

# Corporation of the Township of Chisholm

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## **AGENDA** **COUNCIL MEETING** **TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2024 7:00 PM**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER & ACKNOWLEDGE FIRST NATIONS PEOPLES AND LAND**

*"We respectfully acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe Peoples, in the Robinson-Huron and Williams Treaties areas. We wish to acknowledge the long history of First Nations and Metis Peoples in Ontario and show respect to the neighbouring Indigenous communities. We offer our gratitude for their care for, and teachings about, our earth and our relations. May we continue to honor these teachings."*

### **2. NOTIFICATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

### **3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES** – March 12, 2024, Public Meeting Minutes and March 12, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes.

**5. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS** – None

### **6. OPEN FORUM**

### **7. MAYOR STAFF COMMITTEE AND GOVERNMENT REPORTS**

- (a) Mayor Report – General Update
- (b) Staff Reports
  - None
- (c) Committee Reports
  - 2024-2026 Strategic, Powassan Library (Encl.)
  - Minutes, Recreation Committee, February 7, 2024 (Encl.)
- (d) Correspondence
  - Letter from the Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry Inspection of 2024-2025 Annual Work Schedule for Algonquin Park Forest (Encl.)
  - AMO Policy Update – Provincial Government Advocacy Ahead of 2024 Budget (Encl.)

**8. REVIEW BUDGET REPORT** – None

**9. PUBLIC WORKS REPORTS** - None

### **10. NEW BUSINESS**

- (a) Letter of Understanding between J.C. Noon Memorials and Township of Chisholm.
- (b) Memo From CAO Jenny Leblond Re: Community Rep Police Services Board (Encl.)
- (c) Letter from 250 Clark St. re: Powassan Maple Syrup Festival requesting donation (Encl.)
- (c) Resolution Support from Township of Amaranth re: Operational budget funding (Encl.)

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

- (a) By-law 2024-06 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the council meeting.
- (b) Resolution re: Adjournment.

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## MINUTES

### PUBLIC MEETING RE: ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

#### LOT 18, CONCESSION 10 – Algonquin Pallets

TUESDAY, MARCH 12<sup>th</sup> 2024 – 7:00 P.M.

1. Chairperson Mayor Gail Degagne called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Along with Councillors Paul Sharp, Bernadette Kerr and Claire Riley. Councillor Scarfone attended by Zoom. Staff member present was CAO Jenny Leblond and OS Shawn Hughes. There were 4 members of the public in attendance and 1 online.
2. Chairperson explains reason for meeting to those in attendance.  
*This is a Public Meeting under Section 34 of the Planning Act for a Temporary Use Zoning By-law Amendment. The subject land was the subject of a prior rezoning to permit a wood pallet home industry in 2022. The proposed temporary use, requested by the applicant, repeals By-law 2022-27 and address non-compliance with regulations under the former approval and to allow the business to cease operations and re-locate.*
3. Chairperson confirms with CAO that 20 days' notice has been given with respect to the meeting, and if any comments were received.  
*Notice was distributed and signage posted. No comments were received.*
4. Chairperson asks the Applicant to speak on their application and comments.  
*Applicant a question regarding Site Plan Agreement. And CAO responded.*
5. Chairperson asks if there are any other members of the public in support or opposed of the application, and asks if they wish to speak to it.
6. After everyone has had a chance to speak, Chairperson gives the applicant an opportunity to respond to the comments made in opposition, if any.
7. After Council has heard from the Applicant, those in favour, those in opposition, Chairperson advises that careful consideration to the arguments for and against the project will be given.
8. Chairperson thanks the public for attending.
9. Chairperson declares the meeting closed, and informs the public that this will be discussed at the March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Council meeting.  
Meeting adjourned 7:04 p.m.

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Mayor, Gail Degagne

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CAO Clerk Treasurer, Jennistine Leblond

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## MINUTES COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024 FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC MEETING AT 7 PM

### 1. CALL TO ORDER & ACKNOWLEDGE FIRST NATIONS PEOPLES AND LAND

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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gail Degagne, in Council Chambers at 7:05 p.m., with Councillors Paul Sharp, Bernadette Kerr and Claire Riley. Councillor Scarfone attended by Zoom. Staff member present was CAO Jenny Leblond and OS Shawn Hughes. There were 4 members of the public in attendance and 1 online.

### 2. NOTIFICATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

#### 3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**Resolution 2024-42** Paul Sharp and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Agenda for this meeting be adopted as presented. **'Carried'**

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES** – February 8, 2024 Special Council Meeting Minutes and February 13, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

**Resolution 2024-43** Claire Riley and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Minutes of the February 13, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, and the February 8, 2024 Special Council Meeting, be adopted as printed and circulated. **'Carried'**

#### 5. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS – February 2024

**Resolution 2024-44** Bernadette Kerr and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Administration, Fire Department, Council, By-Law Enforcement Officer and Public Works payroll accounts in the amount of \$32,216.43 and general accounts totaling \$247,518.62 for the month of February 2024 be accepted as presented. **'Carried'**

### 6. OPEN FORUM

### 7. MAYOR STAFF COMMITTEE AND GOVERNMENT REPORTS

#### (a) Mayor and Council Reports

- Mayor – The Mayor gave an update on the following topics: First Tapping Event, 5 Year in review newsletter, Flood Watch, Rec Events, MPAC Northern Ontario Women's Caucus meeting, FCM investment in infrastructure.

#### (b) Staff Report

- Tax Arrears Report (Encl.)
- Building Permit Fee Annual Report – 2023 (Encl.)
- Cassellholme 2024 Municipal Operating Levy (Encl.)

(c) Committee Reports

- Minutes, Powassan Library, January 22, 2024 (Encl.)
- Minutes, Golden Sunshine, January 16, 2024 (Encl.)

(d) Correspondence

- Letter from Min of the Environment Re: Environmental Assessment Program (Encl.)
- Letter, Ministry of Transportation: Licence Plate Renewal (Encl.)
- Media Release re: North Ontario Women's Caucus (Encl.)
- FONOM announce keynote speaker, Northeastern Ontario Municipal Conference
- New Release – MP Anthony Rota re: Immigration Program (Encl.)
- Transportation Inventory for the Nipissing and Parry Sound District (Encl.)

**Resolution 2024-45** Bernadette Kerr and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Mayor, Staff, Committee and Correspondence reports be accepted as presented. **'Carried'**

**8. REVIEW BUDGET REPORT** – Printed March 6, 2024

**Resolution 2024-46** Claire Riley and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Budget Report printed March 6, 2024, be accepted as presented. **'Carried'**

**9. PUBLIC WORKS REPORTS**

(a) Memo to Council from OS Shawn Hughes Re: Activity Report (Encl.)

**Resolution 2024-47** Paul Sharp and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that Council accept the January 5 to March 7 Activity report from Operations Superintendent Shawn Hughes. **'Carried'**

(b) Memo to Council from OS Shawn Hughes Re: Service Agreement with Bonfield (Encl.)

**Resolution 2024-48** Nunzio Scarfone and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm accepts the memo from Operations Superintendent Shawn Hughes. And further the council agrees to have the OS meet with the surrounding municipalities to development terms for a service agreement for equipment rental. **'Carried'**

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

(a) Discussion to appoint a Council member to the Police Services Board

**Resolution 2024-49** Nunzio Scarfone and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that Mayor Degagne be appointed to the Police Services Board. **'Carried'**

(b) Memo to Council from CAO Re: Tax Extension (Encl.)

**Resolution 2024-50** Paul Sharp and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Chisholm approves the request from a rate payer, to extend their date for tax registration to September 1 2024, in which if payment is not made the property will begin the Tax Registration process on September 2, 2024. **'Carried'**

(c) Discussion on the Official Plan Review RFP Scope of Work (Encl.)

**Resolution 2024-51** Claire Riley and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Chisholm accept the Draft Scope of Work for the Official Plan Review Request for Proposal as outlined from section E8 of the Official Plan, and further direct the CAO to prepare a full request for proposal package to be distributed as amended. **'Carried'**

(d) "Fly the Flag" campaign and proclaim April 2, 2024 World Autism Awareness Day (Encl.)

**Resolution 2024-52** Bernadette Kerr and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm proclaims April 2, 2024 World Autism Awareness Day and further directs staff to raise the flag to show support for autistic individuals across Ontario. **'Carried'**

(e) Request for Donation for the 2024 Powassan Fall Fair (Encl.)

**Resolution 2024-53** Claire Riley and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Chisholm would like to support the 2024 Powassan Fall Fair with a donation of \$100. **‘Carried’**

(f) Resolution Support from Town of Lincoln re: funding for Library and Museums (Encl.)

**Resolution 2024-54** Bernadette Kerr and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Chisholm supports a resolution from the Town of Lincoln urging the Provincial Government to support increased funding to both public libraries and community museums. Recognizing these institutions as national assets and strategically investing in their potential, will contribute significantly to renewing post-pandemic social cohesion, economic well-being, and community resilience. And further that this resolution be circulated to the Province, the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and MPP Vic Fedeli. **‘Carried’**

(g) Resolution Support from Mun. of Chatham-Kent re: Blue Box Program Ineligible Sources (Encl.)

**Resolution 2024-55** Bernadette Kerr and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Chisholm supports a resolution forwarded by the Municipality of Chatham-Kent requesting that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box, so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources. And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment Conservation and Parks, and MPP Vic Fedeli. **‘Carried’**

(h) Resolution Support from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Re: Carbon Tax (Encl.)

**Resolution 2024-56** Nunzio Scarfone and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Chisholm supports a resolution forwarded by the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, supporting a resolution from the City of Sarnia, urging the federal government to cancel the carbon tax which has been a financial burden to all residents. And Further that this resolution be forwarded to MP Anthony Rota. **‘Defeated’**

(i) Resolution Support from Township of Lanark re: Conservation Officer Reclassification (Encl.)

**Resolution 2024-57** Bernadette Kerr and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Chisholm supports a resolution forwarded by Lanark Highlands supporting a resolution from Coleman Township supporting the Ontario Conservation Officer’s Association in their efforts to have Conservation Officers in the Province of Ontario reclassified as Enforcement Officers and be compensated fairly. And further that this resolution be forwarded to Ontario Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Natural Resources Graydon Smith, MPP Vic Fedeli and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities. **‘Defeated’**

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

(a) By-law 2024-05 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the council meeting.

**Resolution 2024-58** Paul Sharp and Claire Riley: Be it resolved that By-Law 2024-05 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the March 12, 2024 meeting be read a first, second and third time and be passed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024. **‘Carried’**

(b) Resolution re: Adjournment.

**Resolution 2024-59** Nunzio Scarfone and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that Council does now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, March 26, 2024. **‘Carried’**

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Mayor, Gail Degagne

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CAO Clerk Treasurer, Jennistine Leblond

Powassan & District Union Public Library (PDUPL)

# 2024-2026 Strategic Plan

Powassan Library  
2024-02-26

## VISION

The Powassan and District Union Public Library provides access to knowledge through traditional and current formats, including access to the internet and current technology, cultural and heritage exposure, and as entertainment. Guided by knowledgeable staff, our library is a venue for social interaction, in a welcoming, comfortable, and inclusive environment.

## MISSION

Serving our community.

## VALUES

The Library's values guide its operations and express what the board holds to be of prime importance to our staff, patrons and community as a whole. We are committed to the following:

- **Equity:** accessibility, respect and fairness
- **Diversity:** valuing individual needs, experiences and differences
- **Inclusion:** welcoming participation in decision making and service development by residents and communities
- **Integrity:** open, transparent and honest in all our dealings
- **Intellectual Freedom:** guaranteeing and facilitating the free exchange of information and ideas in a democratic society, protecting intellectual freedom and respecting individuals' rights to privacy and choice
- **Innovation:** encouraging creativity, experimentation and the generation of ideas
- **Accountability:** taking responsibility for our actions and the services we provide
- **Service Orientation:** providing excellent, responsive services
- **Heritage:** preserving the communities' heritage
- **Partnerships:** cooperation and partnership with other organizations in and beyond our communities



# **STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

## **1. Physical Environment**

### **Objectives & Action Plans:**

#### **1.1 Optimize the space within the PDUPL**

- a) Periodically review the organization and efficiency of the Library's furniture, and layout, and modify as required, using grants whenever possible.
- b) Contribute yearly to a maintenance reserve.

#### **1.2 Improve Sustainability of the Library**

- a) Investigate and adopt methods of reducing the PDUPL's carbon footprint.
- b) Investigate grants to achieve 1.2 a)
- c) Investigate expanding outdoor activities and pursuing the Wildflower/Bee initiative.

#### **1.3 Fundraise for the PDUPL Future Capital Needs**

- a) Explore new fundraising opportunities.
- b) Sustain and expand existing fundraising and donation programs.

#### **1.4 Ensure Public and Staff Safety**

- a) Ensure all staff have necessary safety requirements.
- b) Review safety policies, requirements, and procedures yearly with staff and Board members.
- c) Provide training when required.

## **2. Services**

### **Objectives & Action Plans:**

2.1 Regularly assess existing and proposed services and programming for value, benefit, and necessity.

- a) Base assessments on trends, demographics, and cost/benefits using a formatted assessing tool.
- b) Periodically review the Accreditation Process as per the OPL Guidelines to look for and implement achievable improvements.
- c) Current priorities are as follows:
  - The art gallery and supporting the artistic community.
  - The promotion of historical information and activities
  - Indigenous awareness and promotion.
  - Maintaining inclusiveness in all our programming.

2.2 Fundraise to increase library services offered to the community.

- a) Explore grants and new fundraising opportunities.
- b) Sustain and expand existing fundraising and donation programs.

## **3. Resources**

### **Objectives & Action Plans:**

3.1 Maintain and expand Outreach Services to the public.

- a) Review hours of operation periodically to optimize open hours.
- b) Schedule bi-yearly feedback from the public through surveys (OLS Questionnaire Tools)
- c) Periodically review servicing patrons through micro-library services in remote locations or institutions and/or home-bound patrons.

### 3.2 Develop Staff Retention Strategies

- a) Develop and implement a staff orientation & training program.
- b) Offer mentoring opportunities.
- c) Promote a positive and open work environment.
- d) Plan for Board recruitment and employee succession.
- e) Ensure staff wages are competitive with other local libraries and are well over the living wage threshold.

## 4. Technology

### Objectives & Action Plans:

#### 4.1 Rationalize and optimize computer and technology budget.

- a) Identify and apply for available grants to keep updating the current technology.
- b) Investigate different options, leasing versus buying to cover cost.
- c) Contribute yearly to a technology reserve.
- d) Review periodically the technology use spaces in the library, making improvements as necessary.

## 5. Community Relations

### Objectives & Action Plans:

#### 5.1 Effectively communicate the role and activities of the Library throughout the community.

- a) Use all available media to promote the library, its activities, and its value.
- b) Make presentations to Councils and other public forums to do the same as 5.1 a).
- c) Complete the VOLT (Value of Library Tool) for up-to-date return on investment figures and the Annual Report yearly. Publish and share both with stakeholders.
- d) Offer programming and services for marginalized populations such as LGBTQ+2, and incorporate recommendation #69 from the Truth and Reconciliation.

## 5.2 Increase the Library's usage and membership base.

- a) Identify initiatives and opportunities to expand the membership base.
- b) Offer new members a Welcome Package, consisting of a library bag, information pamphlets, and other sustainable branded items.
- c) Make the Welcome Packages available to the three Union Members and Restoule for them to offer to new residents.
- d) Survey the business community to determine their needs from the library (e.g. business "think tank").
- e) Pursue the "I support the PDUPL" front yard signage program.
- f) Continue with the Library's current strong branding program, tweaking it when necessary.
- g) Promote the online book catalogue and Interlibrary Loan program to the public.

## 5.3 Maintain and develop Partnerships.

- a) Explore and expand volunteer opportunities, while maintaining a healthy relationship with existing volunteer groups, such as the Friends of the Library, recognizing their many contributions.
- b) Attend community events (e.g. 250 Clark Street; Nipissing Museum; Powassan Farmers Market; South Shore Education Centre; Restoule Legion; Restoule Provincial Park).
- c) Develop partnerships with the business community.
- d) Maintain a welcoming and accommodating Library environment.
- e) Continue positive interactions with the school community, as well as the homeschooling community.
- f) Maintain local inter-Library relationships (e.g. Blue Sky Consortium; Almaguin Highlands Library Group).
- g) Maintain working relationships with local non-profit organizations (e.g. Women's Own Resource Centre; Almaguin Learning Centre; Literacy Nipissing).

Organizations, within and outside the community, that the Library currently works with to achieve its goals and for the benefit of the community:

- Almaguin Highland Chamber of Commerce
- Area churches
- Area schools
- Art Club
- District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB)
- Eastholme Home for the Aged
- Federal Government – Industry Canada
- Friends of the Library
- Greening Nipissing
- Harris Learning Library (Nipissing University/Canadore College) (PALS)
- Horticultural Society
- Local businesses
- Local Schools
- Municipalities (Powassan, Nipissing, Chisholm, Restoule LSB)
- Museums (Powassan, Nipissing)
- North Bay & Parry Sound District Health Unit
- Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC)
- Ontario Library Services
- Ontario Trillium Foundation
- Other public libraries in the area
- Powassan Padula’s Rug Hooking Club
- Powassan Purls Knitting Club
- Powassan Voodoos
- Provincial Government
- Service clubs (Legion, Lions)
- Sports Associations
- The Retired Teachers of Ontario Unit 6-1 East Parry Sound
- TD Canada Trust (Summer Reading Program)
- United Way/Centraide Sudbury and/et District
- Women’s Own Resource Centre (WORC)

**THE STRATEGIC PLAN COMMITTEE**

**PDUPL Board Members and Employees**

Bernadette Kerr  
 Leo Patey  
 Laurie Forth

Marty Schreiter  
 Marie Rosset

**PDUPL Chief Executive Officer**

Marie Rosset

**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (2019)**

Tina Martin – Chair (Powassan)  
 Debbie Piper – Vice-chair (Powassan)  
 Laurie Forth (Powassan)  
 Bernadette Kerr (Chisholm Councillor)  
 Steven Kirkey (Nipissing Councillor)

Brenda Lennon (Nipissing)  
 Valerie Morgan(Restoule)  
 Leo Patey (Powassan Councillor)  
 Pat Stephen (Powassan)



**MINUTES**  
**Recreation Committee Meeting @ Council Chambers**  
**February 7, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.**

Present: Chairperson, Gail Degagne, Bernadette Kerr, Kendra Dehaan, Nicole Tran,  
Brooklyn Tran, Brooks Tran

Regrets:

Absent:

Staff: Monique Mclsaac (recording secretary)

Guests: Mike Micallef (via Zoom)

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Chairperson, Gail Degagne @ 7:05 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Resolution 2024 -05(REC)**

Kendra Dehaan and Nicole Tran: Be it resolved that the Agenda for the Recreation meeting dated February 7, 2024 be accepted as written and distributed.

**“Carried”**

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Resolution 2024- 06(REC)**

Bernadette Kerr and Brooklynn Tran: Be it resolved that the Minutes for the Recreation meeting of January 10, 2024 be accepted as written and distributed.

**“Carried”**

4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

- (a) Walking Book Tour: Gail will order the books (3) and once laminated they will be posted and advertised for the month of May.
- (b) Spring Bird Sale - Date June 1, 2024. Insurance still needs to be determined through the Township of Chisholm’s insurance. Penny Madhill is still interested in helping.

**AG Day 2024/2025:**

Items and ideas discussed:

- Promote agriculture
- Equipment Demos
- Farm safety
- Horses show / pulls / plowing match
- Harvest dinner
- Vendors
- Kids attractions

Mini – Fall Fair feel to it.

- Location to be determined
- Mobile Kitchen
- Property stakes
- Costs
- Budget
- Layout options
- Organize a Planning Committee

Advertise – Committee for Planning AG Day 2024/2025 and put in the March Newsletter. Anyone interested would email Brooks Tran at [maplecreekfarmingco@yahoo.com](mailto:maplecreekfarmingco@yahoo.com) and c.c. Monique at [info@chisholm.ca](mailto:info@chisholm.ca).

Follow up with Jenny and “Even Insurance” coverage and costs for AG Day.

Winterfest Ideas 2025:

- Sleigh rides
- Chili / hotdogs
- Hockey games
- Skating

(c) Community Map/Signage Update: Brooks Tran confirmed that the repairs to the sign will be done this year. The work has been volunteered for free by Brooks Tran, Algonquin Pallets and Maple Creek. They know that they will need to contact the office prior to any work/repairs be done.

Don Butterworth, Bernie Kerr and Gail Degagne need to make an appointment with the Bank re – signatures.

The signage / map information needs to be updated, and Bernie Kerr confirmed she has the paper work and contact information for it.

Mike Micallef (guest) has volunteered his services to help redo and design updated map and suggested we keep in mind size and layout because for printing purposes. He can design but not print it. Committee would have to possibly consider outsourcing the printing and obtain estimates once draft is done and size has been determined.

BREAK 8:05 p.m. – 8:11 p.m.

Advertise in Newsletter that businesses can have their businesses added to the website directory for **FREE** by emailing [admin@chisholm.ca](mailto:admin@chisholm.ca) with their information.

- (e) Easter Egg Hunt 2024 – Bernie Kerr will complete the “clues” and a Passport to be completed. The Rec. Committee will send out a flyer advertising this event, along with the Passport (ie. dates, times, instruction etc.). Event will be advertised in the March Newsletter and Facebook.

Once the clues have been finalized Monique will print them on paper eggs and laminate them to be posted throughout the Township for Saturday, March 30, 2024.

5. Open Forum:

Nothing.

6. New Business:

Budget: The Recreation Committee reviewed the 2024 Budget and are ok with it and have no questions.

Sea Container: Monique to follow up with Shawn re status (bottle drive shed portion)

**Resolution 2024- 07(REC)**

Brooklyn Tran - Kendra Dehaan: The Recreation Committee would like to make a recommendation to Council, Kim Gallagher join the Recreation Committee.

**‘Carried’**

7. Adjournment:

Adjourned @ 8:44 p.m.

**Resolution 2024-08(REC)**

Brooks Tran – Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that this meeting of the Recreation Committee now be adjourned and that the next meeting be scheduled for Wednesday, March 7, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m. or at the call of the Chair.

**‘Carried’**



Chairperson



Recording Clerk



**Ministry of Natural  
Resources and Forestry**

**Ministère des Richesses naturelles  
et des Forêts**



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**SUBJECT:**     Pembroke District, Algonquin Park Forest MNRF Digital Mail List

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) is transitioning to digital distribution of District mail-outs for all Forest Management Planning (FMP) notifications (e.g. Annual Work Schedule notifications) as per provincial direction outlined in the Forest Management Planning Manual (FMPM) 2020.

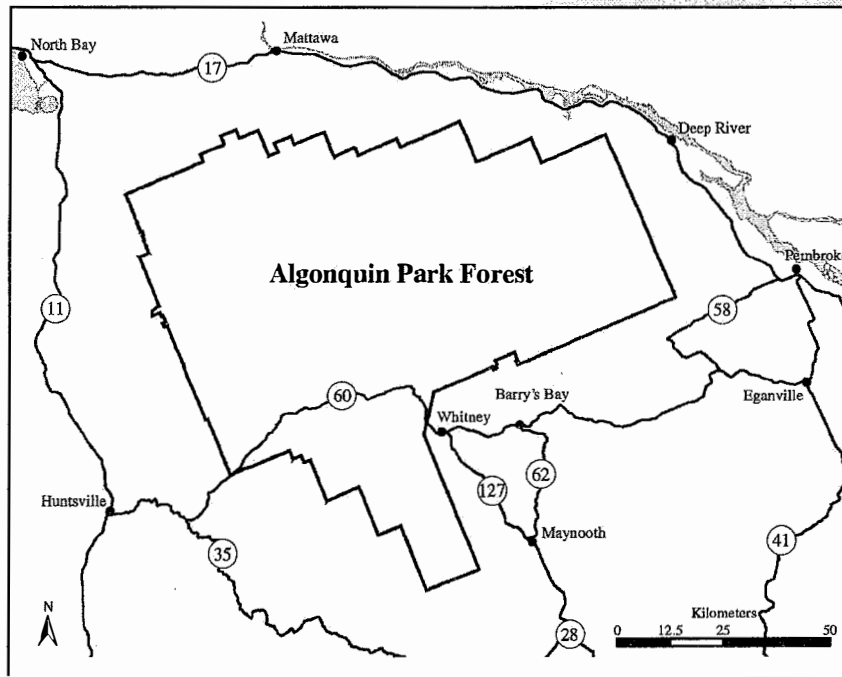
**To receive future Pembroke District FMP notifications regarding the Algonquin Park Forest (like the one on the opposite page) via email, please send an email request to Kaitlyn.Koopman@ontario.ca using the subject line AFA Mail List. All future notifications will be sent to you digitally at the e-mail address provided. We strongly encourage switching to email notices for efficiency and cost savings. Paper mailings may discontinue in the future. However, if you do not have email you can disregard this notice and continue receiving hard-copy mailings through Canada Post.**

If you have any questions and/or concerns regarding the transition to digital notifications, please contact Kaitlyn Koopman, Resources Clerk, via e-mail at Kaitlyn.Koopman@ontario.ca.

# INSPECTION

## Inspection of 2024-2025 Annual Work Schedule for Algonquin Park Forest

The April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025 Annual Work Schedule (AWS) for the **Algonquin Park Forest** is available for public viewing by contacting the **Algonquin Forestry Authority (AFA)** during normal business hours and on the Natural Resources Information Portal at <https://nrip.mnr.gov.on.ca/s/fmp-online> beginning **March 15, 2024** and for the one-year duration of the AWS.



### Scheduled Forest Management Operations

The AWS describes forest operations such as road construction, maintenance and decommissioning, forestry aggregate pits, harvest, site preparation, tree planting and tending that are scheduled to occur during the year.

### Tree Planting and Fuelwood

The AFA is responsible for tree planting on the Algonquin Park Forest. Please contact the Area Forester, AFA Pembroke Office listed below for information regarding tree planting job opportunities or for obtaining fuelwood.

### More Information

For more information on the AWS, to arrange a virtual meeting with MNR staff to discuss the AWS or to request AWS summary information, please contact the MNR staff listed below:

**Meena Gurung, R.P.F.**  
Management Forester  
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry  
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**Gord Cumming, R.P.F.**  
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**Tom Dolan, R.P.F.**  
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Further information on how to get involved in forest management planning and to better understand the stages of public consultation please visit:

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Renseignements en français : Elizabeth Holmes au tel: 613 258-8210 ou courriel: [elizabeth.holmes@ontario.ca](mailto:elizabeth.holmes@ontario.ca).

**Jessica Laberge**

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**From:** AMO Communications <communicate@amo.on.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2024 3:01 PM  
**To:** Jessica Laberge  
**Subject:** AMO Policy Update – Provincial Government Advocacy Ahead of 2024 Budget



## **Policy Update – Provincial Government Advocacy Ahead of 2024 Budget**

Ontario’s provincial and municipal governments share a commitment to making Ontario a leading jurisdiction in innovation, productivity, and social and economic opportunity. AMO’s proposed Social and Economic Prosperity Review would create a provincial-municipal forum to explore new and innovative ways to deliver and finance the services and infrastructure that people and businesses rely on most.

In addition to AMO’s proposed Social and Economic Prosperity Review, AMO highlighted for Ministers a number of other critical areas ahead of Budget 2024:

- **Ministry of Infrastructure:** highlighting investment needs for both growth-related infrastructure and for continued funding levels through programs that address maintenance backlog for existing infrastructure.
- **Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing:** ensuring that housing in Ontario is affordable for low-income residents and that those experiencing homelessness can be housed with the supports they need.
- **Ministry of Health:** emphasizing growing challenges in accessing health care, the need for investments in public health service delivery, municipal representation for planning and governance on Ontario Health Teams, stronger support of mental health and addictions, leadership from the provincial government in increasing supply of supportive housing and expanding health support for unhoused Ontarians beyond Toronto.
- **Ministry of Community and Social Services:** emphasizing the impact that social assistance transformation can have across the province, including specific investments in social assistance to support low-income and vulnerable individuals.
- **Ministry of Long-Term Care:** calling on the province for long-term, predictable funding to support aging communities as well as a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy to improve access to health services.

- **Ministry of Finance:** commenting on recent signals regarding limiting investment opportunities of public pension plans.

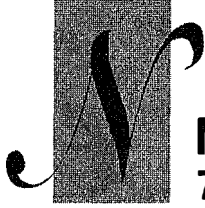
AMO looks forward to further details following the Government of Ontario's release of their 2024 spring budget.

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**Letter of Understanding**

**Between J.C. Noon Memorials and Township of Chisholm**

This Letter of Understanding (LOU) sets out the terms and understanding between the J. C. Noon Memorials and the (partner) for the Upkeep (Grass Cutting, Trimming, Grave Digging and General Maintenance) of the Boxwell Cemetery for a 1 year term.

**Responsibilities and Rates:**

**Boxwell Cemetery**

Grass Cutting and Trimming: \$240.00

Grave Digging: Full Grave	\$525.00 Weekdays, \$625.00 Weekends
Cremation	\$270.00 Weekdays, \$370.00 Weekends
Double Cremation	\$361.00 Weekdays, \$461.00 Weekends

General Maintenance:               \$65.00 per hour to be determined by J. C. Noon Memorials and/or requested by the cemeteries.

**Time and Reporting of Completed Work**

Frequencies of Grass cutting, and Trimming will be done as determined by J. C. Noon Memorials or as requested by Astorville, Chiswick and Corbeil Cemeteries, usually every 2 to 3 weeks.

Grave digging will require 2 to 3 days' notice.

General maintenance will be completed while on cite for Grass Cutting, if required on other days a gas surcharge of \$50.00 will be added.

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Signature

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Gail Degagne, Mayor  
Jennistine Leblond, CAO Clerk-Treasurer

**MEMO**

**To: Council**  
**From: Jenny Leblond**  
**Date: March 22, 2024**  
**RE: Community representative on Police Service Board**

The set up for the new Police Service Board allows for the Township to choose a community representative to represent Chisholm.

Staff advertised in the February and March newsletters for residents to express interest for the position.

One applicant has come forward with interest. The CAO and applicant had a conversation about the details that are available at this time and they would like to have their name still stand.

It is the recommendation of the CAO for Council to approve Kathleen Jodouin to be the Community Representative on the North Bay Central Police Service Board.

  
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March 11, 2024

Dear Local Business Owner / Service Organization:

Preparations for this year's annual **Powassan Maple Syrup Festival** being held on April 27, 2024 are in full swing. The Festival is very well known, both in our area, and beyond and is enthusiastically awaited every year by the thousands that attend. What better way to welcome Spring in Northern Ontario than by celebrating the age-old tradition of making maple syrup!

The Festival Committee is comprised of a dozen or more volunteers, along with a Municipality of Powassan Councilor and is assisted by municipal staff to ensure that the Festival is successful every year. This year's program consists of Musical entertainment, Sciences North's Natural Curiosity Exhibit, Glendale Farms Ponies and Petting Zoo, the Great Canadian Lumberjack Show and an Interactive Amateur Lumberjack Competition. Our local not for profits (the United Church, Powassan Lions, St. Joseph's Church and the Powassan Legion) will be providing a lunch and three pancake breakfasts. We will have offsite parking and buses running all day from there to the festival grounds and to Matthews' Maple Sugar Bush. There will be approximately 150+ vendors located both outside on Main Street and indoors in our Sportsplex.

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We are asking you to consider sponsoring one of the events, or providing a financial contribution to the festival as a whole (see attachment for options). Every Sponsor will be recognized on the Festival website ([www.powassanmaplesyrupfestival.ca](http://www.powassanmaplesyrupfestival.ca)), and on signage located throughout the festival grounds.

Please contact Kim Bester at 705 724 2813, extension 238 if you have any questions, or would like to know about other ways to get involved in this wonderful community event.

Thank you for your continued assistance. We very much appreciate your help!

Your Truly,

Powassan Maple Syrup Festival Committee

Attach:

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If you would like to put your business sign adjacent to the event you are sponsoring, please contact Kim at 705 724 2813, ext. 238 to discuss. We'll also be asking you to send us a pdf of your business logo for our website. Please send to [kbester@powassan.net](mailto:kbester@powassan.net)

Please return this form and your donation to:

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(Donations can also be put in our drop box either outside or inside at 250 Clark). Please do not provide cash this way. Cheques should be made out to THE MUNICIPALITY OF POWASSAN.

**PLEASE RESPOND BY APRIL 15<sup>th</sup> if possible.**

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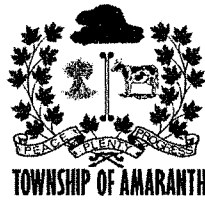
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CHOICE	EVENT	APPROXIMATE COST	DONATION AMOUNT
	GREAT CANADIAN LUMBERJACK SHOW	\$4,500.00	
	GLENDALE FARMS PONY RIDES & PETTING ZOO	\$2,200.00	
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	LIVE MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT	\$1,500.00	
	GENERAL FUNDS		

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March 12, 2024

Hon. Paul Calandra  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Sent by email to: [Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org](mailto:Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org)

**Re: Operational Budget Funding**

At its regular meeting of Council held on March 6, 2024, the Township of Amaranth Council passed the following resolution.

**Resolution #: 4**

**Moved by:** G Little

**Seconded by:** A. Stirk

Whereas all Ontario municipalities are prohibited from running budget deficits for operating purposes, and;

Whereas all Ontario municipalities have similar pressures with respect to aging infrastructure and operating costs for policing, and;

Whereas the City of Toronto has recently received Provincial funding to cover a \$1.2 billion dollar operating shortfall and approximately \$12 million in Federal and Provincial funding for their Police operating budget, and;

Whereas the City of Toronto has the lowest tax rates in the Province, approximately 40% less than the average Dufferin rural municipal tax rate.

**Be it Resolved That** the Township of Amaranth call on the Province of Ontario to treat all municipalities fairly and provide equivalent representative operational budget funding amounts to all Ontario municipalities.

**CARRIED**

Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you require any further information on this matter.

Yours truly ,

Nicole Martin, Dipl. M.A.

CAO/Clerk

C: Premier of Ontario; AMO; Ontario Municipalities