

# Corporation of the Township of Chisholm

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## AGENDA

COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, April 28, 2026 7:00 PM

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

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

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

### **4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES** – April 14, 2026 Regular Council Meeting

### **5. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS**

### **6. PRESENTATION AND DELEGATIONS**

### **7. OPEN FORUM**

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

- (a) Mayor and Council Reports
  - Mayor – General Update
- (b) Staff Reports
- (c) Committee Reports
  - Minutes, Recreation Committee, March 4, 2026 (Encl.)
  - DRAFT Minutes, Committee of Adjustment, April 7, 2026 (Encl.)
- (d) Correspondence
  - 2025 Annual Report, District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (Encl.)
  - Letter from Minister of Transportation and Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth (Encl.)
  - Letter from Minister of Municipal Affairs re: updates on amendments to Ontario Regulation 584/06 (Encl.)
  - Letter, Min. of Environment, Re: Waste disposal site service area and fill rate changes (Encl.)
  - Letter Min. of Environment, Re: Proposed Environment Assessment Act amendments (Encl.)
  - Transportation of High-level Radioactive Waste on Our Highways. (Encl.)
  - Resolution Support from Waterloo Re: Community Safety and Well-Being Plan (Encl.)

### **9. REVIEW BUDGET REPORT**

### **10. PUBLIC WORKS REPORTS**

### **11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

### **12. NEW BUSINESS**

- (a) Donation to Powassan Agricultural Society for the 2026 Powassan Fall Fair. (Enc.)
- (b) Attendance to the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association, Spring Meeting (Encl.)
- (c) Resolution Re: City of North Bay purchase Escarpment Lands from Conservation Authority (Encl.)

### **13. ADJOURNMENT**

- (a) By-law 2026-13 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 7:05 p.m., with Councillors, Bernadette Kerr (online), Claire Riley, Nunzio Scarfone, and Paul Sharp. Staff member present was Acting Clerk, Jessica Laberge, OS Shawn Hughes.

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

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

**Resolution 2026-62** Moved by Paul Sharp and Seconded by Claire Riley: Be it resolved that the Agenda for this meeting be adopted as printed. ‘Carried’

### **4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES** – March 24, 2026 Regular Council Meeting

**Resolution 2026-63** Moved by Bernadette Kerr and Seconded by Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Minutes of the March 24, 2026 Regular Council Meeting, be adopted as printed and circulated. ‘Carried’

### **5. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS** – March 2026

**Resolution 2026-64** Moved by Claire Riley and Seconded by Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the March 2026 Payroll in the amount \$ 37,550.95 and the General Accounts Report in the amount of \$209,699.12 paid in accordance with the approved budget and delegated authority, be received.

### **6. PRESENTATION AND DELEGATIONS**

### **7. OPEN FORUM**

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

**Resolution 2026-65** Paul Sharp and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the following Staff, Committee and Correspondence reports be received:

Mayor and Council Reports

- Mayor – General Update

Staff Reports

- Tax Arrears Report (Encl.)

Committee Reports

- Minutes, April 8, 2026, Finance Committee
- DRAFT Minutes, March 16, 2026, Powassan Public Library

- Minutes, February 19, 2026, Casselholme
- East Ferris, Notice of Public Meeting, Proposed Amendment to the Zoning By-law
- Township of Calvin, Mayor Report, Re: Laurentian Escarpment
- Media Release, City of North Bay, Re: Laurentian Escarpment

Correspondence

- Letter, Min. of Northern Economic Development and Growth
- Letter, CN, Re: Changes to CN's Three-Year Rail Network Plan
- AMO Policy Update, March 31, 2026
- 2026 OSUM Conference
- Resolution, Oro Medonte, Provincial Legislation Amendments, Health and Safety Concerns AORS.
- Resolution, Sarnia Ontario Re: Mayoral Authority and Municipal Police Budget Sustainability **'Carried'**

**9. REVIEW BUDGET REPORT** – Printed April 10, 2026 (Encl.)

**Resolution 2026-66 Moved by Claire Riley and Seconded by Paul Sharp:** Be it resolved that the Budget Report printed April 10, 2026, be received. **'Carried'**

**10. PUBLIC WORKS REPORTS**

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

**Resolution 2026-67 Moved by Bernadette Kerr and Seconded by Nunzio Scarfone:** Be it resolved that the Activity Report from Operations Superintendent Shawn Hughes, dated March 6, 2026, to April 10, 2026, be received. **'Carried'**

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

(a) 2026 FONOM Conference (Encl.)

**Resolution 2026-68 Moved by Paul Sharp and Seconded by Nunzio Scarfone:** Be it resolved that the Council approves the attendance of no one to the FONOM Conference May 11 -13, 2026 in Timmins. **'Carried'**

(b) Near North Crime Stoppers, Charity Golf Tournament (Encl.)

**Resolution 2026-69 Moved by Paul Sharp and Seconded by Claire Riley:** Be it resolved that the Council approves a donation of \$150, for the Near North Crime Stoppers Charity Golf Tournament. **'Carried'**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

(a) By-law 2026-12 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting.

**Resolution 2026-70 Moved by Bernadette Kerr and Seconded by Nunzio Scarfone:** Be it resolved that by-law 2026-12, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at the April 14, 2026, Council meeting, be read a first, second, and third time and passed this April 14, 2026. **'Carried'**

(b) Resolution re: Adjournment.

**Resolution 2026-71 Moved by Claire Riley and Seconded by Paul Sharp:** Be it resolved that the Council now adjourn this meeting. Time: **'Carried'**

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Mayor, Gail Degagne

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CAO Clerk Treasurer, Lesley Marshall



## MINUTES

### Recreation Committee Meeting @ Council Chambers Wednesday, March 4, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m.

Present: Bernadette Kerr, Gail Degagne, Suad Radwan, Ian Vanblyderveen  
Regrets: n/a  
Absent: n/a  
Staff: Monique Mclsaac (recording secretary)  
Guests: Katrina Violette and Yvan Violette (Adagio Farms)

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chairperson, Gail Degagne @ 7:12 p.m.

#### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

##### Resolution 2026-04 (REC)

Bernadette Kerr and Suad Radwan: Be it resolved that the Agenda for the Recreation meeting, dated March 4, 2026 be accepted as written and distributed.

“Carried”

#### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

##### Resolution 2026-05(REC)

Ian Vanblyderveen and Suad Radwan: Be it resolved the Minutes of the Recreation meeting of January 7, 2026 be accepted as written and distributed.

“Carried”

#### 4. (a) Kids Christmas Workshop (Gingerbread House Making):

Make note to have more candy and supplies for 2026, along with an electric mixer for the royal frosting, and decorate the chair area for Santa and the pictures.

#### (b) Valentines Card Making 2026 Workshop (all ages):

No one from the general public attended the event, but Gail, Bernie and Suad (and kids) made the cards which were delivered to Eastholme, and were greatly appreciated.

(c) Family Day Event 2026:

Great success and turn out. Would need more hotdogs/buns for next year (ran out this year). Positive feedback and comments were made.

(d) Sunday Cards:

Attendance has been down this year. Trudy Butterworth and Andre Degagne volunteered to help 2 Sunday's that Gail was not available. The card dates were posted in the Newsletter and reminders on the Township Facebook page.

(e) Signage: No updates available or provided as at the time of the meeting of March 4, 2026.

Bernie to let Monique know what the Bank requires in writing regarding the money to be used towards the signage.

(f) Orange Park Naming Contest: To be addressed at a later date, and to be done in conjunction with the Pumpkin Tour.

(g) Pumpkin Tour 2026:

Katrina Violette and Yvan Violette the owners from Adagio Farms attended the meeting and discussed the Pumpkin Tour with the Rec. Committee.

Date: Saturday, October 3, 2026

Time: TBD

Rec. Committee Pumpkin Location: Orange Park - family events, vendors, contest/games. Discussed people possibly buy their pumpkins from Adagio and bring them to the park to decorate etc. Police, OPP, Crime Stoppers will attend with table/swag. Chisholm Fire dept., kids' games, naming contest, face painting. Discussed possible fire pit - with hot dogs etc. weather permitting.

Rec. Committee wants to add to the event (Pumpkin Tour), and not take away from Adagio Farms and Fire Fox.

Adagio Farms call out to vendors August/Sept. (Wasi Chefs, musicians – Trifecta, band from North Bay). Matt from Fire Fox does it at the same time as well and they will "trade off" to avoid duplication. Adagio had corn pit last year for the kids and will do it again this year, and photo ops.

Ian and Gail are to reach out the Amish Community and see if they would like to attend the event as vendors.

It was discussed charge \$20.00 per vendor/table. Everyone is responsible for their own tents, tables.

Bernie knows of 2 – 3 possible new vendors who are not at Adagio and Fire Fox that might be interested to be a vendor at the Rec. location.

Passports were discussed, and if you visit all 3 locations, and get the passports stamped by the vendors at each location they can then enter a draw to win a prize (to be donated by Bernie). The passports would be available at each venue.

Ian to reach out to Nick (resident) asking him if he would like to donate 3 different 3D stamps for each vendor.

Parking was discussed, and the cars could park along the road, and have public works maintain the area/cut the grass for the event.

Free admission - just charge for vendor tables.

Chisholm Mascot – reach out again to Powassan and see if we can find out who made their mascot, and see if they would be interested in doing the same (but Chipmunk) for Chisholm, and the estimated cost. It was also discussed possibly ordering costume from Amazon.

Food vendors - make sure they have their food safety (health unit approval - vendors get it and need to have it for the event).

Use orange balloons day of event - directional signage put up for the day of the event as well.

June Rec. meeting re - Pumpkin tour and invite Adagio and Fire Fox again as well. Rec. to do a walk through of Orange Park before the event as well re – vendor space/layout.

Each location to do their own flyer advertising what they have. Draft up flyers, passports, stamps etc.

5. Open Forum

Nothing.

6. New Business:

- (a) Family Day: Reviewed memo from Monique re: donations and supplies.

(b) Bottle Drive: Pump up the advertising for this.

(c) Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt: Bernie to provide Monique with the rhymes for the eggs with a start date of Sat. March 28, 2026, and will have them to Monique by March 25<sup>th</sup>. Event to be advertised in the Newsletter and Facebook along with a coloring contest.

Prizes for coloring contest - 3 prizes (adult chocolates too).

Prize for the scavenger hunt – 1 prize.

Prize for photos with the Nome – 1 prize.

Monique to purchase the prizes (5 in total).

7. **Additional Items:**

(a) BBQ – Rec will host a BBQ again this year, on the same day as the Community Yard Sale/Boot Drive/Bake Sale (same location as the tree lighting).

(b) Mother's Day Event: Plant flowers in teacups. Bernie will donate the tea cups, and a flat of pansies to be purchased. Free event.

Date: Saturday, May 9, 2026

Time: TBD

Location: Township Office.

(c) Monique to print calendar for the year with tentative dates of the events and to provide to rec.

**Resolution 2026-06(REC)**

Suad Radwan and Ian Vanblyderveen: Be it resolved that this meeting of the Recreation Committee now be adjourned (@ 9:00 p.m.) and that the next meeting be scheduled for Wednesday, April 1, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m. or at the call of the Chair.



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Chairperson



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Recording Clerk

'Carried'



# TOWNSHIP OF CHISHOLM COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

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Gail Degagne, Mayor

Lesley Marshall, CAO Clerk-Treasurer

## MINUTES

### COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026 – 7:00 P.M.

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mayor Gail Degagne at 7:02 p.m., along with Councillor Claire Riley, and committee members Chris Frappier, and Don Butterworth. Councillor Nunzio Scarfone was absent with regrets. Staff present was Admin Ass. Jessica Laberge. There was one applicant present online.

#### 2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST - None

#### 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

##### Resolution 2026-05 (COA)

Claire Riley and Chris Frappier: Be it resolved that the *Agenda* for this meeting be approved as presented. 'Carried'

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

##### Resolution 2026-06 (COA)

Chris Frappier and Don Butterworth: Be it resolved that the *Minutes* of the March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026, Committee of Adjustment Meeting be adopted as printed and circulated. 'Carried'

#### 5. DRAFT Official Plan and Open House April 21, 2026 5:00-7:00 p.m.

#### 6. CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING MINOR VARIANCE APPLICATION

##### (A) SUMMARY OF APPLICATION –MVA 2026-01 – 1061 Hills Siding Road

Chairperson Gail Degagne confirmed with Secretary Jessica Laberge that notices had been sent in accordance with Planning Act regulations.

Secretary Jessica Laberge reported that a letter, dated March 30, 2026, was received from the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority (NBMCA) relating to File No. MVA-2026-01, stating:

- NBMCA reviewed the application as per Section 5.2 of the 2024 Provincial Planning Statement and O.Reg. 41/24 Prohibited Activities, Exemptions, and Permits, as per Section 28.1 of the Conservation Act(CAA).
- The proposed development is in the lands adjacent to wetlands on the property regulated by the NBMCA.
- A Section 28 Permit has been obtained by the landowner to allow for the construction of the garage.
- The property contains a dwelling serviced by septic. The proposed garage does not appear to encroach on the existing system.
- The subject lands are located within an area of Highly Vulnerable Aquifers and partially located within a Significant Groundwater recharge Area and Intake Protection Zone 3 and Issue Contributing Area
- The NBMCA is satisfied that the application is consistent with the policies as set out in Section 5.2 of the PPS and under the CAA.

##### Resolution 2026-07 (COA)

Claire Riley and Chris Frappier: Be it resolved that the Minor Variance application from Chad Poitras requesting permission to rebuild a garage over the maximum size by 400 sq. ft., located at, 1061 Hills

Siding Road, Con. 17 Part Lot 3, RP36R7576 Part 1, Pcl. 27168, Township of Chisholm, District of Nipissing, be approved for the following reasons and subject to the following conditions:

There are four tests a minor variance must meet under Section 45(1) of the Planning Act:

- 1) Is the application minor? The variance is minor in nature.
- 2) Is the application desirable for the appropriate development of the lands in question? The proposed garage is accessory to the primary residential use.
- 3) Does the application conform to the general intent of the Zoning By-law? The general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law are maintained given the nature of the development on the property.
- 4) Does the application conform to the general intent of the Official Plan? The general intent and purpose of the Official Plan are maintained given the nature of the development on the property.

**Notes**

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- The NBMCA is satisfied that the application is consistent with the policies as set out in Section 5.2 of the PPS and under the CAA.

**'Carried'**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution 2026-08 (COA)**

Chris Frappier and Don Butterworth: Be it resolved that this meeting now adjourn.

**'Carried'**

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Chairperson, Gail Degagne

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Admin Assistant, Jessica Laberge

District of Nipissing Social Services  
Administration Board

# 2025 Annual Report

Healthy,  
Sustainable  
Communities.

District of Nipissing  
Social Services  
Administration Board



Conseil d'administration  
des services sociaux  
du district de Nipissing



## Message from the Chair

On behalf of the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB), I am pleased to present its 2025 Annual Report. This report reflects a year of sustained service demand and continued system pressures across the Nipissing District, requiring careful governance and clear direction from the Board.

Throughout 2025, DNSSAB carried out its legislated responsibilities as service system manager for housing and homelessness, Ontario Works, children's services, and paramedic services. Board oversight and decision-making were informed by ongoing challenges related to housing instability, homelessness, food insecurity, and access to care.

In response, DNSSAB supported coordinated planning efforts, district-wide seasonal and cold weather response initiatives, data-driven approaches, and collaborative efforts to improve access to services.

Advocacy remained an important component of the Board's work. The Board continued to work with municipal, provincial, and federal partners to address service pressures across the District, particularly in northern and rural communities. DNSSAB is grateful for federal and provincial investments, which have supported progress in responding to local needs across the District.

This Annual Report reflects DNSSAB's commitment to accountability and transparency. I thank my fellow Board members, DNSSAB staff, municipal partners, and community partners for their leadership, professionalism, and dedication to the delivery of essential services across the Nipissing District.

**Mark King**

*DNSSAB Chair, 2025*

# About Us

DNSSAB supports individuals and families in the District of Nipissing to improve their lives and achieve self-sufficiency.

It manages essential social services, including child care and EarlyON programs, community housing, homelessness prevention, and Ontario Works, as well as health services through the land ambulance service, including community paramedicine.

## Mission

Support accessible human services in Nipissing District.

## Vision

Healthy, Sustainable Communities.

## Values

- Putting People First
- Pro-Active
- Collaboration
- Empowerment
- Innovation
- Inclusion and Diversity

## Our Team

**271** DNSSAB staff 

**20** staff celebrated years of service milestones (5-35 years!) 

## Service Area

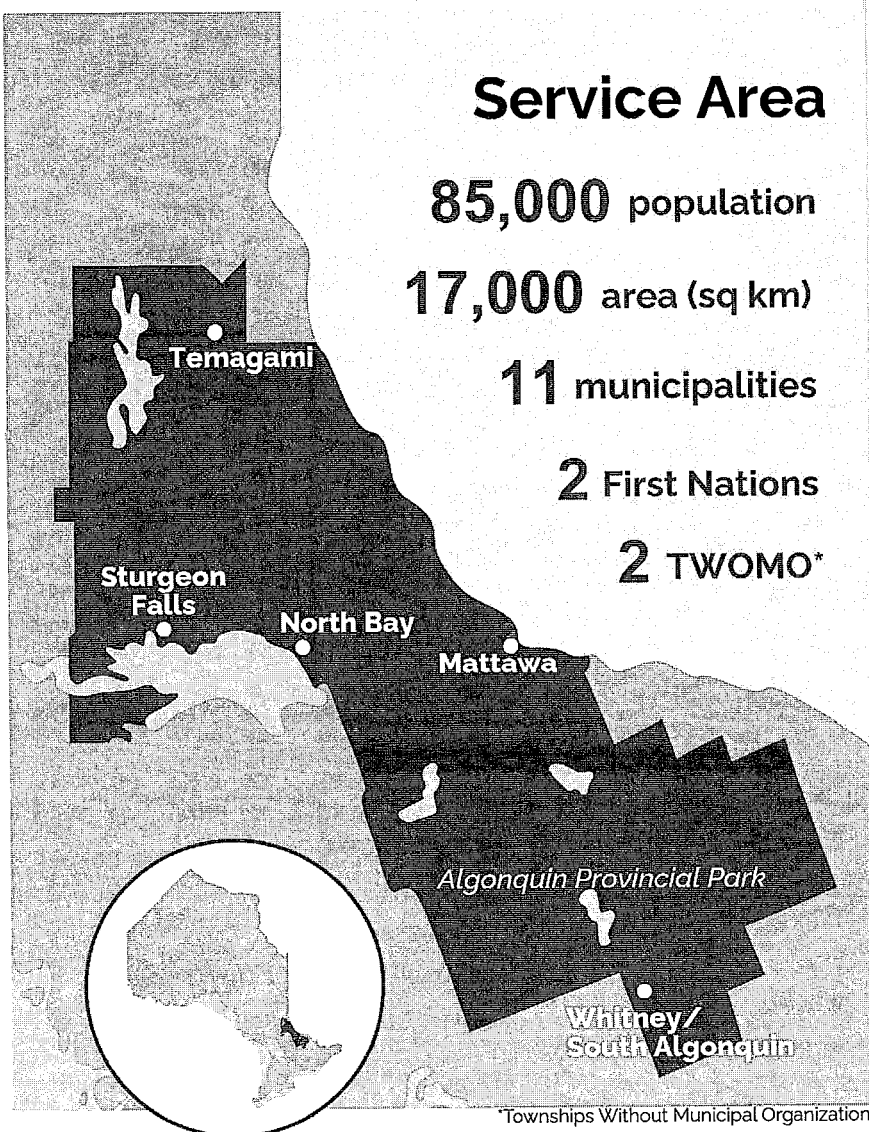
**85,000** population

**17,000** area (sq km)

**11** municipalities

**2** First Nations

**2** TWOMO\*



# Our District

The District of Nipissing includes 11 municipalities and two Townships Without Municipal Organization (TWOMO).



Township of Bonfield



Municipality of Calvin



Township of Chisholm



Township of East Ferris



Municipality of Mattawan



Town of Mattawa



City of North Bay



Municipality of Papineau-Cameron



Township of South Algonquin



Municipality of Temagami



Municipality of West Nipissing



TWOMO (Nipissing North and Nipissing South)

## Did You Know

DSSABs are governed by the DSSAB Act and were established by the Province in 1999 in areas of Northern Ontario where there is no existing municipal government with legal jurisdiction to act as a service system manager.

As a province-established agency, DNSSAB delivers human services in the Nipissing District on behalf of its municipalities and the Province of Ontario. These services include:

- Children's Services
- Paramedic Services
- Ontario Works Financial Assistance and Supports
- Housing and Homelessness Supports and Services

# Our Board

**Mark King**, Chair  
Councillor, North Bay

**Lana Mitchell**, Vice Chair  
Councillor, North Bay

**Amanda Smith**  
Representative, TWOMO,  
Nipissing North and South

**Chris Mayne**  
Councillor, North Bay

**Dan O'Mara**  
Mayor, Temagami

**Ethel LaValley**  
Mayor, South Algonquin

**Jamie Restoule**  
Deputy Mayor, West Nipissing

**Justine Mallah**  
Councillor, North Bay

**Maggie Horsfield**  
Deputy Mayor, North Bay

**Mélanie Chenier**  
Councillor, Papineau-Cameron

**Peter Chirico**  
Mayor, North Bay

**Terry Kelly**  
Deputy Mayor, East Ferris

## Board Advocacy

The DNSSAB is committed to ongoing advocacy to address the District's service needs through engagement with government decision-makers and collaboration with district partners.

## 2025 Highlights

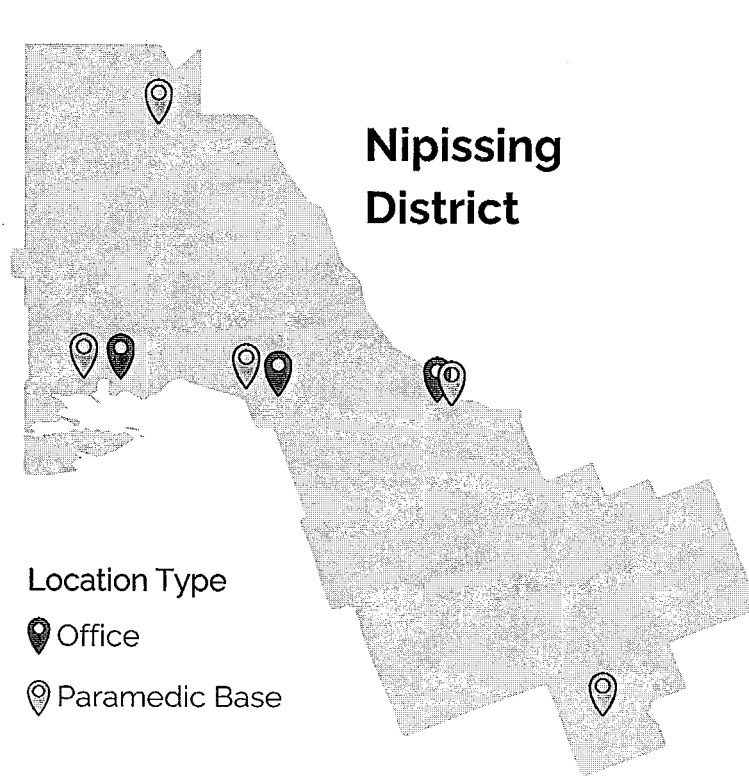
- Affordable housing capital funding for shovel-ready projects
- Affordable housing capital funding for the Additional Dwelling Unit Program
- Community housing safety and crime prevention
- Food insecurity and Ontario Works rates
- Mental health training for paramedics
- Primary health care for long-term Ontario Works recipients

# Land Acknowledgement

The District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB) acknowledges we are located on the Robinson-Huron Treaty of 1850 Territory, which is representative of the people of Nipissing First Nation and Temagami First Nation as well as the unceded Territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabeg people, who have been here since time immemorial.

We understand that the standard of living we enjoy here is a result of thousands of years of stewardship by the original inhabitants and the inequitable taking of the land from them. We acknowledge that in order to have reconciliation, we must first understand truth; the DNSSAB commits to move forward in an effort to achieve both.

## Our Locations



**Nipissing District**

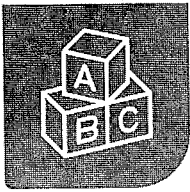
Location Type

- Office
- Paramedic Base

- Temagami Paramedic Base**  
7 Stevens Road, Temagami
- West Nipissing Paramedic Base**  
94 King Street, Sturgeon Falls
- West Nipissing Office**  
168 Ethel Street, Sturgeon Falls
- North Bay Paramedic Base**  
1715 Seymour Street, North Bay
- North Bay Office**  
200 McIntyre Street E, North Bay
- Mattawa Office**  
540 Valois Drive, Mattawa
- Mattawa Paramedic Base**  
217 Turcotte Park Road, Mattawa
- South Algonquin Paramedic Base**  
31 Hay Creek Road, Whitney

# Our Programs

## Child Care and Early Years

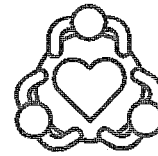


DNSSAB's Children's Services department is designated as the District's 'Early Years and Child Care Service System Manager' under provincial legislation and plays a crucial

role in promoting healthy child development and quality early learning experiences. This includes ensuring the provision of quality, affordable, inclusive, responsive, and accessible early years and licensed child care options for families across the Nipissing District.

### Program Highlights:

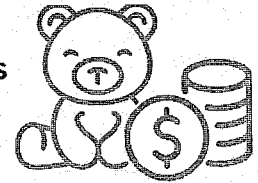
- Created 57 new licensed child care spaces through the Local Growth Plan, including 15 spaces in the rural community of Redbridge, which previously had no access to full-day licensed child care
- Transitioned to direct delivery of Quality and Inclusion Support Services successfully, with guidance from a dedicated transition committee established to manage the change process
- Implemented the CWELCC cost-based funding formula, representing a significant system-wide initiative requiring substantial planning and coordination
- Strengthened departmental efficiencies by leveraging technology to enhance financial management and data processes



**189**  
children (unique)  
served by Special  
Needs Resourcing

**997** children (unique)

receiving  
fee subsidies  
supporting

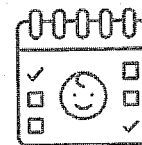


**675** families (unique)

**1,827**



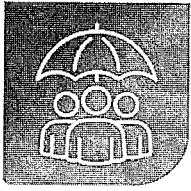
children (unique)  
served in EarlyON programs



**19,763**  
EarlyON child visits



# Coordinated Services



Coordinated Services brings together housing, homelessness, and Ontario Works to strengthen coordination across programs that support individuals and families in need. Through funding,

administration, and coordinated service delivery, it improves access to programs and services, reduces barriers, and advances stability support through aligned planning and partnerships.

## Program Impact

### Navigator-Supported Transition

A Navigator supported a client experiencing homelessness and multiple barriers (mental health, physical limitations, transportation, lack of medical care). Through coordinated referrals with multiple partners, the client moved from a rural encampment to emergency shelter (with pets), then into stable housing with landlord advocacy, and later into alternative accommodations when housing instability occurred again. By January 2026, the client was safely housed, connected to health care and income supports, and showing increased stability and engagement.

### Family Stabilization

A family of four staying in shelter was supported through collaborative assistance from Crisis Centre North Bay and Low Income People Involvement's trusteeship program funded by the Homelessness Prevention (HPP) program. The family secured housing and saved \$8,000 to fund their move without needing additional HPP funds.

## Client Voice: Impact in Action

““ When I arrived at Northern Pines I had spent most of my life struggling with addiction and homelessness. Growing up without stable support left me in a cycle of survival; couch-surfing, theft, overdosing, and constantly ending up in shelters or jail. One day at a bus stop, I realized I wanted more for myself; and to honour the love my grandparents always had for me.

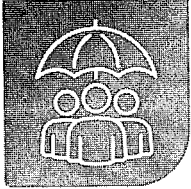
I decided to take accountability, seek treatment, and give myself the care I deserved. After 8 months in treatment, I found Northern Pines. Since then, I've re-enrolled in high school, graduated as valedictorian, found a job, and even adopted a dog. I was so proud of how far I'd come that I invited my housing coordinator to my graduation - a testament to the genuine relationships and support I have found at Northern Pines.

My journey isn't over, but with the tools I've learned through on-site programming, connections to community supports, anger management, and the incredible staff at Northern Pines, I finally feel hopeful about my future. ””

— Northern Pines 3 Tenant

# Coordinated Services

## Homelessness Prevention and Supports



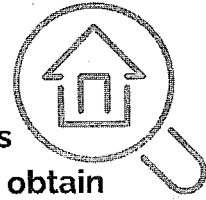
DNSSAB funds and administers homelessness programs across the Nipissing District and throughout multiple levels of the housing continuum, working in partnership

with community service providers to prevent housing loss, respond to housing crises, and support pathways toward stability. Through homelessness prevention, emergency shelter, and transitional and supportive housing programs, it addresses housing instability and supports individuals in achieving stable housing.

### Program Highlights:

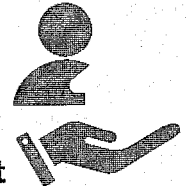
- Led and oversaw Nipissing Counts 2025, a district-wide administrative enumeration of homelessness, identifying 452 individuals experiencing homelessness and providing critical data to support system planning and advocacy efforts
- Planned and implemented an enhanced emergency and cold-weather homelessness response for winter 2025/26, maintaining DNSSAB-funded response capacity through coordinated system planning, funding decisions, and collaboration with community partners

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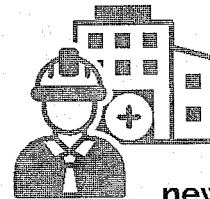


households assisted to obtain or sustain housing via the Homelessness Prevention Program, with

**\$206K**



in DNSSAB client benefits provided



**69**

new housing units added

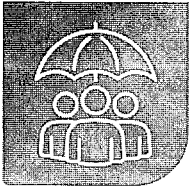
**8**



organizations that Navigators visit or where DNSSAB has space agreements in place to support client outreach

# Coordinated Services

## Housing Programs and Supports



DNSSAB funds and administers a range of housing programs across the Nipissing District, supporting multiple levels of the housing continuum. Through partnerships with local housing providers and

community organizations, it supports access to safe, affordable housing through rent subsidies and homeowner programs that enhance housing supply, safety, and affordability.

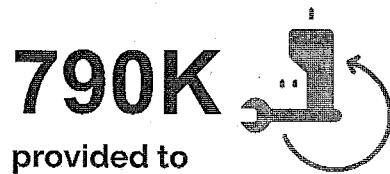
### Program Highlights:

- Launched Arcori for rent-geared-to-income (RGI) and market housing waitlist management to improve efficiency, data collection, and system reliability
- Transitioned to a paperless waitlist system, with all housing files digitized
- Issued a Request for Expression of Interest for affordable housing development projects and received multiple submissions ranging from conceptual to shovel-ready status
- Opened the Canadore College and DNSSAB intergenerational cohabitation housing project in downtown North Bay, adding 61 two-bedroom units, with tenants selected through the DNSSAB waitlist and Coordinated Access prioritization



# 9.1M

in subsidies provided to community housing providers



# 790K

provided to community housing providers for capital repairs/retrofits



# 1.2M

provided in rent subsidies



# 136

households housed from RGI and market waitlists

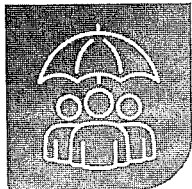


# 261

households supported with rental subsidies throughout the District

# Coordinated Services

## Ontario Works



DNSSAB provides temporary financial assistance to individuals and families to help meet basic needs. Through community partnerships, Ontario Works supports access to individualized services

and focuses on stabilization, helping people work toward greater independence.

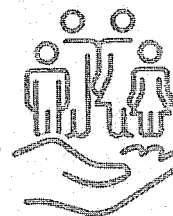
### Program Highlights:

- Transitioned Nipissing Ontario Works to the Province's Integrated Employment Services model effective March 1, 2025, shifting the delivery of employment services from social assistance to Employment Ontario as part of the Province's final Phase 3 rollout
- Completed a program shift following the Integrated Employment Services transition, refocusing Ontario Works on enhanced stabilization supports to better meet the needs of individuals and families receiving income assistance
- Supported the transition to the Integrated Employment Services model through significant change management, including staff training, workflow redesign, communication planning, use of technology, and ongoing support throughout the transition to maintain service continuity
- Renewed partnership with Canadore College through the Resilience Through Education Program, supporting Ontario Works clients in accessing post-secondary education and longer-term pathways toward independence

**1,950**



average annual caseload



**2,949**

annual average number of beneficiaries

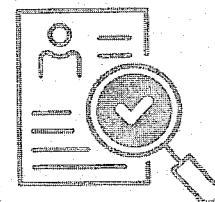


**32,771**

payments issued

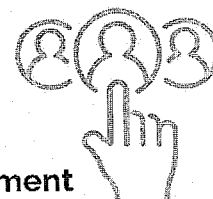
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ODSP grants issued with assistance from Case Managers

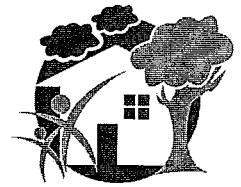


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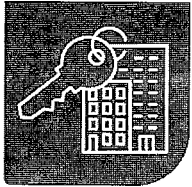
exits to employment



# Nipissing District Housing Corporation



Nipissing District Housing Corporation  
Société de logement du district de Nipissing



The Nipissing District Housing Corporation (NDHC) is a part of DNSSAB. NDHC manages 918 rent-g geared-to-income and market rental units across the District of Nipissing.

It provides safe and affordable housing for people who need it most and helps support healthy, secure communities for its tenants. As the sole shareholder, DNSSAB funds the upkeep of housing units and oversees NDHC's operations.

## Program Highlights:

- Delivered a major multi-year upgrade project at Mackay Homes, including new heating, electrical, and insulation systems, reducing the carbon footprint by about 50% while improving tenant comfort and reliability
- Completed 77 move-outs, ensuring units were prepared efficiently for new tenants
- Strengthened tenant stability and well-being at Golden Age Towers through coordinated on-site supports, helping multiple tenants access primary health care, improve health outcomes, connect to dental services, safely manage essential utilities, and reduce barriers to food access



**Chris Mayne**

*NDHC Board Chair, 2025*

Under Chair Mayne's leadership, NDHC continues to provide safe and affordable housing across the Nipissing District.

**106**



**new tenants housed**

**918**



**units managed across  
Nipissing District**

**364**

**after-hours calls**



**1,074**

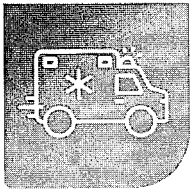
**tenant advocacy visits**



**4,345**

**worker orders completed**

# Paramedic Services



DNSSAB delivers essential Paramedic Services throughout the District of Nipissing. Its Paramedic Services department provides critical pre-hospital care and community support,

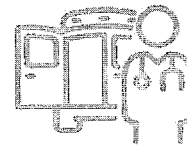
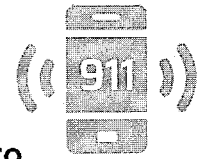
responding to emergency 911 calls as well as offering its Community Paramedicine Program.

## Program Highlights:

- Dedicated Community Paramedic resources to support the Low-Barrier Shelter, with weekday Community Paramedic presence providing access to health care for shelter users and residents of transitional housing
- Expanded the Community Paramedicine Program to include a Nurse Practitioner, increasing access to primary care supports for aging residents across the District
- Implemented mechanical cardiopulmonary resuscitation equipment to enhance life-saving response capabilities and improve patient outcomes during cardiac emergencies
- Collaborated with Housing Services, community partners, and the Nipissing Wellness Ontario Health Team to distribute food security and health care kits to individuals experiencing homelessness and food insecurity, strengthening coordinated supports for vulnerable populations

# 18,954

ambulance  
emergency 911  
calls responded to

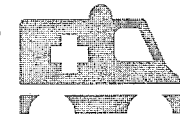


# 246

cardiac arrest  
or post-arrest  
incidents responded to

# 626,241 km

total distance  
travelled in 2025 -  
over 15.5 trips  
around the world!

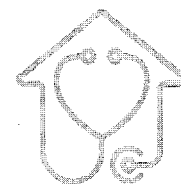


# 204

individual community  
paramedicine clinics  
conducted

# 1,994

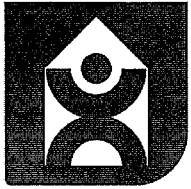
community  
paramedicine  
home visits  
serving



# 657

 unique patients

# Corporate Services



DNSSAB's Corporate Services department supports the effective day-to-day operation of the organization. The team oversees key functions such as finance, information technology, human resources procurement and contract management, and research, planning, and analytics. By supporting internal operations, fiscal responsibility, and data-informed decision-making, Corporate Services helps ensure DNSSAB departments can deliver services efficiently across the District.

## Department Highlights:

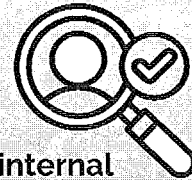
- Advanced the Board's and community understanding of housing, homelessness, and community safety through three research and analytics projects
- Launched a new social media presence as part of its one-year Social Media Strategy Pilot, expanding DNSSAB's digital reach and testing new ways to share information with the District
- Advanced implementation of the Strategic Plan, with 53% of action items completed by year-end
- Launched Waitwell for the Ontario Works team, delivering a transparent intake experience for clients, and improving data quality and reporting for evidence-based planning

**198**



career opportunities shared

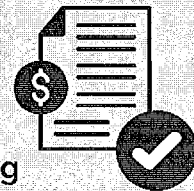
**143**



successful applicants (internal movement and external hires)

**7,537**

invoices processed by Finance, paying



**706** unique vendors



**1,259**

helpdesk tickets submitted

## Communications

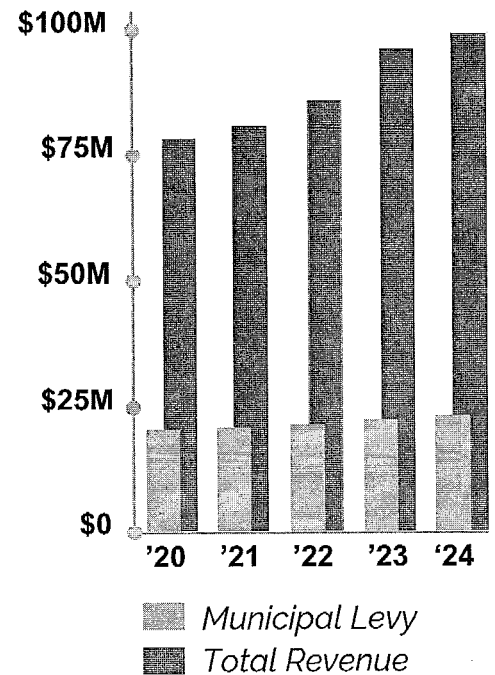
- **3** DNSSAB social media pages
- **21** media releases issued
- **106** DNSSAB media headlines
- **253,983** website page views
- **296,889** Facebook content views

# Financials

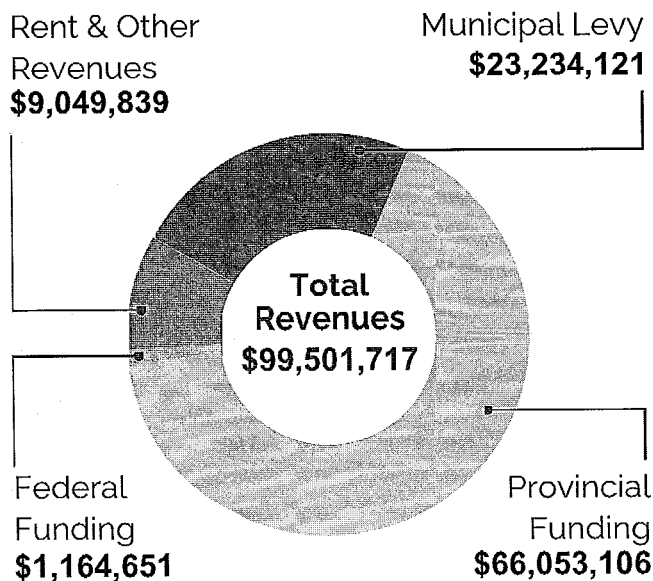
## Balance Sheet

	2025	2024
Cash	-	32,610,304
Portfolio investments	-	6,931,987
Accounts receivable	-	3,483,546
<b>Total Financial Assets</b>	-	<b>43,025,837</b>
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	-	13,475,706
Deferred revenue - other	-	2,403,374
Deferred contributions - long-term	-	4,379,318
Long-term Debt	-	1,470,161
Asset retirement obligations	-	14,106,751
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	-	<b>35,835,310</b>
<b>Net Financial Assets (Debt)</b>	-	<b>7,190,527</b>
<b>Non-Financial Assets</b>	-	<b>37,898,656</b>
<b>Accumulated Surplus</b>	-	<b>45,089,183</b>

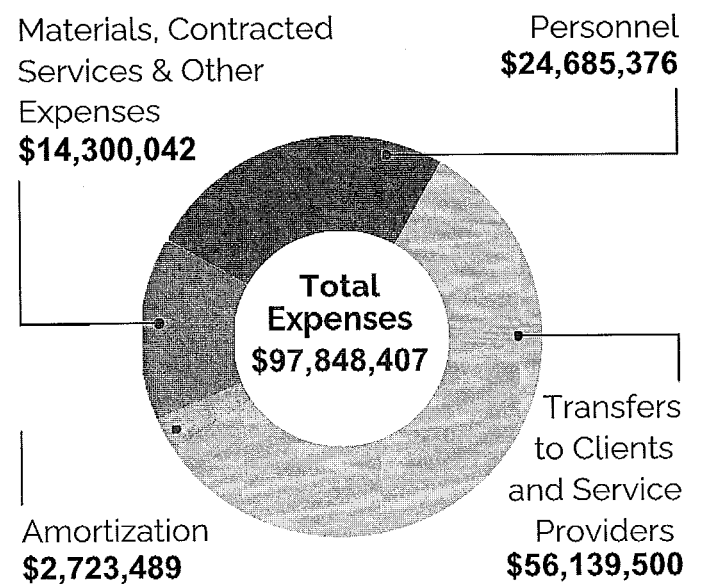
## Municipal Levy vs Total Revenue by Year



## Total Revenues 2024



## Total Expenses 2024



2025 financial information will be added to this report once the audited financial statements are completed.

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Social Services  
Administration Board



Conseil d'administration  
des services sociaux  
du district de Nipissing



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## Jessica Laberge

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**From:** FONOM Office/ Bureau de FONOM <fonom.info@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2026 4:30 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Letter from the Ontario Minister of Transportation and the Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth  
**Attachments:** 774-2026-131.pdf

Good afternoon,

I am writing to share a copy of a letter sent today by Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria and George Pirie to Steven MacKinnon regarding the continued widening and improvement of Highways 11 and 17.

In their correspondence, the Ministers highlight the critical importance of these highways as part of the Trans-Canada network, emphasizing their role in supporting national supply chains, economic competitiveness, and emerging opportunities tied to resource development in Northern Ontario. The letter also underscores the growing importance of this corridor to national security and defence readiness.

Importantly, the Province is requesting federal partnership to help accelerate progress, including investment support and a commitment to streamline any duplicative federal review processes that could delay construction.

This aligns closely with FONOM's long-standing advocacy that improvements to Highways 11 and 17 are not only a regional priority but also a matter of national significance—particularly in terms of safety, reliability, and economic resilience.

We wanted to share this letter with you as it represents a continued and strengthening message from the Province to the federal government on an issue that remains a top priority for our membership.

As always, we encourage member municipalities to continue reinforcing this message through your own advocacy efforts.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or would like to discuss further.

Best regards,  
Mac

Talk soon, Mac.

Mac Bain  
Executive Director  
The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities  
665 Oak Street East, Unit 306

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774-2026-131

April 20, 2026

The Honourable Steven MacKinnon  
Minister of Transport  
[TC.MinisterofTransport-MinistredesTransports.TC@tc.gc.ca](mailto:TC.MinisterofTransport-MinistredesTransports.TC@tc.gc.ca)

Dear Minister MacKinnon,

We are writing to request federal support to accelerate the continued widening of Highways 11 and 17, including federal investment and a commitment to eliminating any duplicative federal review processes that could delay construction.

Highways 11 and 17 are critical transportation corridors and key parts of the Trans-Canada network. By connecting Northern Ontario to the rest of Canada, they play an essential role in building a more competitive, resilient and self-reliant national economy and country.

These highways are vital to moving goods across Canada. Together, they carry 2,000 trucks each day and transport more than \$125 million in goods. As Ontario builds and strengthens trade corridors, they continue to play an important role in this work. They will also help unlock Northern Ontario's full economic potential, including the development and transport of critical minerals and other natural resources the world needs. Reliable and efficient highway capacity is essential to ensure our resources reach markets and to support Ontario's and Canada's competitiveness.

We recognize the federal government's commitment to increasing defence spending and strengthening national security. In the current geopolitical environment, Ontario will continue to punch above its weight when it comes to contributing to Canada's defence industry, and our infrastructure is no exception. Highways 11 and 17 serve as critical infrastructure for economic security, domestic supply chains and defence readiness. As a key east-west corridor through Northern Ontario, they help ensure that military personnel, equipment and essential goods move safely and efficiently across the country.

Ontario has made significant progress along this corridor through four-lane expansion, roadway widening and the launch of North America's first 2+1 highway pilot in the North. However, given the scale and national significance of this corridor, federal support for the continued widening of these highways is more important than ever to ensure this corridor meet the demands of an increasingly competitive economy and an evolving security landscape.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further.

Sincerely,



The Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria  
Ontario Minister of Transportation



The Honourable George Pirie  
Ontario Minister of Northern Economic  
Development and Growth

c: The Honourable David J. McGuinty  
Minister of National Defence

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Ontario

234-2026-1390

April 22, 2026

Dear Head of Council:

I am writing to update you on amendments to Ontario Regulation 584/06 under the *Municipal Act, 2001* (MA) and O. Reg 595/06 of the *City of Toronto Act, 2006* (COTA) that were filed on April 17, 2026. These changes come into force on July 16, 2026.

As you know, since spring 2024 the province has encouraged municipalities designing stormwater fees and charges to ensure that there are no unintended consequences that would disproportionately impact farmers and greenhouse operators.

In the province's 2025 Fall Economic Statement, our government stressed the importance of the agri-food sector and that protecting Ontario's local agriculture and food industry is essential to ensuring a strong, self-sufficient food supply chain.

Agricultural properties generally have invested in their own stormwater-mitigating measures and have large areas of green space that contribute significantly to stormwater runoff management.

In this respect, the province is making changes to remove the authority for municipalities to impose stormwater fees and charges on portions of properties that are classified in the farm or managed forests property class, if they are not connected to a municipal storm sewer.

As we continue to work together to build up our communities, I look forward to our continued collaboration in investing in key infrastructure projects while making life more affordable for members of the agri-food sector and supporting the viability of their operations. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert J. Flack".

Hon. Robert J. Flack  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

- c. Municipal Chief Administrative Officer and/or Treasurer  
Hon. Trevor Jones, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness  
Robert Dodd, Chief of Staff to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Ryan Puviraj, Chief of Staff to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness  
Martha Greenberg, Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Laurie Miller, Assistant Deputy Minister, Local Government Division,  
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April 22, 2026

TO: Stakeholder Distribution List

RE: Requirements for waste disposal site service area and fill rate changes

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Earlier this week, I wrote to you about proposed amendments to the *Environmental Assessment Act* (EAA) as part of ongoing efforts to modernize the environmental assessment (EA) program.

Today, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks posted a new proposal on the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) for public comment and invites your feedback.

Ontario is proposing changes to requirements for waste disposal sites. These changes would support more efficient use of existing waste disposal capacity and provide communities with more options to meet their waste disposal needs while maintaining strong environmental protection.

The proposal would allow operators more flexibility to change the area where the waste comes from (the service area) and to change the rate at which they can accept it (the fill rate).

The ministry would continue to review these changes through the Environmental Compliance Approval amendment process, which is expected to reduce the time it takes to make these types of changes.

This proposal would not allow landfill expansions beyond a site's approved size, nor would it change the types of waste a site is authorized to receive. These types of changes would continue to require separate approvals under existing legislation.

More information is available [here](#), and input is being accepted until **June 8, 2026**.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at [EAModernization.MECP@ontario.ca](mailto:EAModernization.MECP@ontario.ca). Any comments on the proposal can be submitted through the ERO posting via the link above, or by email to us.

We are committed to keeping you apprised about EA modernization and working with you to build a strong EA program for Ontario. We value your perspectives on the EA program and look forward to your further participation. More information on our other efforts to modernize the EA program can also be found [here](#).

Sincerely,



Annamaria Cross  
Director, Environmental Assessment Modernization Branch  
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

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April 20, 2026

TO: Stakeholder Distribution List

RE: Proposed *Environmental Assessment Act* (EAA) amendments to improve the comprehensive environmental assessment (EA) process

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Today, Ontario introduced the *Protecting Ontario's Workers and Economic Resilience Act, 2026* (**POWER Act**) in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario. If made, the changes would support a more efficient comprehensive EA process and make it easier to navigate by removing certain steps while maintaining strong environmental protections and other consultation opportunities.

The proposed legislation would, if passed, amend the *Environmental Assessment Act* (EAA) to make three key changes to the comprehensive EA process:

- Remove the requirement to publish and consult on a Ministry Review
- Remove the opportunity for the public to request a hearing before the Ontario Land Tribunal (Tribunal) while maintaining the Minister's authority to refer an application or matter related to an application to the Tribunal for a hearing and decision on their own initiative
- Remove the requirement for Cabinet approval of the Minister's decision, while providing the Minister discretion to refer an application to Cabinet for a decision

In addition, we also proposed minor updates to improve clarity and flexibility in the EAA.

If the proposed EAA amendments are made, the regulation that sets out deadlines for certain steps in the comprehensive EA process (Ontario Regulation 616/98 (Deadlines)) would be adjusted to align with the changes.

The proposal has been posted on the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) for public comment. More information is available [here](#). Input is being accepted until **May 20, 2026**.

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Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

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**Sent:** Monday, April 13, 2026 3:08 PM  
**To:** Brennain Lloyd  
**Subject:** Transportation of High-Level Radioactive Waste on Our Highways - Second Comment Period in Federal Review of NWMO Project Closes May 10  
**Attachments:** NE-municipalities-April2026.pdf

### PDF VERSION ATTACHED

Date: April 13, 2026

To: Municipalities of Northeastern Ontario

From: Brennain Lloyd, Northwatch

Re: **Transportation of High-Level Radioactive Waste on Our Highways  
Second Comment Period in Federal Review of NWMO Project Closes May 10**

In early January we wrote to you about the federal review of the Nuclear Waste Management Organization's plan to transport, process, bury and eventually abandon all of Canada's high-level nuclear waste in northwestern Ontario, letting you know that the review process and the first comment period had been launched.

Several municipalities contributed to that comment period, registering their concern about the risks that will potentially be imposed on their community and expressing support for a full impact assessment, including a robust review of the transportation of the highly radioactive wastes from the nuclear generating stations in southern Ontario and eastern Canada through central and northeastern Ontario to the NWMO's selected site in the northwest. The comments can be viewed on the public registry [HERE](#).

A second comment period was announced on Friday inviting the public and Indigenous people to make submissions by May 10 on draft [guidelines](#).

The purpose of *Guidelines* is to set out what information the Nuclear Waste Management Organization must provide in their *Impact Statement* and supporting documents, which will form the basis of the impact assessment process and public hearing.

The draft guidelines released on April 10th will require the Nuclear Waste Management Organization to prepare an impact statement including what the Impact Assessment Agency is describing as "detailed description of the project components and activities" but whether the level of detail and scope of the description will be sufficient is the key question during the 30-day comment period.

The public, municipalities and Indigenous people have been loud and clear that transportation must be included in the impact assessment process, and the Agency has delivered - partially. The draft guidelines require the NWMO to describe their transportation plans, but they need more detail built in to ensure that the review is thorough.

### Next Steps

The role and voice of municipalities continue to be important as we move into this second comment period on the *Draft Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines*.

As with the review of the Initial Project Description, a reasonable approach to your municipal review would be to ask whether the draft guidelines include or identify the topics you think are important for this assessment process. For example, do the guidelines require detailed information of project components and their related potential effects or impacts, such as:

- the safety and security of transporting high-level nuclear waste through your region, including road and rail logistics and safety of the containers,
- the risk of radiation exposures and accidental releases connected with nuclear waste transport and transfers, and
- emergency response plans, including during transportation.

We appreciate that municipalities in northern Ontario are dealing with many challenges, and this review process and the NWMO's project more generally adds to your workload. But your voice as local government is important, and your residents rely on you to stand up for their concerns and interests.

Here are three steps you can take as a potentially impacted or concerned municipality:

- Email the Impact Assessment Agency and let them know your municipality wishes to be added to the distribution list for the Impact Assessment of the NWMO's project (Ref. #88774) (email [nuclearwaste-dechetsnucleaires@iaac-aeic.gc.ca](mailto:nuclearwaste-dechetsnucleaires@iaac-aeic.gc.ca))
- Comment on the *Draft Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines* by May 10th; we'll be sharing more analysis in the coming weeks to support you in preparing comments
- Many municipalities have already passed resolutions opposing the transportation and burial of nuclear waste in northwestern Ontario, and we encourage all municipalities to take this step (our updated template is [HERE](#)).

### **What will come next?**

Following the May 10 close of the comment period and over the coming months the Impact Assessment Agency will finalize the *Guidelines* and then issue the final *Guidelines* and a "Notice of Commencement of Impact Assessment", which completes the "planning phase" of the review process. Following that, the NWMO will take 1-3 years to produce their *Impact Statement* and supporting documents, which will then become the basis of the impact assessment, including a public hearing expected to take place in 2028 or 2029.

Please let us know how we can assist you. We would be pleased to provide you with additional information and analysis, either through presentations to Council or more informally. More information is available on our project web page [HERE](#) and on April 16<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting a webinar to share initial analysis; you can register [HERE](#).

*Our Backgrounder on Nuclear Waste Transportation and Burial is [HERE](#)*

*The Draft Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines are [HERE](#) and a summary is [HERE](#)*

*A sample municipal resolution is [HERE](#)*

*You can register for our April 16th webinar [HERE](#)*

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April 2, 2026

**Hon. Sean Fraser**

Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada  
Legislative Building  
284 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0H8

Dear Minister Fraser:

**Re: Notice of Motion, Councillor C. James re: Community Safety and Well-Being Plan**

Please be advised that the Council of the Regional Municipality of Waterloo at their regular meeting held on March 25, 2026, approved the following motion:

**Whereas the Region of Waterloo's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan, developed under the requirements of the Community Safety and Policing Act, identifies systemic racism, hate, and discrimination as critical risk factors impacting community safety, belonging, and well-being;**

**And whereas the display of a noose is widely recognized as a symbol of racial terror, violence, and intimidation, particularly against Black communities, rooted in the history of anti-Black racism;**

**And whereas symbols of hate, when displayed publicly, contribute to fear, trauma, and exclusion, and undermine the Region's commitments to equity, inclusion, and proactive prevention within its Community Safety and Well-Being Plan;**

**And whereas the Government of Canada has introduced Bill C-9 to strengthen tools to address hate-motivated offences, including provisions related to the public display of certain hate symbols;**

**And whereas the current draft of Bill C-9 does not explicitly include the noose as a prohibited symbol, despite its well-**



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**documented use as an instrument of racial intimidation and its direct relevance to community safety and well-being outcomes;**

**And whereas addressing hate symbols through federal legislation complements municipal efforts by strengthening upstream prevention, reducing harm, and supporting safer, more inclusive communities;**

**Therefore be it resolved that:**

- 1. The Regional Municipality of Waterloo formally request that the Government of Canada amend Bill C-9 to explicitly include the noose as a prohibited hate symbol within the legislation;**
- 2. This motion be circulated to all Ontario municipalities, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for endorsement and support as a measure that strengthens community safety and well-being across jurisdictions.**

Please accept this letter for information purposes only. If you have any questions, please contact Councillor C. James, [CJames@regionofwaterloo.ca](mailto:CJames@regionofwaterloo.ca).

Regards,

Michael Oliveri  
Legislative Services Specialist  
Region of Waterloo

cc: All Ontario Municipalities, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)



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Greetings

As Fundraising Chair of the Powassan Agricultural Society, I am pleased to invite you to join with us in making the **2026 Powassan Fall Fair** a continued success. The Fall Fair is a long-standing community tradition that brings families, youth, and local organizations together to celebrate agriculture, entertainment, and community spirit.

We are currently seeking sponsors to help support this much-loved event. **Cash donations are greatly appreciated**, and sponsors also can direct their contribution toward an area they are most passionate about, including:

- Children's activities and youth programming
- The Demolition Derby
- Horse Pulls
- Sponsoring items within our prize books

Your generosity plays a vital role in keeping the Fall Fair accessible, engaging, and memorable for our community. Sponsorship not only supports a treasured local event but also demonstrates your commitment to Powassan and the families who call it home.

On behalf of the Powassan Agricultural Society, thank you for your continued support over the years. We would be honoured to recognize your contribution as part of the 2026 Fall Fair and hope you will consider joining us again this year.

Sincerely,

**Julie Lavigne**

Director, Powassan Agricultural Society  
Fundraising Chair

Secretary-Treasurer Wanda Aultman

Donation  
2025 \$100



## **District of Parry Sound Municipal Association**

*c/o Township of McKellar, 701 Hwy 124 McKellar, ON P0G 1C0*

**President:** Lynda Carleton      **Secretary-Treasurer:** Karlee Britton

### **Spring 2026 Agenda – 172<sup>nd</sup> Meeting – Friday, May 29, 2026**

**Hosted by the Town of Kearney**

**Kearney Community Centre; 8 Main Street, Kearney, ON P0A 0B1**

- 8:15-9:00**      Registration / Coffee sponsored by **AL G. Brown & Associates**
- 9:00-9:30**      Singing of O Canada  
Acknowledgement of the Passing of Township of the Archipelago Councillor, Tom Lundy  
Introduction of the Head Table  
Welcome and Opening Remarks – **Cheryl Philip**, Town of Kearney  
Town of Kearney Land Acknowledgement  
Greetings from Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP, **Graydon Smith**  
Greetings from Parry Sound-Muskoka MP, **Scott Aitchison**  
FONOM Update presented by **Lynda Carleton**  
ROMA Update presented by ROMA Zone 9 Director, **Mark Wilson**
- 9:30-10:15**      **Road Assumption - Stay in Your Lane** *presented by Jaden Hodgins, P. Eng. Roads Specialist from Intact Public Entities*
- 10:15-10:35**      **Care on the Move: What's New in Community Paramedicine** *presented by Tom Smith, Community Paramedicine Superintendent*
- 10:35-10:50**      Coffee break sponsored by **MuniSoft ... Municipal Software & More!**
- 10:50-11:10**      **Ready When It Matters: Emergency Management in Action** *presented by Diane Ploss, Field Officer, Emergency Management Ontario*
- 11:10-11:30**      **Dollars & Decisions: Making Municipal Budgets Work** *presented by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing*
- 11:30-12:00**      **Destination District of Parry Sound! Growing Tourism in Our Backyard** *presented by James Murphy, CEO, Explorers' Edge*
- 12:00-1:00**      **Lunch** will be served by Colleen Comer and will feature a delicious variety of lasagna, fresh Caesar salad, warm garlic toast, and an assortment of desserts.
- 1:00-2:00**      **The Path Forward: DSSAB's Approach to Housing Loss Prevention and Encampments** *presented by Tammy MacKenzie, CAO and Jeff Degagne, Director of Income Support and Stability, District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board*
- 2:00**      **Resolutions / Business Meeting**  
- Adoption of the Minutes of the Fall 2025 Meeting  
- Treasurer's Report August 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025  
- Minutes of the November 27, 2025 Executive Meeting  
  
Draw for Mystery Door Prize: Must be present to claim!  
**Host and Date of Next Meeting:** Friday, September 25, 2026, *hosted by the Township of Carling*  
  
Adjournment



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**DPSMA 2026 Spring Meeting**

The Spring Meeting of the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association will be held on **Friday, May 29, 2026** hosted by the Town of Kearney. The location of the meeting is at the **Kearney Community Centre**, 8 Main St, Kearney, ON P0A 0B1.

**Registration/coffee begins at 8:15 am with the Meeting starting at 9:00 am.**

The cost is **\$50.00** per person and includes lunch and refreshment breaks. Please notify if a vegan, vegetarian or other dietary restriction option is needed.

\_\_\_\_\_ will be sending (Name of Municipality/Organization)

\_\_\_\_\_ delegates @ \$50.00 each, for a total of \_\_\_\_\_.

The following delegates will be attending:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Please confirm attendance on or by Friday, May 15, 2026**, so that catering arrangements can be finalized.

**Registration can be made by:**

Email: [clerk@mckellar.ca](mailto:clerk@mckellar.ca) | Fax: 705-389-1244 | Phone: 705-389-2842 x4  
By mail: 701 Highway 124 P.O. Box 69 McKellar, ON P0G 1C0

**Payment to follow registration.**

**Cheques** - please send cheques in the mail or bring to the event; payable to 'District of Parry Sound Municipal Association'

**EFT** - \*new\* please email Karlee your organization's vendor form to arrange payment

**Payment is expected for all delegates registered, regardless of whether they attend, as meal payment is based on the registration.**

## Jessica Laberge

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**From:** Deputy Clerk <DeputyClerk@calvintownship.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 17, 2026 8:58 AM  
**To:** 'Karen.mcisaac@cityofnorthbay.ca'; Mike Purcell (mpurcell@callander.ca); municipality@eastfarris.ca; Bonfield; Jessica Laberge; Charles Barton (admin@nipissingtownship.com); clerk@powassan.net; Amy Leclerc; Jason McMartin (clerk@papineaucameron.ca); Debbie Miller - Mun of Mattawan (admin@mattawan.ca)  
**Cc:** nbmca@nbmca.ca  
**Subject:** City of North Bay to Purchase Escarpment Lands from Conservation Authority  
**Attachments:** image04-15-2026-160220.pdf

Good morning,

Please see attached The Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin's Resolution number 2026-145 passed at a Regular Council Meeting on April 14, 2026 calling on transparency from the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority on the sale of assets.

Thank you,

Trish Araujo  
Deputy Clerk  
Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin  
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# Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin Council Resolution

**Date:** April 15, 2026

## **City of North Bay to Purchase Escarpment Lands from Conservation Authority**

**Resolution Number:** 2026-145


**Moved By:** Mayor Gould

**Seconded By:** Councillor Manson

WHEREAS the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin has received and discussed Mayor Gould's report regarding the City of North Bay's purchase of Escarpment Lands;  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin requests full consultation and transparency from the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority (NBMCA) with all member municipalities regarding the sale of assets, and further requests that a formal asset management plan, including details on future asset sales, be shared with all member municipalities;  
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of the report and resolution be forwarded to all member municipalities of the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority, as well as to the North Bay Conservation Authority.

**Result: Carried**

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of  
Resolution No. 2026-145 passed by the Council of  
The Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin  
on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.

  
Trish Araujo  
Deputy Clerk

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**From:** Paula Loranger <Paula.Loranger@nbmca.ca>  
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**Subject:** Media Release: City of North Bay to Purchase Escarpment Lands from Conservation Authority

**Joint media release between the City of North Bay and North Bay-Mattawa  
Conservation Authority**



**City of North Bay to Purchase Escarpment Lands from Conservation Authority**

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The purchase includes approximately 50 hectares of land, including Laurentian Ski Hill and the Interpretive Centre building, which houses the Conservation Authority's offices.

Full media release attached.

Paula Loranger  
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**North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority**  
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## News Release

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"This agreement provides certainty and long-term stability for the future use of the lands and represents an important investment by the City of North Bay in protecting a regional asset," said Mayor Peter Chirico. "These lands will remain publicly accessible, providing ongoing opportunities for recreation and tourism for area residents and visitors."

NBMCA will remain on-site as a tenant, keeping all programs, services, and staffing in place with no changes for the public or member municipalities.

"This agreement allows NBMCA to continue its important conservation and environmental work on-site without interruption, while focusing resources on our core programs and services," said Lana Mitchell, Chair of the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority. "Working in partnership with the City ensures the land remains protected, accessible, and beneficial for all local communities."

The Laurentian Ski Hill and Snowboard Club will continue operations under a new operating and lease agreement to be negotiated with the City; and the trail network will remain part of the Laurentian Escarpment Community Trails Conservation Area with no changes to availability or public access.

"The City and NBMCA have a shared commitment to conservation, recreation, and community well-being, and are focused on a smooth transition and continued stewardship of the site," said Mayor Chirico.

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## **Mayor's Report to Council: Sale of North Bay Mattawa Conservation Assets**

**April 09, 2026**

### **Purpose of Report**

This report outlines concerns regarding the recent sale of the Laurentian Escarpment property by the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority (NBMCA), the potential implications of this decision, and the lack of consultation with member municipalities. Additionally, the report addresses concerns about the future of regional assets and calls for improved consultation and transparency in the management and sale of NBMCA's assets.

### **1. Sale of the Laurentian Escarpment Property – Lack of Consultation with Member Municipalities**

The recent sale of the Laurentian Ski Hill property, including the surrounding 50 hectares of land and the Interpretive Centre building, for \$1.4 million has raised concerns. It is recognized that the City of North Bay is levied as a "sole benefactor" of many capital projects within the city, additional park support, and principal repayment on the NBMCA mortgage, and it is understood that not all member municipalities contribute equally to the costs associated with the ski hill infrastructure. However, all municipalities do contribute to the operational costs of the administration building, which forms part of the recent sale to the City of North Bay.

The sale of such an important asset, especially one that houses the administrative offices of NBMCA, was made without adequate consultation with the municipalities that are financially involved. This lack of engagement raises concerns regarding transparency and fairness in the decision-making process. Additionally, the valuation of the property, which includes land, infrastructure, and the interpretive centre, needs to be clarified—specifically, whether a professional appraisal was conducted to ensure the sale price accurately reflects the property's worth.

This sale prompts further questions: Are there other assets held by NBMCA that could be sold off without similar consultation? If so, what process will be followed to ensure all municipalities are consulted prior to decisions being made?

### **2: Governance and Conflict of Interest Clarification**

Because the City of North Bay is both the purchaser of the property and a member municipality with three Council members appointed to and represented on the NBMCA

Board , Council requests clarification regarding how any potential conflict of interest was identified, disclosed, and managed during the decision-making process.

This is not intended to imply wrongdoing. However, it reflects the importance of ensuring that any such transaction is seen to have been handled in a transparent and procedurally sound manner, with full compliance with all applicable governance requirements.

### **3: Concerns Over Future Asset Sales – such as The Eau Claire Gorge**

The Township of Calvin raises concerns about the future of other important regional assets, particularly the Eau Claire Gorge. This unique natural asset, with its recreational and conservation value, is a critical resource for Calvin and the broader region. Given the lack of consultation regarding the sale of the Laurentian Escarpment property, there is increasing uncertainty about whether other assets, such as the Eau Claire Gorge, could be sold off without proper consultation with municipalities like Calvin.

The total book value of NBMCA's land, buildings, infrastructure, and equipment, according to the audited financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2024, is approximately \$13 million. This substantial value necessitates careful consideration of any future asset sales and calls for a more formalized and transparent process. The lack of consultation on the Laurentian Escarpment property underscores the importance of establishing clear guidelines for future asset management to ensure all stakeholders are consulted before any major decisions are made.

### **4. Use of Proceeds from the Sale – Distribution to Member Municipalities**

An important question arising from the sale of the Laurentian Escarpment property is what will happen to the proceeds, particularly in relation to the member municipalities whose levies contributed to the creation and ongoing maintenance of the properties owned by the NBMCA.

Given that member municipalities, including Calvin, have been directly financially supporting NBMCA through their levies, it is reasonable to ask whether these proceeds will be shared with municipalities that have directly contributed to the property's existence and upkeep. Will the funds from the sales be used to benefit the entire membership?

Council is not asserting a direct entitlement to the proceeds. Rather, it seeks transparency regarding how the funds will be applied and whether their use will provide a benefit to the broader membership.

Transparency around the use of the proceeds is essential. Specifically, member municipalities should be informed of how the funds will be used, whether they will be reinvested into the NBMCA's operations or services, or if there is any consideration to distribute a portion of the proceeds back to the municipalities that contributed to the asset's value over time.

As part of the consultation process, it is critical that NBMCA provides clear information on the intended use of these funds and whether they will be reinvested in ways that benefit all member municipalities.

### **5: Concerns Over the 10-Year Lease Agreement**

Following the sale of the Laurentian Escarpment property, it has come to light that NBMCA will lease its current administrative office (housed within the Interpretive Centre on the sold property) from the City of North Bay for a 10-year period. The lease terms reportedly include an annual rent of \$140,000 plus utilities, and taxes with annual lease cost increases. Given the uncertainty surrounding the future of the Conservation Authority, particularly with the upcoming provincial amalgamation of conservation authorities, the decision to enter into a 10-year lease raises several concerns.

Firstly, the sale price of \$1.4 million for the property, while providing immediate income, is modest when compared to the long-term financial commitment of the lease. Over the next decade, the total rent paid will exceed the amount received from the sale. The apparent rush to sell, combined with the long-term financial obligation, seems ill-advised, especially given the unresolved future of NBMCA operations.

It is essential for NBMCA to thoroughly assess the long-term implications of the lease and the potential risks associated with the lack of clarity regarding the future structure of conservation authorities. The financial sustainability of NBMCA and the interests of municipalities should be paramount in decision-making.

### **Request for Answers and Consultation on Future Asset Sales**

Given the concerns raised above, it is imperative that NBMCA provide clear and transparent answers to the following:

**Formal Documentation:** Provide formal documentation on the sale of the Laurentian Escarpment property and the terms of the lease agreement with the City of North Bay.

**Valuation Process:** Clarify whether a professional appraisal was conducted to determine the sale price of the property.

**Consultation Process:** Outline the process for consulting member municipalities before any future asset sales, ensuring transparency and equity in decision-making.

**Long-Term Asset Management Plan:** Share NBMCA's long-term asset management plan, which includes guidelines for asset sales, criteria for decision-making, and mechanisms for consultation with municipalities.

We strongly urge NBMCA to ensure that all member municipalities are consulted and involved in the process before any additional assets are sold. The future of these assets must be managed with transparency, integrity, and a clear understanding of their value to the entire region.

### **Conclusion**

The sale of the Laurentian Escarpment property has raised numerous concerns about the governance, transparency, and financial implications of such decisions. The Township of Calvin seeks assurances that NBMCA will prioritize consultation, transparency, and fairness in the future management of regional assets. We request that the answers to the questions posed above be provided promptly and that NBMCA shares a comprehensive plan with all member municipalities for the management and sale of any future assets.

**Recommendation:** That Council supports a request to NBMCA for full consultation and transparency regarding the sale of assets, and that a formal plan for asset management and future sales be shared with all member municipalities.

Mayor Gould