition of the facility;
- other criteria as determined by the board.

# 4.5 Notification Process

Following the annual report to the Board of the long-term capital and accommodation plan, information related to potential new schools, major renovations and additions, and available space for facility partnerships will be updated on the board's website and circulated to entities including, but not limited to, those listed in Ontario Regulation 444/98.

The Manager of Facilities will be listed on the website as the contact for inquiries regarding facilities partnerships.

The board will hold a public meeting once a year to review potential facility partnership opportunities. The notice for this public meeting will be posted on the board's website.

In addition to the annual public meeting, the board will continue discussions with affected municipalities and other community organizations to explore options to address underutilized space in schools within specific areas of the board. These discussions will inform proposals that school board staff may present to the Board, including recommendations to undertake a student accommodation review process.

The board will request technical information from the local municipality or municipalities where a planned student accommodation review will occur. This technical information will include, but not be limited to, population and future development projections in the area.

# 4.6 Selection of Facilities Partnership Proposals

The board shall have full discretion when evaluating and selecting partners. Partnerships will be evaluated based on how well the proposal meets the criteria described in Section 4.2 above.

Prior to being approved, potential partners must:

- be willing to enter into a lease or joint-use/partnership agreement;
- agree to operate in accordance with Board policies and procedures;
- provide financial statements showing financial viability of their organization;
- present proof of criminal background checks for staff and/or volunteers working within the schools.

# 4.7 Partnership Agreements

The board will provide clear instructions to potential partners regarding their rights and responsibilities as tenants, including maintenance standards and the applicability of Board policies and procedures.

The fees charged to partners for the occupied space will include operations and capital costs, administrative costs, property taxes (if applicable) and any other fees deemed appropriate by the board.

In co-building, partners will be required to pay for and finance their share of construction, including a proportional share of joint-use or shared space.

# REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

#### Legal:

Education Act
Ontario Regulation 444/98
Ministry of Education Community Planning and Partnerships Guideline March 2015
Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (2005)

## **Board References:**

Board Policy GOV-02 Strategic Directions for Rainbow Schools
Board Policy GOV-11 Learning and Working Environment: Equity and Inclusion
Board Policy GOV-12 Learning and Working Environment: Safe Schools
Board Policy GOV-15 Student Accommodation
Board Capital and Accommodation Plan





News and Information from the Georgian Bay Association

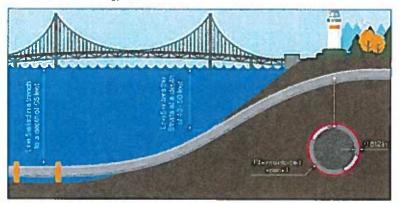
# Oil and Great Lakes Water Do Not Mix By Bob Duncanson, Executive Director, GBA

o state that oil pipelines spark a lot of controversy would be an understatement. A video produced by an organization called Motherboard Imotherboard.vice.com/read/the-aging-oil-pipelines-below-the-greatlakes) landed on the GBA Board table last fall, which led us to took into pipelines under and around the Great Lakes. Here are some of the key insights from our research.

There are literally dozens of pipelines that run under or beside the Great Lakes.



Source: National Energy Board of Canada



Source: Enbridge Inc. (Safety in the Straits: Line 5 Design and Construction)

These pipelines are used to transport oil. natural gas and numerous other chemicals between Canada and the US. Most

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of the underwater pipelines are in the St. Clair River servicing industries on both sides of the border.

Two pipelines that are attracting a lot of attention, and that were the main focus of the Motherboard video, run for 41/2 miles under the Straits of Mackinac, the straits that separate Lakes Michigan and Huron. These two pipelines are known as Line 5 and are owned by Enbridge Inc. Each day, some 540,000 barrels of light crude oil and natural gas liquids travel through these pipelines on their way from Alberta to refineries in Detroit and Sarnia. These pipelines were built 62 years ago. They are 20 inches in diameter and have one-inch-thick steel walls with fiberreinforced enamel coating.

The Motherboard video asked: What would happen if one or both of these pipelines sprung a leak?

"Water in the Straits moves at speeds that rival that of water going over Niagara Falls," according to Eric Anderson, a physical scientist with the Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association, Complicating matters, surface water and lakebed water often move in

different directions. Distribution models show that an oil spill from Line 5 would spread at a high rate of speed throughout the Lakes, including parts of Georgian Bay, even if clean-up actions were as prompt and thorough as Enbridge claims they would be.

Enbridge came under great scrutiny after a breach of their Line 6B near Marshall, Michigan spewed as much as 1.1 million gallons of heavy crude oil into the Kalamazoo River in 2010. That was the largest inland oil spill in US history. It is no wonder that

44 Water in the Straits of Mackinac moves at speeds that rival that of water going over Niagara Falls

Board). Both require detailed emergency response plans from pipeline companies and oversee regular emergency response training sessions. Enbridge informed us in a telephone interview that the two countries have aligned their regulation on pipeline safety for pipelines that cross the Canada-US border. Enbridge complies with both regulators' requirements.

> Even with all of the assurances from Enbridge, including their shutoff timeframe of 3 minutes in case of a spill, a spill could release over 1,100 barrels of crude and/or natural gas liquids into the Straits of Mackinac, And despite their emergency response

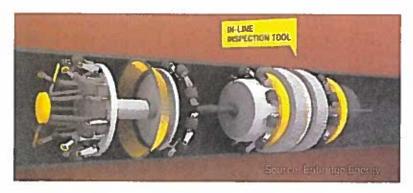
protocols and training, the aggressive currents through the Straits would likely result in widespread water contamination from a spill.

there is concern with the underwater pipes of Line 5. Enbridge states that they have learned from the Line 6B

experience and have put many safeguards into place on Line 5 and their entire pipeline network (Enbridge document entitled The Straits of Mackinac crossing and Line 5]. In 2011, Enbridge opened a new, modernized Control Centre at which they conduct critical around-the-clock network management operations and monitoring. If there is a change in pressure or flow, Enbridge can remotely shut off the flow of oil in Line 5 within three minutes and activate trained responders to investigate and, if necessary, contain and begin to clean up a

The company worked with emergency response agencies on both sides of the border in the development of a coordinated spill response plan.

Enbridge also conducts internal inspections of the Line using a MRI-like tool known as a "pig" that travels the pipeline recording data on the pipe's thickness and looking for cracks, dents or signs of corrosion. (See diagram below.)



They keep an eye on the outside of the pipeline with the help of divers and, in partnership with Michigan Technological University, use an Autonomous Underwater Vehicle to visually inspect the line.

Canada's National Energy Board regulates pipeline safety, while the American regulator is the Federal Regulatory Energy Commission (supported by the Pipeline Safety Advisory)

# So what are the alternatives to pipelines?

Train transport is the only practical atternative. In 2013 according to the Fraser Institute, trains transported about 6% of the crude oil that was transported by pipeline - but the volume of oil transported by train has nearly tripled over the past decade. This is a reflection of the obstacles pipeline companies face in getting new pipelines approved. In spite of the fact that trains only move a fraction of the amount of oil transported by pipelines, the Fraser Institute concluded that trains have a higher number of spill occurrences than pipelines.



Source: Fraser Institute, Safety in the Transportation of Oil and Gas: Pipelines or Rail? August 2015

"If you're going to move a given quantity of oil or gas by rail or by pipeline, it's considerably safer by pipeline," said Kenneth Green, the Fraser report's author and an energy and resources expert.

Georgian Bay is more vulnerable to oil spills from trains than from pipelines. CN Rail and CP Rail both have main lines running close to the east coast of Georgian Bay and its



tributary rivers.

On March 8, 2015 a Canadian National Railway train with 94 tanker cars carrying oil derailed near Gogama, Ontario, north of Sudbury (see picture on right side). Several cars exploded and some released their contents into the Makami River. This was on the same CN Rail line that is shown on the map above. One can only imagine the devastation that

would be caused if a similar train derailment occurred as a tanker train rolled down the eastern coast of Georgian Bay across the many rivers that flow into our communities.

Transport Canada regulates rail safety. In 2015, following several disastrous derailments involving oil tanker trains. Transport Canada introduced new standards requiring railways to use stronger and safer tank cars. All cars carrying crude oil will be required to meet the new standards by March 31, 2020. Cars carrying ethanol and all other flammable



liquids will be required to meet the new standards by the end of April 2025. In addition, the Safe and Accountable Railways Act calls for more rigorous inspections of rails, rail beds and bridges. Only time will tell whether these new standards will be sufficient to safeguard us against rail disasters like the one near Gogama, but history teaches us that "accidents will happen."

In the long run the best way to alleviate the threat of an oil spill from a pipeline or from a train is to lessen our dependence on oil. The advances toward the electrification of our personal and communal transport systems in an effort to reduce carbon in the atmosphere may be our best hope.



# **Cottage Insurance Program**



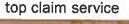
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# **Alton Hobbs**

From:

AMO Communications <communicate@amo.on.ca>

Sent: To: February-25-16 4:55 PM clerktreasurer@eastlink.ca

Subject:

AMO Policy Update - 2016 Provincial Budget

February 25, 2016

# 2016 Provincial Budget

Today the Honourable Charles Sousa delivered the 2016 Provincial Budget. Highlights for the municipal sector include the following:

- The government is projecting a deficit of \$5.7 billion in 2015-16 and \$4.3 billion in 2016-17. This is an improved fiscal picture from recent projections made in the Fall Economic Statement. The government remains committed to a balanced budget in 2017-18.
- The provincial government will continue to honour the upload agreement to 2018. Beyond 2018, the government will focus on investing in infrastructure.
- The budget reaffirms infrastructure announcements made by Premier Wynne earlier this week:
  - The Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) will increase to \$300 million per year by 2018-19. Please see the AMO Member Update from earlier this week for more details.
  - o The Connecting Links program will be increased by \$5 million in 2016-17 to total \$20 million. It will increase to \$30 million per year by 2018-19.
- Plans for the Power Dam Special Payment Program claw back have been permanently shelved. This is good news for the
  over 100 municipalities that host power dam facilities. AMO had also been seeking the inflationary indexing of these
  payments. Future funding will remain stable for 2017 and beyond.
- The government has responded to a request made by the City of Ottawa, supported by AMO and MFOA, to make technical adjustment to the provincially prescribed property tax rate calculation. This change is expected to have positive municipal fiscal impact resulting from in-year assessment changes.
- Allocations to the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) remain unchanged in 2017 at \$505 million. AMO had been seeking inflationary and population change related increases of \$11 million.
- The government reaffirmed its commitment to cap and trade. It will generate \$1.9 billion annually starting in 2017-18 to fulfill climate change objectives. No further details are provided in the budget related to municipal eligibility for infrastructure investments that support active transportation, public transit, or lands that support reduced emissions. However, the budget provides for cap and trade proceeds of \$478 million in 2016-17 directed to investments in home and business energy efficiency, innovation funding, public transit and transportation infrastructure, and clean technology.
- \$178 million over three years is allocated to support Ontario's Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy. This includes:
  - o the construction of up to 1,500 new housing units
  - o \$2.4 million to pilot a new portable housing benefit for those fleeing domestic violence
  - o new provincial funding for the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) by \$45 million over three years (\$15 million per year).
- Ontario Works social assistance rates will increase by 1.5%. This change will not affect municipalities until January 2017.
- The Province will design and implement a Basic Income pilot project. The Province will work with communities and other stakeholders to design and implement such a pilot.
- The budget reaffirms the 2014-15 three-year commitment to create 1,000 new housing spaces for people with mental health and additions issues. This will include \$4 million for 248 supportive housing units in 2016-17.
- An additional \$85 million over three years will be provided to assist primary care teams to recruit and retain qualified interprofessional staff. This will help clinics to continue to provide services in rural, northern, and fast-growing communities.

AMO will continue its budget analysis in the days ahead and provide additional member updates as needed.

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