

**MUNICIPALITY**



**OF ASSIGINACK**

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**SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL  
IN CHAMBERS**

Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

**1. OPENING**

- a.) Land Acknowledgment
- b.) Adoption of Agenda
- c.) Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

**2. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**4. DELEGATIONS**

**5. REPORTS**

**6. ACTION REQUIRED ITEMS**

- a.) Tender Results – 115 Arthur Street
- b.) Manitoulin OPP Detachment Board Request
- c.) 2024 Budget Discussions
  - a. Bookworms Request
  - b. Curling Club Donation
  - c. Prioritize Future Capital Projects for Funding

**7. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**8. BY-LAWS**

**9. CLOSED SESSION**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

# MANITOULIN MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

Township of Assiginack  
PO Box 238  
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April 16, 2024

Township of Tehkummah  
456 Hwy 542A  
Tehkummah, ON  
P0P 2C0

Dear Mayor and Council

## **RE: Manitoulin OPP Detachment Board**

On April 1, 2024, the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 came into effect which repealed the Ontario Police Services Act, 1990.

As part of the new legislation the Ministry of the Solicitor General has approved the creation of a joint Manitoulin OPP Detachment Board comprised of the following:

- Assiginack Township and Tehkummah Township – Jointly 1 Council Member
- Municipality of Gordon Barrie Island, Cockburn Island Township, Burpee and Mills Township Municipality of Central Manitoulin – 1 Council Member
- Town of Gore Bay – 1 Council Member
- Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands – 1 Council Member
- \*Township of Billings – 1 Council Member \* *The Township of Billings was inadvertently missed on the final document; currently under review*
- Two (2) Community Representatives to serve on the board for a maximum four-year term.
- Two (2) Provincial representatives and two (2) community representatives.

### Key Responsibilities of the Board:

- Consult with the Commissioner regarding the selection of a detachment commander and otherwise participate in accordance with the regulations in the selection of the Detachment Commander;
- Determine objectives and priorities for the detachment
- Advise the Detachment Commander with respect to policing provided;
- Monitor the performance of the Detachment Commander;
- Review reports from the Detachment Commander regarding policing provided by the detachment;
- On or before June 30 in each year, provide an annual report to the municipalities regarding the policing provided by the detachment in their municipalities.

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The Secretary- Treasurer of the MMA will be the staff contact for the detachment board. We are requesting that Council provide the Council representative to the CAO/Clerk for the Township of Billings [cao@billingswp.ca](mailto:cao@billingswp.ca) prior to May 10, 2024 to be brought forward at the May 15, 2024 MMA meeting.

The MMA has offered to arrange for the advertisement, review and appointment of the Community representatives.

Board members will be required to take training; however, the details have not yet been provided.

Sincerely,



Emily Dance

Secretary- Treasurer MMA

CAO/Clerk Township of Billings

## Heidi Ferguson

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**From:** Barbara Grigg  
**Sent:** Friday, April 19, 2024 3:12 PM  
**To:** Alton Hobbs; Heidi Ferguson  
**Cc:** John DeForge  
**Subject:** Manitoulin OPP Detachment Board Rep

We are in receipt of the MMA Letter of April 16, 2024 requesting a joint Assiginack/Tehkummah Council Rep for the Board.

Please note that Tehkummah is willing to provide a Councillor to be the Joint Rep. Please confirm your concurrence with this so that it can be confirmed at the Council meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup> and forwarded to the MMA prior to May 10, 2024 in preparation for their meeting.

Thanks

Barbara Grigg  
Deputy Clerk-Administrator  
Township of Tehkummah



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To the Township of Assiginack Mayor and Council,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to request your support in bringing Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to our community.

We have recently put our minds and passion together to create "Bookworms: Supporters of Early Literacy in Assiginack". Our goal is to encourage a love of literacy in early ages (0-5)! Our first, and largest, goal is to bring the Imagination Library to Assiginack! Beyond the Imagination Library, we have plans on early literacy programming and outreach.

If you have not previously heard of the Imagination Library, I am pleased to be the one to introduce you to it. Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a wonderful program that provides free books to children from birth to age five, regardless of their family's income. The program aims to promote early childhood literacy by mailing high-quality, age-appropriate books directly to children's homes each month.

Studies have shown that access to books and early literacy programs have a significant impact on a child's development, including improved vocabulary, higher academic achievement, and a love of reading. Bringing this program to our community would greatly benefit our children and provide them with a strong foundation for their education and future success.

My baby, Nolan, was lucky enough to be enrolled in the Imagination Library when he was only 6 months old. Since that date, we have received a book in the mail every month addressed to him for absolutely no cost to us. For parents, this program is almost truly too good to be true. In a world where gas, groceries, hydro, and everything else seems to climb in price, I'm so grateful for the simple gift of a monthly book for my little one.

I would be grateful for your support in bringing Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to our community. This program has already been implemented successfully in many communities across the country, and I believe it would be a valuable addition to Manitowaning.

#### **How does the program work?**

Working in collaboration, the Bookworms and the Assiginack Library would sign-up with the Imagination Library for the coverage area of POP 1N0. We are then invoiced monthly for the children signed-up in the program.

#### **What does the program cost?**



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The program costs \$3.85 per child per month (approximately \$46/child per year). According to the census data available for Assignack, there are 35 children whose age range between 0-4. This would mean the annual cost to administer this program would be approximately \$1,500.

It is possible for businesses and individuals to make donations to our specific Imagination Library Program which would further improve the cost of the program's operation.

#### **Other Benefits**

Beyond the benefits of 35 children growing their own personal library, there are benefits to the Township; Assignack could enroll the library and/or the public school as a "child" within the program and receive a new book for their kids' collection every month.

More information on the Imagination Library is readily available. I have included some documents the Senior Regional Director of Canada for the Imagination Library e-mailed me.

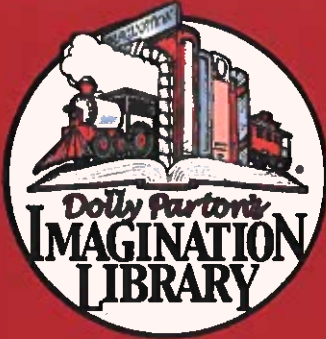
I am available by phone or e-mail to provide more information or answer questions.

Thank you for considering my request. I look forward to your positive response and working together to promote early childhood literacy in our community.

Sincerely,

Emily Bond

# EARLY LITERACY BOOK GIFTING PROGRAM



## summary

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a book-gifting program for children aged 0-5. Dolly was inspired to set up her Imagination Library as a tribute to her father, a smart and hard-working man who was unable to read or write. Dolly wants to guarantee access to books, inspire a lifelong love of reading and help children reach their full potential.

Each enrolled child receives a carefully selected, age-appropriate book in the post every month until their 5th birthday. Every book is personally addressed to each individual child. All titles in the Imagination Library are published by Penguin Random House and carefully selected by a panel of experts in early childhood literacy and reading. Over 1.8 million children worldwide are part of the Imagination Library!

## benefits

### YOUR COMMUNITY

The Imagination Library is hugely popular with parents. A book in the mail every single month gives a parent a wonderful opportunity to cuddle up and share stories with their little ones. Reading together promotes well-being for the whole family. Parents value the generosity of the program, the shared enjoyment and the knowledge that they are helping their child's learning, language development and school readiness.

### THE CHILDREN

A child enrolled from birth to five will build a library of up to 60 books. Exposure to books from a young age can help encourage a love of reading that will last a lifetime.

The first few years of life are key to brain growth. Reading with a young child develops communication, cognition and social and emotional skills.

### YOUR ORGANIZATION

The Imagination Library is simple and easy to administer. It enhances your organization's family-friendly offerings and reflects your core values and objectives. One book, per child, per month, direct to their home for only \$3.55 is excellent value for money. Feedback tells us that uptake is high and the value placed by families onto the Imagination Library far exceeds the cost.

### OUR FUTURE

Economists have demonstrated that investment in the earliest years of life is the most cost-effective form and sees far greater returns in productivity, health and education.

Supporting the Imagination Library is a very straightforward and practical way in which a company can invest in the workforce of the future.

**\$3.85**  
**per child per month**

.....  
or \$46 per child, per year

**COST**

# EARLY LITERACY BOOK GIFTING PROGRAM



## Affiliate Feedback: Imagination Library

"Early literacy and learning is a longstanding and key priority at Calgary Public Library. Our partnership with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library was an excellent opportunity for us to connect with members of the community. That includes those who may not be currently accessing Library services, because of a variety of barriers to support their engagement in early literacy practices towards building school readiness skills.

Studies in early learning show that the most important periods of development happen at the very beginning stages of life. We recognize the importance of families having access to books from the very start and wish to support parents and caregivers in building family literacy skills with their young children. Offering this program to families has been extremely well received with over 2,000 registrants taking part. I would highly recommend this approach to other libraries or literacy organizations.

Kristen Duke (she/her)  
Service Design Lead, Service Design  
Calgary Public Library

## Contacts

**Jeanne Smitluch**  
Regional Director,  
Canada  
The Dollywood  
Foundation of Canada

## steps to get involved

### STEP 1

DETERMINE THE LIKELY NUMBER OF CHILDREN & CONFIRM BUDGET.

### STEP 2

SIGN AGREEMENT & PROMOTE THE PROGRAM IN YOUR COMMUNITY. WE SUPPORT YOU AS YOU PLAN AND LAUNCH YOUR PROGRAM.

### STEP 3

PARENTS/CAREGIVERS SIGN UP. THIS CAN BE ONLINE TO MAXIMIZE PARENTAL SELF-SERVICE AND MINIMIZE ADMINISTRATION.

### STEP 4

A BOOK IS SENT IN THE MAIL, ADDRESSED PERSONALLY TO EACH CHILD, EVERY MONTH..

### STEP 5

THE ORGANIZATION IS INVOICED MONTHLY AND PAY BY ETR, CHEQUE OR ETRANSFER. SIMPLE!