



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ST. JOSEPH
COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA
6:30 p.m. - Wednesday, November 6, 2024
Council Chambers – 1669 Arthur Street, Richards Landing

1. Call to Order

2. Moment of Silent Reflection

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

4. New Business & Items for Discussion

- a. East Algoma Road Superintendents Association Update

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Clerk Administrator regarding correspondence and updates from the East Algoma Roads Superintendents Association (EARSA) be received for information, and

That Council supports the appointment of Dan See as the president of the EARSA.

5. Adoption of the previous minutes

- a. Council Meeting – October 16, 2024

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

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6. Accounts

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cheque Register dated November 6, 2024, in the amount of \$151,824.32 be approved as presented.

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7. Public Meeting

- a. Zoning By-Law Amendment #2024-07: 1615 A Line Road

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8. Staff and Committee Reports

- a. Marina – 2024 Season Summary

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Community Projects Coordinator regarding the fall 2024 Marina Committee Meeting and season summary be received for information.

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- b. Canada Summer Jobs 2025

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Community Projects Coordinator regarding Canada Summer Jobs Grant Application 2025 be received; and

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That council approve staff to apply to Canada Summer Jobs for funding support for summer employment.

- c. Go North Music Festival Event Summary 2024 and Draft Budget 2025

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Community Projects Coordinator regarding the Go North Music Festival Event Summary 2024 be received; and **15**

That Council approves the draft budget for next year's Go North Music Festival to be held July 24-26, 2025

9. Correspondence

- a. **Consent Agenda:**

Item #	Description	Action
Items with a request for support (resolutions)		
100	Good Roads – Ontario Rural Road Safety Program	17-18
101	FONOM – Support Ontario's Forest Industry in 2025 Ontario Budget	19-30
102	Minister of Finance – 2025 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund Announcement	31-33 Receive

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT correspondence item #100 through #102 be received for information; and

That the recommended actions be taken.

10. Closed Session

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council proceed into Closed Session at ____ p.m. in accordance with Section 239 of the Municipal Act to discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and marina restaurant lessee:

- Deputy Treasurer Recruitment Results
- Senior Management Performance Evaluation process review
- Group benefits – retirement criteria
- Marina Restaurant Lease terms and conditions

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does rise from closed session at ____ p.m.

11. By-Laws

- a. Zoning By-Law Amendment: 1615 A Line Road

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT leave be granted to introduce By-Law 2024-47 being a By-Law to amend Zoning By-law 2011 - 34, as amended, to reduce the minimum lot area from 2 hectares (5 acres) to 1 hectare (2.5 acres), and to reduce the minimum lot frontage from 150 metres (500 feet) to 76 metres (248 feet), as a prerequisite for consent **34-35**

application to create a new, rural/residential lot for the property located at CON A LOT 16PT RP 1R4379 PART 1 – also known as 1615 A Line Road, and

That said by-law be passed in open Council on October 16, 2024.

b. Confirmation

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT leave be granted to introduce By-Law 2024-48 being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held on October 16, 2024; and

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THAT said by-law be passed in open Council on October 16, 2024.

12. Adjournment

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting of the Council of the Township of St. Joseph adjourn at _____ p.m. to meet again at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, or at the call of the chair.



**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ST. JOSEPH
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

**6:30 p.m. - Wednesday, October 16, 2024
Council Chambers – 1669 Arthur Street, Richards Landing**

Present	
Council	Mayor Jody Wildman Councillor Steven Adams Councillor Bryon Hall Councillor Greg Senecal
Staff	Amanda Richardson, Clerk Administrator
Regrets	Councillor Cameron Ross

1. Call to Order

Mayor Wildman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Moment of Silent Reflection

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

4. New Business & Items for Discussion

- a. Councillor Hall – Hazardous Waste Transportation Event
- b. Mayor Wildman – ROMA/OGRA Conference 2025

5. Adoption of the previous minutes

- a. Council Meeting – October 2, 2024
Resolution #2024- 264
Moved By: Greg Senecal
Seconded By: Steven Adams
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday, October 2, 2024, be adopted as circulated.
Carried.

6. Accounts

Resolution #2024- 265
Moved By: Greg Senecal
Seconded By: Bryon Hall
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cheque Register dated October 16, 2024, in the amount of \$471,173.36 be approved as presented.
Carried.

7. Public Meeting

- a. Zoning By-Law Amendment #2024-06: 2488 Canoe Point Road
The application was considered to allow the property owner to expand on the existing footprint of a seasonal cottage, into a single-family dwelling. Expansion to the east

side will only include deck and the structure will not encroach any further into the high-water setback. All other improvements will be to the rear of the existing structure.

8. Staff and Committee Reports

- a. Seniors Services – Request for Base Funding Increase (ON Health)

Resolution #2024- 266

Moved By: Steven Adams

Seconded By: Bryon Hall

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Manager of Seniors and Persons with a Disability Services regarding program funding be received for information: and

That Council authorizes staff to submit a proposal to Ontario Health NE for increased base funding for the transportation program.

Carried.

- b. Museum Minutes

Resolution #2024- 267

Moved By: Bryon Hall

Seconded By: Greg Senecal

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the St. Joseph Island Museum Board for May and September 2024 be received for information.

Carried.

- c. 2025 OPP Billing

Resolution #2024- 268

Moved By: Greg Senecal

Seconded By: Bryon Hall

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report on the 2025 OPP Billing Statement from the Treasurer be received for information.

Carried.

- d. Municipal Administrative Building – Exterior Finishing and Side Door Project Summary

Resolution #2024- 269

Moved By: Steven Adams

Seconded By: Greg Senecal

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Community Projects Coordinator regarding Municipal Office Siding be received for information, and

That Council authorizes staff to engage Renew it Exteriors to complete the side entry siding during the fall of 2024 and defer the remaining vinyl siding replacement until 2025 budget deliberations.

Carried.

- e. Funding Application: Community Emergency Preparedness
Resolution #2024- 270

Moved By: Greg Senecal

Seconded By: Steven Adams

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Community Projects Coordinator regarding the Community Emergency Preparedness Grant 2024-2025 project details be received for information, and

That Council authorizes staff to submit an application for this grant for updates to the municipal emergency management plan and for the purchase of a backup generator system for the Fire Hall/Public Works building for emergency services.

Carried.

9. Correspondence

- a. **Consent Agenda:**

Item #	Description	Action
Items with a request for support (resolutions)		
96	Town of Coburg - Involuntary Care for Individuals with Severe Mental Health & Addictions Issues	Receive
97	Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury - Ontario Deposit Return Program Expansion Support	Support
98	Algoma Public Health - Northern MOH Letter on Funding Review	Support
99	OBCM – Solve the Crisis (homelessness, mental health, and addictions crisis)	Receive

Resolution #2024- 271

Moved By: Steven Adams

Seconded By: Bryon Hall

BE IT RESOLVED THAT correspondence item #96 through #99 be received for information; and

That the recommended actions be taken.

Carried.

10. By-Laws

- a. Zoning By-Law Amendment: 2488 Canoe Point Road

Resolution #2024- 272

Moved By: Bryon Hall

Seconded By: Steven Adams

BE IT RESOLVED THAT leave be granted to introduce By-Law 2024-44 being a By-Law to reduce the minimum setback from the established high-water mark from 30 metres (100 feet) to 14.6 metres (48 feet) for the property located at ST JOSEPH PLAN M194 LOT 14 PT SHORE RD ALLOW AND RP 1R12121 PART 1 PCL 4852 ACS – also known as 2488 Canoe Point Road to facilitate the expansion and conversion of an existing seasonal residence into a single-family dwelling, and

That said by-law be passed in open Council on October 16, 2024.
Carried.

b. Appointment: Public Works Superintendent

Resolution #2024- 273

Moved By: Steven Adams

Seconded By: Bryon Hall

BE IT RESOLVED THAT leave be granted to introduce By-Law 2024-45 being a By-Law to appoint a Superintendent of Public Works for the Corporation of The Township of St. Joseph, and to repeal By-Law 10-2162.

THAT said by-law be passed in open Council on October 16, 2024.
Carried.

c. Confirmation

Resolution #2024- 274

Moved By: Greg Senecal

Seconded By: Bryon Hall

BE IT RESOLVED THAT leave be granted to introduce By-Law 2024-46 being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held on October 16, 2024; and

THAT said by-law be passed in open Council on October 16, 2024.
Carried.

11. Adjournment

Resolution #2024- 275

Moved By: Bryon Hall

Seconded By: Greg Senecal

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting of the Council of the Township of St. Joseph adjourn at 7:40 p.m. to meet again at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, or at the call of the chair.
Carried.

Joseph Wildman
Mayor

Amanda Richardson
Clerk Administrator

TOWNSHIP OF ST. JOSEPH

Disbursements

6-Nov-24

RESOLUTION #2024-

CHQ #	DATE	VENDOR NAME	DESCRIPTION	Amount
6550	10/18/2024	BELL CANADA	MARINA - INTERNET	\$ 107.29
VARIOUS	10/18/2024	SENIORS - HOME MAINTENANCE	SENIORS - HOME MAINTENANCE	579.30
6552	10/18/2024	ISLAND TIMBER MART	MARINA - SUPPLIES	15.80
108495	10/18/2024	ALGOMA OFFICE EQUIPMENT	ADMIN/SENIORS - COPIES	231.70
108496	10/18/2024	ALLETRAM GROUP LTD	LANDFILL - BIN RENTAL 3 MTHS	2,034.00
108497	10/18/2024	BRANDT SUDBURY	ROADS - EQUIPMENT PARTS	104.62
108498	10/18/2024	BRIGHT HR LIMITED	ADMIN - LICENSE FEES	208.61
108499	10/18/2024	MELISSA CRIPPS	SENIORS - PROGRAM MILEAGE	144.20
108501	10/18/2024	JENNY ENNS	PSW PROGRAM - MILEAGE	324.22
108502	10/18/2024	MARGO GIBSON	SENIORS - PROGRAM MILEAGE	63.00
108503	10/18/2024	GILBERTSON ENTERPRISES	ROADS - SURFACE TREAT GRAVEL	33,094.36
108504	10/18/2024	GENEVIEVE GONNEAU	SENIORS - PROGRAM MILEAGE	76.55
108505	10/18/2024	ICONIX WATERWORKS LP	ROADS - SUPPLIES	67.63
108506	10/18/2024	ISLAND CLIPPINGS	ADMIN/PLANNING - ADVERTISING	293.80
108508	10/18/2024	KENTVALE MERCHANTS LTD.	VARIOUS DEPTS - SUPPLIES	537.53
108509	10/18/2024	ELIZABETH LANE	PSW PROGRAM - MILEAGE	440.96
108510	10/18/2024	MASSEY WHOLESALE LIMITED	SENIORS - PROGRAM SUPPLIES	1,119.86
108511	10/18/2024	DAVID PEARSE	MARINA/AC/BLEO - MILEAGE	106.80
108512	10/18/2024	SHERRY RODGERS	PSW PROGRAM - MILEAGE	405.76
108513	10/18/2024	ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 374	SENIORS - MOW KITCHEN RENTAL	250.00
108514	10/18/2024	SUPERIOR PROPANE	ADMIN/MARINA - PROPANE	2,277.70
108515	10/18/2024	TENAQUIP	PARKS/OTH - SUPPLIES	613.59
108516	10/18/2024	THOMAS YOUNG BUILDERS LTD	MARINA - LIGHTHOUSE PAINTING	1,808.00
108517	10/18/2024	UNITED SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY INC	ADMIN - LICENSE FEES	42.04
PAP	10/18/2024	ALGOMA POWER INC	MARINA - POWER	150.54
PAP	10/18/2024	ATS	ADMIN - ALARM MONITORING 3 MTHS	74.40
PAP	10/18/2024	BELL CANADA	WATER/SEWER - INTERNET	80.23
PAP	10/18/2024	RCAP LEASING INC.	ADMIN - COPIER LEASE 3 MTHS	339.21
DD	10/18/2024	BI-WEEKLY PAYROLL	PAY PERIOD # 21	31,826.16
6553	10/30/2024	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT CLAIM	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT CLAIM	1,427.03
6554	10/30/2024	DR. MICHELLE FILIPOVIC	ROADS - DRIVER MEDICAL	100.00
6555	10/30/2024	UNIQUE CLEANING	VARIOUS DEPTS - CUSTODIAN SERVICES	1,697.50
6556	10/30/2024	VULCAN FIRE & SAFETY SYSTEMS LTD	VARIOUS DEPTS - INSPECTIONS	2,623.88
108518	10/30/2024	ALGOMA BUSINESS COMPUTERS	VARIOUS DEPTS - MICROSOFT LICENCES	303.72
108519	10/30/2024	ABELL PEST CONTROL INC	LANDFILL - PEST CONTROL OCT/NOV 24	275.56
108520	10/30/2024	ALGOMA AG CENTRE	ROADS - GAS	1,831.00
108521	10/30/2024	ATS	ADMIN - ALARM MAINTENANCE	248.79
108522	10/30/2024	MELISSA CRIPPS	SENIORS - PROGRAM MILEAGE	144.20
108523	10/30/2024	MICHELLE DA SILVA	SENIORS - PROGRAM MILEAGE	29.48
108524	10/30/2024	JENNY ENNS	PSW PROGRAM - MILEAGE	272.64
108525	10/30/2024	EQUITABLE LIFE OF CANADA	GROUP BENEFITS	8,274.97
108526	10/30/2024	MARGO GIBSON	SENIORS - PROGRAM MILEAGE	63.00
108527	10/30/2024	GENEVIEVE GONNEAU	SENIORS - PROGRAM MILEAGE	182.09
108528	10/30/2024	ICONIX WATERWORKS LP	ROADS/WATER - SUPPLIES	351.88
108529	10/30/2024	ISLAND CLIPPINGS	ADMIN - ADVERTISING	113.00

<u>CHQ #</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>VENDOR NAME</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>Amount</u>
108530	10/30/2024	KENTVALE MERCHANTS LTD.	VARIOUS DEPTS - SUPPLIES	863.62
108531	10/30/2024	L.A. TRUCKING	ROADS - EQUIP MAINT AND REPAIRS	3,814.36
108532	10/30/2024	ELIZABETH LANE	PSW PROGRAM - MILEAGE	415.36
108533	10/30/2024	MASSEY WHOLESALE LIMITED	SNRS - PROGRAM SUPPLIES	454.98
108534	10/30/2024	PIONEER CONSTRUCTION	ROADS - COLD MIX	7,310.92
108535	10/30/2024	AMANDA RICHARDSON	ADMIN - MILEAGE	93.24
108536	10/30/2024	SHERRY RODGERS	PSW PROGRAM - MILEAGE	424.32
108537	10/30/2024	SCIENCE NORTH	GO NORTH - KIDS ZONE	510.48
108538	10/30/2024	ST JOSEPH ISLAND COFFEE ROASTERS	ADMIN - SUPPLIES	80.00
108539	10/30/2024	CAROL TROTTER	SENIORS - WORKSHOP FEES	1,525.50
108540	10/30/2024	NATHAN UNDERHILL	ROADS - HEALTH & SAFETY	361.59
PAP	10/30/2024	ATS	ADMIN - ALARM MONITORING	24.80
PAP	10/30/2024	COLLABRIA VISA	VARIOUS DEPTS - SUPPLIES	7,369.87
DD	11/1/2024	BI-WEEKLY PAYROLL	PAY PERIOD # 22	33,218.68
			TOTAL	\$ 151,824.32

The Township of St. Joseph
ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT PUBLIC MEETING
Wednesday, November 6, 2024 – 6:40 p.m.
Council Chambers – 1669 Arthur Street, Richards Landing

The purpose of this Public Meeting is to review a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment in accordance with Section 34 of the Planning Act, as well as to hear comments and review written submissions from the public and other agencies.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSAL

- Property Location: CON A LOT 16PT RP 1R4379 PART 1 – Also known as 1615 A Line Road.
- Table B1 – Residential Zone Standards to reduce the minimum lot area from 2 hectares (5 acres) to 1 hectare (2.5 acres), and to reduce the minimum lot frontage from 150 metres (500 feet) to 76 metres (248 feet), as a prerequisite for consent application to create a new, rural/residential lot.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS FROM NEIGHBOURS & AGENCIES

Public Notice of the proposed amendment was distributed to property owners and public agencies in accordance with the provisions of the Planning Act. No comments or objections were received prior to the deadline for submission.

The following resolution was received from the St. Joseph Island Planning Board (meeting held October 21, 2024):

Be it resolved that we do advise the Township of St. Joseph that we have no objection to the application for a zoning by-law amendment (ZBA #2024-07) to reduce the minimum lot size and minimum road frontage for part of Lot 16, Concession A, provided that they first ensure that Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) requirements will be met.

Staff consulted with the property owners of a barn located approximately 170 metres from the subject property regarding MDS separation criteria and determined that the proposed new residence would meet the MDS requirements, with the MDS being calculated at 164 metres.

COMMENTS & QUESTIONS FROM PUBLIC

ANY PERSON may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed amendment. If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of The Township of St. Joseph in respect of the proposed amendment does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to The Township of St. Joseph before the proposed amendment is adopted, the Ontario Land Tribunal may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

If anyone wishes to speak to the proposed zoning by-law amendment, speakers must state their name and address so that proper records may be kept in accordance with the Planning Act, and so that notice of future decisions can be sent to those persons involved in the review process.

REPLY

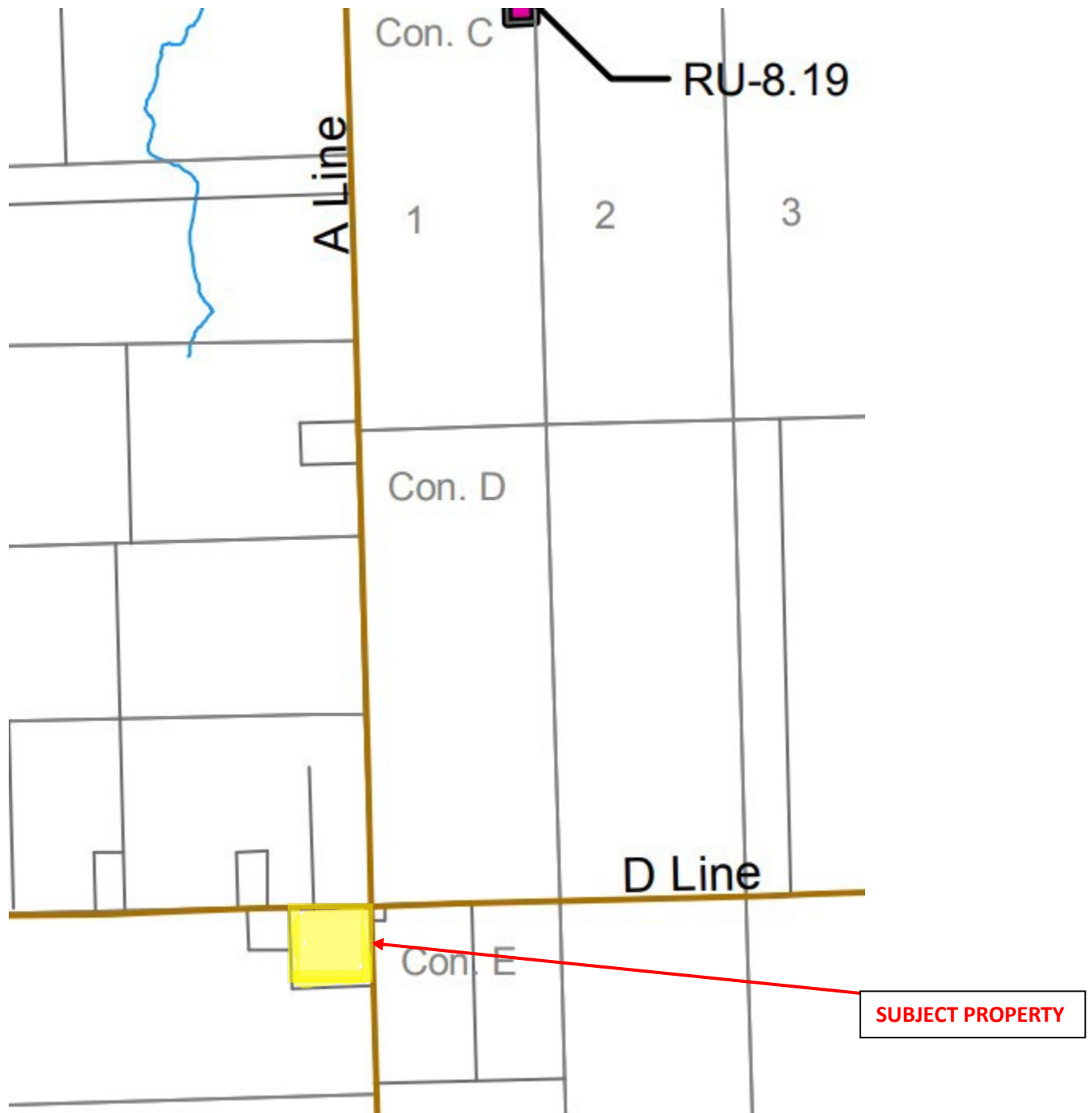
- Members of Council may ask questions for clarification of specific matters.


- Members of the public may respond to points clarified by Council and amendments suggested by staff.

FINAL STATEMENT

If there are no further questions or submissions, Council wishes to thank those in attendance for their participation. If the By-law is approved and passed by Council today, it will take effect following a 20-day appeal period where no eligible person or body has submitted an objection to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

KEY MAP



	Township of St. Joseph	
	Report To Council	
	FROM:	Sherie Gladu, Community Projects Coordinator
	DATE:	Nov 6, 2024
	SUBJECT:	Marina Committee Meeting Summary End of Season 2024
RECOMMENDATION:	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Community Projects Coordinator regarding the fall 2024 Marina Committee Meeting and season summary be received for information.	

Background:

The Marina Committee met on October 15, 2024. In attendance were committee members Glena Boyko, Cameron Ross and Greg Senecal. Also present were staff: Clerk Administrator, Community Projects Coordinator and Marina manager. A summary of the 2024 season was presented by staff. Highlights of the summary included staffing, slip rentals, overall operations, projects and future planning. Not all expenses have been entered at this time, but a final season report will be provided to the marina committee once completed.

The Marina Manager reported that all marina attendants were excellent and had many compliments from customers on the courteous and efficient marina staff. One, possibly two of the attendants from this year intend on returning for another season in 2025.

Slip rentals were 90% sold for most of the season. It can be anticipated that seasonal slips will be 85-90% sold each season for the next while, which is ideal, leaving some spots for transient boaters. Customer feedback was excellent, with even challenging customers expressing satisfaction this year. The new requirement for seasonal slip payment upfront was accepted and worked well.

Most projects planned for the 2024 season were completed. Several painting projects were completed and the storage area in the public washroom building was upgraded. The final component of the NOHFC grant, the new flat roof on the marina services building, was completed in April. A draft of the historic “Wharf” sign is ready for review, and when approved will be produced and installed.

The main event for 2024 was the Boat Parade of Lights and Street Concert and community night. Event went smoothly this year, with parking limited to the main street, many well decorated boats and two food vendors. Many positive comments. Cash donations to the NSHN Matthews Site Auxiliary were \$285 plus separate donations made by vendors.

Items discussed for 2025 budget considerations included:

- East Basin – Explore grants to support current structural investigation and preliminary design for renewal to prepare for funding applications. If no grants are identified the Township may need to invest in the investigation prior to applying for grants to support the work.
- Additional Slips – allocate additional \$5000 towards finger docks at hospital to place and repair. This should give adequate slips.
- Accessible kayak launch – investigate products, cost and placement. May be part of larger east basin renewal as well.
- Lower water levels – Ramp handrails if water goes much lower.

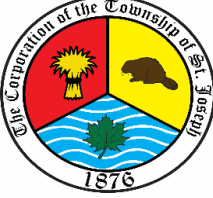
- Deck replacement – Institute a yearly 15% replacement of deck boards with each year’s budget to keep up on decking as it fails, so that it’s not a large project, but rather a maintenance item.
- Lighthouse – upgrade some electrical and explore posting some historical articles or photos and give access to visitors through marina attendants (not generally left open due to vandalism).
- Power/Water Pedestals – there are 9 in total that are now 22 years old. Should replace a few each year. Replace the most popular slips first. The panel that supplies the pedestals may need updates/changes as well for installation.
- The pergola wood at restaurant entry is starting to fail. Investigate costs for a new pergola to better match new restaurant deck aesthetic.

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications resulting from this report. All new budget items would apply to the 2025 budget.



Sherie Gladu, Community Projects Coordinator

	Township of St. Joseph	
	Report To Council	
	FROM:	Sherie Gladu, Community Projects Coordinator
	DATE:	November 6, 2024
	SUBJECT:	Canada Summer Jobs Grant Application 2025
RECOMMENDATION:	<p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Community Projects Coordinator regarding Canada Summer Jobs Grant Application 2025 be received; and</p> <p>That council approve staff to apply to Canada Summer Jobs for funding support for summer employment.</p>	

Background:

The Township of St. Joseph applies to the Canada Summer Jobs Program annually to fund youth work experiences that support Parks, Recreation, the Works Department, and the Marina. In 2025, four positions are identified for the summer operations of the township. 1.5 for Parks and recreation, one position for the Works Department, and 2.5 positions to support the Marina.

This application opens November 18th and closes December 19th, 2024.

Financial Implications:


This program pays up to 50% of the provincial minimum wage. Participants must work a minimum of 12 hours per week for a period of six to twenty-three weeks. The hours of work will not exceed 35 hours per week. In the past, the township has typically been funded for four students for 8 weeks each.

Options:

Council may approve staff to apply for funding for up to five student positions or may defer or deny the request to apply for this funding.



Sherie Gladu, Community Projects Coordinator

	Township of St. Joseph	
	Report To Council	
	FROM:	Sherie Gladu, Community Projects Coordinator
	DATE:	Nov 6, 2024
	SUBJECT:	Go North Music Festival Event Summary 2024 and Draft Budget 2025
RECOMMENDATION:	<p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Community Projects Coordinator regarding the Go North Music Festival Event Summary 2024 be received; and</p> <p>That Council approves the draft budget for next year's Go North Music Festival to be held July 24-26, 2025</p>	

Background:

The 7th annual Go North Music Festival was held July 25-27, 2024.

- Thursday's concert at the Old Town Hall was sold out at 111 tickets. On Saturday the total attendance was estimated to be 850 including visitors, sponsors, volunteers and artists.
- Over 40 volunteers helped in the presentation of the festival
- 47 artists (9 bands) performed over 3 days at the Old Town Hall, Marina and Centennial Grounds
- Expenses for the event totaled \$83,985 and revenue totaled \$101,156 for a surplus of \$17,171.00 which was returned to reserves for next year's event.

The event had excellent feedback from visitors and artists. As the largest Go North Music Festival to date, the event ran smoothly and took advantage of partnering with the Richards Landing Community Night to create an entire weekend of activities for visitors and residents.

Investing in The Trews as a higher profile headline artist and employing the large bandshell at the grounds proved successful for 2024. The newly expanded soccer field within the fenced grounds area worked very well to allow for the most campers ever hosted at the event.

Local accommodation was fully booked, businesses were busy, and restaurants were at capacity. This event supports the local economy and showcases St. Joseph Island and Richards Landing as a desirable place to visit, and to return to year after year.

The Committee intends to continue to grow the festival at a moderate pace by continuing to invest in bringing quality talent to the stage through an adequate budget allocated to expand and improve.

Financial Implications:

This event has generated surplus funds for the last two years with the support of grants and sponsorships and is expected to continue to do so. The events reserve is healthy and supports mitigating risk for future events should there be challenges such as inclement weather or unforeseen expenses.

Investments from the Recreation Reserve for Security Fencing for the main stage should be considered for purchase in 2025 to support events and lessen risk.

Options:

Council may approve staff to begin planning for 2025 based on the draft budget attached, may suggest other options, or may defer or deny the request.



Sherie Gladu, Community Projects Coordinator

Go North Festival Draft Income/Expenses 2025		
	2024 actual	2025 Draft
Revenue		
Ticket sales	\$ 44,441.95	\$ 57,850.00
Concessions and Merch	\$ 12,264.21	\$ 12,955.00
Booth Rentals	\$ 650.44	\$ 650.00
Grants	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Cash Sponsorships	\$ 8,800.00	\$ 15,000.00
Total Revenue	\$ 101,156.60	\$ 101,455.00
Expenses		
Advertising and Publishing	\$ 9,978.50	\$ 10,000.00
Materials and Supplies	\$ 10,987.63	\$ 12,100.00
Contracted Services	\$ 63,019.04	\$ 78,330.00
Total	\$ 83,985.17	\$ 100,430.00
Profit / Loss	\$ 17,171.43	\$ 1,025.00

Amanda Richardson

From: Scott Butler <scott@goodroads.ca>
Sent: October 9, 2024 12:12 PM
To: Amanda Richardson
Subject: Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

Categories: Correspondence for Council

Good Roads

Wednesday, October 09, 2024

To: Township of St. Joseph Head of Council and Council Members

Sent via email to: clerkadmin@stjosephtownship.com

Subject: Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

Too many Ontarians are being seriously injured or killed on our roads.

In 2023, there were 616 people killed and 36,090 people injured. The number of fatalities is up nearly 20% in the last ten years.

In 2021, the most recent year of complete data from MTO's *Ontario Road Safety Annual Report* (ORSAR), there were 561 fatalities – 426 of which occurred on municipal roads. While rural Ontario only represents 17% of the province's population, 55% of these deaths occurred on rural roads. By any measure, Ontario's rural roads are disproportionately more dangerous.

At the same time, municipal insurance premiums continue to increase. With no plausible reform being considered for joint and several liability, municipalities need to find innovative means for managing risk, particularly on their roadways,

To deal with this crisis, Good Roads has designed a multifaceted rural road safety program and have been in discussions with the Ministry of Transportation to fund it. The program would target a municipality's most dangerous roads, perform road safety audits, and install modern safety infrastructure that prevents serious injuries and save lives. This program is designed to be cost effective while also providing rural municipalities with a direct means for addressing risk associated with their roadways.

Good Roads has proposed leading a five-year \$183 million program that leverages our 131 years of municipal road expertise and our industry partnerships to quickly put in place the solutions that will address some of Ontario's most dangerous roads.

Good Roads is seeking support to address these preventable tragedies.

If the Township of St. Joseph would be interested in pursuing this, a Council resolution similar to the example below should be adopted and sent to the Premier and the Minister of Transportation:

WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system;

AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of St. Joseph requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

If you have any questions regarding this initiative please contact Thomas Barakat, Good Roads' Manager of Public Policy & Government Relations, at thomas@goodroads.ca at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Antoine Boucher
President
Good Roads Board of Directors

Scott R. Butler
Executive Director

To Support Ontario's Forest Industry in the 2025 Ontario Budget

WHEREAS, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) recognizes how vital the Forestry Industry is to the Economy in Ontario;

WHEREAS, the success of the forest sector is critical to the economic and social prosperity of Ontario communities, employing 137,000 people;

WHEREAS, the forest industry has invested over \$3.8 billion in Ontario since 2018;

WHEREAS, Ontario has an opportunity to market global investment in the bioeconomy, similar to critical minerals and electric vehicle manufacturing, and become a leading international jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, over the last 20 years, the North American pulp and paper sector has seen a significant rationalization in production capacity, with investment dollars going to competing international jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, in the last year, Ontario has seen three pulp, paper, and containerboard mills idle or close, negatively impacting communities and the solid wood mills that depend on these facilities as markets for mill by-products and pulpwood;

WHEREAS, U.S. tariffs on softwood lumber are expected to double in 2025, to approximately 30%;

WHEREAS, Ontario should work with federal colleagues to pursue a softwood lumber settlement that works in the best interests of Ontario lumber producers and advocate for a financial backstop;

WHEREAS, Ontario has an opportunity to procure greater amounts of energy (i.e., electricity, heat, fuels, biochar, etc.) from forestry by-products and forests to assist in heavy industry decarbonization and Ontario's forecasted electricity demands;

WHEREAS, Ontario's successful and oversubscribed *Forest Biomass Program* should continue post-2027;

WHEREAS, Ontario will actively seek investment to restart idled softwood kraft lines in Ontario and Quebec to provide immediate relief for some sawmill producers;


WHEREAS, Ontario's \$10 million *Sawmill Chip Program*, ending March 25, 2025, will likely need to continue and expand in the absence of an immediate restart of a currently idled pulp mill to avoid curtailments at solid wood facilities;

WHEREAS, 5-year bilateral power purchase agreements (PPAs) with forest biomass-fired electrical generation facilities are insufficient and should be expanded both in terms of length and volume to provide communities, industry, and workers with a certain future;

WHEREAS, the public *Forest Access Roads Funding Program*, which provides for the public use of Ontario's forests, should be increased to \$75 million/year to reflect inflationary pressures and support legacy infrastructure upgrades (i.e., roads, bridges, and water crossings).

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) support the implementation of the Ontario Forest Industries Association's 2025 Ontario Budget Recommendations in support of attracting investment and maintaining forest operations and employment in Ontario.

FURTHER BE IIT RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Minister Vic Fedeli, Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Minister Graydon Smith, Natural Resources, Associate Minister Kevin Holland, Forestry and Forest Products, Minister Andrea Khanjin, Environment, Conservation and Parks, Minister Todd McCarthy, Environment, Conservation and Parks, Minister George Pirie, Mines, Minister Steven Lecce, Energy and Electrification, Associate Minister Sam Oosterhoff, Energy Intensive Industries, Minister Peter Bethlenfalvy, Finance, _____ local MPP ____, the leaders of the Opposition Parties, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, AMO, ROMA, and OFIA.



2024-25

Provincial Budget Submission

Ontario Forest Industries Association
January 8th, 2024

Ontario's Forest Industry By the Numbers

\$21B

total revenues

72.6M

trees planted

\$4.4B

contribution to the provincial GDP

300M+

seeds in aerial seeding

142,000

direct, indirect, and induced jobs

\$60M

renewal expenditures

7.2B Tonnes

Carbon Stored in Ontario's Public Forests

25.5M Tonnes

Carbon stored in wood products from Ontario's
Managed Forest

Introduction

Since 2018, the forest industry has invested 3.6 billion dollars in Ontario. Autonomous vehicles, drones, robotics, advanced chemicals, machine learning, optimization, and artificial intelligence are commonplace across our industry's operations. The pace of change and innovation will only increase as our industry meets a rising global demand for green energy and sustainable, low-carbon forest products.

An ambitious growth plan, as outlined in *Ontario's Forest Sector Strategy* (the "Strategy"), a well-managed forest resource, and an "open for business" attitude have formed the groundwork for an incredible green economic growth opportunity in northern, rural, and Indigenous communities across the province. Released in 2020, the Strategy is committed to utilizing the full annual allowable cut (AAC) of 30 million m³ by 2030, sustainably doubling the sector's current footprint.

Ontario, however, is not immune from global economic and market pressures. High inflation, rising interest rates, workforce shortages, protectionist trade policy, and declining or stagnant market segments represent significant and challenging headwinds. These are complex issues that require a whole-of-government approach. Attracting new investment, developing new products, and growing the sector are important, yet maintaining its existing footprint is essential.

Ensuring a thriving forest sector requires a fully integrated network of forest management planning, road infrastructure, competitive woodland and mill operations, a skilled workforce, and open market access. Above all else, Ontario must keep our public forests working for the people and meet the increasing global demand for sustainably sourced forest products.

To assist Ontario in navigating these complex issues, the Ontario Forest Industries Association (OFIA) has developed its 2024-25 Pre-Budget Submission to serve as a roadmap to success in Strategy implementation. Acting on the following recommendations will unlock the vast economic and environmental potential of Ontario's forest resources and contribute to a better Ontario.

Summary of OFIA's 2024-25 Recommendations

Implement *Sustainable Growth: Ontario's Forest Sector Strategy (the Strategy)*, focusing on key competitiveness measures:

- 1. Prioritize biomass and pulpwood market development to improve forest sector competitiveness and resiliency;**
- 2. Improve forest road infrastructure, leveraging private investments;**
- 3. Improve market access and maintain the effectiveness of Ontario's adaptive and sustainable forest management framework;**
- 4. Address the cumulative costs of carbon pricing;**
- 5. Position Ontario as a globally competitive jurisdiction through red tape and cost reduction;**
- 6. Develop the workforce of the future and enhance forest community livability.**

1. Prioritize biomass and pulpwood market development to improve forest sector competitiveness and resiliency.

OFIA recommends:

- a. Ensure a multi-year commitment and expansion to the \$19.6 million *Forest Biomass Fund*;
- b. Modify provincial energy policy to procure greater amounts of forest biomass-fired electricity, supporting community energy and district heating projects;
- c. Prioritize the global competitiveness of Ontario's pulp and paper sector and potential commercialization of innovative products and advanced chemicals;
- d. Incentivize greater use of low-carbon forest biomass within industrial (e.g., steel, mining, chemical, and forestry facilities) processes through Ontario's Emission Performance Standard (EPS) program and innovation funding.

Every year, a sustainable yield of approximately 14 million m³ of timber is harvested from Ontario's managed public forest. This material works through a highly integrated network of mills and facilities, producing a wide range of products, materials, and secondary products.

Market development within biomass and pulpwood markets is perhaps the greatest opportunity to enhance the supply chain and bolster competitiveness across Ontario's forest industry. Alternatively, a contraction within this market segment poses a significant threat to the future viability of the entire forest sector.

Canada used to be the largest market pulp-producing country in the world but continues to lose share to lower-cost mills in other regions. While Ontario's Northern Bleached Softwood Kraft (NBSK) remains highly sought after for its desirable technical properties, some facilities require significant capital investments to stay competitive. North America competes with low-cost international jurisdictions like Southeast Asia and South America, which have seen significant capital investment in new mills and intensively managed tree plantations over recent years.

The OFIA strongly supports initiatives such as Ontario's \$19.6 million *Forest Biomass Program* and *Forest Sector Investment and Innovation Program* that aim to maximize the use of wood residuals, reduce the need for carbon-intensive fuels, and avoid unnecessary pressures on landfills. Ensuring the success of these programs will help sustain the circular bioeconomy and the integration of Ontario's forest sector. Government support for existing pulp, paper, and biomass facilities is essential to the sector's long-term success.

Bioenergy production, the most deployable and scalable forest biomass technology currently available, presents an enormous opportunity to assist in this goal. Increasing volumes within existing power purchase agreement (PPA) generation facilities, developing community projects, supporting district heating projects, and incentivizing the use of forest biomass in other industrial processes are not only opportunities but are essential to the success of the industry.

2. Improve forest road infrastructure, leveraging private investments.

The OFIA recommends the following to improve Ontario's *Forest Access Roads Funding Program*:

- a. Make an inflationary adjustment of \$15 million/year;
- b. Make a \$5.6 million/year increase to address end-of-life road, bridge, and water crossing infrastructure.

The forest industry builds and maintains public forest infrastructure on behalf of the people of Ontario. This public infrastructure provides essential social, cultural, wellness, and economic opportunities for First Nations and all citizens of Ontario by providing access to the Province's abundance of parks, natural spaces, working forests, critical minerals, and communities. Thousands of Ontario citizens, businesses, anglers, hunters, cottagers, and emergency services depend on a safe and well-maintained public forest road network.

The current funding envelope of \$54 million for the roads program is no longer adequate to meet the infrastructure needs of public and private users of Ontario's forest road infrastructure. Since 2018, the road building and maintenance sector has seen exceptionally high inflation – increased fuel, equipment, and wage costs have significantly weakened the program's purchasing power over the last six years.

Through a comprehensive survey of all forest managers in the province, we estimate a \$20.6 million/year funding deficit. This data reflects annual road maintenance, inflation, and replacing end-of-life bridges, water crossings, and roads.

Improving this program will provide an incredible economic development opportunity for all northern and rural communities, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, right across the province.

3. Improve market access and maintain the effectiveness of Ontario's adaptive and sustainable forest management framework.

OFIA recommends:

- a. Continue to defend Ontario softwood lumber producer's interests in the ongoing trade dispute with the United States;
- b. Work with industry to address non-tariff trade barriers, e.g., "deforestation-free" procurement bills and "forest degradation" initiatives;
- c. Continued implementation of the *Ontario-Canada Boreal Caribou Conservation Agreement*, focusing on caribou range-boundary review and other scientific methods to assess self-sustaining caribou populations;
- d. Work with the OFIA and forest managers to explore potential contributions to Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures (OECMs);
- e. Work with the OFIA and forest managers to ensure forest management guidance supports the objectives of Ontario's *Forest Sector Strategy*.

Governments play an essential role in maintaining a positive reputation with customers and honouring commitments to reduce trade barriers within critical export markets. Over \$800 million of Ontario softwood lumber producer's money is on deposit in the U.S. Treasury due to the current iteration of the dispute. This is money that could be re-invested into Ontario facilities and communities. We ask Ontario to continue the rigorous legal defence of its programs and stumpage system, which is currently being investigated by the U.S. Department of Commerce. This issue needs to be raised at every opportunity with Canadian and American officials and viewed as a top diplomatic priority.

Members of the OFIA remain committed to upholding the highest standards of sustainable forest management to maintain ecological processes and conserve biological diversity. We strongly encourage the Ontario government to continue communicating our adaptive forest management framework's effectiveness to the federal government, stakeholders, and defending our industry in the face of misinformation and activist campaigns.

Ensuring our forests remain resilient under a changing climate requires human intervention through sustainable forest management. In pursuing a Federal protected area target, we are concerned that Ontario could erode the working forest landscape. Ontario must carefully consider how protected areas, OECMs, and ecological offsetting will impact the forest industry. We ask MECP and the MNRF to work with us to ensure the forest sector is fully recognized for its contributions to conservation and avoid unintended economic and environmental consequences.

Non-tariff trade barriers, such as "*deforestation-free*" procurement bills in New York and California, concern our industry. We ask that you continue working with your federal counterparts and state legislators to defend Ontario's world-class forest management system.

4. Address the cumulative costs of carbon pricing

OFIA recommends:

- a. Finalize the proposed approach to the redistribution of EPS proceeds to eligible facilities;
- b. Ensure projects beyond the property limits of facilities are eligible to receive EPS proceeds;
- c. Consider options to mitigate the impacts of the federal carbon fuel charge to the forest sector, evaluating the potential for a made-in-Ontario program.

The OFIA supports an Ontario-based carbon pricing program, and this long-term planning will provide stability for businesses looking to invest in Ontario. We believe that Ontario is better positioned to understand the needs and context of Ontario's emitters.

The world's leading carbon reduction jurisdictions have only achieved such significant progress due to massive increases in the use of forest biomass within industrial processes, combined heat and power, district heating, and electrical generation. Forest biomass is also a much more price-stable source of energy, something that has been highly beneficial to European countries. We view the EPS program as an incredible opportunity to position Ontario as one of these leaders and incentivize increased use of this valuable and sustainable material.

We strongly support using proceeds to create a fund to support research and development into decarbonization and implementing capital-intensive, low-carbon technologies. As an industry, we have made significant progress and investments in decarbonizing operations. Since 1990, Ontario's pulp and paper industry has reduced its greenhouse gas emissions by 56%. Addressing the remaining high-emitting processes will require new research, significant technological advancement, and large capital expenditures.

Re-injecting EPS proceeds into the industry will fast-track the adoption of new technologies and assist companies in making further investments in Ontario. Developing an Ontario fuel surcharge to replace the federal program would provide access to a larger pool of funds to help in this transition.

In parallel, we are concerned that the proposed federal *Clean Fuels Standard* will compound the impacts of the federal fuel surcharge on forestry operations and transportation. There presently are no viable alternatives to decarbonize the sector. We strongly encourage the government to consider ways to collaborate and support the industry through this transition.

5. Position Ontario as a globally competitive jurisdiction through red tape and cost reduction

OFIA recommends:

- a. Ensure government initiatives align with the goals and objectives of the *Forest Sector Strategy* to reduce cost and administrative burden to the sector;
- b. Establish service standards, improve service delivery, and remove the need for low-risk approvals;
- c. Adjust and make permanent the 'fixed' portion of Crown dues for poplar and white birch stumpage to ensure that the rate is consistent with other provincial jurisdictions;
- d. Reduce current electricity costs while maintaining and enhancing existing energy programs (e.g., the Northern Energy Advantage Program, the Industrial Conservation Initiative, the Interruptible Rate Pilot, and the Industrial Electricity Incentive Program).
- e. Lower costs and reduce carbon emissions by increasing payloads on tractor-trailer configuration.
- f. Make the current reduction in provincial fuel tax permanent.

The OFIA fully supports this government's focus on red tape reduction and working together to reduce barriers.

The OFIA has repeatedly flagged cost competitiveness, the speed with which we conduct business, and streamlined approval processes as themes that continue to inhibit global competitiveness and negatively impact wood supply access. Initiatives (the Strategy, provincial policy working groups (TAT, SID, FMPAG), and policy changes) have supported a provincial mandate to reduce red tape and administrative burden. More work on these projects is required for the Strategy to succeed.

Burdensome and lengthy approval processes are a problem for the industry across all business areas. The lack of enforceable service standards has been raised within the industry's mill environment, forest management planning and operations, transportation, and human resource departments. Approvals are either unnecessary (e.g., low-risk), duplicative, or take excessive time.

We look forward to working with various ministries to address these issues in upcoming red-tape reduction bills.

The OFIA is thankful for the continued extension of gas and fuel tax cuts, ending June 30th, 2024. We hope to see this excellent initiative continue past the current expiration date.

6. Develop the workforce of the future and enhance forestry community livability

OFIA recommends:

- a. Establishing a new "*Forestry Truck Driver Experience Grant*" to offset high insurance costs preventing new drivers from entering the industry;
- b. Recognize and streamline foreign credentials and commercial truck driving licenses;
- c. Remove the *Non-Resident Speculation Tax* from northern, rural, and remote communities.
- d. Continued investments into northern, rural, remote, and Indigenous communities.

Ontario's forest industry is hiring. Developing a sustainable workforce of the future will be essential for our industry's continued success and achieving the Strategy's goals. We ask the Ontario government to continue supporting the work being done with colleagues at the MNRF, the Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, and the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training, and Skills Development to fast-track new workers and new Canadians with relevant skillsets into the forestry workforce.

Transportation costs have increased significantly over the last six years, and trucking capacity has decreased. Increased capital entry costs, insurance, tire and fuel costs, and an escalating carbon tax are contributing to the trucking crisis within the industry. Furthermore, increased driver training costs, underwriting barriers, and premiums restrict new entrants while we manage an ageing and retiring workforce. We ask the Ontario government to work with the industry, licensing, insurance, and training agencies to develop a comprehensive strategy to alleviate the current trucking shortage.

The OFIA has partnered with Forests Ontario on *Bridging the Gap Between Ontario's Youth & the Provincial Forest Sector*, an Employment Ontario research project. This project investigated job vacancies and training requirements within the sector and provided critical insights into youth perceptions of employment within the forest industry.

The livability of forestry-dependant communities is central to attracting a new workforce. Continued healthcare, education, affordable daycare, and housing investments are necessary to ensure that all Ontarians enjoy the same quality of life. For example, the Non-Resident Speculation Tax (NRST) was intended to deter non-resident investors from speculating on the province's housing market. However, the NRST acts as a barrier to foreign workers filling critical roles in Ontario's small, northern, rural, and remote communities. This was clearly never the program's intent, and we ask that it be corrected.

This government has already invested substantially in infrastructure across the north, including roads and improved internet and cellular coverage, and we look forward to seeing that investment continue. In an increasingly digital age, communities across the north must have

strong technological and built infrastructure. Forestry-dependent communities must become more competitive in drawing residents, particularly new Canadians, through programs such as the *Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot*. The Province needs to consider incentivizing living in the north and enhancing the quality of life for those already there.

Conclusion

The forest sector is integral to Ontario's history and critical to its economic, social and environmental prosperity. OFIA strongly believes we can create a better Ontario through working forests, leveraging visionary policies such as *Sustainable Growth: Ontario's Forest Sector Strategy*. We look forward to continuing productive dialogue and supporting sustainable economic recovery initiatives with the Ontario government.



Minister of Finance | Ministre des Finances
PETER BETHLENFALVY

October 30, 2024

Dear Head of Council:

I am writing to provide you with an update on the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF).

We understand the importance of the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) to communities across Ontario. We are listening to municipalities and have heard, particularly from small, northern, and rural municipalities, that they are facing financial challenges in delivering services to their communities.

To assist them with these challenges, I am pleased to announce that the Province will be increasing the OMPF by \$100 million over two years, bringing the total funding envelope to \$600 million by 2026. In 2025, municipalities will benefit from an immediate \$50 million increase in funding through the program. This enhancement will be targeted to small, northern and rural municipalities and those with a limited property tax base. This funding will assist municipalities in providing critical services to people across the province.

With the introduction of the enhancement to the program in 2025, all of the program's core grant components will increase. In addition, Transitional Assistance funding guarantees have been enhanced to 100% of a municipality's 2024 OMPF allocation, ensuring that all OMPF core recipients will receive at least the same level of funding as they did in 2024.

The \$100 million enhancement to the OMPF builds on the significant increases in support that the government is providing to municipalities, including investing an additional \$1 billion through the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) over five years, starting in 2022, the introduction of the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support Fund and the nearly \$2 billion in housing-enabling infrastructure programs, which include funding specifically dedicated to small, northern and rural municipalities.

We have always been committed to working closely with our municipal partners and know how important the OMPF is for many municipalities. This is why in the coming months the Ministry of Finance will be consulting with municipalities to hear their perspective, advice, and

priorities for the program. Through the ministry's discussions with your treasurers and clerk treasurers, we look forward to discussing how to implement a reporting framework in order to gain a better understanding of how the OMPF is supporting your communities.

The Ministry of Finance's Provincial-Local Finance Division will be providing your municipal treasurers and clerk-treasurers with further details on your 2025 OMPF allocation. Details regarding the consultation process will also be provided. Supporting materials on the 2025 program are available on the ministry's web site at www.ontario.ca/document/2025-ontario-municipal-partnership-fund.

As we continue to work together to build up our communities and move Ontario's economy forward, maintaining a close relationship with our municipal partners remains critical. I look forward to our continued collaboration as we move forward with building a strong future for our province.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Peter Bethlenfalvy
Minister of Finance

c. c. The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

2025 Allocation Notice

Township of St. Joseph

5708

The Township of St. Joseph will receive \$827,800 through the OMPF in 2025, which represents an increase of \$77,100 or \$78 per household compared to 2024.

A Total 2025 OMPF **\$827,800**

1. Core Grant Components	\$827,800
a. Assessment Equalization Grant Component	\$229,800
b. Northern Communities Grant Component	\$272,900
c. Rural Communities Grant Component	\$137,900
d. Northern and Rural Fiscal Circumstances Grant Component	\$187,200
2. Transitional Assistance	n/a

B Key OMPF Data Inputs

1. Households	985
2. Total Weighted Assessment per Household	\$227,528
3. Rural and Small Community Measure (RSCM)	100.0%
4. Farm Area Measure (FAM)	n/a
5. Northern and Rural Municipal Fiscal Circumstances Index (MFCI)	7.4
6. 2025 Guaranteed Level of Support	100.0%
7. 2024 OMPF	\$750,700

Note: See line item descriptions on the following page.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ST.
JOSEPH BY-LAW NO. 2024-47**

A By-law to amend Zoning By-law 2011 - 34, as amended, to reduce the minimum lot area from 2 hectares (5 acres) to 1 hectare (2.5 acres), and to reduce the minimum lot frontage from 150 metres (500 feet) to 76 metres (248 feet), as a prerequisite for consent application to create a new, rural/residential lot for the property located at CON A LOT 16PT RP 1R4379 PART 1 – also known as 1615 A Line Road.

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Township of St. Joseph has enacted By-law No.2011-34 to regulate the use of land and the erection, use, bulk, height and location of buildings and structures in the Township of St. Joseph; and

WHEREAS a Notice of Application to amend said by-law was provided in accordance with the provisions of Section 34 of the Planning Act, and a Public Meeting was held on November 6, 2024, to receive comments and feedback on the proposed amendment; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of The Township of St. Joseph has considered the request for an amendment to:

1. Table B1 – Residential Zone Standards to reduce the minimum lot area from 2 hectares (5 acres) to 1 hectare (2.5 acres), and to reduce the minimum lot frontage from 150 metres (500 feet) to 76 metres (248 feet), as a prerequisite for consent application to create a new, rural/residential lot.

WHEREAS Council deems it desirable and expedient to amend said zoning by-law for this use;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of St. Joseph enacts as follows:

1.0 By-law No. 2011-34, as amended, of the Corporation of The Township of St. Joseph is hereby further amended by the addition of the following new subsection:

Notwithstanding any other provision of this By-law, the provisions of this section shall apply to those lands known as CON A LOT 16PT RP 1R4379 PART 1, also known as 1615 A Line Road, in the Township of St. Joseph and denoted by the number 8.110 on Schedule A to this by-law. All other provisions of this by-law, unless specifically modified or amended by this section, continue to apply to the lands subject to this section.

8.110 CON A LOT 16PT RP 1R4379 PART 1 (1615 A Line Road)

The following specific zone standards shall apply:

1. The minimum lot area for newly created lots be reduced to 1 hectare (2.5 acres)
2. The minimum lot frontage be reduced to 76 metres (248 feet).
3. Schedule "A" hereto forms part of this By-law.
4. This By-law shall come into effect upon the date of the final passing thereof.

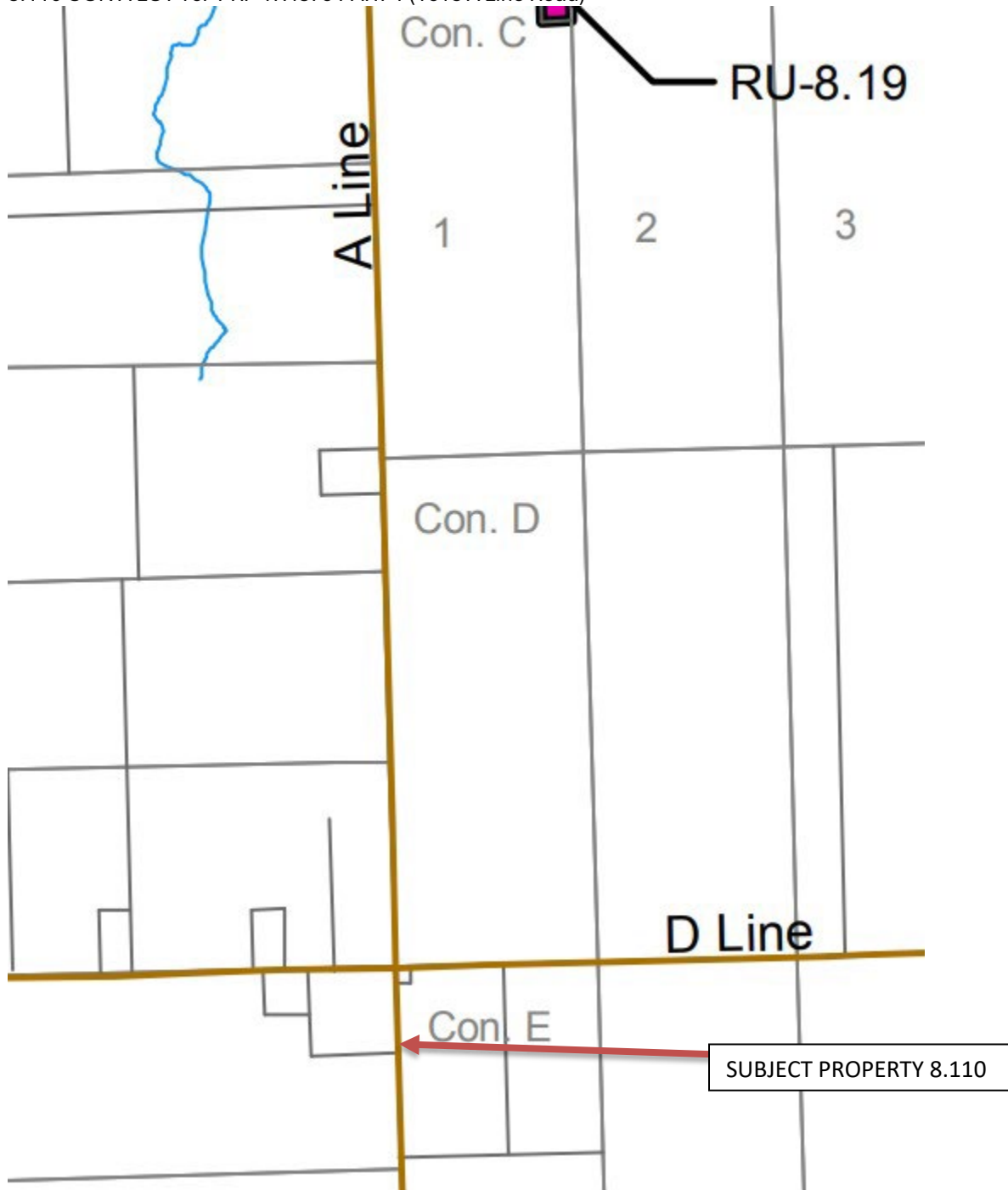
Passed in Open Council on November 6, 2024.

Joseph Wildman, Mayor

Amanda Richardson, Clerk Administrator

Schedule A to By-Law 2024-47

8.110 CON A LOT 16PT RP 1R4379 PART 1 (1615 A Line Road)



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ST. JOSEPH

BY-LAW 2024-48

**A By-Law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Regular Council Meeting held on
November 6, 2024.**

WHEREAS the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c25, as amended, provides that a municipal Council shall exercise its powers by by-law, except where otherwise provided; and

WHEREAS in many cases, action which is taken or authorized by Council to be taken does not lend itself to an individual by-law;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of St. Joseph hereby enacts as follows:

1. That the actions of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of St. Joseph at its meeting on November 6, 2024, in respect to each motion, resolution, direction and other action passed and taken by Council, except where the prior approval of the Ontario Municipal Board is required, is hereby adopted, ratified, and confirmed.
2. That the Mayor and the proper officers of the Corporation are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the said action or actions, to obtain approvals where required, and to execute any and all documents as may be necessary, and to affix the corporate seal to all such documents as required.

Passed in open Council on November 6, 2024.

Joseph Wildman
Mayor

Amanda Richardson
Clerk Administrator