



**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ST. JOSEPH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
AGENDA  
6:30 p.m. - Wednesday, December 18, 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**
- 5. Adoption of the previous minutes** 5-8
  - a. Council Meeting – December 4, 2024  
**Recommendation:** BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday, December 4, 2024, be adopted as circulated.
- 6. Accounts** 9-10
  - a. Disbursements – November 30 – December 13, 2024  
**Recommendation:** BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cheque Register dated December 18, 2024, in the amount of \$232,690.66 be approved as presented.
- 7. Public Meeting** 11-12
  - a. Zoning By-Law Amendment – 712 K Line Road
- 8. Staff and Committee Reports**
  - a. Funding Application: Summer Employment Opportunities  
**Recommendation:** BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Community Projects Coordinator regarding The Ministry of Tourism and Culture’s Summer Employment Opportunities Program be received; and 13  
  
THAT council authorizes staff to apply to Summer Employment Opportunities Program for funding support for one student for summer employment, option \_\_\_\_.
  - b. Funding Application: Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility – Seniors Community Grant  
**Recommendation:** BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Manager of Seniors and Persons with a Disability Services regarding the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility Seniors Community Grant, and; 14

That Council authorizes staff to apply to the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility Grant for instructor fees and fitness equipment purchases.

- c. Zoning By-Law Amendment #2024-09: 1249 F&G Line (AlgomaTrad Music Camp)  
**Recommendation:** BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Deputy Clerk regarding the application for Zoning By-Law Amendment at 1249 F&G Line to Section 7.1, Table B4 – Provisions for Buildings in the Rural Zone Except Residential Buildings to reduce the maximum height for a building from 6 metres (20 feet) to 9 metres (30 feet), and 15-18

That Council authorizes staff to begin the public notification process and schedule a public meeting for final consideration of the application.

- d. Request for Use: Arch Great Bucket List Cycle Event 2025  
**Recommendation:** BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Deputy Clerk regarding the request received from the ARCH Hospice requesting the use of the Centennial Grounds, public washrooms and in-kind assistance from staff for their annual Great Bucket List Cycle Event be received; and 19-20

THAT Council authorizes staff to \_\_\_\_\_.

**9. Correspondence**

a. **Consent Agenda:**

<b>Item #</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Items with a request for support (resolutions)</b>		
113	Ministry of Natural Resources - Proposal on Enabling the Development of Commercial-Scale Geologic Carbon Storage in Ontario	Receive 21-22
114	Algoma Public Health – 2025 Levy Notice	Receive 23
115	Town of Deep River - Amend O Reg 391/21: Blue Box for Ineligible Sources	24
116	Town of Bruce Mines – Support for Sault Ste. Marie HART Hub	Receive 25
117	Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing - Proposed Municipal Accountability Act	Receive 26-30
118	Town of Puslinch – Aggregate Assessment	31-43

**Recommendation:** BE IT RESOLVED THAT correspondence item #113 through #118 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.

- a. 2024 Performance Evaluations

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

## 11. By-Laws

- a. Emergency Management Plan

**Recommendation:** BE IT RESOLVED THAT leave be granted to introduce By-Law 2024-53 being a By-Law to establish an Emergency Management Program and Emergency Response Plan, and to repeal and replace By-Law #2023-38. and, 44-45

THAT said by-law be passed in open Council on December 18, 2024.

- b. 9-1-1 Agreement

**Recommendation:** BE IT RESOLVED THAT leave be granted to introduce By-Law 2024-54 being a By-Law to authorize the Clerk Administrator to execute an Agreement between His Majesty the King in Right of Ontario, as represented by the Minister of the Solicitor General on behalf of the Ontario Provincial Police, and the Township of St. Joseph, for the provision of Primary Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) 9-1-1 Services for the Township of St. Joseph, 46

and to repeal by-law #2017-43. and,

THAT said by-law be passed in open Council on December 18, 2024.

- c. CAO-Clerk/Treasurer Appointment 47-48

**Recommendation:** BE IT RESOLVED THAT leave be granted to introduce By-Law 2024-55 being a By-Law to appoint a CAO/Clerk-Treasurer for the Township of St. Joseph. and,

THAT said by-law be passed in open Council on December 18, 2024.

- d. Zoning By-Law Amendment: 712 K Line Road 49-50

**Recommendation:** BE IT RESOLVED THAT leave be granted to introduce By-Law 2024-56 being a By-law to amend Zoning By-law 2011 - 34, as amended, for the property located at ST JOSEPH CON A PT LOT 30 RP 1R11669 PART 2 also known as 712 K Line Road to correct the zoning from Rural (RU) to Highway Commercial (HC) to permit the current and proposed use of Commercial, and,

THAT said by-law be passed in open Council on December 18, 2024.

- e. Confirmation 51

**Recommendation:** BE IT RESOLVED THAT leave be granted to introduce By-Law 2024-57 being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held on December 18, 2024; and

THAT said by-law be passed in open Council on December 18, 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, January 15, 2024, or at the call of the chair.



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

**6:30 p.m. - Wednesday, December 4, 2024  
Council Chambers – 1669 Arthur Street, Richards Landing**

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

**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. Adoption of the previous minutes**

- a. Council Meeting – November 20, 2024

Resolution #2024- 303

Moved By: Bryon Hall

Seconded By: Greg Senecal

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

**5. Accounts**

- a. Disbursements – November 18-29, 2024

Resolution #2024- 304

Moved By: Steven Adams

Seconded By: Greg Senecal

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cheque Register dated December 4, 2024, in the amount of \$81,455.32 be approved as presented.

Carried.

**6. New Business & Items for Discussion**

- a. Mayor Wildman – Requested staff to place a memorial donation for R. Stortini
- b. By-Law Review & Discussion:  
Responsible Dog Ownership

Staff reviewed the revised draft of this by-law, revisions to be made and brought back for further review prior to passing.

## 7. Staff and Committee Reports

- a. Notice of Consent Application – Concession V Pt Lot 1

Resolution #2024- 305

Moved By: Steven Adams

Seconded By: Bryon Hall

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Clerk Administrator regarding the notice of application for consent for Concession V Pt Lot 1 be received for information, and

That Council has no concerns with the application.

Carried.

- b. Zoning By-Law Amendment #2024-08: 712 K Line (Kentvale)

Resolution #2024- 306

Moved By: Bryon Hall

Seconded By: Steven Adams

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Clerk Administrator regarding an amendment to the municipality's Zoning By-Law Schedule A-1 to correct the zoning for the property located at ST JOSEPH CON A PT LOT 30 RP 1R11669 PART 2 also known as 712 K Line Road be received for information, and

That Council authorizes staff to begin the public notification process and schedule a public meeting on December 18, 2024, for final consideration of the correcting amendment.

Carried.

- c. 2025 Pay Grid Increase

Resolution #2024- 307

Moved By: Greg Senecal

Seconded By: Steven Adams

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Treasurer regarding 2025 wages be received: and,

THAT Council approve a 2025 increase of 2.00% for the positions listed on the salary grid; and,

THAT the increase also be applied to the honourariums for Council and the PSW Pilot Program employees; and

THAT the Treasurer be authorized to implement this increase as of January 1, 2025.

Carried.

**8. Correspondence**

**a. Consent Agenda:**

<b>Item #</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Items with a request for support (resolutions)</b>		
108	Township of Terrace Bay – Ambulance Shortages & Healthcare Systems Issues	Support
109	Township of Terrace Bay – Support for Billy Bishop Airport	Receive
110	Township of Puslinch - Enabling Greater Beneficial Reuse Excess Soil	Support
111	Ministry of Natural Resources – Bill 228	Receive
112	Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Additional Residential Units	Receive

Resolution #2024- 308

Moved By: Greg Senecal

Seconded By: Bryon Hall

BE IT RESOLVED THAT correspondence item #108 through #112 be received for information; and

That the recommended actions be taken.

Carried.

**9. Closed Session**

Resolution #2024- 309

Moved By: Steven Adams

Seconded By: Greg Senecal

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council proceed into Closed Session at 7:59 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.

**a. Administrative Staffing – work/training plan**

Carried.

Resolution #2024- 310

Moved By: Bryon Hall

Seconded By: Greg Senecal

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does rise from closed session at 7:59 p.m.

Resolution #2024- 311

Moved By: Steven Adams

Seconded By: Greg Senecal

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Clerk Administrator regarding a transition plan for administrative staffing and retirement criteria and continued participation in the municipality's group benefits plan be received for information, and

That Council authorizes staff to waive two criteria for the individual named in the report, to be reconsidered upon any changes to the employee's work plan, and

That Council approves the following rates of pay for the individual named in the report for various work performed, beginning January 1, 2025:

Treasurer/Special Projects at Class 28 (level 7)

Senior Accounting Clerk at Class 13 (level 7)

Administrative Support at Class 9 (Level 7)

Carried.

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## 10. By-Laws

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a. Confirmation

Resolution #2024- 312

Moved By: Bryon Hall

Seconded By: Steven Adams

BE IT RESOLVED THAT leave be granted to introduce By-Law 2024-52 being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held on December 4, 2024; and

THAT said by-law be passed in open Council on December 4, 2024.

Carried.

## 11. Adjournment

Resolution #2024- 313

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 8:25 p.m. to meet again at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 18, 2024, or at the call of the chair.

Carried.

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Joseph Wildman, Mayor

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Amanda Richardson, Clerk Administrator



**TOWNSHIP OF ST. JOSEPH**

Disbursements

18-Dec-24

RESOLUTION #2024-

CHQ #	DATE	VENDOR NAME	DESCRIPTION	Amount
PAP	2024-11-30	BELL MOBILITY	VARIOUS DEPTS - CELL PHONES	\$ 310.69
PAP	2024-11-30	BELL CANADA	WATER/SEWER - INTERNET	80.23
various	2024-12-06	SENIORS VOLUNTEER DRIVERS	SENIORS - MEALS ON WHEELS MILEAGE	1,483.67
6572	2024-12-06	UNIQUE CLEANING	VARIOUS DEPTS - CLEANING SERVICES	1,330.00
108634	2024-12-06	ALGOMA BUSINESS COMPUTERS	VARIOUS DEPTS - MICROSOFT LICENCES	304.81
108635	2024-12-06	ABELL PEST CONTROL INC	OTH - PEST CONTROL	70.08
108636	2024-12-06	ALGOMA DISTRICT SERVICES ADMIN BOARD	MUNICIPAL LEVY	67,369.00
108637	2024-12-06	ALGOMA AG CENTRE	ROADS - GAS	972.94
108638	2024-12-06	ALGOMA OFFICE EQUIPMENT	SENIORS - COPIER LEASE	76.68
108641	2024-12-06	TERRY CLIFFE	LANDFILL - PHONE JUL-DEC 2024	90.00
108643	2024-12-06	MELISSA CRIPPS	SENIORS - PROGRAM SUPPLIES	68.37
108644	2024-12-06	KERRY-MARIE DUTCHAK	SENIORS - PROGRAM COSTS	110.00
108647	2024-12-06	GENEVIEVE GONNEAU	SENIORS - PROGRAM SUPPLIES	145.16
108648	2024-12-06	GREEN FOR LIFE ENVIRONMENTAL	RECYCLING - BIN EMPTY	3,987.27
108650	2024-12-06	GLEN IRWIN	CBO - MILEAGE SEPT/OCT	882.00
108651	2024-12-06	ISLAND MARKET - TREFRY	SENIORS - PROGRAM SUPPLIES	367.79
108653	2024-12-06	KENTVALE MERCHANTS LTD.	VARIOUS DEPTS - SUPPLIES	559.16
108655	2024-12-06	LOCAL AUTHORITY SERVICES	ADMIN - SUPPLIES	7.11
108657	2024-12-06	ROBERT MACKAY	PW - PHONE JUL-DEC 2024	150.00
108658	2024-12-06	MASSEY WHOLESALE LIMITED	SENIORS - PROGRAM SUPPLIES	502.38
108660	2024-12-06	PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION	WATER/SEWER - PROJECTS/MAINTENANCE	9,214.69
108662	2024-12-06	ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 374	SENIORS - DINERS HALL RENTAL	250.00
108665	2024-12-06	JERRY SMITH	LANDFILL - PHONE JUL-DEC 2024	90.00
108667	2024-12-06	SUPERIOR PROPANE	ADMIN/MARINA - PROPANE	3,178.03
108669	2024-12-06	TOROMONT CAT	EMERG PLANNING - GENERATOR MTCE	2,269.06
108670	2024-12-06	NATHAN UNDERHILL	PW - PHONE JUL-DEC 2024	150.00
PAP	2024-12-06	ALGOMA POWER INC	VARIOUS DEPTS - POWER	5,720.43
PAP	2024-12-06	RCAP LEASING INC.	ADMIN - COPIER LEASE	111.72
PAP	2024-12-06	TOWNSHIP OF ST. JOSEPH PAP	VARIOUS DEPTS - WATER/SEWER	3,627.00
6573	2024-12-13	ISLAND TIMBER MART	MARINA - FUEL	67.73
6574	2024-12-13	SUPERIOR CHRYSLER DODGE JEEP	ROADS - EQUIP REPAIRS	924.16
various	2024-12-13	SENIORS TRANSPORTATION DRIVERS	SENIORS - MILEAGE	1,305.96
108671	2024-12-13	9386-3025 QUEBEC INC	PARKS - SHADE STRUCTURE DEPOSIT	11,611.88
108672	2024-12-13	ABELL PEST CONTROL INC	OTH - PEST CONTROL	70.08
108673	2024-12-13	ALGOMA AG CENTRE	ROADS - FUEL	4,346.00
108674	2024-12-13	ALLISTON PLOW PARTS	ROADS - EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	777.74
108676	2024-12-13	MELISSA CRIPPS	SENIORS - MILEAGE	144.20
108679	2024-12-13	JENNY ENNS	PSW - MILEAGE	134.85
108680	2024-12-13	FOTENN CONSULTANTS INC.	COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN	3,017.10
108681	2024-12-13	MARGO GIBSON	SENIORS - MILEAGE	31.50
108682	2024-12-13	GENEVIEVE GONNEAU	SENIORS - MILEAGE	95.20
108683	2024-12-13	GREEN FOR LIFE ENVIRONMENTAL	SEWER HYDRO VAC	1,151.14
108685	2024-12-13	ISLAND CLIPPINGS	ADMIN/PLAN - ADVERTISING	153.68
108686	2024-12-13	ISLAND MARKET - TOWNSHIP	PPP/ADMIN - SUPPLIES	93.91
108687	2024-12-13	KENTVALE MERCHANTS LTD.	VARIOUS - SUPPLIES & MAINTENANCE	196.45
108688	2024-12-13	ELIZABETH LANE	PSW - MILEAGE	281.60
108690	2024-12-13	LOCAL AUTHORITY SERVICES	SENIORS - SUPPLIES	158.29
108693	2024-12-13	MASSEY WHOLESALE LIMITED	SENIORS - PROGRAM SUPPLIES	165.94

<u>CHQ #</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>VENDOR NAME</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>Amount</u>
108694	2024-12-13	NORTH CHANNEL HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING INC	LIBRARY MAINTENANCE	232.78
108695	2024-12-13	ONTARIO MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM	EMPLOYERS CONTRIB DEC 2024	23,120.16
108696	2024-12-13	DAVID PEARSE	BLEO - SUPPLIES	73.44
108697	2024-12-13	PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION	WATER SEWER CONTRACT DEC 2024	13,174.33
108699	2024-12-13	SHERRY RODGERS	PSW - MILEAGE	434.56
108702	2024-12-13	SUPERIOR PROPANE	REC - RINK TANK RENTAL AND PROPANE	987.75
PAP	2024-12-13	BELL MOBILITY	VARIOUS - TELEPHONE DEC 2024	349.11
PAP	2024-12-13	RECEIVER GENERAL	SOURCE DEDUCTIONS NOV 2024	32,999.45
PAP	2024-12-13	BI-WEEKLY PAYROLL	PAY PERIOD 25	33,113.40
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 232,690.66</b>

**The Township of St. Joseph**  
**ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT PUBLIC MEETING**  
**Wednesday, December 18, 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 PT LOT 30 RP 1R11669 PART 2 also known as 712 K Line Road.
- Zoning By-law Schedule A-1 to correct the zoning for the subject property from Rural (RU) to Highway Commercial (HC). In 2009 a consent to sever the residential portion from the property (724 K Line) was approved and a corresponding zoning by-law amendment was passed to rezone the residential portion of the property to rural from commercial. The commercial portion of the property should have remained in the Rural Commercial zone but was inadvertently changed to Rural with the passing of the 2011 Zoning By-Law. Zoning By-Law #997 zoned the property as Rural Commercial (RUC) and was repealed, by Zoning By-Law 2011-34. This zone no longer exists under the current by-law, but the most appropriate zone for the property would be Highway Commercial (HC)

**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.

**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**

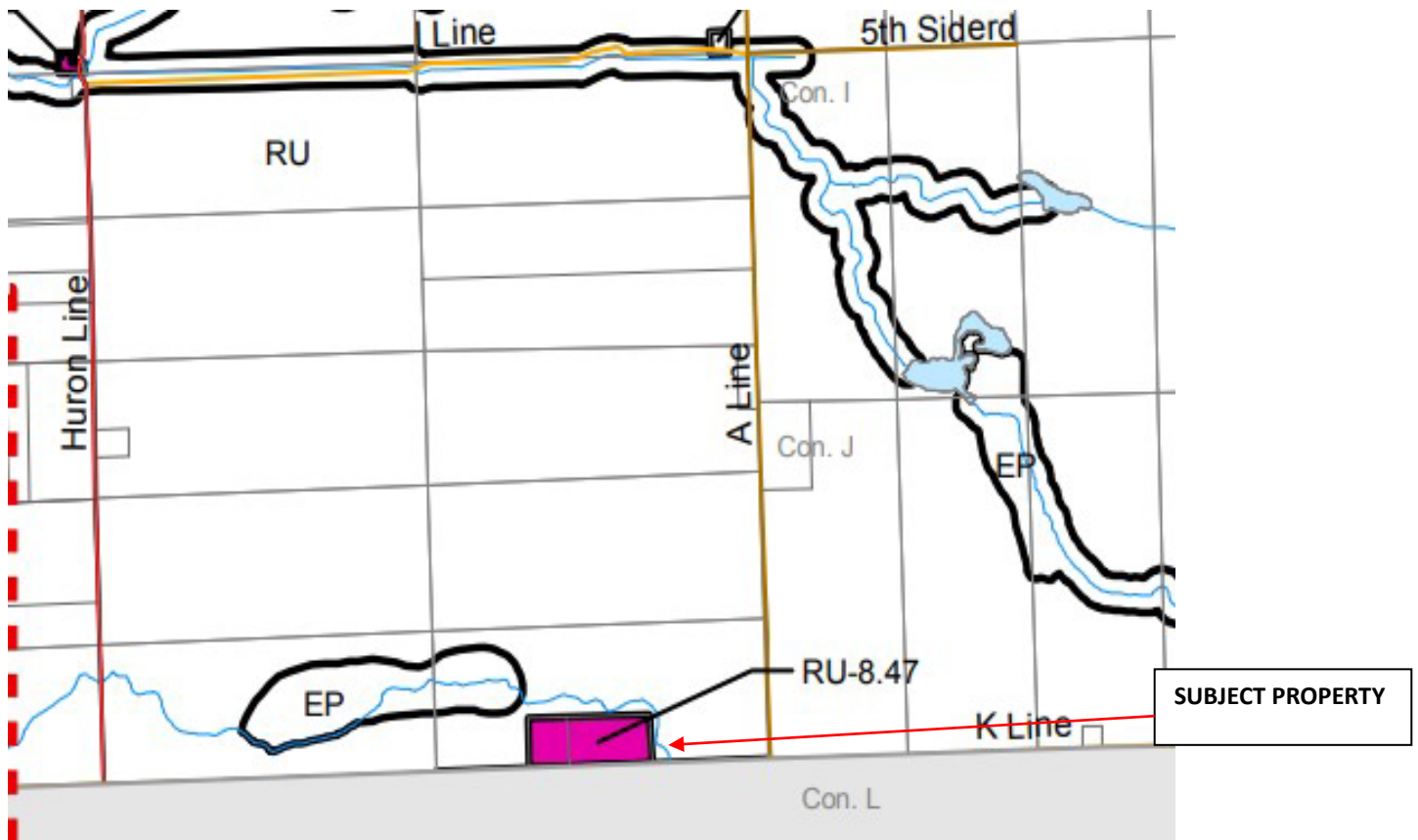
- Members of Council may ask questions for clarification of specific matters.
- Members of the public may respond to points clarified by Council and amendments suggested by staff.


**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**

**ST JOSEPH CON A PT LOT 30 RP 1R11669 PART 2 – Also known as 712 K Line Road**



	<b>Township of St. Joseph</b>	
	<b>Report To Council</b>	
	<b>FROM:</b>	Sherie Gladu, Community Projects Coordinator
	<b>DATE:</b>	December 18, 2024
	<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Funding Application: Summer Employment Opportunities 2025
<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b>	<p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Community Projects Coordinator regarding The Ministry of Tourism and Culture’s Summer Employment Opportunities Program be received; and</p> <p>THAT council authorizes staff to apply to Summer Employment Opportunities Program for funding support for one student for summer employment, option _____.</p>	

**Background:**

The Summer Employment Opportunities (SEO) Program provides funding to eligible not-for-profit organizations, municipalities, Indigenous organizations and First Nation communities to create meaningful summer employment opportunities for students. Students must be a minimum of 15 years of age and live in Ontario.

The summer employment positions must focus on activities supporting key sectors within the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming and the Ministry of Sport and provide students with training, work experience and skills transferable to the general workforce and to future careers. The positions must focus on activities that support the key sectors of tourism, culture, sport and recreation. Applications for funding support ends on January 8, 2025.

Staff proposes applying for a summer student for either:

- A. Marina/Parks combined role established last year (not funded by Canada Summer Jobs), or
- B. A new Recreation/Events role in support of youth sports, events such as Go North Music Festival, and park maintenance and beautification. Many of the activities supported by the Community Projects Intern last year (internship now completed) would benefit from additional resources provided by a student for summer 2025.

**Financial Implications:**

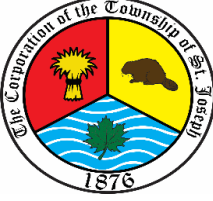
Position placements are expected to provide employment for a minimum employment contract length of 217.5 hours or 30 days at 7.25 hours per day. The maximum funding per position is \$3,741 (or 100% of minimum wage for 217.5hrs). Any additional hours beyond 217.5 would be at the expense of the Township. Mandatory Employment Related Costs (MERCs) will be the responsibility of the Township. To be eligible for the full grant amount, organizations must employ the student for the minimum employment contract length of 217.5 hours or 30 days at 7.25 hours per day. If the minimum employment contract is not 217.5 hours or 30 days at 7.25 hours per day, the organization will be required to submit a refund to the Ministry.

**Options:**

Council may approve staff to apply for funding for one student position or may defer or deny the request to apply for this funding.



Sherie Gladu, Community Projects Coordinator

	<b>Township of St. Joseph</b>	
	<b>Report To Council</b>	
	<b>FROM:</b>	Marcy Clark, Manager of Seniors and Persons with a Disability Services
	<b>DATE:</b>	December 18, 2024
	<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Funding Application: Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility – Seniors Community Grant
<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b>	<p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Manager of Seniors and Persons with a Disability Services regarding the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility Seniors Community Grant, and;</p> <p>That Council authorizes staff to apply to the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility Grant for instructor fees and fitness equipment purchases.</p>	

**Background:**

The Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility Grant - Seniors Community Grant supports local not-for-profit community groups and organizations to deliver projects, supports and resources that help older adults (aged 55+) to:

- live independently,
- live with safety and security,
- stay connected to their community,
- avoid isolation and
- achieve greater financial security and social connections.

The goal is to provide this neglected age group with fitness and wellness programs. These programs will promote volunteerism and generation integration to rural, remote, socially isolated individuals and underserved communities. With this funding we would be able to hire instructors for potential activities such as art, various types of yoga, Pilates, Zumba, Tai Chi, walking groups, sno-ga, snow shoeing, and self-defense classes. The programs we had this fall using donated funds has had an impressive attendance and we have secured new volunteers as a result of them.

As there are no work out facilities, gyms, or structured activities within a 50+ km distance, it would provide options for individuals to remain or become more active, promoting health and wellness, body and mind.

**Financial Implications:**

The Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility - Seniors Community Grant funds up to \$25,000 and 100% of eligible expenses. The Estimate of the project is currently being explored through investigations regarding equipment and instructor costs. There will be no financial impact to the municipality resulting from this funding application.

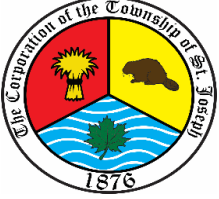
**Options:**

Council may approve staff to apply or may defer or deny the request to apply for this funding.




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Marcy Clark, Manager  
Seniors and Persons with a Disability Services

	<b>Township of St. Joseph</b>	
	<b>Report To Council</b>	
	<b>FROM:</b>	Michelle Pearse, Deputy Clerk
	<b>DATE:</b>	December 18, 2024
	<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Zoning By-Law Amendment Application – 1249 F&G Line (Algoma Trad Music Camp)
<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b>	<p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Deputy Clerk regarding the application for Zoning By-Law Amendment at 1249 F&amp;G Line to Section 7.1, Table B4 – Provisions For Buildings in the Rural Zone Except Residential Buildings to reduce the maximum height for a building from 6 metres (20 feet) to 9 metres (30 feet), and</p> <p>That Council authorizes staff to begin the public notification process and schedule a public meeting for final consideration of the application.</p>	

**Background**

A zoning by-law amendment application was received from the applicants with permission of the owner of 1249 F&G Line Road (CON G LOT 6PT). The amendment is required to facilitate the construction of an assembly hall/cultural centre to allow for a place for participants to celebrate traditional music, dance and heritage craft. Plans have been drawn for an assembly hall, however the height at the highest peak is 6.8 metres (22 feet). To construct the building as designed, an amendment to the permitted maximum height will be required. There are existing buildings on the property that are also above the maximum 6 metres (20 feet) and the property, in its current state, would not allow for all zoning standards to be met. In order to correct this moving forward, the applicant has requested an amendment to Table B4 to allow buildings with a maximum height of 9 metres (30 feet) at 1249 F&G Line Road (to allow for 2<sup>nd</sup> storeys).

As per the municipality’s zoning by-law, in a Rural Zone the maximum height for a building other than a residential building is 6 meters (20 feet). The applicants are requesting a change in Table B4 (table attached) of section 7.1 as it pertains to their property for this building and potential future construction.

If approved, this building would assist the applicants in further developing their music camp; providing a place to bring heritage arts learning, sharing and celebration to more people.

A key map and draft site plan have been attached to this report as reference.

**Property Details (current state)**

- Current & Proposed Use: Private Club
- Existing Building & Structure Information:
  - Main Hall - 100 x 36
  - Large Pavilion (West of Main Hall) - 30x60
  - Small Pavilion southeast of proposed Dan’s Hall - 16x24
  - Six @ 20x20 outbuildings used for workshops and programs
  - One 12x12 bunkie with a 12x6 porch - total 12x18
  - Two 16x16 gazebos for summer workshops and programming
  - One 8x40 storage building to the left of the proposed Dan's Hall
  - One approximately 8x10 Summer kitchen shed
  - Small garden utility shed – about 6x8
  - All buildings are non-winterized, single season usage except for the Main Hall.

- Zoning: Rural (RU)
- Total Property Size: 50 acres
- Frontage: 1320 feet
- Depth: 1650 feet

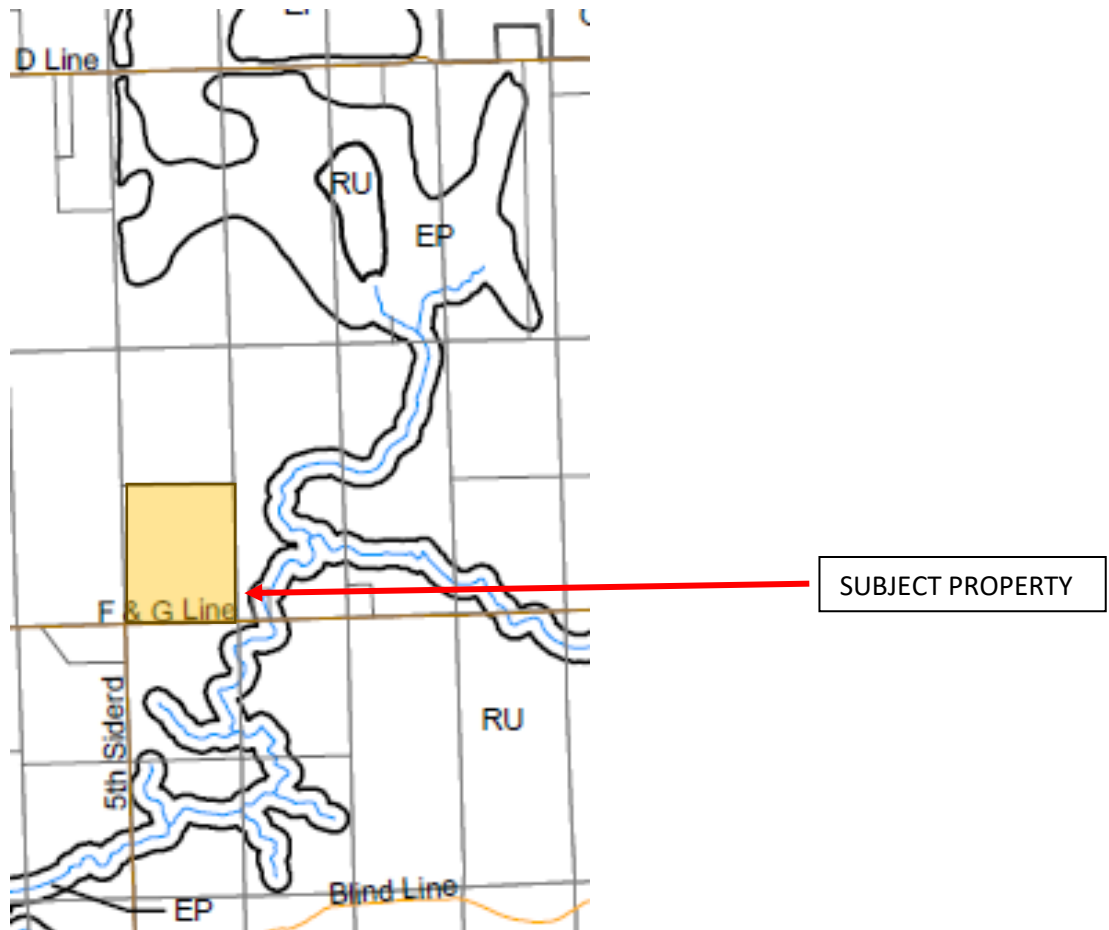
Summary

Council may preliminarily approve the application, allowing staff to begin the public notification process, or they may defer or deny the application.



Michelle Pearce, Deputy Clerk

Key Map: 1249 F&G Line Road





**GENERAL NOTES:**

INFORMATION PRESENTED ON THIS DRAWING IS BASED UPON INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING SOURCES:

- TOPOGRAPHIC DETAILS: TOTAL PRECISION SURVEY
- PROPOSED PARKING AND SEWAGE SYSTEM : TULLOCH

**NOTE:**

- THIS IS A CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN. FINAL LOCATIONS AND SIZING OF SEWAGE SYSTEM SUBJECT TO CHANGE PENDING MINISTRY REVIEW
- THIS IS NOT A LEGAL SURVEY, ALL PROPERTY BOUNDARIES ARE APPROXIMATE LOCATION



KEY PLAN

ENGINEER'S SEAL:

DATE	REV.	REVISION	BY	APP'D
12.10.2024	0	ISSUED FOR REZONING	KG	JL

CLIENT:

**ALGOMA TRAD**  
1249 F&G LINE ROAD  
RICHARDS LANDING, ON. P0R 1J0

CONSULTANT:



PROJECT TITLE:

**ALGOMA TRAD SITE ALTERATIONS**

DRAWING TITLE:

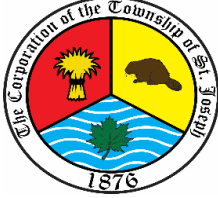
**CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN**

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**TABLE B4  
PROVISIONS FOR BUILDINGS IN THE RURAL ZONE EXCEPT RESIDENTIAL  
BUILDINGS**

	<i>Home Industry</i>	<i>Boarding stables, barns, agricultural buildings Veterinary clinics</i>	<i>Boarding Kennels</i>	<i>Garages and Accessory buildings to a Residential Use</i>	<i>Any other building not classified in Table B4</i>
Minimum setback from <i>front lot line</i>	30.0 m (100 ft.)	30.0 m (100 ft.)	100.0 m (330 ft.)	8.0 m (1) (26 ft.)	30.0 m (100 ft.)
Minimum setback from <i>exterior side lot line</i>	15.0 m (50 ft.)	30.0 m (100 ft.)	100.0 m (330 ft.)	8.0 m (26 ft.)	15.0 m (50 ft.)
Minimum setback from <i>interior side lot line</i>	15.0 m (50 ft.)	30.0 m (100 ft.)	100.0 m (330 ft.)	2.0 m (6.5 ft.)	15.0 m (50 ft.)
Minimum setback from <i>rear lot line</i>	15.0 m (50 ft.)	30.0 m (100 ft.)	100.0 m (330 ft.)	2.0 m (6.5 ft.)	15.0 m (50 ft.)
Maximum <i>height</i>	6.0 m (20 ft.)	n/a	6.0 m (20 ft.)	8.0 m (26 ft.)	6.0 m (20 ft.)

	<b>Township of St. Joseph</b>	
	<b>Report To Council</b>	
	<b>FROM:</b>	Michelle Pearse, Deputy Clerk
	<b>DATE:</b>	December 18, 2024
	<b>SUBJECT:</b>	ARCH Hospice – Request to Waive Fees
<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b>	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Deputy Clerk regarding the request received from the ARCH Hospice requesting the use of the Centennial Grounds, public washrooms and in-kind assistance from staff for their annual Great Bucket List Cycle Event be received; and  THAT Council authorizes staff to _____.	

**Background**

ARCH Hospice provides quality, compassionate care through end-of-life to Algoma District families at no cost. ARCH Hospice is only partially government-funded and relies heavily on community support and donations to continue to operate. Over \$200,000 has been raised since the conception of the Great Bucket List Cycle event.

The attached request from ARCH Hospice was received asking the Township to use the Centennial Grounds and public washrooms as well as the marina public washrooms and assistance from the Community Projects Coordinator for their annual Great Bucket List Cycle event. In the past, Council has generously waived the rental fees for the use of the grounds and approved staff to assist them with the coordination of the event on the island.


As this event is an annual one, and Council has historically waived the fees each year when a request has been received. Staff would ask that Council waive the rental fees for the use of the Centennial Grounds in perpetuity for the Great Bucket List Cycle event and that staff be authorized to grant this permission yearly and schedule the event ensuring that it does not conflict with any other rental/use of the spaces identified.

**Financial Implications**

There is no expense to the Township resulting from this request; however, if approved the Township would lose the opportunity for a revenue of \$400 in rental fees each year the event is held.

**Summary/ Options**

Council may agree to waive fees for the use of the centennial grounds for their charitable event, deny the request or defer for future discussion.

  
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 Michelle Pearse, Deputy Clerk

December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Dear Council for the Township of St. Joseph,

My name is Julie Premo, and I am the Operations Manager at ARCH Hospice. I am writing this as a joint letter alongside Katherine Williamson, Fund Development Supervisor at ARCH. We are immensely grateful for the support we received with the Great Bucket List Cycle since its inception in 2018. To share an overview of this event, participants can either cycle 20KM, 40KM, 70KM or 100KM. Over the 6 years we have hosted the event we have raised over \$200,000. Our primary reason for writing the letter is to request the use of Centennial Grounds. We plan to cycle St. Joseph Island using primarily HWY 548 and the route to the Fort. We are planning to offer the 100 KM, 70KM, 40KM and 20 KM cycle on Sunday, August 24, 2025.

We want to ensure The Township of St. Joseph's residents, staff and Council approve of the event and are informed the event is taking place in 2025. For the past few years, the Island Clippings were instrumental in letting the residents know the event was happening to avoid the high traffic area of our cyclists. The support of the community on St. Joseph Island was incredible. We are asking for approval to utilize Centennial Grounds, have the use of public washrooms at the Marina in Richards Landing and assistance from Sherie Gladu the Community Projects Coordinator for The Township of St. Joseph. We thank you for your consideration and are looking forward to another successful event in 2025!

*ARCH Hospice provides quality, compassionate care through end-of-life to Algoma District families at no cost. The emotional, spiritual, and physical comfort of our residents and their loved ones is our highest priority. We offer a home-away-from-home during one of life's most important moments: the end-of-life journey. ARCH Hospice is only partially government-funded, requiring \$850,000 annually in community support as well as the generosity of over 140 volunteers to provide our services to the community. By donating to ARCH, you are contributing to the comfort of the entire community.*

Thank you for your consideration,

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November 25, 2024

Subject: *Decision on Discussion Paper: Regulating Commercial-Scale Geologic Carbon Storage Projects in Ontario, and Proposal on Enabling the Development of Commercial-Scale Geologic Carbon Storage in Ontario: The Geologic Carbon Storage Act*

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Hello,

Over the past two years, the Ministry of Natural Resources has been taking a measured and phased approach to enabling and regulating geologic carbon storage in Ontario. Carbon storage is new to the province, and developing a comprehensive framework to regulate this activity would help ensure that it is done responsibly, with measures in place to safeguard people and the environment.

Geologic carbon storage (further referred to as carbon storage) involves injecting captured carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) into deep geological formations for permanent storage. This technology could provide industries in Ontario with a critical tool for managing their emissions and contributing to the achievement of Ontario's emissions reduction targets.

Today, we are writing to notify you that 1) a decision has been made to proceed with the development of a framework for enabling commercial-scale geologic carbon storage (Environmental Registry of Ontario posting # 019-8767), and 2) that a new *Geologic Carbon Storage Act* is being proposed (Environmental Registry of Ontario posting # 019-9299).

These developments represent significant steps towards Phase 3 of Ontario's [approach to enabling and regulating geologic carbon storage](#). Ontario aims to have a framework in place by summer 2025. Initially, the ministry anticipates that commercial-scale projects would be proposed in Southwestern Ontario, where the geology is expected to be the most suitable.

- 1) In the summer of this year, we shared information about the development of a legislative and regulatory framework for commercial-scale geologic carbon storage. This information included a discussion paper that provided an overview of how various components of the framework could function. Based on feedback received, a decision was made to move forward with the development of the framework.

More details on the decision, the feedback received, and the original discussion paper can be viewed in the decision notice on the Environmental Registry of Ontario: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-8767>.

- 2) Based on comments received in response to the discussion paper, as well as feedback received in previous phases of framework development, a *Geologic Carbon Storage Act* (the “Act”) is being proposed. The proposed Act would enable the regulation of research and evaluation activities, and carbon storage activities associated with the permanent storage of carbon dioxide in underground geologic formations in Ontario.

We encourage you to review, and submit feedback on, the legislative proposal on the [Environmental Registry of Ontario posting # 019-9299](#).

If you would like more information or have any questions, please contact Andrew Ogilvie, Manager of Resources Development Section, at 705-761-5815 or through email: [Resources.Development@ontario.ca](mailto:Resources.Development@ontario.ca).

Sincerely,



Jennifer Keyes  
Director, Development and Hazard Policy Branch

December 6, 2024

Dear Mayor and Council,

**RE: 2025 Municipal Levy Notice**

Please find enclosed your municipality's share of the Algoma Public Health (APH) 2025 levy assessment for mandatory cost-shared public health programs.

**The total 2025 levy amount for the Township of St. Joseph is \$66,627.** This amount is due in four equal installments on January 1st, April 1st, July 1st and October 1st. APH strives to provide quality public health services in an efficient and cost-effective manner. We greatly appreciate and thank you for your support.

Municipalities in Ontario have a long history of supporting a strong, publicly funded public health system. Your levy assessment helps to support the delivery of public health programs and services throughout the District of Algoma.

Section 72 (1) of the Health Protection and Promotion Act (HPPA) states that the obligated municipalities in a health unit shall pay,

- a) The expenses incurred by or on behalf of the board of health of the health unit in the performance of its functions and duties under the Act or any other Act; and
- b) The expenses incurred by or on behalf of the medical officer of health of the board of health in the performance of their functions and duties under the Act or any other Act.

APH's 2025 operating and capital budget report was prepared concentrating on prioritizing Algoma's public health programming and workforce based on current community needs, in the context of significant financial pressures, the most notable being inflation. The Board has approved an operating budget in the amount of \$17,865,786, which incorporates a 9% increase to the total municipal levy, as compared to 2024. Your apportionment of the levy is based on 2021 Census data provided by Statistics Canada and represents an annual rate for public health services of \$46.72 per capita. For further context and reference please refer to [APH's Capital and Operating Budget Report](#) for 2025.

Please feel free to contact Leslie Dunseath, Manager of Accounting Services, at [ldunseath@algomapublichealth.com](mailto:ldunseath@algomapublichealth.com) or phone 705-942-4646 x 3199 if you have any further questions.

Yours truly,



Dr. John Tuinema, MD, MPH, CCFP, FRCPC  
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To: The Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

The Honourable John Yakabuski, MPP Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke.

Please see the following resolution of the Council of the Town of Deep River regarding Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box, passed at the November 20, 2024 Meeting, and respectfully submitted for your consideration.

#### 4.3 Notices of Motion

##### 4.3.1 Request to Province to Amend the Blue Box Regulation

Glenn Doncaster, Reeve, Town of Deep River

#### **RESOLUTION 2024 319**

**MOVED BY:** Reeve Doncaster

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Hughes

**WHEREAS** under Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box, producers are fully accountable and financially responsible for their products and packaging once they reach their end of life and are disposed of, for ‘eligible’ sources only;

**AND WHEREAS** ‘ineligible’ sources which producers are not responsible for including businesses, places of worship, daycares, campgrounds, public-facing and internal areas of municipal-owned buildings and not-for-profit organizations, such as shelters and food banks;

**AND WHEREAS** should a municipality continue to provide services to the ‘ineligible’ sources, the municipality will be required to oversee the collection, transportation, and processing of the recycling, assuming 100% of the costs;

**AND WHEREAS** these costs this will further burden the municipalities’ finances and potentially take resources away from vital infrastructure projects;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Deep River hereby request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources;

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council hereby request the support of all Ontario Municipalities;

**AND FURTHER THAT** this resolution be forwarded the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, the Honourable John Yakabuski, MPP Renfrew, Nipissing Pembroke, and to all Ontario Municipalities.

**CARRIED**

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Kind Regards,

Jackie Mellon

Clerk

Town of Deep River

cc: All Ontario Municipalities



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December 10, 2024

The Corporation of the Township of St. Joseph  
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**Attention: Mayor & Council**

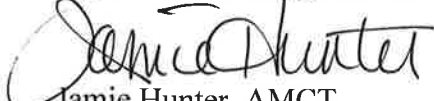
Dear Mayor & Council:

**RE: Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment (HART) Hub Initiative**

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed at our regular council meeting of December 2, 2024:

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2024-256  
MOVED BY: MARIOLA MORIN  
SECONDED BY: JODY ORTO  
WHEREAS COUNCIL HAS RECEIVED CORRESPONDENCE DATED  
NOVEMBER 21, 2024 FROM THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
ST. JOSEPH REGARDING THE SAULT STE. MARIE HART HUB  
APPLICATION;  
AND WHEREAS THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF  
BRUCE MINES SUPPORTS THE ABOVE TOWNSHIP'S RESOLUTION #2024-  
298, DATED NOVEMBER 20, 2024;  
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE  
CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES SUPPORTS THE  
RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE CORRESPONDENCE AS PRESENTED;  
AND THAT STAFF FORWARD COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION RESULTING  
FROM COUNCIL'S APPROVAL OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE  
ONTARIO MINISTER OF HEALTH, MICHAEL MANTHA, MPP, AND THE  
CANADIAN MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF ALGOMA. CARRIED.**

Regards,  
CORP. OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES

  
Jamie Hunter, AMCT  
Executive Assistant

cc: Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, Michael Mantha, MPP, The Canadian Mental Health Association of Algoma

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234-2024-5801

December 12, 2024

Dear Head of Council,

I am pleased to inform you of the introduction of the proposed Municipal Accountability Act, 2024 on December 12, 2024, which, if passed, would make changes to the *Municipal Act, 2001* and *City of Toronto Act, 2006* to strengthen the municipal code of conduct and integrity commissioner framework.

I appreciate the valuable feedback we have received from municipalities and share your commitment to safe and respectful workplaces. The proposed changes, if passed, would:

- enable the creation of a standard municipal code of conduct and standard municipal integrity commissioner investigation processes to help ensure consistency across all Ontario municipalities;
- create a role for the Integrity Commissioner of Ontario in municipal code of conduct and integrity commissioner matters, including providing training to municipal integrity commissioners; and
- establish a mechanism to remove and disqualify members of council and certain local boards for a period of four years for the most serious code of conduct violations following a recommendation from the local integrity commissioner, a concurring report from the Integrity Commissioner of Ontario, and a unanimous vote of council.

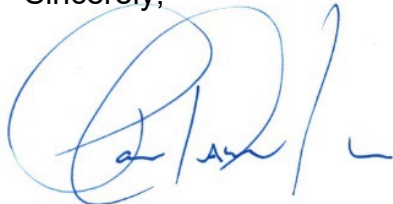
In the coming months, I will want to hear your feedback on the Bill as well as other matters regarding local accountability regimes. I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming Rural Ontario Municipal Association conference, where we will have the opportunity to discuss these changes and other matters of importance to your communities.

If passed, important work to develop the regulations to support this new framework would lie ahead, and I remain committed to engaging with you throughout that process. Our intention is to have these changes in effect for the new term of councils beginning in Fall 2026 to ensure there is adequate opportunity for local implementation.

For more information on these amendments, please see the [news release](#). To share your comments on the proposed legislation, please see a posting on the [Regulatory Registry](#) that will be open for comments for 60 days.

If you have any questions regarding these new provisions, please contact your local [Municipal Services Office](#) with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Sincerely,



Hon. Paul Calandra  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

- c: Jessica Lippert, Chief of Staff
- Owen Macri, Deputy Chief of Staff
- Martha Greenberg, Deputy Minister
- Caspar Hall, Assistant Deputy Minister, Local Government Division
- Sean Fraser, Assistant Deputy Minister, Municipal Services Division
- Municipal Clerks and CAOs

# Ontario Introducing Legislation to Strengthen Local Governance

New measures would establish a standardized municipal code of conduct and advance Peel Region transition

December 12, 2024

[Municipal Affairs and Housing](#)

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TORONTO — Today, the Ontario government [introduced legislation](#) that would, if passed, strengthen municipal governance and accountability as well as give Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon the tools they need to provide high-quality services to local taxpayers as these municipalities continue to grow.

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Ontario is proposing changes through the *Municipal Accountability Act, 2024* that, if passed, would enable the creation of a new, standardized municipal code of conduct, an integrity commissioner inquiry process that would be consistent throughout the province, and mandatory code of conduct training for members of council and certain local boards.

“We had to make sure we got this right, which is why we worked with Ontario’s Integrity Commissioner to find the best path forward to create a standardized code of conduct process across the province,” said Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. “This process will support consistent accountability across our municipalities.”

If passed, the changes would include a penalty of removing and disqualifying a member from office if they are in serious violation of the proposed code. Removal and disqualification could only occur upon the recommendation of the municipal integrity commissioner, a concurring report from the Integrity Commissioner of Ontario and a unanimous vote of council, with the exception of the member who is the subject of the report, members whose absence is approved by council or members who have a financial conflict of interest under the [Municipal Conflict of Interest Act](#).

The government also introduced the *Peel Transition Implementation Act, 2024* which would, if passed, transfer the delivery of key public works services from the Region of Peel to Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon. The proposed changes, which

would provide these municipalities with greater independence to meet the needs of their growing communities, include transferring jurisdiction and responsibility for the following services, effective July 1, 2026:

- Regional roads and associated stormwater infrastructure, including ownership and maintenance responsibilities, from the Region of Peel to Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon.
- Waste collection services and two community recycling centres located in Mississauga from the Region of Peel to the City of Mississauga.

These changes would build on the previously enacted transfer of land-use planning responsibilities to Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon on July 1, 2024.

To support the Region of Peel and the municipalities through this important transition, Ontario's Provincial Land and Development Facilitator (PLDF) advisory agency will work with the municipalities to facilitate the process for service transfers. The costs of the PLDF's services will be covered by the province.

The proposed changes in the *Peel Transition Implementation Act, 2024* came through engagement with a wide range of stakeholders beginning in summer 2023, including the affected municipalities, provincial ministries, industry groups, community agencies and subject matter experts, led by the Peel Region Transition Board.

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### Quick Facts

- Transfer of waste collection services to Brampton and Caledon remains open for future consideration.
  - The government is continuing to explore potential options for the transfer of water/wastewater services from Peel Region with any future outcome maintaining public ownership.
  - The Peel Region Transition Board, which was appointed to make recommendations to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing on the transfer of key public works services from the Region of Peel to Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon, will be dissolved effective December 31, 2024.
  - Ontario is also supporting local planning priorities by transferring land-use planning responsibilities from Durham and Waterloo regions and giving primary responsibility to the local municipalities within these regions, effective January 1, 2025. Niagara Region would have these responsibilities transferred as of March 31, 2025.
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## Quotes

"Municipal councils in Ontario have asked for legislation that holds elected officials to a higher standard of accountability. If passed, this bill would deliver on ensuring that as members of council, we are living up to the trust that residents put in us. We commend Minister Calandra for getting to this point."

- Robin Jones

AMO President and Mayor of Westport

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## Additional Resources

[Ontario Supporting Stronger Local Governance](#)

[Municipal Accountability Act, 2024 consultation on the Regulatory Registry](#)

[Peel Transition Implementation Act, 2024 consultation on the Environmental Registry of Ontario](#)

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## Related Topics

### Government

Learn about the government services available to you and how government works.

[Learn more](#)

### Home and Community

Information for families on major life events and care options, including marriage, births and child care. Also includes planning resources for municipalities. [Learn](#)

[more](#)

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December 13, 2024

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RE: TAPMO Letter regarding Pre Budget Announcement

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on November 27, 2024 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

**Resolution No. 2024-430:**

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and  
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

**That the Consent Agenda items listed with the exception of items 6.10, 6.11, and 6.12 for NOVEMBER 27, 2024 Council meeting be received for information; and**

**Whereas the Township of Puslinch Council supports the information provided by TAPMO to member municipalities of TAPMO; and**

**Whereas the Township of Puslinch Council sees the value and significance of circulating this information provided by TAPMO to all Ontario municipalities;**



**Therefore, that Council directs staff to forward items 6.10, 6.11, and 6.12 to all Ontario municipalities; and**

**That Council direct staff to forward the following resolution to the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local school board trustees, AMO, ROMA, Local MPP, all Ontario Municipalities and the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation:**

**Whereas the Ministry of Finance has introduced a one-time \$7 million reduction in education taxes in 2024, a subsidy that will be absorbed by the province through a 95% reduction in education taxes—marking the first such subsidy provided by the province to any industry;**

**Whereas the Ministry of Finance’s plans to introduce a new aggregate property sub-class in 2025, which is set to provide a \$6 million subsidy to the aggregate industry, with \$3 million of that subsidy being transferred back to the municipal (primarily residential) tax base, raises serious concerns about the fairness and equity of the system;**

**Whereas the claims that the new sub-class will provide tax stability and predictability seem hollow and do not address the systemic inequities in the taxation framework, which continues to shift an undue burden onto municipal taxpayers, particularly those in rural areas who host these aggregate operations;**

**Whereas there is significant concern that the government’s actions prioritize the interests of the aggregate industry over the financial realities faced by municipalities and their residents, and that this shift in burden undermines public trust in the fairness and integrity of Ontario’s legal and tax frameworks;**

**Whereas TAPMO has presented evidence demonstrating that the aggregate industry is financially capable of meeting its tax obligations, including substantial profits and royalty payments made by industry leaders, further undermining the need for these subsidies;**

**Whereas the municipal taxpayer should not bear the cost of correcting a past error in assessment methodology that unfairly benefited then aggregate industry, and the new**





**property tax class ratio risks further undermining the principle of revenue neutrality and eroding confidence in Ontario's legal and tax systems;**

**Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Puslinch strongly objects to the undue burden being placed on municipal taxpayers to subsidize the aggregate industry, and calls on the provincial government to:**

**Reevaluate and correct the misguided subsidies being provided to the aggregate sector, and ensure that future tax policies are fair, equitable, and consistent for all taxpayers.**

**1. Uphold the principles of revenue neutrality in the aggregate tax framework and ensure that any new tax classifications or methodologies do not result in a net loss of revenue for municipalities, especially those that are already facing significant financial challenges.**

**2. Commit to meaningful reform that ensures fairness and consistency across all sectors of the economy, and actively engages municipalities and taxpayers in a transparent and inclusive process, rather than catering to the demands of the aggregate industry.**

**3. Take immediate action to correct the existing inequities in the tax framework, ensuring that the burden of this correction is not unjustly shifted to municipal taxpayers, particularly those in rural communities who host these operations.**

**4. Respect and uphold the integrity of the legal process by honouring the decisions of the Divisional Court and ensuring that all assessment methodologies are transparent, accountable, and based on a fair and balanced approach.**

**5. Further be it resolved that the Council Township of Puslinch supports TAPMO's call for the provincial government to adopt reforms that prioritize the needs and fairness of municipal taxpayers and to ensure that the aggregate sector contributes its fair share to the province's tax base; and**

**Further be it resolved that this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local school board trustees, AMO, ROMA,**



**Local MPP, all Ontario Municipalities and the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation.**

**CARRIED**

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston  
Municipal Clerk

CC: All Ontario Municipalities, Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC), Local school board trustees



Sent via email

November 1, 2024

Premier Doug Ford  
Legislative Building  
Quenn's Park  
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Minister of Finance Peter Bethlenfalvy  
Ministry of Finance  
Frost Building South, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
7 Queen's Park Crescent  
Toronto, ON M7A 1Y7

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Bethlenfalvy:

**Re: Pre Budget Announcement**

As you are aware there was a lengthy Assessment Review Board hearing as well as a divisional court ruling increasing the taxes paid by the aggregate sector due to an inappropriate tax relief mechanism implemented by MPAC.

TAPMO recognizes funding for rural, small and northern municipalities is proposed to see an increase in OMPF funding. This increase is very much appreciated. This increase will begin to address the farm tax rebate shortfalls that rural, small and northern municipalities have been experiencing under the former program. Increasing this funding ensures all Ontarians are supporting farmers and not just the residents that call home to small, rural and northern communities. The impact of Provincially significant programs needs to be absorbed by all Ontarians.

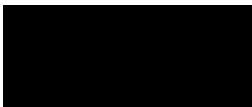
If it is the desire of the Government to provide special treatment to one sector and burdening this special treatment on small, rural and northern communities ( where most aggregate operations exist), TAPMO is of the opinion that an aggregate subsidy is not appropriate and should be borne by all Ontarians.

The pre budget announcement provides \$200 to every Ontarian, adding approximately \$3 billion to the Ontario budget. If the Government is willing to add \$3 billion to the deficit. Carrying over the 95% reduction in education tax relief absorbed by all Ontarians for 2024, would have added \$7 million to the total deficit for 2025 or 0.11666667% additional deficit.

TAPMO request the following questioned to be answered:

Explain the justification of increasing taxes on small, rural and northern municipalities which are host to most aggregate operations, to provide a preferential tax relief to the aggregate sector, versus absorbing any relief through increased deficit for all Ontarians?

Yours truly,



James Seeley  
Board Chair

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October 31, 2024

His Worship James Seeley  
Chair, Top Aggregate Producing Municipalities of Ontario (TAPMO)  
[jseeley@puslinch.ca](mailto:jseeley@puslinch.ca)

Don MacLeod  
Executive Director, TAPMO  
[executivedirector@tapmo.ca](mailto:executivedirector@tapmo.ca)

Dear Mayor Seeley and Mr. MacLeod:

Thank you for your letter about the new aggregate extraction property class.

As noted in my letter of October 3, the Province will be setting municipal tax ratios and education tax rates for the new aggregate extraction property class to provide tax mitigation for properties in the class. The plan is to provide an overall \$6M tax reduction to properties in the class relative to the original 2024 tax level, comprised of \$3M municipal tax and \$3M education tax. While the specific tax ratios and impacts will not be available until after the assessments for 2025 are finalized by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC), the intention is that municipalities overall will still benefit from the majority of the incremental tax revenues that resulted from the assessment methodology changes implemented by MPAC for 2024.

More details will be shared when they become available. We appreciate the importance of providing municipalities with as much time as possible to support their budgetary planning. We have taken note of your request to receive this information by November 30<sup>th</sup> and will endeavour to provide the data as close to this date as possible.

Regarding your request that TAPMO be included in consultations during 2025, that is an important part of our plan. We will be reaching out to TAPMO as well as the aggregate sector, and working with MPAC and the Ministry of Natural Resources, to seek more detailed information regarding aggregate activities and discuss possible updates to the definition of the property class.

The government understands the challenges small and rural municipalities face. In this regard, in the 2024 Fall Economic Statement announced the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund will be increased by \$100 million (20% increase) annually. This will be phased in over two years with an immediate \$50 million increase in 2025.

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# TAPMO

## November Newsletter



### INTRODUCING TAPMO'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Don MacLeod held the position of Chief Administrative Officer for the Township of Zorra from 1996 to 2024. The Township of Zorra is in the top 10 aggregate producing municipalities in Ontario. Recently, Don transitioned into the role of Executive Director for TAPMO. With this wealth of experience, Don is particularly well-suited to continue the success of TAPMO in developing a sustainable plan for aggregate extraction across Ontario.

### NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

- **Introducing Don MacLeod, TAPMO Executive Director**
- **Aggregate Property Taxation Assessment Challenges: What to expect in 2025**
- **Meet the Board of Directors and membership!**

### STAY CONNECTED

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Next TAPMO meeting: Monday November 18, 2024 @ 2:30pm



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### **Property Taxation Changes and Concerns for Municipalities**

Following an appeal decision of the Divisional Court, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) revised the assessment methodology and property tax classification of aggregate sites to ensure sector-wide consistency, resulting in tax changes for pits and quarries across the province for 2024 (an increase of \$12M municipal and \$5M education). These properties continue to be assessed based on the province-wide valuation date of January 1, 2016, but the methodology used to derive those values has been modified in line with the court ruling. This legal process was spearheaded by Wellington County. In a troubling response to the Divisional Court decision, the Ministry of Finance has introduced a one-time (2024) \$7 million education tax reduction, to mitigate the impact of these changes on the aggregate industry. This reduction will be absorbed by the province through a 95% reduction in education taxes, which is the first time this kind of a subsidy is being provided by the province for any industry.

Looking ahead to the 2025 tax year, a new aggregate property sub-class is set to be introduced, but the intent to create improved tax stability and predictability feels hollow. The sub-class will result in a \$6 million subsidy for the aggregate industry, \$3 million of which is being transferred back to the municipal (primarily residential) tax base. The tax subsidy will be funneled through a temporary property tax sub-class within the industrial property category, with MPAC and local municipalities tasked with its implementation. However, the claim that this newly established sub-class will provide stability and predictability raises serious concerns. Instead of genuinely addressing the inequities in the system, it seems to merely provide an unwarranted tax break to the aggregate industry, while shifting the burden onto municipal taxpayers and perpetuating an unjust structure.

The government's approach appears to prioritize the interests of the aggregate sector over the financial realities faced by municipalities and their constituents. MPAC's collaboration with the aggregate sector and the Ministry of Finance (MOF) to gather detailed information on aggregate sites may result in more of the same, rather than meaningful reform. While the government claims this refined data will support future discussions with the Ontario Stone, Sand & Gravel Association (OSSGA) and municipalities, the focus seems skewed toward accommodating industry demands rather than ensuring fairness and accountability for all taxpayers. This direction threatens to undermine any hope of establishing a principled and sustainable approach to aggregate taxation, leaving communities to bear the consequences.

### Property Taxation Changes and Concerns for Municipalities

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In light of these changes, TAPMO wishes to voice serious concerns regarding the new tax class ratio established by the Ministry of Finance. Contrary to fostering a revenue-neutral outcome, this adjustment is expected to lead to \$3 million being refunded directly from local taxpayers to the aggregate industry starting in 2025 and beyond. Neither the Ministry nor representatives from the aggregate industry have provided sufficient justification for what seems to be a residential taxpayer-funded subsidy to benefit a for-profit industry. Concerns from both the Ministry of Finance and the aggregate sector highlight that potential cost increases for residential housing stemming from the Assessment Review Board (ARB) ruling have not been adequately assessed or documented. Claims suggesting a mere \$3-4 increase per Ontarian fail to capture the disproportionate impact this assessment framework will have on rural residents, who predominantly host these aggregate operations.

The OSSGA has yet to provide conclusive evidence of the industry's inability to contribute its fair share of taxes. In fact, TAPMO has presented evidence indicating that aggregate producers can meet their tax obligations. For example, Dufferin (CRH) paid \$2 million in royalties to the University of Guelph in 2023, while St. Mary's Cement (CBM Canada) reported total net revenues of \$109,785,000 USD for aggregate products in their 2022 financial statements.

While TAPMO recognizes that tax increases on any property class may be unpopular, we argue that the aggregate industry has long benefited from an inappropriate tax discount. The Divisional Court ruling clarified that MPAC lacked the authority to grant such tax relief. The municipal taxpayers should not have to provide tax relief to the industry as a result of correcting an inappropriate tax benefit that the industry has come to expect. The new property tax class ratio fails to maintain revenue neutrality and threatens to erode trust in Ontario's legal frameworks. Ontarians deserve confidence that these processes are respected and upheld.

TAPMO remains committed to advocating for fair and equitable taxation practices that support both municipal taxpayers and the sustainability of our communities. The future of Ontario's aggregate taxation framework must prioritize transparency, fairness, and the principles of revenue neutrality.

### Property Taxation Changes and Concerns for Municipalities - What's Next?

TAPMO is urging members to raise awareness of this issue by requesting your Municipal Council consider supporting the following motion:

Whereas the Ministry of Finance has introduced a one-time \$7 million reduction in education taxes in 2024, a subsidy that will be absorbed by the province through a 95% reduction in education taxes—marking the first such subsidy provided by the province to any industry;

Whereas the Ministry of Finance's plans to introduce a new aggregate property sub-class in 2025, which is set to provide a \$6 million subsidy to the aggregate industry, with \$3 million of that subsidy being transferred back to the municipal (primarily residential) tax base, raises serious concerns about the fairness and equity of the system;

Whereas the claims that the new sub-class will provide tax stability and predictability seem hollow and do not address the systemic inequities in the taxation framework, which continues to shift an undue burden onto municipal taxpayers, particularly those in rural areas who host these aggregate operations;

Whereas there is significant concern that the government's actions prioritize the interests of the aggregate industry over the financial realities faced by municipalities and their residents, and that this shift in burden undermines public trust in the fairness and integrity of Ontario's legal and tax frameworks;

Whereas TAPMO has presented evidence demonstrating that the aggregate industry is financially capable of meeting its tax obligations, including substantial profits and royalty payments made by industry leaders, further undermining the need for these subsidies;

Whereas the municipal taxpayer should not bear the cost of correcting a past error in assessment methodology that unfairly benefited the aggregate industry, and the new property tax class ratio risks further undermining the principle of revenue neutrality and eroding confidence in Ontario's legal and tax systems;

Therefore be it resolved that the Council [INSERT MUNICIPALITY] strongly objects to the undue burden being placed on municipal taxpayers to subsidize the aggregate industry, and calls on the provincial government to:

1. Reevaluate and correct the misguided subsidies being provided to the aggregate sector, and ensure that future tax policies are fair, equitable, and consistent for all taxpayers.
2. Uphold the principles of revenue neutrality in the aggregate tax framework and ensure that any new tax classifications or methodologies do not result in a net loss of revenue for municipalities, especially those that are already facing significant financial challenges.
3. Commit to meaningful reform that ensures fairness and consistency across all sectors of the economy, and actively engages municipalities and taxpayers in a transparent and inclusive process, rather than catering to the demands of the aggregate industry.
4. Take immediate action to correct the existing inequities in the tax framework, ensuring that the burden of this correction is not unjustly shifted to municipal taxpayers, particularly those in rural communities who host these operations.
5. Respect and uphold the integrity of the legal process by honouring the decisions of the Divisional Court and ensuring that all assessment methodologies are transparent, accountable, and based on a fair and balanced approach.

Further be it resolved that the Council [INSERT MUNICIPALITY] supports TAPMO's call for the provincial government to adopt reforms that prioritize the needs and fairness of municipal taxpayers and to ensure that the aggregate sector contributes its fair share to the province's tax base; and

Further be it resolved that this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local school boards, AMO, ROMA, Local MPP, all Ontario Municipalities and the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation.





**Chair**  
**Mayor James Seeley**  
 Township of Puslinch



**Vice-Chair**  
**Mayor Jennifer Coughlin**  
 Township of Springwater

## Board of Directors



**Mayor Dave Barton**  
 Township of Uxbridge



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 Loyalist Township



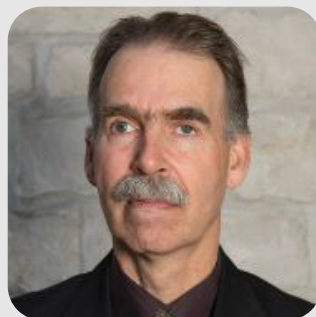
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 County of Wellington



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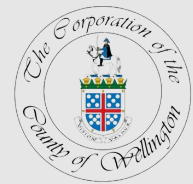


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**Lincoln**



Township of  
**SOUTH-WEST OXFORD**





October 24, 2024

Sent via email

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Minister of Finance Peter Bethlenfalvy  
Ministry of Finance  
Frost Building South, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
7 Queen's Park Crescent  
Toronto, ON M7A 1Y7

Dear Minister Bethlenfalvy:

**Re: Aggregate Assessment**

I am writing to raise TAPMO's concerns with the new tax class ratio for aggregate operations that does not maintain a revenue neutral outcome. TAPMO has been informed that the new tax class ratio will result in \$3 million of assessment being refunded to the aggregate industry for 2025 and beyond.

To date, neither the Ministry nor the aggregate industry has provided any justification for this residential taxpayer funded subsidy. The concerns raised by the MOF and the aggregate industry indicate that the potential cost increase for residential housing resulting from the ARB ruling applied across the province has not been thoroughly assessed or documented. Impacts of \$3-4 dollars per Ontarian are not accurate. Most aggregate operations are located in rural municipalities, thus rural residents will be providing this relief on a disproportionate level.

I would draw your attention to the developments in the Town of Erin. Developers are largely paying nearly \$200 million in up-front cost to build a wastewater treatment facility. This cost will be a direct pass through to the cost of the homes serviced by the treatment plant. In comparison, a revenue neutral tax class would be adding less than a quarter dollar to the cost of per tonne of aggregate.

Generally speaking, in Ontario, the provincial framework we strive to achieve is known at the municipal level as "Growth pays for Growth". Taxing aggregate properly brings us as a society closer to achieving that result. The aggregate tax class ratio does not support the revenue neutral tax outcome, nor does it support the principle of "Growth pays for Growth".

The OSSGA has failed to bring definitive evidence of the industry's inability to pay their fair share of taxes. Quite contrary, TAPMO has provided evidence of the ability of producers to pay their fair share. We are referencing the royalties Dufferin paid the University of Guelph (\$2 million in 2023). Further to the point, St. Mary's Cement's (CBM Canada) audited 2022 Financial Statements indicate a total net revenue for aggregate products at a whopping \$109,785,000 USD.

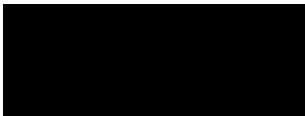
TAPMO recognizes that any increase of taxes on any property class would likely not be welcome. Unfortunately, as recorded in the Divisional Court decision, MPAC did not have the legislative authority to be providing tax relief (page 12 note 55 of the decision) that the industry experienced from 2016 onward. The aggregate industry is accustomed to an inappropriate tax discount. In TAPMO's view, residential taxpayers should not have to provide tax relief to the industry as a result of correcting an inappropriate tax benefit that the industry had come to expect. We respectfully reassert our position that OSSGA has not brought forward evidence to support their claim, other than highlighting the displeasure of paying more taxes. We have also not received evidence from the MOF supporting this relief for 2025 and beyond.

Lastly, we are deeply concerned that the lengthy and expensive legal process undertaken by Wellington County, and the decisions ordered by both the Assessment Review Board and Divisional Court is being undermined. This is particularly concerning given that the ARB decision was upheld. The new property tax class ratio fails to maintain a revenue-neutral tax assessment and undermines the legal process, which incurred significant costs for Wellington County taxpayers. This is extremely disturbing; Ontarians must have confidence in the legal processes in Ontario. Undermining the ARB assessment through a property tax class ratio that does not preserve revenue neutrality erodes that trust.

It is essential that discussions be inclusive and that any future assessment changes involve a fair and balanced approach in consultation with municipal partners, not just the aggregate sector.

TAPMO thanks the Ministry for the opportunity to comment on this very important issue and we look forward to strengthening this relationship.

Yours truly,

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James Seeley  
Board Chair

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ST. JOSEPH**

BY-LAW #2024-53

**Being a by-law to establish an Emergency Management Program and Emergency Response Plan, and to repeal and replace By-Law #2023-38.**

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has passed the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990 which requires the formulation and implementation of an emergency plan by the council of the community.

AND WHEREAS Section 3. (1) of the Act states that " every municipality shall formulate an emergency plan governing the provision of necessary services during an emergency and the procedures under and the manner in which employees of the municipality and other persons will respond to the emergency and the council of the municipality shall by by-law adopt the emergency plan";

AND WHEREAS this Act makes provision for the Head of Council to declare that an emergency exists in the community or in any part thereof, and also provides the Head of Council with authority to take such action or make such orders as they consider necessary, and not contrary to law, to implement the emergency response plan and respond to an emergency;

AND WHEREAS the Act provides for the designation of a member of Council who may exercise the powers and perform the duties of the Head of Council during their absence or their inability to act;

AND WHEREAS the Act authorizes employees of a community to respond to an emergency in accordance with the emergency response plan where an emergency exists but has not yet been declared to exist.

NOW THEREFORE, The Council of The Corporation of The Township of St. Joseph does hereby enact as follows:

1. THAT an Emergency Management Program be developed and implemented in accordance with the standards published by Emergency Management Ontario in accordance with international best practice; and
2. THAT the Head of Council or designated alternate, as provided in the plan, be empowered to declare an emergency, and implement the emergency response plan; and
3. THAT in the absence of the Head of Council, it will go to the Councillor with the most votes in the previous election; and
4. THAT the CAO/Clerk-Treasurer will act as the Chair of the Emergency Management Program Committee; and
5. THAT the Community Projects Coordinator will act as the Emergency Information Officer; and
6. THAT certain appointed officials, or their designated alternates, as provided in the approved community emergency response plan are empowered to cause an emergency notification to be issued to members of the Municipal Emergency Control Group and community employees to respond to an emergency in accordance with the emergency response plan where an emergency exists but has not yet been declared to exist; and

7. THAT The Municipal Emergency Control Group and the Emergency Management Program Committee shall consist of the following:
  - CAO/Clerk-Treasurer
  - CEMC
  - Mayor
  - Fire Chief
  - Public Works Superintendent
  
8. THAT Advisors to the Municipal Emergency Control Group and the Emergency Management Program Committee shall be:
  - OPP representative
  - EMS representative
  - APH representative
  - Other agency representatives as required [i.e., MNRF, EMO]
  
9. THAT the Emergency Management Program Committee will cause the Emergency Management Program to be reviewed annually and will recommend changes to the program as considered appropriate and refer recommendations to Council for further review and approval; and
  
10. THAT the Emergency Response Plan approved December 2, 2015, and updated on an annual basis, attached hereto as Schedule "A" to this by-law is approved by Council and forms part of this by-law; and
  
11. THAT updates and/or corrections be made to the schedule by staff as required; and
  
12. THAT by-law #2023-38 any by-law or portion thereof previously approved by Council which conflicts with this by law shall be repealed; and
  
13. THAT should any section, subsection, clause, paragraph, or provision of this by-law be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the same shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this by-law or the by-law as a whole; and
  
14. THAT this by-law comes into force and takes effect un the day of passing.

Passed in Open Council on December 18, 2024.

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Jody Wildman  
Mayor

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Amanda Richardson  
Clerk Administrator

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ST. JOSEPH**

BY-LAW 2024-54

**BEING A BY-LAW to authorize the Clerk Administrator to execute an Agreement between His Majesty the King in Right of Ontario, as represented by the Minister of the Solicitor General on behalf of the Ontario Provincial Police, and the Township of St. Joseph, for the provision of Primary Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) 9-1-1 Services for the Township of St. Joseph, and to repeal by-law #2017-43.**

WHEREAS Section 9 of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 2001, C. 25, as amended provides that Council may pass By-laws to perform their duties as required to govern, and

WHEREAS the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, provides that a municipality may provide any service or thing that the municipality considers necessary or desirable for the public; and

WHEREAS the Township has previously entered into Agreement for the provision of 9-1-1 Services along with the Corporations of The Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional, The Township of Laird, The Township of Tarbutt & Tarbutt Additional, The Township of Johnson, The Township of Jocelyn, The Incorporated Village of Hilton Beach, The Township of Hilton, The Town of Bruce Mines, and the Township of Plummer Additional; and

WHEREAS the municipalities confirm their adherence to this Agreement by executing it, as provided for herein; and

WHEREAS the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Township of St. Joseph deems it expedient to pass a by-law to enter into an agreement with the Minister of the Solicitor General on behalf of the Ontario Provincial Police for provisions of PSAP services, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Council for the Corporation of the Township of St. Joseph enacts as follows:

1. That the Clerk Administrator be and is hereby authorized to sign an agreement on the behalf of the Corporation of the Township of St. Joseph, with the Minister of the Solicitor General on behalf of the Ontario Provincial Police for the provision of PSAP services.
2. That the aforementioned agreement is attached hereto as Schedule "A" forming part of this By-law.
3. THAT By-Law #2017-43 and any other by-law or portion thereof previously approved by Council which conflicts with this By-law shall be hereby repealed.
4. That this By-law shall come into force and effect on the day of passing.

Passed in open Council on December 18, 2024.

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Joseph Wildman  
Mayor

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Amanda Richardson  
Clerk Administrator

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ST. JOSEPH**

**BY-LAW 2024-55**

**Being a By-Law to appoint a CAO/Clerk-Treasurer for the Township of St. Joseph.**

WHEREAS Section 228(1) *Municipal Act, 2001*, states that a municipality shall appoint a Clerk whose duty it is:

- a) To record without note or comment, all resolutions, decisions and other proceeding of the council;
- b) if required by any member present at a vote, to record the name and vote of every member voting on any matter or question;
- c) to keep the originals or copies of all By-Laws and all minutes of the proceedings of the council;
- d) to perform other duties as required under the *Municipal Act* or under any other Act; and
- e) to perform such other duties as are assigned by the municipality; and

WHEREAS Section 286 (1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, states that a municipality shall appoint a Treasurer who is responsible for handling all of the financial affairs of the municipality on behalf of and in the manner directed by the Council of the municipality including,

- a) collecting money payable to the municipality and issuing receipts for those payments;
- b) depositing all money received on behalf of the municipality in a financial institution designated by the municipality;
- c) paying all debts of the municipality and other expenditures authorized by the municipality;
- d) maintaining accurate records and accounts of the financial affairs of the municipality;
- e) providing the council with such information with respect to the financial affairs of the municipality as it requires or requests;
- f) ensuring investments of the municipality are made in compliance with the regulations made under section 418, if applicable; and
- g) complying with any requirements applicable to the treasurer under section 418.1 of the *Municipal Act*; and,

WHEREAS section 229 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, states that a municipality may appoint a chief administrative officer (CAO) who shall be responsible for,

- a) exercising general control and management of the affairs of the municipality for the purpose of ensuring the efficient and effective operation of the municipality; and
- b) performing such other duties as are assigned by the municipality; and

WHEREAS the Municipal Council of The Township of St. Joseph deems it expedient to combine the said offices of CAO, Clerk and Treasurer and to appoint a CAO/Clerk-Treasurer for the Township of St. Joseph.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Township of St. Joseph does hereby enact as follows:

1. That Amanda Richardson be appointed as the CAO/Clerk-Treasurer for the Corporation of The Township of St. Joseph, effective January 1, 2025.
2. That the powers and duties of the CAO/Clerk-Treasurer shall be all those powers and duties as set forth in the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, and every other Act that sets out powers and duties for a municipal CAO, Clerk and/or Treasurer.

3. That the CAO/Clerk-Treasurer position will be placed in job class 35 of the municipality's salary grid.
4. That By-Laws 2021-06 and 2021-26 and any other by-law or portions thereof previously approved by Council which conflicts with this by-law shall be hereby repealed.
5. THAT this By-law shall take effect on the day of passing.

Passed in Open Council on December 18, 2024.

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Joseph Wildman  
Mayor

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Amanda Richardson  
Clerk Administrator

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**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ST. JOSEPH**

BY-LAW NO. 2024-56

**A By-law to amend Zoning By-law 2011 - 34, as amended, for the property located at ST JOSEPH CON A PT LOT 30 RP 1R11669 PART 2 also known as 712 K Line Road to correct the zoning from Rural (RU) to Highway Commercial (HC), to permit the current and proposed use of Commercial.**

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 December 18, 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. By-Law 2011-34, Schedule A-1, correct the zoning for CON A PT LOT 30 RP 1R11669 PART 2 also known as 712 K Line Road.
2. Zoning to be amended from Rural (RU) to Highway Commercial (HC)

WHEREAS Council deems it desirous 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 ST JOSEPH CON A PT LOT 30 RP 1R11669 PART 2 also known as 712 K Line Road, in the Township of St. Joseph and denoted by the number HC 8.111 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.

HC 8.111 CON A PT LOT 30 RP 1R11669 PART 2 also known as 712 K Line Road

The following specific zone standards shall apply:

1. Zoning changed to Highway Commercial (HC) from Rural (RU)
2. Schedule "A" hereto forms part of this By-law.
3. This By-law shall come into effect upon the date of the final passing thereof.

Passed in Open Council on December 18, 2024.

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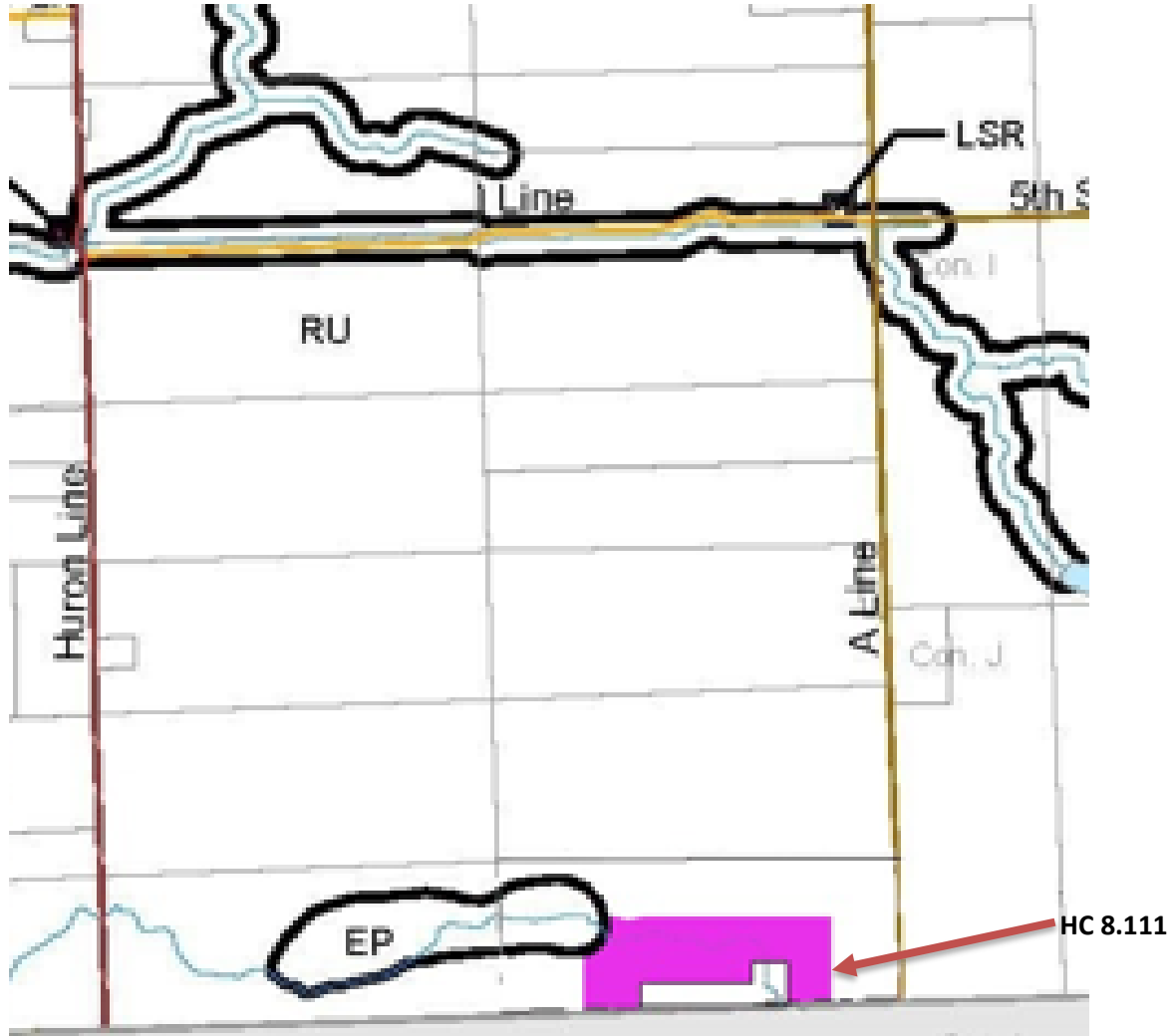
Joseph Wildman  
Mayor

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Amanda Richardson  
Clerk Administrator

**Schedule A to By-Law 2024-56**

HC 8.111 ST JOSEPH CON A PT LOT 30 RP 1R11669 PART 2 (712 K Line Road)



**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ST. JOSEPH**

BY-LAW 2024-57

**A By-Law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Regular Council Meeting held on  
December 18, 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 December 18, 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 December 18, 2024.

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