

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ST. JOSEPH COUNCIL MEETING

### <u>AGENDA</u>

6:30 p.m. - Wednesday, March 15, 2023 Council Chambers – 1669 Arthur Street, Richards Landing

L.	Call to Order				
2.	Moment of Silent Reflection				
3.	Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest				
1.	New B	usiness and Discussion Items			
5.	a. Reg	on of the previous minutes gular Council Meeting – March 1, 2023 mendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday, 1, 2023, be adopted as circulated.			
5.		mendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cheque Register dated March 15, 2023, in the amount of 37.13 be approved as presented.			
7.	<b>Presen</b> Senior'	tations s and Persons with a Disability Services Department 2023 Draft Budget - Susanne Musso-Rains			
3.		Senior's Services - Vaccination Policy Discussion  Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Clerk Administrator regarding the municipalities vaccination policy be received for information, and  That Council			
	b.	Senior's Services – Grand Parade Fundraising Request  Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Manager of Seniors & Persons with a Disability Services be received for information, and			
	C.	That Council approves staff's participation in the Grand Parade Fundraising event.  2023 Budget and Summer Council Meeting Schedule  22-23  Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Clerk Administrator regarding the 2023 summer and budget meeting schedule be received for information, and			
		That the proposed timeline for budget preparations be accepted for information, and			
		That Council approves the proposed schedule of an additional, special meeting to be held beginning at p.m., and meeting Wednesdays, July, and August, 2023, returning to a regular meeting rotation on Wednesday, September 6th, 2023.			
		That Council directs staff to advertise for the changes to the regular Council meeting schedule.			

	d.	Council remuneration report	24
		<b>Recommendation</b> : BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Treasure	regarding the 2022
		Statement of Remuneration and Expenses be received for information.	
		·	25
	e.	2022 Building Permit report	25
		<b>Recommendation:</b> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Treasurer Permit Annual Report for 2022 be received for information.	regarding that Building
	f.	Landfill Committee Updates	26-27
		<b>Recommendation</b> : BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Clerk Adr meeting summary from the March 9, 2023, Landfill Committee meeting information, and	
		That Council	
		mat codnen	
9.		nt Agenda – Correspondence	
Item "	Descri	ption	Action
#	to bo w	position for information N/A	
		eceived for information – N/A	
		request for support (resolutions)	
<u>А</u> В		am-Kent: Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs am-Kent: Support for Bill 5	
		Lakes: Oath of Office	
C D	ļ		
		peam: Extension of moratorium on most pupil accommodation reviews	
items	with a	request for support (other) or decision required – N/A	
	That th	mendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT correspondence items a-d be received a above noted actions be taken for each item, and be council directs staff to	d for information and,
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10.	. Closed	l Session	
	accord	mendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council proceed into Closed Session and ance with Section 239 of the Municipal Act to discuss personal matters a ual, including municipal or local board employees	
	a.	Planning Board Assistant	

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

11. By-Laws 34

a. Confirmation

**Recommendation**: BE IT RESOLVED THAT leave be granted to introduce By-Law 2023-12 being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held on March 15, 2023; and

THAT said by-law be read a first and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed.

### 12. Adjournment

<b>Recommendation</b> :	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, April 5, 2023, or at the call of the
chair.	



# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ST. JOSEPH COUNCIL MEETING

### **MINUTES**

6:30 p.m. - Wednesday, March 1, 2023 Council Chambers – 1669 Arthur Street, Richards Landing

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

### 1. Call to Order

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

### 2. Moment of Silent Reflection

- 3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest
- 4. New Business and Discussion Items
  - a. Councillor Senecal Memorial bench location
  - b. Mayor Wildman Landfill hours

### 5. Adoption of the previous minutes

a. Regular Council Meeting - February 15, 2023

Resolution #: 2023 – 58

Moved By: Bryon Hall

Seconded By: Greg Senecal

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday, February 15, 2023,

be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

### 6. Accounts

Resolution #: 2023 – 59 Moved By: Steven Adams Seconded By: Cameron Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cheque Register dated March 1, 2023, in the amount of \$65,805.81 be

approved as presented.

Carried.

### 7. Staff and Committee Reports

a. Proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment – 1695 Lucy Street

Resolution #: 2023 – 60 Moved By: Greg Senecal Seconded By: Bryon Hall

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Clerk Administrator regarding the application for Zoning By-Law Amendment at 1695 Lucy Street to reduce the minimum required exterior side yard setback from 6.0 metres (20 ft.) to 2.0 metres (6.5ft.) be received for information and,

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

Carried.

### b. Marina Rehabilitation Update and Funding Request for Building Repairs

Resolution #: 2023 – 61 Moved By: Greg Senecal Seconded By: Bryon Hall

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Clerk Administrator regarding the ongoing marina rehabilitation project be received; and

That Council authorizes staff to submit an application to the NOHFC for funding to cover a portion of the costs required for building maintenance items identified in the report. Carried.

### c. Seniors' Services - Vaccination Policy Review

Resolution #: 2023 – 62 Moved By: Steven Adams Seconded By: Greg Senecal

 $\hbox{BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Clerk Administrator regarding the municipality's}\\$ 

vaccination policy be received for information.

Carried.

### 8. Consent Agenda – Correspondence

Resolution #:		2023 – 63	
Moved I	Зу:	Greg Senecal	
Seconde	d By:	Cameron Ross	
Item # Descri		tion ved for information	Action
B Township of Hilton – Interim Control By-Law (Short Term Rentals) Receiv		Receive Receive Receive	
Items w	ith a requ	est for support (resolutions)	
•		f Grimsby – Barriers for Women in Politics ip of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh – Future Accuracy of the ent Registry of Electors	Receive Receive
Items with a request for support (other) or decision required			
F A. Hanson – Public Facilities in Richards Landing Respond G ARCH – Request for use of centennial grounds Support		•	

BE IT RESOLVED THAT correspondence items a - g be received for information and, That letters of support be sent for items F&G. Carried.

### 9. Closed Session

Resolution #: 2023 – 64 Moved By: Steven Adams Seconded By: Bryon Hall

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council proceed into Closed Session at 7:58 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 Staff – Community Projects Intern

Carried.

Resolution #: 2023 – 65 Moved By: Greg Senecal Seconded By: Steven Adams

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does rise from Closed Session at 8:01 p.m.

Carried.

Resolution #: 2023 – 66 Moved By: Cameron Ross Seconded By: Greg Senecal

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the resignation of the Community Projects Intern be received with regret, and THAT Council authorizes staff to post the position, and

THAT Council authorizes staff to enter into a new agreement term with the NOHFC under the Workforce Development Stream for an additional 52-week term.

Carried.

### 10. By-Laws

a. Confirmation

Resolution #: 2023 – 67 Moved By: Greg Senecal Seconded By: Bryon Hall

BE IT RESOLVED THAT leave be granted to introduce By-Law 2023-11 being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held on March 1, 2023; and

THAT said by-law be read a first and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed. Carried.

### 11. Adjournment

Resolution #: 2023 – 68
Moved By: Cameron Ross
Seconded By: Bryon Hall

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting of the Council of the Township of St. Joseph adjourn at 8:05 p.m. to meet again at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, or at the call of the chair.

Carried.

 Joseph Wildman, Mayor
Amanda Richardson. Clerk Administrator

### **TOWNSHIP OF ST. JOSEPH**

### Disbursements

DATE: RESOLUTION # 15-Mar-23

Chq#	<u>Date</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u> <u>Description</u>		Cheq Amount
6187	3/6/2023	TOWNSHIP OF JOCELYN Fire - Comm/Compressor Costs 202		\$ 3,133.10
6188	3/6/2023	MINISTER OF FINANCE Policing - OPP Billing		17,839.00
various	3/6/2023	Seniors Transportation Mileage	Seniors Transportation Mileage	1,333.67
6190	3/6/2023	ST. JOSEPH ISL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE   Admin - Membership/Advertis		425.00
106715	3/6/2023	2023 ADSAB Municipal Levy		62,666.08
106716	3/6/2023	AIR LIQUIDE CANADA INC	Roads - Annual Cylinder Lease	257.64
106717	3/6/2023	ALGOMA BUSINESS COMPUTERS	Admin - Service Call	26.84
106719	3/6/2023	MICHELLE DA SILVA	Seniors - Supplies/Food	112.06
106720	3/6/2023	DEBOERS FARM EQUIPMENT LTD	Roads - Equipment Parts	625.88
106722	3/6/2023	GLEN IRWIN	CBO - Mileage	42.00
106725	3/6/2023	KENTVALE MERCHANTS LTD.	Roads - Supplies & Fuel	400.34
106726	3/6/2023	TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD	CBO - Training/Registration 2022	387.00
106727	3/6/2023	LOCAL AUTHORITY SERVICES	Admin/Seniors/Recreation - Supplies	1,358.98
106728	3/6/2023	M&L SUPPLY	Fire - SCBA Masks	6,913.57
106729	3/6/2023	MASSEY WHOLESALE LIMITED	Seniors - Supplies/Food	1,079.54
106730	3/6/2023	Refund of Property Tax Overpayment	Refund of Property Tax Overpayment	447.27
106733	3/6/2023	DAVID PEARSE	Animal Control - Mileage	43.00
106734	3/6/2023	PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION	Water/Sewer - Contract Jan/Feb	25,832.00
106735	3/6/2023	ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 374	Seniors - Diners Hall Rental	282.50
PAP	3/6/2023	COLLABRIA VISA	Various Depts - Supplies	5,410.34
PAP	3/6/2023	RCAP LEASING INC.	Admin - Photocopier Lease	115.77
PAP	AP 3/6/2023 TOWNSHIP OF ST. JOSEPH PAP		Various Depts - Water/Sewer Bills	3,354.00
DD	DD 3/7/2023 MONTHLY PAYROLL		February	3,317.28
DD	O 3/10/2023 BI-WEEKLY PAYROLL Pay Period # 5		Pay Period # 5	31,378.97
6191	3/10/2023	3/10/2023 BELL CANADA Various Depts - Phone		981.17
6192	3/10/2023	DUMANSKI OFFICE INTERIORS	Admin - Scans of Plans & Maps	475.73
106739	3/10/2023	ABELL PEST CONTROL INC	Rec - Old Town Hall Pest Control	60.29
106740	3/10/2023	ALGOMA AG CENTRE	Roads - Fuel	3,011.50
106741	3/10/2023	ALGOMA BUSINESS COMPUTERS	Council - Laptop Repairs	192.10
106742	3/10/2023	KIMBERLY CHEESEMAN	Seniors - Day Out Mileage	70.00
106743	3/10/2023	MELISSA CRIPPS	Seniors - Day Out Mileage	68.00
106744	3/10/2023	GILBERTSON ENTERPRISES	Marina - Rehabilitation Project	81,077.57
106745	3/10/2023	GENEVIEVE GONNEAU	Seniors - Day Out Mileage	101.00
106746	3/10/2023	GREEN FOR LIFE ENVIRONMENTAL	Landfill - Recycling Removal	3,264.10
106747	3/10/2023	HEALTH & SAFETY PROFESSIONALS INC.	Admin - Health & Safety Course	288.15
106748	3/10/2023	0/2023 KENTVALE MERCHANTS LTD. Roads - Fuel		217.00
106749	3/10/2023	LOCAL AUTHORITY SERVICES	Admin/Rec - Supplies	298.60
106750	3/10/2023	MAMABEAR LUNCHES	Seniors - YMCA Lunches	1,104.00
106751	3/10/2023	MASSEY WHOLESALE LIMITED	Seniors - MOW Food	340.42
106752	3/10/2023	2023 OMERS Pension Contributions		13,570.20
106753	3/10/2023	SUPERIOR PROPANE	Various Depts - Propane Refills	6,506.64
PAP	3/10/2023	ALGOMA POWER INC	Rec - Old Town Hall Power	662.22
PAP	3/10/2023	RECEIVER GENERAL	Payroll Remittance	23,366.61
				\$ 302,437.13

of the Town		Township of St. Joseph	
ELECTION OF THE STATE OF THE ST		Report To Council	
THE COUNTY OF TH	FROM:	Amanda Richardson, Clerk Administrator	
ose <sub>ll</sub>	DATE:	March 15, 2023	
1876	SUBJECT:	Vaccination Policy Review	
	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Clerk Administrator regarding the municipalities		
	vaccination policy be received for information, and That Council		

### **Background**

In August 2021, the Chief Medical Officer issued Directive 6 which required all health care service settings to develop a policy regarding Covid-19 with the main objectives being to optimize immunization rates in high-risk settings and to ensure that individuals had access to the information required to make informative decisions regarding immunization as well as to ensure that individuals who were not vaccinated be monitored for Covid-19 exposure to minimize risk to patients and staff in health care settings. Directive 6 was revoked as of March 9, 2022, as all health care sectors had reported significant vaccination rates, increasing community immunity past the required threshold. (96.5% for home and community care sector).

The Township of St. Joseph Vaccination Policy (attached) regarding the requirement for vaccination for those participating in programming related to the Dr. H.S. Trefry Memorial Centre to be fully vaccinated against Covid-19 was originally passed in September 2021 and then revised in March 2022 to amend section 6.2 removing masking requirements as well as other unvaccinated Township staff to complete weekly rapid test screens.

At their meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Senior's Advisory Committee revisited the policy and recommended to keep it as is, for the time being including all in house and off site Trefry programming.

Since the inception of the policy, off site programming now include monthly Diner's Club (Legion #374) as well as a new program starting in partnership with the YMCA of Sault Ste. Marie to provide clients with an option for activities/luncheon on a weekly basis. Neither the Legion nor YMCA requires proof of vaccination at this time, however participants in both programs are currently still asked to comply based on the current policy.

When the policy was put in place, 8 existing clients were no longer able to access services. Approximately an additional 10 or less additional individuals have been turned away since then.

### **Other Area Organizations**

- Red Cross: Volunteer vaccination policy recently revoked; clients were never mandated; masks are mandatory while sharing a vehicle under program.
- Light Haven Christian Home (Bruce Mines): vaccination and rapid testing requirements are no longer in place.
- Alzheimer's society (Sault Ste. Marie Day Out Program): two-step vaccination policy in place, to be reviewed in spring 2023. Their program runs 5 days per week.
- Great Northern Retirement Home: No screening or vaccination requirement, visitors must wear masks.
- Bay Street Active Living 55 Plus Centre: Masks are optional, proof of vaccination not required.
- Algoma Manor: rapid testing completed upon entry; no proof required.
- YMCA: vaccination policy revoked fall 2022.
- Algoma Public Health: "As per the Government of Ontario <u>website</u>: Ontario no longer requires businesses and organizations to check for proof of vaccination. However, individual businesses and organizations may

choose to require proof of vaccination upon entry, providing the requirements or policies comply with all applicable privacy laws, including the Ontario Human Rights Code. Businesses may choose to seek independent legal advice on continuing these measures on a voluntary basis. We at APH support your municipalities choice regarding proof of vaccination especially asking your insurance supplier what their guidance would be."

### **Information for Review**

The following links have been supplied, including information regarding vaccinations and their effectiveness in lowering the transmission of Covid-19

- 1. <a href="https://www.ucsf.edu/news/2022/12/424546/covid-19-vaccines-prior-infection-reduce-transmission-omicron">https://www.ucsf.edu/news/2022/12/424546/covid-19-vaccines-prior-infection-reduce-transmission-omicron</a>
- 2. https://www.bmj.com/content/376/bmj.o298

#### **Considerations**

The current policy requires full vaccination (two doses) by September 2021 with no requirement to show proof of further vaccination. Centre staff were surveyed and identified the following for consideration should Council wish to update or revoke the policy:

- Screening procedures for those associated with Trefry program including short and long term actions to be taken if not followed.
- Zero tolerance policy for non-compliance with safety procedures in place as well as any type of harassment or abuse to staff and/or volunteers while attempting to maintain the safety of the Centre and clients.
- Wicket renovations requires barrier for safe service

### **Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications resulting from this report.

### Summary

Information provided for review, to be revisited by Council at a later date. Council may decide to leave the vaccination policy as is, update the policy or defer.

Amanda Richardson, Clerk Administrator



# THE TOWNSHIP OF ST. JOSEPH POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

Policy Name	COVID-19 Vaccination Policy
Policy Number	A09-2021-01
Department	Senior's Services
Date Approved	September 15, 2021
Approved By Resolution #	2021-222, 2021-235, 2021-276
Date Revised	March 9, 2022 (Section 6.2 only)

### 1.0 Purpose

The intent of this Policy is to ensure that Employees and Volunteers follow Provincial Directives relating to COVID-19 Vaccination. Under section 77.7(1) of the Health Protection and Promotion Act (HPPA), if the Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) is of the opinion that there exists or there may exist an immediate risk to the health of persons anywhere in Ontario, he may issue a directive to any health care provider or health care entity to be followed to protect the public's health. World Health Organization (WHO) declared COVID-19 a pandemic virus on March 11, 2020, and the spread of COVID-19 is being tracked in Ontario.

There are many health care workers (HCW) in higher risk settings (e.g., public hospitals, home or community service settings, paramedics in ambulances, etc.) who remain unvaccinated and are posing risks to patients and other HCWs as well as to the health care system capacity due to the potential (re) introduction of COVID-19 in those settings.

In addition to these concerns, the prevalence of the Delta variant of concern globally and within Ontario, has increased transmissibility and disease severity than previous COVID-19 virus strains. There is, therefore, an immediate risk to patients within hospitals and home and community care settings who are more vulnerable and medically complex than the general population, and therefore more susceptible to infection and severe outcomes from COVID-19.

### 2.0 Authority

As of August 18<sup>th,</sup> 2021, the Chief Medical Officer of Health has issued a directive under section 77.7(1) of the Health Protection and Promotion Act (HPPA) for all health care services within the Province of Ontario, including home and community care centres.

The objectives of the CMOH's Directive are to set out a provincially consistent approach to COVID-19 immunization policies in Covered Organizations to:

- Optimize COVID-19 immunization rates in these settings.
- Ensure that individuals have access to information required to make informed decisions about COVID-19 vaccination; and

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• Ensure that individuals not vaccinated for COVID-19 are being monitored for COVID-19 exposure to minimize the risks for patients and other HCWs.

Under the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA) employers have a responsibility to take every precaution reasonable in the circumstances to protect a worker. This includes assessing risk and implementing multiple control measures to address the risk of COVID19 transmission, as well as the risk of workplace violence where that hazard may exist.

### 3.0 Terms and Definitions

- **COVID-19** is the infectious disease caused by SARS-CoV-2.
- Vaccine(s) refers to a vaccine approved by Health Canada or the World Health Organization for use in Canada in relation to COVID-19.
- **Vaccination** refers to the administration of a vaccine(s) to protect individuals from COVID-19. It may include the administration of one or more doses of vaccine.
- Fully vaccinated means having received the full series of a COVID-19 vaccine or a combination of COVID-19 vaccines approved by Health Canada or the World Health Organization; and having received the final dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at least 14 days ago.
- **Proof of full vaccination** against COVID-19" means the COVID-19 vaccination certificate or receipt issued by the Ontario Ministry of Health or other provincial, territorial or international equivalent confirming that the employee is fully vaccinated.
- Proof of exemption means that exemptions will be made for not being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 under grounds protected by the Ontario Human Rights Code. Employees are required to provide written proof of their exemption for a reason protected by the Ontario Human Rights Code. Exempted employees may be accommodated depending on individual circumstance. Medical exemptions can only be provided by Physician or Nurse practitioner.
- Covered Organizations Service providers within the meaning of the Home and Community Care
  Act, 1994 with respect to their provision of community services to which that Act applies
  including: home care, community support services, assisted living services and services for people
  with acquired brain injury. This includes Local Health Integration Networks operating as Home
  and Community Care Support Services with respect to the provision of community services.

#### Impacted Workers

- Employees, staff, contractors, volunteers, and students providing services to clients and families
- o Employees, staff, contractors, volunteers, and students interacting with workers providing services to clients and families.
- Employees, staff, contractors, volunteers, and students on the premises of a congregate care setting.

### 4.0 Application of the Policy

4.1 Senior's and Persons with a Disability Services

This Policy shall apply to all employees, volunteers, students, and contractors working with Seniors and Persons with a Disability at or through the Dr. H.S. Trefry Memorial Centre. Reference to "employees" shall also be read to include volunteers and students.

New employees of the Dr. H.S. Trefry Memorial Centre are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 as a condition of being hired.

### 4.2 All Other Municipal Staff

Only Section 6.2 applies to employees not associated with the Seniors and Persons with a Disability Department at or through the Dr. H.S. Trefry Memorial Centre.

### 5.0 Clients

Effective immediately, all clients participating in in-person programming provided in or by the Dr. H.S. Trefry Memorial Centre must show:

- a. Proof of full vaccination against COVID-19; <u>or</u> written proof of a medical reason provided by a physician or registered nurse in the extended class that sets out: (i) a documented medical reason for not being fully vaccinated against COVID-19, and (ii) the effective period of the medical reason,
- b. Where a medical exemption has been provided show a negative COVID-19 test to Management within 48 hours of in person programming
- c. Photo identification

### **6.0 Policy Requirements**

### 6.1 Senior's and Persons with a Disability Services

- 1. All Township employees and volunteers that provide services through the Dr. H.S. Trefry Memorial Centre are required to be fully vaccinated with a Covid-19 vaccine series by no later than October 29, 2021. For a two-dose series, employees must receive one dose of Covid-19 vaccine by October 1, and two doses by no later than October 29, 2021. Employees are required to provide one of the following, by no later than October 1, 2021:
  - a. Proof of full vaccination against COVID-19; or
  - b. Written proof of a medical reason provided by a physician or registered nurse in the extended class that sets out: (i) a documented medical reason for not being fully vaccinated against COVID-19, and (ii) the effective period of the medical reason.
- 2. Those staff and volunteers without a medical exemption must show proof of first vaccination by no later than October 1, 2021, and full vaccination by no later than October 29, 2021.
- 3. Where an employee, staff, contractor, volunteer, or student does not provide proof of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 on or before October 29, 2021, in accordance with paragraph 1(a), because they have a verified medical exemption 1(b), the employee, staff, contractor, volunteer or student shall:
  - a. Submit to regular antigen point of care testing for COVID-19 and demonstrate a negative result, at a minimum of three times every seven days. Proof of the negative test result must be emailed to Management.

### 6.2 All Other Municipal Staff

1. Will be asked for voluntary provision of Covid-19 vaccination status

## **Consequences of Non-Compliance**

Failure to comply with this policy will be subject to discipline, up to and including termination of employment.

## **Policy Review**

The Township will continue to monitor evolving public health information regarding the Covid-19 pandemic. If it is determined that precautions need to be changed or added, the municipality may amend this policy accordingly and/or communicate said changed to any impacted employees.



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## What do we know about covid vaccines and preventing transmission?

Vaccines that work against SARS-CoV-2 have helped change the course of the pandemic by reducing illness and hospital admissions. But **Chris Stokel-Walker** asks what we know about their impact on preventing transmission.

Chris Stokel-Walker freelance journalist

The range of vaccines developed in record time by pharmaceutical companies and research laboratories have helped quell the worst effects of SARS-CoV-2. But much of the focus of research has been on effectiveness in preventing infection, illness, and hospital admission. What is less well measured is the impact of vaccination on preventing onward transmission.

# What evidence do we have that covid-19 vaccines prevent transmission?

Most papers to date (notably, many are preprints and have yet to be peer reviewed) indicate vaccines are holding up against admission to hospital and mortality, says Linda Bauld, professor of public health at the University of Edinburgh, "but not so much against transmission."

The first weekly covid-19 vaccine surveillance report for 2022¹ from the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) was more positive than Bauld's assessment—but didn't say outright that covid-19 vaccines prevent transmission. "Several studies have provided evidence that vaccines are effective at preventing infection," it states, "Uninfected people cannot transmit; therefore, the vaccines are also effective at preventing transmission."

A study<sup>2</sup> of covid-19 transmission within English households using data gathered in early 2021 found that even a single dose of a covid-19 vaccine reduced the likelihood of household transmission by 40-50%. This was supported by a study of household transmission among Scottish healthcare workers conducted between December 2020 and March 2021.<sup>3</sup> Both studies analysed the impact of vaccination on transmission of the  $\alpha$  variant of SARS-CoV-2, which was dominant at the time.

A subsequent study,<sup>4</sup> conducted later in the course of the pandemic when the delta variant was dominant, showed vaccines had a less pronounced effect on denting onward transmission, but were still effective.

# How could vaccines help reduce transmission?

Vaccines aren't preventing onward transmission by reducing the viral load—or amount of SARS-CoV-2—in your body. "Most studies show if you got an infection after vaccination, compared with someone who got an infection without a vaccine, you were pretty much shedding roughly the same amount of virus," says Paul Hunter, professor in medicine at the University of East Anglia. One study, 5 sponsored by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC),

found "no difference in infectious virus titer between groups" who had been vaccinated and had not.

Instead, it's the principle that the UKHSA identified above: if you don't get infected in the first place thanks to a vaccine, you can't spread it. Once you're infected, you still can—although what we know about the window when you're most likely to transmit the virus to others has improved.

### Does the omicron variant make a difference?

Few studies have looked at the omicron variant, although a report published in January 2022 by the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control cited a small Danish household study: "People who have completed the primary series of vaccination experienced secondary attack rates (SARs) of 32% in households with omicron and 19% in households with delta. For people who received a booster, omicron was associated with a SAR of 25%, while the corresponding estimate for delta was only 11%. There was an increased transmission for unvaccinated people, and a reduced transmission for booster vaccinated people, compared with fully vaccinated people," summarised the report.

Preliminary data from Japan's National Institute of Infectious Diseases found that patients infected with omicron shed viral particles for longer compared with those infected with other variants. The amount of viral RNA in patients with omicron was highest three to six days after diagnosis or symptom onset. This appears to be two or three days later than other variants. Hunter said the new data "muddy the waters" on the matter.

Vaccine effectiveness against infection, hospital admission, and mortality have all taken a hit when pitted against the omicron variant, and it seems only logical that the impact against transmission would likewise drop.

"The main point of vaccines is not to do with preventing transmission," says Anika Singanayagam, academic clinical lecturer in adult infectious disease at Imperial College London. "The main reasons for vaccines for covid-19 is to prevent illness and death." Therefore, we shouldn't be too disappointed that it's still possible to pass on the virus while vaccinated, she says, "Damping down on transmission is not a particularly easy thing with omicron."

# What impact does that have on policymaking?

The fact that vaccines are good at preventing serious infection, but less good at preventing transmission

makes policymaking difficult. The UK has changed its rules<sup>9</sup> on the amount of time those who test positive for covid-19 must spend in self-isolation, first from 10 days to seven, then to five, provided they test negative on a lateral flow test. That decision follows the US, which cut the self-isolation period to five days in late December<sup>10</sup> because "the majority of SARS-CoV-2 transmission occurs early in the course of illness."

"They're recognising that vaccines aren't preventing transmission, and you've got too many people having to isolate," says Bauld. "Policymakers have decided that the game's up on transmission, but that you need a different approach."

Decision makers have a difficult decision, says Singanayagam: they want to enable life to continue as normally as possible—which may mean vaccinated people getting infected with covid because of community or household transmission—while also carefully monitoring that vaccine effectiveness to lower the risk of hospital admission, severe illness, and death is not dented.

# Could future vaccines be more effective against onward transmission?

Again, first generation covid vaccines were evaluated against reducing hospital admissions and death in the challenging first year of the pandemic. They wouldn't have been expected to generate sterilising immunity and block transmission. But, says Singanayagam, now that we have a suite of vaccines using different approaches, there is some opportunity to think about future jabs for different situations.

"There are avenues to think about the development of vaccines that can have more of an effect on transmission," she says. Those are usually vaccines delivered more locally, such as directly through the respiratory tract, which could tackle the source of major transmission, rather than the lungs, which is where the first generation of vaccines was targeted in order to prevent severe infection. "That's probably the way things will move in the future."

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## **Special Notice About COVID-19**



Research January 2, 2023

# COVID-19 Vaccines, Prior Infection Reduce Transmission of Omicron

Study in California Prisons Found Recent Vaccination and Boosters Reduce Infectiousness, but Infection Risk Remains High

By Laura Kurtzman

Vaccination and boosting, especially when recent, helped to limit the spread of COVID-19 in California prisons during the first Omicron wave, according to an analysis by researchers at UC San Francisco that examined transmission between people living in the same cell



The study demonstrates the benefits of vaccination and boosting, even in settings where many people are still getting infected, in reducing transmission. And it shows the cumulative effects from boosting and the additional protection that vaccination gives to those who were previously infected. The likelihood of transmission fell by 11% for each additional dose.

#### VACCINES REDUCE RISK OF SERIOUS ILLNESS FROM OMICRON INFECTION

In dense populations such as prisons, vaccines were shown to significantly reduce the risk of hospitalization and death from Omicron infections.

Of over 20,000 confirmed Omicron infections in California prisons, there were 31 hospitalizations and no deaths attributed to COVID-19 infection.

Vaccinated residents with breakthrough infections were significantly less likely to transmit them: 28% versus 36% for those who were unvaccinated.

"A lot of the benefits of vaccines to reduce infectiousness were from people who had received boosters and people who had been recently vaccinated," said Nathan Lo, MD, PhD, a faculty research fellow in the Division of HIV, Infectious Diseases and Global Medicine at UCSF and the senior author of the study, published Jan. 2, 2023, in Nature Medicine. "Our findings are particularly relevant to improving health for the incarcerated population."

The researchers analyzed deidentified data collected by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR). This included COVID-19 test results, vaccine status and housing locations for 111,687 residents, 97% of whom were male, between Dec. 15, 2021, and May 20, 2022.



Breakthrough infections were common, despite the residents' relatively high vaccination rate of 81% with the primary vaccine series. But the rate of serious illness was low. In just over five months, there were 22,334 confirmed SARS-CoV-2 Omicron infections, 31 hospitalizations and no COVID-19 deaths.

Vaccinated residents with breakthrough infections were significantly less likely to transmit them: 28% versus 36% for those who were unvaccinated. But the likelihood of transmission grew by 6% for every five weeks that passed since someone's last vaccine shot.

Natural immunity from a prior infection also had a protective effect, and the risk of transmitting the virus was 23% for someone with a reinfection compared to 33% for someone who had never been infected.

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NATHAN LO, MD, PHD

Those with hybrid immunity, from both infection and vaccination, were 40% less likely to transmit the virus. Half of that protection came from the immunity that one acquires from fighting an infection and the other half came from being vaccinated.

The researchers said they were gratified to see that vaccination confers addition protection even for those who had already been infected, but they were surprised by how much the infection continued to spread, despite the residents' relatively high



"Regardless of the benefits you see in vaccination and prior infection, there is still a high amount of transmission in this study," said Sophia Tan, a researcher in Lo's lab and the study's first author. "We hope these findings can support ongoing efforts to protect this vulnerable population."

This includes making efforts to keep residents current with boosters and increasing the vaccination rate of the prison staff, only 73 percent of whom had received the primary series at the time of the study.

The general rate of boosting could also be improved significantly. At the time of the study, just 59% of residents and 41% of staff had received all the doses recommended by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), based on their age and health status.

"Within the two months following vaccination, people are the least infectious, which indicates that boosters and large timed vaccination campaigns may have a role to reduce transmission in surges," Lo said. "New ideas are needed since the risk of infection in this vulnerable population remains so great."

**Authors:** In addition to Lo and Tan, authors include <u>Ada Kwan</u>, PhD, MHS, <u>Isabel</u> <u>Rodríguez-Barraquer</u>, MD, PhD, Benjamin Singer, PhD, Hailey Park, and <u>David Sears</u>, MD, of UCSF; and Joseph Lewnard, PhD, of UC Berkeley.

Funding: National Institutes of Health, NIAID New Innovator Award (DP2AI170485).

Please see the paper for disclosures.

TOPICS Public Policy and Government Consumer Health Infectious Disease



Township of St. Joseph REPORT TO COUNCIL	
FROM:	Susanne Musso Rains, Manager Seniors & Persons with a Disability Services
DATE:	March 15 <sup>th</sup> 2023
<b>SUBJECT:</b> Grand Parade Fundraiser and application for grant to host Grand Parade	
RECOMMENDATION:	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Manager of Seniors & Persons with a Disability Services be received for information, and  That Council approves staff's participation in the Grand Parade Fundraising event.

### **Background**

The Grand Parade is a Canada wide fundraising walk mid Sept, when Canadians take to the streets to publicly honour aging friends and family and fundraise on behalf of service groups that support them. In the catchment area that the Trefry Centre serves, there has been an increase in need for services and client intake. This fundraising would support keeping the PSW Outreach Pilot Program running as well as important renovations to the Trefry kitchen to house Meals on Wheels, life skills programming, and increase general program capacity.

The Grand Parade is run by the Blue Sea Foundation. They are dedicated to helping communities support their local senior services increase their fundraising capabilities. The Grande Parade manages all registrations, tax receipts, donations, marketing, accounting, sponsorship packages, flags and signage for the event, and some prizes (T-Shirts for over \$250 donations) They host all details on their website and provide a full plan and overview of how to run the event and map the course. Working with Blue Sea helps organizations who are small or don't have a fundraising team, host a professional event in their community.

Each charity will receive a minimum of 70% of their donations back in a grant from the foundation. Last year, The Finnish Rest home Raised over \$54,000 and the Davey home raised \$16,000.

### **Staff Resources Required**

- Arrange the walking route and flagging it with the provided Grand Parade package.
- Advertise the walk in the catchment areas and online
- Sponsorship & Business Teams recruitment
- Recruiting the schools for youth teams
- Volunteer Recruitment for the day of the walk (10-12 Volunteers)
- Prize donations above what the grand parade does (event grant)
- Set Up Donation Jars throughout the catchment at participating businesses.
- Organize a refreshment / BBQ for afterwards, with live music (event grant)

### **Financial Implications**

- There are no upfront costs to register with the grand parade. Fundraising can begin right away and advertising for free on social media, with flyers and creating a story for the paper to cover.
- Trefry Manager to propose putting a team in for the walk as Team Trefry
- Ask Advisory Committee members to join in on a sub committee should they want to help volunteer to put this event together.

The cost to host a BBQ/Live Music would be roughly \$2500-\$3500. There may be potential funding
to cover these costs through the Ontario government (festivals, cultural history). Should one fit
for our fundraiser, we are also requesting permission to go forth and apply for a grant of this type
to help with cost of the above stated.

### **Summary**

Council can approve the request as presented, defer for future discussion or consider other options.

Susanne Musso-Rains

Manager Seniors and Persons with a Disability Services

of the Comme		Township of St. Joseph
ist of the Command		Report To Council
See the second s	FROM:	Amanda Richardson, Clerk Administrator
	DATE:	March 15, 2023
1876	SUBJECT:	2023 Summer & Budget Council Schedule
2023 summer and budget meeting schedule be receiv  That the proposed timeline for budget prepara information, and  That Council approves the proposed schedule of an act to be held beginning at p.m., and meeti		oproves the proposed schedule of an additional, special meeting beginning at p.m., and meeting Wednesdays, July,, 2023, returning to a regular meeting rotation on Wednesday,
	meeting sched	

### **Background**

Council is asked to confirm a summer meeting schedule for the information of the public. Any deviation from the schedule set out in the Procedure By-law of the first and third Wednesday must be advertised. Council typically reduces the regular meeting schedule to one meeting per month.

Recommended dates for once per month meetings in the middle of the month would be July 19<sup>th</sup>, and August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023. This would bring Council back to the regular schedule, Wednesday September 6<sup>th</sup>.

Staff has discussed a timeline for budget presentations and feels that the following is feasible for the passing the 2023 budget:

The April 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> meetings will contain presentations from various department heads. A special budget meeting will be held on either April 26<sup>th</sup> or May 24<sup>th</sup> for remaining deliberations and department reviews. Final budget to be passed at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup> regular Council meeting depending on the date set for the budget meeting.

A proposed 2023 Council meeting schedule has been attached for reference.

### **Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications resulting from this report.

### Summary

Council may accept the recommendation as presented or consider other options.

Amanda Richardson, Clerk Administrator

# 2023 Council Meeting Schedule

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Regular/Scheduled Meeting

Proposed Budget Meeting (Choose one)

**Proposed Summer Meetings** 



Township of St. Joseph		
Report To Council		
FROM:	Erica Pollock, Treasurer	
DATE:	March 15, 2023	
SUBJECT:	2022 Statement of Remuneration and Expenses	

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Treasurer regarding the 2022 Statement of Remuneration and Expenses be received for information.

### **Background**

In accordance with the Municipal Act 2001 284 (1) Statement: The Treasurer of a municipality shall in each year on or before March 31st provide to the Council of the municipality an itemized statement of remuneration and expenses paid in the previous year to:

- a) each member of Council in respect of his or her services as a member of the Council or any other body, including a local board, to which the member has been appointed by Council or on which the member holds office by virtue of being a member of Council;
- b) each member of Council in respect of his or her services as an officer or employee of the municipality or other body described in clause (a); and
- c) each person, other than a member of Council, appointed by the municipality to serve as a member of any body, including a local board, in respect of his or her services as a member of the body.

### **Statement of Remuneration & Expenses**

Council Member	Honorarium	Expenses	Total
Mayor Wildman	\$7,225.05	1	\$7,225.05
Councillor Adams	4,821.96	ı	4,821.96
Councillor Ambeault	2,401.56	-	2,401.56
Councillor Elliott	4,620.26	-	4,620.26
Councillor Hall	4,821.96	-	4,821.96
Councillor Ross	201.70		201.70
Councillor Senecal	2,420.40		2,420.40
TOTAL	\$26,512.89	\$0.00	\$26,512.89

### Summary

This report is for information purposes only.

Erica Pollock, CPA, CA

Treasurer



Township of St. Joseph		
Report To Council		
FROM:	Erica Pollock, Treasurer	
DATE:	March 15, 2022	
SUBJECT:	Building Permit Annual Report for 2022	

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Treasurer regarding that Building Permit Annual Report for 2022 be received for information.

The Ontario Building Code Act, SO 1992 C23, as amended, Section 7(4) prescribes that a municipality is required to prepare a report every twelve (12) months that contains information about fees prescribed for the application and issuance of permits, for maintenance inspections and orders and costs of the municipality to administer and enforce the Act in its area of jurisdiction.

There have been no changes to the existing fee schedules in 2022.

Total Fees Collected in 2022:	\$ 21,764
Direct Costs of Administration and Enforcement of the Act, including review of applications for permits and inspection of buildings:	
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 14,869
Training	347
Mileage	946
Supplies	89
Total Direct Costs:	\$ 16,250
Indirect Costs of Administration and enforcement of the Act, including support and overhead costs	
(15% of direct costs):	\$ 2,438
Surplus (Deficit) of Revenue over Expenses	\$ 3,077
Total Building Permits Issued for the Year:	79
New Single Family Residences	5
New Sheds & Garages	20
Additions/Renovations	13
Demolitions	2
Gazebo/Bunkie/Pavillion	4
Windows/Siding/Shingles	35

Erica Pollock, CPA, CA

Treasurer

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STATE OF THE COMMENTS	Report To Council		
	FROM: Amanda Richardson, Clerk Administrator		
9 36 S	DATE:	March 15, 2023	
1876	SUBJECT:	Landfill Committee Meeting Summary	
RECOMMENDATION:	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Clerk Administrator regarding a meeting		
	summary from the March 9, 2023, Landfill Committee meeting be received for		
	information, and		
	That Council		

### **Background**

The Landfill Committee met on March 9<sup>th</sup>, with the following members present: Committee Members:

- Doug Clute
- Steven Adams
- Michelle Pearse

#### Staff:

- Amanda Richardson, Clerk Administrator
- Dan See, Public Works Superintendent
- Marcy Clark, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

### **Meeting Summary**

- 1. Landfill Hours complaints/concerns
  - a. Four official complaints received to date at the office as well as a number of social media comments.
  - b. Public Works Superintendent recommended leaving the new hours as is, as they provide consistency of opening/closing times, safety as the site is only open during daytime hours and saves plowing time during winter months when only having to open two days.
  - c. Committee recommends to Council that Landfill Hours remain the same:
    - Winter: Wednesdays & Saturdays 10-6
    - o Summer: Wednesdays & Saturdays 10-6, Sundays 2-8
- 2. Security signage and surveillance
  - a. Committee discussed the possibility of having cameras placed in strategic positions to surveil the premises when it is closed, due to multiple break-ins during the fall and winter. Signage could further deter, however there are already signs at the location.
- 3. Landfill Project Status Report
  - a. Scrap Metal bin ramp –Have the blocking for the project, but ramp and railing still need to be completed. Estimated completion date: end of summer 2023. There should be no interruption of service during construction of ramp system.
  - b. Freon Stickers –Now available at the office for a fee of \$40. They are to be put on the refrigerator in view for landfill attendant and deposited in specific location indicated by landfill attendant. Once there are 15-20 refrigerators, North Channel Heating and Cooling will come to the landfill site and remove the freon for a fee of \$35 each.

- c. Roof metal is ordered and will be applied to the main structure Dan to determine when as well as get in touch with an electrician to remove and reinstall the solar panels from the roof.
- 4. Upcoming Interviews for casual and part time positions:
  - Closing date for the positing is March 20<sup>th</sup>. Several applications have been received to date. Interviews to take place before end of March.
- 5. 2022 review and 2023 budget discussion:
  - Committee discussed the 2022 financial results as well as the draft 2023 budget presented and requested additions/updates to be made prior to the draft budget being presented to Council for approval in April.

### **Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications resulting from this report.

### Summary

Council can receive the summary for information, make changes to the current landfill hours, and/or consider other options.

Amanda Richardson, Clerk Administrator



Municipality of Chatham-Kent Corporate Services Municipal Governance 315 King Street West, P.O. Box 640 Chatham ON N7M 5K8

March 6, 2023

To All Ontario Municipalities

### **Resolution re Reducing Municipal Insurance Costs**

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, at its regular meeting held on March 6, 2023 passed the following resolution:

"Whereas Chatham-Kent has faced multiple double digit increases to insurance premiums over the past years;

And Whereas the costs on insurance are having a significant impact on municipal budgets in Chatham-Kent and around the Province;

Now Therefore, Council direct administration to engage with other municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and any other relevant municipal associations, to determine what tools may be available to reduce insurance costs, including cooperative purchasing of insurance, creation of a municipal reciprocal insurance provider, or legislative changes to address insurance costs to municipalities.

And administration report back to Council regarding the result of this engagement and any recommended Council resolutions to support improvements to municipal insurance in Ontario.

Further that administration be directed to forward this motion to all other municipalities in Ontario seeking support and collaboration on this issue."

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at ckclerk@chatham-kent.ca

Sincerely,

Judy Smith, CMO

Director Municipal Governance/Clerk

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Municipality of Chatham-Kent
Corporate Services
Municipal Governance
315 King Street West, P.O. Box 640
Chatham ON N7M 5K8

March 6, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford Premier@ontario.ca

Re: Support Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, at its regular meeting held on March 6, 2023 passed the following resolution:

"That Chatham-Kent Council express its support for Bill 5 - Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act which would require the code of conduct for municipal Councillors and members of local boards to include a requirement to comply with workplace violence and harassment policies and permit municipalities and local boards to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member's seat if the Commissioner's inquiry determines that the member has contravened this requirement;

And further that this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Stephen Blais, and local MPPs."

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at <a href="mailto:ckclerk@chatham-kent.ca">ckclerk@chatham-kent.ca</a>

Sincerely,

Judy Smith, CMO

Director Municipal Governance/Clerk

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Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Local MPPs Ontario Municipalities



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February 28, 2023

### Via email only

To: The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing minister.mah@ontario.ca

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The Honourable Michelle Ferreri, MP Peterborough-Kawartha

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#### Re: Oath of Office

Please be advised that during their Regular Council meeting held February 21, 2023, Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. R2023-119

Moved by Councillor Franzen Seconded by Deputy Mayor Armstrong

Whereas most municipalities in Ontario have a native land acknowledgement in their opening ceremony; and

**Whereas** a clear reference to the rights of Indigenous people is the aim of advancing Truth and Reconciliation; and

**Whereas** Call to Action 94 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada called upon the Government of Canada to replace the wording of the Oath of Citizenship to include the recognition of the laws of Canada including Treaties with Indigenous Peoples; and

**Whereas** on June 21, 2021 an Act to amend The Citizenship Act received royal assent to include clear reference to the rights of Indigenous peoples aimed at advancing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action within the broader reconciliation framework; and

**Whereas** the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada outlines specific calls to action for municipal governments in Canada to act on, including education and collaboration;

Therefore be it resolved that Council request to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing that the following changes be made to the municipal oath of office: I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles III and that I will faithfully observe the laws of Canada including the Constitution, which recognizes and affirms the Aboriginal and treaty rights of First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples; and further

**That** this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), all Ontario municipalities, MPP Dave Smith, MP Michelle Ferreri, Premier Doug Ford and Curve Lake First Nation.

Carried.

Sincerely,

Mayor and Council of the Municipality of Trent Lakes

Cc: All Ontario municipalities



The Coprporation of the Township of Moonbeam 53 St. Aubin Avenue, PO Box 330 Moonbeam, ON POL 1V0 TEL (705)-367-2244 FAX (705)-367-2610 administration@moonbeam.ca

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOONBEAM RESOLUTION

NUMBER:	042-2023			
DATE:	March 2, 2023			
PROPOSED BY:	Jessica Gibson Demers			
SECONDED BY:	Nadine Morin			
	ent in the media was made that the English Public School Boards ol association in the province, is asking for the end of the moratorium on reviews;			
<b>AND WHEREAS</b> this announcement potentially threatens the future closure of schools in many single school municipalities;				
<b>AND WHEREAS</b> access to education and the presence of a school in a community is an essential service and has a direct link to the quality of life in a community;				
<b>AND WHEREAS</b> schools play a key role in improving services and quality of life in a community and are viewed as activity centres where children have access to education, health services, recreation and culture;				
<b>AND WHEREAS</b> schools are an important factor in the retention and attraction of residents in a community an is essential in order to resolve labour shortages and allow economic development and growth in small rural municipalities;				
<b>AND WHEREAS</b> demographics in many areas are currently shifting and changing quickly as we work on meeting needs of many Ontario residents during a housing crisis;				
<b>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</b> that Council is requesting provincial government through the Minister of Education to extend the moratorium on most pupil accommodation reviews in order to allow municipalities, townships, neighborhoods or subdivisions the opportunity to prosper, develop and grow without being hindered by school closure because of current low enrollments that could quickly change.				
FURTHER BE IT RESOLVE Bourguoin and all Ontario me	<b>D</b> that this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, MPP Guy unicipalities.			
Carried V Defeated	Differed Éric Côté President Officer			

Name	Yes	No
Côté, Éric		
Della-Pieta, Jacques		
Gibson Demers, Jessica		
Le Saux Néron, Hélène		
Morin, Nadine		

Certified by: Clerk

#### THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ST. JOSEPH

BY-LAW 2023 - 12

# A By-Law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Regular Council Meeting held on March 15, 2023.

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:

- That the actions of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of St. Joseph at its meeting on March 15, 2023, 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.
- 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.

READ A FIRST AND TAKEN AS READ A SECOND AND THIRD TIME and finally passed in open Council March 15, 2023.

Joseph Wildman Mayor
Amanda Richardson Clerk Administrator