

ADDITION TO THE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

The Council for the Township of Conmee is pleased to announce that an Agreement has been finalized between the Township and the Rural Cupboard Food Bank to build an addition to the Conmee Municipal Complex to house the Food Bank operations.

The Food Bank provides 100 plus hampers to rural families each month. The Rural Cupboard Food Bank serves an area stretching from the US border in the south to Upsala in the west and Pass Lake to the East, including all the communities surrounding Thunder Bay. Rural residents cannot access the food banks in the City of Thunder Bay making the Rural Cupboard Food Bank the only option for those rural residents requiring assistance.

The Rural Cupboard Food Bank is currently operating out of a church basement in Kakabeka Falls. The Food Bank has outgrown this space. The food must be carried up and down a steep set of stairs by volunteers each food bank day and the Clients must wait their turn in the parking lot to receive their package as there is no reception space.

The Township of Conmee has entered into a Partnership with the Rural Cupboard Food Bank, to build an addition onto the Conmee Municipal Complex for their operations. This Partnership will help the food bank to reduce capital construction costs in the short term and reduce operating costs in the long term, allowing the Food Bank to focus on providing assistance to those in need. The Addition will give them the opportunity to purchase food on sale and in bulk and store it until Food Bank day. They will also have the space for fridges and freezers for perishables and access to the inspected kitchen to break down bulk food items. Instead of waiting outside, the clients can use the existing, handicapped accessible hall space while waiting for their hampers.

The Food Bank is paying all associated with the costs of construction. They have started a fund-raising campaign to reduce any money needed to be borrowed. Donations can be made to the Rural Cupboard Food Bank or online at:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/the-rural-cupboard-food-bank>

The Rural Cupboard Food Bank is a non-profit organization that provides hunger relief for people living in the rural areas around Thunder Bay. Please consider a regular weekly or monthly donation to help the Rural Cupboard Food Bank continue to support the less fortunate residents in the rural areas.

Stay tuned for upcoming announcements.