

THE TOWNSHIP OF ST. JOSEPH
CONSENT AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2014

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| 1-3 | a. St. Joseph Island Community Garden Committee
Re: Minutes of the meeting held July 22, 2014 | Receive |
| 4 | b. Thank you card from the Community Garden Committee | Receive |
| 5-6 | c. Resolution from the Township of Tarbutt & Tarbutt Additional
Re: TSSA regulations causing the closure of local gas stations | Endorse |
| 7 | d. Algoma Forest 2010-2020 Forest Management Plan
Re: Draft Planned Operations for 2015-20 | Receive |
| 8 | e. FONOM Summer Newsletter | Receive |
| 9 | f. Letter from Ernie Hardeman
Re: Official Opposition critic for Municipal Affairs and Housing | Receive |
| 10 | g. Letter from Stewardship Ontario
Re: Interim Industry Funding for municipal blue box recycling | Receive |

Recommendation: Be it resolved that items a through g listed on the Consent Agenda dated August 13, 2014 be received; and
That a letter of support be sent to the Township of Tarbutt, MPP Mike Mantha, and the TSSA regarding regulations that result in the closure of local fueling stations.

St. Joseph Island Community Garden

July 22, 2014@7:00pm

Township Office

Present: Maria Smith, Kristina Adams, Sandie Leith, Juniper Adams

Regrets: Carly Breckenridge, Moriah Misener, Cindy Glover, Amy Robert

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 following an inspection of the gardens.
Sandie chaired the meeting
The agenda was reviewed and accepted as circulated.
2. Kristina was the recorder for the meeting.
3. The minutes from June 23, 2014 were reviewed and accepted with a minor grammatical correction. The minutes to be circulated to the full committee.
4. Business Arising
 - a. Planting and garden organizing activities-attendance will be recorded in the volunteer log book
June 25, 6:00-8:30 was attended by 8 people
July 3 (date to be confirmed) 6-8:00 was attended by 8 people
The beds are all in use and look great!
Action: Kristina to set up volunteer hours log book and record attendance at these and other events.
 - b. Update on garden participants- The beds have been assigned to Sandra (2), Erica, Paul, 4 H and 3 for the community Garden committee to donate to the Food Bank.
 - c. Shade Structure-Maria made all the necessary arrangements with the Township and the structure is under construction. It is anticipated that it will be complete by the end of this week.
 - d. Shed-information was received from Cindy. Sandie to contact Cindy to clarify the dimensions of the shed and the funding for the foundation. Once confirm Sandie will be in touch with Jody Wildman to finalize the location and make arrangements for the construction.

Action: Sandie to contact Cindy and Jody to finalize plans for the shed.

- e. Garden space organization-composts, water barrels, mulch-at the next garden meeting the garden space organizing will be completed. We discussed the need for an eaves trough for the structures and gate for the electric fence. We agreed to place an ad in the Island Clippings asking for donations and at the same time promoting the garden project.

Action: Sandie to send notice to all members and participants to invited them to participate in a work bee. Sandie to check with Jody about the watering system.

Kristina to prepare an ad to be submitted to the Island clippings asking for a donation of a gate for an electric fence and 3-10 foot lengths of eaves trough.

- f. Signage-electric fence sign- Moriah provided an email update that the sign for the fence is completed and ready to be posted when she returns to the Island this weekend. We discussed a welcome sign and Sandie to follow up with Carol and Moriah about this.

Action: Moriah to post the electric fence caution sign. Sandie to follow up with Carol and Moriah.

- g. Produce from garden-“Food is Free” project—Produce with soon be ready to be donated to the food bank. The logistics of this needs to be sorted out. Carly also suggested that we might want to be connected with the Food is Free project. For more information on this project see #foodisfree. We agreed to discuss this further at our next meeting.

Action: Maria to contact the Food Bank to confirm they are able to accept the produce and to work out the details. Maria was able to confirm that they will gladly accept the donation on Wednesday mornings.

- h. Planning gardening days and picking produce-We agreed to meeting every two weeks and to send out a notice to all participants and the public. Other picking days as required.

Action: Sandie to send out schedule of dates.

Action: Maria and Kristina agreed to pick as required between meeting dates.

- i. Media-clippings, Local 2-Ad to be placed in clippings and notices to be send as we have them. Maria agreed to follow up on Local 2 regarding pictures taken by Donna Schell on June 25.

Action: Maria to follow up with Donna at Local 2

- j. Face Book group and promotion-A Facebook group has been set up by Carly-SJI **Community Garden**. This will be promoted through the clippings ad and any promotional materials. Group to be circulated to the members. Please share comments and pictures.
 - k. Volunteer hours and log-in book-master binder-Kristina has a binder organized to keep information and meeting information in. Sandie will pick up a book to record volunteer hours. We will work on recording attendance from previous events. We will have hours from the May 10th work bee.
 - l. Garden Rules- We agreed to defer this to the future in preparation for next year's growing season.
 - m. Thank you cards-Amy provided an update on the thank you cards. So far they have been send to: St. Joseph Township, Credit Union, 4H, Gilbertsons, Lawrences, Horticultural Society. We need to notify Amy of any others required and she will take care of it.
5. Treasurer's report-Maria to follow up with Carol about a possible bank account or accounting system.
6. New Business:
- i) Promotional material- Kristina suggested a poster that promotes the garden, gardening dates and Face Book.
Action: Kristina to prepare poster and to circulate draft to the committee.
 - ii) Maria suggested an open house at the end of August. We will discuss dates and details at the next meeting.
7. Date of next meetings
Tuesday, August 5th at 7:00
Tuesday, August 19 at 7:00
Tuesday, September 2 at 7:00
8. Meeting Adjourned at 8:15

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To the Staff and Crews,
without each of you, the community
Garden could not exist! How can
we begin to thank-you? Your
constant support and contributions
have enabled us to achieve our
goals!
With Sincere Thanks,
The St. Joseph Island
Community Garden Committee



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August 4th, 2014

Mike Mantha, MPP
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Mike,

Council thanks you for your correspondence of April 11th 2014 indicating your interest and efforts in regard to what is happening in the area to small gas stations.

Since that time, we have not witnessed any of these closed stations reopening and we have seen more close their doors. The lack of convenience store/gas stations throughout this area is a serious concern and its impact is being felt in many associated businesses and areas of our communities.

I have enclosed with this letter a resolution passed in open Council and would request your continued support to bring some logic and reason to this situation. Current store owners along with their community are paying too high of a price for what may or may not have occurred long before they acquired the business and they are also paying for legislation that has come in long after a business came into existence. This legislation may be appropriate going forward but it hardly seems fair to place such a standard on businesses that were in existence and governed for many years under totally different legislation and regulations or the lack thereof.

Res: 63-2014 M. Muscat, J. Paul

WHEREAS it has been brought to the attention of Council that local gas stations have been subject to inspections that amount to harassment, discrimination and power tripping by TSSA Inspectors; and

WHEREAS Council appreciates the need for inspection and standards for gas stations; and

WHEREAS Council wishes to make their position on this matter known:

THAT local businesses need to be treated with dignity and respect; and

THAT it is not the fault of local business that TSSA has not completed a regular schedule of inspections in the past; and

THAT consideration must be given to the availability of professionals to address any issues arising at gas stations in Northern Ontario; and

THAT inspectors, regulators and the Province must take into consideration the unrealistic costs charged by companies and professionals when contracted to replace, repair or mitigate any work or issues at local gas stations; and

THAT all parties involved in this matter must respect the relative small earning power of a local Northern Ontario gas station, yet the huge economical and social impact they have on residents, business, tourism, development and the sustainability of the area.



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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council requests staff to forward Council's serious concerns regarding the mass closure of local gas stations as a result of unrealistic demands and outrageous costs associated with the regulatory demands. (cd)

Like so many things, this seems to have dropped off the radar; however Council witnessed the reality of so many closed gas stations on our last long weekend.

There needs to be some common sense applied to this situation and not simply placing the onus on current operators to deal with all that has gone on before. Compliance going forward is perhaps a realistic approach if tempered again, with some common sense considering the volume of product handled and the potential earning power of these small businesses.

The gas stations and convenience stores that have closed as a result of this blitz by the TSSA inspectors will in all likelihood never reopen, unless there is some assistance, either financially or in grandfathering them in. It is also inconceivable to imagine new gas stations and convenience stations being able to present a business plan that would enable them in this rural area to start up.

The ramifications from what has occurred are so diverse and far reaching we don't even realize the full impact. One of the concerns facing the owners of these stations is the continued accumulation of property taxes on a business and property that in all likelihood is unsalable. If these properties cannot be sold they may be turned over to the Municipalities through tax sale or voluntarily, presenting the Municipalities with Brownfield properties they cannot sell and dare not vest into their own names.

We suggest the only fair outcome is to reinstate all of these businesses effective immediately and work with them going forward with some type of government grants to clean up and become compliant with new and current legislation.

In closing we would like to see an investigation into TSSA to establish if our area (Sault Ste Marie and Algoma District) was targeted or has this approach been taken across the province in **ALL** gas stations, without exception. Finally we would like clarification on how TSSA is funded and whether or not there is a conflict of interest with their funding and the charges and costs they issue to small gas stations.

Respectfully,

Glenn Martin, Clerk

Cc: Central Algoma Clerk's Association

REVIEW

Algoma Forest 2010–2020 Forest Management Plan Review of Draft Planned Operations for Phase II 2015–2020

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF), Clergue Forest Management Inc. and the Sault Ste. Marie and Wawa Local Citizens Committees (LCC) invite you to review and comment on the Phase II 2015–2020 Draft Planned Operations of the 2010–2020 Forest Management Plan (FMP) for the Algoma Forest.

You will have the opportunity to review and comment on:

- The draft planned harvest, renewal and tending operations and access roads for the second five-year term; and
- The MNRF's preliminary list of required alterations.

You will also have an opportunity to contribute to the background information used in planning.

Comments from the public will be considered in revisions to the Draft Planned Operations.

How to Get Involved

The draft planned operations and the draft planned operations summary will be available on the MNRF public website at ontario.ca/forestplans and at the Clergue Forest Management Inc. office, during normal office hours (by appointment) for a period of 30 days from **August 5, 2014** to **September 3, 2014**. The ServiceOntario locations in Wawa District and in Sault Ste. Marie at 420 Queen Street East provide Internet access.

Meetings with representatives of the planning team and the LCC can be requested at any time during the planning process. Reasonable opportunities to meet planning team members during non-business hours will be provided upon request. If you require more information or wish to discuss your interests with a planning team member, please contact one of the individuals listed below:

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During the planning process there is an opportunity to make a written request to seek resolution of issues with the MNRF District Manager or the Regional Director using a process described in the *Forest Management Planning Manual (2009)*. The last possible date to seek issue resolution with the MNRF Regional Director is **September 3, 2014**.

Stay Involved

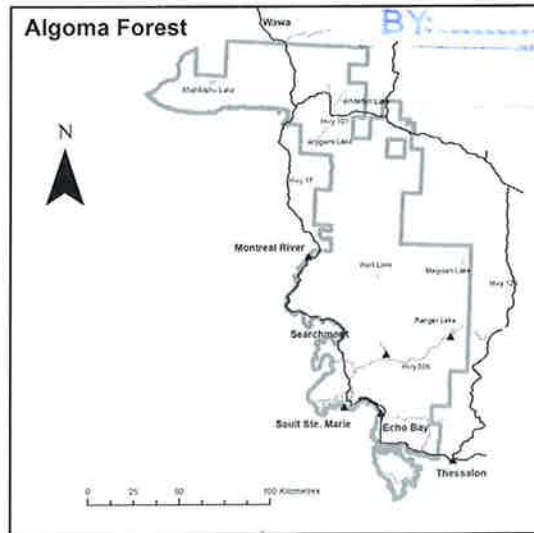
The preparation of the draft detailed operations for the second five-year term (Phase II) has been completed. Following receipt of comments, the draft planned operations will be revised and the final planned operations will be available for inspection.

There is a final opportunity to inspect the planned operations before they are implemented during the inspection of the MNRF-approved planned operations (**Stage 3**) which is tentatively scheduled for **November 2014**.

The approval date of the planned operations for the second five-year term is tentatively scheduled for **December 2014**.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is collecting your personal information and comments under the authority of the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act*. Any personal information you provide (address, name, telephone, etc.) will be protected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*; however, your comments will become part of the public consultation process and may be shared with the general public. Your personal information may be used by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to send you further information related to this forest management planning exercise. If you have questions about the use of your personal information, please contact Tom Mispel-Beyer at 705-941-5109.

Renseignements en français : Marc Breton à 705 941-5145



FONOM

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities

Summer Newsletter June/July 2014

Election of Officers – At the July Board meeting the Executive members of the Board of Directors were elected for the upcoming term.

Office of the President - Mayor Al Spacek, representing the District of Cochrane

Office of the 1st Vice-President - Councillor Danny Whalen, representing the District of Timiskaming

Office of the 2nd Vice-President - Mayor Lynn Watson, representing the District of Algoma

Past President – Councillor Mac Bain continues to serve as Past President, representing the City of North Bay

On behalf of the FONOM Board of Directors, we would like to extend a warm thank you to Mayor Tom Laughren for his involvement with FONOM and his commitment to the betterment of northeastern Ontario. He will be missed by the Board and we wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

FONOM/MMAH Annual Conference:

- **2014** – The speaker presentations are available for viewing on the FONOM website at www.fonom.org.
- **2015** – The Conference in the City of Greater Sudbury on May 6, 7 & 8 will be held at the Holiday Inn, 1696 Regent Street. The planning is in the early development stage and more information will be sent to members as it becomes available.
- **2016 & 2017** - An application to host the Conference in 2016 and 2017 was sent out to members. At the July Board meeting, the City of Timmins had the successful bid for 2016 and the City of North Bay had the successful bid for 2017.

2014 Provincial Election – Succeeding the June 12th election, FONOM reached out to the three party leaders, congratulating them on a hard fought campaign. Majority Leader Kathleen Wynne announced a Cabinet shuffle that was sworn in prior to the return of the Legislature on July 2nd. FONOM looks forward to building on the relationship with Premier Wynne and her northern representatives in Cabinet.

Speech from the Throne – FONOM President was invited to attend the Speech from the Throne, where it outlined the government's agenda for the upcoming fiscal year.

AMO Conference – FONOM has submitted delegation requests to meet with Ministers at the AMO conference and a position paper will be presented. Representatives from the FONOM Board will be attending the August Conference.

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ERNIE HARDEMAN, M.P.P.

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July 17, 2014

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BY: _____

Dear Jody,

I'm writing to let you know that I was recently appointed official opposition critic for Municipal Affairs and Housing.

I hope to have the opportunity to meet with you in the near future to hear your views on the relationship between municipalities and the province, any challenges your municipality is facing, and your thoughts on steps needed to strengthen Ontario's municipalities.

As you may know, I served as Councillor, Mayor and Warden in Oxford before being elected as MPP. During my time in municipal politics, I was also on the board of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, as well as, chair of ROMA and the Warden's Association of Ontario.

I am also writing to invite you to join the Ontario PC Caucus at our reception during the upcoming AMO conference. The reception will be in the West Ballroom of the London Hilton and will take place on Monday August 18 starting at 8:00 p.m.

As usual, the PC Caucus will also be holding meetings with municipal representatives during the conference. If you would like to arrange a delegation during the conference, please contact me at ernie.hardeman@pc.ola.org or by fax at (416) 325-1259.

I look forward to working with you. If I can be of assistance please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Ernie Hardeman, MPP Oxford
PC Critic for Municipal Affairs and Housing





Thinking
beyond
the box

Stewardship Ontario

Without Prejudice

Township of St. Joseph
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July 14, 2014

Dear Mayor/Chief and Members of Council:

RE: Interim Industry funding for Municipal Blue Box Recycling for the 2014 Program Year

Packaging and printed paper companies, represented by Stewardship Ontario, fulfill their responsibilities to fund 50% of the net cost of the Blue Box Program by making cash payments to municipalities and First Nations on a quarterly basis. The determination of the amount of industry funding for the 2014 program year was referred to arbitration by Waste Diversion Ontario (WDO) after the Municipal Industry Programs Committee (MIPC) was unable to agree on the calculation of the net cost of the Blue Box Program.

I am pleased to inform you that Stewardship Ontario will be making interim payments on a without prejudice basis following an agreement with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the City of Toronto. This agreement ensures that funding continues to flow to municipalities and First Nations. Stewardship Ontario will be making payments of \$22.9 million for each of the first two quarterly payments of the 2014 program year (on or about June 30, 2014 and September 30, 2014).

Once the 2014 steward obligation has been determined, the third and fourth quarterly payments will be adjusted such that each Blue Box program will receive its appropriate share of the final amount.

MIPC recommended, and the WDO Board approved, the use of the 2013 Municipal Funding Allocation Model on an interim basis to determine payments to individual Blue Box programs.

WDO has posted a memo providing additional details regarding the distribution of the 2014 interim Blue Box payments.
(www.wdo.ca/programs/blue-box)

I would like to thank you for your partnership and significant contributions to waste diversion in this province. I also invite you to read Stewardship Ontario's 2013 Annual Report which celebrates our collective achievements. In 2013, municipalities and First Nations participating in Stewardship Ontario's Blue Box program collected over 890,000 tonnes of recyclables - that's almost as much as eight CN Towers and 62.8% of the total residential packaging and printed paper in Ontario. Stewardship Ontario's Orange Drop program also collected an additional 28,000 tonnes of household hazardous and special waste at over 17,000 drop-off locations across the province. (2013.stewardshipontario.ca)

Sincerely,

David Pearce
Managing Director
Stewardship Ontario

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