

Corporation of the Township of Chisholm

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AGENDA **COUNCIL MEETING** **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2025 AT 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

- (a) October 14, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

5. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS – None

6. PRESENTATION AND DELEGATIONS

7. OPEN FORUM

8. MAYOR STAFF COMMITTEE AND GOVERNMENT REPORTS

- (a) Mayor and Council Reports
 - Mayor
- (b) Staff Report
 - Notice of Passing - Amendments to Fees by-law 2023-39
- (c) Committee Reports
 - Minutes, DRAFT Recreation Committee, October 1, 2025 (Encl.)
- (d) Correspondence
 - Mun. South Huron, Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (Encl.)
 - Twp. Of Edwardsburgh Cardinal, Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (Encl.)
 - Twp. Of Stone Mills, Manage the Emerald Ash Borer Infestation (Encl.)
 - Zorra Twp., Elect Respect pledge (Encl.)

9. REVIEW BUDGET REPORT -None

10. PUBLIC WORKS REPORTS -None

11. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) Discussion Re: Library Agreement (Encl. Draft Agreement and previous agreement)

- (b) Renewal of Memorandum of Understanding, South Shore Restoule Snowmobile Club
(Encl.)
- (c) Callander Royal Canadian Legion, Remembrance Day

12. ADJOURNMENT

- (a) By-law 2025-34 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting.
- (b) Resolution re: Adjournment.

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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gail Degagne, in Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m., with Councillors, Bernadette Kerr, Claire Riley, Nunzio Scarfone, and Paul Sharp. Staff member present was CAO Lesley Marshall, OS Shawn Hughes. There was 1 person in attendance online.

2. NOTIFICATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution 2025-198 Paul Sharp and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Agenda for this meeting be adopted as presented. **'Carried'**

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

(a) September 23, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Resolution 2025-199 Claire Riley and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Minutes of the September 23, 2025, Regular Council Meeting, be adopted as printed and circulated. **'Carried'**

5. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS – September

Resolution 2025-200 Bernadette Kerr and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Administration, Fire Department, Council, By-Law Enforcement Officer and Public Works payroll accounts in the amount of \$28,955.83 and general accounts totaling \$512,127.73 for the month of September 2025 be accepted as presented. **'Carried'**

6. PRESENTATION AND DELEGATIONS

7. OPEN FORUM

8. MAYOR STAFF COMMITTEE AND GOVERNMENT REPORTS

(a) Mayor and Council Reports

- Mayor reported on the following topics: District of Parry Sound Municipal Association Fall meeting, Blue Box Program, OPP Board meeting, Castle Arms, and Newsletter.

(b) Staff Report

- Mail in Voting, CAO Clerk Treasurer (Encl.)

- Taxes Owing Report
- (c) Committee Reports
 - Minutes, Cassellholme, August 28, 2025 (Encl.)
 - Draft Minutes, Powassan Library, September 15, 2025 (Encl.)
- (d) Correspondence
 - Wasi Newsletter, October, 2025 (Encl.)
 - Notice of Adoption of Official Plan, Municipality of Powassan (Encl.)
 - Media Release, FONOM (Encl.)
 - Resolution – Mandatory Cert. Requirements, Town of Englehart (Encl.)
 - Letter, Minister of Health and Long-term Care, Re: Delegation (Encl.)
 - Resolution, State of Emergency Re: Mental Health, Niagara Region (Encl.)
 - Minister of The Environment re: IC & I Collection 2026 (Encl.)
 - CGIS Re: COOP Aerial Imagery Project 2026 (Encl.)
 - Solicitor General, September 26, 2025 Re: OPP Annual Billing (Encl.)
 - Resolution, Township of Bonfield Re: Canada Post (Encl.)
 - Resolution, City of Dryden, Re: Mandatory Water Safety Training (Encl.)
 - City of Kitchener, September 26, 2025 Re: Paper Billing (Encl.)

Resolution 2025-201 Paul Sharp and Claire Riley: Be it resolved that the Mayor, Staff, Committee and Correspondence reports be accepted as presented. **‘Carried’**

9. REVIEW BUDGET REPORT – Printed October 10, 2025

Resolution 2025-202 Nunzio Scarfone and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Budget Report printed October 10, 2025, be accepted as presented. **‘Carried’**

10. PUBLIC WORKS REPORTS

- Public Works Activity Report, OS S. Hughes, October 10, 2025

Resolution 2025-203 Paul Sharp and Claire Riley: Be it resolved that Council accept the September 6, 2025, to October 10, 2025, Activity Report from Operations Superintendent Shawn Hughes. **‘Carried’**

11. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) By-law 2025-31 – Being a By-law to Authorize Voting by Mail (Encl.)

Resolution 2025-204 Claire Riley and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that by-law 2025-31, being a by-law to authorize voting by mail for the 2026 Municipal Election, be read a first, second, and third time and passed this October 14, 2025. **‘Carried’**

- (b) 2026 ROMA Conference, Jan 18 – 20, 2026 (Encl.)

Resolution 2025-205 Paul Sharp and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Council receives the registration information for the Rural Ontario Municipal Association Conference, January 18 to 20th, 2026. **‘Carried’**

12. IN CAMERA

- (a) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, as per Section 239(2)(b) of the Municipal Act. (verbal)
- (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, as per Section 239(2)(b) of the Municipal Act. (verbal)
- (c) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, as per Section 239(2)(b) of the Municipal Act. (verbal)

Resolution 2025-206 Claire Riley and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm now enter into in camera to discuss an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, as per Section 239(2)(b) of the Municipal Act. Time: 7:47 PM **‘Carried’**

Resolution 2025-207 Be it resolved that Council now return to regular session. Time: 8:34 PM. **‘Carried’**

13. ADJOURNMENT

- (a) By-law 2025-32 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting.

Resolution 2025-208 Claire Riley and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that By-law 2025-32, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Council meeting October 14, 2025, be read a first, second, and third time and passed this October 14, 2025. **‘Carried’**

- (b) Resolution re: Adjournment.

Resolution 2025-209 Bernadette Kerr and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Council now adjourn this meeting. Time: 8:35 PM **‘Carried’**

Mayor, Gail Degagne

CAO Clerk Treasurer, Lesley Marshall

Notice of Intent to Pass a By-law

**Being a by-law to amend By-law 2023-39 to impose fees or charges for
services provided by the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm**

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm will consider By-law 2025-33, being a by-law to amend by-law 2023-39 fees in Schedule 'A' and Schedule 'F', at the November 12th, 2025, Council meeting at 7:00 p.m..

The draft by-law is attached to this notice and can be found on the Township website.

Dated this October 24, 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Marshall', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lesley Marshall,

CAO Clerk-Treasurer

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHISHOLM

BY-LAW 2025-33

Being a by-law to amend By-law 2023-39 to impose fees or charges for services provided by the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm enacted By-law 2023-39 on November 14th, 2023 to impose fees or charges for services provided by the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to amend certain provisions thereof;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHISHOLM HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the attached Schedule of cemetery related fees be considered as part of By-Law 2023-39 imposing fees or charges for services provided by the Township of Chisholm.
2. This by-law shall come into force and effect upon being passed

READ A FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD TIME THIS 23RD DAY OF NOVEMBER 2025

Mayor, Gail Degagne

CAO Clerk-Treasurer, Lesley Marshall

**THIS IS SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW 2023-39
OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHISHOLM**

1. The user fees charged for General Government services shall be as follows:

Municipal Freedom of Information & Privacy Act (MFIPPA) as prescribed by legislation

Request	\$5.00
Search time (per 15 minutes)	\$7.50
Preparation of records for Disclosure (per 15 minutes)	\$7.50
Photocopies or print outs (per page)	\$.20

Miscellaneous

Tax Certificate	\$60.00
Zoning Information	\$60.00
Outstanding Work Orders Information	\$60.00
Fire Work Orders Information	\$60.00
Photocopies	\$.25 per page
Returned Item Charge	\$25.00
Facsimile	\$1.00 per page
Interest on overdue accounts	1.25% per month
Zoning By-law copy	\$35.00
Official Plan copy	\$35.00
Record Search	\$7.50 per 15 minutes
Township pins	\$3.00
Newsletter advertising	\$10.00 ea. Or 6 for \$50.00
Filming Permit	\$50
Administrative Fee	\$100
Culvert Installation	Actual cost of culvert and material labour cost as per MTO OPSS
Entrance Permit	\$100.00
Certification of Documents:	
First Signature	\$15.00
Second Signature	\$5.00
Commissioning of Documents:	
First Signature	\$40.00
Second Signature	\$5.00

911 Replacement Cost

Sign	\$25.00
Post	\$25.00

Tax Sale

Subsequent to registration of tax arrears certificate	\$250.00
Subsequent to registration of first notice	\$350.00
Subsequent to registration of final notice:	
where there has been no extension agreement	\$450.00
where there has been an extension agreement	\$850.00
Pursuant to sale of land by public tender	\$900.00
Special meeting requested	\$450.00
<i>Further costs related to the Public Sale such as advertising, surveying, legal, transfer and other charges will be the actual costs incurred, and will be charged in addition</i>	

Mayor, Gail Degagne

CAO Clerk-Treasurer, Lesley Marshall

**THIS IS SCHEDULE "F" TO BY-LAW 2023-39
OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHISHOLM**

1. The fees charged for cemetery services shall be as follows:

Burial Lots

Township Resident or Property Owner (as of date of purchase)	Single Lot	4'x 8' (New Section) <u>or</u> 4'x 9' (Old Section) \$340 (\$50 plus \$290 Care and maintenance fund)
Non Resident	Single Lot	4'x 8' (New Section) <u>or</u> 4'x 9' (Old Section) \$540 (\$250 plus \$290 Care and Maintenance)

*Price Includes Care & Maintenance Fund.

Interment Rates

	Weekdays	Weekends
Regular Grave Opening: Adult	\$525 600	\$625 700
	\$525	\$625
Child/Infant		
Cremation Opening	\$300	\$400
Double Cremation	\$425 450	\$575

Care and Maintenance Contributions for Monument/Markers

Under 173 sq. inches (no foundation required)	Nil
1 – 24 inches	\$100
25 – 48 inches	\$200
Over 48 inches	\$400

Cost for constructing foundations at the expense of clients and to be provided by Monument Companies.

Mayor, Gail Degagne

CAO Clerk-Treasurer, Lesley Marshall



MINUTES
Recreation Committee Meeting @ Council Chambers
October 1, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m.

Present: Bernadette Kerr, Gail Degagne, Suad Radwan

Regrets: Ian Vanblyderveen

Absent: n/a

Staff: Monique McIsaac (recording secretary)

Guests:

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by acting Chairperson, Gail Degagne @ 7:08 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Resolution 2025-15 (REC)

Bernadette Kerr and Suad Radwan: Be it resolved that the Agenda for the Recreation meeting, dated October 1, 2025 be accepted as written and distributed.

"Carried"

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Resolution 2025-16(REC)

Suad Radwan and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved the Minutes of the Recreation meeting of August 6, 2025 be accepted as written and distributed.

"Carried"

4. **Signage – Memorial & Alderdale**

Once the signage is complete, Rec. Comm. will then determine sign sizes and costs (different size options to be provided). Bernie to provide names of the people/businesses who had signage there before as well.

Monique to advertise that the sign will be going up with more details to follow regarding pricing/sizes.

The Map size will be determined, once the signage is complete.

5. **Open Forum**

Nothing.

6. **New Business**

- (a) **Monthly Newsletters:** Monique to confirm with Lesley what the dates of the Newsletters will be and provide them to Rec. so they can plan their events to be advertised in the Newsletters.

- (b) **Outdoor Rink:** Memo from Monique reviewed (public works have levelled the back left corner for the outdoor rink, and Ian was advised of this as well).

(c) **Pumpkin Carving 2025:**

Date: Saturday, October 25, 2025

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: Beach (poor weather then office)

Registration encouraged (not mandatory) by Mon. Oct. 20, 2025

Free event, but monetary donations appreciated for future Rec. Comm. events.

Event to be held at the beach pavilion but if the weather is cold/rainy then to be held at the Township Office.

Bernie to talk to Matt at Fire Fox re - donation of pumpkins, and Monique to contact Adagio Farms as well. Supplies discussed (list attached). If pumpkins are not donated then Monique to buy some week of the event.

Monique to e-mail Ian re – cornstalks. If possible, like year for decorations.

(d) **Christmas Tree Lighting 2025**

Monique to confirm with Ian re - hole to be dug along with the stand for the tree. Ian and Shawn have previously met and discussed this (Memorial & Alderdale location).

Rec. Comm. will be asking if anyone has a tree they would like to donate and Monique to ask Jessica if they have one. Confirm with Ian sizing.

Monique to e-mail Shawn and c.c. Gail re – tree lighting event (Sat. Nov. 29, 2025) looking for support to get the tree lights up and ready, and request that the picnic tables to be left there until after the event.

Talk to Shawn re – possible parking options at the corner lot (Memorial & Alderdale). Would this be a possibility? Get feedback.

Bernie is going to contact Shelly Ellis at Eastwood to see if people can park their vehicles there for the tree lighting.

Possible scavenger hunt was discussed for this event as well.

Email from Ian: "Sorry everyone, I was really counting on the meeting tonight I really wanted to talk about moving the Christmas Tree lighting to the park on Bellcairn, everyone on the department loves the idea, mostly from a safety point of view Also would love to make plans for next years pumpkin tour".

Christmas Workshop: Gingerbread houses for kids build their own, and buy one large one for the adults to be made.

Date: Saturday, December 13th, 2025
Time: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Location: Township Office

Supplies:

- Small milk cartons
- Graham cookies
- Candy
- Icing
- Mint candy leaves (for the trees)
- Cinnamon hearts
- Paper plates / cardboard boxes
- Foil wrap
- Mini candy canes
- Hot chocolate - juice boxes
- Rice - crispy squares (Monique)

Winter Activity:

Bonfire with hotdogs at the rink. Date to be determined.

Resolution 2025-17(REC)

Bernadette Kerr and Suad Radwan: Be it resolved that this meeting of the Recreation Committee now be adjourned (@ 8:20 p.m.) and that the next meeting be scheduled for Wednesday, November 5, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m. or at the call of the Chair.

'Carried'

Chairperson

Recording Clerk



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October 23, 2025

Via email: doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

Premier's Office
Room 281
Main Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A5

Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

Re: Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund

Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their October 20, 2025, Regular Council Meeting:

418-2025

Moved By: Aaron Neeb

Seconded by: Jim Dietrich

That South Huron Council supports the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal September 29, 2025, Resolution regarding Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF); and

That this supporting resolution and originating correspondence be circulated to the Premier, Minister of Infrastructure, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Finance, MPP Thompson, AMO, OSUM, FCM, all Ontario municipalities.

Result: Carried

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

Kendra Webster, Legislative & Licensing Coordinator
Municipality of South Huron
kwebster@southhuron.ca
519-235-0310 x. 232

Encl.

cc: Minister of Infrastructure Hon. Kinga Surma, kinga.surma@pc.ola.org;
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Hon. Rob Flack,
rob.flack@pc.ola.org; Minister of Finance, Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy,
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VIA EMAIL

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

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

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

RESOLUTION: Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF)

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

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

6. The Ministry of Infrastructure publish an annual OCIF performance report—including program disbursements, allocation adjustments and reserve expenditures—in a transparent, publicly accessible online dashboard.
7. The Clerk of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal forward this resolution to:
 - o The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
 - o The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
 - o The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 - o The Honourable Francois-Phillipe Champagne, Minister of Finance
 - o Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
 - o Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM)
 - o Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
 - o The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville
 - o All upper- and lower-tier municipalities in Ontario

If you have any questions, please contact me at the email address below.

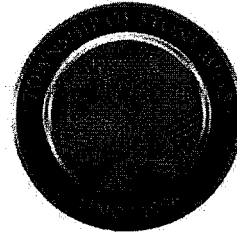
Sincerely,



Natalie Charette
Interim Clerk
clerk@twpec.ca

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October 22, 2025

Sent Via Email Only

Re: Advocacy for Funds to Effectively Manage the Emerald Ash Borer Infestation

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of September 15, 2025, Township of Stone Mills Council passed the following motion,

Resolution 19-695-2025

Whereas the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) infestation has resulted in a substantial increase in dead ash trees throughout Ontario, resulting in extensive ecological, economic, and public safety challenges;

And Whereas dead ash trees contribute to potential hazards, including falling limbs, compromised power lines, and blocked transportation routes, posing significant threats to public safety;

And Whereas removing and replacing dead ash trees is a costly undertaking that imposes financial burdens on municipalities, private organizations, and individual property owners;

Therefore, Be It Resolved That the Council of the Township of Stone Mills formally requests that the Provincial and Federal governments establish a dedicated fund to assist municipal governments, private organizations, and property owners in effectively managing the removal and replanting of trees, thereby addressing the aftermath of the EAB infestation.

Be It Further Resolved That funding support should encompass:

1. Grants for municipalities to fund community-wide removal and replanting initiatives.
2. Financial assistance for private organizations engaged in environmentally restorative work.
3. Subsidies for individual property owners to safely remove and replace dead ash trees.

And Be It Further Resolved That this request be forwarded to relevant Provincial and Federal ministries and agencies involved in environmental management, forestry, and public safety.

Be It Finally Resolved That a supporting letter be drafted and disseminated to other municipalities across Ontario to encourage regional advocacy and collaboration in addressing this ecological challenge.

Moved By Councillor Fenwick
Seconded By Deputy Woodcock
Carried

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Brandi Teeple
Township Clerk
Township of Stone Mills
4504 County Road 4
Centreville, ON, K0K 1N0
Phone: 613 378-2475 ext. 225
Email: bteeple@stonemills.com

cc. Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada
Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Mike Harris, Minister of Natural Resources
Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Julie Dabrusin, Minister of Environment and Climate Change
Marjorie Michel, Minister of Health
Ric Bresee, MPP Hastings-Lennox & Addington-Tyendinaga
Shelby Kramp-Neuman, MP Hastings-Lennox & Addington-Tyendinaga
Quinte Conservation
Canadian Food Inspection Agency
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ZORRA

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Item 10(a)

Date: October 15, 2025

16-10-2025

Moved by *Katie Shrygg*
Seconded by *Cynthia Rich*

WHEREAS, democracy is strengthened when all individuals can participate fully, safely, and without discrimination, contributing to the well-being of their communities;

AND WHEREAS, democratic discourse and respectful debate are under pressure across all levels of government, including municipal councils in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS, elected officials are increasingly facing harassment, threats, intimidation, and unsafe work environments, which undermine personal safety, deter civic participation, and erode public confidence in democratic institutions;

AND WHEREAS, social media platforms, while enabling legitimate discourse, have also amplified abusive, discriminatory, or threatening behaviour for many, often disproportionately affecting marginalized populations, discouraging many from seeking or remaining in public office;

AND WHEREAS, freedom of expression is a cornerstone of democracy and must be safeguarded, even as we combat unlawful harassment, violence, and hate;

AND WHEREAS, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's Healthy Democracy Project has identified troubling trends in declining voter turnout and a reduction in candidate participation at the municipal level;

AND WHEREAS, grassroots and national initiatives such as Halton Elected Representatives (H.E.R.) campaign and the Parliamentary Civility Pledge led by the Canadian Association of Feminist Parliamentarians, demonstrate a growing commitment to fostering respectful, safe, and inclusive environments in political life;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of Zorra Township:

1. Supports the principles of the Elect Respect pledge to:

- Treat all persons with dignity and respect in public, private, and online spaces;
- Reject and call out harassment, threats, unlawful discrimination, and personal abuse;
- Focus public debate on policies and ideas, rather than personal attacks or identity-based commentary;
- Build a culture of safety and inclusion, ensuring that individuals of all genders, identities, backgrounds, races, sexual orientations, ages, and abilities feel empowered to run for and serve in public office;

- Call on relevant authorities to investigate and respond to threats or harassment directed at elected officials, in accordance with applicable laws;
- Model accountability and integrity by holding ourselves and one another to clear, transparent, and legally grounded standards of conduct;
- Defend freedom of expression while actively opposing abuse and intimidation in all forms;

2. Encourages elected officials, political organizations, municipalities, and members of the public to sign and support the Elect Respect pledge by visiting: electrespect.ca; and,

3. Directs that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Ontario's Big City Mayors, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Members of Provincial and Federal Parliament (MPPs and MPs), the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), all municipalities in Ontario, Halton Elected Representatives (H.E.R.), and Canadian Association of Feminist Parliamentarians

☒ Carried

☐ Defeated

☐ Recorded Vote

☐ Deferred

Recorded Vote:

	Yea	Nay
Mayor Ryan		
Councillor Stewart		
Councillor Grigg		
Councillor Mitchell		
Councillor Finch		



Mayor

THIS AGREEMENT MADE IN TRIPLICATE THIS 31st DAY OF OCTOBER 2021

BETWEEN:

THE CORPORATION OF THE **MUNICIPALITY OF POWASSAN**
hereinafter called Powassan of the First part

AND: THE CORPORATION OF THE **TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING**
hereinafter called Nipissing in the Second part

AND: THE CORPORATION OF THE **TOWNSHIP OF CHISHOLM**
hereinafter called Chisholm in the Third part

WHEREAS the parties hereto wish to enter into an agreement to provide for the maintenance of the Powassan and District Union Library, as provided for in the Public Libraries Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P-44, Section 5(1) and 9(4).

NOW THEREFORE THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH that in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions contained herein and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The Powassan and District Union Public Library Board shall be comprised of the members appointed by the respective councils as follows:

The Corporation of the Municipality of Powassan shall have a minimum of three (3) members and a maximum of five (5) members;

The Corporation of the Township of Nipissing shall have a minimum of one (1) member and a maximum of two (2) members;

The Corporation of the Township of Chisholm shall have a minimum of one (1) member and a maximum of two (2) members.

2. All grants for library purposes, whether municipal, provincial, federal or otherwise, received by the member municipality shall be forthwith delivered to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for deposit to the library account. If and when the Board initiates or changes any major monetary changes each council shall be notified in writing.

3. A membership registry shall be kept by the library and at the end of each calendar year each municipality shall be given the number of users per municipality. In accordance, the library CEO will submit a levy to each municipality.

4. The cost of operating and maintaining the Powassan and District Union Library shall be based on a formula determined by each municipality's membership count. This count shall be completed by December 31st of each year for municipal budget purposes.

Municipality of Powassan
Township of Nipissing
Township of Chisholm

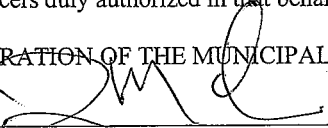
5. Any party may withdraw from this agreement on the 31st day of December in the year preceding the contract renewal, notifying the other municipalities by way of registered mail.

6. The renewal of this contract shall be the responsibility of the CAO for the municipality with the highest membership count to be completed in the year preceding the municipal election.

7. This agreement shall replace all prior agreements

8. In witness whereof the parties hereto have hereunto affixed their respective corporate seals, attested by the hands of their respective officers duly authorized in that behalf.

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF
POWASSAN

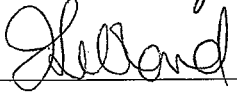


Mayor


CAO

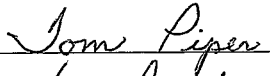
THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHISHOLM



Mayor


CAO

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING



Mayor


CAO

AGREEMENT

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for

THE POWASSAN AND DISTRICT UNION PUBLIC LIBRARY

BETWEEN:

THE CORPORATION OF THE **MUNICIPALITY OF POWASSAN**
hereinafter called Powassan of the First part

AND: THE CORPORATION OF THE **TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING**
hereinafter called Nipissing in the Second part

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WHEREAS the parties hereto wish to enter into an agreement to provide for the maintenance of the Powassan and District Union Public Library (the “Library”), as provided for in the Public Libraries Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P-44, Section 5(1) and 9(4).

NOW THEREFORE THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH that in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions contained herein and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The Board

1.1 The Powassan and District Union Public Library Board (the “Board”) shall be comprised of one (1) Councillor appointed from each Municipality and additional members appointed by the respective councils as follows:

The Corporation of the Municipality of Powassan shall have an additional minimum of two (2) members and a maximum of five (5) members for a total of six (6) members;

The Corporation of the Township of Chisholm shall have an additional one (1) member for a total of two (2) members;

The Corporation of the Township of Nipissing shall have an additional one (1) member for a total of two members.

1.2 It is the responsibility of each Municipality to ensure that their representatives are appointed in accordance with Section 10 of the Public Libraries Act, R. S. O. (1990), Chapter P.44, as amended.

1.3 Each Member shall have one vote only. The Chair may vote with other members. An equal vote is deemed to be negative.

1.4 A board member’s Term shall be concurrent with the term of the appointing council, or until a successor is appointed, and may be reappointed for one or more further terms.

1.5 At anytime the Council of a non-participating Municipality or representatives from an unorganized Township may make a request to the Councils of the participating Parties to become a participating Member. If all Councils agree, this Agreement will be amended accordingly.

2. Costs

2.1 The cost of operating and maintaining the Powassan and District Union Library shall be based on the following formula:

Municipality of Powassan	60%
Township of Chisholm	20%
Township of Nipissing	20%

2.2 The Powassan and District Union Public Library shall annually prepare a budget of all funds required during the year for the purposes of the Board, and the budget shall:

- a) set forth the estimated revenues and expenditures of the Board
- b) make allowance for surplus of the previous year to be available during the current year
- c) provide for any deficiencies of any previous year
- d) set forth the amount to be chargeable to each of the Councils
- e) provide for capital expenditures from current funds, not to exceed 10% of the annual budget unless approved by all three Councils
- f) be presented to participating Councils on or before the first week of February of the current year.

The proportion of the Budget to be charged to each of the Parties of the Agreement shall be based on the cost-sharing formulas provided in Section 2.1.

2.3 If the budget of the Board is approved, or amended and approved, by the Council of the Municipality of Powassan, the budget so approved is binding on all participating municipalities.

2.4 A separate budget for expenditures over and above any amount exceeding 10% of the current year's budget, or any other major monetary changes initiated by the Board, must be presented to all participating Councils in writing for approval.

2.5 Cost sharing on any capital expenditures not listed in the current budget shall be determined through negotiations between all Parties to this agreement.

2.6 At the end of each calendar year, each participating Municipality shall be given the exact number of registered users per Municipality.

2.7 All grants for library purposes, whether municipal, provincial, federal or otherwise, received by the member municipality shall be delivered to the Library Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for deposit to the library account.

3. Membership

3.1 A person shall be eligible for membership at the Powassan and District Union Public Library if they:

- a) are a resident of any participating municipality
- b) owns property in any participating municipality
- c) are deemed eligible through any Agreement between the Library and another Library Board.
- d) reside outside of the participating municipalities but have purchased a membership as per Section 3.2.

3.2 The Board shall impose Library Fees as it considers proper for the use of library services by persons who do not reside in the Board's jurisdiction.

4. Withdrawal from the Powassan and District Union Public Library

4.1 Any Party may withdraw from this agreement upon written notice to the Powassan and District Union Public Library Board and all other Parties no later than the last business day of June so allow six months' notice for the other Parties and for the next years budgeting process.

4.2 Any withdrawing Party shall be required to pay its share for the balance of the current year and any deficit that may exist at the end of the term of the withdrawing Party.

5. Notice

5.1 Notice under this Agreement shall be provided to all parties by personal delivery, by mail or by email to:

Powassan and District Union Public Library
324 Clark Street
Powassan, ON P0H 1Z0
powlib@gmail.com

Municipality of Powassan
250 Clark Street
Powassan, ON P0H 1Z0
clerk@powassan.net

Township of Nipissing
45 Beatty Street
Nipissing, ON P0H 1W0
admin@nipissingtownship.com

Township of Chisholm
2847 Chiswick Line
Powassan, ON P0H 1Z0
info@chisholm.ca

6. Severability

6.1 If any provision of this Agreement shall be held or made invalid by a court decision, statute or rule, or shall be otherwise rendered invalid, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby.

7. Entire Agreement

7.1 In the event of a conflict between any provisions of this Agreement and any provisions of the Public Libraries Act, R.S.O. (1990), c. P44, the Sections of the Act shall prevail.

7.2 This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the Parties.

8. Indemnification

8.1 The Parties shall indemnify and save harmless the others from and against all claims, losses, damages, judgments, liabilities, costs, expenses, actions, and other proceedings made, sustained, brought, prosecuted, or threatened to be brought or prosecuted, that are based on, occasioned by or attributed to any bodily injury to or death of a person or damage to or loss of property caused by any negligent act or omission on the part of the indemnifying party, its officers, employees, students, agents, or volunteers arising out of this agreement.

9. Insurance

9.1 The Library Board shall, at their expense, obtain and keep in force during the term of the Agreement Commercial Liability Insurance satisfactory to all Parties, and underwritten by an insurer licensed to practice in the Province of Ontario.

9.2 A Certificate of Insurance shall be provided to all parties at the start of each year for the term of the Agreement.

10. Prior Agreements

10.1 This agreement shall replace all prior agreements.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have hereunto affixed their respective corporate seals,
attested by the hands of their proper signing officers duly authorized in that behalf.

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF POWASSAN

Mayor

Clerk

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHISHOLM

Mayor

Clerk

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

Mayor

Clerk

Jessica Laberge

From: Jessica Reynolds <district11@nnta.ca>
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2025 9:18 AM
To: Jessica Laberge
Cc: Aaron Rodgers
Subject: Renewal
Attachments: Chisholm Township MOU SSRSC_20241008.pdf; Membership Renewal 2025-2026 Certificate_SSRSC.pdf

Good Morning,

The South Shore Restoule Snowmobile Club is seeking a renewal of the attached land use agreement for Chisholm Township for the 2025-26 snowmobile season. The agreement expired in April 2025. I have attached the club's current membership certificate to confirm they are in good standing.

Thank you,
Jessica

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Jessica Reynolds

OFSC District 11 Manager



Near North Trail Association

176 Lakeshore Dr., Suite 10F

North Bay, ON, P1A 2A8

Tel #705-495-4333

www.nnta.ca

MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that

South Shore Restoule SC

Is a member in good standing of the

ONTARIO FEDERATION OF SNOWMOBILE CLUBS

for the

2025-26 Snowmobile Season

MD Baker

Murray Baker, OFSC President



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This is a Memorandum of Understanding between the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs and the local snowmobile club known as the South Shore/Restoule Snowmobile Club, and the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm.

On this 8th day of October 2024, we the undersigned, owners/occupiers of the premises that are as follows:

- *Unopened/Open road allowance lots 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, Concession 14 ("C110D" Trail Hill Siding trail to rail line)*
- *Opened road allowance (Municipally maintained road known as Maple Road) starting at Lots 1-12 Concession 4 and 5 AND heading north to rail line at Pioneer Road.*

in the Township of Chisholm, district of Nipissing, do hereby give the undersigned named for the South Shore/Restoule Snowmobile Club, as a member in good standing of the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs, hereinafter referred to as the OFSC, permission to legally enter, establish, groom, maintain, sign and use that portion of the premise herein designated for the purpose of allowing individual trail permit members of the OFSC to use said designated premises for snowmobiling under the following terms and conditions:

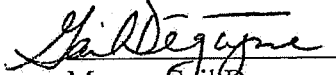
- 1) This MOU is valid for the period commencing November 2024 and ending April 2025. The local snowmobile club shall request in writing a yearly renewal before December 15th prior to the commencement of the snowmobile season. Failure to do so will result in the township's refusal to execute the Memorandum of Understanding. Council if in concurrence of the request shall pass a resolution to execute the MOU.
- 2) The local snowmobile club shall at all times remain a member in good standing of the OFSC and be able to verify this to the owner/occupier with a current membership card or certificate or this agreement shall be immediately null and void.
- 3) The local snowmobile club will provide liability insurance in the amount of \$15,000,000 for liability arising from the grooming, maintenance and use of the snowmobile trail but only with respect to the negligence of the local snowmobile club for those operations usual to a snowmobile trail. This coverage is confirmed to the undersigned owner/occupier by signing this memorandum of understanding on the condition no fee has been charged by the owner/occupier for the use of designated premises.
- 4) The insurers will add the landowner as an additional insured but only with respect to liability arising from the operations of the named local snowmobile club. Coverage will be extended to the location listed in the landowner agreement through an insurance policy held by the OFSC and its member organization snowmobile club.
- 5) The above referenced insurance liability policy will not provide any coverage for the willful misconduct and or negligence on the part of the landowner.
- 6) The designated premises shall be identified on the map, as shown on Schedule 'A' attached hereto and forming part of this MOU.

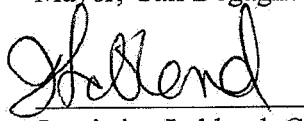
- 7) It is understood that the Snowmobile Club, with the owners/occupier's written consent on each occasion, shall have access to the designated premises prior to and after the winter months for the purpose of opening and closing, upgrading and maintaining the trail when there is no snow cover.
- 8) Notwithstanding no. 7 above, it is understood that the existing trails on unopened road allowance may be brushed, but there shall be no cutting of any trees.
- 9) It is understood that there shall be no excavation and/or removal of aggregate material on any township road allowances.
- 10) It is understood that regulation signs to Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs standards shall be erected, where required, on all trails.
- 11) The Snowmobile Club accepts full responsibility for the removal of any snow accumulations on a daily basis, so as to prevent any accumulation and hazard to the motoring public, as per By-Law 2019-28, as shown on Schedule "B" attached hereto and forming part of this MOU, being a by-law to regulate the use and care of roads in the Township of Chisholm.
- 12) All township residents shall have the use of the aforesaid road allowances and crown land within the Township of Chisholm.
- 13) The Snowmobile Club shall maintain that portion of the designated premises to be used by individual snowmobile trail permit members in reasonably good condition for snowmobiling purposes only, and; remove on any basis any litter caused by individual trail permit members.
- 14) The Snowmobile club shall report any public liability and personal property damage that they are aware of to the Township of Chisholm office. Any damages or expenses occurring as a result of the occupation of this property by the Snowmobile Club shall be the responsibility of the Snowmobile Club. Restoration and/or repair of any damaged municipal property shall be under the direction of the Public Works Supervisor or alternate.
- 15) It is agreed and understood that the Snowmobile Club is aware of the telecommunications tower that has been erected on the unopened road allowance between Concessions 14 and 15 on the west side of Alderdale Road. It is understood that the Snowmobile Club shall report any public liability and personal property damage to the telecommunications tower and/or associated equipment to the Chisholm office. Any damages or expenses occurring to this equipment as a result of the occupation of this property by the Snowmobile Club shall be the responsibility of the Snowmobile Club. Restoration and/or repair of any damaged telecommunications property shall be under the direction of the spectrum Group.

- 16) It is understood that the Snowmobile Club will reinstall the concrete barricades on the unopened road allowances and the railbed trails that front on Township roads, immediately following the commencement of the snowmobile season, and no later than May 21st. Failure to do so will result in the township's Public works Department doing the work and billing the Club.
- 17) Each party hereto shall give the other thirty (30) days written notice prior to any changes to, or cancellation of this agreement. However, the Club's failure to comply with any of the items in this Memorandum of Understanding shall be considered valid reason for the Township of Chisholm to immediately terminate the Memorandum of Understanding. Upon termination of this Memorandum of Understanding, further use of this trail system will be considered as trespassing and may result in prosecution under the Trespass to Property Act.
- 18) Representative of the local snowmobile club are hereby authorized to be the owner/occupier's agent(s) to cooperate with local law enforcement agencies in their efforts to supervise and enforce the uses defined hereunder with respect to the designated premises in accordance with the Trespass to Property Act R.S.O. 1990, c.T21; the Motorized Snow Vehicles Act R.S.O. 1990, c.M44; and the Occupiers Liability Act R.S.O. 1990, c.O-2 as amended.
- 19) The landowner/occupier and the local snowmobile club mutually confirm that the landowner/occupier, by signing this MOU is not requesting nor granting permission for a registered easement over the designated premises.

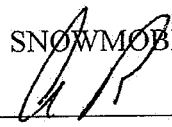
The South Shore/Restoule Snowmobile Club, its wardens and executive are hereby authorized to be the undersigned owner/occupier's agent(s) to supervise and enforce the uses defined hereunder with respect to the designated premises in accordance with the Trespass to Property Act R.S.O 1990, C.T.21; the Motorized Vehicles Act 1990, C.M.44, as amended , and the Occupiers Liability Act R.S.O. 1990, C.O.I.

LANDOWNER/OCCUPIER

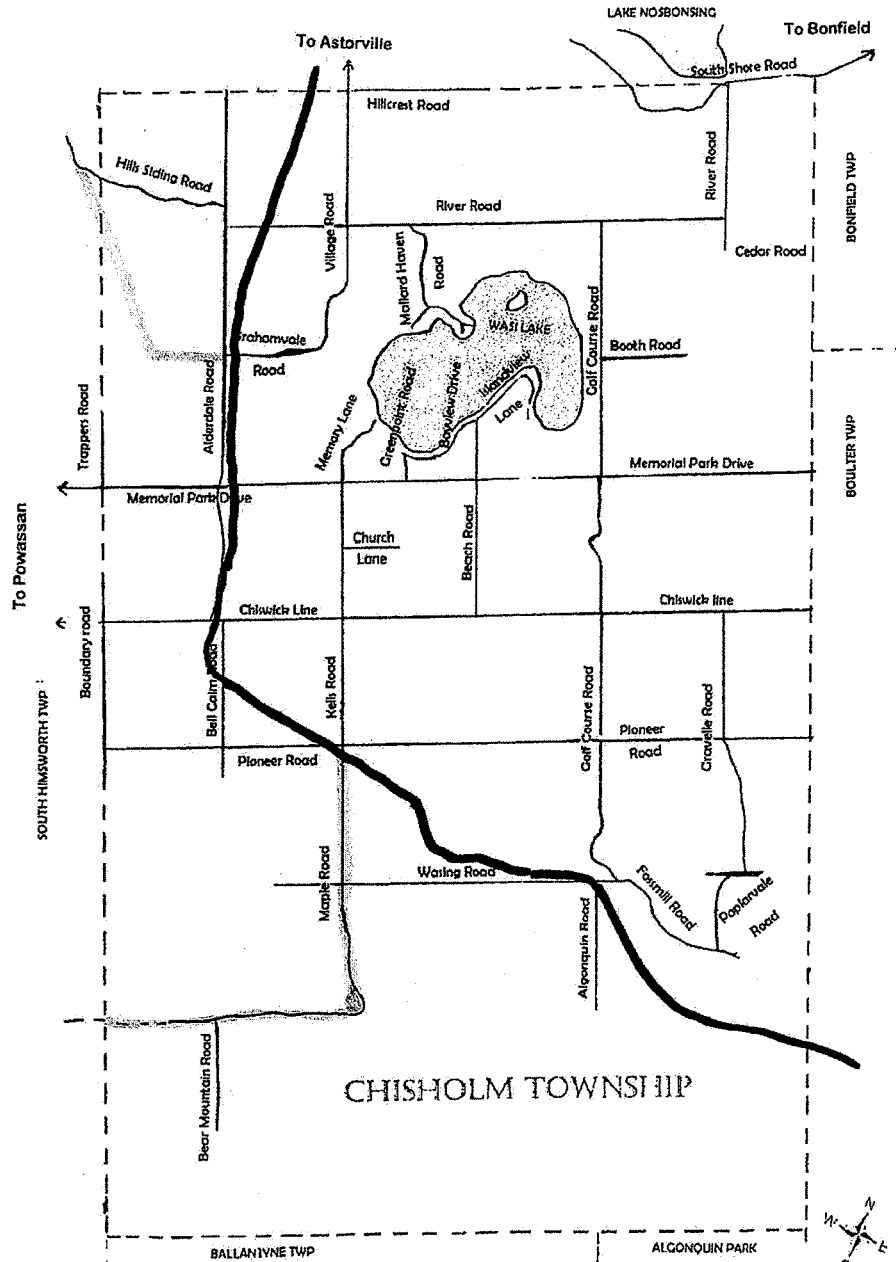

Mayor, Gail Degagne


Jennistine Leblond, CAO Clerk-Treasurer

SNOWMOBILE CLUB


Aaron Rodgers, President SSRSC

SCHEDULE 'A'



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--- SSRSC Trails

Dated this 8 of October 2024

Gail Degagne
Mayor, Gail Degagne

Jennistine Leblond
Jennistine Leblond, CAO Clerk-Treasurer

Aaron Rodgers
Aaron Rodgers, President SSRSC



The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 445
345 Lansdowne St
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P.O. Box 312

Callander ON P0H 1H0

Email: RCL445Poppy@cogeco.net

Yours in remembrance,

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Poppy Chair
705-752-3773

Amanda Hiscock
Poppy Co-chair
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We Shall Remember Them