

**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA  
CONSENT AGENDA  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2021**

**A – ITEMS RECEIVED AS INFORMATION**

- p. 1 1. Essa Fire Department Statistics – December 2020.
- p. 3 2. Correspondence from the Essa Public Library:  
p.7 a) Library Report – December 2020.  
b) Strategic Plan 2021-2025.
- p. 20 3. Correspondence from the Town of New Tecumseth dated January 11, 2021, re: Notice of Adoption - File No. Dev 397.
- p. 31 4. Correspondence from the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA):  
a) January 15, 2021 – Source Protection Committee – Replacement of Municipal Members.
- p. 34 b) January 22, 2021 – NVCA Welcomes Two Female Leaders in Preparation of a Challenging Year.
- p. 36 c) January 22, 2021 – NVCA 2021 Annual General Meeting Highlights.
- p. 38 5. Correspondence from the Township of South-West Oxford dated January 11, 2021, re: Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE).
- p. 39 6. AMO Communications – Policy Updates:  
a) January 21, 2021 – Community Safety and Policing Grants, Broadband Investments in Northern Ontario.
- p. 41 b) January 26, 2021 - 2021 OCIP Funding, 2<sup>nd</sup> Intake of Municipal Modernization Program, and Provincial Emergency Extension.
- p. 43 7. Resolution from the Municipality of Grey Highlands dated January 22, 2021, re: Insurance Rates Resolution.
- p. 45 8. Resolution from the Township of Augusta dated January 25, 2021, re: Ontario Fire College.
- p.47 9. Resolution from the Township of North Glengarry dated January 25, 2021, re: Request to Province of Ontario to Allow Small Businesses to Immediately Re-open.
- p. 48 10. Correspondence from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing dated January 26, 2021, re: Municipal Modernization Program – Second Intake.
- p. 50 11. Correspondence from Ed Edskes, Owner of FX Stone and Paving Ltd. dated January 26, 2021, re: Ministry of Transportation and Haulage Trucks 2006 and Older.
- p. 56 12. Correspondence from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation dated January 27, 2021, re: MPAC's 2020 Municipal Partnership Report.

**B – ITEMS RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO SERVICE AREA FOR ACTION**

None.

**C – ITEMS RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO SERVICE AREA FOR REVIEW AND  
REPORT TO COUNCIL**

None.

ESSA FIRE DEPARTMENT 2020 – DECEMBER STATISTICS

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<b>DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> – 5<sup>TH</sup></b>				
Gas leak	Stn 2	Wednesday	10:36	Non-concurrent
Tiered medical	Stn 2	Wednesday	18:25	Non-concurrent
Public service	Stn 2	Thursday	12:13	Non-concurrent
Seizure	Stn 2	Friday	07:27	Non-concurrent
MVC	Stn 2	Friday	17:35	Non-concurrent
Tiered medical	Stn 2	Friday	17:41	Concurrent
Structure fire	1 & 2	Friday	20:56	Non-concurrent
<b>DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup></b>				
Fire alarm	Stn 2	Sunday	05:36	Non-concurrent
Tiered medical	Stn 2	Monday	10:28	Non-concurrent
Tiered medical	Stn 2	Tuesday	08:25	Non-concurrent
Fire Alarm	Stn 2	Wednesday	13:12	Non-concurrent
MVC	Stn 2	Wednesday	19:00	Non-concurrent
Public assist	Stn 2	Thursday	12:16	Non-concurrent
Tiered medical	Stn 1	Thursday	18:45	Non-concurrent
MVC	Stn 1	Thursday	23:21	Non-concurrent
Tiered medical	Stn 1	Saturday	09:12	Non-concurrent
Public service	Stn 1	Saturday	10:46	Non-concurrent
CO alarm	Stn 1	Saturday	21:43	Non-concurrent
<b>DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> – 19<sup>TH</sup></b>				
Tiered medical	Stn 2	Sunday	14:35	Non-concurrent
Gas leak	Stn 2	Monday	11:50	Non-concurrent
Tiered medical	Stn 2	Wednesday	23:36	Non-concurrent
Tiered medical	Stn 2	Thursday	15:21	Non-concurrent
Burn complaint	Stn 1	Thursday	21:41	Non-concurrent
Assist police	Stn 2	Thursday	12:18	Non-concurrent
VSA	Stn 2	Saturday	11:00	Non-concurrent
<b>DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> – 26<sup>TH</sup></b>				
Tiered medical	Stn 2	Sunday	09:54	Non-concurrent
VSA	Stn 1	Sunday	13:08	Non-concurrent

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Tiered medical	Stn 2	Monday	15:08	Non-concurrent
MVC	Stn 2	Tuesday	13:15	Non-concurrent
Tiered medical	Stn 2	Wednesday	18:09	Non-concurrent
Assist other agency	Stn 2	Thursday	19:16	Non-concurrent
Vehicle fire	Stn 2	Friday		Non-concurrent

**DECEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup> - 31<sup>ST</sup>**

CO alarm	Stn 1	Tuesday	13:56	Non-concurrent
Tiered medical	Stn 1	Tuesday	21:08	Non-concurrent

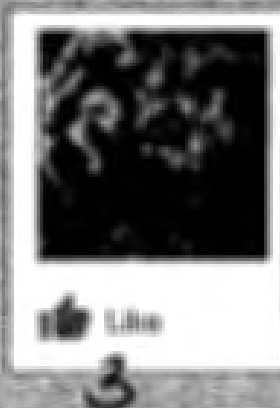
### Outcomes



**Library Chair, Derek McKeever presents gift card donations from the Library Board to My Sister's Place.**



**Patron feedback:** *"I did mean to send a pic of one of the craft kits in use earlier, but better late than never! We truly appreciate all that you ladies do!!"*



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# Adults

Zoom Trivia Night: 86  
 Zoom Cookbook Club: 1  
 Zoom Cercle de Conversation Virtuel: 19

Angus/Thornton Tech Learning (phone/email/in library): 19  
 Angus - Tech Tutor appts: 2  
 Thornton - Tech Tutor appts: 2

Outreach - Angus Geocache location accesses: 2

Outreach - Thornton Geocache location accesses: offered

Artists' Display: on temp. hiatus

Beanstack's "10 to try"  
 Active Readers: 11  
 Books read: 63  
 Badges earned: 13

Home Delivery: 1

Exams: 3

## Seniors Connect

Seniors Connect Grab 'n Go Craft kits handed out: 12

# Teens & Tweens

Beanstack's "Read Woke"  
 Active Readers: 4  
 Book read: 19  
 Badges earned: 4

NPSS Diplomas awarded (Teen Central usage): 115

Teen Central usage during NPSS lunch/study hall: 354

## Unleash Your Future

Incredible You - Dreaming Big and Goal Setting: 6  
 Vision Boards & Gratitude: 6

Virtual Wellness:  
 Anti-Racism, Part II: 14

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# Kids

## Zoom Online

Zoom Library Storytime: 49

Zoom Wiggles & Giggles: 5

## Outreach

Book bundle requests - All ages: 26

## Beanstack

1,000 Books before Kindergarten -

Active readers: 2

Books read: 6

Badges earned: 118

Holidays around the World -

Active readers: 12

Books read: 271

Badges earned: 107

## In-Library

Cheer Hunt: 5

Grab 'n Go crafting kits: 30

Thornton - Harry Potter Horcrux Hunt: 1

## Other

Library Zest blog posts/videos/email campaigns: 6

Library Zest blog traffic: 133

Library Zest unique visitors: 31

Makerspace: 1 @ Angus

# Circulation Totals and Analysis: December 2020

<b>CIRCULATION</b>	<b>Dec. 2019</b>	<b>Dec. 2020</b>	<b>YTD 2020</b>
Angus Branch	7,721	5,923	70,844
Thornton Branch	1,166	1,483	14,882
Angus Branch Computer Use	407	176	2,241
Thornton Branch Computer Use	34	30	253
Angus Branch Wireless Use	1,204	879	10,827
Thornton Branch Wireless Use	280	166	2,563
eAudio & eBooks	790	845	11,355
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>11,602</b>	<b>9,502</b>	<b>112,965</b>

<b>Circulation Analysis</b>	<b>Dec. 2019</b>	<b>Dec. 2020</b>	<b>YTD 2020</b>
Print	4,225	4,397	47,664
Non-Print	4,524	2,951	37,247
Computer Use/Internet/Wireless	1,925	1,251	15,884
eAudio Books	174	208	3,180
eBooks	616	637	8,175
Interlibrary Loan: Borrowed	103	30	477
Interlibrary Loan: Lent	55	28	338

<b>Materials Used In-Library</b>	<b>Dec. 2020</b>	<b>YTD 2020</b>
Angus Branch	186	1,261
Thornton Branch	33	554

Online Resources & New Members: December 2020

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<b>Library website visits</b>	<b>YTD 2020</b>	<b>BlueCloud Mobile visits</b>	<b>YTD 2020</b>
2,454	31,639	111	1,586

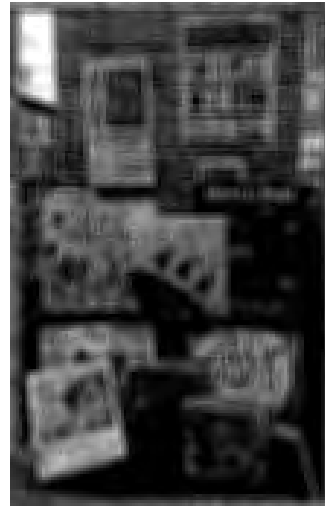
<b>E-resources visits</b>	<b>YTD 2020</b>
1,078	18,298

<b>New Members</b>		<b>YTD 2020</b>
Angus Branch	25	578
Thornton Branch	0	23

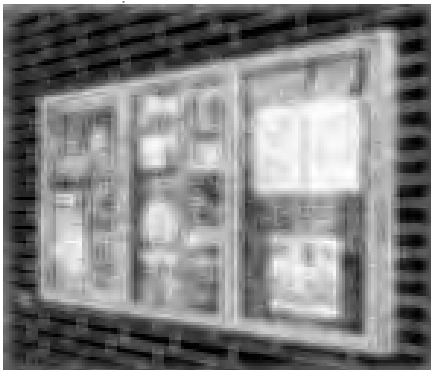
December Library Highlights



Zoom Storytime is such fun for our younger patrons.



Readers' Advisory Displays at both branches



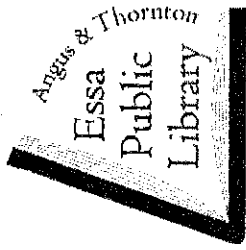
Angus: Display Board moved outside to provide valuable information.



Staff enjoyed designing playful masks.

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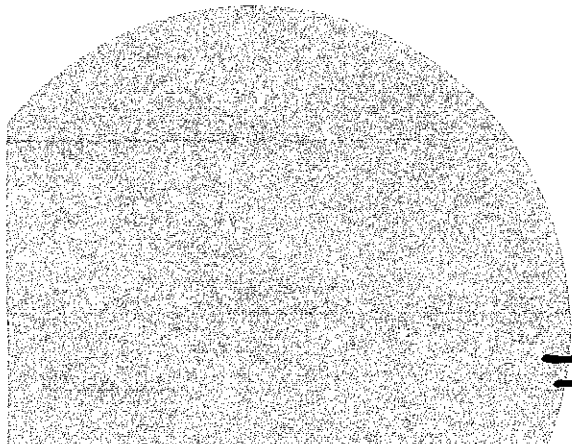
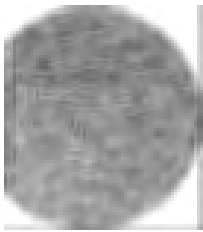




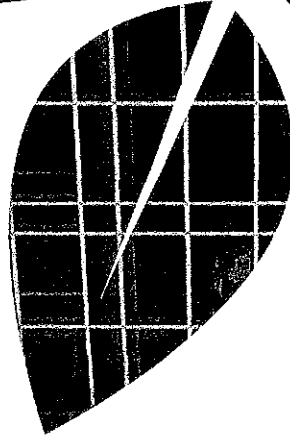
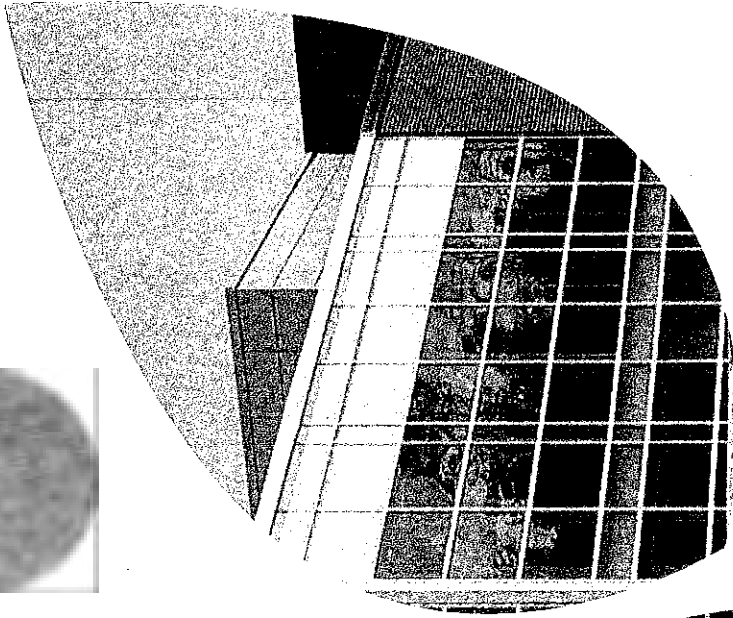
# Strategic Plan 2021-2025

**Deepening Connections**  
Through people-centered service

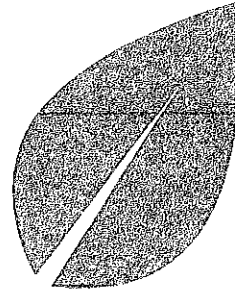
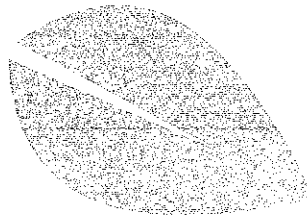
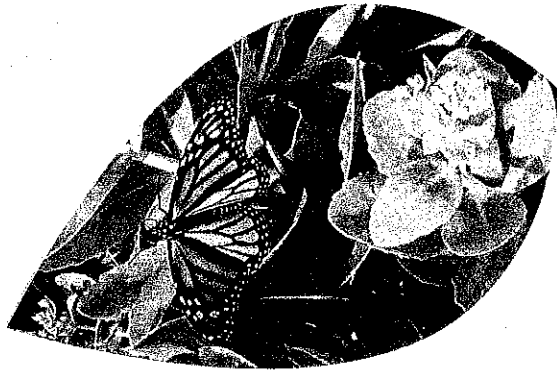
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**EPL's Mission:  
Connect People,  
Grow Ideas and  
Inspire Discovery**



# Strategic Directions

**1** Explore New Services

**2** Destination to imagine  
Discover and Connect

**4** Meaningful Resources

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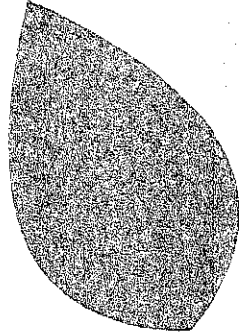
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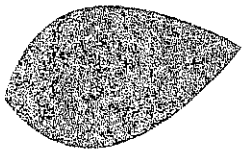
# Strategic Plan 2021-2025

This Strategic Plan was developed by a variety of community members and stakeholders through a series of public consultations and focus groups. The plan is a result of a collaborative process that involved a wide range of community members and stakeholders. The plan is a result of a collaborative process that involved a wide range of community members and stakeholders. The plan is a result of a collaborative process that involved a wide range of community members and stakeholders.





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## Library Board's Message

The reality of a pandemic can not be overlooked during the creation of this Strategic Plan. While challenging in many ways, this pandemic has allowed EPL to deepen virtual and remote services and has highlighted the importance of the library as a venue to bring the community closer together. A blue plus symbol (+) within the Strategic Plan denotes efforts that work during Closures and physical distancing measures to reduce social isolation - these efforts will continue to hold value even as we regain physical opportunities.

Our chief goal is to eliminate barriers - be they physical, social, or socio-economic - as an inclusive entity and an active agent in enriching the lives of individuals who live within the Township of Essa.





## Add depth to the experience of living in Essa

- Be a Township Ally: investigate resources and opportunities within the township and share these with gusto on all platforms. 2021 - 2025
- Further Develop collaborative partnerships with campus partners in Angus: Essa Parks and Recreation, EarlyON, Base Borden, NPSS. 2021 - 2025
- (+) Investigate Text services for our phone users
- Support Service Ontario Digital Assist for people needing technical guidance on this platform. 2021/22
- Consider a pilot project with Service Ontario at Angus Branch. 2021/22

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Destination to Imagine  
Discover and Connect

## Champion Literacy

- Bring Simcoe Reads (Battle of the Books) into the real world after a virtual launch. 2022-2025
- Food Literacy = Community Gardens and Farmers' Markets 2021-2025

## Outdoor Learning

- Consider outside **interactive learning equipment** at each branch for childhood growth. 2023

## Technology

- (+) Provide resources to bridge the Digital Divide - Regular Tech Classes for Seniors. 2021-2025
- (+) Market Digital lending of ebooks and e-audiobooks and databases to make resources findable. 2021-2025

## Branding

- Refresh **logo** to reflect contemporary library services. Consider a community design competition. 2022

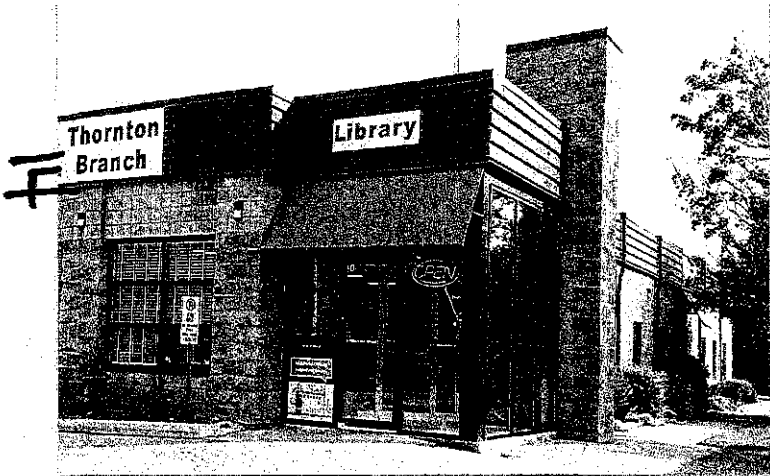
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2 Destination to Imagine  
Discover and Connect



**Spaces (Capital Projects)**

- Thornton Branch “Update the Shelf” as a conclusion of the fundraising campaign from 2017-2020. 2021

**Consider Thornton Branch Space Needs. 2022-2023**

- Work with community and Essa Council to determine if a Thornton Branch addition or relocation would better support the community by creating spaces for Teens, Tweens, Children, and Seniors. A space to gather and create.





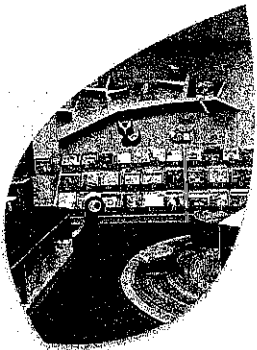
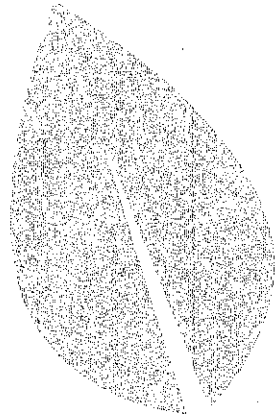
**Develop venues in which citizens can contribute to their community 2021-2025**

- ☐ Support opportunities for families to be involved in Essa. ie. Community Gardens
- ☐ NPSS “Lunch ‘n Learn” program with local mentors
- ☐ Develop rich volunteer opportunities at both branches.
- ☐ **Library Card Drive** for resource access 2022
- ☐ (+) Consider a move toward **Overdue Fine-Free policies** in the post-pandemic world. 2022
- ☐ Continue to explore Environmental improvements within the library setting. 2021-2025

**Welcoming Spaces**

- ☐ (+) Nurture real and virtual **environments** where all feel welcome, included, sustained and supported. 2021-2025
- ☐ (+) Adopt an inclusive, anti-Discriminatory Library Board statement or policy 2021

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### **Anchor Student-Success at each branch 2021-2025**

- Strengthen After School learning opportunities at Thornton Branch.
- Connect with partners for enhanced learning programs.
- Source tools for Dyslexia support
- Deepen** relationships with local elementary school support

### **Intergenerational Programs**

- Chess with Seniors and youth
- Video games with Seniors and youth
- (+) Virtual Grandparents Storytime 2021/2022

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# Meaningful Resources

### Stay current to customer needs/expectations:

- (+) Evaluate affordable streaming services such as Kanopy for music and movies. 2021
- (+) Consider digital access to newspapers and magazines through PressReader. 2021
- Market silencing headphones to support true concentration. 2021-2025
- Collection gems: current video games for youth, Sewing machine to fix vs. dispose of items, a hand-held tool collection. 2022-2025

### Staff as front-line community resource

- Support staff who create the Welcoming EPL "climate". 2021-2025
- Shift from Public "Service" Representatives to Public Engagement Representatives to reflect active investment with public. 2021
- (+) Recognize staff training as a priority - Courses within and beyond the sector to build applicable knowledge and resiliency skills. (Assist Training, Mental Health Crisis courses) 2021-2025



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# Meaningful Resources

## Cultivate Community-Hub Services:

- Support Council Approved/Township Partner Initiatives 2021-2025
- Central access for community information (Service Ontario, Simcoe County initiatives such as Immigration Resources, Social Services and other area networks such as 211). 2021-2025

## Be prepared to excel at Digital Librarianship

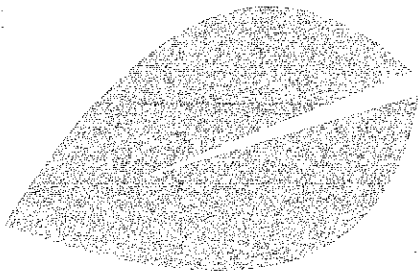
- Plan budget and resources to include remote library service options. 2021-2025
- Shift programs to a digital platform when meaningful or necessary: Book Clubs, Hobby Circle, Cookclub, and new offerings. 2021-2025



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# NOTICE OF ADOPTION

Town of New Tecumseth Official Plan  
Section 17 and 26 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O 1990

Applicant	2038148 Ontario Inc. 1204551 Ontario Ltd.	Date of Adoption:	January 11, 2021
File No.:	DEV 397	Amendment No.:	Amendment No. 56
Location(s):	5742 14th Line, 5780 14th Line, 5788 14th Line, 5810 14th Line, 5902 14th Line, 5910 14th Line, 4981 Sideroad 10 and 6286 14th Line,		

**DECISION:**

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of New Tecumseth adopted an Official Plan Amendment by By-law 2021-004 on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021 in accordance with the provisions under Sections 17 and 26 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, as amended; and,

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Official Plan will be submitted for approval to the County of Simcoe. Any person or public body will be entitled to receive notice of the decision of the County of Simcoe if a written request to be notified of the decision, including the person's or public body's address, fax number or email address, is submitted to:

**County Clerk**  
County of Simcoe Administration Centre  
1110 Highway 26  
Midhurst, ON L0L 1X0

**WHEN AND HOW TO FILE A NOTICE OF APPEAL:**

Appeals are to be filed with the County of Simcoe, as the approval authority, once a decision has been made by the County.

**OTHER APPLICATIONS UNDER THE PLANNING ACT:**

N/A

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Additional information about the application is available for public inspection during regular office hours at the Town of New Tecumseth Administration Centre: 10 Wellington Street East

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**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:**

The purpose and effect of the official plan amendment is to expand the secondary plan areas of the Briar Hill West Secondary Plan (OPA No. 23) and the Belterra Estates Secondary Plan (OPA No. 27) for the ultimate purpose of integrating the lands into each respective subdivision which are currently under construction. Additionally, the application proposes to redesignate the subject lands from Rural and Agricultural to Low Density Residential and Low/Medium Density Residential which is consistent with the current designation of the subdivision lands.

The application would lay out the foundation to create sixteen (16) additional residential lots within the Briar Hill West subdivision and fifty-five (55) additional residential lots within the Belterra Estates (Treetops) subdivision. By integrating these lands into each subdivision will facilitate the ultimate buildout of the subdivision.

**EFFECT OF CONSULTATION ON DECISION:**

A number of comments were received in advance of and during the statutory public meeting relating to increased property taxes as a result of the redesignation of the lands, road widening along the 14<sup>th</sup> Line and grading concerns.

DATED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021

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Corporation of the Town of  
New Tecumseth

**By-law**

Number 2021-004

**"Official Plan Amendment No. 56 By-law"**

A by-law to adopt Amendment No. 56 to the  
Official Plan of the Town of New Tecumseth

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**Now Therefore** the Council of the Corporation of Town of New Tecumseth, in accordance with the provisions of the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990, hereby enacts as follows:

1. That the attached text which constitutes Amendment No. 56 to the Official Plan of the Town of New Tecumseth is hereby adopted.
2. That the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to make application to the County of Simcoe for approval of the aforementioned Amendment No. 56 to the Official Plan of the Town of New Tecumseth.
3. That this by-law shall be cited as "Official Plan Amendment No. 56 By-law".
4. This by-law shall come into force and effect on the date of final passing thereof subject to the approval of the County of Simcoe.

Read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 11th day of  
January, 2021



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Mayor

Deputy   
Clerk



**OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT #56**

**TO THE OFFICIAL PLAN OF THE TOWN  
OF NEW TECUMSETH**

January 2021

Approved by the County of Simcoe on -----, 2021.



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AMENDMENT NO. 56 TO THE OFFICIAL PLAN FOR THE  
TOWN OF NEW TECUMSETH

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**THE CONSTITUTIONAL STATEMENT**

The following Amendment to the Official Plan for the Town of New Tecumseth consists of three parts:

**PART A - THE PREAMBLE** – consists of the purpose, location and basis for the Amendment and does not constitute part of the actual Amendment; and,

**PART B - THE AMENDMENT** – which sets out the actual Amendment and consists of the text and Schedules constitutes Amendment No. 56 to the Official Plan for the Town of New Tecumseth; and,

**PART C - THE APPENDIX** – consists of information pertinent to this Amendment in the form of a record of New Tecumseth Council's actions, and does not constitute a part of the actual Amendment.

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**PART A – THE PREAMBLE**

**OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 56  
TO THE OFFICIAL PLAN OF THE  
TOWN OF NEW TECUMSETH**

**1.0 PURPOSE**

Official Plan Amendment No. 56 affects lands known municipally as 5742 14th Line, 5780 14th Line, 5788 14th Line, 5810 14th Line, 5902 14th Line, 5910 14th Line, 4981 Sideroad 10 and 6286 14th Line, Town of New Tecumseth ("subject lands").

The purpose of this amendment is to integrate the remaining eight holdout holds into each respective draft approved plan of subdivision and to designate the lands in support of the proposed urban residential land use, more specifically:

- Expand secondary plan areas for the Briar Hill West Secondary Plan (OPA No. 23) and the Belterra Estates Secondary Plan (OPA No. 27) to include the above noted holdout lots in each respective subdivision.
- To redesignate the lands from Rural and Agricultural to Low Density Residential and Low/Medium Density Residential which is consistent with the current designation of the subdivision's lands.

**2.0 LOCATION**

The Amendment affects eight (8) separately conveyable lots known municipally as 5742 14th Line, 5780 14th Line, 5788 14th Line, 5810 14th Line, 5902 14th Line, 5910 14th Line, 4981 Sideroad 10 and 6286 14th Line, Town of New Tecumseth. The entire landholdings consist of a combined lot area of 4.29 hectares (10.6 acres). The lands primarily front onto the 14<sup>th</sup> Line however, one lot is located along County Road 10, north of the 14<sup>th</sup> Line.

**3.0 BASIS**

The submitted application seeks to expand the secondary plan areas of the Briar Hill West Secondary Plan (OPA No. 23) and the Belterra Estates Secondary Plan (OPA No. 27) for the ultimate purpose of integrating the lands into each respective subdivision which are currently under construction. Additionally, the application proposes to redesignate the subject lands from Rural and Agricultural to Low Density Residential and Low/Medium Density Residential which is consistent with the current designation of the subdivision lands.

If approved, the application would result in sixteen (16) additional residential lots being established within the Briar Hill West subdivision and fifty-five (55) additional residential lots being established within the Belterra Estates (Treetops) subdivision. By integrating these lands into each subdivision will facilitate the ultimate buildout of the subdivision.

In addition to the submitted application, a zoning by-law amendment and plan of subdivision applications will also be required in order to integrate the subject lands into each respective plan of subdivision.

Technical Studies

A number of technical studies were submitted in support of the proposed official plan amendment application, including:

- Updated Functional Servicing Report for Briar Hill West;
- Functional Servicing Report for the Belterra Estates Subdivisions;
- Traffic Impact Letters for both subdivisions;
- Stage 1 and 2 Archaeological Assessment;
- Conceptual lot configuration for both subdivisions;
- Planning Justification Report; and,
- Natural Heritage Compliance Letter.

The proposed Amendment is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, conforms to the Provincial Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, and the Simcoe County Official Plan.

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## PART B – THE AMENDMENT – DETAILS OF THE AMENDMENT

### **4.0 INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT**

“Part B – The Amendment” consisting of the following text and Schedule “1” & “2”, constitute Amendment No. 56 to the Official Plan of the Town of New Tecumseth.

### **5.0 DETAILS OF THE AMENDMENT**

The Official Plan for the Town of New Tecumseth is amended as follows:

1. Schedule ‘1’ to Amendment No. 23 (Briar Hill West) – is hereby amended by including the subject lot (being 6286 14<sup>th</sup> Line) into the secondary plans area and to designate the lot from Rural to low density residential, as identified on Schedule “1” to this Amendment.
2. Schedule ‘1’ to Amendment No. 27 (Belterra Estates Secondary Plan) – is hereby amended by include the subject lands, being 5742 14th Line, 5780 14th Line, 5788 14th Line, 5810 14th Line, 5902 14th Line, 5910 14th Line and 4981 Sideroad 10 into the secondary plan area and to designate the lands from Agricultural to low/medium density residential, as identified on Schedule ‘2’ to this Amendment.

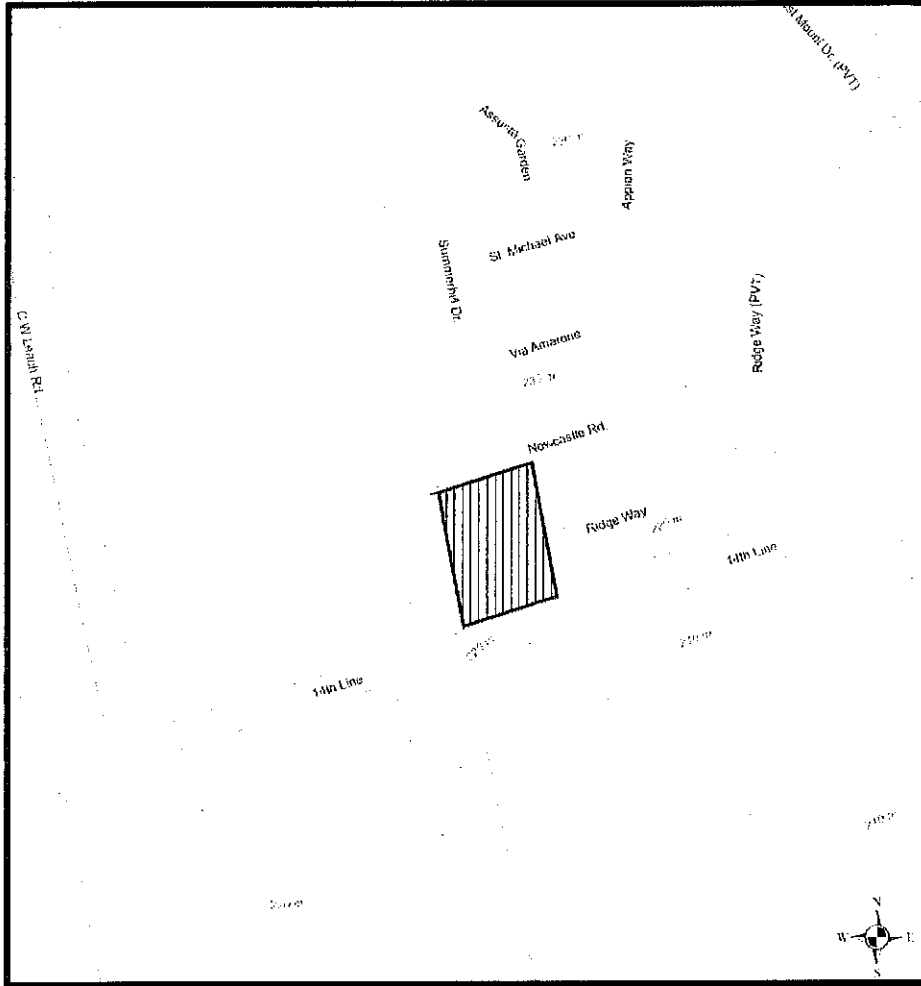
### **6.0 IMPLEMENTATION**

The policies of this amendment are to be implemented through a site-specific zoning by-law amendment, and by the relevant provisions in Section 10 Implementation and Interpretation, in the Official Plan.

### **7.0 INTERPRETATION**

The policies of the County of Simcoe Official Plan and the Town of New Tecumseth Official Plan, as amended from time to time, shall apply in regard to this Amendment.

Schedule "1" to Official Plan Amendment No. 56

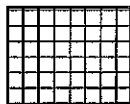
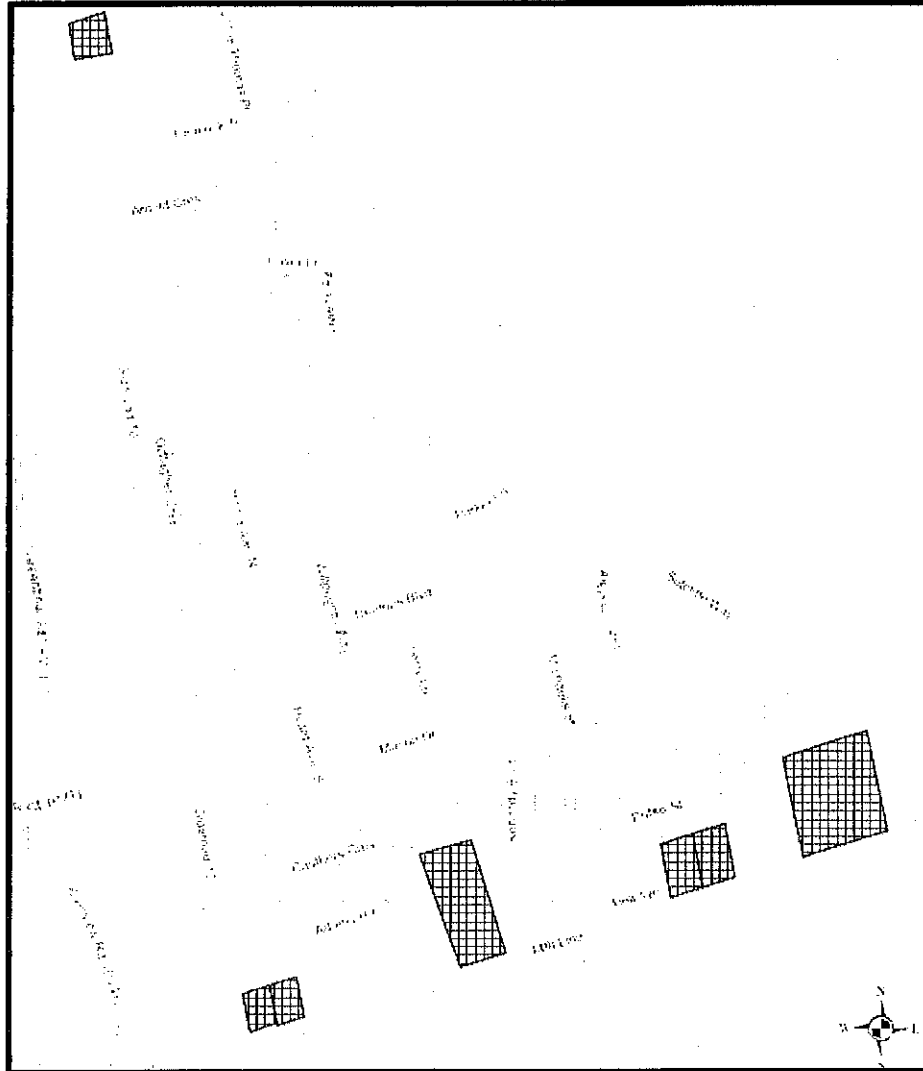


Lands to be re-designated from Rural to Low Density Residential  
(6286 14<sup>th</sup> Line)

This is Schedule "1" to Official Plan Amendment No. 56 as adopted by By-law 2021-004;

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### Schedule "2" to Official Plan Amendment No. 56



Lands to be re-designated from Agricultural to Low/Medium Density Residential

(5742 14th Line, 5780 14th Line, 5788 14th Line, 5810 14th Line, 5902 14th Line, 5910 14th Line and 4981 Sideroad 10)

This is Schedule "2" to Official Plan Amendment No. 56 as adopted by By-law 2021-004;

**PART C – THE APPENDIX**

**Record of New Tecumseth Council Action**

On October 21, 2020, a statutory public meeting regarding the official plan amendment application was conducted virtually with the Town of New Tecumseth Council. The submitted application seeks to expand the secondary plan areas of the Briar Hill West Secondary Plan (OPA No. 23) and the Belterra Estates Secondary Plan (OPA No. 27) for the ultimate purpose of integrating the lands into each respective subdivision which are currently under construction. Additionally, the application proposes to redesignate the subject lands from Rural and Agricultural to Low Density Residential and Low/Medium Density Residential which is consistent with the current designation of the subdivision lands.

On January 11, 2021, Council adopted the following recommendations from Committee of the Whole December 14, 2020:

That Report #PD-2020-41 be received;

And further that a by-law to adopt Official Plan Amendment No. 56 Document, substantially in form included as Attachment No. 3 to Report #PD-2020-41, be enacted;

And further that a by-law to adopt Official Plan Amendment No. 56, substantially in the form included as Attachment No. 4 to Report #PD-2020-41, be enacted.



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**Nottawasaga Valley  
Conservation Authority**

January 15, 2021

**Letter to Nottawasaga Valley Watershed Municipal CAOs:**

- Mr. Blaine Parkin Town of New Tecumseth
- Ms. Collen Healey-Dowdall Township of Essa
- Ms. Denise Morrissey Town of Shelburne
- Ms. Denise Holmes Township of Melancthon
- Mr. Geoff McKnight Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury
- Mr. George Vadeboncouer Town of Wasaga Beach
- Mr. Jason Raynar Town of Innisfil
- Mr. Jeff Schmidt Township of Springwater
- Ms. Kim Govan Municipality of Grey Highlands
- Mr. Mark Early Town of Mono
- Mr. Michael Prowse City of Barrie
- Ms. Nicole Martin Township of Amaranth
- Ms. Rhonda Bunn Township of Adjala Tosorontio
- Ms. Robin Dunn Township of Oro-Medonte
- Mr. Shawn Everitt Town of Blue Mountain
- Ms. Sonya Skinner Town of Collingwood
- Mr. Steve Sage Township of Clearview
- Ms. Tracey Atkinson Township of Mulmur

Dear CAOs:

**Subject: Source Protection Committee – Replacement of Municipal Members**

This letter is to inform you that one municipal member term on the South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Committee (SPC), representing the Nottawasaga Valley Watershed is ending and action is required on your part to replace this position. The Source Protection Committee is a group of individuals who represent public, economic, agricultural, and municipal interests from across the source protection region. More details regarding the role of the committee can be found below in the background section of this letter.

The selection of members will be achieved through an election with the process for nominating a candidate and selection of the **one** municipal representatives being outlined below. Also included is some background on the role and commitment of SPC members.

**SPC Member Selection Process**

The *Clean Water Act* stipulates that the process for replacing a member on the SPC must be that which was used to select the member originally. As you may recall, for municipal members representing the Nottawasaga Valley Watershed, the process involved:

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1. Notifying all municipalities in the watershed of the membership opportunity (the purpose of this letter).
2. Requesting all 18 municipalities:
  - Put forward the name of a candidate **IF** interested in doing so;
  - Authorize someone to 'vote' for the municipal representatives in the event there are more interested candidates than the one seat available.
3. Holding an 'election' if required;
  - All lower tier municipalities in the watershed receive one vote.
4. Affirming election results at the Nottawasaga Valley Source Protection Authority meeting following the election, and formally appointing the new members to the SPC.

**Next Steps: What We Need from You:**

By **March 15, 2021**, please email Ryan Post at [rpost@nvca.on.ca](mailto:rpost@nvca.on.ca) indicating the name of the person your municipality wishes to nominate or indicating that you do not wish to seek a seat on the SPC, and the name of the person authorized to vote on behalf of your municipality.

In the event there are more interested municipalities than the one seat available, an election will be held via electronic ballot (email). For the election, quorum will be 50% plus one (9 municipalities).

**Background**

The *Clean Water Act* is legislation put forward by the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) aimed to prevent the overuse and contamination of municipal drinking water supplies. This legislation divested much of the responsibility to local stakeholder groups, known as SPCs. Locally, the SPC is comprised of 1 first nation, 7 municipal, 7 public, and 7 economic members intended to represent the various interests from across the watershed region, and ensure a balanced and practical approach to drinking water protection.

The SPC has been meeting since December 2007, and was responsible for three deliverables:

- A Terms of Reference describing the work to be done, who was responsible, and the approximate timelines and costs,
- Technical Assessment Reports describing vulnerable areas specific to municipal water quality and quantity, and risks to water supplies, and
- Source Protection Plans that include strategies and policies intended to manage existing risks and prevent new risks from occurring.

The MOECC approved the Source Protection Plan (SPP) on January 26, 2015, at which time the function of the committee transitioned primarily to evaluating the implementation of the SPP policies and conducting periodic updates to ensure the plan is supporting the desired protection to the sources of municipal drinking water.

**Commitment**

Members are asked to make a five year commitment to serve on the SPC. During this period, the committee will meet 2 to 3 times per year in the Barrie area. Meetings are typically held on a weekday afternoon. SPC members are reimbursed for their time (a per diem) and travel (mileage) when attending meetings.

Thank you in advance for your interest in and assistance with the Source Protection program. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Ryan Post at [rpost@nvca.on.ca](mailto:rpost@nvca.on.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a circular loop followed by a long, sweeping horizontal stroke that extends to the right.

Doug Hevenor  
Chief Administrative Officer



**Nottawasaga Valley  
Conservation Authority**

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **NVCA welcomes two female leaders in preparation of a challenging year**

UTOPIA, Ontario (January 22, 2021) – For the second time in its 61 year history, the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) will be led by two women. In today’s Annual General Meeting, Mariane McLeod, Councillor for the Town of Collingwood was elected as Chair, while Gail Little, Councillor of the Township of Amaranth was elected as Vice Chair.

Keith White, Councillor of the Township of Essa declined both nominations to be in this year’s executive team. In 2020, Councillor McLeod served as NVCA’s Vice Chair, while Councillor Little was on the agricultural committee. She will continue taking on this role while serving as Vice Chair.

“This is going to be a challenging year for NVCA and all 35 other Conservation Authorities,” said Councillor McLeod. “I am grateful for the leadership of former Chair, Keith White and for the fine example he set during the past year. I’m certain Councillor Little will be a terrific Vice Chair and I look forward to working closely with her.”

Councillor Little commented, “It’s a privilege to be elected as Vice Chair of the NVCA. I have great respect for their work, and recognize the improvements that NVCA has made to the watershed. I look forward to providing any assistance to the authority while learning and growing in this role.”

NVCA’s Board of Directors and staff recognize that 2021 will be a challenging year, as conservation authorities adapt to the changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act*, along with the ongoing difficulties posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

“In the Nottawasaga Valley watershed, we are also facing immense growth pressures,” continued McLeod. “This will pose an additional test for our staff to remain efficient and effective in the work they do, which is, of course, protecting people and property from flooding and erosion. Thank you for the confidence from the Board of Directors and I will do my best to deserve it.”

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**About NVCA:** The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority is a public agency dedicated to the preservation of a healthy environment through specialized programs to protect, conserve and enhance our water, wetlands, forests and lands.

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## NVCA 2021 Annual General Meeting Highlights January 22, 2020

Next Meeting: February 26, 2020, held virtually

For the full meeting agenda including documents and reports, visit [nvca.on.ca/about/boardofdirectors](http://nvca.on.ca/about/boardofdirectors)

On January 22, 2021, the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) held its 61st Annual General Meeting.

### NVCA Board of Directors Election

NVCA Board of Directors elected the following officers for 2021:

- Chair: Mariane McLeod, Councillor for the Town of Collingwood
- Vice-Chair: Gail Little, Councillor for the Township of Amaranth

### Keynote Speaker

Dr. Dianne Saxe, former Environmental Commissioner of Ontario, delivered a keynote speech titled 'Why Wetlands Matter'.

She stressed that wetlands are precious, especially in a climate crisis. Climate change is a much more pressing issue than we think. As Ontario expands development, our wetlands are under significant threat. This is especially true for the Nottawasaga Valley Watershed, as we are designated as a high growth area.

Furthermore, wetlands provide habitat and breeding grounds for species at risk, and offer flood and drought protection.

Dr. Saxe emphasized that conservation authorities can protect our wetlands, but are limited by the lack of provincial direction, missing definitions of "interference" and "wetland" and insufficient resources.

She recommends that:

- All unevaluated wetlands are designated significant until proven otherwise
- Real protections
- Empower conservation authorities
- Wetland stewardship on private land
- Creating new wetlands to compensate negative impacts from development is truly a last resort.

Dr. Saxe has generously permitted this presentation to be shared with the public.

[Click here to watch her presentation.](#)

### 2020 Accomplishments

Staff created a Year in Review video celebrating the work that staff did in 2020.

[Watch the video here.](#)

- In 2020, the stewardship team rehabilitated and protected almost 31 kilometres of streams and shorelines through 29 projects, big and small. This includes removing the Petun dam and rebuilding the river it was on, restoring river and stream banks, and planting new grasslands. All the while hand washing, wearing masks and socially distanced.
- NVCA's Manager of Forestry planted his 2.5 millionth tree. Some of the trees he planted are already small forests!

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- Although the pandemic reduced our abilities to monitor the health of the watershed, our staff partnered with Georgian College to develop a database to house the data that was collected. With this information, it will be more efficient for our scientists to measure the success of NVCA's programs going forward.
- Our conservation areas across the watershed welcomed 60% more visitors in 2020 compared to 2019. Our Conservation Lands Staff worked tirelessly to ensure these green space areas were well maintained. Watershed science continues to monitor the health of our ground and surface water
- This year, we received a record breaking 3,307 permit applications, again, making our watershed one of the fastest growing in Ontario. Staff continue to improve upon service delivery, most recently reaching 98% compliance to provincial standards and 92% to new Conservation Ontario standards.
- The Flood Management team continued to monitor weather forecasts and watershed conditions while maintaining and improving the system. Our flood team issued 5 flood messages in 2020.
- Through our environmental education program, we introduced the importance of our natural world to the youth in our watershed. In 2020, over 12,000 students attended our education programs. Staff also developed, due to COVID-19, online programming for students learning from home so they don't miss out on any previous opportunities they had.



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January 11, 2021

Premier Doug Ford  
Legislative Building, Queens Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

Speeding on provincial, county and municipal roadways continues to put the lives of Ontarians at risk. While we have access to several tools to help mitigate speeding traffic, the one tool that is currently not fully available to us is Automatic Speed Enforcement (ASE) (aka Photo Radar). Over the past decade, in South West Oxford the vast majority of charges laid are for drivers travelling well in excess of the posted speed limit. The cost of providing police time for something that could be done through the use of technology is disturbing to our council. The Council feels that it would be far more effective to have police concentrate on other problems such as Break and Enters, illegal drugs and domestic problems.

We need a way to address the poor behaviours and habits that are putting our citizens at risk and tying up much needed first responder resources that could be better utilized to improve the well-being of our communities. Speeding, particularly through our small villages, creates community concerns for the safety and wellbeing of our children and other vulnerable members. We need your help.

In keeping with this The Council of the Township of South-West Oxford duly moved and carried the following resolution at the regular meeting held on January 5, 2021:

*...RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of South-West Oxford provide direction to the Clerk to send a letter to the Premier, MPP Ernie Hardeman, AMO and all Ontario municipalities in support of the use of Automatic Speed Enforcement (photo radar) by municipalities.*

Please help municipalities in the Province by passing the necessary regulations for municipalities to use ASE (if they choose) that will bring about the driving behavioural changes we need.

We look forward to your help with this issue.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Ellen Greb".

Mary Ellen Greb, CAO

c.c. AMO, Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Ontario Municipalities



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**From:** AMO Communications <[Communicate@amo.on.ca](mailto:Communicate@amo.on.ca)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 21, 2021 2:40 PM  
**To:** Lisa Lehr  
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**Subject:** AMO Policy Update – Community Safety and Policing Grants, Broadband Investments in Northern Ontario

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January 21, 2021

## **AMO Policy Update – Community Safety and Policing Grants, Broadband Investments in Northern Ontario**

### **Investment through the Community Safety and Policing Grant Program**

Today, Solicitor General Jones announced the investment of \$2.8 million through the Community Safety and Policing Grant Program. This funding will be assigned to projects that provide police services with tools and resources that enable deployment of frontline officers as well as support police services as they implement public safety and community policing initiatives that focus on local or provincial priorities.

This investment funds a maximum of \$200,000 per project and will be allocated over the 2020-2022 period. The successful projects require police services to report each year on the outcomes of their initiatives.

### **Broadband Investments in Northern Ontario Announced**

Laurie Scott, the Minister of Infrastructure, has announced \$10.9 million to support broadband improvements in Northern Ontario towns and First Nations communities. The funding, part of the Province's Up To Speed strategy that includes the ICON funding program, will help to:

- build infrastructure that brings high-speed broadband to more areas in Chisholm, Marathon, Terrace Bay, rural Thunder Bay, and Oliver Paipoonge;

- construct a new 22-kilometre fibre backbone network that brings high-speed broadband to Seine River First Nation, Couchiching First Nation, Rainy River First Nations, Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation, Animakee Wa Zhing #37 First Nation, and Big Grassy First Nation; and
- upgrade the speed and capacity of the K-Net network, owned by Keewaytinook Okimakanak and which serves more than 80 First Nation communities, while supporting future upgrades.

AMO and ROMA have been advocating for better broadband and connectivity for Ontario's rural, northern, and underserved communities for some time.

ROMA recently released resources to help councils improve connectivity in their communities and will continue to press for better connectivity, including through discussions at the upcoming virtual ROMA annual conference.

AMO's COVID-19 Resources page is being updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to covid19@amo.on.ca.

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**Sent:** January 26, 2021 1:26 PM  
**To:** Lisa Lehr <[llehr@essatownship.on.ca](mailto:llehr@essatownship.on.ca)>  
**Subject:** AMO Policy Update – 2021 OCIP Funding, 2nd Intake of Municipal Modernization Program, Provincial Emergency Extension

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January 26, 2021

## **AMO Policy Update – 2021 OCIP Funding, 2<sup>nd</sup> Intake of Municipal Modernization Program, and Provincial Emergency Extension**

A few provincial announcements occurred at the ROMA conference, which occurred on January 25-26, and we have put them together for your convenience.

### **Second Intake of the Municipal Modernization Program Announced at ROMA Conference**

During the 2021 Annual ROMA Conference, the Honourable Minister Steve Clark has announced the opening of the second intake of the Municipal Modernization Program. At today's announcement, the Minister noted that government is investing \$40 million dollars to help small and rural municipalities to assist with service delivery reviews and modernization efforts.

The funding is application based and targets 405 municipalities across Ontario. The first intake of the program saw 184 modernization projects funded. These included service reviews, implementing previous recommendations from service reviews, IT upgrades, or process improvements that help municipalities become more efficient with taxpayers' dollars.

Today's announcement is part of the \$125 million committed through 2022-23. For more program information, please visit the [program website](#).

## 2021 Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) Announced

Premier Doug Ford announced the 2021 OCIF envelope at the ROMA Conference on Monday. In 2021, OCIF will be stable with the Province providing \$200M again this year to 424 municipalities across Ontario. Stability in the funding envelope has been a major policy goal of AMO's during the pandemic.

OCIF supports municipal core infrastructure such as roads, bridges, water, wastewater, and stormwater systems. Individual formula allocations to municipal governments have been provided by the Ministry of Infrastructure.

The Premier also noted in his remarks that the Province has allocated almost \$1 billion to broadband expansion. Affordable broadband access remains a key objective of AMO and ROMA. The full text of Premier Ford's comments can be found here.

## Provincial Emergency Declaration Extended

Ontario's Declaration of Emergency, and all orders in force under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, including the Stay-at-Home order, have been extended until Feb 9, 2021.

AMO's COVID-19 Resources page is being updated continually so you can find critical information in one place. Please send any of your municipally related pandemic questions to covid19@amo.on.ca.

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January 22, 2021

RE: Insurance Rates Resolution

Please be advised that the Council of the Municipality of Grey Highlands, at its meeting held January 20, 2021, passed the following resolution:

**2021-39**

**Moved by Tom Allwood, Seconded by Aakash Desai**

**Whereas the cost of municipal insurance in the Province of Ontario has continued to increase – with especially large increases going into 2021; and**

**Whereas Joint and Several Liability continues to ask property taxpayers to carry the lion's share of a damage award when a municipality is found at minimum fault; and**

**Whereas these increases are unsustainable and unfair and eat at critical municipal services; and**

**Whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario outlined seven recommendations to address insurance issues including:**

- 1. The provincial government adopt a model of full proportionate liability to replace joint and several liability.**
- 2. Implement enhancements to the existing limitations period including the continued applicability of the existing 10-day rule on slip and fall cases given recent judicial interpretations and whether a 1 year limitation period may be beneficial.**
- 3. Implement a cap for economic loss awards.**
- 4. Increase the catastrophic impairment default benefit limit to \$2 million and increase the third-party liability coverage to \$2 million in government regulated automobile insurance plans.**
- 5. Assess and implement additional measures which would support lower premiums or alternatives to the provision of insurance services by other entities such as nonprofit insurance reciprocals.**
- 6. Compel the insurance industry to supply all necessary financial evidence including premiums, claims and deductible limit changes which support its own and municipal arguments**

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**The Municipality of Grey Highlands**

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as to the fiscal impact of joint and several liability.  
7. Establish a provincial and municipal working group to consider the above and put forward recommendations to the Attorney General;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council for the Municipality of Grey Highlands call on the Province of Ontario to immediately review these recommendations and to investigate the unethical practice of preferred vendors who are paid substantial amounts over industry standards, despite COVID 19 delays, as insurance premiums will soon be out of reach for many communities and

Be it further resolved that this motion be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario, the Honourable Bill Walker, MPP for Bruce - Grey - Owen Sound, and all Ontario municipalities.  
**CARRIED.**

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

Sincerely,

*Jerri-Lynn Levitt*

Jerri-Lynn Levitt  
Deputy Clerk  
Council and Legislative Services  
Municipality of Grey Highlands

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**TOWNSHIP OF AUGUSTA**

Moved By: TANYA HENRY

Date: January 25, 2021

Seconded By: JEFF SHAWEN

Resolution No: 4

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Fire College has been in existence since 1949; and

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Fire College is one of the primary sources of certified training for Ontario Firefighters; and

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Fire College has built a reputation of integrity, credibility, and reliability in providing some of the best training to our Fire Services within the Province of Ontario; and

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Fire College has been used to train and certify both Volunteer, Part-Time and Career firefighters throughout Ontario; and

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Fire College gives Ontario Firefighters another option other than Regional Training Centers to obtain National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) certifications; and

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Fire College is the most cost-effective method to certify Firefighters to NFPA Standards in Ontario; and

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Government enacted and revoked O. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification in 2018; and

**WHEREAS** when the Ontario Government revoked O. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification, it was made known by the Office of the Solicitor General that the act would be amended and brought back in the future; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Township of Augusta requests that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College as the OFC is one of the best and most cost-effective methods for municipalities to train their firefighters which assists us in protecting our residents; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this Resolution is forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones; Ontario Solicitor General, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Fire Marshal; Jon Pegg, and all municipalities within the Province of Ontario.

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**RECORDED VOTE:**

	<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
Councillor Bowman	_____	_____
Councillor Henry	_____	_____
Mayor Malanka	_____	_____
Councillor Schapelhouman	_____	_____
Deputy Mayor Shaver	_____	_____

CARRIED: Don Malanka  
MAYOR

DEFEATED: \_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR

Declaration of pecuniary interest by: \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of interest: \_\_\_\_\_

- Disclosed His/Her/Their Interest
- Vacated His/Her/Their Seat
- Abstained from discussion and did not vote on the question



CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY

Resolution # 8  
Date: Monday, January 25, 2021

Moved by: Jacques Massie  
Seconded by: Brenda Noble

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry request that the Province of Ontario allow for small businesses to immediately reopen with the required health guidelines and protocols in place; and

THAT this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Jim McDonell, and circulated to all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried

Deferred

Defeated



\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor / Deputy Mayor

**Ministry of  
Municipal Affairs  
and Housing**

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January 26, 2021

Dear Head of Council:

Our government is committed to improving local service delivery and better respecting taxpayers' dollars. That is why we launched the Municipal Modernization Program in 2019. Through this program, the Ontario government is providing funding to help small and rural municipalities modernize service delivery and identify new ways to be more efficient and effective.

Today at the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) conference, I announced the launch of the second intake under the Municipal Modernization Program. Modern, efficient municipal services that are financially sustainable are more important than ever in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Even as municipalities continue to face challenges, there are also opportunities to transform services and stimulate new ways of doing business.

The second intake will allow municipalities to benefit from provincial funding to conduct third party reviews as well as to implement projects to increase efficiency and effectiveness and lower costs in the longer term. I also want to encourage you to work with your neighbouring municipalities to find innovative joint projects that can benefit each of you. The government is excited to learn about your project applications that support the following priorities:

- Digital modernization
- Service integration
- Streamlined development approvals
- Shared services/alternative delivery models

To apply, you must submit a completed Expression of Interest form with attached supporting documents via the Transfer Payment Ontario (TPON) system by **March 15, 2021**. To get started, visit [www.Ontario.ca/getfunding](http://www.Ontario.ca/getfunding).

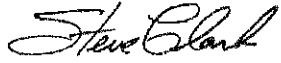
If you have questions on the program, or would like to discuss a proposal, I encourage you to contact your Municipal Services Office or e-mail [municipal.programs@ontario.ca](mailto:municipal.programs@ontario.ca).

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I look forward to continuing to work together to support your municipality in delivering efficient, effective and modern services for your residents and businesses.

Sincerely,



Steve Clark  
Minister

c. Chief Administrative Officers and Treasurers

**From:** Olivia Jean Mott <>  
**Sent:** January 26, 2021 2:50 PM  
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**Subject:** Re: Ministry of Transportation & Haulage Trucks 2006 & Older

Good afternoon Ken, Sandie, Lisa and Colleen

Please see attached letter from Ed Edskes Owner of FX Stone & Paving Ltd.

As per our conversation yesterday I have also attached a link to an online trucking newspaper in regards to Brampton City Council's discussion on the SPIF compliant Tri-axle discussion.  
<https://www.trucknews.com/transportation/brampton-rallies-behind-odta-in-spif-row/1003148319/> (Attachment No. 2)



**Brampton rallies behind ODTA in SPIF row - Truck News**

The Brampton City Council has unanimously adopted a resolution supporting the Ontario Dump Truck Association (ODTA) in its fight with the province over the enforcement of a weights and dimensions regulation. The ODTA has held a series of protests against the regulation. (Photo: Jag Gundu/ODTA)

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The letter attached outlines much of our, and many others, concerns. Please feel free to contact myself or Ed for any further information! We are more than happy to provide anything that may be helpful. (← Letter Attachment No. 1)

There has been a lot of talk around SPIF Axles in the past decade or so by owners and MTO but the rules were never clear on exactly what or when they would be implemented.

I'd like to add coincidentally today a close friend of ours who owns a trucking company, that my husband drives for during his off season, who has all new trucks that were manufactured with SPIF Axles just had one malfunction and lost ability to turn. these rules and new technologies most definitely do not account for the harsh Canadian weather we get nor do they account for how we manage this weather i.e. salt and what that does to these new sensitive parts.

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In closing I'd like to state we are not against healthy, safe change, however; if we can grandfather in vintage cars with no seat belts or catalytic converters and Large trucks with no DEF systems (Help to prevent air pollution) why can't we grandfather in manual third axles. perhaps it is not new technology that we need to fix lack of knowledge but rather better training on how to use what has worked for many years.

Thank you so much for taking the time to review the information provided and assisting in achieving an outcome that will work for all!

Olivia Edskes

Ed Edskes

Esteemed Council

Thank you for hearing me today:

As a small business owner that started 3 years ago we have had to overcome a number of obstacles in fulfilling our dream of operating a small business. While we had experience in the industry we pursued we were in no way prepared for all the permits, regulations and expenses related to running this small business. We are very determined to see this through but we now need to request the help of council because we are running into an issue that will decimate the owner/operator small businesses in our community.

We have 3 tri axle dump trucks that we require to efficiently operate our business. As of Jan 1 2021 our trucks are no longer compliant with the new ministry standards! These trucks are identical in every aspect except age! Our trucks are outfitted with a third axle that is operated manually to lower and lift as required. The new ministry regulations now require an automated (computer controlled) third axle. The MTO has in fact stated that eventually this would be the requirement for all tri axle dump trucks and as such over the past few years we have been waiting for the official letter? Notification? For the date where our trucks would non-compliant. To our surprise after being subject to covid restrictions last spring and another lockdown last fall the MTO with no forewarning mandated that Jan 1 2021 was now the date where we could no longer use our trucks to their full potential. As you are aware there are a whole host of small businesses that have suffered from covid restrictions. Therefore I have to question why in the middle of a pandemic the MTO decides to decimate the small owner operator/small business? To have our trucks be compliant with the new regulations would require a retro fit of each vehicle to an average of \$30,000.00 per truck. The alternative would be to remove the third axle and run less weight resulting in added expenses for wear and tear and fuel consumption. We are but one small business that is being affected by this. This is why we are bringing this to council because we feel it is going to impact negatively on the community as whole.

At issue is the fact that the MTO and its regulations are not very decipherable, a truck that is from the years 2005 with the EXACT specs of a 2010 is non-compliant because of year?, colour?, make?. This same 2010 truck is equipped with a manual lift axle and is MTO compliant but the 2005 truck requires a \$30,000.00 retrofit to be compliant. We also question the fact that truck manufacturers have manufactured trucks with manual lift axles well after the MTO suggested that they would not be compliant. A dump truck has a lifespan of 17 to 25 years, so our suggestion would be to grandfather the non-compliant trucks for their lifespan. I would love to entertain questions on the difference on the two systems. We ourselves have asked MTO officers and have called the office to clarify these new regulations but we can't seem to get any clear answers due to the very convoluted wording which seems to change almost on a daily basis which explains why the MTO handbook is so large.

We as a small business have strived to be compliant with all regulations, this includes the purchase of license plate stickers for our dump trucks. These stickers are based on allowable weight for the trucks. You can imagine our surprise that on average ONE plate sticker is \$4000.00 per year! This cost according to the MTO is for infrastructure repair and maintenance that heavy trucks incur while working. I myself

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have done some simple math on a drive with my wife. I counted all the trucks on the road and multiplied that by an average of \$4000.00 per sticker on each truck...

In closing I would like to thank you for allowing me to speak on this, please feel free to ask questions

Ed Edskes

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# Brampton rallies behind ODTA in SPIF row

by Today's Trucking  
January 21, 2021

The Brampton City Council has unanimously adopted a resolution supporting the Ontario Dump Truck Association (ODTA) in its fight with the province over the enforcement of a weights and dimensions regulation.



The ODTA has held a series of protests against the regulation. (Photo: Jag Gundu/ODTA)

The province began implementing Ontario Regulation 413/05: Vehicle Weights and Dimensions for Safe, Productive, Infrastructure-Friendly (SPIF) Vehicles on New Year's Day.

The regulation was introduced in four phases during 2000-11, and operators have had nearly 10 years of grandfathering period to comply with the rule.

That deadline expired Dec. 31.



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Trucks with SPIF configurations are allowed a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of 36 metric tonnes while non-SPIF vehicles will be restricted to operating at a GVWR of 27 tonnes.

The ODTA, which has been holding protests against the regulation, wants the province to grandfather their vehicles for their full lifespan without any weight restrictions.

The Ministry of Transportation has rejected that demand.

The ODTA has said that most of its members cannot afford to retrofit their vehicles with steer axles and weight distribution systems because that would cost between \$25,000 and \$40,000.

## **Impact on livelihoods**

Voting on a motion moved by Gurpreet Singh Dhillon on Wednesday, the Brampton City Council urged the province to review the regulation.

The council said the enforcement of the law will significantly impact the livelihoods of a large number of dump truck owners and operators, many of whom are from Brampton.

“Many Bramptonians are employed in the industry, and will suffer a great financial loss, up to \$40,000 per truck, if they are forced to accept the new regulations” said Dhillon.

“I sincerely hope that the provincial government will listen to the request of Brampton Council, and work collaboratively with the Ontario Dump Truck Association and dump truck owners everywhere to come up with viable solution.”

The council said Brampton’s mayor will now seek a meeting between the ODTA and the province to discuss the issue.

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Good morning Lisa,

In December, we shared year-end assessment base information with municipal CAOs and finance staff along with MPAC's 2020 Municipal Partnership Report <https://news.mpac.ca/2020-municipal-partnerships-report>.

The report provides a high-level summary of MPAC's 2020 municipal-focused activities, including how we responded to COVID-19 by shifting priorities, transforming how we share information, working differently, and by finding new ways to stay connected.

Now that your finance team has had a chance to review the report, we are requesting the opportunity to share this material with your municipal Council.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

We look forward to working with you in 2021.

Thanks,

Chris

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