

REGULAR AGENDA – AGENDA 19
CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD
February 22, 2024 at 6:00 pm
Laird Township Council Chambers

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**
- 3. Agenda Approval**
Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby approves the February 22, 2024 agenda as presented.
- 4. Delegations and Presentations**
 - a. North Shore Agricultural Society (NSAS) – Colleen Alloj, Chair
 - RCMP Musical Ride
 - Grant opportunities
 - Laird Councillor appointment as NSAS Ex-officio member.
- 5. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting**
 - a. Council Meeting – January 18, 2024 ([encl](#))
Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves Council minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 18, 2024, as presented.
 - b. Recreation Committee Minutes – January 15, 2024 ([encl](#))
Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves Recreation Committee Minutes of January 15, 2024, as presented.
- 6. Adoption of Accounts**
 - a. General accounts to January 31, 2024 ([encl](#))
Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the general accounts to January 31, 2024, in the amount of \$104,960.51, as presented.
 - b. Roads accounts to January 31, 2024 ([encl](#))
Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the roads account to January 31, 2024, in the amount of \$54,630.34 as presented.
- 7. Staff and Committee Reports**
 - a. **Road Superintendent** (Roads, Waste Disposal & Recycling, and Maintenance)
 - i. Road Superintendent Report
 - ii. Council Q&A
 - b. **Clerk Administrator, Deputy Treasurer**
 - i. Clerk's Report
 - ii. Council Q&A
 - c. **Treasurer's Report**
 - i. Township of Laird Revision Feb. 2024 Preliminary Budget ([encl](#))
Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Township of Laird Revision Feb. 2024 Preliminary Budget.

- ii. Township of Laird Reserves 2023 [\(encl\)](#)

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives Township of Laird Reserves 2023 report and that from the 2023 budget Council reserves \$27,500 for the G.W. Evoy Rink, \$15,000.00 for Heritage, and \$8,000.00 for Cemetery.

d. Recreation Committee & Recreation Sub-Committees

- i. Bar River Hall Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2024 [\(encl\)](#)

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Bar River Hall Sub-Committee Meeting minutes of January 24, 2024.

- ii. Laird Hall Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2024 [\(encl\)](#)

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Laird Hall Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2024.

- iii. Ontario Trillium Grant – Laird Hall application for accessibility renovations

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports submitting an application for the Laird Hall to the Ontario Trillium Foundation – Capital Grant program to improve a community building.

- e. Cemetery Board

- f. Planning Board

g. Police Service Board

- i. Police Service Board Meeting February 26, 2024 at 9 a.m.

- h. Algoma District Services Administrative Board

- i. Algoma District Municipal Association (ADMA)

8. Unfinished Business

- a. Task Summary Sheet & Recent Activity Log [\(encl\)](#)

- b. Concern/Information Log – Updates [\(encl\)](#)

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the February 22, 2024, Task Summary Sheet & Recent Activity Log and the Concern/Information Log as presented.

- c. Memo: Joint Meeting [\(encl\)](#)

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the report on Joint Meeting dated February 22, 2024, and that Council requests the Clerk to confirm the joint meeting date of Tuesday, April 23, 2024, and to add the following to agenda ____.

- d. Memo: Council Remuneration Survey [\(encl\)](#)

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the report on Council Remuneration Survey Results dated February 22, 2024, and

THAT Council approves an increase of ____% and ____% for Mayor and Council respectively, effective January 1, 2024.

9. New Business

- a. Planning: Application for Consent – L2024-1 (a) & (b) Konka ([encl](#))

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves consent application L2024-1 (a) & (b) severances.

- b. Memo: Blue Box Program Transition to Full Producer Responsibility ([encl](#))

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the report on Blue Box Program Transition to Full Producer Responsibility, as presented.

10. Notices of Motion**11. Closed Session**

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council proceed into closed session at _____ p.m. in accordance with Section 239 (2) (b) of the Municipal Act in order to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

- a. Approval of closed meeting minutes of January 18, 2024

- b. Personal matters about identifiable individuals

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council come out of closed meeting session at _____ p.m. and continue with Regular Council Meeting.

12. Communications and Correspondence

- a. Algoma Public Health, RE: Merger discussions between Algoma Public Health and Health Sudbury and Districts – January 18, 2024 ([encl](#))

- b. Algoma Council on Domestic Violence – January 20, 2024 ([encl](#))

- c. Ironside Consulting Services Inc. – Announcement – February 12, 2024 ([encl](#))

- d. Support Resolution, City of Cambridge Re: Catch & Release – February 14, 2024 ([encl](#))

13. Mayor and Council Comments**14. By-laws**

- a. 2010-23 Conformity By-law ([encl](#))

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts By-law 2010-23 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on February 22, 2024.

15. Adjournment

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council shall now adjourn to meet again March 21, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.

REGULAR MINUTES – AGENDA 18
CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD
January 18, 2024 at 6:00 pm
Laird Township Council Chambers

Present: *Mayor:* Shawn Evoy
Councillors: Todd Rydall, Wayne Junor, Matt Frolick
Clerk: Jennifer Errington
Road Superintendent: David Pollari

1. Call to Order

Mayor called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

3. Agenda Approval

#01-24

Moved by: Wayne Junor

Seconded by: Todd Rydall

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby approves the January 18, 2024 agenda as presented.

Carried.

4. Delegations and Presentations

5. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a. Council Meeting – December 21, 2023

#02-24

Moved by: Todd Rydall

Seconded by: Wayne Junor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves Council minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 21, 2023, as presented.

Carried.

b. Recreation Committee Minutes – December 14, 2023

#03-24

Moved by: Todd Rydall

Seconded by: Matt Frolick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves Recreation Committee Minutes of December 14, 2023, as presented.

Carried.

6. Adoption of Accounts

a. General accounts to December 31, 2023

#04-24

Moved by: Wayne Junor

Seconded by: Matt Frolick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the general accounts to December 31, 2023, in the amount of \$10,876.15, as presented.

Carried.

b. Roads accounts to December 31, 2023

#05-24

Moved by: Todd Rydall

Seconded by: Matt Frolick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the roads account to December 31, 2023, in the amount of \$38,123.25 as presented.

Carried.

7. Staff and Committee Reports

a. **Road Superintendent** (Roads, Waste Disposal & Recycling, and Maintenance)

i. Road Superintendent Report

- ii. Council Q&A
 - Councillor Frolick reminded the Road Superintendent that a tree needed to be removed at the cemetery, will be done before March.

iii. 5-year Road Plan 2024 to 2028 (2024 Amended, 2028 Added)
#06-24

Moved by: Todd Rydall

Seconded by: Matt Frolick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the 5-year Road Plan 2024 to 2028 and approves the amended plan for 2024, as presented.

Carried.

- iv. New Plow Truck – repairs/warranty work
 - The new truck had transmission problems and was towed to TMS, it was determined and approved to have a new transmission installed, will take 1-2 weeks to have truck back up and running.
 - Other than transmission failure, the truck has been working out well.
 - Arrangements have been made to sand the roads on Friday.

b. Clerk Administrator, Deputy Treasurer

- i. Clerk's Report

- ii. Council Q&A

#07-24

Moved by: Todd Rydall

Seconded by: Matt Frolick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Clerk's Report dated January 18, 2024, be received as presented and arising from the report;

That Council directs staff to register for the AMCTO Cemetery & Crematorium Approvals and Operations course in the amount of \$359.00 plus HST;

That Council requests the Clerk to conduct a Remuneration survey and provide a report at the next Council meeting; and

That Council directs staff to replace drums in the photocopier and have the Treasurer set up a Technology reserve and prepare a recommendation on how much money to reserve for the March budget meeting.

Carried.

c. Treasurer's Report

- i. Report: 2023 Council Remuneration Report

#08-24

Moved by: Matt Frolick

Seconded by: Wayne Junor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the 2023 Council Remuneration report as presented.

Carried.

d. Recreation Committee & Recreation Sub-Committees

e. Cemetery Board

f. Planning Board

g. Police Service Board

- i. Police Service Board Meeting February 26, 2024 at 9 a.m.

h. Algoma District Services Administrative Board

i. Algoma District Municipal Association (ADMA)

8. Unfinished Business

a. Task Summary Sheet & Recent Activity Log

b. Concern/Information Log – Updates

#09-24

Moved by: Matt Frolick
 Seconded by: Todd Rydall
 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the January 18, 2024, Task Summary Sheet & Recent Activity Log and the Concern/Information Log as presented.
 Carried.

c. Memo: Township Logo
 #10-24

Moved by: Matt Frolick
 Seconded by: Wayne Junor
 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the report on the Township Logo dated January 18, 2024, and that Council request the Clerk to have the first design finalized as the Township logo and have all appropriate formats created.
 Carried.

9. **New Business**

a. 2024 Committee and Board Appointments
 #11-24

Moved by: Matt Frolick
 Seconded by: Wayne Junor
 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council appoints the Committee and Board members for 2024 as presented.
 Carried.

b. Memo: Cell Phones
 #12-24

Moved by: Todd Rydall
 Seconded by: Wayne Junor
 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the report on Cell Phones dated January 18, 2024, and that Council requests the Treasurer to provide a monthly stipend in the amount of \$25.00 to the Clerk Administrator, Treasurer, Machine Operator, and Hall Caretaker positions to compensate for the use of personal cell phones and Directs the Clerk to prepare an acknowledgment to be signed by those employees who receive the monthly stipend. Stipend to be paid annually in the amount of \$300.00 December of each year, and to be retro paid for 2023.
 Carried.

c. Annual Joint Meeting with Macdonald Meredith and Aberdeen Additional MMAA – Discussion
 - Clerk to reach out to Macdonald Meredith and Aberdeen Additional to set up a meeting for March/April.

10. **Notices of Motion**

11. **Closed Session**

#13-24

Moved by: Matt Frolick
 Seconded by: Wayne Junor
 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council proceed into closed session at 7:22 p.m. in accordance with Section 239 (2) (d) of the Municipal Act in order to discuss labour relations or employee negotiations.
 Carried.

a. Approval of closed meeting minutes of November 30, 2023
 b. Labour relations or employee negotiations.

#14-24

Moved by: Matt Frolick
 Seconded by: Wayne Junor
 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council come out of closed meeting session at 7:32 p.m. and continue with Regular Council Meeting.
 Carried.

#15-24

Moved by: Matt Folick

Seconded by: Wayne Junor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the Clerk Administrator wage to be at step 7 on the salary scale for 2024, as per the employee negotiations discussion in closed session.

Carried.

12. Communications and Correspondence

- a. Letter of Concern regarding Regional Public Health Ontario Laboratories – December 18, 2023
- b. SAH to Install New Radiation Therapy Unit – November 28, 2023
- c. Ontario Trillium Foundation – Capital Grant Stream – Open February 7 – March 6, 2024
- d. RED Grant

13. Mayor and Council Comments

- Councillor Rydall reported that he talked to the individual pushing snow into the Neebish Road Water Access and requested that they not do that and will be talking to another individual who may be pushing snow as well. Councillor Rydall will ensure that the access is cleared for the kids Fish Derby.
- Councillor Frolick asked if a volunteer could be a caretaker for a hall, it was discussed that in the past volunteers have held the responsibility of hall caretaker.

14. By-laws

- a. 2009-23 Conformity By-law
#16-24

Moved by: Matt Frolick

Seconded by: Wayne Junor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts By-law 2009-23 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on January 18, 2024.

Carried.

15. Adjournment

#17-24

Moved by: Todd Rydall

Seconded by: Matt Frolick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council shall now adjourn to meet again February 22, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.

Carried.

**MINUTES OF THE LAIRD RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE
LAIRD TOWNSHIP OFFICE ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2024**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Donna Bos Shawn Evoy
Rhonda Crozier Jo-Anne Entwistle Brenda Aelick

REGRETS: Suzanne Evoy Matt Frolick Noah Crozier

The meeting was called to order by Shawn Evoy, Acting Chairperson.

ON MOTION (No. R01-24) Moved by Brenda Aelick, seconded by Donna Bos
"That the committee approves the Main Recreation Committee Agenda of January 15, 2024 as
presented." **CARRIED**

ON MOTION (No. R02-24) Moved by Jo-Anne Entwistle, seconded by Donna Bos
"That the committee approves the Main Recreation Committee Minutes of December 14, 2023
as presented." **CARRIED**

Committee Reports:

1. Bar River Hall: Hall is back on the foundation and further repairs are being done.
2. Laird Hall: Septic pump failed. Repairs are being done to fix it. Front door kick place needs to be repairs and Jason Willet will be asked to do the work.
3. G. W. Evoy Rink: The rink building needs to be cleaned up from the contractors for the Bar River Hall.
4. Heritage Our township website has been getting compliments on the Museum section.

ON MOTION (No. R03-24) Moved by Donna Bos, seconded by Brenda Aelick
"That the committee approves the account for December 2023 in the amount of \$5,385.36 as
presented." **CARRIED**

Business Arising from Minutes:

The Winter Carnival is scheduled for Sat. Jan. 27/24. A flyer will be sent out with the details.

New Business:

The secretary has passed out the Preliminary Budget passed by council and is asking all recreation sub-committees to have their budget revisions handed in by the second week of February.

The committee discussed including important dates on future Agendas.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday February 27, 2024 at 7:00p.m. at the Laird Township Boardroom.

ON MOTION (No. R04-24) Moved by Donna Bos and Seconded by Brenda Aelick
"That the January 15, 2024 meeting by adjourned."

CARRIED

CHAIRPERSON: _____

SECRETARY: _____

Township of Laird
General Cheques for January 2024

Name	Description	Cheque No.	Amount
AMO	Membership	5957	1,061.21
Cesarin Security Alarms	Monitouring	5959	255.10
MFOA	Membership	5972	305.28
AMCTO	Membership	5974	457.92
Stone's Office Supply	Supplies	5977	6.40
Rogers	By-Law	5980	11.34
encompassIT.ca	Fire Permits	5991	61.06
	Backups	"	305.28
Co-Op	Office Furnace Fuel	5995	184.05
Bell	Emerg. Man.	5997	98.18
	Office & Fax	"	332.45
Algoma Office Equip.	Equip. Main.	5998	48.34
Heritage Home Hardware	Office Supplies	5999	29.36
Realtax	Tax Sale	6001	483.36
Starlink	Internet	6012	142.46
Algoma Office Equip.	Office Supplies	6014	34.39
encompassIT.ca	Monitouring & Security	6015	183.17
Jeff Dorvault	Website	6021	760.00
Peter J. Berlingieri	Waste Disposal Site	6031	5,533.45
	Misc.	"	1,017.60
Cheryl Frenette	Office Snow	6033	66.00
North Shore Sentinel	Subscription	6034	57.53
Rhonda Crozier	Mileage	6035	49.28
Brenda Aelick	Mileage	6036	74.88
Jennifer Errington	Mileage	6037	49.28
Northern Insurance Brokers	Misc.	6039	91,486.20
encompassIT.ca	Interim Taxes	6041	1,317.44
Realtax	Tax Sale	6043	549.50
TOTAL			<u><u>\$104,960.51</u></u>

ACCOUNTS CERTIFIED CORRECT

Motion #

(Signed) Mayor

To Treasurer of Laird Township Authority Herewith To issue Cheques in payment of Accounts Certified
by Clerk as listed above.

(Signed) Clerk

I hereby certify that Accounts listed above have been paid, and amounts are charged to proper expenditure
appropriation.

Date Passed by Council

(Signed) Treasurer

TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD
Road Department
VOUCHER LISTING

Voucher No. 1			Date 01/31/24
Name	Description	Cheque No.	Amount
Payroll	Wages		14,412.28
Huron Central Railway	Safety	5966	366.00
Good Roads	Membership	5975	662.76
Rogers	Internet	5980	45.79
Superior Propane	Tank Rental	5983	120.43
Traction	Dump/Plow Truck	5984	165.01
	Shop	"	121.32
	Dump/Plow Truck	"	297.04
	Shop	"	-31.29
	Dump/Plow Truck	"	27.33
Powerline Construction	Misc. Streetlights	5992	913.30
Bell	Shop Office	5997	97.43
Toromont	Grader	6055	388.72
Superior Propane	Shop	6007	1,188.13
	Shop	"	630.63
Algoma Power	Shop	6018	159.52
3M Trim-Line	Equipment	6023	667.55
Co-Op	Dump/Plow Truck	6030	9.86
Peter J. Berlingieri Lawyer	Legal	6031	127.20
Traction	Dump/Plow Truck	6038	136.03
Northern Insurance Brokers	Insurance	6039	34,019.53
Heritage Home Hardware	Shop	6042	66.11
	Shop	"	39.66
TOTAL			<u>\$54,630.34</u>

ACCOUNTS CERTIFIED CORRECT

Motion #

(Signed) Road Superintendent

To Treasurer of Laird Township Authority Herewith To issue Cheques in payment of Accounts Certified
by Road Superintendent as listed above.

I hereby certify that Accounts listed above have been paid, and amounts are charged to Road Expenditure
Appropriation.

(Signed) Mayor

Date Passed by Council

(Signed) Treasurer

TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD
REVISION FEB. 2024 PRELIMINARY BUDGET



Description	2023	2023	2024
	Budget		PRELIMINARY

TAXATION REVENUE

TAXATION			3%
Taxation (Excluding Levy)	0	15,931	0
Taxation Assessment Increase			
Tax Levy Municipal	1,798,089	1,798,089	1,884,397
Total Municipal Taxation	1,798,089	1,814,020	1,884,397

OPERATING REVENUE

TAXATION OPERATING			
Penalty & Interest Earned	20,000	31,330	20,000
Grant-in-Lieu - Provincial	1,550	2,609	2,400
Total Taxation Operating	21,550	33,939	22,400

INVESTMENT INCOME			
IPC Securities Corporation	0	0	57,000
Total Investment Income	0	0	57,000

GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATING			
General Government Rent (Misc. eg. Xplornet)	12,204	15,481	13,500
Parking	60	60	60
Weddings	750	925	800
Total General Government	13,014	16,466	14,360

PROTECTION OPERATING			
Building Permits	12,000	13,493	12,000
Provincial Offences Revenue	2,000	3,138	0
Dog Licences	100	75	0
Total Protection	14,100	16,706	12,000

ENVIRONMENTAL OPERATING			
Aggregate	500	449	450
Tipping Fees	20,000	32,474	23,000
Total Environmental	20,500	32,923	23,450

CULTURE OPERATING			
Provincial Library Grant	2,429	2,429	2,429
Total Recreation & Culture	2,429	2,429	2,429

MISC. REVENUE OPERATING			
Tax Certificates	700	825	675
Transportation Road Department (Culverts & Misc.)	2,500	13,751	3,000
Community Safety & Correction	6,107	0	8,700
Total Misc. Revenue	9,307	14,576	12,375

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT OPERATING			
Planning Fees	200	3,200	200
Surplus Property Sales - Back Lots Etc.	0	500	1,100

REVISED PRELIMINARY BUDGET FEB./2024

Total Planning & Development Revenue	200	3,700	1,300
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RECREATION OPERATING

Bar River Hall Rent	350	620	0
G. W. Evoy Rink	0	61	0
Laird Fairgrounds Misc. & Rent	3,500	14,147	5,000
Laird Fairgrounds Storage Rent	8,500	7,685	7,500
Laird Fairgrounds Raceway Contact	25,000	25,000	25,000
Laird Hall Rent	2,000	2,462	5,000
Main Recreation Misc. & Pumpkin Fest Event	800	1,250	1,000
Pumpkin Point Park Revenue	0	105	100
Total Recreation Revenue	40,150	51,330	43,600

Total Operating Revenue	121,250	172,069	188,914
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Subtotal Taxation/Operating Revenue	1,919,339	1,986,089	2,073,311
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Description	2023 Budget	2023	2024 PRELIMINARY
OTHER REVENUE			

RESERVES & SURPLUSES

Reserve Fund - Working Capital			
Reserve Fund - New Western Star Truck Roads Equip.		309,448	
Reserve Fund - Landfill	30,000	20,000	20,000
Reserve Fund - Fire Services			
Reserve Fund - Recreation General Bar River Hall	35,476	55,125	169,000
Reserve Fund - Recreation Wharf			
Surplus Recreation G. W. Evoy Rink Playground Equipment	27,500		27,000
Surplus Recreation Laird Fairgrounds	31,944	31,944	0
Surplus Recreation Laird Fairgrounds Finish Ann. Booth	6,606	6,606	0
Total Reserves & Surpluses Revenue	131,526	423,123	216,000

GRANT REVENUE

Heritage - Summer Employment Funding	2,170	2,170	2,170
Finns Bay Wharf Summer Employment Funding	170	0	0
Laird Fairgrounds Summer Employment Funding	1,500	0	0
Main Recreation Summer Employment Funding Fed. & Prov.	8,152	5,982	5,982
Pumpkin Point Park Summer Employment Funding	500	0	0
NOHFC Funding B. R. Hall	500,000	152,702	500,000
Ont Trillium Funding - Gazebo Laird Fairgrounds	150,000	134,100	0
Canada Community Building Fund (Gas Tax)	69,299	69,299	70,489
Nords Funding for Roads Surface Treatment	70,882	70,882	70,882
OMPF	350,100	350,100	341,900
OCIF	107,176	107,176	100,000
Total Grant Revenue	1,259,949	892,411	1,091,423

Total Other Revenue	1,391,476	1,315,534	1,307,423
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Subtotal Other Revenue	1,391,476	1,315,534	1,307,423
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TOTAL COMBINED REVENUE	3,310,815	3,301,623	3,380,734
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REVISED PRELIMINARY BUDGET FEB./2024

Description	2023	2023	2024
	Budget		PRELIMINARY

GENERAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Admin Salaries & Benefits	205,000	192,421	210,000
Admin Benefit Portion of Employees	0	0	10,000
Admin Travel	5,000	2,162	5,000
Admin Education & Health/Safety	5,000	3,000	5,000
Council Honourariums & Benefits	21,000	20,785	21,000
Council Conventions/Workshops, Legal, Ads. & Misc.	1,000	1,680	1,000
Council Donation Graduates	500	525	500
Council Donation Wall of Rem.	325	355	349
Council Donation Laird Fair	0	1,500	1,500
Council Donation CASS 50th Ann	0	400	0
Council Donation Echo Bay Elks Fireworks	300	0	300
Council Donation Retro Ride	200	200	200
Council Donation Crime Stoppers	500	500	500
Council Donaton Royal Canadian Legion	375	338	380
Council Special Meetings Travel	2,500	860	2,500
Taxation Program	5,000	5,702	5,500
Tax Allowance & Sale	3,000	458	3,000
Audit Fees	28,000	19,538	28,000
Bank Charges & Interest	600	451	600
Consultant Fees	12,000	1,730	6,000
Office Bldg Maintenance, Heat & Lights	11,000	10,453	11,000
Supplies & Equipment	10,000	11,324	10,000
Insurance	26,500	26,344	23,430
Bad Debt, Misc.(Health & Safety) & Advertising	1,000	1,806	2,000
Subscriptions, Memberships	6,500	5,905	6,500
Telephone, Postage & Internet	10,000	6,434	10,000
Asset Management	20,000	8,815	20,000
Legal Fees	2,000	913	2,000
MPAC	23,259	23,259	24,000
Election	0	484	500
Total General Government	400,559	348,342	410,759

PROTECTION PERSONS & PROPERTY

Emergency Management Admin Salaries & Benefits	1,500	1,850	2,000
Emergency Management Materials	2,000	1,476	2,000
Fire Services Miscellaneous	0	495	500
Fire Services Agreement	66,000	62,555	66,000
CFSO Wages	0	0	0
CFSO Admin Salaries & Benefits	750	851	1,000
CFSO Education & Safety	500	0	500
By-law Officers Wages (CBO, Parking, Dog Catcher & Property)	15,000	19,500	25,000
By-law Admin Salaries & Benefits	6,500	6,012	7,500
By-law Officers Travel	2,500	3,349	3,500
By-law Officers Membership, Workshops & Supplies	700	2,479	1,000
By-law Legal	10,000	8,396	16,000
Police Admin Salaries & Benefits	750	679	1,000
Police Contract	164,857	157,187	153,034
Police Crime Stoppers	500	Twice	0

REVISED PRELIMINARY BUDGET FEB./2024

9-1-1	600	585	600
Total Protection Persons & Property	272,157	265,414	279,634

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Environmental Waste Wages	17,000	19,362	17,000
Environmental Admin. Salaries & Benefits	5,000	2,757	4,000
Environmental Material	4,500	2,083	2,500
Environmental Recycling-WDS	34,000	32,040	34,000
Environmental - Rd Wages	13,500	16,588	13,500
Environmental - Rd Materials & Equip. Time	7,000	3,583	6,000
Environmental - Legal Ministry Requirements			5,600
Environment - Insurance	1,755	1,755	2,896
Total Environmental Services	82,755	78,168	85,496

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Planning Admin. Salaries & Benefits	2,500	4,164	2,500
Planning Official Materials & Miscellaneous	6,500	7,921	6,500
Planning Board Levy	6,000	9,517	6,000
SSM Public Library	2,429	2,429	2,429
Property Sales Back Lots & Purchases	0	0	1,000
Total Planning & Development	17,429	24,031	18,429

HEALTH SERVICES

Algoma Public Health	45,332	45,332	48,052
Matthews Memorial Hospital	2,000	2,000	2,000
Total Health Services	47,332	47,332	50,052

SOCIAL & FAMILY SERVICES

Algoma DSAB	491,054	491,054	492,000
Dr. Harold Trefry Memorial Centre	3,000	3,000	3,000
Total Social & Family Services	494,054	494,054	495,000

TOTAL GENERAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES	1,314,286	1,257,341	1,339,370
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SUBTOTAL GENERAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES	1,314,286	1,257,341	1,339,370
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RECREATION & HERITAGE OPERATING EXPENDITURES

	2023 Budget	2023	2024 Prel.
Heritage			
Wages, Benefits Church	1,350	1,010	1,350
Insurance Church	487	487	2,137
Materials, Power & Mileage Church	0	305	0
Heritage Wages Summer Employment	2,660	2,674	2,545
Grant Heritage Wages Summer Employment	2,170	2,170	2,170
Heritage Admin Salaries & Benefits	1,500	1,351	1,500
Mileage, maintenance Museum	500	950	1,000
Insurance Contents			1,869
Museum Online	1,000	587	500
Total Heritage	9,667	9,534	13,071

Bar River Hall			
Wages	3,000	323	1,500

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Building Maintenance		41	
Supplies	500		250
Propane Heat	11,000	4,599	11,000
Power	2,000	1,422	2,000
Equipment Repair	300		
Insurance	4,788	4,788	5,005
Permits & Fees	350	19	
Total Bar River Hall	21,938	11,192	19,755
Finns Bay Wharf			
Wages & Mileage	500	809	1,000
Grant Wages Summer Employment	170	105	200
Misc/shared equipment maintenance	200	158	200
Lawnmower Purchase \$4000 Divided Est. Cost	125	128	0
Insurance	1,200	1,200	387
Toilet Paper Dispenser	50	50	0
Supplies - Office & Events			600
Parking Lot Improvements	2,500		2,500
Signage & Move Picnic Tables	750	180	1,829
Total Finns Bay Wharf	5,495	2,630	6,716
	2023 Budget	2,023	2024 Prel.
G. W. Evoy Rink			
Wages	4,000	1,793	4,000
Building Maintenance		618	700
Supplies	300	154	300
Heat	4,500	3,099	4,500
Power	1,200	1,010	1,200
Equipment Repair	2,000		5,500
Insurance	3,646	3,646	3,612
Snow Removal	200		200
Total G. W. Evoy Rink	15,846	10,320	20,012
Laird Hall			
Wages & Mileage	2,000	5,046	7,000
Water testing	375	658	500
Building Maintenance (Signage & Electric & Sump Repairs)		2,559	5,000
Supplies	500	695	750
Propane	10,500	4,452	7,500
Power	1,750	2,104	2,750
Equipment Repairs	1,200	315	1,200
Septic Pump Out 1/2	250		250
Snow Removal	300	77	300
Insurance	4,774	4,774	4,993
Total Laird Hall	21,649	20,680	30,243
*Increased Wages as a result of Bar River Hall Closure, etc.			
Main Recreation			
Rec. Secretary - Admin Salaries & Benefits	9,500	4,154	7,000
Other - Admin. Salaries & Benefits	11,500	6,050	9,000
Donation - Skating Program	100	100	100
- Perch Derby	0		250
- Dog Classes	200	200	200

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- Cycling	500		500
- Christmas Cheer	300	300	300
Advertising	800	13	800
Bank Charges	250	51	0
Supplies	500	137	500
Events - Pumpkin Fest & Earth Day	1,700	2,093	2,000
- Winter Carnival	500	834	1,000
- Spring/Summer Activity	1,500	1,104	1,500
- Christmas	700		700
Total Main Recreation	28,050	15,036	23,850

Summer Program			
Grants - Wages 2 Students (1 Fed and 1 Prov.)	8,152	5,982	5,982
Wages	5,320	2,344	2,500
Misc.	200	137	200
Total Summer Program	13,672	8,463	8,682

Pumpkin Point Park			
Wages & Mileage	2,000	3,496	3,500
Summer Youth Wages	500	329	500
Insurance	3,807	3,807	4,007
Maintenance & Misc (New Doors Change House & Paint)		831	1,500
Topsoil & Sand	140	0	200
Supplies	150	0	150
Slide Repairs	200	0	200
Replace 4 posts on Gazebo		0	2,000
Stump Removal (5)	700	0	0
Toilet Paper Dispensers	60	56	0
Lawnmower Purchase \$4000 Divided Est. Cost	500	0	0
Trees	1,000	0	1,000
Total Pumpkin Point Park	9,057	8,519	13,057

Laird Fairgrounds			
Wages - Grounds Keeper Bldg & Grounds Maintenance	7,000	8,984	10,000
- Grounds Keeper Grass Cutting (all equipment)	9,000	9,719	10,000
- Grounds Keeper Trimming	4,000	1,122	2,000
- Admin. Salaries & Benefits	2,500	3,153	4,000
- Roads Labour	2,000	3,115	3,500
- Summer Employee (Grant Denied)	1,500	1,578	
- Wages Summer Employee	2,010	2,578	4,000
Algoma Power Inc.	800	655	800
Mileage	600	712	750
Insurance	6,334	6,334	6,611
Maintenance - Misc.	3,000	966	3,000
Maintenance - Gravel	1,200	593	600
Maintenance - Tables	3,500	3,307	3,500
Maintenance - Fencing	600		600
Equipment	1,500	4,158	1,500
Supplies	1,500	1,998	2,000
Legal - Lease	3,600	3,576	0
Misc. Grounds		575	750
Telephone	60	159	200

Total Laird Fairgrounds	50,704	53,282	53,811
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TOTAL RECREATION	166,411	130,122	176,126
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Total Culture/Heritage & Recreation Expenditures	176,078	139,656	189,197
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Description	2023	2023	2024
	Budget		PRELIMINARY

TRANSPORTATION EXPENDITURES

TRANSPORTATION

BRIDGES & CULVERTS			
Road Bridges & Culvert Materials	4,000	1,142	1,000
Road Bridges & Culvert Equipment Time	500	276	500
Road Bridges & Culvert Labour	500	764	500
Cross Culvert Government Road Labour	1,000		
Driveway Culvert Materials	4,500	2,807	2,000
Driveway Culvert Equipment Time	1,750	798	500
Driveway Culvert Labour	1,750	2,232	500
TOTAL BRIDGES & CULVERTS	14,000	8,019	5,000

ROADSIDE MAINTENANCE			
Brushing Materials	7,000	4,220	500
Brushing Equipment Time	500	1,928	9,500
Brushing Labour	500	5,876	10,000
Ditching - Tender See Capital		1,800	0
Ditching Materials		130	200
Ditching Equipment Time		186	200
Ditching Labour	500	1,013	1,000
Water Control - Beaver Dams Contactor, Materials		1,111	1,000
Water Control - Beaver Dams Equipment Time	500		500
Water Control - Beaver Dams Labour	500	86	500
Tree Limbing/Tree Removal Materials	0	31	0
Tree Limbing/Tree Removal Equipment Time	2,500	0	3,500
Tree Limbing/Tree Removal Labour	3,000	590	4,000
Roadside Cutting - Tender	8,000		
Roadside Cutting Equipment time			3,000
Roadside Cutting Labour			3,000
TOTAL ROADSIDE MAINTENANCE	23,000	16,971	36,900

HARDTOP MAINTENANCE			
ST Hardtop, Patch & Spray Materials	7,000	10,757	15,000
ST Hardtop, Patch & Spray Equipment Time	5,000	2,874	5,000
ST Hardtop, Patch & Spray Labour	22,000	22,098	30,000
Sweep & Clean Materials	1,000		1,000

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Sweep & Clean Equipment Time	1,000	634	1,000
Sweep & Clean Labour	1,000	2,585	1,000
S.T. Redue 3rd Coat Gov. Rd. (Reids - Pumpkin Pt.) Labour	500		
TOTAL HARDTOP MAINTENANCE	37,500	38,948	53,000

LOOSETOP MAINTENANCE			
Loosetop Washout Patch Materials	0	7,500	0
Loosetop Washout Patch Equipment Time	1,000	674	0
Loosetop Washout Patch Labour	1,500	1,177	0
Grading Materials	0		0
Grading Equipment Time	4,000	7,076	4,000
Grading Labour	2,000	2,617	3,000
Dust Control Materials	0		0
Dust Control Equipment Time	500	1,649	1,500
Dust Control Labour	2,000	674	500
Loosetop Redue Gravel Materials	13,000	2,500	0
Loosetop Redue Gravel Equipment Time	180	15	0
Loosetop Redue Gravel Labour	200	419	0
TOTAL LOOSETOP MAINTENANCE	24,380	24,301	9,000

WINTER CONTROL			
Plowing Materials			0
Plowing Equipment Time	28,000	28,614	28,000
Plowing Labour	20,000	13,146	20,000
Sanding Materials	16,000	17,225	16,000
Sanding Equipment Time	8,000	9,493	8,000
Sanding Labour	6,000	3,740	6,000
Culvert Thaw Materials			
Culvert Thaw Equipment Time	1,000	70	100
Culvert Thaw Labour	2,000	133	200
TOTAL WINTER CONTROL	81,000	72,421	78,300

SAFETY			
Safety Materials	500	2,926	500
Safety Equipment Time	250	416	250
Safety Inspections	3,250	297	3,250
Safety Labour & Meetings	1,000	5,574	10,000
TOTAL SAFETY	5,000	9,213	14,000

STORMS			
Storms Materials			1,000
Storms Equipment Time			2,500

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Storms Labour			2,500
TOTAL STORMS	0	0	6,000
OVERHEAD			
Shop Cleanup/Maintenance Materials	10,000	6,786	10,000
Shop Heat & Power /Equipment Time	18,000	11,392	15,000
Shop Labour	18,000	19,283	25,000
TOTAL SHOP	46,000	37,461	50,000
Road Patrol Materials			0
Road Patrol Equipment Time			10,000
Road Patrol Labour			30,000
TOTAL ROAD PATROL	0	0	40,000
Road Office/Admin. Materials			15,000
Road Office/Admin. Equipment Time			
Road Office/Admin. Labour			15,000
TOTAL ROAD OFFICE/ADMIN	0	0	30,000
ROAD MISC.			
Payroll Sick Time	4,000	2,483	5,000
Payroll Vacation Time & Stat. Holiday Time	7,000	6,222	9,000
Insurance	28,000	25,858	30,068
Fees & Dues	500	46	1,000
Streetlights	2,750	2,768	3,800
Roads Legal Costs	4,071	4,071	2,000
Misc.			5,000
Road Association Grants	4,800	4,800	4,800
TOTAL ROAD MISC.	51,121	46,248	60,668
OVERHEAD			
Super Wages	32,000	23,474	0
Super Fuel Cost & Equip. Time	5,000	19,158	0
Payroll Benefits	45,000	48,573	0
Payroll Wages Summer Employment	20,000		0
Roads Admin. Salaries and Benefits	10,000	5,984	0
Roads Telephone	2,000	1,975	0
TOTAL OVERHEAD	114,000	99,164	0
SUBTOTAL TRANS. MAINT. & OVERHEAD OPERATING	396,001	352,746	382,868

SUBTOTAL REC/CULTURE & TRANS EXPENDITURES	572,079	492,402	572,065
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SUBTOTAL GENERAL, REC/CULTURE & TRANS. EXPENDITURES	1,886,365	1,749,743	1,911,435
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Description	2023	2023	2024
	Budget		PRELIMINARY

OTHER EXPENDITURES

RESERVES & TRANSFERS (Going into Reserves)

Reserve Working Capital	186,374	186,374	163,456
Reserve Fund - Roads Equip.	25,000	25,000	25,000
Reserve Fund - Landfill	50,000	50,000	75,000

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Reserve Fund - Fire Services	50,000	50,000	75,000
Transfer to Cemetery Operating (Attached)	9,800	9,800	10,143
Total Reserves & Transfers	321,174	321,174	348,599

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDED BY RESERVES & SURPLUSES

Capital Reserve - Rec. Bar River Hall	35,476	55,125	169,000
Capital Reserve Fund - Landfill Envir. Ministry Requirements	30,000	20,000	20,000
Capital Surplus Rec. Laird Fairgrounds Used 35-42 HP Tractor	11,500	10,799	0
Capital Surplus Rec. Laird Fairgrounds Finish Announcers Booth	6,606	5,799	0
New Western Star Dump/Plow Truck from Reserves		309,448	10,000
Capital Surplus G. W. Evoy Rink Playground Equipment	27,500	27,500	
Total Capital Projects Funded by Reserves & Surpluses	111,083	428,671	199,000

Capital Projects Funded by Grants

Capital Grant NOHFC Bar River Hall Funding Expenses	500,000	152,702	500,000
Capital Grant Ont. Trillium Funding - Gazebo Laird Fairgrounds	150,000	136,476	0
Total Capital Projects Funded by Grants	650,000	289,178	500,000

Capital Roads Projects

Transportation			
Garage Power Wash			10,000
Garage Furnace, Door Openers & Vent and Ceiling Upgrades			10,000
Ditching - Tender (OCIF)	47,500	20,782	
Cross Culvert Government Road - Tender (OCIF)	50,000	46,713	
Repairs to Plow/Dump Truck	15,000	14,342	
Grant NORDS for S.T. MacLennan Rd. (Double)	70,882	70,193	
S.T. New MacLennan (Double) - Tender- Balance of Grant \$82,000	11,118		
S.T. New MacLennan Rd. (Double) - Gravel	18,720	30,560	
Ditching - Riverside Dr. 700 m			14,000
Ditching - Cemetery Rd. 400 m			8,000
Ditching - Lake George Rd. 800 m			16,000
S.T. 3rd Coat Neebish Rd. E. & Patching			49,000
S.T. 3rd Coat Reids Rd. W. & Patching			100,300
S.T. New Government Rd New Culvert			6,000
S.T. New Porchuk Rd. (Double) & Gravel Prep			120,000
Grant (Gas Tax) ST Redue 2rd Coat Gov. Rd/Porchuk Prep Gravel	69,299	50,098	
S.T. Redue 3rd Coat Gov. Rd. (Reids - Pun. Pt.) - Tender \$56,500	0		
S.T. Preparation (Porchuk Rd.) Gravel \$20,800	12,799	21,616	
Total Capital Transportation	295,318	254,303	333,300

Capital Other Projects

Capital Cemetery (Attached)	8,000	8,000	8,000
Capital Finns Bay Wharf Gazebo	7,000	6,080	0
Capital Laird Hall Back Door			6,200
Capital Laird Hall Lighting			7,000
Capital Fairground Horse Arena Posts & Rails			20,000
Capital Fairground Barn Stall Repairs (12)			7,200
Capital Fairgrounds Gazebo (Kitchen & Washrooms)			15,000
Capital Heritage Museum Foundation at Fairgrounds	15,000	15,000	25,000
Capital Laird Fairgrounds LIR Washrooms	15,000	8,561	0
Capital Laird Fairgrounds Lawn Mower \$4000 total	1,875	1,875	0
Total Capital Other Projects	46,875	39,516	88,400

SUBTOTAL OTHER EXPENDITURES	1,424,450	1,332,843	1,469,299
TOTAL COMBINED EXPENDITURES	3,310,815	3,082,585	3,380,734
Difference between Revenue & Expenditures to Reserve	0	219,038	0
TOTAL TO BALANCE WITH REVENUE	3,310,815	3,301,623	3,380,734

**TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD
RESERVES
2023**

RESERVES		TARGETS		TOTALS FROM 2022	BUDGET 2023	MOTIONS		sub-total	2023 TOTALS
						#			
WORKING CAPITAL		\$500,000.00		110,173.82	186,374.00	246-23	-16,897.71	279,650.11	279,650.11
ASSET MANAGEMENT									
ROAD EQUIPMENT		\$400,000.00		267,550.29	25,000.00	246-23	-292,550.29	0.00	0.00
LANDFILL		\$350,000.00		248,068.91	-30,000.00	269-23	10,000.00		
					50,000.00			278,068.91	278,068.91
FIRE CAPITAL		\$300,000.00		170,031.50	50,000.00			220,031.50	220,031.50
RECREATION									
GENERAL				35,476.39	-35,476.39			0.00	0.00
WHARF				284,903.21				284,903.21	284,903.21
BAR RIVER HALL				133,524.00	-133,524.00	269-23	113,875.00	113,875.00	113,875.00
G.W. Evoy Rink		\$27,500.00					27,500.00	27,500.00	27,500.00
HERITAGE							15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
CEMETERY				8,000.00			8,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00
TOTAL		\$1,550,000.00		\$1,249,728.12	\$112,373.61		-\$185,573.00		\$1,235,028.73

Reserves are funded through the inclusion in the annual operating or capital budget or through a resolution of council.

WORKING CAPITAL

This Reserve is to fund expenses such as unanticipated operating, cash flow problems, capital and emergencies.

ASSET MANAGEMENT

GENERAL

This Reserve is to fund expenses associated with the Asset Management Plan

ROAD EQUIPMENT

This Reserve is to fund the replacement of Road Equipment Capital.

LANDFILL

This Reserve is to fund the expenses associated with the closure and post closure liability of the landfill site.

FIRE CAPITAL

This Reserve is to fund the capital fire service needs.

RECREATION

GENERAL

This Reserve is to fund expenses associated with Rec

WHARF

This Reserve is to fund the development of the Wharf

BAR RIVER HALL

This Reserve is to fund the Township's portion of the NOHFC Capital project.

G. W. EVOY RINK

This Reserve is to fund the cost of Playground Equipment.

HERITAGE

This Reserve is to fund the develop of a new Museum for the township.

INVESTMENTS

GIC - CIBC \$58,763.20 Maturity March 4, 2024
IPC Securities \$800,000 Investment

CEMETERY

GIC - CIBC \$26,092.68 Maturity May 19, 2023

Bar River Hall Meeting Minutes

Jan. 24, 2024

Agenda:

Attendees: Pam Cook Matt Frolick
 Marlene Paquette Kelsey Siddall
 Al Cook Shawn Evoy
 Suzanne Evoy

1) Approval of agenda

Moved by Matt, seconded by Suzanne that the agenda be approved as presented.

2) Review of 2024 regular budget (no capital)

Moved by Matt, seconded Kelsey that the 2024 preliminary budget be submitted to the treasurer as presented for council consideration. No changes.

3) Review hall renovations completed to date.

Information only.

4) Review of grant budget expenditures to date.

Moved by Marlene, seconded by Pam that the renovation budget expenditures be received by the committee with the following comments.

The committee requests that Stobies Mechanical complete the following

- a) An investigation into the state of the existing electrical wiring and provide comment back to the committee.
- b) The installation of 3-5 loads of 12" minus Rip Rap stone at the northeast corner of the Hall along the riverbank in order to provide slope stabilization prior to spring.

5) Review of the preliminary renovation drawing package provided by Cliff Orr.

Moved by Matt, seconded by Al that the preliminary drawing package be received, with the following comments.

- a) The main entrance is to include the old transom, an elevation is also required. This entrance is to be constructed of hardwood with a stain finish TBD.
- b) The signage on the west elevation is to be relocated from the canopy north to the to the west wall.
- c) Details are to be included for the main hall south windows as well as a typical elevation details.
- d) Elevation drawings are to be prepared for all new kitchen cabinets with construction details and materials in order to request pricing.
- e) Notes are to be included for all interior renovation requirements and details. ie: bathroom finishes and materials, treatment of existing wainscoting and main hall window trims.
- f) Question whether or not the wheelchair access washroom is legal requirement at this point as it was not included in the grant application or budget.
- g) Details are required for main entrance exterior trims and exterior window trims

- h) Details and elevations are required for all washroom renovations, including new entry solid core doors.
- i) Roof painting prep and painting instructions as well as colour are to be noted.
- j) A colour 3D rendering is requested if possible.
- k) An alternative foundation detail is requested for the main entrance rather than a complete frost wall for both the main entrance and the wheelchair ramp, as this is seen as excessive.

6) Review of remaining grant budget and setting of priorities.

Moved by Matt, seconded by Kelsey that the remaining grant budget be focussed on the following items in order of priority, in case of a budget shortfall.

- a) Tender #1 – Install new main entry foundation, steps, columns and canopy. Install new Hall sign. Exterior siding soffit and fascia removals, install new windows, doors and hardware, install new exterior insulation, install new siding, soffit, fascia, gutters and downspouts, colour TBD.
- b) Tender #2 – Interior washroom demolition, installation of new drywall, washroom fixtures, partitions, ceilings, flooring, doors and paint.
- c) Tender #3 – Repair kitchen wall at sink. Removal and installation of new kitchen cabinets complete with all plumbing requirements. Install new flooring.
- d) Tender #4 - New cloak room flooring. New main hall finished and paint. Trim new windows as required.

It is the committee intention to tender b), c), and d) as one package, with the option to decline portions should there be a budget shortfall.

Grading, paving and landscaping have been removed from the original project scope in order to supplement the budgets for the tenders listed above, due to increased construction costs.

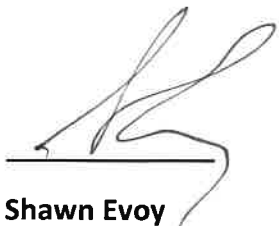
7) Set next Bar River Hall Committee meeting date: March 6, 2024

It was agreed to meet again on March 6, 2024 in order to discuss the following.

- a) Electrical investigation
- b) Main entry details
- c) Roof colour
- d) Siding samples and colour
- e) Window details
- f) Revised drawing package and rendering
- g) Tender scopes

8) Motion to adjourn

Moved by Suzanne seconded by Pam that the meeting be adjourned.



Shawn Evoy

Bar River Hall Chair

**MINUTES OF THE LAIRD HALL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE LAIRD HALL
ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6 , 2024**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wayne Junor, Heather Taylor, Jo-Anne Entwistle, Cheryl Frenette, Linda Kiraly

REGRETS: Shawna Deplonty, Dick Beitz, Faye Crozier

The meeting was opened by Jo-Anne

MOTION #01-2024

AGENDA ADOPTED AS AMENDED

Moved by Heather Seconded by Wayne

CARRIED

MOTION #02-2024

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 27, 2023 MEETING

Adopted as printed

Moved by Jo-Anne, Seconded by Cheryl

CARRIED

MOTION #03-2024

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND RECORDING SECRETARY

That Cheryl assume the Chair position and Jo-Anne remain as Recording Secretary.

Moved by Heather, seconded by Linda

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- 1) Update and upgrade of presentation of the war veterans' display at the entrance to Laird Hall- Terence is no longer on the Laird Hall Committee. The Laird Hall Committee by consensus has agreed that the current historical displays (Boy Scouts, War Veterans and historical picture) remain status quo.
- 2) Acoustic tiles' snowflakes lights-removed by Heather.
- 3) Broken overhead globe light- Linda has been unable to find suitable globes. Gratitude was expressed for all her efforts. With new lighting in the budget, the globes will not be needed.
- 4) Christmas Decorating-Hall was decorated and decorations are now put away for the year. Cheryl and Heather will move remaining decorations to the Township Office basement. The outside decorations and inside tree were appreciated by the Hall renters and the community
- 5) New door handle with push bar and allan key for back door.- Heather received a quote of \$6,169.80 from Soo Mill and Lumber. This will be put in the 2024 budget

6) Boy Scouts usage of Laird Hall -Cheryl reported that Mike and Mel Bringleson have taken what they want. Heather will sort the remaining craft and activity items and place in the Scout's designated storage area of the Hall. She will dispose of the rest.

7) Cigarette butt can-the can that is currently outside has been working well. Heather reports that she has not had to pick up any butts.

8) Storage Needs Assessment-reviewed with the Committee. At this time the Committee does not recommend a storage shed for the Hall.

9) Floor Curling-Heather discussed the issue with the septic pump in December and noted that the alarm was unplugged. The attendees chose to unplug the system and to call the Mayor rather than follow the protocol posted at the door. Heather and Township staff members were called and the situation was resolved before any serious damage occurred. Repairs to the septic pump and septic electrical were required. Jo-Anne has been directed, by the Committee, to contact the Township Clerk and request her to contact, the floor curlers organizer, to remind the group that the protocol is posted and to please follow it in the future, should the need arise. The Committee recommended that this contact should be in the form of a letter.

Heather also expressed a concern for the residue of wax left on the floor after the curling sessions and the general cleanliness of the kitchen. She will document and report back to the Committee. The Committee will determine if any follow up is needed.

10) Handicap Washroom- floor installed. It looks nice and is easy to clean.

OTHER/NEW BUSINESS:

1) Budget- discussed and developed

Additional discussion re Hall chairs:

Committee would like to replace the gray metal chairs with more of the plastic chairs that are now in the Hall

Fair Grounds have some of the plastic chairs the Hall would like

Questions:

Does the Fair Ground Committee want to relinquish or trade chairs (gray metal chairs)?

How many plastic chairs might be available from the Fair Grounds?

What would be done with the current gray metal chairs if the Fair Grounds Committee does not want them?

Ideally the Hall Committee would like to have the gray metal chairs removed and replaced with a comparable number of plastic chairs and purchase a dolly for use with the new plastic chairs.

MOTION #04-2024

To accept the Laird Hall 2024 budget.

Moved by Linda, seconded by Heather

CARRIED

2)Five Year Plan:

Year 1-lighting, signage, fire door, septic upkeep, storage reorganization,

Year 2-acoustic tiles-remove, recover and reinstall
-paint main hall, kitchen, entrance way, bathrooms
-outside vent replacement

Year 3-strip floor, varnish and repaint lines

Year 4-replace island and new counter tops

Year 5-Finish year 1-4
-upgrade washroom sinks and counter tops

3) Water quality issue-the system is now turned off
-a boil water notice signs are now in place
-testing will be conducted once a month for a year
-need for water system will be reassessed after one year

MOTION #05-24

To accept the Laird Hall 5 Year Plan

Moved by Linda, seconded Heather

CARRIED

3) Trillium Grant Application-combine the lighting quote and emergency door quote for a Trillium Grant Application

MOTION #06-24

To request that the Township submit the lighting and the emergency door quotes for the Trillium Grant Application.

Moved by Wayne, seconded by Linda

CARRIED

**DATE OF NEXT LAIRD HALL COMMITTEE MEETING: Tuesday, May 14, 2024, Laird Hall.
At 6:30 PM**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #07-2024

Moved by Wayne, seconded by Jo-Anne

CARRIED

Chair_____

(Cheryl Frenette)

Recording Secretary_____

(Jo-Anne Entwistle)

TASK SUMMARY SHEET RECENT ACTIVITY LOG

DATE	MOTION #	TASK	CATEGORY	CONTACT	STATUS
21-Oct-21	Delegation	Sault Naturalist, office will keep open communication with club and will look for possible grants to assist with rebuilding bird viewing station on Pumpkin Point Road West.	ADMIN	JE	IN PROGRESS
16-Dec-21	207-21	Community Safety Zone - Investigate Signage Note: Police Services Board was provided information from OPP and will make recommendation on Community Safety Zone(s)			IN PROGRESS
15-Jun-23	Staff Report	Waste Disposal Site requires a policy in place to have staff clean up top during shift Note: To be reviewed by HR Standing Committee	ROADS	DP	IN PROGRESS
15-Jun-23	Staff Report	Asset Management - culvert and road assessment ratings are complete will provide information to office staff.	ROADS	DP	IN PROGRESS
20-Jul-23	137-23	Council request staff to provide recommendations to Amend Schedule "A" to building permit By-law 940-13 "classes of Permits & Permit Fees"	ADMIN	BA	IN PROGRESS
24-Aug-23	166-23	Council approves doing 1/3 stone re-alignment and leveling of grave markers of the East end of the Laird Cemetery in the amount of \$14,464.00 (HST included). Note: Work will not start until 2024 due to change of season			IN PROGRESS
21-Sep-23	Staff Report	Guardrail research	ROADS	DP	IN PROGRESS
21-Sep-23	186-23	Council requests staff to provide a report on a Trailer By-law	CLERK	JE	IN PROGRESS

TASK SUMMARY SHEET RECENT ACTIVITY LOG

DATE	MOTION #	TASK	CATEGORY	CONTACT	STATUS
21-Sep-23	191-23	Council receives the Health and Safety Assessment Report from Business Solutions, as presented and requests that the Clerk arrange to have the housekeeping issues resolved and have the HR Standing Committee make recommendation on policy and procedure development. Note: HR Standing Committee had its first meeting September 28, 2023 and has started review.	CLERK	JE	IN PROGRESS
19-Oct-23	208-23	Council declares Plan H762, Lot 28 RCP as surplus land; and as per Bylaw 1048-22, being a by-law to establish policies and procedures for the sale of real property, the sale procedure under section 13 was followed and the property will be sold to Greg and Tracy Reidt in the amount of \$1,100.00; and furthermore, Council directs the Clerk to start the process.	CLERK	JE	COMPLETED
19-Oct-23	230-23	Council receives the draft Tree Canopy Policy and requests the Clerk review and prepare a by-law to the policy.	CLERK	JE	IN PROGRESS
19-Oct-23	231-23	Council receives the draft Unassumed Road Policy and requests the Clerk make amendments as discussed and prepare a by-law to adopt the policy	CLERK	JE	IN PROGRESS
30-Nov-23	244-23	Council approves the sale of the old plow truck and asks staff to advertise as Note: to be advertised on GovDeals	ROADS	DP	IN PROGRESS
30-Nov-23	253-23	Council receives the Annual Report Notice of Motion and that Council requests the Clerk to amend Notice By-law 814-03 to include the annual report requirement to provide a high-level summary of the past year's activities of Council, Staff and volunteers.	CLERK	JE	IN PROGRESS

TASK SUMMARY SHEET RECENT ACTIVITY LOG

DATE	MOTION #	TASK	CATEGORY	CONTACT	STATUS
21-Dec-23	265-23	Council request staff to set up a Laird Township Facebook page	CLERK/ADMI	JE/BA	IN PROGRESS
21-Dec-23	265-23	Council directs staff to initiate having a new Township logo designed with an agricultural component.	ADMIN	BA	COMPLETED
21-Dec-23	268-23	Council requests the Clerk to reach out to Laird International Raceway (LIR) to discuss the Thursday, July 11, 2024 date	CLERK	JE	IN PROGRESS
18-Jan-24	07-24	Council requests the Clerk to conduct a Remuneration survey and provide a report at the next Council meeting	CLERK	JE	COMPLETED
18-Jan-24	Staff Report	Tree removal at cemetery.	ROADS	DP	COMPLETED
18-Jan-24	Staff Report	Drainage ditch research.	ROADS	DP	IN PROGRESS

TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD
Registered Concern/Information Log

DATE	CONCERN	ACTION	COMMENTS IN RETURN
January 4, 2023	State of Waste Disposal Site, concerns of safety with glass jars on cement floor, cardboard not broken down between bins. Share shed is over full.	Have attendant clean up issues, and it is suggested to have a Share Shed and Recycling policy.	In Progress
June 19, 2023	Share Shed at Waste Disposal Site, concerns that staff are taking items prior to Laird community getting a chance to see what has been dropped off	Formalize Share Shed policy, staff have been directed that no items are to be taken by township employees from share shed or anything else brought to the site. But, no formal policy.	In Progress
September 12, 2023	Concern that neighbouring properties built their driveways on the very edge of the property lines that boarder their property. Concerns with structures on property that may be deemed mobile or temporary.	Request Council to consider a side set-back for driveways within the Laird Township zoned as "Cottage" so future property owners are not confronted with the same. Clerk will ask By-law Enforcement Officer to attend site to investigate mobile home concern.	In Progress, By-law Enforcement Officer handling matter.

FINE LINE IN THE STAFF-COUNCILLOR RELATIONSHIP

Quote from Municipal World

Dealing with Problems - First of all the councillor should be taking enquiries to the CAO, who should then coordinate a response from staff. This point must be made crystal clear in training and policy should be repeated often. The councillor should be reminded that the identity of the complainant is their personal information and will never be released to someone else.

TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD

MEMORANDUM

Date: February 22, 2024
To: Mayor Evoy and Council
From: Jennifer Errington, Clerk Administrator
Subject: **Joint Meeting**

Background/Overview:

Laird Township Council requested the Clerk at the January 18, 2024, Council meeting to reach out to Macdonald Meredith and Aberdeen Additional (MMAA) to see if their Council would like to have a joint meeting for 2024. MMAA Council reviewed Laird's request and offered to host this year and suggested a date of Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 7 p.m. at the Echo Bay Hall.

MMAA Council suggested the following for agenda items:

- Bar River Road Surface treatment for 2025 and preparation that needs to be completed this year.
- Bar River Bridge (Inspection will be completed as part of MMAA inspections this year).
- Fire Budget 2023 results.
- Fire Budget for 2024.
- Long-Term Capital Fire Budget.

Does Tuesday, April 23, 2024 work for all of Council and is there anything to add to the Joint Meeting agenda?

Recommendation:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the report on Joint Meeting dated February 22, 2024, and that Council requests the Clerk to confirm the joint meeting date of Tuesday, April 23, 2024, and to add the following to agenda _____.

TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD

MEMORANDUM

Date: February 22, 2024

To: Mayor Evoy and Council

From: Jennifer Errington, Clerk Administrator

Subject: Council Remuneration Survey Results

Background/Overview:

At the January 18, 2024, Council meeting, Council asked staff to conduct a survey of Central Algoma municipalities regarding the remuneration of Council members, as Laird Council has not had an increase since 2005. Below are the results of the survey.

2024 Council Remuneration Survey - Central Algoma								
Mayor			Council			2021	Council	Meetings
Township	Monthly	Annually	Township	Monthly	Annually	Population	Members	Per Month
Jocelyn	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,200.00	Jocelyn	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,200.00	314	5	1
Hilton Twp.	\$ 180.00	\$ 2,160.00	Hilton Twp.	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,800.00	198	5	1
Laird	\$ 408.33	\$ 4,900.00	Laird	\$ 308.33	\$ 3,700.00	1121	5	1
St. Joseph	\$ 713.48	\$ 8,561.76	St. Joseph	\$ 521.51	\$ 7,500.00	1426	5	2
Johnson	\$ 750.00	\$ 9,000.00	Johnson	\$ 650.00	\$ 7,800.00	749	5	1
Thessalon	\$ 833.33	\$ 10,000.00	Thessalon	\$ 462.44	\$ 5,549.23	1260	7	1
Tarbutt	\$ 602.55	\$ 7,230.60	Tarbutt	\$ 499.59	\$ 5,995.08	573	5	1
Plummer	\$ 753.70	\$ 9,044.40	Plummer	\$ 538.36	\$ 6,460.32	757	5	1
Bruce Mines	\$ 733.87	\$ 8,806.44	Bruce Mines	\$ 554.67	\$ 6,656.04	282	5	1
Huron Shores	\$ 991.05	\$ 11,892.60	Huron Shores	\$ 686.98	\$ 8,243.76	1860	7	1
MMAA	\$ 961.94	\$ 11,543.25	MMAA	\$ 731.00	\$ 8,772.05	1513	5	2
Blind River	\$ 1,195.56	\$ 14,346.72	Blind River	\$ 742.80	\$ 8,913.60	3422	7	2
Hilton Beach	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,800.00	Hilton Beach	\$ 105.00	\$ 1,260.00	204	4	1
High	\$ 1,195.56	\$ 14,346.72		\$ 742.80	\$ 8,913.60			
Low	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,200.00		\$ 100.00	\$ 1,200.00			
Avg	\$ 644.14	\$ 7,729.67		\$ 465.44	\$ 5,680.78			
Note: Jocelyn, Hilton Township, Blind River information is from 2023								

The Municipal Act, 2001, does not provide guidance or guidelines for Council honorariums. It is up to each individual municipality to determine what would be an appropriate honorarium for its council members, taking into consideration such things as size of council, council workload, number of meetings, impact on the annual budget, population, etc. The survey conducted does not capture council workload or the impact on the annual budget, however, it does capture population size, size of council, and the number of meetings per month.

Methodology:

The 2024 Council Remuneration Survey – Central Algoma considers the concept of population, the size of Council, and the number of meetings per month. To accurately review the data, outliers should not be factored in. Outliers are factors that are significantly above or below the average and the inclusion of outliers can distort findings and recommendations. Therefore, on this basis, it is recommended to remove the Township of Jocelyn, Hilton Beach, Hilton Township, Tarbutt and Bruce Mines from consideration, given it was determined population was significantly lower than the Township of Laird. The Town of Blind River has also been removed from consideration given it was determined that the population was significantly higher than the Township of Laird. Also, in considering the averages, the information from the Township of Laird.

2024 Council Remuneration Survey - Central Algoma								
* all 2024 rates, with the exception of Laird								
Mayor			Council			2021	Council	Meetings
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High	\$ 991.05	\$ 11,892.60		\$ 731.00	\$ 8,772.05			
Low	\$ 408.33	\$ 4,900.00		\$ 308.33	\$ 3,700.00			
Avg	\$ 773.12	\$ 9,277.43		\$ 556.95	\$ 6,860.77			

Outcomes:

Based on the methodology described above, the new averages are as follows:

Average of Remuneration for Mayor: \$9,277.43

Average of Remuneration for Council: \$6,860.77

This represents a \$4,377.42 increase for the Mayor and a \$3,160.77 increase for Councillors.

This represents an 89.34% increase for the Mayor and an 85.43% increase for Councillors.

Considerations:

The Township of Laird Council Remuneration has not increased since 2005, and therefore Laird has drastically fallen behind compared to neighbouring municipalities of similar population, council size and number of meetings per month. The Township of Laird Council requires its Councillors to sit on multiple committees and Boards. Some

municipalities pay Councillors extra per meeting for committees and boards, and some municipalities do not have the same committee and board structure we have, unfortunately the survey did not capture this type of information. Increasing the honorarium based on the average would increase the budget by \$17,020.50, which is a large increase, but had an increase occurred regularly since 2005, it wouldn't be as such. Another option for Council to consider is the average that includes the outliers:

Average of Remuneration for Mayor: \$7,729.67

Average of Remuneration for Council: \$5,680.78

This represents a \$2,829.67 increase for the Mayor and a \$1,980.78 increase for Councillors.

This represents a 57.75% increase for the Mayor and a 53.53% increase for Councillors.

Increasing the honorarium based on the average that includes the outliers would increase the budget by \$10,752.79, which is a more conservative increase, however, a regular increase has not occurred regularly since 2005.

Council may want to consider a phased-in increase approach or go with the more conservative increase with a mechanism in place to receive an annual increase similar to staff. Council may also wish to consider a separate remuneration for each Committee and Board meeting they attend. I am aware that some Councils do have a mechanism in place that they only receive the honorarium if they attend a Council meeting or committee meeting.

Recommendation:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the report on Council Remuneration Survey Results dated February 22, 2024, and

THAT Council approves an increase of _____% and _____% for Mayor and Council respectively, effective January 1, 2024.

Application For Consent- L2024-1 (a) & (b) Konka



Description: The owner Steve Konka wishes to create two new lots; the owner will retain one section. The subject property is eligible for a severance, as there have been no severances on this parcel subsequent to passing By-law 531 in 1980.

TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD

MEMORANDUM

Date: February 22, 2024

To: Mayor Evoy and Council

From: Jennifer Errington, Clerk Administrator

Subject: **Blue Box Program Transition to Full Producer Responsibility**

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receives this report for information.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to explain the transition of the provincial Blue Box Program to full producer responsibility, describe the key decisions required during the transition process and inform Council that staff are in discussions with Circular Materials regarding the transition of Laird Township's blue box recycling services on October 1, 2025. Staff will report back with results of the discussions and recommendations for the decisions that need to be made.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Blue Box Regulation:

On June 3, 2021, the Ontario Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks approved [Ontario Regulation 391/21 Blue Box](#) under the [Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016](#). The regulation shifts the responsibility for collection, hauling, processing and marketing of blue box materials, including related promotion and education activity, from communities to producers of paper products, packaging, and packaging-like products. As a result, these producers will become fully financially and operationally responsible for the residential Blue Box Program.

The intent of the regulation is to expand the residential Blue Box Program to all Ontario communities and most First Nation communities, standardize the list of blue box materials collected across the province, require minimum service levels, and establish diversion targets for blue box material. Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority (RPRA) is the regulatory body mandated by the Government of Ontario to enforce the province's circular economy laws and to oversee and monitor producer responsibility programs.

The regulation is being implemented in two phases:

1. Transition (July 1, 2023, to December 31, 2025) – this transition phase enables the producers to transition eligible communities and First Nation communities over a period of two and a half years.

2. Post-transition (starting January 1, 2026) – the full producer responsibility program comes into effect including targets and standardization of blue box materials.

The Township of Laird will transition on October 1, 2025.

The regulation states what entities must be serviced by producers during the transition period and post-transition. These entities are referred to as eligible sources. Eligible sources include:

- residential homes (permanent or seasonal)
- residential units in mixed use buildings
- multi-residential buildings (apartments and condominiums)
- schools (public and private, elementary to secondary, but not post-secondary)
- for-profit long-term care and retirement homes receiving community blue box collection (if service was received as of August 15, 2019)
- non-profit long-term care facilities and retirement homes
- public spaces (e.g., community parks, sidewalks)
- permanent or seasonal households within campgrounds and trailer-parks

Under the regulation, producers have no legal obligation to collect blue box material from non-eligible sources during or after transition as these sources are not captured in the Blue Box Regulation. Therefore, costs associated with providing collection to this sector (and related promotion and education (P&E), administration, and processing) will continue to be the responsibility of Laird Township.

Non-eligible sources include:

- industrial or commercial properties (not including residential units on the property),
- not-for-profit organizations,
- municipal buildings or facilities,
- daycares,
- places of worship (not including a residential home on the property)
- campgrounds and trailer-parks for temporary stay, and
- commercial farms (not including a residential home on the farm property).

Staff will be reporting back with recommendations for Council on whether to continue servicing non-eligible sources during and/or post-transition.

Some of the options staff are considering include:

- 1) Continue co-collection of eligible and non-eligible source blue box material during transition if an arrangement is made with CM or the CM contractor
- 2) Provide separate collection to non-eligible sources during the transition period and/or post-transition, or
- 3) Terminate blue box service to non-eligible sources during and/or post-transition.

Current Blue Box Service:

The following provides a high-level description of Township of Laird's current blue box services.

Depots:

- Laird has a blue box depot located at the Waste Disposal Site and Laird Township participates in a joint depot program with Tarbutt Township and Jocelyn Township which is located on Highway 17 East at the Trading Post at the St. Joseph Island turn-off.
- The Waste Disposal Site blue box depot can be assessed by residential and commercial/institutions (i.e. non-eligible) Laird Township properties. The St. Joseph Island turn-off depot is intended to be used by the municipalities that participate in the joint program which is Tarbutt, Laird, and Jocelyn Township. The joint depot is not monitored and therefore the blue box depot potentially is used by a lot more residents than that of Tarbutt, Laird and Jocelyn Township.
- The Depot collection is serviced by GFL to haul away collections.

Currently, Township of Laird pays the costs to collect, haul and process blue box materials. The Township of Laird's 2022 blue box costs were \$25,979.07 as submitted to the provincial Datacall. Under the current Blue Box Program, producers are required to pay approximately 50% of net blue box operating costs through quarterly payments from Stewardship Ontario. For Ontario communities to receive financial compensation, they must submit annual data to the provincial Datacall. In the last Datacall reporting year, Township of Laird received \$11,185.17 from Stewardship Ontario, representing approximately 50% of our Blue Box Program costs.

Producer Responsibilities and Community Options:

Producers of blue box materials (paper products, packaging and packaging-like products) typically sign up with a Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO) to help them carry out their regulatory obligations under the Blue Box Regulation.

The PRO administering the new residential Blue Box Common Collection System (CCS) in Ontario is [Circular Materials](#) (CM), which represents most producers of blue box materials. CM has assumed responsibility for overseeing and managing procurement for the collection, promotion and education, and receiving/consolidating of blue box materials. Individual PROs are responsible for processing and marketing blue box materials. All Ontario communities must engage with CM to establish their new blue box system which starts on their transition date.

Township of Laird will need to decide between two options that are only applicable during the transition period (until December 31, 2025):

- Option 1: Opt-in and continue to operate the Blue Box Program on behalf of CM,

- Option 2: Opt-out and hand over full operational responsibility of the Blue Box Program to CM. CM will procure a service provider to ensure residents continue to receive blue box service.

Over the coming months, staff will present more information and recommendations to Council regarding the two options, including service and financial implications.

Option 1: Opt-in and provide service as a contractor for CM

All communities have access to agreements on CM's website to provide collection and P&E services as a contractor for CM during the transition period. Service to non-eligible sources may continue under this option with the full cost being paid by the community. If the community chooses this option, blue box operating costs and payment for providing this service from CM will be included in the community budget.

Staff is currently reviewing the applicable agreements and seeking clarity from CM on financial information to determine whether it is in the Township of Laird's best interest to pursue an opt-in agreement.

Option 2: Opt-out and hand over full operational responsibility of the Blue Box Program

CM assumes full operating and financial responsibility for blue box service delivery and procures/manages the service provider.

Depot service - If a depot only community opts out, CM may choose to operate the blue box depot(s) at a different location(s) which may not be as convenient for residents. In addition, CM will not allow non-eligible sources to access their designated depot(s) so Township of Laird would have to arrange and pay for collection, hauling and processing services for non-eligible sources. There may be an opportunity to allow a CM contractor to access our depot location(s), but this would require negotiating a site access agreement or lease to allow a CM contractor to manage blue box services on site. Staff would need to explore this opportunity with CM in advance.

Next Steps

CM has requested that all transitioning communities decide whether they wish to opt-in or opt-out of providing blue box services well in advance of their transition date. Therefore, staff is reviewing the applicable agreements and seeking clarity from CM on financial information to determine whether it is in the Laird Township's best interest to pursue an agreement or hand over operations of the Blue Box Program to CM. Staff will pursue discussions with CM and report back to Council with recommendations regarding managing blue box materials including anticipated financial implications through the transition period and beyond.

January 18, 2024

Dear community partners:

As you are likely aware, in August 2023, the Ontario government announced a provincial strategy to strengthen public health in Ontario. The initiatives in the strategy include clarifying the roles and responsibilities of public health, supporting voluntary mergers of local public health, and reviewing the Ministry's funding methodology for public health.

In this context, the Boards of Health for Algoma Public Health and Public Health Sudbury & Districts are currently undertaking a process to explore a potential merger of the two public health units. We wanted to reach out directly to make sure there was indeed awareness of our current exploratory discussions and provide your council or board with an initial opportunity to comment if you so wish.

In October 2023, the Ontario Ministry of Health identified three desired outcomes to be achieved through voluntary mergers of local public health agencies (LPHAs). The Ministry's desired outcomes are:

- A public health system where all LPHAs have the critical mass and capacity needed to optimize performance and meet unexpected surges in demand.
- A public health system where all LPHAs have the skilled personnel and competencies needed to fully deliver core public health services.
- A cohesive public health system that better aligns with community and system partners to support progress on improving population health outcomes while reducing health inequities.

Our respective Boards of Health are likely to consider the results of the joint feasibility study and then make independent Board decisions in February 2024 to proceed or not with a proposal to government for a voluntary merger.

We invite your council or board to provide us with any initial comments you may have so we can be mindful of them as we have these exploratory discussions.

Our commitment to you, and all our community partners, is that if there are future Board of Health decisions on this proposed merger and after we have received Ministry approval to proceed, we will involve you in the discussions, consultations and work needed to inform the implementation planning.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact us directly:

Algoma Public Health: BOH@algotmapublichealth.ca;

Public Health Sudbury & Districts: quesnelr@phsd.ca.

Best regards,



Sally Hagman
Board of Health Chair
Algoma Public Health



René Lapierre
Board of Health Chair
Public Health Sudbury & Districts

January 20, 2024

To Mayor Shawn Evoy and Councilors:

On behalf of the Algoma Council on Domestic Violence, we wanted to request that the Laird Township follow the Sault Ste. Marie City Council and Declare IPV an Epidemic.

First, we must acknowledge the horrific events that have taken place in our city. The Sault Ste. Marie and Algoma District will feel the impact of this for a very long time as connections to people and services are realized.

Over 90 communities across Ontario have declared intimate partner violence (IPV) an epidemic. Those communities are helping increase awareness and facilitate action to prevent and reduce the prevalence of this important societal problem.

Women In Crisis (Algoma) Inc. has seen an increased need for services as their stats show that in 2022-23, they received 3,275 Crisis Calls, and 498 Walk-Ins and had an occupancy rate of 98%.

The Sault Ste. Marie Police also saw an increase in total calls for service related to IPV in November 2023 compared to 2022. They noted 129 Crimes of Violence related to IPV in November 2023 whereas they noted 101 related to IPV in 2022. Totalling 1201 IPV Crimes of Violence.

It is happening in our community; it is here, and the events experienced in this community very clearly tell us, that the worst possible outcome from IPV can and does happen.

O.A.I.T.H. (Ontario Association of Interval and Transition Houses), has collected femicide data for several years using the hashtag, "We count Femicide because... In December 2023 they released their 2022-2023 Annual Femicide List, which contained the names of 62 femicides from November 26, 2022, to November 26, 2023. Included in this list were the five lives lost to IPV or GBV in Sault Ste. Marie. In 2021-2022 there were 52 femicides in Ontario. Our province is losing a woman a week to IPV; when do we say enough is enough?

As communities continue to declare IPV an epidemic, we must join this movement so the realities of violence in Ontario are responded to and the 86 jury recommendations from the Renfrew County Coroner's Inquest are implemented.

We have the tools, the recommendations, the evidence of need and the capacity to implement. Let us join other communities and help be the voice of women and children who have lost their lives to IPV.

Respectfully,



Christine Simpson,
Algoma Council on Domestic Violence Chair

Whereas the jury that heard the Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk, and Nathalie Warmerdam inquest (The Renfrew County Inquest) issued 86 recommendations to prevent future deaths and delivered those recommendations to the Province of Ontario on Intimate Partner Violence; and

Whereas recommendation #1 of the inquest is for the Province of Ontario to formally declare intimate partner violence an epidemic; and

Whereas every six days in Canada a woman is killed by her intimate partner; and

Whereas this past year in Ontario, 52 women or one every week, were victims of femicide; and

Whereas gender- and sexually-diverse Indigenous individuals are particularly at risk, being five times more likely than non-Indigenous gender- and sexually-diverse individuals to experience intimate partner violence in their lifetime; and

Whereas according to Statistics Canada, 80 per cent of intimate partner violence goes unreported; and

Whereas violence against women costs the national justice system, health care systems, social service agencies, and municipalities nearly \$10 billion dollars per year; and municipalities are _on the frontlines in addressing gender-based violence; and

Whereas over 60 municipalities and regions across Ontario have declared a gender-based violence and/or intimate partner violence epidemic; and

Whereas on August 20, 2023, Ontario Big City Mayors and Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario passed a motion declaring intimate partner violence and gender-based violence an epidemic; called on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all municipalities and regions in Ontario and Canada to do the same; and called for changes to the Criminal Code; and

Whereas Prince Township Council recognizes that issues of gender-based violence and intimate partner violence are matters of local importance, including public health, EMS, community services, and community safety

Now therefore be it resolved:

1. *That Council of Laird Township declare an epidemic in intimate partner violence and gender-based violence in accordance with recommendation #1 of the Renfrew County Inquest;*
2. *That intimate partner violence be integrated into Laird Township community safety and wellbeing plan in accordance with recommendation #10 of the Renfrew County Inquest;*
3. *That Mayor Shawn Evoy be requested to write a letter to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario requesting that the Province of Ontario reconsider their previous decision and declare intimate partner violence and gender-based violence as an epidemic and act on all of 86 recommendations from the Renfrew County Inquest by setting up a provincial implementation committee to oversee comprehensive consideration of all of the recommendations;*
4. *That a copy of this motion be sent to the Honourable Arif Virani, minister of justice; the Honourable Doug Ford, premier of Ontario; the Honourable Charmaine A Williams, associate minister of women's social and economic opportunity; the Honourable Parm Gill, minister of red tape reduction, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities; Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario; and Ontario's Big City Mayors.*



Change is Exciting and we are building for our future – Meet Katie Blunt and Malcolm White!

Ironside Consulting Services Inc. And Antoinette Blunt, are pleased to announce that the team is expanding and so are the community services available. We welcome Katheine Blunt (Katie), as the new President and Malcolm White as a Senior Consultant. Over the next five years, Antoinette Blunt, past President, will gradually reduce her involvement in the company and Katie will gradually assume a more active role. At present, Antoinette remains as a senior consultant and the primary contact for all clients. Check out our website for more information about Antoinette's background.

Katie is currently the Chief Executive Officer of Habitat for Humanity Sault Ste. Marie and Area. In her current position, Katie has collaborated with the Board, staff and volunteers to expand and scale up Habitat's operations. With an understanding of what it takes for community success, Katie has worked diligently to build and leverage collaborative networks by developing external stakeholder relations including with Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services, Canadian Mortgage Housing Corporation, Sal Dan Developments, Soo Mill Buildall, District Social Services Administration Board, and the Mayor's Office and City Council.

Katie is a graduate of McMaster University, with a Master's Degree in Political Science, and an Honours Bachelor's Degree in both Legal Studies and Psychology. Katie is currently working towards a Post-Graduate Certificate in Human Resources from Sault College. While attending at Laurentian University (Algoma University campus), Katie was the recipient of the Judge James Greco Award for Excellence in Law.

Katie's Political acuity and knowledge of global issues, including with NGOs, was enhanced through research for her Masters' degree as well as work experience with City of Sault Ste. Marie and NORDIK Institute. Katie has worked with social enterprises and Business Development Service Providers across northern Ontario to create culturally appropriate resources. Katie gained international experience working at Real Fundraising in London, England where she supervised a team of fundraisers and worked as a face-to-face street fundraiser, raising funds for non-profits such as British Red Cross, World Vision, and Care International, and then she volunteered at an children's home in Ghana, Africa.

Ironside Consulting is also very excited to be able to provide our municipal clients with more services as the business welcomes Malcolm White, Senior Consultant, to the team. Malcolm White recently retired from the role of CAO of the City of Sault Ste. Marie, concluding a 35-year career with the City, that involved roles of Recreation Assistant – Sports/Event/Development, Deputy City Clerk and Manager of Quality Improvement, City Clerk and Deputy CAO – Corporate Services. Malcolm holds an honours Bachelor of Physical and Health Education degree from Laurentian University and the Certified Municipal Officer (CMO) designation from AMCTO, and serves as an instructor for the AMCTO Municipal Administration Program.

Malcolm is well positioned to provide municipal clients with advice and expertise on all aspects of municipal and organizational administration. He has interests in strategic planning, council/board governance, community engagement and staff training. Malcolm can provide training virtually or in person to employees or Councils looking to enhance their understanding of municipal governance or administration.

Do not hesitate to contact Ironside Consulting at: ironsideconsult@outlook.com you are interested in seeking services from Katie, Malcolm or Antoinette. We are looking forward to working with you in the future! For more information see: www.ironsideconsulting.ca.

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February 14, 2024

Re: Catch and Release

At its Council Meeting of February 13, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge passed the following Motion:

WHEREAS this council believes that the safety of our community and its protection from crime in all its forms is of utmost importance.

WHEREAS our taxpayer-funded judicial system exists to protect the public, who in return for their tax dollars are entitled to a system that works.

WHEREAS the number of charges laid for failure to comply with court orders – primarily failure to comply with the terms of a promise to appear, undertaking, recognizance, probation order, or peace bond – are steadily on the rise in the province of Ontario.

WHEREAS there has been a notable increase in the number of violent offences committed in the province of Ontario by individuals who are concurrently subject to release orders.

WHEREAS the Ontario justice system is backlogged, court systems under strain, and police and prosecutors overwhelmed by their caseloads.

WHEREAS we have seen a dramatic lowering of the threshold for release, resulting in violent, serious, or repeat offenders who should by rights have been reasonably detained in custody, released on supervision plans that are increasingly deficient.

WHEREAS the general sense among the criminal population is that breaching bail conditions will not result in much by way of consequence for the offender, as evidenced by a clear pattern province-wide of unjustifiable release, a pattern which is bound to continue given insufficient resources to conduct Crown bail reviews, surety bond estreatment hearings, and ensure the subsequent collection of surety bond funds after judgment.

WHEREAS a 'catch and release' system constitutes a failure of government to perform a core function of its existence, that being the protection of public safety and that this failure constitutes a clear and present danger to the public.

WHEREAS the current hard drug crisis has contributed to a desperate criminal element that is exacting a significant financial and emotional toll on communities across Canada including Cambridge.

WHEREAS our police services are being demoralized by expending precious time and resources having to manage the repeated arrests of these habitual criminal offenders within a system that limits their ability to effectively protect the public.


AND WHEREAS this ineffective follow-through by our judicial system unfairly erodes the public's trust in our police services, who consequently become the target of frustrated and angry residents who feel they are no longer being protected from crime.

AND WHEREAS the increasing erosion of public faith and trust in our judicial system ultimately brings the administration of justice in the province of Ontario into disrepute and leads to a growing feeling amongst residents that they are no longer protected by a system perceived to prioritize the rights and freedoms of the criminal over the rights and safety of themselves and their families.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Clerk for the City of Cambridge send a letter to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Arif Virani, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, Attorney General of Ontario Doug Downey, Ontario Solicitor General Michael Kerzner, the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, MP Bryan May, MP Valerie Bradford, MPP Jess Dixon, MPP Bryan Riddell, Police Chief Mark Crowell, Waterloo Regional Police Service, all Ontario Police Associations and Police Departments, Ontario Provincial Police, all Ontario MPPs and MPs, and all municipalities throughout Ontario for their endorsement consideration, requesting additional funding in Ontario's legal system to support a meaningful resistance to the current "catch and release" practice, including hiring sufficient court staff, with a specific focus on additional assistant Crown Attorneys.

Should you have any questions related to the approved resolution, please contact me.

Yours Truly,



Danielle Manton
City Clerk

Cc: (via email)

Hon. Prime Minister Trudeau

Hon. Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada

Attorney General of Ontario

Ontario Solicitor General

Hon. Premier Ford

Ontario Police Associations

Ontario Police Departments

Ontario MPPs and MPs

All Ontario Municipalities

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD

By-law Number 2010-24

BEING A BY-LAW to confirm proceedings of the meeting of Council, February 22, 2024.

WHEREAS Section 5(3) of the *Municipal Act, R.S.O. 2001*, as amended requires a municipal council to exercise its power by by-law except where otherwise provided;

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

THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. **THAT** the action of the Council at its meeting on February 22, 2024, in respect to each motion, resolution and other action passed and taken by the Council at its said meeting, is, except where prior approval of the Ontario Municipal Board is required, hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed.
2. **THAT** the Mayor and the proper officers of the Township are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the said action or to obtain approvals where required, and to execute all documents as may be necessary and directed to affix the Corporate Seal to all such documents as required.

READ and passed on Open Council this 22nd day of February 2024.

Mayor _____
Shawn Evoy

Seal

Clerk _____
Jennifer Errington