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AGENDA FOR REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, October 28, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.



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Meeting ID: 813 5619 1782

Passcode: 650141

1. CALL TO ORDER
Land Acknowledgement
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of October 28th, 2025, be approved as circulated. (Alternatively, amendments to be noted; with approval as amended.)
3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST
4. TOWN HALL SEGMENT
5. DEPUTATIONS
6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS
 - 6.1 Minutes – Open Session Regular Council Meeting – October 14th, 2025
Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Open Session of the Regular Council Meeting held on October 14th, 2025, be approved as circulated. (Alternatively, corrections to be noted; with approval as amended.)
7. DISBURSEMENT LIST
 - 7.1 Payroll Report (no report this meeting)
 - 7.2 Payment Register
Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the disbursements represented by electronic bank payments and check numbers 7598 to 7615 totalling \$60,830.34.
8. REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS/OTHERS (As available)
 - 8.1 Clerk's Report
 - 8.2 Treasurer's Report (verbal)
 - 8.3 Public Works Report
 - 8.4 Fire Chief's Report (no report this meeting)
 - 8.5 Council Member Reports (verbal)
 - 8.6 Reports from Other Agencies: as listed in the Clerk's Report
Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the reports presented as listed in Section 8 of this evening's agenda. (Alternatively, directions to Administration as per Council's determination)
9. NEW BUSINESS
 - 9.1 Five Bridges and One Culvert – Summary Update
 - 9.2-1 Appointing Fire Chief as MLEO
 - 9.2-2 Draft Fire Chief MLEO Appointment Bylaw
 - 9.3-1 Flag Policy – Clerk's Report to Council
 - 9.3-2 Current Flag Protocol Policy
 - 9.4-1 NWORTA Trail Update – Email and Letter
 - 9.4-2 Shabaqua Trail Extension Map
 - 9.4-3 NWORTA 5-Phase Trail Plan Map
 - 9.4-4 NOWRTA Thunder Bay Kakabeka Shabaqua Trails Map
 - 9.5 Community Safety Zone – Report to Council
10. BYLAWS
No bylaws this meeting.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

List of Resolution Support Requests from other municipalities/provincial government

11.1-1 Township of Edwardsburgh-Cardinal – Extend and Expand OCIF Funding

11.1-2 Town of Plympton-Wyoming Conservation Authorities Fee Freeze

12. UPCOMING MEETING DATES

Regular Council Meetings: November 12th (Wed) & 24th, December 16th, 2025, January 13th & 27th, February 10th & 24th, March 10th & 24th, April 7th & 21st, May 12th & 26th, June 9th & 23rd, July 14th & 28th, August 11th & 25th, September 8th & 22nd, October 13th, November 10th & 17th (Inaugural), December 1st & 15th, 2026.

13. CLOSED SESSION

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being ____ p.m., Council enter Closed Session under the authority of those paragraphs of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, for which the meetings were closed, to consider Item 13.1, being the Closed Session minutes of the Council meeting held October 14, 2025, under the authority of those paragraphs of the Act for which the original meeting was closed; and further, under the authority of paragraph 239(2)(h), to consider Item 13.2, being a report involving information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality by another order of Canadian government or government agency; and under paragraphs 239(2)(a) and 239(2)(d), to consider Item 13.3, involving personal matters about identifiable individuals and/or labour relations or employee negotiations; and finally, under paragraph 239(2)(i), to consider Item 13.4, involving information supplied in confidence that pertains to trade secrets or scientific, technical, commercial, financial, or labour relations matters.

13.1 Minutes – Closed Session Regular Council Meeting – October 14th, 2025

13.2 Treasurer's Report

13.3 HR Assistant's Report (verbal)

13.4-1 Proposal – Enders Road Bridge

13.4-2 Proposal – 5 Bridges and 1 Culvert

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being ____ p.m., Council rise from Closed Session and report in Open Session

14. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

Recommendation 1: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Closed Session of the Regular Council Meeting held on October 14th, 2025, be approved as circulated. (Alternatively, corrections to be noted; with approval as amended.)

Recommendation 2: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration be authorized to proceed as directed in Closed Session.

15. CONFIRMING BYLAW

By-law 2025-035 – To Confirm the Proceedings of the Meeting

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bylaw 2025-035 be passed, and FURTHER, THAT the Mayor and the Clerk be authorized on behalf of the Township of Conmee to affix their signatures to By-law No. 2025-035, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of this evening's meeting.

16. ADJOURN

Recommendation: There being no further business to conduct, the Mayor declares the meeting to be adjourned at ____ p.m.

MINUTES - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, October 14th, 2025 – 6:00 pm

PRESENT Mayor Sheila Maxwell
PRESENT VIRTUALLY Councillor Grant Arnold
Councillor David Maxwell

REGRETS Councillor Chris Kresack

ALSO PRESENT Karen Paisley, Clerk
Leanne Maxwell, Treasurer
Robb Day, Fire Chief

PRESENT VIRTUALLY Olabisi Akinsanya-Hutka, HR Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Maxwell called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm
Mayor Maxwell provided a statement of land acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Clerk advised that additional background information was added to Item 9.2 – Structural Inspection, specifically a proposal from JML Engineering. The proposal was included in the Council package and marked confidential under Section 239(2)(i) of the Municipal Act, 2001. Council reviewed the agenda and approved it as amended.

RESOLUTION 2025 – 201

Moved by: Councillor Arnold

Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the regular council meeting of October 14th, 2025, be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No declarations were made.

4. TOWN HALL SEGMENT

No members of the public had registered to speak at the Town Hall Segment.

5. DEPUTATIONS

No deputations were scheduled for this meeting.

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

6.1 Minutes – Regular Council Meeting – September 23rd, 2025

Council present reviewed the minutes of the September 23rd, 2025, Regular Council Meeting. An amendment was requested by the Clerk to correct a reference in the Public Works report from “Hydro One” to “OPG.”

RESOLUTION 2025 - 202

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by: Councillor Arnold

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes for the open session of the regular council meeting of September 23rd, 2025, be approved as amended.

CARRIED

7. **DISBURSEMENT LIST**

7.1. Payroll Report

Council reviewed the Payroll Report. There were no questions for the Treasurer.

7.2. Payment Register

Council reviewed the payment register, including electronic bank payments and cheque disbursements. There were no questions for the Treasurer.

RESOLUTION 2025-203

Moved by: Councillor Arnold

Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approved the disbursements represented by electronic bank payments, cheque numbers 7582 to 7597 totalling \$40,748.46.

8. **REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS**

8.1. Clerk's Report

The Clerk provided updates on several grant applications submitted for the Fire Department, including FireSmart, Fire Protection, and Mental Health Supports for Public Safety Personnel.

The 2024 audit is underway, with BDO conducting site visits in late September and early October. Asset management work continues with PSD Citywide, including internal and public surveys.

The Clerk and Treasurer attended the AMCTO Fall Conference, and the Clerk participated in the Amethyst Sector meeting with EMO field staff. Emergency Management 200 training is currently in progress.

A cybersecurity incident was promptly addressed by MicroAge, with insurance notification and follow-up meetings held. A report will be provided to Council by MicroAge.

A request was received from the Institute on Lake Superior Geology (ILSG) to access the Briggs Road gravel pit for a geological tour. By consensus, Council approved the tour. A review of dog control practices was also provided, and Council supported maintaining the current complaint-based enforcement approach.

Council confirmed that Mayor Maxwell, Councillor Arnold, and the Clerk will attend the ROMA 2026 Rural Leaders Conference. Three rooms have been booked, and early bird registration will be completed by the end of October.

8.2. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that no arrears notices were mailed due to the Canada Post strike. The final property tax payment deadline is October 29, and arrears continue to decline. The 2024 audit is expected to be completed by mid-to-late November. ROMA registration will be completed before the early bird deadline.

8.3. Public Works Report

No report for this meeting.

8.4. Fire Chief's Report

The Fire Chief reported three calls in September: two medical and one motor vehicle collision. He attended FireCon and completed the Fire Investigator course, pending final evaluation. Two members completed Firefighter II training, and three new members are joining the department. Flow testing was completed on Pumpers 75 and 76, with repairs noted. The Chief and one member will attend wildland/urban interface training offered by Thunder Bay Fire.

The Chief discussed the need for improved water access and proposed a standpipe installation by OPG. He also emphasized the importance of shared services and district-wide wildland fire response. Council discussed the possibility of appointing the Fire Chief as a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer to issue fines under the burning and fireworks bylaws. The Clerk is reviewing the requirements.

HR Assistant joined the meeting at 6:59 pm

8.5. Council Member Reports

Mayor Maxwell reported attending the DTR meeting with neighbouring municipalities to discuss the impacts of Thunder Bay's truck route bylaw. Council supported pursuing a deputation with the Minister of Transportation and gathering support letters from the Lakehead Board of Education and student transportation services. A petition is also being considered. The mayor also discussed upcoming community events.

Councillor Arnold reported attending LRCA and Thunder Bay District Health Unit meetings, including interviews for the new CAO and Medical Officer of Health. He registered for the October 24 LAS session "Show Me the Money".

Councillor Maxwell reported on generator maintenance and advised that he would complete a generator test prior to the upcoming hall rental. During this discussion, the Clerk informed Council of a resident's concern regarding Tbaytel's infrastructure and its ability to maintain service during the planned power outage. The Clerk contacted Tbaytel and is awaiting a formal response, which will be shared with Council once received. Councillor Maxwell also assisted with battery replacement on Pumper 75.

8.6. Other Agencies' Reports

Council reviewed the other agency reports. These reports were listed in the Clerk's Report to Council and were provided primarily for information purposes.

RESOLUTION 2025-204

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by: Councillor Arnold

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council received the reports presented as listed in Section 8 of this evening's agenda.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Conmee Fire Department Enabling Bylaw

Council reviewed the draft Fire Department Enabling Bylaw. The Clerk incorporated recommendations from the Acting Clerk and identified outstanding items requiring legal review. Council directed that the draft bylaw be forwarded to a municipal lawyer for review prior to consideration for adoption.

Chief Day left the meeting at 7:45 pm.

9.2 Structural Inspection – Five Bridges and a Culvert - Update

Council received an update regarding structural inspections of five bridges and one culvert. A proposal for a pre-design report for the Enders Road Bridge was circulated. Council deferred discussion to the next meeting to allow time for review and input from the Public Works Manager.

9.3 Hall Rentals – Process and Forms

Council discussed the hall rental process and associated forms. The Clerk presented a consolidated package of existing documents. Council agreed that the Community Centre Rental Form should remain the primary booking tool and that the process should be streamlined for smaller events. The Clerk will work with Mayor Maxwell to revise and simplify the forms and bring a revised package back to Council for review.

At 7:58 pm, a resident entered the Council Chambers and was invited to speak. The individual expressed concern about the planned Hydro One power outage scheduled for October 15, 2025, and its potential impact on Tbaytel's infrastructure, particularly for residents without cell service. The Clerk advised that

she had contacted Tbaytel earlier that day and was informed that infrastructure upgrades had been made to improve battery life. A follow-up email from Tbaytel is expected and will be shared with Council once received. The resident departed Council Chambers at 8:12 pm. This input was received outside the designated Town Hall Segment and was accommodated during Council's discussion of Item 9.3.

10. BY-LAWS

There were no by-laws scheduled for this meeting.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

List of Resolution Support Requests from other Municipalities:
Council reviewed the following resolutions for support:

11.1-1 City of Dryden – Swimming Curriculum

Council reviewed a resolution from the City of Dryden requesting support for the addition of swimming lessons to the Ontario education curriculum.

Resolution 2025–205

Moved by: Councillor Arnold

Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Conmee supports the resolution from the City of Dryden requesting the addition of swimming lessons to the Ontario education curriculum;
AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the City of Dryden, the Minister of Education, MPP Kevin Holland, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

CARRIED

11.1-2 City of North Bay – NORDS Program

Council reviewed a resolution requesting that the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) program be made permanent.

Resolution 2025-206

Moved by: Councillor Arnold

Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Conmee supports the resolution from the City of North Bay requesting that the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) program be made permanent;
AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the City of North Bay, the Minister of Northern Development, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Natural Resources, MPP Kevin Holland, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

CARRIED

11.1-3 Municipality of Brighton – Electoral Reform

Council reviewed a resolution calling on the provincial and federal governments to enact electoral reform. No action taken.

11.1-4 City of Kitchener – Paper Billing Fees

Council reviewed a resolution requesting that the province grandfather out paper billing and permit municipalities to charge fees for new accounts opting for paper delivery. Council did not support the proposal, citing concerns about accessibility and fairness. No action taken.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

The list of upcoming regular Council meeting dates was available for review. No changes were proposed.

13. CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION 2025-207

Moved by: Councillor Arnold

Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 8:35 pm, Council moved into closed session, under the authority of those paragraphs of the *Municipal Act, 2001* (S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended) for which it was authorized to be closed, to review Item 13.1, being the Closed Session minutes of the Council meeting held September 23rd, 2025; and under the authority of paragraph 239(2)(b) and 239(2)(d) of the same legislation, to consider Item 13.2, as listed in the agenda, involving personal matters about identifiable individuals and involving labour relations or employee negotiations.

CARRIED

During closed session, the following procedural resolution was passed:

RESOLUTION 2025-208

Moved by: Councillor Arnold

Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 8:40 pm, Council rise from closed session and report in open session.

CARRIED

Open session resumed.

14. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION 2025- 209

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by: Councillor Arnold

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Closed Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on September 23rd, 2025, be approved; AND FURTHER, THAT Administration be authorized to proceed as directed in closed session.

CARRIED

15. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

By-law 2025-034

RESOLUTION 2025-210

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by: Councillor Arnold

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2025-034 be passed;
AND, FURTHER, THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized on behalf of the Township of Conmee to affix their signatures to By-law No. 2025-034, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of this evening's meeting.

CARRIED

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to attend to, the mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Mayor Sheila Maxwell

Clerk Karen Paisley

Township of Conmee

Payment Register

Report Date

Batch: 2025-00153 to 2025-00157 2025-10-23 12:38 PM

Bank Code: GEN - TD Operating Account

Payment #	Vendor	Amount	
Computer Cheque			
7598	Bay City Contractors	5,274.38	safety - F550
7599	BMO RRSP/Kyle Foekens	134.54	
7600	Clow Darling Ltd	2,905.89	heaters - fire hall
7601	Sherry Malinoski	300.00	refund of deposit
7602	JML Engineering Ltd	4,294.00	inspection - bridges
7603	Ultramar	2,784.14	
7604	Bay City Contractors	14,290.64	gravel
7605	BMO RRSP	134.54	
7606	Clow Darling Ltd	1,170.54	heaters - fire hall, landfill
7607	Kakabeka Falls Auto Centre	471.68	
7608	Kevin's Tire Service	6,553.98	grader tires
7609	Lakehead Cleaners	118.94	
7610	McKitricks	2,980.65	gift of property
7611	Municipality Oliver Paipoonge	711.90	
7612	PSD Citywide Inc.	2,881.50	asset management plan
7613	RS Mechanical	1,883.71	safety - international
7614	Thunder Bay Co-Op	615.85	tarp
7615	Thunder Bay DSSAB	8,027.00	
Total Cheques		55,533.88	
Other			
21	TD Visa	808.91	
30	TD Visa	248.15	
32	TD Visa	158.20	
123	training VFD member	2,436.00	
123	TD Visa	-122.04	
639	Hydro One Networks	192.62	
852	Hydro One Networks	228.15	
859	Hydro One Networks	1,346.47	
Total EFT		5,296.46	
Total Payments		60,830.34	

Payments Printed: 26

**The Corporation of the Township of Conmee
Administrative Report**

Date: October 28, 2025

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: Administrative Activity Report

File Number: 01-C10-0000 Administrative Activity Reports

Submitted by: Karen Paisley Clerk

RECOMMENDATION:

For Council's information and direction as required.

BACKGROUND:

Administration's updates to Council on its ongoing activities.

DISCUSSION:

Conmee Township has been approved for \$15,000 in funding under the 2025–2027 Ontario FireSmart Communities Transfer Payment Program. The funding will support the development of a Community Wildland Fire Protection Plan and hazard forest mapping. The Clerk will issue Request for Proposals to engage a certified consultant, with input from the Fire Chief.

The Clerk has completed the EM 200 course and is currently enrolled in IM 125, a self-led online course focused on designing and conducting emergency exercises. IM 200 and EM 300 courses remain outstanding to meet legislated compliance requirements.

On October 23, the Clerk attended an introductory webinar hosted by Emergency Management Ontario regarding a province-wide tabletop exercise scheduled for November 2026. The exercise will simulate a three-day power outage and is expected to run for approximately two and a half days. Participation in this exercise will fulfill the Township's annual emergency tabletop exercise requirement for 2026. Emergency Management Ontario recommends full participation by all members of the Emergency Management Committee. Additional IMS and emergency management training opportunities will be made available to support ongoing training needs.

The Clerk attended an information workshop hosted by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks regarding the modernization of its compliance policy. The Ministry will begin offloading low-risk incident complaints to municipalities. These incidents include matters such as noise, dust, and odour that do not impact health or the environment. Municipalities are encouraged to review and develop bylaws to address these types of complaints.

KEM Construction has begun repairs to the Food Bank loading dock entry. Recent rainfall caused a delay in progress. Completion is anticipated before October 31.

The Fire Department enabling bylaw has been submitted to McKittrick's Law Firm for review, in accordance with Council's direction.

The Clerk has registered for the 2026 Zone 9 in-person Municipal Elections Training Program. The training will be held in Thunder Bay on Wednesday, May 4, 2026, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at City Hall. The Clerk will be absent from the municipal office on this date.

The Clerk is requesting Council's approval to close the Municipal Office to the public beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 24, 2025, with reopening scheduled for Monday, January 5, 2026. The closure includes four regular business days: December 29, 30, 31, and January 2. Although the office will be closed to the public, the Treasurer and Clerk may attend briefly to address any urgent matters. The Clerk will monitor emails and voice messages throughout the closure. Staff have sufficient vacation and lieu time to accommodate the closure, and the request aligns with Township policy. Advance notice will be provided through signage, the Township website, and social media.

The Clerk is also requesting that Council consider revising the summer meeting schedule. Meetings are currently scheduled for July 14 and 28, and August 11 and 25. A reduced schedule of one meeting in July and one in August is recommended to support administrative staff vacation planning and accommodate Council members' family commitments.

Other Agency Reports – 8.6

1. Notice of LRCA Budget Meeting
2. NOMA – Kenora Hospital and LTC Statement
3. TBDHU Meeting Minutes – Sept 17, 2025
4. Thunder Bay OPP Detachment Annual Report
5. NOMA/FONOM Kap Paper Federal Announcement – Oct 17, 2025
6. NOMA Kap Paper Statement – Oct 17, 2025
7. Thunder Bay – Mayor's Ball
8. NOMA – 1P1P Statement – Oct 20, 2025
9. ROMA – October update

Public Works Managers

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Report Oct 28-25

Roads

- Grading
- Haul gravel
- Haul winter sand to the yard
- Work at landfill - 190, 916
- Work at Hut pit
- Put up new signs - checker boards
- Put in more driveway entrances
- Take Com. Centre garbage to landfill

Equipment

- Put 2 new Battiers in 2 Ton
- equipment maint.



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October 14, 2025

To: Member Municipalities of the LRCA

Re: Final Budget – Notice of Meeting to Approve Budget
Lakehead Region Conservation Authority Final 2026 Budget

With the passing of O. Reg. 402/22: Budget and Apportionment, Conservation Authorities are required to follow a prescriptive budgetary process. The regulation outlines a provincially consistent process for open and transparent drafting and approval of Conservation Authority budgets. As part of this process, Conservation Authorities are required to provide 30 days' notice prior to the approval of the Final Budget.

The Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) Board will review and consider approval of the 2026 Budget at the November 26, 2025, Board Meeting, beginning at 4:30 p.m., held at the LRCA Administrative Office located at 130 Conservation Road, Thunder Bay. Once approved, the final budget will be provided to the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, all Member Municipalities and will be posted on the LRCA website: <https://lakeheadca.com/governance/budget>.

A summary of the budget, including each Member Municipalities apportionment for 2026 is attached. Overall, the levy-all (i.e., levy applicable to programs that each municipality is provided) has increased 3.5% when compared to 2025; however, each municipalities increase varies, as it is calculated using the applicable Current Value Assessment and varies between 1.2% to 4.6%. The City of Thunder Bay has sole-benefitting levy for programs that are only provided to them; therefore, taking into consideration their levy-all and sole-benefitting levies, the City's total levy increase compared to 2025 is 2.56%.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments related to the Budget, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Tammy Cook
Chief Administrative Officer

Attachments: LRCA, 2026 Draft Budget Summary Table
LRCA, 2026 Draft Budget Summary

Lakehead Region Conservation Authority 2026 Draft Budget Version 1.0										
Program	Annual Cost									
	Source of Funding									Total Cost 2026
	Levy-All	Sole-Benefiting Levy City of Thunder Bay	Provincial Funding	Federal Funding	Other		Self Generated	Surplus/ Deferred	Reserve *	
					Donations	Grants and Other				
Category 1 Mandatory Programs and Services										
Corporate Services										
Administration	208,900	-	30,188	-		-	326,502	122,961	30,000	718,551
Community Relations	113,366	-	-	-		-	7,000	-		120,366
Vehicle and Equipment Program	-	-	-	-		-	53,000		(7,900)	45,100
IT	47,962	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	47,962
Corporate GIS	25,595	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	25,595
	395,823	-	30,188	-		-	386,502	122,961	22,100	957,574
Risk of Natural Hazards										
Flood Plain Mapping	-	32,526	-	-		-	-	-	-	32,526
Technical Studies	2,449	-	-	240,903		-	-	62,061	-	305,413
Communications and Outreach	19,190	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	19,190
Flood Forecasting and Warning	39,571	-	39,571	-		-	-	-	-	79,142
Drought and Low Water Response	2,753	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	2,753
Infrastructure: Neebing-McIntye Floodway	-	701,166	68,681	-		-	500	-	-	770,347
Infrastructure: Victor Street Erosion	-	47,488	12,500	-		-	-	-	-	59,988
Review of Proposals under Act	2,321	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	2,321
Plan Review Comments	46,471	-	-	9,300		-	15,000	20,000		90,771
Administering and Enforcing the Act (Section 28)	184,611	-	-	-		-	25,000	-	-	209,611
	297,366	781,180	120,752	250,203	-	-	40,500	82,061	-	1,572,062
Conservation and Management of Lands owned and controlled by the Authority										
Conservation Areas	242,088	-	-	-		20,000	95,000	30,000	-	387,088
Conservation Areas Capital	83,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	52,300	135,300
Administer Section 29 Regulations	8,681	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	8,681
Other Owned Land	130,971	-	-	-		-	5,256	-	27,076	163,303
	464,740	-	-	-	-	20,000	100,256	30,000	79,376	694,372
Source Water Protection										
Source Water Protection	-	-	72,652	-		-	-	-	-	72,652
	-	-	72,652	-	-	-	-	-	-	72,652
Other Programs and Services										
Provincial Groundwater Monitoring Network (PGMN)	16,507	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	16,507
Provincial Water Quality Monitoring Network (PWQMN)	9,430	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	9,430
	25,937	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	25,937
Total Category 1	1,183,866	781,180	223,592	250,203	-	20,000	527,258	235,022	101,476	3,322,597
Category 2 Non-Mandatory Programs and Services at the request of a Municipality										
Mapping Services	-	-	-	-		-	16,000	- 2,603	-	13,397
Mosquito and Pennock Creek Monitoring						7,705		-		7,705
Total Category 2	-	-	-	-	-	7,705	16,000	- 2,603	-	21,102
Category 3 Non-Mandatory Programs and Services										
Education										
Environmental Education	-	-	-	-	17,000.00	6,200	10,198	25,000	-	58,398
Nature Interpretive Programming	-	-	-	-	14,000	18,900	19,000	- 10,749	-	41,151
	-	-	-	-	31,000	25,100	29,198	14,251	-	99,549
Stewardship										
Superior Stewards Program	-	-	40,000	-		-	-	-	-	40,000
Tree Seedling Program	-	-	-	-		-	6,000	-	5,720	11,720
Seeds for Conservation	-	-	-	-	-	-	45,000	-		45,000
Stewardship	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MECP NWP Admin Controls Protocol	-	-	8,500	-		-	-	-	-	8,500
ECCC Eco Action Indigenous Community Garden				49,550						49,550
ECCC GFLEI Floodway Habitat Corridor				77,500		-	-	-	-	77,500
MECP Restoration Maintenance of Current Sites			30,000							30,000
ISC Phragmites			40,000							40,000
Parks Canada			30,000							30,000
Wolf River Sea Lamprey			-			1,886				1,886
Neebing Mcintrye Sea Lamprey	-	-	-	11,842			-	-	-	11,842
	-	-	148,500	138,892	-	1,886	51,000	-	5,720	345,998
Total Category 3	-	-	148,500	138,892	31,000	26,986	80,198	14,251	5,720	445,547
Total	1,183,866	781,180	372,092	389,095	31,000	54,691	623,456	246,670	107,196	3,789,246
* Negative Reserve amounts are appropriations to Reserves .										
Increase in Levy 2026	3.50%		1,965,046							

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2026 Draft Budget	
3.50% Levy-All increase compared to 2025	
Total Levy	
Levy-All	\$1,183,866 (31.24%)
City of Thunder Bay Sole-Benefitting	\$781,180 (20.62%)
Total Provincial Grant Revenue**	\$372,092(9.82%)
Total Federal Grant Revenue	\$389,095(10.27%)
Total Donation Revenue	\$31,000(0.82%)
Total Other Grants	\$54,691(1.44.%)
Self-Generated Revenue	\$623,456(16.45%)
Deferred/Surplus	\$246,670(6.51%)
Reserve Appropriations	\$107,196(2.83%)
Total Budget	\$3,789,246

** Section 39 Transfer Payment unconfirmed for 2026

2026 Total Levy-All Compared to 2025						
Municipality	2025 CVA %	2025 Levy \$	2026 CVA %	2026 Levy \$	\$ Change	% Change
Thunder Bay	85.66	979,814	85.66	1,013,626	33,812	3.45
Conmee	0.45	5,147	0.45	5,204	57	1.20
Dorion	0.29	3,318	0.29	3,433	115	3.49
Gillies	0.25	2,860	0.25	2,960	100	3.51
Neebing	2.26	25,853	2.26	26,638	785	3.04
O'Connor	0.48	5,490	0.48	5,684	194	3.51
Oliver Paipoonge	5.63	64,399	5.63	67,363	2,964	4.60
Shuniah	4.99	56,964	4.99	58,959	1,994	3.50
	100	1,143,845	100	1,183,866	40,021	3.50

*CVA – Current Value Assessment

2026 Sole-Benefitting Levy Compared to 2025						
Municipality	2023	2024	2025	2026	2025 vs 2026 \$ Change	2025 vs 2026 % Change
Thunder Bay	716,497	744,916	770,138	781,180	11,042	1.43

Sole-benefitting: Neebing-McIntyre Floodway, Victor Street Erosion, Maintaining Floodplain Mapping

2026 Total Levy Compared to 2025						
City portion of Levy-All + City Sole-Benefitting Levy						
Municipality	2023	2024	2025	2026	2025 vs 2026 \$ Change	2025 vs 2026 % Change
Thunder Bay	1,641,731	1,697,120	1,749,951	1,794,806	44,855	2.56

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2026 Budget Notes

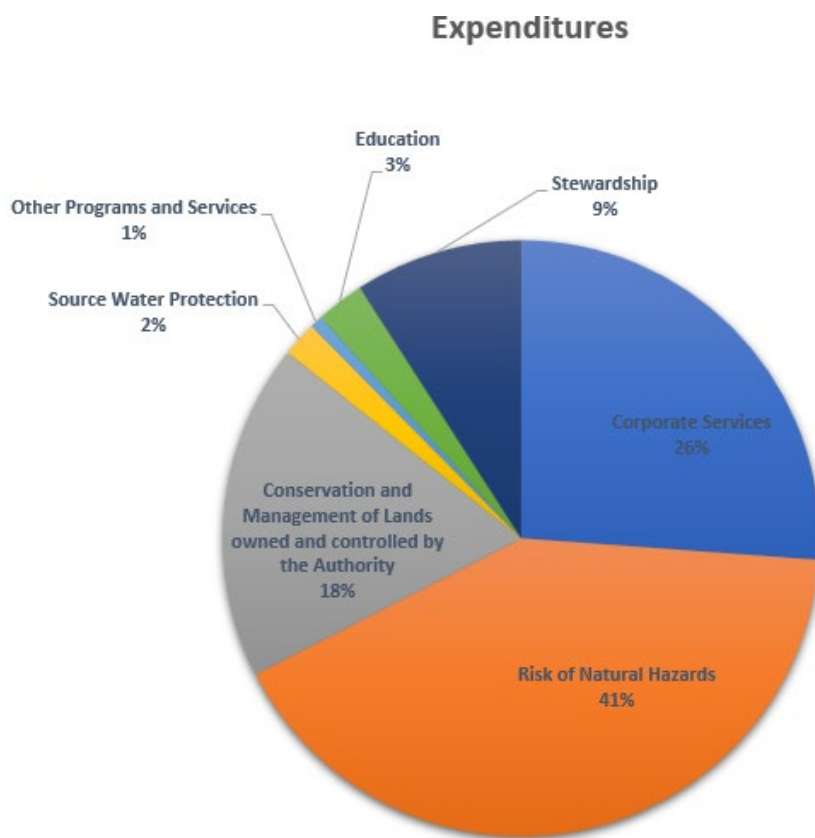
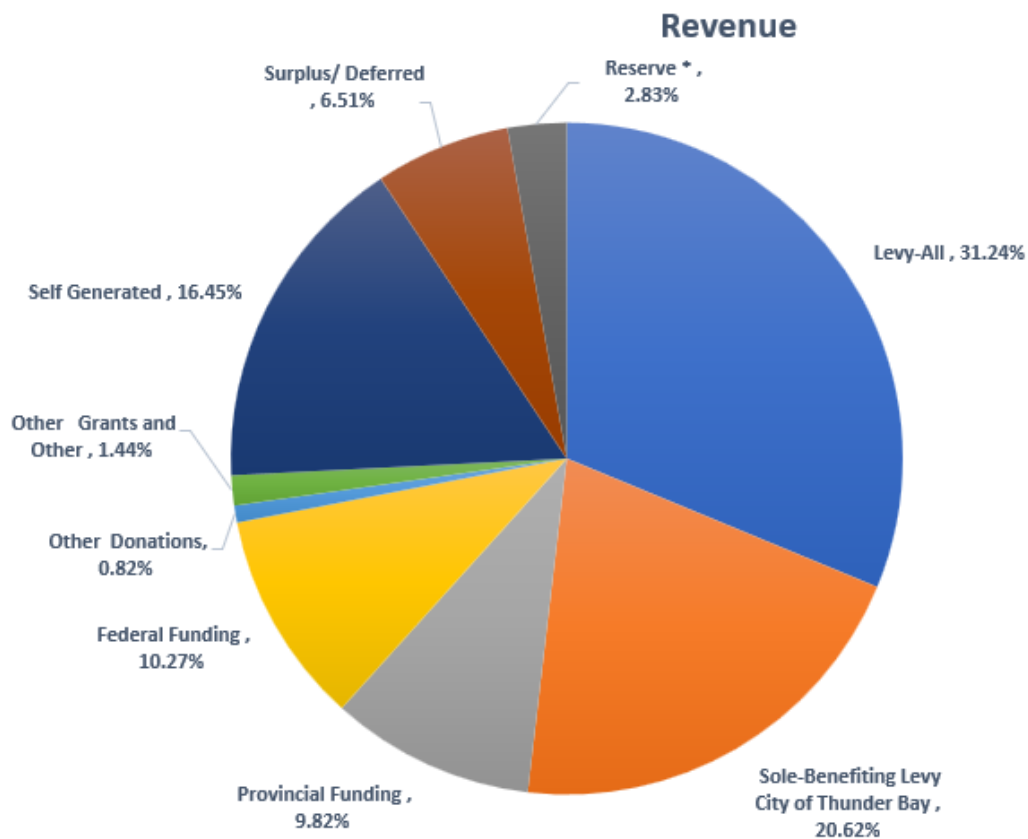
- Levy-all increase 2026 versus 2025 = 3.50%
 - 2025 increase – 3.08%
- Minimal to no increases are feasible in the short term but are not realistic for the long-term operation of the LRCA.
- Provincial funding anticipated to be provided in 2025 (included as revenue in budget)
 - Section 39 Transfer Payment - \$150,940
 - Source Water Protection Transfer Payment - \$72,652
 - Other One-Time Grants - \$148,500

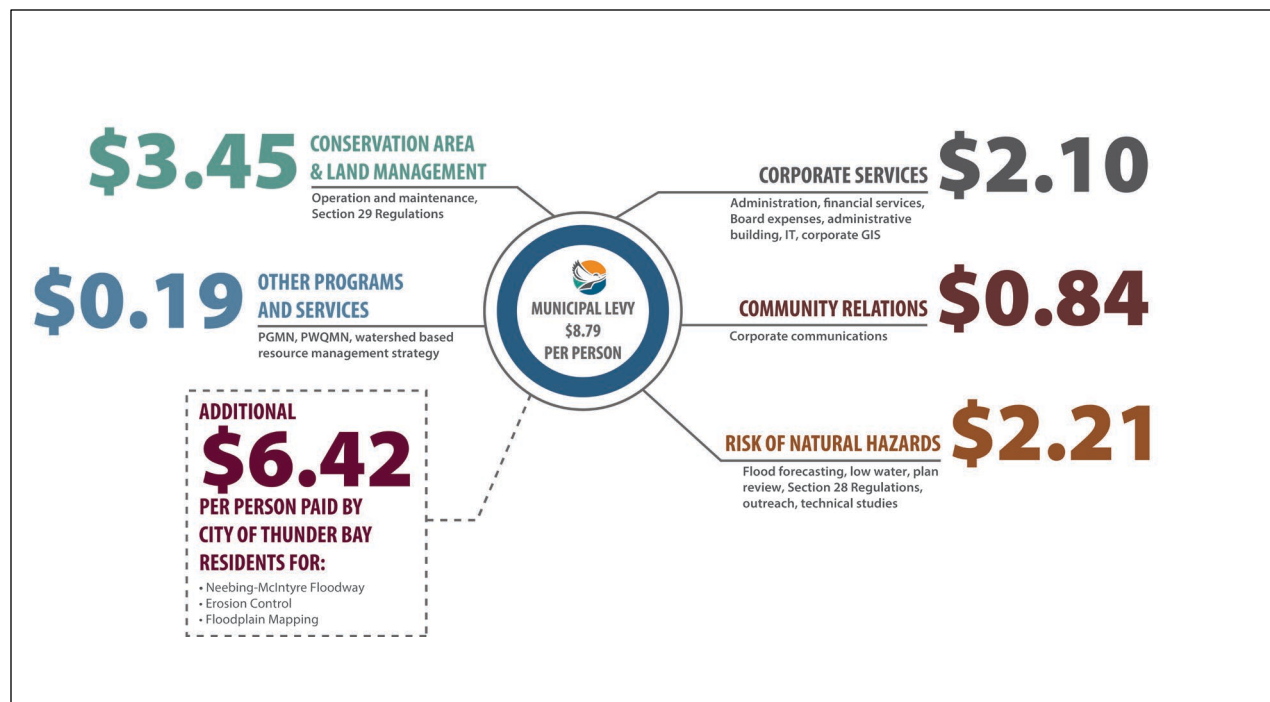
2026 Budget Highlights

Highlights of the 2025 Budget expenditures include:

- Continuation of annual programming including:
 - Plan Review,
 - Development Regulations,
 - Watershed monitoring,
 - Flood Forecasting and Warning,
 - Operation and maintenance of LRCA owned properties,
 - Stewardship (no levy), and
 - Education programming (no levy).
- Capital improvements at the Conservation Areas:
 - Replace two concrete vault toilets with one at the Hazelwood beach area.
 - Repairs to the privy at Mission Island.
 - Repairs to asphalt cracks in the trail and parking lot and paint lines at Mission Island.
 - Decommission old parking lot at Mills Block.
- Other items:
 - Office plumbing repair.
 - Garage storage units.
 - Continuation of wayfinding signage installation using new designs in Conservation Areas.
 - Update of Asset Management Plan.
 - 10-year update of Forest Management Plans.
 - Design of Urban Conservation Area (LRCA Administration Office location).
- Planned Reserve withdrawals:
 - Administration - \$30,000
 - Vehicle and Equipment - \$9,100
 - Forest Management - \$32,796
 - Conservation Area Capital - \$52,300

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Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association

NOMA Welcomes Historic Investment in Kenora's Health-Care Infrastructure

October 15, 2025, THUNDER BAY, ON — The Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) welcomes today's announcement by Premier Doug Ford and Minister Greg Rickford of \$50 million in planning funds for the new Lake of the Woods District Hospital in Kenora, alongside \$1.9 million for the redevelopment of the Wiigwas Elder and Senior Care long-term care home and the completion of Kenora's first-ever MRI suite.

This announcement represents a transformative investment in health care for Northwestern Ontario, ensuring residents in Kenora, Sioux Narrows, and surrounding First Nations communities can access world-class care closer to home.

"This is a milestone moment for Kenora and the entire region," said **Rick Dumas, President of NOMA and Mayor of Marathon**. "Access to high-quality, modern health care is vital for the sustainability and growth of our northern communities. The Province's commitment to advancing this long-awaited project will not only improve patient outcomes but will also strengthen regional collaboration and respect for Indigenous-led partnerships in health delivery."

The new hospital and expanded long-term care facility will support the health and well-being of residents across Northwestern Ontario, while addressing long-standing infrastructure gaps in local health services. The addition of the region's first MRI suite in Kenora is another step toward ensuring equitable access to diagnostic care.

"Today's announcement is a direct investment in people — in our seniors, our families, and our future," added **Fred Mota, Executive Vice-President of NOMA and Mayor of Red Lake**. "We commend Premier Ford, Minister Rickford, and Minister Jones for recognizing the unique needs of Northwestern Ontario and for working collaboratively with municipalities and First Nations to bring this vision to life."

NOMA extends congratulations to the leadership and staff at the Lake of the Woods District Hospital, Wiigwas Elder and Senior Care, and all community partners who have championed this project. This investment underscores the importance of sustained and equitable health-care planning across Northern Ontario. NOMA also acknowledges the strong leadership of Grand Council Treaty #3 and the Kenora Chiefs Advisory, whose tireless advocacy and partnership have been instrumental in advancing this community-driven vision for health care in the region.



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**Thunder Bay District Health Unit
Board of Health Meeting Minutes**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING: SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

TIME OF MEETING: 1:00 PM

PLACE OF MEETING: FIRST FLOOR BOARDROOM /
VIDEOCONFERENCE

CHAIR: MR. JAMES MCPHERSON

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Grant Arnold
Ms. Lucy Belanger
Ms. Cindy Brand
Ms. Kasey Etreni
Mr. Paul Malashewski
Mr. James McPherson
Mr. Jim Moffat
Ms. Donna Peacock
Mr. Don Smith
Mr. Mark Thibert
Ms. Kristine Thompson
Mr. Todd Wheeler

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Dr. Janet DeMille, Medical Officer of Health and
Chief Executive Officer
Ms. Diana Gowanlock, Director - Health Protection
Mr. Dan Hrychuk, Director - Corporate Services
Ms. Shannon Robinson, Director - Health
Promotion
Ms. Dana Wilson, Associate Director –
Communications & Strategic Initiatives
Ms. Lauren Paradis, Manager of Finance
Mr. Phil Avella, Manager of Information Systems
and Property
Ms. Laura Wiljala, Executive Assistant and
Secretary to the Board of Health
Ms. Tammy Lee Royer, Administrative Assistant –
Health Protection

REGRETS:

Ms. Cynthia Olsen

RECORDER:

Ms. Shelley Oleksuk, Administrative Assistant -
Health Promotion

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mr. James McPherson, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM.

2. ATTENDANCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair announced regrets from Ms. Cynthia Olsen, and also announced that Mr. Allan Mihalcin's provincial appointment with the Board has lapsed.

He welcomed Ms. Laura Wiljala as the Executive Assistant and Secretary to the Board who is attending her first meeting.

The Chair reminded Board members to complete the meeting evaluation form when the meeting adjourns and to submit completed forms to Ms. Wiljala.

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was presented for approval.

Resolution No. 79-2025

Moved By: J. Moffat

Seconded By: P. Malashewski

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Board of Health Meeting to be held on September 17, 2025, be approved.

CARRIED

5. INFORMATION SESSION

5.1 2025 In-Person Prenatal Class Pilot Evaluation

Ms. Denise Sozio, Public Health Nurse and Ms. Kayla Waddington, Health Promotion Planner with the Children, Youth and Families program, provided a presentation on the 2025 In-Person Prenatal Class Pilot Evaluation, and responded to questions and comments from the Board.

6. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

6.1 Thunder Bay District Board of Health

The Minutes of the Thunder Bay District Board of Health (Regular and Closed Session) meetings held on June 18, 2025, were presented for approval.

Resolution No. 80-2025

Moved By: P. Malashewski

Seconded By: J. Moffat

THAT the Minutes of the Thunder Bay District Board of Health (Regular and Closed Session) meeting held on June 18, 2025, be approved

CARRIED

6.2 Board of Health Ad Hoc Search Committee

The Minutes of the Thunder Bay District Board of Health Ad Hoc Search Committee Meeting held on June 27, 2025 were distributed, for information.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

8. BOARD OF HEALTH (CLOSED SESSION) MEETING

Resolution No. 81a-2025

Moved By: K. Thompson

Seconded By: P. Malashewski

THAT the Board of Health move into Closed Session to receive information related to negotiations carried on behalf of the Board.

CARRIED

8. BOARD OF HEALTH (CLOSED SESSION) MEETING (continued)

At 1:27 PM, the Board of Health moved into Closed Session. The following individuals left the meeting:

- Dr. Janet DeMille, Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer
- Ms. Diana Gowanlock, Director - Health Protection
- Ms. Shannon Robinson, Director - Health Promotion
- Ms. Dana Wilson, Associate Director - Communications & Strategic Initiatives
- Ms. Lauren Paradis, Manager of Finance
- Mr. Phil Avella, Manager of
- Ms. Shelley Oleksuk, Administrative Assistant - Health Promotion
- Ms. Tammy Lee Royer, Administrative Assistant - Health Protection
- Ms. Laura Wiljala, Executive Assistant and Secretary to the Board of Health

At 1:46 PM, the following individual returned to the meeting:

- Dr. Janet DeMille, Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer

At 1:55pm, the Board moved out of Closed Session and the following individuals returned to the meeting:

- Ms. Diana Gowanlock, Director - Health Protection
- Ms. Shannon Robinson, Director - Health Promotion
- Ms. Dana Wilson, Associate Director - Communications & Strategic Initiatives
- Ms. Lauren Paradis, Manager of Finance
- Mr. Phil Avella, Manager - Information Systems and Property
- Ms. Shelley Oleksuk, Administrative Assistant - Health Promotion
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8.1. Closed Session Report

The Chair reported that the Board received an update related to negotiations carried on behalf of the Board during the closed session and provided direction to Administration.

9. DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

9.1 Policy and Procedures Review

A memorandum from Dr. J. DeMille (MOH/CEO) dated September 17, 2025, and containing a resolution relative to approval of Board of Health policy and procedure updates was provided to the Board. Mr. D. Hrychuk, Director - Corporate Services, provided an overview of the updates made to the policies and procedures.

Resolution No. 82-2025

Moved By: K. Thompson

Seconded By: J. Moffat

THAT the proposed updates to the following Board of Health Policies and Procedures be approved:

- BH-02-02 Compensation Philosophy Policy and Procedure
- BH-02-18 Psychological Health & Safety Policy and Procedure

AND THAT Administration be authorized to finalize and publish the updated Board of Health policies and procedures.

CARRIED

9.2 Contract Award for Parking Lot Rejuvenation

Report No. 35-2025 (Information Systems and Property), and containing a resolution relative to approval of a contract award for parking lot rejuvenation, was provided to the Board.

Mr. D. Hrychuk, Director of Corporate Services provided background information and a summary of the proposed recommendation, and responded to questions from the Board. It was the consensus of the Board to proceed as recommended.

9.2 Contract Award for Parking Lot Rejuvenation (continued)

Resolution No. 83-2025

Moved By: G. Arnold

Seconded By: K. Thompson

THAT with respect to Report No. 35-2025 (Information Systems and Property), we recommend that the tender for Parking Lot Rejuvenation be awarded to Taranis Contracting Group LTD (Taranis) for a total contract cost of \$542,500 (taxes extra);

AND THAT the Parking Lot Rejuvenation be endorsed by the Board of Health and that Administration be directed to proceed with the procurement process and rejuvenation as outlined;

AND THAT the Director of Corporate Services and Manager of Finance be authorized to complete any administrative requirements of the contract, as required.

CARRIED

9.3 Search Committee Composition

Resolution No. 84-2025

Moved By: K. Thompson

Seconded By: J. Moffat

THAT the composition of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Board for the Recruitment of a Medical Officer of Health/CEO be amended;

AND THAT the following additional member of the Board be appointed to the Ad Hoc Committee:

- G. Arnold

CARRIED

10. COMMUNICATIONS FOR INFORMATION

10.1 Second Quarter Interim Financial Statements

D. Hrychuk provided the Board with an overview of Report No. 34 - 2025 (Finance) relative to the Second Quarter Interim Financial Statements and responded to questions and comments from the Board.

10.2 alPHa AGM and Conference Report

A report from the Chair and Ms. Cynthia Olsen was provided to the Board as a follow-up to the alPHa AGM and Conference attended on June 19-20, 2025 in Toronto, and the Chair responded to questions from the Board.

10.3 Medical Officer of Health/CEO update

Report No. 36 - 2025 from the Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer was provided to the Board, for information. Dr. J. DeMille provided an update relative to the pillars of the Strengthening Public Health Initiative, noting the Health Unit is awaiting the release of the updated Ontario Public Health Standards.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at 1:00 PM.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 85-2025

Moved By: G. Arnold

Seconded By: K. Thompson

THAT the Board of Health meeting held on September 17, 2025 be adjourned at 2:25 PM.

CARRIED



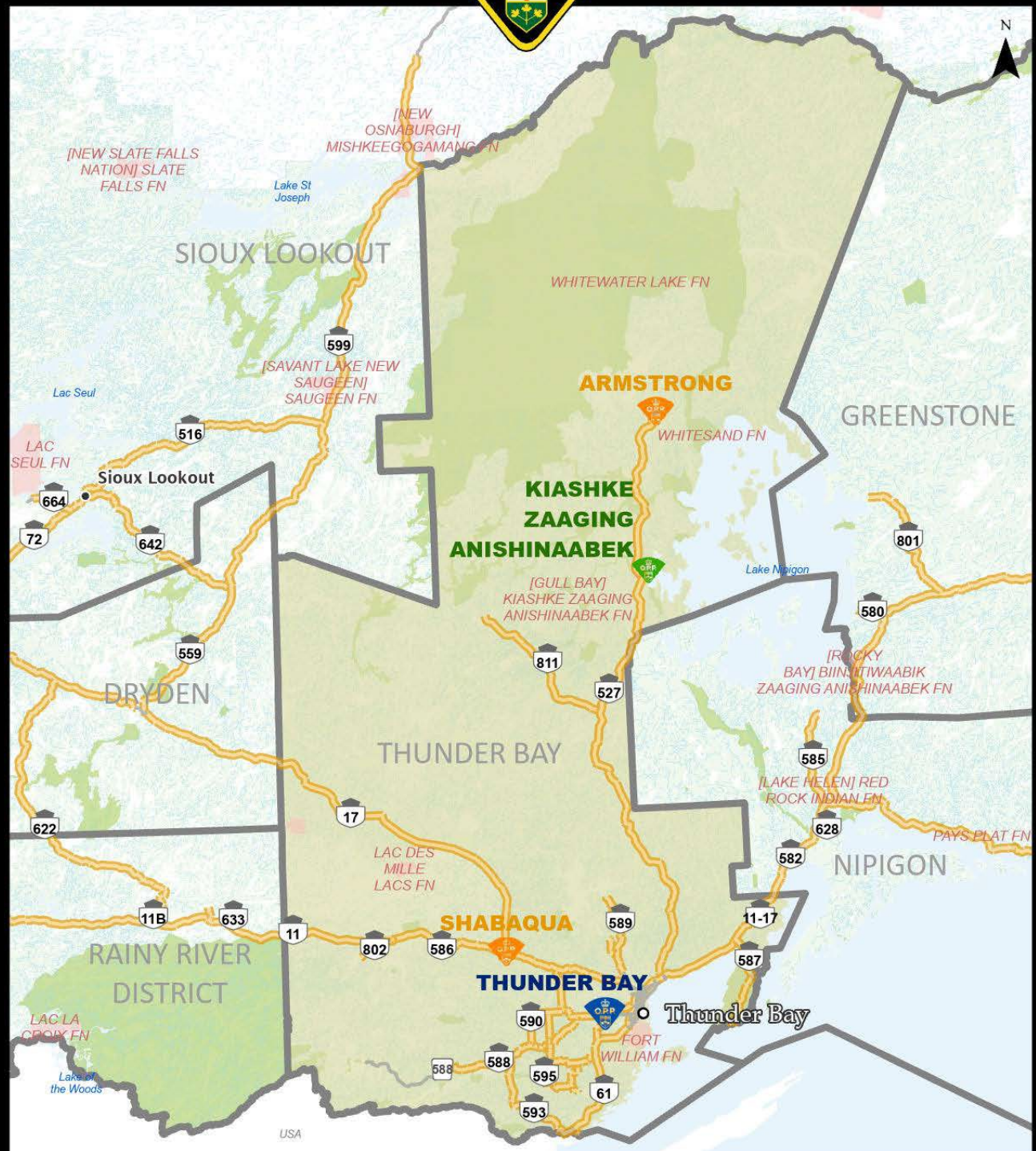
THUNDER BAY DETACHMENT

2024 DETACHMENT BOARD ANNUAL REPORT

ONTARIO PROVINCIAL POLICE



THUNDER BAY DETACHMENT - 2M



- GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
- REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS
- DIVISION

- SATELLITE
- OPP ADMINISTERED FN
- OPP FN

Legend

- 400 Series Highway
- Provincial Highway
- Major Road
- Detachment Boundary
- Township Boundary
- Non-OPP Policed
- First Nation
- Provincial Park

2023-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN

Priorities and Commitments



PEOPLE

A healthy and resilient OPP

We will strive to support all members in achieving their professional and personal best.

WORK

A responsive and evolving OPP

We will empower our members to ensure the best possible policing services are delivered to Ontarians.

COMMUNITIES

A collaborative and progressive OPP

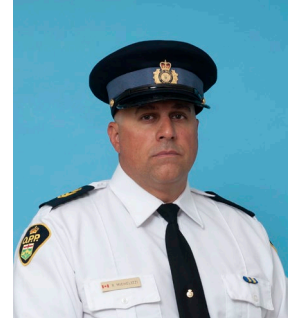
We will partner and build relationships with a shared vision for safety and well-being.

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Message from the Detachment Commander

I am pleased to present the Thunder Bay Detachment – 2024 OPP Detachment Board Annual Report. This report includes crime, traffic enforcement and community well-being data and highlights initiatives and successes achieved by our members and team from the past year. The 2024 year represents the midway point of the Thunder Bay Detachment 2023-2025 Action Plan, and this report provides updates on our progress in meeting our Action Plan commitments.



I am proud of the work undertaken by our detachment. In 2024, we saw a rise in the amount of illicit drug charges and investigations compared to the previous year due in part by the excellence work and actioning investigations by our Community Street Crime Unit. We maintained our commitment to traffic safety and commercial motor vehicle enforcement in the Thunder Bay area by issuing 6,032 offence notices and 4,614 offence warnings. Our officers issued over 1,600 CMV charges, 433 warnings and issued over 150 offence notices to other commercial motor vehicles, with 59 warnings. Our detachment members also increased our commitment to RIDE programs in the area conducting 1,278 programs, which is an increase year over year and attributed to 110 impaired occurrences being investigated, with a 43% increase over 2023 and our officers charging 77 impaired drivers.

Based on concerns from community members, we increased our community patrol in the First Nation Territory of Whitesand, Municipality of Shuniah, Municipality of Neebing and a concentrated effort on Hwy 102. This resulted in several investigations where charges were laid involving illicit drugs, impaired drivers, property crime and traffic related charges.

We continued to leverage technology, including In-Car Cameras, ALPR, etc. to support the collection of evidence, increase transparency and enhance public and officer safety.

We worked alongside our policing partners, the Anishinabek Police Service, Nishnawbe-Aski Police Service, Gull Bay Police Service, to support cross-jurisdictional initiatives such as support for calls for service, Offender Transport, Bail and Warrant support and the Fort William First Nation State of Emergency.

We partnered with community-based organizations such as Dilico and Canadian Mental Health Association to develop/implement co-response models that enhance our ability to respond to mental health-related calls and support vulnerable people.

- We partnered with community-based organizations Dilico and IFNA to better support victims by connecting them with local resources.
- We continued to engage with groups and organizations in our area to build relationships and promote community safety and well-being. We initiated a Community Round Table in Armstrong. The Community Round Table is comprised of local stakeholders and Whitesand First Nation. We sit on situation tables around the rural communities. We attended the Whitesand First Nation and Gull First Nation Powwow's. We presented on Crime Stoppers and the Good Samaritan Act to Armstrong and Whitesand First Nation community members.
- We supported the development of our members and participated in local Indigenous cultural teachings on Whitesand First Nation.

In 2025, we will be working with the Lakehead OPP Detachment Board to form the 2026-2029 Thunder Bay Detachment Action Plan. This work will include engaging with community members to

ensure the needs of the communities we serve will be reflected in the commitments we make. Development of the 2026-2029 Thunder Bay Detachment Action Plan will coincide with the creation of the 2026-2029 OPP Strategic Plan to ensure organizational alignment and support.

The Thunder Bay Detachment – 2024 OPP Detachment Board Annual Report begins to bridge the gap between *Police Services Act* (PSA) and *Community Safety and Policing Act* (CSPA) reporting requirements. In collaboration with relevant OPP program areas, working groups and the Lakehead OPP Detachment Board. This report will continue to develop in the years to come to include content from the OPP Detachment Board Chair(s) and additional data and updates from the OPP.

From detachment administrative staff to frontline uniform members to specialty units to supervisors, our members continue to serve with pride, professionalism and honour. As we anticipate future challenges and opportunities for policing and community safety, we remain dedicated to our mission of serving our communities by protecting citizens, upholding the law and preserving public safety.

Inspector Robert Michelizzi
Thunder Bay-Detachment Commander

Summary of Commitments

Through analysis and consultation, the following areas of focus were identified for the years 2023-2025.

Crime	Roadways, Waterways and Trails	Community Well-Being
<p>Offender compliance, apprehension and return (if necessary) of high-risk offenders where warrants exist.</p> <p>Prevent and solve violent crime while taking a victim-centered approach.</p> <p>Prevent and solve property crime while taking a victim-centered approach.</p> <p>Interdiction of illicit substances and weapons with a focus on the Trans-Canada Highway/ Thunder Bay Airport/Rail.</p>	<p>Increased efforts in traffic enforcement around the “Big Four”.</p> <p>Commercial motor vehicle enforcement/education.</p> <p>Increased presence on our waterways and trails.</p> <p>Daily participation on Reduce Impaired Driving Program Everywhere (RIDE).</p>	<p>Establish and build capacity within Court Case Management and Offender Transport Unit for the district of Thunder Bay.</p> <p>Support for members personal and professional development.</p> <p>Continue to work towards co-response models that focus on prevention, harm reduction and risk intervention strategies.</p>

2024 Crime Progress Updates

Commitment	Progress Update
Offender compliance, apprehension and return (if necessary) of high-risk offenders where warrants exist.	Thunder Bay detachment conducted 198 compliance checks on 133 offenders on bail. Officers also executed 62 warrants with offenders taken into custody.
Prevent and solve violent crime while taking a victim-centered approach.	<p>With the support of RHQ commitments with IPVI, the OPP created a Domestic Violence Unit focused on how we investigate incidents and support victims. The cluster saw an addition of a Domestic Abuse Issues Investigator (DAII) to review, track and support proper and thorough investigations.</p> <p>Thunder Bay Detachment has supported the investigation of violent crime by supporting our Crime Unit with resources, extra training to officers in criminal investigations, warrant writing, IPVI, sexual assault investigation and interviewing techniques. Thunder Bay Detachment also has focused heavily on the Community Street Crime Unit by filling a detective position whose primary purpose is to tackle street crime from theft, firearms related and drug related offences, which directly correlate to violence against persons.</p> <p>The DAII program has supported the Thunder Bay Detachment and its communities by 275 occurrences tasked to the investigator, 3,644 occurrences relating to domestic violence reviewed, 66 of those occurrences were reassigned for further audit.</p>
Prevent and solve property crime while taking a victim-centered approach.	Thunder Bay Detachment continues to commit its resources fully to the prevention of property crime through patrol, community engagement, criminal investigation, other sources of investigative tools such as social media and other investigative tactics. Our victims are priority and supporting them through their ordeal is paramount. We are fully committed to ensuring victim supports are offered and we assist victim support agencies in this area. Thunder Bay Detachment is in 100% compliance with the offering of victim support services through our investigations.
Interdiction of illicit substances and weapons with a focus on the Trans-Canada Highway/ Thunder Bay Airport/Rail.	<p>Criminal interdiction remains a priority and we have made huge strides in intercepting and detecting criminal activity. Our officers have taken several quantities of illicit drugs and substances, as well as several firearms, off the highways. We have seized 10's of thousands of dollars in Canadian currency and multiple vehicles as offence related property.</p> <p>Our CSCU conducted 33 investigations over the year, drafting 27 search warrants, which resulted in 47 people charged with over 190 charges laid in total; a drastically marked increase from 2023. The unit seized over 4,100 g of illicit substances and seized over \$320,000 in Canadian currency as proceeds of crime. The unit has also assisted First Nations communities and our partnering agencies with their services.</p>

2024 Roadways, Waterways and Trails Progress Updates

Commitment	Progress Update
Increased efforts in traffic enforcement around the “Big Four”.	Thunder Bay Detachment continues its commitment to “Big Four” enforcement and works on maintaining success. In 2024 OPP members issued 3,169 “Big Four” offences notices and 1,564 “Big Four” warnings.
Commercial motor vehicle enforcement/education.	1600 + CMV charges and 433 warnings, issuing over 150 offence notices to other commercial motor vehicles with 59 warnings.
Increased presence on our waterways and trails.	Thunder Bay Detachment and its Satellite detachments continue their commitment on the waterways and trails, enforcing the specified acts, education and using social media to bring awareness to Marine, MSV, and ATV safety.
Daily participation on Reduce Impaired Driving Program Everywhere (RIDE).	Thunder Bay Detachment standard is, were operationally able, 2 RIDE Programs daily every shift. In 2024, officers conducted 1,278 RIDE programs and investigated 110 occurrences, laying 77 impaired driving charges.

2024 Community Well-Being Progress Updates

Commitment	Progress Update
Establish and build capacity within Court Case Management and Offender Transport Unit for the district of Thunder Bay.	The Court Unit saw a loss of 1 member due to accepting a position as a Provincial Constable. In the fall of 2024, the Thunder Bay Detachment was in a hiring process for 1 new Special Constable. There is also capacity for an additional contract position that the administration teams is in the process for.
Support for members personal and professional development.	Thunder Bay Detachment Command has assisted its members by way of educational and training courses in several areas of policing. Thunder Bay Detachment, in response to its cultural survey results, has been recognizing their officers through positive recognition in their investigations and awarding officers that stand out contributing to detachment and regional goals. A standard that Thunder Bay Detachment has been striving for is 100% compliance on its members evaluations and personal development plans for future promotions or career aspirations. Where possible the Command Team attempts to work with its members on Temporary Acting Assignments and job shadow opportunities.
Continue to work towards core response models that focus on prevention, harm reduction and risk intervention strategies.	Thunder Bay Detachment continues to analyze data and crime trends, victim support and other alternative responses to prevent crime and harm to the public. The Command Team works closely with Regional Intelligence Analysts and Stats Support Analysts to support and guide operational police functions.

Other Community Updates

- Based on current crime trends and/or requests from the community, Thunder Bay Detachment led crime prevention initiatives focused on drug trafficking. We worked alongside community partners Dilico to increase awareness and education about drug overdoses and the use of Naloxone.
- Thunder Bay Detachment (Armstrong) routinely seeks and receives feedback from community members related to their expectations and levels of satisfaction with the policing services provided in their community. For example, meetings with Whitesand First Nation Chief and Council expressed their appreciation for the efforts being made to combat the drug trafficking problem on the community.
- Thunder Bay Detachment (Armstrong) attended Armstrong Public School, Whitesand First Nation Youth Cultural camp to engage with youth and promote water safety, hunting, off-road vehicle safety and bullying. We received positive feedback from youth, parents, teachers and the principal about the initiative, including...“Building relationships with youth and providing them with information about water safety, off road vehicles, hunting safety and drugs and alcohol are essential aspects of community safety and well-being”. Additionally, a School Liaison was designated for the Upsala Public School. Further efforts for the youth in our cluster include “Cops Christmas”. Thunder Bay OPP Detachment cluster teams up with the Thunder Bay Provincial Communications Centre to raise funds to buy Christmas presents for less fortunate kids. Further, the Detachment runs a local services day for the elementary school students to showcase careers in the community.
- Thunder Bay Detachment continued to engage with diverse groups and organizations in our area to build relationships and promote community safety and well-being. We presented on snowmobile safety to the community members of Neebing. The Detachment also gave an anti-fraud presentation to our elderly population. We participated in Camp Day at Tim Hortons and served coffee making further community connections.
- Building and strengthening relationships with First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities remain priorities for the OPP and the Thunder Bay Detachment. In 2024, we presented on Crime Stoppers and the Good Samaritan Act to Armstrong and Whitesand First Nation Community members. We are heavily involved with Whitesand First Nation including supporting March Break activities, Santa Claus parade, Elders Christmas dinner, cooking community pancake breakfasts and the Whitesand First Nation Youth Cultural Camp.
- Thunder Bay Detachment partnered with community-based organizations Dilico and IFNA to better support victims by connecting them with local and culturally relevant resources.

Calls for Service

Table 1.1

All CAD Events*	Immediate Police Response Required**
16,675	4,772

* This represents all Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) event types created for each detachment area. Not all CAD events are dispatched to a frontline OPP detachment officer. Some events may have been actioned by another OPP member, diverted to another unit, or deemed a non-OPP event. This does not include officer or detachment generated events that have not been reported through the PCC, or any online reporting events.

** This represents the total number of CAD events prioritized for an immediate police response, indicating the potential for extreme danger, catastrophic circumstances, injury, the threat of injury, death, and/or crime in progress.

Crime and Clearance

Violent Crimes

Table 2.1

Offences	2022	2023	2024	Clearance Rate
01 - Homicide	0	0	0	-
02 - Other Offences Causing Death	0	0	0	-
03 - Attempted Murder	1	0	0	-
04 - Sexual Offences	16	20	17	58.82%
05 - Assaults/Firearm Related Offences	44	50	61	90.16%
06 - Offences Resulting in the Deprivation of Freedom	0	1	4	100.00%
07 - Robbery	2	0	1	100.00%
08 - Other Offences Involving Violence or the Threat of Violence	25	22	27	70.37%
09 - Offences in Relation to Sexual Services	0	0	0	-
10 - Total	88	93	110	80.91%

Property Crimes

Table 2.2

Offences	2022	2023	2024	Clearance Rate
01 - Arson	0	0	1	0.00%
02 - Break and Enter	20	29	10	30.00%
03 - Theft Over \$5,000	20	14	12	16.67%
04 - Theft Under \$5,000	29	26	37	29.73%
05 - Have Stolen Goods	4	6	2	100.00%
06 - Fraud	19	41	41	2.44%
07 - Mischief	28	32	35	37.14%
08 - Total	120	148	138	23.19%

Other Criminal Code

Table 2.3

Offences	2022	2023	2024	Clearance Rate
01 - Gaming and Betting	0	0	0	-
02 - Offensive Weapons	4	4	5	80.00%
03 - Other Criminal Code Offences	40	52	75	76.00%
04 - Total	44	56	80	76.25%

Drugs

Table 2.4

Offences	2022	2023	2024	Clearance Rate
01 - Possession	8	5	2	100.00%
02 - Trafficking	4	16	21	100.00%
03 - Importation and Production	0	0	0	-
04 - Cannabis Possession	1	0	1	100.00%
05 - Cannabis Distribution	0	1	0	-
06 - Cannabis Sale	0	0	0	-
07 - Cannabis Importation and Exportation	0	0	0	-
08 - Cannabis Production	0	0	0	-
09 - Other Cannabis Violations	0	0	0	-
10 - Total	13	22	24	100.00%

Federal Statutes**Table 2.5**

Offences	2022	2023	2024	Clearance Rate
Federal Statutes	30	22	30	100.00%

Traffic Violations**Table 2.6**

Offences	2022	2023	2024	Clearance Rate
01 - Dangerous Operation	2	5	10	90.00%
02 - Flight from Peace Officer	5	11	8	12.50%
03 - Operation while Impaired/Low Blood Drug Concentration Violations	73	54	59	100.00%
04 - Failure or Refusal to Comply with Demand	2	1	8	100.00%
05 - Failure to Stop after Accident	2	0	6	0.00%
06 - Operation while Prohibited	1	6	8	100.00%
07 - Total	85	77	99	85.86%

Youth Crime**Table 2.7**

Disposition Type	2022	2023	2024
Bail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conviction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Diversion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non Conviction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
NotAccepted	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
POA Ticket	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
NULL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Total	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Victim Referrals**Table 2.8**

Offences	2022	2023	2024
Sum of Offered	401	443	533
Sum of Accepted	93	117	104
Sum of Total	494	560	637
Sum of % Accepted	18.83%	20.89%	16.33%

Traffic and Road Safety

Motor Vehicle Collisions (MVC) by Type

(Includes roadway, off-road and motorized snow vehicle collisions)

Table 3.1

Offences	2022	2023	2024
Fatal Injury Collisions	7	9	5
Non-Fatal Injury Collisions	45	41	69
Property Damage Only Collisions	538	514	505
Alcohol-Related Collisions	38	27	35
Animal-Related Collisions	195	212	198
Speed-Related Collisions	91	73	56
Inattentive-Related Collisions	35	58	54
Persons Killed	7	11	6
Persons Injured	69	49	95

Primary Causal Factors in Fatal MVCs on Roadways

Table 3.2

Offences	2022	2023	2024
Fatal Roadway Collisions where Causal is Speed Related	4	5	2
Fatal Roadway Collisions where Causal is Alcohol/Drug Related	2	1	1
Persons Killed in Fatal Roadway Collisions where lack of Seatbelt/Helmet use is a Factor	1	1	0
Fatal Roadway Collisions where Causal is Inattentive Related	0	1	0
Fatal Roadway Collisions where Causal is Animal Related	0	1	0

Fatalities in Detachment Area

Table 3.3

Fatality Type	Category	2022	2023	2024
Roadway	Fatal Incidents	6	9	5
Roadway	Persons Killed	6	11	6
Roadway	Alcohol/Drug Related Incidents	2	1	1
Marine	Fatal Incidents	1	0	1
Marine	Persons Killed	1	0	1
Marine	Alcohol/Drug Related Incidents	0	0	0
Off-Road Vehicle	Fatal Incidents	1	0	0
Off-Road Vehicle	Persons Killed	1	0	0
Off-Road Vehicle	Alcohol/Drug Related Incidents	1	0	0
Motorized Snow Vehicle	Fatal Incidents	0	0	0
Motorized Snow Vehicle	Persons Killed	0	0	0
Motorized Snow Vehicle	Alcohol/Drug Related Incidents	0	0	0

Big 4

Table 3.4

Offences	2022	2023	2024
Distracted (HTA 78.1)	242	180	39
Impaired (CCC 320.14 & 320.15)	136	138	181
Seatbelt (HTA 106)	255	326	157
Speeding (HTA 128)	4,228	4,392	2,786

Charges**Table 3.5**

Offences	2022	2023	2024
HTA	5,842	8,436	5,342
Criminal Code Traffic	163	165	235
Criminal Code Non-Traffic	397	458	657
LLCA	80	77	73
Controlled Drug and Substance Act	20	50	117
Federal Cannabis Act	1	3	3
Provincial Cannabis Act	41	51	64
Other	276	445	381

Policing Hours

The OPP has developed a Service Delivery Model (SDM) in response to several reviews and audit recommendations. The SDM is designed to:

- Promote officer wellness through balanced workloads
- Determine adequate staffing levels at each detachment
- Ensure the continued delivery of adequate and effective policing services in accordance with the Community Safety and Policing Act (CSPA)

To implement the SDM, the OPP has submitted a seven-year staffing strategy to address required increases in detachment personnel. This model supports the OPP's ability to:

- Respond rapidly to increasing calls for service
- Maintain safe communities through proactive patrols and community engagement
- Address municipal concerns about reduced police visibility

To monitor progress and guide detachment-level planning, the OPP has established time allocation targets for provincial constables (figure 1). These targets reflect how time should ideally be distributed by the end of the seven-year strategy.

The targets are based on a provincial average and variations are expected between detachments due to differences in geography, operational structure, recruitment and other absences.

In the short term, detachments may face challenges in achieving these targets. Continued improvements in scheduling tools, data integrity, and strategic deployment will support progress toward these goals.

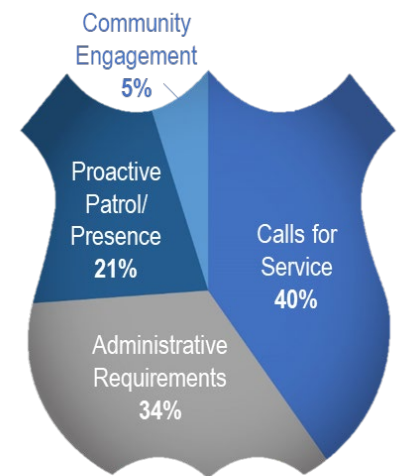


Figure 1: Service Delivery Model Provincial Target

Service Delivery Activity Allocations

Table 4.1

Calls for Service	Administrative Requirements	Proactive Patrol	Community Engagement
39.7%	40.2%	18.7%	1.4%

Hours (Field Personnel)

Table 4.2

	2022	2023	2024
TOTAL FRONTLINE HOURS	92,288	107,330	101,906

Endnotes

Tables 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6

Source: Niche Records Management System (RMS), (2025/04/23)

Note:

- Statistics Canada’s Uniform Crime Reporting Survey was designed to measure the incidence of crime in Canadian society and its characteristics.
- Actual counts (2022, 2023 and 2024) and Clearance Rate for 2024 included.
- The most serious violation methodology (MSV) is used, which is the same as Statistics Canada’s methodology. The MSV counts only the first of up to four offences per incident that occurred in the specific time range.
- First Nation population is not included.
- Statistics Canada Verified (green checkmark) only.

Table 2.1 Violent Crimes

Corresponding Violation Description

01 Murder 1st Degree, Murder 2nd Degree, Manslaughter, Infanticide

02 Criminal Negligence Causing Death, Other Related Offences Causing Death

03 Attempted Murder, Conspire to Commit Murder

04 Sexual offence which occurred prior to January 4, 1983, Sexual Assault, Level 3, Aggravated, Sexual Assault, Level 2, Weapon or Bodily Harm, Sexual Assault, Level 1, Sexual Interference, Invitation to Sexual Touching, Sexual Exploitation, Sexual Exploitation of a Person with a Disability, Incest, Corrupting Morals of a Child, Making Sexually Explicit Material Available to Children, Parent or Guardian Procuring Sexual Activity, Householder Permitting Sexual Activity, Luring a Child via Computer, Agreement or Arrangement - Sexual Offence Against a Child, Bestiality - Commits, Compels Another Person, Bestiality in, Presence of, or Incites, a Child, Voyeurism, Non-Consensual Distribution of Intimate Images

05 Assault Level 3, Aggravated, Assault Level 2, Weapon/Bodily Harm, Assault Level 1, Unlawfully Causing Bodily Harm, Discharge Firearm with Intent, Using firearm/Imitation of Firearm in the Commission of an Offence, Pointing a Firearm, Assault, Peace-Public Officer, Assault Against Peace Officer with a Weapon or Causing Bodily Harm, Criminal Negligence Causing Bodily Harm, Trap Likely to or Causing Bodily Harm, Other Assaults

06 Kidnapping, Forcible Confinement, Hostage Taking, Trafficking in Persons, Abduction Under 14, Not Parent/Guardian, Abduction Under 16, Removal of Children from Canada, Abduction Under 14 Contravening a Custody Order, Abduction Under 15 by Parent/Guardian

07 Robbery, Robbery to Steal Firearm

08 Extortion, Intimidation of a Justice System Participant or a Journalist, Intimidation of a Non-justice System Participant, Criminal Harassment, Indecent/Harassing Communications, Utter Threats to Person, Explosives Causing Death/Bodily Harm, Arson - Disregard for Human Life, Other Violations Against the Person, Failure to Comply with Safeguards (MAID), Forging/Destruction of Documents (MAID)

09 Obtaining Sexual Services for Consideration, Obtaining Sexual Services for Consideration from Person Under the Age of 18 Years, Material Benefit from Sexual Services, Material Benefit from Sexual Services Provided by Person Under the Age of 18 Years, Procuring, Procuring a Person Under the Age of 18 Years, Advertising Sexual Services

Table 2.2 Property Crimes

Corresponding Violation Description

01 Arson

02 Break & Enter, Break & Enter to Steal a Firearm, Break & Enter a Motor Vehicle (Firearm)

03 Theft over \$5000, Theft over \$5000 from a Motor Vehicle, Shoplifting over \$5000, Motor Vehicle Theft

04 Theft \$5000 or Under, Theft under \$5000 from a Motor Vehicle, Shoplifting \$5000 or Under

05 Trafficking in Stolen Goods over \$5000, Possession of Stolen Goods over \$5000, Trafficking in Stolen Goods \$5000 and Under, Possession of Stolen Goods \$5000 and Under

06 Fraud, Identity Theft, Identity Fraud

07 Mischief, Mischief to Cultural Property, Hate-motivated mischief relating to property used by identifiable group, Mischief Relating to War Memorials, Altering/Destroying/Removing a Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)

Table 2.3 Other Criminal Code**Corresponding Violation Description**

01 Betting House, Gaming House, Other Violations Related to Gaming and Betting

02 Offensive Weapons: Explosives, Weapons Trafficking, Possession and Distribution of Computer Data (Firearm), Altering Cartridge Magazine, Weapons Possession Contrary to Order, Possession of Weapons, Unauthorized Importing/Exporting of Weapons., Firearms Documentation/Administration, Unsafe Storage of Firearms

03 Failure to Comply with Order, Escape and being at large without excuse - escape from custody, Escape and being at large without excuse - Unlawfully at Large, Failure to Appear, Breach of Probation, Disturb the Peace, Child Pornography (Possessing or Accessing), Child Pornography (Making or Distributing), Public Communications to Sell Sexual Services, Offences Related to Impeding Traffic to Buy or Sell Sexual Services, Counterfeiting, Indecent Acts, Voyeurism (Expired), Corrupting Morals, Lure child via Computer (Expired), Obstruct Public/Peace Officer. Trespass at Night, Threatening/Harassing Phone Calls (Expired), Utter Threats Against Property or Animals, Advocating Genocide, Public Incitement of Hatred, Promoting or Advertising Conversion Therapy, Unauthorized Recording of a Movie/Purpose of Sale, Rental, Commercial, Distribution, Offences Against Public Order (Part II CC), Property or Services for Terrorist Activities, Freezing of Property, Disclosure, Audit, Participate in Activity of Terrorist Group, Facilitate Terrorist Activity, Instruction/Commission of Act of Terrorism, Hoax – Terrorism, Advocating/Promoting Terrorism, Firearms and Other Offensive Weapons (Part III CC), Leave Canada to Participate in Activity of a Terrorist Group, Leave Canada to Facilitate Terrorist Activity, Leave Canada to Commit Offence for Terrorist Group, Leave Canada to Commit Offence that is Terrorist Activity, Harbour/Conceal Terrorist (Max = Life), Harbour/Conceal Terrorist (Max Does Not = Life), Harbour/Conceal Person Likely to Carry Out Terrorist Activity, Offences Against the Administration of Law and Justice (Part IV CC). Sexual Offences, Public Morals and Disorderly Conduct (Part V CC), Invasion of Privacy (Part VI CC), Failure to Comply with Regulations / Obligations for Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID), Other Offences Against the Person and Reputation, Offences Against the Rights of Property (Part IX CC), Fraudulent Transactions, Relating to Contracts and Trade (Part X CC), Offences Related to Currency, Proceeds of Crime (Part XII.2 CC), Attempts, Conspiracies, Accessories, Instruct Offence for Criminal Organization, Commit Offence for Criminal Organization, Participate in Activities of Criminal Organization, Recruitment of Members by a Criminal Organization, All Other Criminal Code (includes Part XII.1 CC)

Table 2.4 Drugs**Corresponding Violation Description**

01 Possession – Heroin, Possession – Cocaine, Possession - Other Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, Possession - Methamphetamine (Crystal Meth), Possession - Methylendioxyamphetamine (Ecstasy), Possession – Opioid (other than heroin)

02 Trafficking – Heroin, Trafficking – Cocaine, Trafficking - Other Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, Trafficking - Methamphetamine (Crystal Meth), Trafficking - Methylendioxyamphetamine (Ecstasy), Trafficking – Opioid (other than heroin)

03 Import / Export – Heroin, Import / Export – Cocaine, Import / Export - Other Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, Import / Export - Methamphetamines (Crystal Meth), Import / Export - Methylendioxyamphetamine (Ecstasy), Import/Export – Opioid (other than heroin), Production – Heroin, Production – Cocaine, Production - Other Controlled Drugs & Substances Act, Production - Methamphetamines (Crystal Meth), Production - Methylendioxyamphetamine (Ecstasy), Production – Opioid (other than heroin), Possession, sale, etc., for use in production of or trafficking in substance

04 Possession of illicit or over 30g dried cannabis (or equivalent) by adult, Possession of over 5g dried cannabis (or equivalent) by youth, Possession of budding or flowering plants, or more than four cannabis plants, Possession of cannabis by organization

05 Distribution of illicit, over 30g dried cannabis (or equivalent), or to an organization, by adult, Distribution of cannabis to youth, by adult, Distribution of over 5g dried cannabis (or equivalent), or to an organization, by youth, Distribution of budding or flowering plants, or more than four cannabis plants, Distribution of cannabis by organization, Possession of cannabis for purpose of distributing

06 Sale of cannabis to adult, Sale of cannabis to youth, Sale of cannabis to an organization, Possession of cannabis for purpose of selling

07 Importation and exportation of cannabis, Possession of cannabis for purpose of exportation

08 Obtain, offer to obtain, alter or offer to alter cannabis, Cultivate, propagate or harvest cannabis by adult, Cultivate, propagate or harvest cannabis by youth or organization

09 Possess, produce, sell, distribute or import anything for use in production or distribution of illicit cannabis, Use of young person in the commission of a cannabis offence, Other Cannabis Act

Table 2.5 Federal Statutes

Corresponding Violation Description

Bankruptcy Act, Income Tax Act, Canada Shipping Act, Canada Health Act, Customs Act, Competition Act, Excise Act, Youth Criminal Justice Act (YCJA), Immigration and Refugee Protection Act, Human Trafficking (involving the use of abduction, fraud, deception or use of threat), Human Smuggling fewer than 10 persons, Human Smuggling 10 persons or more, Firearms Act, National Defence Act, Emergencies Act, Quarantine Act, Other Federal Statutes

Table 2.6 Traffic Violations

Corresponding Violation Description

01 Dangerous Operation Causing Death, Dangerous Operation Causing Bodily Harm, Dangerous Operation

02 Flight from Peace Officer

03 Operation - low blood drug concentration, Operation while impaired causing death (alcohol), Operation while impaired causing death (alcohol and drugs), Operation while impaired causing death (drugs), Operation while impaired causing death (unspecified), Operation while impaired causing bodily harm (alcohol), Operation while impaired causing bodily harm (alcohol and drugs), Operation while impaired causing bodily harm (drugs), Operation while impaired causing bodily harm (unspecified), Operation while impaired (alcohol), Operation while impaired (alcohol and drugs), Operation while impaired (drugs), Operation while impaired (unspecified)

04 Failure or refusal to comply with demand (alcohol), Failure or refusal to comply with demand (alcohol and drugs), Failure or refusal to comply with demand (drugs), Failure or Refusal to Comply with Demand (unspecified), Failure or refusal to comply with demand, accident resulting in bodily harm (alcohol), Failure or refusal to comply with demand, accident resulting in bodily harm (alcohol and drugs), Failure or refusal to comply with demand, accident resulting in bodily harm (drugs), Failure or refusal to comply with demand, accident resulting in bodily harm (unspecified), Failure or refusal to comply with demand, accident resulting in death (alcohol), Failure or refusal to comply with demand, accident resulting in death (alcohol and drugs), Failure or refusal to comply with demand, accident resulting in death (drugs), Failure or refusal to comply with demand, accident resulting in death (unspecified)

05 Failure to stop after accident resulting in death, Failure to stop after accident resulting in bodily harm, Failure to stop after accident, Operation while prohibited

Table 2.7 Youth Crime

Source: Niche Records Management System (RMS), (2025/04/24)

Note:

- Youth Charges by Disposition Type
- Only charges that have had a disposition type recorded in the OPP Niche RMS application are included.
- Youth charges without a disposition type are not included which may result in under stating the actual youth charges.
- "NULL" represents blanks, or where officers did not indicate the Disposition Type, however charges were applied.

Table 2.8 Victim Referrals

Source: Niche Records Management System (RMS), (2025/04/24)

Note:

- Number of Referrals to Victim Service Agencies

Table 3.1 Motor Vehicle Collisions (MVC) by Type

Source: Ontario Provincial Police, Collision Reporting System (CRS), (2025/02/21)

Note:

- Total Motor Vehicle Collisions (Fatal Injury, Non-Fatal Injury and Property Damage Only): Reportable Fatal Injury, Non-Fatal Injury and Property Damage Only Collisions entered into the eCRS for All Motorized Vehicles (MVC-Roadway, MSV- Snowmobile and ORV-Off Road Report Type) regardless of completion/approval status.
- Alcohol/Drug Related Collisions: Reportable MVC collisions where Alcohol/Drug Involved field indicated as Yes OR Contributing Factor scored as Ability Impaired (Alcohol or Drug) OR Driver Condition reported as Had Been Drinking or Ability Impaired.
- Animal Related Collisions: Reportable MVC collisions where Contributing Factor scored as Animal OR Wildlife Involved was an Animal OR Sequence of Events was an Animal.
- Speed Related Collisions: Reportable MVC collisions where Contributing Factor scored as Excessive Speed or Speed Too Fast For Conditions OR Driver Action reported as Exceeding Speed Limit or Speed Too Fast For Conditions.
- Inattentive Related Collisions: Reportable MVC collisions where Contributing Factor scored as Inattentive OR Driver Condition reported as Inattentive.
- Persons Killed or Injured: Number of Persons Injured or Killed in Reportable MVC collisions.

Table 3.2 Primary Causal Factors in Fatal MVCs on Roadways

Source: Ontario Provincial Police, Collision Reporting System (CRS), (2025/02/21)

Note:

- Fatal Roadway Collisions where Causal is Speed Related: Reportable Fatal Roadway Collisions where Contributing Factor scored as Excessive Speed or Speed Too Fast For Conditions OR Driver Action reported as Exceeding Speed Limit or Speed Too Fast For Conditions.
- Fatal Roadway Collisions where Causal is Alcohol/Drug Related: Reportable Fatal Roadway Collisions where Contributing Factor where Alcohol/Drug Involved field indicated as Yes OR Contributing Factor scored as Ability Impaired (Alcohol or Drug) OR Driver Condition reported as Had Been Drinking or Ability Impaired.
- Persons Killed in Fatal Roadway Collisions where lack of Seatbelt/Helmet use is a Factor:
Persons Killed in Reportable Fatal Roadway Collisions where Victim is fatally injured AND a vehicle occupant AND where safety equipment reported to be not used but available.
- Fatal Roadway Collisions where Causal is Inattentive Related: Reportable Fatal Roadway Collisions where Contributing Factor scored as Inattentive OR Driver Condition reported as Inattentive.
- Fatal Roadway Collisions where Causal is Animal Related: Reportable Fatal Roadway Collisions where Contributing Factor scored as Animal OR Wildlife Involved was an Animal OR Sequence of Events was an Animal.

Table 3.3 Fatalities in Detachment Area

Source: Ontario Provincial Police, Collision Reporting System (CRS), (2025/02/21)

Note:

- Fatal Incidents: Reportable Fatal Collisions by Report Type (Roadway, Marine, Off-Road Vehicle, Motorized Snow Vehicle).
- Persons Killed: Number of Involved Persons where Injury is fatal by Report Type (Roadway, Marine, Off-Road Vehicle, Motorized Snow Vehicle).
- Alcohol/Drug Related Incidents: Reportable Fatal Collisions by Report Type (Roadway, Marine, Off-Road Vehicle, Motorized Snow Vehicle) where Alcohol/Drug Involved field indicated as Yes OR Contributing Factor scored as Ability Impaired (Alcohol or Drug) OR Driver Condition reported as Had Been Drinking or Ability Impaired.

Table 3.4 Big 4

Source: Niche Records Management System (RMS) & eTicket, (2025/02/21)

Note:

- Speeding (HTA 128): Charges are based on date charged. Speeding = HTA s.128 charges.
- Seatbelt (HTA 106): Charges are based on date charged. Seatbelt = HTA s.106 charges.
- Distracted (HTA 78.1): Charges are based on date charged. Distracted = HTA s.78.1 charges.
- Impaired (CCC 320.14 & 320.15): Charges are based on date charged. Impaired = CCC s.320.14 & 320.15 charges.

Table 3.5 Charges

Source: Niche Records Management System (RMS) & eTicket, (2025/02/21)

Note:

- HTA: Charges are based on date charged. Highway Traffic Act Statute charges.
- Criminal Code Traffic: Charges are based on date charged. Criminal Code Traffic (CCC s320.13, 320.14, 320.15, 320.16, 320.17 & 320.18) charges.
- Criminal Code Non-Traffic: Charges are based on date charged. All CCC charges not included in the Criminal Code Traffic section above.
- LLCA: Charges are based on date charged. Liquor Licence and Control Act charges.
- Federal Cannabis Act: Charges are based on date charged. Cannabis Act charges.
- Provincial Cannabis Act: Charges are based on date charged. Cannabis Control Act charges.
- Controlled Drug and Substance Act: Charges are based on date charged. Controlled Drug and Substance Act charges.
- Other: Charges are based on date charged. "Other" charges is comprised of CAIA, Other Provincial & Federal Offences not already captured in sections above.

Table 4.1 Service Delivery Activity Allocations

Source: Daily Activity Reporting (DAR) System

Date: April 17, 2025

Note: Activity allocation percentages are based on the total reported hours of detachment provincial constables performing duties within their home detachment location.

Table 4.2 Hours (Field Personnel)

Source: Daily Activity Reporting (DAR) System

Date: January 20, 2025

Note:

- Total reported hours, excluding paid duties.
- Includes Provincial Constable to Sergeant ranks only.
- Excludes First Nations badge numbers.
- Excludes administrative accounts and joint services accounts.
- Excludes incomplete DAR entries and those with errors.
- Excludes General Headquarters location codes.

CONTACT THE OPP

REACH THE OPP BY PHONE

- Know your location: Be ready to describe your surroundings. Look for addresses, landmarks and buildings that may help identify your location.
- Call 9-1-1 if there is immediate risk to someone's life or property.
- Don't hang up, stay on the line
- Call 1-888-310-1122 for non-life-threatening incidents that require police attention
- TTY 1-888-310-1133, or Agent 511 for registered subscribers (for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Speech Impaired)

PROVIDE AN ANONYMOUS TIP

- Call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS)
- Visit www.crimestoppers.ca

SPEAK WITH AN OFFICER FOR ALL OTHER MATTERS

To arrange to meet an officer at a detachment, go to www.opp.ca to use the Local Detachment Finder and follow the prompts.

REPORT AN INCIDENT ONLINE

You have the option to report select occurrences to police from the convenience of a computer.

Visit www.opp.ca/reporting to use the Citizen Self Reporting system. Specific incidents can be reported online without attending a detachment or waiting for an officer.

You can use this system to report:

- Theft Under \$5,000
- Mischief / Damage to Property Under \$5,000
- Mischief / Damage to Vehicle Under \$5,000
- Theft from Vehicle Under \$5,000
- Lost / Missing Property Under \$5,000 including a licence plate(s) or validation sticker(s)
- Theft of any type of gasoline from a gas station
- Driving Complaints
- Theft from Vehicle Under \$5,000
- Lost / Missing Property Under \$5,000 including a licence plate(s) or validation sticker(s)
- Theft of any type of gasoline from a gas station
- Driving Complaints

Do not use this system if this is an emergency! If it is, call 9-1-1.

9-1-1 is for police, fire or medical emergencies only.

Accidental, hang-up or abuse of 9-1-1 calls tie up emergency lines, communicators and officers which could result in the slower response to a real emergency, risking the safety of people who need urgent help.

#KnowWhenToCall

If you've dialed 9-1-1 in error, stay on the line. Your call will be connected to police. Answer all questions asked by the communicator. This eliminates a lengthy follow up process that may lead to officers attending your location to ensure your safety.

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THUNDER BAY OPP DETACHMENT
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ANNUAL REPORT

June 30, 2025

DETACHMENT BOARD ACTIVITIES

INTRODUCTION

The new Ontario *Community Safety and Policing Act* (CSPA), passed in 2019, came into force on April 1, 2024. Among many other changes, the new legislation has significantly changed how policing is provided in Ontario and has “converted” several existing Police Services Boards (PSBs) to regional “OPP Detachment Boards”.

Municipalities with their own police forces retain the slightly amended “Police Service Boards” under the Act.

The Thunder Bay OPP Detachment provides policing to five municipalities, four First Nations, and various unincorporated townships in the region. These communities include the following:

Municipalities

- Conmee Township
- Gillies Township
- Municipality of Shuniah
- O’Connor Township
- Municipality of Shuniah

First Nations

- Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek First Nation (Gull Bay)
- Lac Des Mille Lacs First Nation
- Namaygoosisagagun First Nation
- Whitesand First Nation

Under Section 10 of the former *Police Services Act*, there were two police services board. One board was under a contract with the Municipality of Shuniah. The second board was a joint board under a contract with Conmee Township, O’Connor Township, and the Municipality of Neebing. These boards were dissolved when the CSPA came into effect and repealed the *Police Services Act*.

O.Reg. 135/24 under the CSPA has prescribed that the communities listed below must work together to form the new “Thunder Bay OPP Detachment Board” to implement the requirements of the legislation.

Thunder Bay OPP Detachment

- Conmee Township
- Gillies Township
- Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek First Nation (Gull Bay)
- Lac Des Mille Lacs First Nation
- Municipality of Shuniah
- O'Connor Township
- Municipality of Neebing

(NOTE: Namaygoosisagagun First Nation and Whitesand First Nation have opted out of participating on the new Board.)

Since many of the newly formed OPP Detachment Boards were comprised of multiple communities, the boards were provided an opportunity to change the name to one that better reflects the entire group. It is anticipated that the name changes will be incorporated into the regulations in the future. The Thunder Bay OPP Detachment Board passed a by-law to change the name and operate as the Lakehead OPP Detachment board.

Section 68 of the CSPA sets out the Roles and Responsibilities of the Board. One of those responsibilities is to provide an Annual Report to the municipalities and band councils regarding the policing provided by the detachment in their municipalities and First Nations on or before June 30 in each year. Since the legislation came into force on April 1, 2024 and most, if not all, new Detachment Boards were in the very early stages of establishment, onboarding, and implementation, there would have been little to report on by June 30, 2024. Therefore, the following report covers activities from late April 2024 to May 2025.

In late April 2025, the OPP's Strategy Management Unit advised of the timeline for activities and creation of the OPP's portion of the Annual Report. The earliest the report will be available to Detachment Boards is June 30. The Board would then still need to review the report, combine it with the Board's portion of the report, and present it to the Municipalities. The soonest the Board will meet in order to review the report is September 2025; therefore, there will be a delay in presenting the Annual Report to the communities. This should be done by sometime in October 2025.

SUMMARY OF DETACHMENT BOARD ACTIVITIES

Functional Area	Activities During Reporting Period
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ CSPA = <i>Community Safety and Policing Act</i> ❖ DB = Detachment Board ❖ DC = Detachment Commander ❖ MFIPPA = <i>Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act</i> ❖ OAPSB = Ontario Association of Police Service Boards ❖ OPC = Ontario Police College 	
Board Framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • O. Reg. 135/24 of the CSPA established the composition of a new 13-seat Detachment Board which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ one Council-appointed Council Representatives from each community ○ three jointly Council-appointed Community Representatives ○ three provincial representatives • The role of the Board Secretary is currently held by the Clerk-Treasurer from the Municipality of Neebing.
The Board and Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensured appointments complied with eligibility criteria in CSPA. • Attempted to ensure diverse representation from member communities. • Appointed Board Members were administered prescribed Oath/Affirmation of Office were signed and filed as official DB records. • Appointed Board Members completed required Criminal Record Checks, which were filed as official DB records. • Appointed Board Members successfully completed all mandatory training, provided by OPC. Documentation filed as official DB records. • Approved a procedure by-law per Section 46 of the CSPA governing how the Board would operate. • The Board held meetings at various locations in 2024. The meetings are now regularly held at the detachment office, due to its centralized location. • Elected/acclaimed Chair for 2024 and 2025, as required by legislation. • Held four meetings in 2024 and four meetings in 2025 before June 30. Subsequent meetings scheduled for September, October and November 2025. • While the appointment process was ongoing, there were some challenges meeting quorum in 2024. The first meeting with quorum was in January 2025

Functional Area	Activities During Reporting Period
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members attended the joint OAPSB Zone 1/OACP meeting in Thunder Bay in December 2024. • Members participated in the OAPSB Zone 1 virtual meetings in January and May 2025. • One member attended the OAPSB Conference and Annual General Meeting, June 3 – 5, 2025, London, Ontario • The Board became member of OAPSB on a one-year trial basis to assess their resources for training, education, information and advice.
Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board Secretary completed training provided by OPC. (OPC training is same as mandatory training for Board Members, but not mandatory for staff.)
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Created webpage within the Municipality of Neebing's website, www.neebing.org/oppboard • Meeting Agendas and Minutes posted on DB webpage as required.
Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board reviewed and approved remuneration of \$150 per meeting or \$300 for full day, plus mileage for all board members. • 2024 budget reviewed; however, quorum was not achieved in 2024 to approve the budget. • 2025 budget reviewed and approved. • Budget is allocated equally among the five municipalities. • Received and analyzed quotes and purchased insurance for the Board in 2025. Since the Board is not a local board under the Municipal Act, there is no coverage under the municipal insurance policies.

FUTURE DETACHMENT BOARD ACTIVITIES

Functional Area	Future Activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ CSPA = <i>Community Safety and Policing Act</i> ❖ DB = Detachment Board ❖ DC = Detachment Commander ❖ MFIPPA = <i>Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act</i> ❖ OAPSB = Ontario Association of Police Service Boards ❖ OPC = Ontario Police College 	
The Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a strong and collaborative working relationship with the DC • Continue to lobby Solicitor General/Public Appointments Secretariat for appointments. • Review and provide feedback to the DC regarding Local Action Plan (in accordance with Section 70 of the CSPA) • Update or create policies as required.
Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed records management policy for DB records, including processing of requests for information. (Since DB is not a “local board”, MFIPPA doesn’t apply.)
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a unique landing page for the DB following the update of the Neebing website.

NOMA and FONOM welcome federal support for Kap Paper, urge all governments to secure long-term stability for Northern Ontario's forestry sector

KAPUSKASING, ON and THUNDER BAY, ON — October 17, 2025 —The Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) welcome the statement from the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Jobs and Families and Minister responsible for FedNor, reaffirming the federal government's support for Kap Paper and the workers and families of Kapuskasing.

Both organizations extend their appreciation to Minister Hajdu and the Government of Canada for recognizing the critical importance of the forestry and pulp & paper sector to Northern Ontario's economy. This commitment underscores the value of sustained federal engagement in supporting communities that form the backbone of Canada's resource economy.

"We appreciate Minister Hajdu's leadership and the federal government's continued attention to the challenges facing Kap Paper," said **Rick Dumas, NOMA President and Mayor of Marathon**. "The North's workers, businesses, and communities have proven time and again that when governments step up, they deliver. This recognition of Kapuskasing's vital role in the regional and national economy is a positive step forward."

At the same time, both associations stress that **urgent and coordinated action** is required to ensure long-term stability across Northern Ontario's forestry and resource sectors. With the recent announcement of the idling of the Ear Falls sawmill, the vulnerability of Northern industries has once again been brought into sharp focus.

"Now more than ever, we need the Government of Canada — led by Prime Minister Mark Carney — and the Province of Ontario, under Premier Doug Ford, to work at lightspeed to secure a fair and durable trade agreement with the United States that protects, strengthens, and rebuilds lasting economic viability for sawmills like Ear Falls and mills like Kap Paper," said **Dave Plourde, FONOM President and Mayor of Kapuskasing**. "The people of Northern Ontario deserve stability and certainty — and we cannot afford to lose another cornerstone industry."

NOMA and FONOM continue to call on all levels of government — federal, provincial, municipal, and Indigenous — along with labour and industry partners to remain united and focused on developing a comprehensive, long-term strategy that safeguards jobs, fosters innovation, and ensures the future of Northern Ontario's forestry sector for generations to come.

The forestry and pulp & paper industries remain pillars of Northern Ontario's economy, supporting thousands of direct and indirect jobs, local businesses, and community services. Both associations reaffirm their commitment to advocating for a sustainable, modern, and competitive forestry sector that continues to drive growth and opportunity across the North.

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Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association

NOMA applauds Ontario's investment to protect forestry jobs at Kap Paper, commends Premier Ford and Associate Minister Holland for strong Northern leadership

THUNDER BAY, ON — October 17, 2025 — The **Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA)** applauds the **Government of Ontario** for its decisive action to protect jobs and stabilize the **Kapuskasing Paper Mill**, safeguarding nearly **300 direct jobs** and thousands more across Northern Ontario's forestry sector.

The Province's **\$16.8 million investment** underscores a clear commitment to sustaining the forestry industry and the communities that rely on it. NOMA commends the leadership of **Premier Doug Ford, Associate Minister of Forestry and Forest Products Kevin Holland, and Minister of Natural Resources Mike Harris** for their tireless advocacy and results-driven approach in securing the future of Kap Paper.

"This announcement is a powerful demonstration of leadership and collaboration," said **Rick Dumas, NOMA President and Mayor of Marathon**. "Premier Ford, Associate Minister Holland and Minister Harris have once again proven their deep understanding of Northern Ontario and their unwavering commitment to the people and industries that keep our region strong."

NOMA notes that Ontario's ongoing investments — through the Forest Sector Investment and Innovation Program, Forest Biomass Program, and Northern Energy Advantage Program — continue to strengthen and modernize the sector, keeping Northern communities competitive and resilient.

"The Ford government has shown, once again, that it listens to the North and acts for the North," added **Fred Mota, NOMA Executive Vice-President and Mayor of Red Lake**. "NOMA is grateful for the leadership of Associate Minister Holland and Minister Harris, whose efforts have directly supported workers, families, and the stability of Northern communities."

"We have tremendous respect and admiration for **Associate Minister Kevin Holland**," Mota continued. "His unwavering dedication to Northern Ontario, deep connection to our communities, and steady commitment to solving complex challenges like the Kap Paper file exemplify what true Northern leadership looks like. NOMA deeply values his advocacy and the results he continues to deliver for our region."

NOMA remains a proud partner in advancing a sustainable and competitive forestry sector that continues to fuel local economies, strengthen communities, and build prosperity across Northern Ontario.



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Thunder Bay, ON — *Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestra to host inaugural Mayor's Ball for the Arts*

Thunder Bay, ON — The Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestra (TBSO) is proud to announce the inaugural Mayor's Ball for the Arts, presented in partnership with Mayor Ken Boshcoff. This premier gala will bring together civic leaders, business partners, and community members for an elegant evening celebrating the power of music, culture, and community spirit.

"The TBSO has long been a cornerstone of our city's cultural and economic life," said Mayor Ken Boshcoff. "The Mayor's Ball for the Arts will not only celebrate the extraordinary talent within our orchestra but also highlight the vital role the arts play in fostering community pride, youth engagement, and economic growth in Thunder Bay."

The Mayor's Ball for the Arts will take place on Saturday, January 24th, 2026, at the Delta Hotel. Guests will enjoy a gourmet dining experience, captivating live performances by the Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestra, and exciting live and silent auctions—all in support of the TBSO's music education and community engagement programs.

Proceeds from the event will directly support the Symphony and their education and outreach initiatives, which bring live orchestral music to classrooms, community centres, and care facilities throughout Northwestern Ontario. These programs inspire creativity, nurture young talent, and ensure that the joy of music remains accessible to all.

"The Mayor's Ball is a celebration of everything the arts make possible in this community," said Ryleigh Dupuis, Executive Director of the Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestra. "The TBSO is honoured to partner with Mayor Boshcoff who is a steadfast supporter of the arts in our community, to showcase the profound impact of music on the cultural and economic vitality of Thunder Bay."

Celebrate. Support. Inspire.

Businesses and community partners interested in sponsorship opportunities are invited to contact the TBSO's Fundraising Team at heatherkilborn@tbso.ca or visit www.tbso.ca/mayorsball for more information.

Ticket sales will open November 8th, 2025.

About the Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestra

Celebrating its 65th season, the Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestra is a cornerstone of Northwestern Ontario's cultural life. Under the direction of Music Director Evan Mitchell, the TBSO presents a dynamic mix of Masterworks, Pops, Voices, and family concerts, as well as innovative community programs that reach audiences of all ages. The orchestra entertains, educates, and inspires thousands each year, enriching the community through the power of live music.

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Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association

NOMA Welcomes Ontario’s “One Project, One Process” Framework to Accelerate Responsible Mine Development

October 20, 2025 – THUNDER BAY - The Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) welcomes the announcement by the Government of Ontario regarding the new **“One Project, One Process” (1P1P)** framework introduced by Minister Stephen Lecce and Premier Doug Ford. This initiative to accelerate mine approvals, strengthen Ontario’s supply chain of critical minerals, and improve economic outcomes for Northern Ontario is a positive step forward for our region.

As the collective voice of Northern Ontario municipalities, NOMA recognizes the tremendous opportunity this new approach represents for advancing sustainable growth, good jobs, and long-term prosperity in the North. The 1P1P framework commits to reducing provincial review times by at least 50 per cent and establishes a streamlined, single-window process for advanced exploration and mine development — while maintaining the Crown’s duty to consult with Indigenous communities.

“Northern Ontario municipalities are ready for action. Streamlined approvals will help us turn untapped mineral potential into tangible economic opportunities — but only if we move together in true partnership with Indigenous leadership and our communities,” said **Rick Dumas, President of NOMA.**

NOMA extends its appreciation to Minister Stephen Lecce and Premier Doug Ford for their leadership in modernizing Ontario’s project approvals and recognizing the vital role critical minerals play in Ontario’s and Canada’s economic future. To build on this momentum, NOMA asks Prime Minister Mark Carney and Minister Tim Hodgson, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, to match Ontario’s ambition by creating the federal conditions for timely approvals and streamlined environmental assessments that move projects forward responsibly. This work must include meaningful consultation, Indigenous leadership, and community partnership to ensure growth that is sustainable and benefits all of Northern Ontario.

“The One Project, One Process approach proves that progress is possible when we work together,” said **Fred Mota, NOMA Executive Vice President.** “Partnership with Indigenous communities and municipalities is the foundation for building lasting prosperity across the North.”

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October ROMA Board Highlights

Happy Local Government Week!

This Local Government Week, you may have noticed that ROMA has a new look. We're excited to share our new branding with you at the upcoming 2026 ROMA Conference.

The ROMA Board sends a sincere thank you to everyone working, leading and serving as elected officials and staff in rural municipal governments across Ontario. We see the great work you're doing, and we appreciate your commitment to your communities.

ROMA report will strengthen advocacy on rural infrastructure funding

- The Board is working with AMO's Policy Team to develop a Rural Infrastructure Strategy. Data shows that rural municipalities face unique infrastructure challenges:
 - Rural Ontario municipalities own and operate about \$153 billion in public infrastructure yet have the fewest financial resources and tools to fund these critical needs.
 - Rural municipalities have 17 per cent of the population in Ontario and are responsible for 31 per cent of all roads, bridges, and tunnel assets, by value.
 - The provincial and federal governments contribute only about 30 per cent in annual rural municipal infrastructure funding.

- Through the strategy, ROMA's advocacy will focus on more effective, efficient funding arrangements that recognize rural communities' limited resources and capacity. This includes:
 - Consolidating various provincial grant programs into a provincial-municipal transfer fund that is stable, predictable, and long-term. This will allow municipalities to plan, maintain and expand infrastructure more effectively.
 - Addressing provincial downloading from the 1990s that included more than 5,000 km of roads and highways, water treatment plans, and non-powered dams to rural communities. The cost of operating and maintaining these assets outstrips the limited property tax base of rural municipalities.

The ROMA Board continues to refine health policy work

- ROMA released its *Fill the Gaps Closer to Home* report in 2024. The report included 22 recommendations for the province to improve access to primary healthcare for millions of rural Ontarians.
- Rural communities are disproportionately impacted by Ontario's health crisis. Despite healthcare being a provincial responsibility, rural municipal governments contribute \$480 million dollars annually to health and social service programs. They do not have the tax base to subsidize provincial costs to this degree.
- AMO Policy staff are reviewing the 2024 report, along with data from AMO's recently completed municipal health survey, to update and reprioritize recommendations into a Rural and Northern Healthy Strategy. This report will be delivered to the ROMA Board in early 2026.

ROMA proactively advocating on rural schools

- A province-wide school closure moratorium has been in place since 2017. However, the Minister of Education said that closures may be considered for the five boards under provincial supervision.
- This could be a first step in lifting the moratorium altogether, putting small, rural schools at risk of amalgamations and closures.
- ROMA is advocating to the Province to exempt all schools from closure that qualify for the Rural and Northern Education Allocation funding as set out by the Ministry of Education.
- ROMA is seeking the Province's cooperation and consultation about potential changes to the moratorium, and development of a criteria and process in collaboration with municipalities that consider the impacts to both students and community wellbeing before a school is closed.
- Additionally, ROMA will work closely with the Community Schools Alliance to align advocacy efforts.

Mark your calendars for ROMA 2026

The 2026 ROMA Conference is happening Sunday, January 18 to Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at the Sheraton Centre Hotel in Toronto.

Early bird conference [registration](#) is available until Friday, October 31 at 4 p.m.

The request form for delegation meetings is now open. [Access the form here.](#)

Don't forget to arrive in time for ROMA's zone meetings and lunch.

Keynote speaker Chantal Hébert is back at this year's Conference by popular demand. Hébert will provide her keen perspectives on an eventful year and what lies ahead.

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**The Corporation of the Township of Conmee
Administrative Report**

Date: October 28, 2025

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: Structural Inspection – Five Bridges and One Culvert – Summary Update

File Number: 01-C10-0000 Administrative Activity Reports

Submitted by: Karen Paisley Clerk

RECOMMENDATION:

The Clerk recommends that Council receive this summary update and provide direction following discussion with the Public Works Manager regarding next steps for the Enders Road Bridge and other identified structures.

BACKGROUND:

Council previously received the full inspection report and administrative summary dated October 14, 2025, outlining structural concerns and recommendations for five bridges and one culvert. A proposal for a pre-design report related to the Enders Road Bridge has been submitted and is included in the closed session materials for Council's consideration, in accordance with Section 239(2)(i) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as it contains pricing and proprietary technical information supplied in confidence.

DISCUSSION:

The Enders Road Bridge is approaching the end of its useful life and will need to be replaced in the coming years. Council has received a proposal to begin early planning work, known as a pre-design assessment. This would include site inspections, a study of water flow, and a review of replacement options. The results would help guide future design decisions and support funding applications.

The Clerk recommends that Council consider whether to move forward with this early planning work. If Council agrees, the Clerk, the Public Works Manager, and the engineering consultant will need to work together to confirm access to the site, set a schedule for fieldwork, and make sure any required approvals or notices are in place.

Completing this work early may help the Township apply for funding and be better prepared for the full bridge replacement. Council may wish to consider how this project fits with other infrastructure needs before deciding on next steps.

**The Corporation of the Township of Conmee
Administrative Report**

Date: October 28, 2025

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: Proposed Appointment of Fire Chief as Municipal Law Enforcement Officer

File Number: 01-C10-0000 Administrative Activity Reports

Submitted by: Karen Paisley Clerk

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Council receive this report and the attached draft appointment bylaw for review. The bylaw would authorize the Fire Chief to act as a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer effective January 1, 2026. If approved, the Clerk will bring the final version of the bylaw forward for formal resolution and signing at the November 2025 Council meeting. It is further recommended that Conmee Township pursue a Corporate Membership with the Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association of Ontario (MLEOA) to cover both the Fire Chief and the existing Bylaw Officer, at a total annual cost of \$273.

BACKGROUND:

Conmee Township currently has one appointed MLEO (Bylaw Officer), who is not a member of the MLEOA. Council has expressed interest in appointing the Fire Chief as a second MLEO to support enforcement of open air burning, fireworks, and other fire-related bylaws. This approach is common in small municipalities and allows for more effective enforcement of fire safety regulations.

The MLEOA offers Regular Membership to municipal employees who are appointed by bylaw and authorized to enforce municipal bylaws. Membership provides access to training, resources, and professional development opportunities. The MLEOA Foundations Course (Part 1), a recognized training program for new MLEOs, will be offered in February and March 2026. The course format will be confirmed by the Association's Education Chair.

DISCUSSION:

To support the Fire Chief's appointment and training, staff have prepared a draft appointment bylaw to accompany this report. The bylaw would take effect January 1, 2026, allowing time for membership processing and course registration. If Council supports the initiative, the final version of the bylaw will be brought forward for formal resolution and signing at the November 2025 Council meeting.

Regarding membership costs, individual Regular Memberships are priced at \$179 per person annually. If both the Fire Chief and Bylaw Officer were registered individually, the total cost would be \$358.

However, Conmee Township qualifies for a Corporate Membership at a reduced rate of \$273 annually, which includes two voting members and allows both officers to be registered under one umbrella. Staff recommend pursuing the Corporate Membership option for cost efficiency and administrative simplicity.



THE CORPORATION OF TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE

BY-LAW NUMBER 2025-0xx

Being a By-law to appoint the Fire Chief as a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer.

Recitals:

1. Council of the Township of Conmee has the authority under Section 15 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* to appoint persons to enforce the bylaws of the municipality.
2. Council wishes to enhance enforcement of municipal bylaws related to open air burning, fireworks, and fire safety.
3. Council considers it appropriate to appoint the Fire Chief as a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer to support these enforcement efforts.

ACCORDINGLY, THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Fire Chief is hereby appointed as a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer for the Township of Conmee.
2. The Fire Chief is authorized to enforce municipal bylaws related to open air burning, fireworks, and fire safety, and to issue fines and penalties as permitted by law.
3. This bylaw shall come into force and take effect on January 1, 2026.

Enacted and Passed this **th day of ***, 2025.

Mayor Sheila Maxwell

Clerk Karen Paisley

**The Corporation of the Township of Conmee
Administrative Report**

Date: October 28, 2025

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: Flag Policy

File Number: 01-C10-0000 Administrative Activity Reports

Submitted by: Karen Paisley - Clerk

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council approve an amendment to the Township's Flag Protocol Policy to include flying the flag at half-mast in honour of former employees of the Township of Conmee, and that Council approve an amendment to Section 5.1 of the Township of Conmee's Flag Protocol Policy to include the death of a former employee of the Township as a circumstance under which the Canadian flag may be flown at half-mast.

BACKGROUND:

The Township of Conmee's Flag Protocol Policy was originally adopted in 2014 and last reviewed in 2021. The policy outlines when the Canadian flag at the Community Centre is to be flown at half-mast, including for the passing of current and former elected officials, first responders, and military personnel.

A member of Council has suggested expanding the policy to include former employees whose service contributed meaningfully to the municipality.

DISCUSSION:

The Township's current Flag Protocol Policy outlines specific circumstances under which the Canadian flag is flown at half-mast, including the passing of current and former elected officials, first responders, and military personnel. However, it does not include former employees who may have made meaningful contributions to the municipality.

The proposed amendment would allow Council to recognize and honour former employees whose service supported the operations or well-being of the Township. This could include individuals from administration, public works, or other municipal roles.

The addition ensures the policy remains inclusive and adaptable, while preserving the dignity and consistency of the Township's flag protocol. The duration of half-masting will remain aligned with existing practice, which is from the day of notification until sundown on the day of the funeral, or for five days if no funeral date is provided.

To maintain the respectful and logical flow of the existing list in Section 5.1, it is suggested that the new item regarding former employees be placed after elected officials and before

emergency and military service roles. This placement acknowledges the role of former employees in municipal service while maintaining the distinct ceremonial recognition given to those who have died in the line of duty.

PROPOSED ADDITION TO SECTION 5.1:

5.1 Flags are flown at half-mast as a sign of mourning. Council will direct staff to lower the flag to half-mast in the following situations:

- a) The death of Her Majesty the Queen or the reigning sovereign
- b) The death of a sitting Prime Minister of Canada or Premier of Ontario
- c) The death of a sitting or former Reeve or Mayor of the Township of Conmee
- d) The death of a sitting or former Councillor of the Township of Conmee
- e) The death of a former employee of the Township of Conmee**
- f) The death of a Township Firefighter or First Responder while on duty
- g) The death of a member of the Armed Forces while on active duty
- h) The death of a member of the Ontario Provincial Police while on active duty whose Detachment services the District of Thunder Bay
- i) Remembrance Day (all day)

THE TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE

FLAG PROTOCOL POLICY

Created: November 25, 2014

Reviewed: March 23, 2021

1.0 POLICY STATEMENT

Council has erected a flagpole at the Community Centre to fly the Canadian flag. Flag protocol defines the proper placement, handling and use of flags. The manner in which flags may be displayed in Canada is not governed by any legislation but by established practice. The National Flag of Canada should be displayed only in a manner befitting this important national symbol. It should not be subject to indignity or displayed in a position inferior to any other flag or ensign. The only flags to which precedence is given over the Canadian flag are the personal standards of members of the Royal Family and her Majesty's eleven representatives in Canada (i.e. the Governor General and 10 Lieutenant Governors).

2.0 PURPOSE

Council wishes to establish a policy to govern staff as to when the flag will be flown at half-mast, when it will be taken down and when it will be replaced.

3.0 SCOPE

The policy applies to all staff, council, and committee members.

4.0 RESPONSIBILITY

Council is responsible for the review and approval of this policy.

The Clerk is responsible for the development, maintenance, and implementation of this policy.

5.0 PROCEDURE

5.1. Flags are flown at half-mast as a sign of mourning. Council will direct staff to lower the flag to half-mast in the following situations:

- a) The death of Her Majesty the Queen or the reigning sovereign
- b) The death of a sitting Prime Minister of Canada or Premier of Ontario
- c) The death of a sitting or former Reeve or Mayor of the Township of Conmee
- d) The death of a sitting or former Councillor of the Township of Conmee
- e) The death of a Township Firefighter or First Responder while on duty
- f) The death of a member of the Armed Forces while on active duty
- g) The death of a member of the Ontario Provincial Police while on active duty whose Detachment services the District of Thunder Bay
- h) Remembrance Day (all day)

- 5.2. The flag must be lowered to a position that makes it clear that the flag is being flown at half-mast and not just incorrectly placed. The flag will remain lowered from the day of the death until sundown on the day of the funeral, or in the case of no immediate funeral, the flag will remain at half-mast for 5 days.
- 5.3. The flag will not ordinarily be taken down except for maintenance purposes or for replacement. By precedent, the flag may be flown during the day and night.
- 5.4. The flag will be replaced when Council determines that it has faded or torn and is no longer an adequate representation of the honour that should be afforded the national flag.
- 5.5. The Canadian flag will not be taken down to fly the flag of any other Province, Territory, Agency or Organization.
- 5.6. As the Conmee Community Centre only has one flagpole, only the Canadian National flag shall be flown.

7.0 REVIEW

This policy shall be reviewed a minimum of once per council term.

8.0 REFERENCES

National Flag of Canada Act
Government of Canada - Rules for flying the National Flag of Canada
<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/flag-canada-etiquette/flying-rules.html>

From: [Len Day \(NWORTA\)](#)
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Date: October 11, 2025 11:03:15 AM

Hello Karen,

Please find attached a letter updating Council on our activities. It also includes a request for Council to provide a "letter of support" to assist us with securing future funding. I have also provided some additional attachments Council may find pertinent/interesting.

If you require any more information please let me know.



NWORTA Update 10/25



Shabaqua Trail Extension Kakabeka Falls.png



NWORTA 5-Phase Trail Plan Map.png



NWORTA Thunder Bay Kakabeka Shabaqua Trails.png

Thank you,

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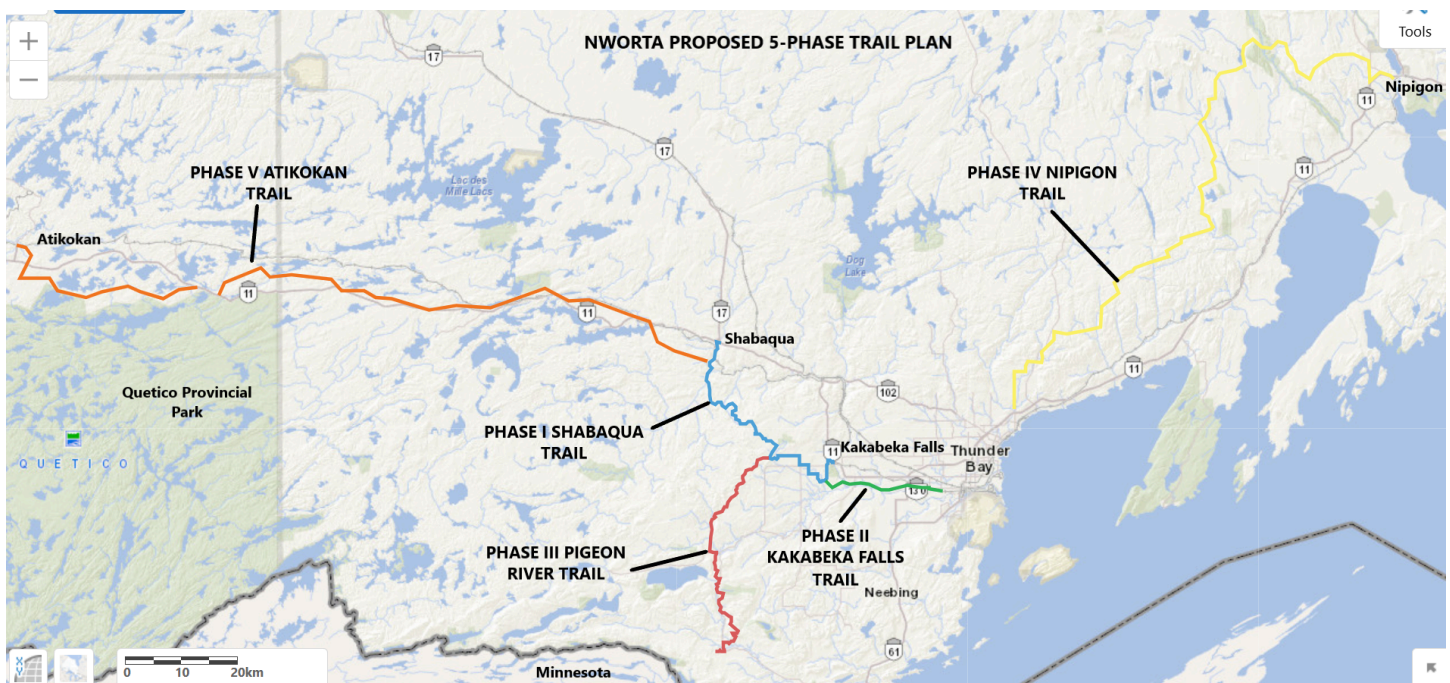




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To Members of Council;

It's been a while, so I thought I would reach out to give Council an update on our plans to upgrade and expand the NWORTA Trans Canada Trail hiking trail network in the Thunder Bay region.



Phase I: Shabaqua Trail (Kakabeka Falls to Shabaqua):

At present we have 45 km. of the approximately 60 km. proposed trail open and operational. We continue with previous plans that include extending the trail further east to Kakabeka Falls from Sovereign Road/Highway 590 to Luckens Road (O'Connor Township), and on to Kakabeka Falls itself. We also intend to continue with plans to mitigate shared roadway use of all of Sovereign Road and part of Fleming Road.

Unfortunately, our planning has been delayed due to staffing shortages at the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR). This has resulted in our Trail Work Permit for the Shabaqua Trail being in limbo for some time now. Recent discussions with my contact indicates we should be receiving that permit in the coming weeks. Once we have it in hand, we will finalize our application to the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA). It is our intent to complete some of the work before the snow flies this winter. Our primary focus will be the expansion of the trail to Luckens Road and Kakabeka Falls. Additional work to bypass Sovereign and Fleming Roads will commence next year.

Phase II: Kakabeka Falls Trail (Thunder Bay to Kakabeka Falls):

Last Fall, we were able to construct nearly 3 km. of this new trail, which extends the existing City of Thunder Bay Trans Canada Trail at Fort William Historical Park, west to 25th Side Road via the Broadway Avenue north easement. From there, the trail follows Rosslyn Road, Harstone Road, and Luckens Road where it connects to the Shabaqua Trail at Luckens Road. Unfortunately, this trail section through Oliver-Paipoonge Township remains as “unofficial” as we have yet to receive support from their Council to designate it as an official Trans Canada Trail route. We continue to work towards gaining that support.

Phase III: Pigeon River Trail (Kakabeka Falls to Minnesota):

The outstanding MNR Trail Work Permit mentioned above also includes approval for the construction of a trail south from the Shabaqua Trail west of Kakabeka Falls, connecting to Minnesota at the Highway 61 Canada/USA border crossing. While still a year or 2 away from starting construction, this trail will become our next focus of the remaining trails in our 5-Phase Trail Plan.

Phase IV: Nipigon Trail (Thunder Bay to Nipigon):

We have identified a potential route north and west of Lake Superior and the Trans Canada Highway to connect the existing City of Thunder Bay Trans Canada Trail to the existing Trans Canada Trail in Nipigon. While important to us, we have now put this trail at the bottom of our priority list

Phase V: Atikokan Trail (Shabaqua to Atikokan):

We have identified a potential route for the initial phase of this trail, which will connect Shabaqua to Quetico Provincial Park. The second phase will complete the connection to Atikokan itself. As of this time, we are out verifying exact trail routing and documenting preferred and secondary route options, and have confirmed over 60 km. of the 110 km. route. We anticipate submitting for a Trail Work Permit to MNR sometime this Fall or early Winter. The trail will parallel Highway 11, which will allow for cell phone service for trail users and provide easier access for trail construction/maintenance.

As we seek out necessary funding from various partners for this bold, but very doable plan, we require “letters of support” from impacted stakeholders. We would like to ask Council to consider providing us with such a letter, to be included in our funding applications. The statement should indicate that Council supports NWORTA and our plans to expand the Trans Canada Trail network in the Township and the Thunder Bay region. This would help immensely with potential funders.

We thank Council for their ongoing support, and look forward to continuing our work to connect Northern Ontario communities together via hiking trails.

Respectively submitted by:



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About NWORTA:

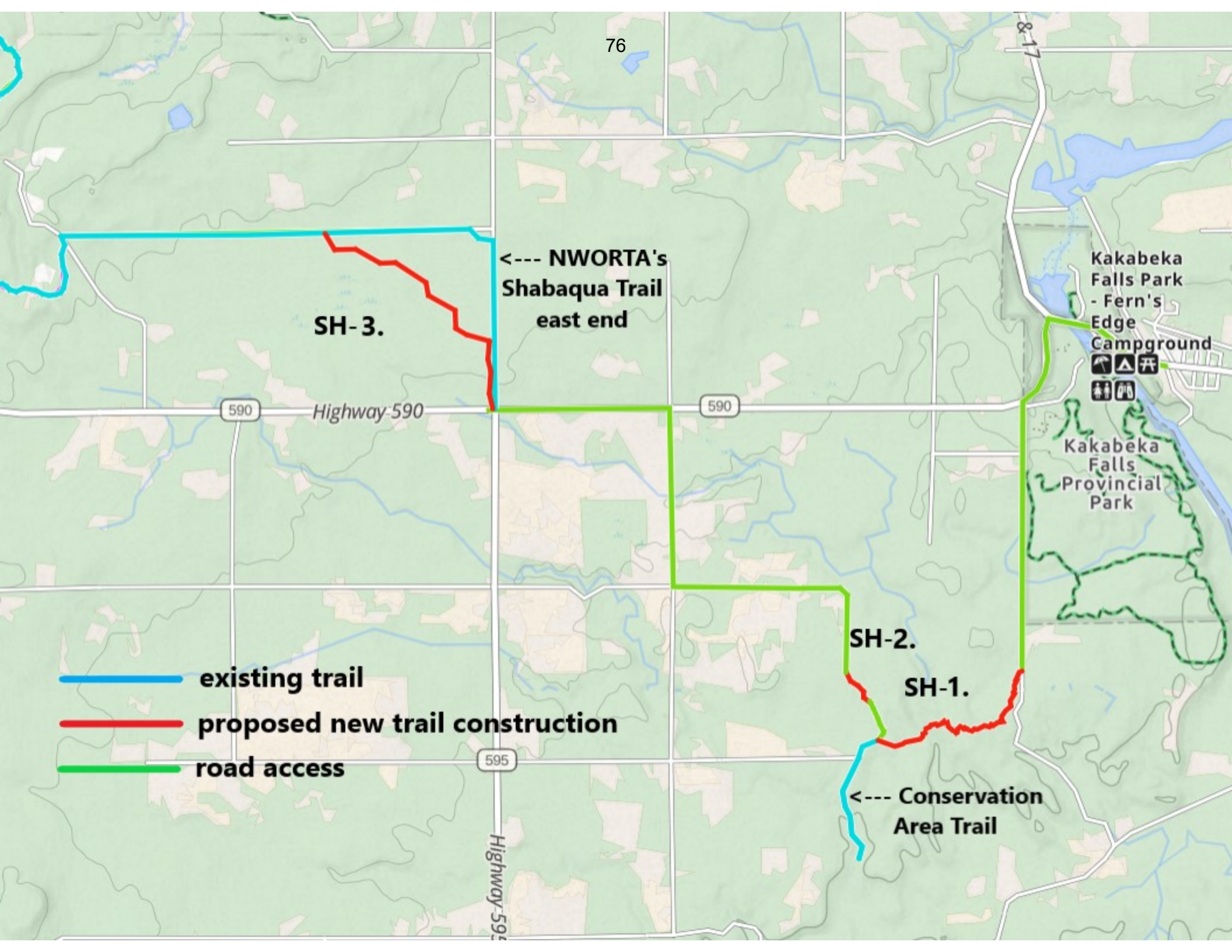
NorthWestern Ontario Recreational Trails Association (NWORTA) is a Thunder Bay based Ontario incorporated charitable not-for-profit trail association, with Hike Ontario and Trans Canada Trail affiliation. Our mandate is the expansion and maintenance of the Trans Canada Trail land trail from the City of Thunder Bay west to Atikokan, east to Nipigon, and south to Minnesota.

Our 5-Phase Trail Plan proposes to establish a nearly 400 kilometre network connecting neighbouring communities. When completed, the trails will enhance and augment the existing Trans Canada Trail/Path of the Paddle water trail through Northwestern Ontario. It will provide access to an expanded, safer, and more enjoyable Trans Canada Trail experience for non-paddlers while showcasing the natural beauty of Northwestern Ontario.

About Trans Canada Trail:

The Trans Canada Trail is the longest multi-use trail system in the world and it is always growing. It reaches every province and territory and connects all three of Canada's coastlines. Each section of the Trans Canada Trail is managed locally and supports different activities and community needs.

Trans Canada Trail is the organization that advocates for, stewards and champions Canada's nationwide trail system. It is a registered charity that receives funding from the Government of Canada (through Parks Canada), various provincial and municipal governments, and generous donors.



NWORTA PROPOSED 5-PHASE TRAIL PLAN

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**PHASE IV NIPIGON
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**PHASE I SHABAQUA
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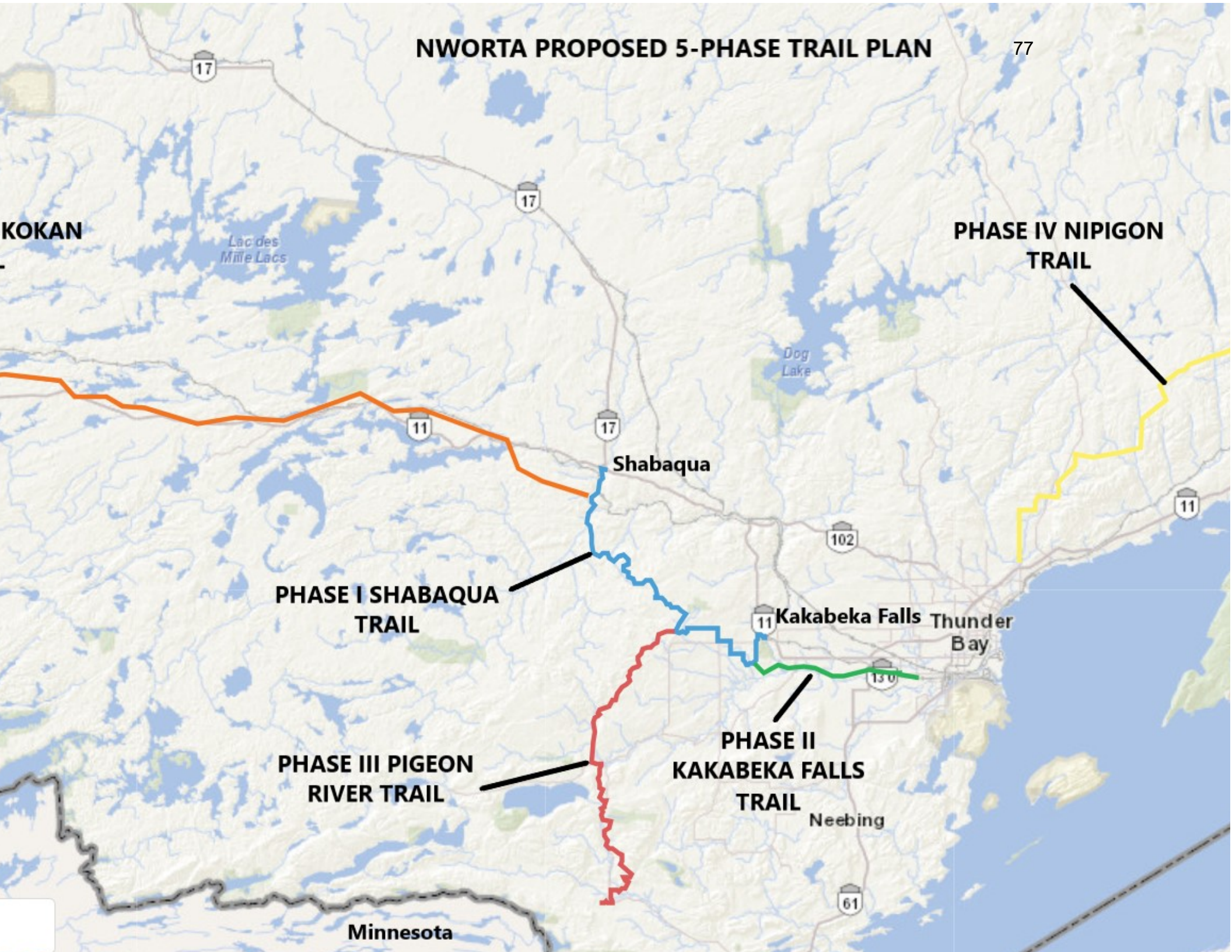
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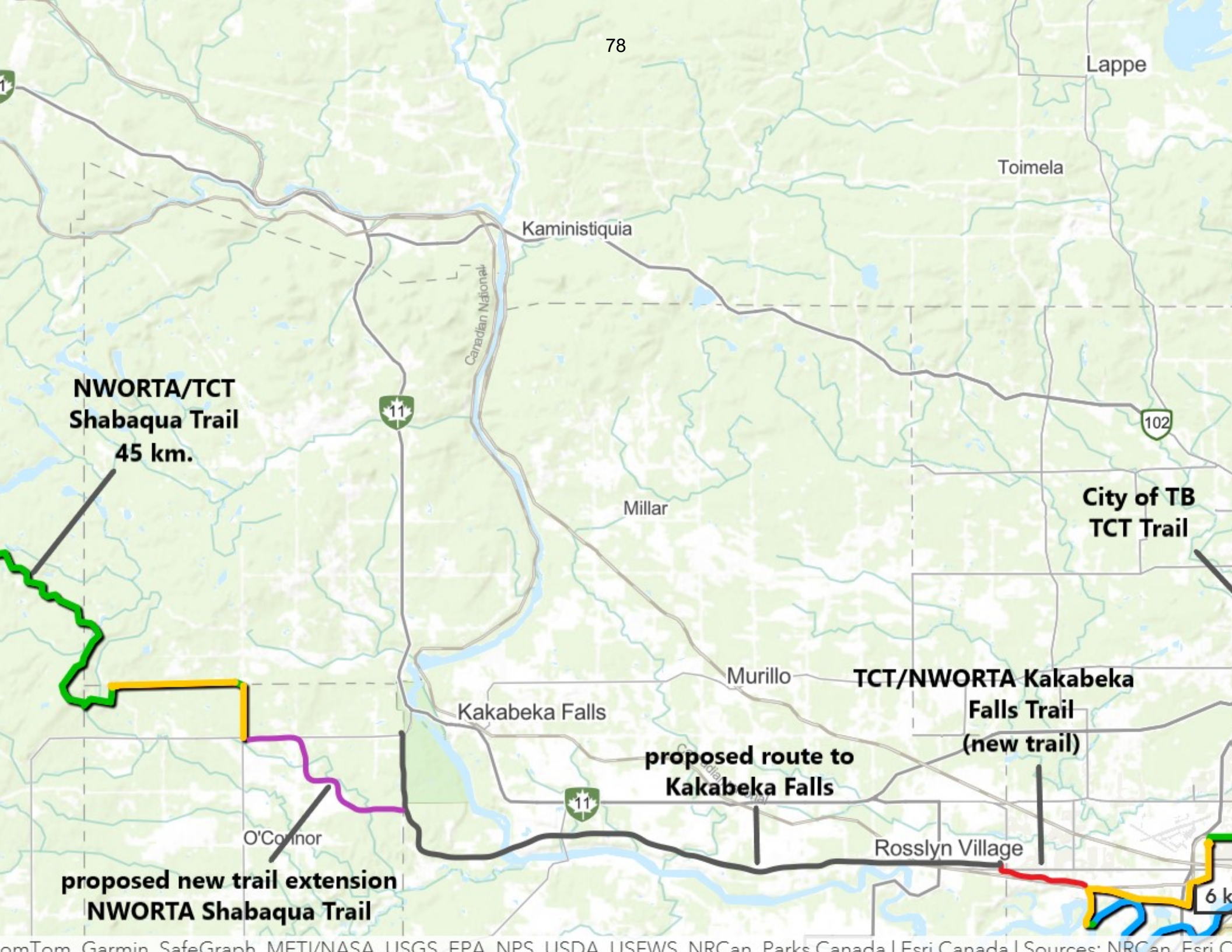
**PHASE III PIGEON
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**PHASE II
KAKABEKA FALLS
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**NWORTA/TCT
Shabaqua Trail
45 km.**

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**City of TB
TCT Trail**

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**TCT/NWORTA Kakabeka
Falls Trail
(new trail)**

**proposed route to
Kakabeka Falls**

Kakabeka Falls

Murillo

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O'Connor

**proposed new trail extension
NWORTA Shabaqua Trail**

Rosslyn Village

6 km

**The Corporation of the Township of Conmee
Administrative Report**

Date: October 28, 2025

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: Community Safety Zone – Trans-Canada Highway (Highway 11/17)

File Number: 01-C10-0000 Administrative Activity Reports

Submitted by: Karen Paisley Clerk

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receive this report for information, and that the Clerk be directed to proceed with consultations with the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), the Ministry of Transportation (MTO), and MPP Kevin Holland regarding the feasibility of designating a portion of Highway 11/17 within Conmee Township as a Community Safety Zone.

BACKGROUND:

At the previous meeting, Council directed the Clerk to investigate the process for designating a Community Safety Zone (CSZ) along the Trans-Canada Highway (Highway 11/17) within the Township of Conmee. This initiative is in response to increased truck traffic resulting from the City of Thunder Bay's implementation of a designated truck route, which has redirected significant volumes of heavy vehicle traffic through Conmee.

Community Safety Zones are designated areas where public safety is of special concern, and where enhanced penalties for traffic violations may apply. On provincial highways, CSZs are designated by regulation through the Ministry of the Solicitor General, following a formal application process led by the local municipality in consultation with the OPP and MTO.

DISCUSSION:

The Clerk has reviewed the process outlined by the Ontario Provincial Police for applying for a CSZ on a King's Highway. The process includes identifying the safety concern, preparing an information package with site details, consultation documentation, a municipal resolution, and a letter of support from the local MPP. The package is submitted to the local OPP detachment for review and, if complete, forwarded to the OPP Highway Safety Division for consideration. The Clerk has submitted an initial request to MPP Kevin Holland's office for a letter of support. Consultation with the Thunder Bay OPP detachment, which serves Conmee Township, and the Ministry of Transportation Regional Traffic Office is planned as the next step. A draft resolution has been prepared and will be brought forward for Council's consideration once the consultation process is complete and the information package is ready for submission.



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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
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 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;



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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.



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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:
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 - The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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If you have any questions, please contact me at the email address below.

Sincerely,

Natalie Charette
 Interim Clerk
clerk@twpec.ca

Date:

8 October 2025

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Moved By:

Councillor Kristen Rodrigues

Seconded By:

Councillor Alex Boughen

Whereas conservation authorities serve a critical function in safeguarding Ontario's natural heritage, overseeing watershed management, mitigating flood risks, and advancing climate resilience;

And whereas the Province of Ontario's recent mandate to freeze conservation authority fees has significantly hindered their capacity to deliver essential services;

And whereas Conservation Authorities are now expected to process an increasing volume of permit applications under a fee structure that remains frozen, despite rising costs of living and wage pressures, further compounding operational and fiscal challenges;

And whereas municipalities are increasingly compelled to absorb the resulting financial shortfalls, leading to unsustainable downloading of costs onto local taxpayers;

And whereas the intent behind the provincial fee freeze was to reduce development-related expenses and accelerate housing supply;

And whereas this policy has inadvertently shifted the financial burden from a user-pay cost recovery model to the municipal tax base, thereby straining local budgets and compromising the principle of fair and equitable funding;

Now Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming urges the Province of Ontario to reconsider the fee freeze mandate and to implement a funding framework that protects municipal taxpayers from cost recovery deficits, while supporting a sustainable and balanced approach to conservation authority financing.

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Gary L. Atkinson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE

BY-LAW # 2025-035

Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting.

Recitals:

Subsection 5(3) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, as amended, requires a municipal Council to exercise its powers by by-law, except where otherwise required.

Council from time to time authorizes action to be taken which does not lend itself to an individual by-law.

The Council of The Corporation of the Township of Conmee deems it desirable to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting by by-law to achieve compliance with the Municipal Act, 2001.

ACCORDINGLY, THE COUNCIL FOR THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Ratification and Confirmation

The actions of this Council at its meeting held October 28th, 2025, with respect to each motion, resolution and other action passed and taken by this Council at the meeting, are adopted, ratified and confirmed as if such proceedings and actions had been expressly adopted and confirmed by by-law.

2. Execution of all Documents

The Mayor of the Council and the proper officers of the Township are authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the actions authorized at the meeting, and/or to obtain approvals where required, and except where otherwise provided, the Mayor and Clerk are authorized and directed to execute all necessary documents and to affix the Corporate Seal of the Township to such documents.

Passed this 28th day of October, 2025.

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE

Mayor Sheila Maxwell

Clerk Karen Paisley