REGULAR AGENDA – AGENDA 27
CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD
August 15, 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 August 15, 2024 agenda as presented.

4. Delegations and Presentations

a. Dwayne Sigfrid, Zoning By-law (re: trailers)
b. Ann & Jamie Melville, Maskinonge Bay concerns
c. Paul Gillingham, Maskinonge Bay concerns
d. Stefanizzi Professional Corporation Chartered Professional Accountant
   i. Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2023 DRAFT *(encl)*
   ii. Laird Township Waste Disposal Site – Liability Report, June 28, 2024, Kresin Engineering Corporation *(encl)*

5. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a. Council Regular Meeting – July 18, 2024 *(encl)*
b. Special Council Meeting – August 13, 2024 *(encl)*

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves Council minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 18, 2024 and the Special Council Meeting of August 13, 2024.

6. Adoption of Accounts

a. General accounts to July 31, 2024 *(encl)*

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the general accounts to July 31, 2024, in the amount of $36,974.22.

b. Roads accounts to July 31, 2024 *(encl)*

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the roads account to July 31, 2024, in the amount of $42,379.99 as presented.

7. Staff and Committee Reports

a. **Road Superintendent** (Roads, Waste Disposal & Recycling, and Maintenance)
   i. Road Superintendent Report
   ii. Council Q&A
   iii. 2024 Municipal Bridge Inspection *(encl)*

   Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the 2024 Municipal Bridge Inspection report.

b. Clerk Administrator, Deputy Treasurer
   i. Clerk's Report
   ii. Council Q&A

c. Treasurer's Report
d. Recreation Committee & Recreation Sub-Committees
e. Cemetery Board
f. Planning Board
g. Police Detachment Board
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 July 18, 2024, Task Summary Sheet & Recent Activity Log and the Concern/Information Log as presented.

c. Memo: Maskinonge Bay Concerns *(encl)*

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the report on the Maskinonge Bay concerns.

9. New Business

a. Take Root Desbarats to Echo Bay *(encl)*

Recommendation: Discussion

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 discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

a. Approval of closed meeting minutes of July 18, 2024
b. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees. (2 matters)

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

12. Communications and Correspondence

a. Mike Mantha, RE: AMO Conference – July 29, 2024 *(encl)*
b. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH), RE: Planning Act and Development Charges Act Regulations related to the Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024 (Bill 185) – July 3, 2024 *(encl)*

c. North Shore Agricultural Society (NSAS), RE: Thank You for Support – August 9, 2024 *(encl)*

d. Ombudsman Ontario, RE: Annual Report
Note: Annual Report is available to be viewed at the Township Office.

13. Mayor and Council Comments

14. By-laws

a. 2025-24 Conformity By-law *(encl)*

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts By-law 2025-24 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on August 15, 2024.

15. Adjournment

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council shall now adjourn to meet again on September 19, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.

The Corporation of the Township of Laird

Consolidated Financial Statements
For the year ended December 31, 2023

The Corporation of the Township of Laird
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For the year ended December 31, 2023

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Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The accompanying financial statements for the Corporation of the Township of Laird (the "Township") are the responsibility of management of the township and have been prepared in compliance with legislation, and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principals for local governments established by the Public Sector Accounting Board. A summary of significant accounting policies are described in Note 1 of the financial statements. The preparation of the financial statements involves the use of estimates based on mangement's judgement, including transcations in the current financial period relating to future periods.

Management maintains and monitors a system of internal controls which are designed to provide reasonable assurance that transactions are properly authorized and recorded in compliance with regulatory and legislative requirements, reliable financial information is available on a timely basis and assets are appropriately safeguarded.

Council is responsible to ensure mangement fulfills its responsibilities for financial reporting and is ultimately responsible for reviewing and approving the financial statements.

These financial statements have been audited by Stefanizzi Professional Corporation in accordance with Canadian Auditing Standards on behalf of the inhabitants and ratepayers of the Township. The accompanying auditor's report outlines thier responsibilities, the scope of the examination and the opinion on the Township's financial statements.

Clerk

Treasurer

Independent Auditors' Report

To the Members of Council, inhabitants and Ratepayers of The Corporation of the Township of Laird:

Opinion
I have audited the consolidated financial statements of The Corporation of the Township of Laird (the Township), which comprise the consolidated balance sheet as at December 31, 2022, and the consolidated statements of operations and accumulated surplus, change in net financial assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes, comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In my opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of The Corporation of the Township of Laird as at December 31, 2022, and the consolidated results of its operations, its' consolidated change in net financial assets and its' consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Basis for Opinion
I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements section of my report. I am independent of the Township in accordance with the ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Emphasis of Matter - Comparative information

I draw attention to Note 2 of the financial statements, which explains that certain comprative information presented for the year ended December 31, 2022 has been restated

Note 2 explains the circumstances for the restatement and summarizes the adjustments which were applied to the year ended December 31, 2022. Our opinion is not modified on this matter.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Consolidated Financial Statements
Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Township's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Township or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so. Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Township's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statement

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtaining an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Township's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of the auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Township to cease as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I also communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

I also provide those charged with governance with a statement that I have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on my independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

Stefanizzi Professional Corporation
Chartered Professional Accountant, authorized to practice public accounting by
The Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario

The Corporation of the Township of Laird
Consolidated Balance Sheet

As at December 31,	2023	2022 (Restated)
Financial Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents (note 3)	$ 1,460,328	$ 1,244,125
Taxes receivable - no allowance	199,105	73,187
Accounts receivable - no allowance	192,896	256,324
Government remittances recoverable	147,309	393,737
	1,999,638	1,967,373
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	39,857	94,079
Asset retirement obligation (note 5)	1,859,040	1,825,116
	1,898,897	1,919,196
Net financial assets	100,741	48,177
Non-financial assets		
Tangible capital assets (schedule 1)	9,666,413	9,305,051
Accumulated surplus (note 6)	$ 9,767,154	$ 9,353,228

Approved on behalf of council:

__________________________ Clerk
Jennifer Errington

__________________________ Treasurer
Rhonda Crozier

The Corporation of the Township of Laird
Consolidated Statement of Operations

Year ended December 31, (with comparative figures for the prior year)

	Budget 2023	Actual 2023	Actual 2022 (Restated)
	(unaudited, see note 7)		
Revenues			
Taxation (note 8)	$ 1,799,639	$ 1,783,829	$ 1,740,904
Federal grants	69,299	69,299	68,575
Provincial grants	1,193,079	829,689	899,897
Other municipalities	2,000	4,376	10,288
Fees and user charges	68,560	137,880	364,431
Other Income	46,711	52,897	74,479
	3,179,288	2,877,970	3,158,574
Expenditures			
Current			
General government	400,559	414,804	399,495
Protection	272,157	267,808	263,314
Transportation services	691,319	851,287	796,317
Environmental services	82,755	158,310	346,957
Health Services	47,332	51,593	49,337
Social and family services	494,054	491,054	471,170
Recreation and cultural services	176,078	210,805	188,494
Planning and development	17,429	18,383	11,979
	2,181,683	2,464,044	2,527,063
Annual surplus	997,605	413,926	631,511
Annual surplus beginning of year,	9,353,228	9,353,228	8,721,717
Accumulated surplus, end of year	$10,350,833	$ 9,767,154	$ 9,353,228

The Corporation of the Township of Laird
Consolidated Statement of Change in Net Assets

Year ended December 31, (with comparative figures for the prior year)

	Budget (Unaudited) 2023	Actual 2023	Actual 2022 (Restated)
Annual surplus	$ 997,605	$ 413,926	$ 631,511
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(669,941)	(729,644)	(634,315)
Amortization of tangible capital assets	-	368,283	323,491
Net change in net financial assets	327,664	52,565	320,687
Net financial assets, beginning of year	(226,107)	(226,107)	(546,794)
Net financial assets, end of year	$ 101,557	$ (173,542)	$ (226,107)

The Corporation of the Township of Laird
Consolidated Statement of Cash Flow

For the year ended December 31,	2023	2022 (Restated)
Cash provided by (used for):		
Operating transactions		
Increase in accumulated surplus	$ 413,926	$ 631,511
Changes in non-cash operating items:		
Increase (Decrease) in taxes receivable	(125,918)	108,287
Increase (Decrease) in accounts receivable	63,428	253,697
(Increase) Decrease in accounts payable	(54,224)	55,279
Increase in asset retirement obligation	33,924	-
(Decrease) in Government remittances recoverable	246,428	(111,915)
PSAS 3280 adjustment to landfill site liability	-	271,873
	577,564	1,208,732
Annual depreciation	368,283	323,491
	945,847	1,532,223
Capital transactions		
Capital additions	(729,644)	(634,315)
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents for the year	216,203	897,908
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	1,244,125	346,217
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	$ 1,460,328	$ 1,244,125

1. Summary of significant accounting policies

Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements of The Corporation of the Township of Laird are the representation of management prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards for local governments as recommended by the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada. Since precise determination of many assets and liabilities is dependent upon future events, the preparation of periodic financial statements necessarily involves the use of estimates and approximations.

The focus of these PSAB financial statements is on the financial position of the municipality and the changes thereto. The Consolidated Balance Sheet reports financial and non-financial assets and liabilities of the Municipality. Financial assets are those assets which could provide resources to discharge existing liabilities or finance future operations. Municipal position represents the financial position and is the difference between assets and liabilities. This provides information about the municipality's overall future revenue requirements and its ability to finance activities and meet its obligations.

Consolidated entities

These consolidated statements reflect the assets, liabilities, sources of financing and expenditures of the revenue fund, capital fund, reserve funds and reserves and include the activities of all committees of the Council.

All interfund assets and liabilities and sources of financing and expenditures have been eliminated.

Non-consolidated entities

The following local boards, joint local boards and municipal enterprises are not consolidated:

Algoma District Services Administration Board
Algoma Public Health
Algoma District Homes for the Aged

Revenue recognition

Revenues and expenditures are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Expenditures are recognized in the period the goods or services are acquired and a legal liability is incurred or transfers are due. Revenues are recognized as follows:

a) Tax revenue is recognized in the calendar year to which the tax assessment applies and the assessment is known.

b) Fines and donations are recognized when collected.

c) Fees and user charges are recognized when the services are performed or goods are delivered, collection of the relevant receivable is probable, persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists and fees are fixed or determinable. Amounts received for future services are deferred until the service is provided.

d) Interest income is recognized in the period in which it is earned.

Deferred revenue
Revenue restricted by legislation, regulation or agreement and not available for general municipal purposes is reported as deferred revenue on the consolidated balance sheet. The revenue is reported on the consolidated statement of financial activities in the year in which it is used for the specified purpose.

Reserves and reserve funds
Certain amounts, as approved by council, are set aside in reserves and reserve funds for future operating and capital purposes. Transfers to and/or from reserves and reserve funds are an adjustment to the respective fund when approved.

Government transfers
Government transfers are recognized in the financial statements as revenues in the period in which events giving rise to the transfer occur, providing the transfers are authorized, and eligibility criteria have been met and reasonable estimates of the amounts can be made.

Contributed goods and services
Goods and services contributed to the Township are recorded at their fair market value at the time of their occurrence.

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents include bank deposits and short-term GICs that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and that are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value. These cash equivalents generally have a maturity of five months or less at acquisition and are held for the purpose of meeting short-term cash commitments rather than for investing.

Use of estimates
The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Estimates include allowance for doubtful accounts, inventory obsolescence, environmental liabilities, useful life of capital assets, and accruals. Actual results could differ from management's best estimates as additional information becomes available in the future.

Accounting for school board transactions
The taxation, other revenues, expenditures, assets and liabilities with respect to the operations of the school boards are not reflected in the municipal fund balances of these consolidated financial statements.

Trust funds
Trust funds and their related operations administered by the Municipality are not consolidated, but are reported separately on the Trust Funds Statement of Continuity and Balance Sheet.

Basis of accounting
Sources of financing and expenses are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. The accrual basis of accounting recognizes revenues as they become available and measurable; expenditures are recognized as they are incurred and measurable as a result of receipt of goods or services and the creation of a legal obligation to pay.

Asset retirement obligations

The liability for closure of operational site and post-closure care has been recognized based on estimated future expenses, estimated inflation and the usage of the site's capacity during the year.

Non-financial assets

Non-financial assets are not available to discharge existing liabilities and are held for use in the provision of services. They have useful lives extending beyond the current year, and are not intended for sale in the ordinary course of operations. The change in non-financial assets during the year, together with the excess of revenue over expenses, provides the change in net financial assets for the year.

(a) Capital assets

Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost, which includes all amounts that are directly attributable to the acquisition, construction, development or betterment of the tangible asset. The cost, less residual value, of the tangible capital assets are amortized on a straight-line bases over their estimated useful lives as follows:

	Useful Life - Years
Buildings	40
Roads	10 - 50
Sidewalks	30
Bridge structure	30
Water infrastructure	50
Sewer infrastructure	50
Fleet	8-20

In the year of acquisition, capital assets are amortized at one-half the above rates.

(b) Contribution of tangible capital assets

Tangible capital assets received as contributions are recorded at their fair value at the date of receipt, and that fair value is also recorded as revenue.

(c) Interest capitalization

Interest is capitalized whenever external debt is issued to finance the construction of tangible capital assets.

(d) Leases

Leases are classified as capital or operating leases. Leases which transfer substantially all of the benefits and risks incidental to ownership of property are accounted for as capital leases. All other leases are accounted for as operating leases and the related lease payments are charged to expenses as incurred.

Amounts to be recovered

Amounts to be recovered are reported in the municipal position on the consolidated balance sheet. The balance represents future expenditures not yet levied on the ratepayers.

Budget figures
Budget figures have been reclassified for the purposes of these financial statements to comply with PSAB reporting requirements. The approved operating budget and capital budgets are reflected on the Consolidated Statement of Operations and are unaudited. The budgets established for capital investment in tangible capital assets are on a project-oriented basis, the costs of which may be carried out over one or more years and, therefore, may not be comparable with current year's actual expenditure amounts. As well, the Township does not budget activity within Reserves and Reserve Funds, with the exception being those transactions, which affect either operations or capital investments.

Future Employee Benefits
The Municipality participates in a pension plan for employees. The Municipality is an employer member of the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS), which is a multi-employer, defined benefit pension plan. The Board of Trustees, representing plan members and employers, is responsible for overseeing the management of the pension plan, including investment of the assets and administration of benefits. The Municipality has adopted defined contribution plan accounting principles for this plan because insufficient information is available to apply defined benefit plan accounting principles. The Municipality records as pension expense the current service cost, amortization of past service costs and interest costs related to the future employer contributions to the plan for past employee service, where applicable.

Financial Instruments
The Township initially measures its financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value adjusted by, in the case of a financial instrument that will not be measured subsequently at fair value, the amount of transaction costs directly attributable to the instrument.

The Municipality subsequently measures its financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost, except for investments in equity securities that are quoted in an active market or financial assets or liabilities designated to the fair value category, which are subsequently measured at fair value. Unrealized changes in fair value are recognized in the statement of operations.

The Township's financial instruments measured at amortized cost consist of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, landfill site closure liability, deferred revenue and municipal long-term debt. Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the Township is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risks arising from these financial instruments. The fair value of these financial instruments approximate their carrying value.

2. Change in accounting policy - adoption of PSAS 3280

On January 1, 2022, the Township adopted Public Sector Accounting Standard PS 3280 - Asset Retirement Obligations. This new accounting standards replaces the existing PS 3270 - Solid Waste Landfill Closure and Post-Closure Liability. The new standard also addresses the reporting of legal obligations associated with the retirement of certain tangible capital assets. With the exception of the landfill, no other asset retirement obligations were identified. The standard was adopted on the modified retrospective basis at the date of adoption.

The Township removed the landfill liability that had been recognized to date and recognized an asset retirement obligation upon adoption of PS 3280. The liability represented the required closure and post-closure care of the landfill site owned by the municipality

As at January 1, 2022, the adoption of this standard required the restatement of the following balances previously reported. The adjustments were as follows;

- Landfill obligation:
  - The removal of the previously stated landfill site closure liability of $274,275 and recording of the asset retirement obligation of $1,825,116.
- Tangible capital assets:
  - An increase of $1,825,116 to the corresponding asset for the landfill.
- Accumulated Surpus:
  - An increase to the invested in tanglible capital asset fund of $1,825,116
  - A decrease of the reserve for working capital of $1,825,116

3. Cash and cash equivalents

	2023	2022
Unrestricted cash	$ 573,526	$ 875,695
Temporary investments	886,802	368,429
	$ 1,460,328	$ 1,244,124

Temporary investments held by the municipality include guaranteed investment certificates, government bonds and securities. Interest rates on fixed income investments range from 0.5% to 3.5% and mature between February 2024 and September 2025.

4. Bank indebtedness

The bank indebtedness includes an authorized overdraft limit of $100,000 at a rate of bank prime plus 0.5% per annum. The overdraft is secured by a pledge agreement covering taxes receivable of the Township.

5. Asset retirement obligation

The Township owns and operates one landfill site. The liability for the closure of operational sites and post-closure care has been recognized under PS 3280 – Asset Retirement Obligation. The costs were based upon the most recent valuation prepared on December 31, 2023. The estimated year of closure for the landfill is 2073 and 30 year post closure activies have been estimated by the engineer.

The present value of the closure and post closure costs are estimated at $1,859,040 using a discount rate of 2.25%. A reserve of $276,274 has been established to fund the future closure costs.

6. Accumulated surplus

The accumulated surplus is comprised of the following:

	2023	2022
Fund balances set aside for specific purposes by Council:		
- to be applied to the operation of local boards	$ 69,960	$ 69,785
Reserves set aside for specific purposes by Council:		
- For general and administrative use	(905,492)	(1,168,437)
- Laird Fair Grounds	6,400	-
- Bar River Hall	113,875	133,524
- Heritage	15,000	-
- G.W Evoy Rink	27,500	-
- Fire department capital	220,032	170,032
- Landfill closure and post-closure	276,775	274,275
- Road equipment	-	267,550
- Wharf	276,691	284,903
- Recreation general	-	35,746
	30,781	(2,407)
Total operating, reserves and reserve funds	100,741	67,378
Invested in tangible capital assets	9,666,413	9,305,051
Funds to be provided from future revenues	-	(19,201)
Accumulated surplus	$ 9,767,154	$ 9,353,228

7. Budget reconciliation

The authority of Council is required before monies can be spent by the Township. Approvals are given in the form of an annually approved budget. The budget approved by Council differs from the budget in the Consolidated Statement of Operations as a result of numerous factors and material changes due to PSAB reporting requirements.

	(Unaudited)	
	Revenue	Expenses
Council approved budget		
Operating fund	$ 3,179,288	$ 2,181,683
Reserves and reserve funds	265,051	1,262,656
	3,444,339	3,444,339
Capital budget	-	-
Total approved by council	3,444,339	3,444,339
Less tangible capital assets capitalized	-	(696,875)
Less; budgeted reserve transactions	(265,051)	(565,781)
Budget per consolidated statement of operations	$ 3,179,288	$ 2,181,683

8. Taxation

	2023	**2022**
Taxation revenue	$ 2,069,630	$ 1,990,861
Less: Amount levied and remitted to school boards	285,801	249,957
	$ 1,783,829	$ 1,740,904

9. Expenditures by object

	2023	2022
Salaries, wages and employee benefits	$ 575,984	$ 505,802
Materials	666,944	626,134
Amortization	368,282	323,490
Contracted and general services	851,893	1,069,680
	$ 2,463,103	$ 2,525,106

10. Pension agreements

OMERS provides pension services to municipal employees in Ontario. Each year an independent actuary determines the funding status of OMERS Primary Pension Plan (the plan) by comparing the actuarial value of invested assets to the estimated present value of all pension benefits that members have earned to date. Because OMERS is a multi-employer plan, any pension plan surplus or deficit are a joint responsibility of Ontario municipal organizations and their employees. As a result, the Municipality does not recognize any share of the OMERS pension surplus or deficit. The Municipality contributes to OMERS on behalf of its employees.

Contributions made in 2023 were in the amount of $35,541 (2022 - $28,614).

11. Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act

No employee was paid an annual salary of $100,000 or more as defined by the Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act, 1996.

12. Contributions to unconsolidated joint boards

The following contributions were made by the Township to these boards:

	2023	2022
Algoma District Service Administration Board	$ 491,054	$ 471,170
Algoma Public Health	45,332	42,122
	$ 536,386	$ 513,292

The Township is contingently liable for its share of any accumulated deficits of the above boards as well as long term liabilities issued by other Municipalities for these boards.

13. Trust funds

Trust funds administrated by the Township amounting to $35,937 (2022 - $33,210) have not been included in the "Consolidated Balance Sheet" nor have their operations been included in the "Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities".

14. Segmented information

The municipality is a diversified local government institution that provides a wide range of services to its citizens. For management reporting purposes, municipal operations and activities are organized and reported by Fund. Funds were created for the purpose of recording specific activities to attain certain objectives in accordance with special regulations, restrictions or limitations.

Municipal services are provided by departments and their activities are reported in these funds. Certain departments that have been separately disclosed in the segmented information, along with the services they provide, are as follows:

General government
The administration department oversees the delivery of all government services. The department is responsible for ensuring that there are adequate policies and procedures in place to safeguard assets and to properly report financial activities. In addition, this department includes the governance activities of council.

Protection
Protection is comprised of the police, fire/emergency, by-law enforcement and building inspections departments. The mandate of the police is to ensure the safety of the lives and property of citizens; preserve peace and good order; prevent crimes from occurring; detect offenders; and enforce the law. The fire/emergency department is responsible to provide fire suppression service; fire prevention programs; training and education related to prevention, detection or extinguishments of fires. The by-law enforcement and building inspection department ensures properties are in compliance with applicable legislation, by-laws, building standards and construction codes.

Transportation
The transportation department is responsible for the delivery of municipal public works services related to the planning, development and maintenance of roadway systems, winter control and street lighting.

Environmental
The environmental department provides garbage collection and waste minimization programs and facilities for solid waste disposal.

Health
Through the Algoma Health Unit, the municipality contributes to public health services and education and through the Algoma District Services Administration Board, to ambulance services. In addition, this department oversees the care and maintenance of municipal cemeteries.

17. Segmented information (cont'd.)

Social and family
Through the Algoma District Services Administration Board, the municipality contributes to social assistance payments, child care services and social housing.

Recreation and cultural
The recreation and cultural department provides public services that contribute to neighbourhood development and sustainability through the provision of recreation and leisure services such as parks, arena, fitness and sports programs. It provides public services that contribute to healthy communities through partnerships, promotion, prevention, protection and enforcement. The department also contributes towards the information needs of the municipality's citizens through the provision of library services.

Planning
The planning department provides a diverse bundle of services. It manages development for business interests, environmental concerns, heritage matters and neighbourhoods through planning and community development activities. It facilitates economic development by providing services for the approval of all land development plans.

For each reported segment, revenues and expenses include both amounts that are directly attributable to the segment and amounts that are allocated on a reasonable basis. Therefore, certain allocation methodologies are employed in the preparation of segmented financial information.

The Corporation of the Township of Laird

Schedule 1

Schedule of Tangible Capital Assets

Year ended December 31, 2023

	Cost				Accumulated Amortization				2023	2022
	2023 Opening Balance	Additions and Betterments	Disposals/ Transfers	2023 Closing Balance	2023 Opening Balance	2023 Amortization Expense	Accumulated Amortization on Disposals	2023 Ending Balance	Net Book Value	Net Book Value
Land	$ 123,159	$ -	$ -	$ 123,159	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 123,159	$ 123,159
Land improvements	9,830	-	-	9,830	9,830	-	-	9,830	-	-
Buildings	947,096	344,291	-	1,291,387	349,301	31,488	-	380,789	910,598	597,795
Roads	7,356,653	115,070	-	7,471,723	5,183,507	121,477	-	5,304,984	2,166,739	2,173,146
Equipment	221,661	21,186	-	242,847	88,423	19,718	-	108,141	134,706	133,238
Bridge structure	4,633,924	-	-	4,633,924	603,012	89,517	-	692,529	3,941,395	4,030,912
Automotive	1,074,980	242,925	-	1,317,905	696,037	66,177	-	762,214	555,691	378,943
Waste management land	1,867,858	6,172	-	1,874,030	-	39,905	-	39,905	1,834,125	1,867,858
	$16,235,161	$ 729,644	$ -	$16,964,805	$ 6,930,110	$ 368,282	$ -	$ 7,298,392	$ 9,666,413	$ 9,305,051

The Corporation of the Township of Laird

Schedule 2

Segment Disclosures - Service Bundle

Year ended December 31, 2023

	General Government	Protection services	Transportation services	Environmental services	Health services	Social and family services	Recreation and cultural services	Planning and development	Total
Expenditures									
Salaries and wages	$ 259,148	$ 27,364	$ 176,876	$ 36,530	$ 6,261	$ -	$ 69,805	$ -	$ 575,984
Materials, good and supplies	70,314	82,476	376,470	-	-	-	120,247	17,437	666,944
Contracted & general services	78,864	157,187	-	79,456	45,332	491,054	-	-	851,893
Amortization expenses	6,478	782	297,941	42,325	-	-	20,756	-	368,282
	414,804	267,809	851,287	158,311	51,593	491,054	210,808	17,437	2,463,103
Revenues									
Taxation	300,409	193,953	616,519	114,652	37,363	355,632	152,671	12,629	1,783,828
User charges	23,220	14,991	47,653	8,862	2,888	27,488	11,801	976	137,879
External non-tax revenues	161,041	103,973	330,499	61,462	20,029	190,644	81,844	6,769	956,261
	484,670	312,917	994,671	184,976	60,280	573,764	246,316	20,374	2,877,968
Annual Surplus	$ 69,866	$ 45,108	$ 143,384	$ 26,665	$ 8,687	$ 82,710	$ 35,508	$ 2,937	$ 414,865

The Corporation of the Township of Laird
Segment Disclosures - Service Bundle

Schedule 3

Year ended December 31, 2022

	General Government	Protection services	Transportation services	Environmental services	Health services	Social and family services	Recreation and cultural services	Planning and development	Total
Expenditures									
Salaries and wages	$ 233,864	$ 22,183	$ 170,417	$ 37,618	$ 5,215	$ -	$ 36,505	$ -	$ 505,802
Materials, good and supplies	76,834	74,998	326,767	-	-	-	135,555	11,980	626,134
Contracted & general services	82,319	165,154	-	306,920	44,117	471,170	-	-	1,069,680
Amortization expenses	6,478	978	299,133	2,419	-	-	14,482	-	323,490
	399,495	263,313	796,317	346,957	49,332	471,170	186,542	11,980	2,525,106
Revenues									
Taxation	275,427	181,538	549,011	239,205	34,011	324,842	128,607	8,260	1,740,901
User charges	57,656	38,002	114,927	50,074	7,120	68,001	26,922	1,729	364,431
External non-tax revenues	166,632	109,830	332,149	144,718	20,576	196,528	77,809	4,997	1,053,239
	499,715	329,370	996,087	433,997	61,707	589,371	233,338	14,986	3,158,571
Annual Surplus	$ 100,220	$ 66,057	$ 199,770	$ 87,040	$ 12,375	$ 118,201	$ 46,796	$ 3,006	$ 633,465

Independent Auditors' Report

To the Management of The Corporation of the Township of Laird:

I have audited the consolidated financial statements of the Trust Funds of The Corporation of the Township of Laird, which comprise the balance sheet as at December 31, 2023 and the statement of continuity of trust funds for the year then ended.

Management's Responsibility for the consolidated *Financial Statements*

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Opinion

In my opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the balance sheet of the Trust Funds of The Corporation of the Township of Laird as at December 31, 2023 and the results of its activities for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Stefanizzi Professional Corporation
Chartered Professional Accountant, authorized to practice public accounting by
Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario

The Corporation of the Township of Laird
Trust Funds
Balance Sheet

As at December 31,

		Actual 2023		Actual 2022
Assets				
Cash	$	9,955	$	7,852
Term deposits		25,982		25,835
	$	35,937	$	33,687
Fund Balance	$	35,937	$	33,687

The Corporation of the Township of Laird
Trust Funds
Statement of Continuity

Year ended December 31, (with comparative figures for the prior year)

	Actual 2023	Actual 2022
Balance, beginning of year	$ 33,687	$ 32,873
Revenues		
Trust receipts	2,250	814
Balance, end of year	$ 35,937	$ 33,687

1. Summary of significant accounting policies

Management responsibility

The consolidated financial statements of The Corporation of the Township of Laird Trust Funds are the representation of management prepared in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards. Since precise determination of many assets and liabilities is dependent upon future events, the preparation of periodic financial statements necessarily involves the use of estimates and approximations.

Basis of accounting

Revenue and expenditures are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. The accrual basis of accounting recognizes revenues as they become available and measurable; expenditures are recognized as they are incurred and measurable as a result of receipt of goods or services and the creation of a legal obligation to pay.

Independent Auditors' Report

To the Management of The Corporation of the Township of Laird:

Report on the consolidated *Financial Statements*

I have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of the Laird Township Cemetery Board as at December 31, 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities and fund balances for the year then ended.

Management's Responsibility for the consolidated *Financial Statements*

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

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I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Opinion

In my opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial activities of the Laird Township Cemetery Board as at December 31, 2023 and the results of its operations and fund balances for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Stefanizzi Professional Corporation
Chartered Professional Accountant, authorized to practice public accounting by
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June 28, 2024
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By EMail

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Township of Laird
RR#4, 3 Pumpkin Point Road
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Dear Ms. Errington,

Re: <u>Laird Township Waste Disposal Site – Liability Report</u>

The purpose of this letter is to present an estimate of the Township's waste disposal site closure and post-closure liability in accordance with Section PS 3280 – Asset Retirement Obligations of the Public Sector Accounting Handbook.

<u>PS 3280</u>

PS 3280 applies to legal obligations associated with the retirement of a tangible capital asset controlled by a public sector entity resulting from its acquisition, construction, development, or normal use. This Section establishes standards on how to account for and report the liability for closure and post-closure care of waste disposal sites (or landfills). Only expenditures relating to activities required when a site stops accepting waste are considered, including (as identified in PS 3280):

Closure activities (all activities relating to site closure):

1. Final cover and vegetation; and,
2. Completing facilities for:
   a. drainage control features;
   b. leachate monitoring;
   c. water quality monitoring; and,
   d. monitoring and recovery of gas.

Post-closure care activities (all activities related to monitoring the closed site):

1. Land acquisition for buffer zones;
2. Treatment and monitoring of leachate;
3. Monitoring ground and surface water;
4. Gas monitoring and recovery; and,
5. Ongoing maintenance (eg. drainage, vegetation and cover systems).

It is also noted in PS 3280 that closure and post-closure care activities may change/differ depending on site characteristics and requirements. Site-specific considerations must also be included when determining liability. An evaluation of closure and post-closure liability under PS 3280 does not include allowances for establishing new and/or additional waste disposal sites/alternatives.

Reporting Requirements

Prior to closing the site (ie. at 90% capacity or 2 years prior to the anticipated closure date), a closure report must be prepared, including (but not limited to):

1. A plan showing site appearance and final contours;
2. A description of the site's end-use;
3. An updated estimate of the site's contaminating life span;
4. Descriptions of procedures for closing the site (eg. notification, site security, facilities for ongoing monitoring); and,
5. Descriptions of post-closure care requirements (eg. complaint tracking and response procedures, monitoring).

Following site closure, an annual report must be prepared and submitted to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) for the duration of the site's contaminating lifespan. Annual post-closure reports are similar to the annual operations reports currently being prepared and include, among other requirements:

1. Results from and interpretation of ground and surface water monitoring programs;
2. Assessment of the cover system and the need for repairs;
3. Summary of public complaints; and,
4. An updated estimate of the contaminating lifespan.

Site-Specific Considerations

The Site has been in service for roughly 41 years and is estimated to close in approximately 50 years from now. It is assumed that post-closure monitoring would continue for a period of 30 years (to 2103).

Site Capacity

Based on the height (2.4 meters) and depth of waste (between 2.4 meters to 3.0 meters) proposed in the original application, it is estimated that the capacity of the Site is in the range of 300,000 m^3. It is estimated that the remaining capacity of the Site is 248,904 m^3. Although additional capacity is available at the site; however, an 80 year planning period (50yrs + 30yrs) was incorporated into the liability calculations presented in this letter.

Cost Estimates

Estimated closure and post-closure costs are presented in Tables 1 and 2 respectively.

Table 1: Estimated Costs at Closure					
	Item	**Unit**	**Unit Cost**	**No.**	**Cost**
1)	Closure Plan	L.S.	$40,000	1	$40,000
2)	Final Cover:				
	- medium permeability	m^3	$38	15,360	$583,680
	- topsoil	m^3	$50	3,840	$192,000
	- seed	m^2	$1.90	25,600	$48,640
3)	Final Survey	L.S.	$3,000	1	$3,000.00
					$867,320

Table 2: Estimated Annual Post-Closure Care Costs		
	Item	**Cost (2023)**
1)	Monitoring Well Maintenance*	$730
2)	GW and SW Monitoring	$8,400
3)	Annual Report	$10,400
4)	General Site Maintenance*	$1,300
		$20,830

* Allowances only and may not be required every year.

Liability for Financial Statement

Calculations were completed with the Site closed during the 2073 calendar year. To calculate present value and liability we assumed post-closure care activities would carry-on for a period of 30 years (2074 to 2103, this is variable), an inflation rate of 2.25% and a rate of return/discount rate of 3%. With these assumptions, the present value of the closure and post-closure costs are $1,859,039.96 which equates to the liability recognized. Landfill liability calculations are appended.

Closure

We believe that the contents of this letter provide the information requested to prepare the Township's Financial Statements. If you would like us to complete the computations using a different rate of return and/or inflation rate (or other change), please let me know.

Should you have any questions or require clarification in this regard, please contact the undersigned.

Thank you.

Yours Very Truly,
Kresin Engineering Corporation

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LANDFILL LIABILITY CALCULATIONS
IN ACCORDANCE WITH PS 3280 - ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATIONS
THIS SPREADSHEET CALCULATES LIABILITY AND EXPENSES CONSIDERING PSAB STANDARD 3280 (replaces PSAB 3270)

Assumes a landfill closure date of:	year 2073	
Number of Years to Closure:	50	
Inflation rate	2.25%	
Amortization (per year):	2.00%	(calculated as 100% divided by the number of years to closure)
Discount Rate:	3.00%	
Closure Cost:	$867,320	(2023 Closure Cost)
Annual Monitoring Cost:	$20,830	(monitoring may continue for at least 30 years following closure)

Closure Cost *(inflated annually)*	Year	Cash Flow Dec 31 *(inflated annually)*	Liability NPV*	Amt Cap 2023^	Accretion	Amortization	TCA Recognized	Expense	
$867,320	2023	$20,830.00	$1,859,039.96	$1,825,116.47	$33,923.49	$36,502.33	$1,788,614.14	$70,425.82	
$886,835	2024	$21,298.68	$1,893,512.49		$34,472.52	$73,004.66	$1,752,111.81	$70,974.85	
$906,788	2025	$21,777.90	$1,928,539.97		$35,027.48	$109,506.99	$1,715,609.48	$71,529.81	
$927,191	2026	$22,267.90	$1,964,128.27		$35,588.30	$146,009.32	$1,679,107.15	$72,090.63	
$948,053	2027	$22,768.93	$2,000,283.19		$36,154.92	$182,511.65	$1,642,604.82	$72,657.25	
$969,384	2028	$23,281.23	$2,037,010.46		$36,727.27	$219,013.98	$1,606,102.49	$73,229.60	
$991,195	2029	$23,805.05	$2,074,315.72		$37,305.26	$255,516.31	$1,569,600.16	$73,807.59	
$1,013,497	2030	$24,340.67	$2,112,204.52		$37,888.80	$292,018.64	$1,533,097.84	$74,391.13	
$1,036,301	2031	$24,888.33	$2,150,682.33		$38,477.80	$328,520.96	$1,496,595.51	$74,980.13	
$1,059,618	2032	$25,448.32	$2,189,754.48		$39,072.15	$365,023.29	$1,460,093.18	$75,574.48	
$1,083,459	2033	$26,020.91	$2,229,426.20		$39,671.73	$401,525.62	$1,423,590.85	$76,174.06	
$1,107,837	2034	$26,606.38	$2,269,702.61		$40,276.41	$438,027.95	$1,387,088.52	$76,778.74	
$1,132,763	2035	$27,205.02	$2,310,588.67		$40,886.06	$474,530.28	$1,350,586.19	$77,388.39	
$1,158,250	2036	$27,817.13	$2,352,089.20		$41,500.53	$511,032.61	$1,314,083.86	$78,002.86	
$1,184,311	2037	$28,443.02	$2,394,208.85		$42,119.66	$547,534.94	$1,277,581.53	$78,621.99	
$1,210,958	2038	$29,082.99	$2,436,952.13		$42,743.28	$584,037.27	$1,241,079.20	$79,245.61	
$1,238,205	2039	$29,737.35	$2,480,323.34		$43,371.21	$620,539.60	$1,204,576.87	$79,873.54	
$1,266,064	2040	$30,406.45	$2,524,326.59		$44,003.25	$657,041.93	$1,168,074.54	$80,505.58	
$1,294,551	2041	$31,090.59	$2,568,965.80		$44,639.21	$693,544.26	$1,131,572.21	$81,141.54	
$1,323,678	2042	$31,790.13	$2,614,244.65		$45,278.85	$730,046.59	$1,095,069.88	$81,781.17	
$1,353,461	2043	$32,505.41	$2,660,166.58		$45,921.93	$766,548.92	$1,058,567.55	$82,424.26	
$1,383,914	2044	$33,236.78	$2,706,734.80		$46,568.22	$803,051.25	$1,022,065.22	$83,070.55	
$1,415,052	2045	$33,984.61	$2,753,952.24		$47,217.44	$839,553.58	$985,562.89	$83,719.77	
$1,446,890	2046	$34,749.26	$2,801,821.54		$47,869.31	$876,055.91	$949,060.56	$84,371.64	
$1,479,445	2047	$35,531.12	$2,850,345.07		$48,523.53	$912,558.24	$912,558.24	$85,025.86	
$1,512,733	2048	$36,330.57	$2,899,524.86		$49,179.78	$949,060.56	$876,055.91	$85,682.11	
$1,546,769	2049	$37,148.01	$2,949,362.60		$49,837.74	$985,562.89	$839,553.58	$86,340.07	
$1,581,572	2050	$37,983.84	$2,999,859.64		$50,497.04	$1,022,065.22	$803,051.25	$86,999.37	
$1,617,157	2051	$38,838.47	$3,051,016.96		$51,157.32	$1,058,567.55	$766,548.92	$87,659.65	
$1,653,543	2052	$39,712.34	$3,102,835.13		$51,818.17	$1,095,069.88	$730,046.59	$88,320.50	
$1,690,748	2053	$40,605.87	$3,155,314.31		$52,479.19	$1,131,572.21	$693,544.26	$88,981.52	
$1,728,790	2054	$41,519.50	$3,208,454.25		$53,139.93	$1,168,074.54	$657,041.93	$89,642.26	
$1,767,688	2055	$42,453.69	$3,262,254.19		$53,799.94	$1,204,576.87	$620,539.60	$90,302.27	
$1,807,460	2056	$43,408.89	$3,316,712.92		$54,458.73	$1,241,079.20	$584,037.27	$90,961.06	
$1,848,128	2057	$44,385.59	$3,371,828.71		$55,115.79	$1,277,581.53	$547,534.94	$91,618.12	
$1,889,711	2058	$45,384.27	$3,427,599.31		$55,770.59	$1,314,083.86	$511,032.61	$92,272.92	
$1,932,230	2059	$46,405.42	$3,484,021.87		$56,422.56	$1,350,586.19	$474,530.28	$92,924.89	
$1,975,705	2060	$47,449.54	$3,541,092.99		$57,071.12	$1,387,088.52	$438,027.95	$93,573.45	
$2,020,158	2061	$48,517.15	$3,598,808.62		$57,715.64	$1,423,590.85	$401,525.62	$94,217.97	
$2,065,612	2062	$49,608.79	$3,657,164.09		$58,355.47	$1,460,093.18	$365,023.29	$94,857.80	
$2,112,088	2063	$50,724.99	$3,716,154.03		$58,989.94	$1,496,595.51	$328,520.96	$95,492.27	
$2,159,610	2064	$51,866.30	$3,775,772.35		$59,618.32	$1,533,097.84	$292,018.64	$96,120.65	
$2,208,201	2065	$53,033.29	$3,836,012.23		$60,239.88	$1,569,600.16	$255,516.31	$96,742.21	
$2,257,886	2066	$54,226.54	$3,896,866.06		$60,853.83	$1,606,102.49	$219,013.98	$97,356.16	
$2,308,688	2067	$55,446.64	$3,958,325.41		$61,459.35	$1,642,604.82	$182,511.65	$97,961.68	
$2,360,634	2068	$56,694.19	$4,020,380.98		$62,055.58	$1,679,107.15	$146,009.32	$98,557.91	
$2,413,748	2069	$57,969.80	$4,083,022.61		$62,641.62	$1,715,609.48	$109,506.99	$99,143.95	
$2,468,057	2070	$59,274.13	$4,146,239.16		$63,216.55	$1,752,111.81	$73,004.66	$99,718.88	
$2,523,589	2071	$60,607.79	$4,210,018.54		$63,779.38	$1,788,614.14	$36,502.33	$100,281.71	
$2,580,369	2072	$61,971.47	$4,274,347.63		$64,329.09	$1,825,116.47	$0.00	$100,831.42	
$2,638,428	2073	$2,701,793.51	$1,700,784.55		($2,573,563.08)			$128,230.43	**CLOSURE YEAR**
	2074	$64,791.56	$1,687,016.53		($13,768.02)			$22,734.31	
	2075	$66,249.37	$1,671,377.66		($15,638.87)			$50,610.50	
	2076	$67,739.98	$1,653,779.01		($17,598.65)			$50,141.33	
	2077	$69,264.13	$1,634,128.25		($19,650.76)			$16,851.57	
	2078	$70,822.57	$1,612,329.53		($21,798.72)			$14,703.61	
	2079	$72,416.08	$1,588,283.33		($24,046.19)			$12,456.14	
	2080	$74,045.44	$1,561,886.39		($26,396.94)			$10,105.39	
	2081	$75,711.46	$1,533,031.52		($28,854.87)			$7,647.46	
	2082	$77,414.97	$1,501,607.50		($31,424.03)			$5,078.30	
	2083	$79,156.81	$1,467,498.92		($34,108.58)			$2,393.75	
	2084	$80,937.84	$1,430,586.05		($36,912.87)			($410.54)	
	2085	$82,758.94	$1,390,744.69		($39,841.36)			($3,339.03)	
	2086	$84,621.01	$1,347,846.02		($42,898.67)			($6,396.34)	
	2087	$86,524.99	$1,301,756.41		($46,089.61)			($9,587.28)	
	2088	$88,471.80	$1,252,337.31		($49,419.11)			($12,916.78)	
	2089	$90,462.41	$1,199,445.01		($52,892.29)			($16,389.96)	
	2090	$92,497.82	$1,142,930.55		($56,514.47)			($20,012.14)	
	2091	$94,579.02	$1,082,639.44		($60,291.10)			($23,788.77)	
	2092	$96,707.05	$1,018,411.58		($64,227.86)			($27,725.53)	
	2093	$98,882.96	$950,080.97		($68,330.61)			($31,828.28)	
	2094	$101,107.82	$877,475.58		($72,605.39)			($36,103.06)	
	2095	$103,382.75	$800,417.10		($77,058.48)			($40,556.15)	
	2096	$105,708.86	$718,720.75		($81,696.35)			($45,194.02)	
	2097	$108,087.31	$632,195.07		($86,525.69)			($50,023.36)	
	2098	$110,519.27	$540,641.65		($91,553.42)			($55,051.09)	
	2099	$113,005.96	$443,854.94		($96,786.71)			($60,284.38)	
	2100	$115,548.59	$341,622.00		($102,232.94)			($65,730.61)	
	2101	$118,148.43	$233,722.22		($107,899.77)			($71,397.45)	
	2102	$120,806.77	$119,927.11		($113,795.11)			($77,292.78)	
	2103	$123,524.93	$0.00		($119,927.11)			($83,424.78)	

*Present Value of Closure and Monitoring Cost (this amount is the liability recognized)
^ Present Value of Closure and Monitoring Cost (amount capitalized on January 1, 2023)

REGULAR MINUTES – AGENDA 25
CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD
July 18, 2024, at 6:00 pm
Laird Township Council Chambers

Present:	*Mayor:*	Shawn Evoy
	Councillors:	Wayne Junor, Todd Rydall, Matt Frolick
	Clerk:	Jennifer Errington
	Treasurer:	Rhonda Crozier
	Delegates:	Ron Prickett, Bill Meades, Vince LaTassa

1. Call to Order
Mayor Evoy called the Regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

3. Agenda Approval
#152-24
Moved by: Matt Frolick
Seconded by: Wayne Junor
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby approves the July 18, 2024 agenda as presented.
Carried.

4. Delegations and Presentations
a. Sault Naturalists, Pumpkin Point Platform – Ron Prickett, Bill Meades, Vince LaTassa
- Sault Naturalists provided a presentation on the Pumpkin Point Platform. The current platform condition has deteriorated significantly.
- Sault Naturalists have consulted with Tulloch Engineering to prepare plans for a new platform.
- Sault Naturalists asked Council if Council would be interested in allowing the platform to be located on lot 33, which is owned by the Township. Lot 33 is more solid ground.
- Sault Naturalists look for grants.

5. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting
a. Council Regular Meeting – June 27, 2024
b. Recreation Committee Minutes – June 25, 2024
#153-24
Moved by: Wayne Junor
Seconded by: Matt Frolick
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves Council minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 27, 2024 and the Recreation Committee minutes of June 25, 2024.
Carried.

6. Adoption of Accounts
a. General accounts to June 30, 2024
154-24
Moved by: Wayne Junor
Seconded by: Todd Rydall
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the general accounts to June 30, 2024, in the amount of $4,115.32.
Carried.

b. Roads accounts to June 30, 2024
#155-24
Moved by: Todd Rydall
Seconded by: Matt Frolick
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the roads account to June 30, 2024, in the amount of $48,916.78 as presented.
Carried.

7. **Staff and Committee Reports**

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

i. Road Superintendent Report

#156-24
Moved by: Matt Frolick
Seconded by: Wayne Junor
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Road Superintendent Report dated July 18, 2024 be received as presented and that Council approves the cost of sub-contracting the roadside cutting if needed.
Carried.

ii. Council Q&A

b. **Clerk Administrator, Deputy Treasurer**

i. Clerk's Report

#157-24
Moved by: Todd Rydall
Seconded by: Matt Frolick
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Clerk's Report dated July 18, 2024, be received as presented and arising from the report;
That Council directs the staff to reinstate the contract to have the Sault Ste. Marie Humane Society as Laird Township's municipal pound facility with an annual user fee of $800.00
Carried.

ii. Council Q&A

c. **Treasurer's Report**

i. 2024 Roads Projected Labour Budget – June 30, 2024

#158-24
Moved by: Matt Frolick
Seconded by: Wayne Junor
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the 2024 Roads Projected Labour Budget updated with actual labour hours to June 30, 2024.
Carried.

ii. 2024 Reserve Capital Fund

#159-24
Moved by: Matt Frolick
Seconded by: Wayne Junor
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the updated 2024 Reserve Capital Fund information.
Carried.

d. **Recreation Committee & Recreation Sub-Committees**

i. Pumpkin Point Park Sub-Committee Minutes – June 17, 2024
ii. Bar River Community Centre Sub-Committee Minutes – June 26, 2024
iii. Finns' Bay Wharf Sub-Committee Minutes – July 3, 2024

#160-24
Moved by: Wayne Junor
Seconded by: Todd Rydall
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Pumpkin Point Park Sub-Committee minutes of June 17, 2024, the Bar River Community Centre Sub-Committee minutes of June 26, 2024, and the Finns' Bay Wharf Sub-Committee Minutes of July 3, 2024; and further that Council approves the Finns' Bay Wharf request to install a reclaimed red channel marker to be placed at the Wharf property as a landmark.
Carried.

iv. 2024 Committee and Boards – addition request
#161-24
Moved by: Matt Frolick
Seconded by: Todd Rydall
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council appoints Ashlee Boychuck, an Algoma Horse Association AHA member, to the Laird Fairgrounds Sub-committee.
Carried.

e. Cemetery Board
f. Planning Board
g. Police Detachment Board
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

#162-24
Moved by: Todd Rydall
Seconded by: Wayne Junor
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the July 18, 2024, Task Summary Sheet & Recent Activity Log and the Concern/Information Log as presented.
Carried.

c. Ditching Tender closing Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. (Lake George Road East, Cemetery Road, Riverside Drive)

#163-24
Moved by: Todd Rydall
Seconded by: Wayne Junor
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council awards the 2024 Ditching Tender to Kevin Ibbitson in the amount of $36,000.00 plus HST.
Carried.

d. Playground Equipment Tender – G.W. Evoy Rink closing Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at 2 p.m.

#164-24
Moved by: Matt Frolick
Seconded by: Wayne Junor
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council awards the 2024 Playground Equipment Tender to CRCS Recreation in the amount of $27,200.00 plus HST.
Carried.

e. Planning: Severance/Lot Adjustment – Approval in principle

#165-24
Moved by: Todd Rydall
Seconded by: Wayne Junor
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves in principle an application to consolidate the existing second severed lot on Lake View with the farm and create a new lot of 3 acres on Riverside Drive.
Carried.

9. New Business

10. Notices of Motion

11. Closed Session

#166-24
Moved by: Todd Rydall
Seconded by: Wayne Junor
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council proceed into closed session at 7:22 p.m. in accordance with Section 239 (2) (b) of the Municipal Act in order to discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.
Carried.

a. Approval of closed meeting minutes of May 23, 2024
b. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

#167-24
Moved by: Wayne Junor
Seconded by: Matt Frolick
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council come out of closed meeting session at 8:22 p.m. and continue with the Regular Council Meeting.
Carried.

12. Communications and Correspondence

a. Ministry of Natural Resources – July 11, 2024
b. Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – Critical healthcare challenge resolution request – July 9, 2024

#168-24
Moved by: Todd Rydall
Seconded by: Matt Frolick

WHEREAS the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being de-rostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years; and

WHEREAS it has becoming increasingly challenging to attract and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University says communities in northern Ontario are short more than 350 physicians, including more than 200 family doctors; and half of the physicians working in northern Ontario expected to retire in the next five years; and

WHEREAS Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, and paramedicine.

WHEREAS the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77 in 2008 to 65 percent in 2022; and

WHEREAS per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada, and

WHEREAS a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the province;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Township of Laird urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in the district of Algoma and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately, and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care.
Carried.

13. Mayor and Council Comments

14. By-laws

a. 2022-24 Conformity By-law

#169-24
Moved by: Todd Rydall
Seconded by: Matt Frolick
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts By-law 2022-24 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on July 18, 2024.
Carried.

15. Adjournment

#170-24
Moved by: Matt Frolick
Seconded by: Wayne Junor
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council shall now adjourn to meet again for the Special Meeting of Council on August 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.
Carried.

Mayor – ______________________________
Shawn Evoy

Clerk – ______________________________
Jennifer Errington

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – AGENDA 26
CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD
August 13, 2024, at 6:00 pm
Laird Township Council Chambers

Present:	*Mayor:*	Shawn Evoy
	Councillors:	Wayne Junor, Todd Rydall, Matt Frolick
	Clerk:	Jennifer Errington
	Treasurer:	Rhonda Crozier
	Candidates:	Kellie Frazier, Justine Lamming, Bradley Shewfelt

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1. Call to Order
Mayor Evoy called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

3. Agenda Approval
#171-24
Moved by: Matt Frolick
Seconded by: Wayne Junor
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby approves the August 13, 2024, special meeting agenda as presented with the modification to include the council vacancy appointment By-law and declaration of oath.
Carried.

4. Council Vacancy Selection

a) Opening Statement of purpose and proceedings to be followed.
Mayor Evoy provided an opening statement welcoming everyone to the Special Council Meeting to select a person to fill the vacant seat on Council. Section 6.1.10 to 6.1.14 of the Council Vacancy Policy will be followed to fill the vacancy.

b) List of Candidates
#172-24
Moved by: Matt Frolick
Seconded by: Wayne Junor
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following individuals, who have signified in writing that they are legally qualified to hold office and consented to accept the office if they are appointed to fill the vacancy, be considered for appointment to fill such vacancy.
Carried.

c) Personal Statement of Qualifications:
- Kellie Frazier
- Justine Lamming

d) Certified Candidates are invited to address Council and respond to questions of Council.
Candidates were sequestered in an adjacent room until it was their time to address Council and answer questions posed by Council. Each candidate was allowed to address Council for ten (10) minutes.

e) Council selection of Candidate by ballot.

First vote:
Mayor Evoy voted for: Kellie Frazier
Councillor Frollick voted for: Kellie Frazier
Councillor Junor voted for: Bradley Shewfelt
Councillor Rydall voted for: Bradley Shewfelt

As per the Council Vacancy Policy, Justine Lamming received zero (0) votes and was eliminated from the process, the vote was a tie and was to be conducted a second time.

Second vote:
Mayor Evoy voted for: Kellie Frazier
Councillor Frolick voted for: Kellie Frazier
Councillor Junor voted for: Bradley Shewfelt
Councillor Rydall voted for: Bradley Shewfelt

The results were duplicate of the first vote, and as per policy, the two remaining candidates were asked to answer a pre-determined question by the Head of Council with a 3-minute time limit to respond.

Third vote:
Mayor Evoy voted for: Kellie Frazier
Councillor Frolick voted for: Kellie Frazier
Councillor Junor voted for: Bradley Shewfelt
Councillor Rydall voted for: Bradley Shewfelt

The results were a tie, and therefore as per policy, the tie shall be broken and the vacancy filled by the candidate selected by lot, as conducted by the Clerk, wherein the first name drawn shall be declared the successful candidate.

Tie Breaker:
The Clerk put both Kellie Frazier and Bradley Shewfelt name into a bucket, and drew Bradley Shewfelt name.

5. Council Vacancy Appointment

a. By-law 2023-24 Councillor Appointment
#173-24
Moved by: Todd Rydall
Seconded by: Wayne Junor
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts By-law 2023-24 being a by-law to appoint Bradley Shewfelt as a Councillor for the Township of Laird.
Carried.

b. Declaration of Oath
The Declaration of Oath was read aloud by Bradley Shewfelt and was sworn in by the Clerk.

6. By-laws

a. 2024-24 Conformity By-law
#174-24
Moved by: Todd Rydall
Seconded by: Wayne Junor
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts By-law 2024-24 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the special meeting of Council held on August 13, 2024.
Carried.

7. Adjournment

#175-24
Moved by: Wayne Junor
Seconded by: Matt Frolick
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council shall now adjourn to meet again on August 15, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.
Carried.

Mayor – ______________________________
Shawn Evoy

Clerk – ______________________________
Jennifer Errington

Township of Laird
General Cheques for July 2024

Name	Description	Cheque No.	Amount
Bailey Contracting	Cemetery	6294	24,386.78
Rogers	By-Law	6323	26.21
Bell	Office	6324	366.11
	Emerg. Man.	"	108.38
Kentvale Merchants	Cemetery	6341	90.00
Peter J. Berlingieri Pro. Corp.	Property Sale	6342	864.59
ARHQ Tree Service	Cemetery	6345	457.92
	Office	"	201.48
Greenstone Engineering	Waste Disposal	6346	3,767.31
encompallIT.ca	Tax Program	6348	305.28
Starlink	Office	6350	142.46
Amazon	Heritage	"	10.17
Canada Safety Training	Health & Safety	"	15.21
ESET Canada	Computer Virus Protection	"	254.40
Amazon	Office Flag	"	10.46
Canada Post	Newsletter	"	45.77
Algoma Power	Office	6356	163.80
	Church	"	23.94
Heritage Home Hardware	Office	6358	44.72
Townshipof St. Joseph	Council	6359	52.64
Brant Coulter	By-Law Mileage	6365	147.68
Jennifer Errington	Mileage	6366	54.67
Rhonda Crozier	Mileage	6367	54.67
Brenda Aelick	Mileage	6368	54.67
S. S. Marie & District SPCA	Dangerous Dogs	6370	4,801.60
SS Locksmithing	Office	6371	284.93
Township of St. Joseph	By-Law Cell	6375	238.37
TOTAL			$36,974.22

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 07/31/24

Name	Description	Cheque No.	Amount
Payroll	Wages		14,068.48
Rogers	Shop/Office	5323	50.88
Bell	Shop	6324	103.28
Co-Op	1/2 Ton	6326	1,186.62
	Shop	"	8,358.00
	Excavator	"	950.53
	Grader	"	950.53
	Backhoe	"	1,267.37
	Shop	"	6.05
Huron Central Railway	Safety	6328	366.00
King Mountain Truck	Excavator	6329	933.14
Heritage Home Hardware	Safety	6333	9.00
	Patching	"	79.76
	Shop	"	124.08
Tarbutt Township	Patching	6337	5,489.64
Pioneer Construction	Patching	6338	1,570.67
Amazon	Safety	6350	20.25
Stinson	Safety	6353	80.00
Algoma Power	Shop	6356	73.16
Co-Op	Safety	6357	363.28
Heritage Home Hardware	Shop	6358	564.38
	Shop Equipment	6360	697.52
Gilbertson Enterprises	Patching	6369	1,846.08
Iconix Waterworks	Driveway Culverts	6372	2,875.27
Toromont	Backhoe	6373	243.74
Heritage Home Hardware	Shop	6376	16.27
	Safety	6376	45.32
	Roadside Cutting	6377	40.69
TOTAL			**$42,379.99**

ACCOUNTS CERTIFIED CORRECT

TASK SUMMARY SHEET RECENT ACTIVITY LOG

DATE	MOTION #	TASK	CATEGORY	CONTACT	STATUS	TARGET DATE
16-Dec-21	207-21	Community Safety Zone - Investigate Signage Note: August Newsletter requsted the publics feedback to be presented at the September 19, 2024 Council meeting.			IN PROGRESS	Sep-24
21-Sep-23	186-23	Council requests staff to provide a report on a Trailer By-law Note: Report in draft form, will be ready for September meeting.	CLERK	JE	IN PROGRESS	Sep-24
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 Note: Draft Unassumed Road Policy is with solicitor for review.	CLERK	JE	IN PROGRESS	Sep-24
21-Mar-24	39-24	Council requests that the Clerk to investigate the change in the building code related to storage and or C-cans under 161ft2 and report back to Council on recommendations Note: Report in draft form, will be ready for September meeting.	CLERK	JE	IN PROGRESS	Sep-24
21-Mar-24	46-24	Council directs the Clerk to draft a By-law to designate the Knox Church as a municipal heritage building. Note: In draft form.	CLERK	JE	IN PROGRESS	Sep-24
21-Mar-24	53-24	Council will consider appointing a new Cemetery Records Keeper	CLERK	JE	IN PROGRESS	ON HOLD

TASK SUMMARY SHEET RECENT ACTIVITY LOG

DATE	MOTION #	TASK	CATEGORY	CONTACT	STATUS	TARGET DATE
		Note: In order to appoint new Cemetery Records Keeper, staff needs to get records in order to be able to have someone take over. Also, job position will need to be advertised as per hiring policy.				
23-May-24	105-24	Advertise for Joint Police Board vacancy Note: Advertisement went in July 2, 2024 Newsletter. We will have to put another notice out as no one submitted their name.	CLERK	JE	IN PROGRESS	September 2024
27-Jun-24	137-24	Council approves having staff sell the metal grey chairs on Facebook market place for $5.00 each and advertising the organ for sale; and further that Council requests staff to investigate if the existing dolly can be modified for the new chairs.	ADMIN	BA	IN PROGRESS	Sep-24
27-Jun-24	140-24	Council request staff to prepare a public notice, as required by Section 1.9.1.2 of Ontario Regulation 332/12 under the Building Code Act, to provide information supporting the proposed increases in Building Permit fees and to have the Public Meeting on September 19, 2024, prior to passing the Building Permit Fess amendment by-law.	ADMIN	BA	IN PROGRESS	24-Sep
27-Jun-24	145-24	Council requests staff to prepare a report to provide recommendations on using the Sault Ste. Marie Society as the municipal pound versus using the By-law Enforcement Officers pound and further provide recommendations on banned breeds.	ADMIN	BA	IN PROGRESS	24-Sep

TASK SUMMARY SHEET RECENT ACTIVITY LOG

DATE	MOTION #	TASK	CATEGORY	CONTACT	STATUS	TARGET DATE
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. Note: Staff will investigate Lot 33 and grant opportunities.	ADMIN	JE	IN PROGRESS	Sep-24

TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD

Registered Concern/Information Log

DATE	CONCERN	ACTION	COMMENTS IN RETURN
May 28, 2024	Yard Maintenance Complaint	Request By-law Enforcement Officer to inspect property.	In progress, By-law Enforcement Officer handling matter.
June 27, 2024	Building Code and/or Zoning By-law infraction complaint	Request By-law Enforcement Officer to inspect property.	In progress, By-law Enforcement Officer handling matter.
August 6, 2024	Yard Maintenance Complaint, livestock complaint.	Request By-law Enforcement Officer to inspect property.	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
REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: August 15, 2024

To: Mayor Evoy and Council

From: Jennifer Errington, Clerk Administrator

Subject: **Maskinonge Bay Concerns**

Background/Overview

At the July 18, 2024, Council meeting, the Clerk presented to Council information received from a resident regarding Maskinonge Bay updating Council on the algae issues that have been affecting Maskinonge Bay for a number of years. The information provided to Council spoke to a Tulloch Engineering study that determined the cause of the algae blooms. Council requested that the Clerk obtain a copy of the study, please see attached.

Since, the July 18, 2024, Council meeting, several complaints have been received from concerned residents of the algae bloom affecting Maskinonge Bay. Staff have been in consultation with Algoma Public Health (APH) and with the Ministry of Environment (MOE). The MOE had notified the Township that they were taking samples of Maskinonge Bay and have supplied a letter of the findings. Letter is attached, Re: Green Algae Bloom – Pine Island, Township of Laird. In the letter it outlined that samples were taken and that the results determined the blooms to be green algae (a non-toxic filamentous algae). The report stated that:

> *Green-algae is naturally occurring and can be affected by many factors including water levels and increased water temperatures. Green algae blooms may also be influenced by human activity such as agricultural or urban runoff, and faulty septic systems. There is no evidence at this time to confirm that local agricultural activity, or any human activity is the direct cause of these blooms.*

In further consultation with MOE staff it is the Clerk's understanding that a sampling program is being conducted. When MOE provides an official statement, this information will be circulated to Council and those who have issued complaints/concerns with the Township office.

During this process, the Clerk had asked MOE staff if there had been algae blooms in the Central Algoma area and asked if there was a public registry. The MOE communicated that there is no public registry for Blue Green Algae (BGA) blooms or general algae blooms. It was communicated that as it is green algae and not BGA, MOE does not have information to distribute as it is not considered harmful to public or environmental health at this time. It was communicated that blooms are not a specific problem to Maskinonge Bay and can be common in fresh water lakes for a multitude of reasons as stated in the letter.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff will continue to consult with MOE for updates as MOE continues to monitor the situation.

Recommended Resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the August 15, 2024 Maskinonge Bay Concerns report.

ATTACHMENTS

- Tulloch Engineering report – December 12, 2016
- Green Algae Bloom – Pine Island, Township of Laird – August 12, 2024

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December 12, 2016

TO: Jamie Melville

FROM: Bill Tibble

RE: Maskinonge Bay Water Quality

TULLOCH Environmental (TULLOCH) was retained by Mr. Jamie Melville, on behalf of the Maskinonge Bay Cottagers, to collect water samples from various locations upstream of Maskinonge Bay as algae blooms in the bay have become more frequent in the past few years. It is believed that the blooms could potentially be the result of direct nutrient runoff into the Bay. A surface water sampling program was initiated in spring, 2015 to identify possible nutrient sources. Sample locations were chosen to coincide with both the natural movement of surface water flow (e.g. creeks) and manipulated surface water flow (e.g. drainage ditches) that drain into Maskinonge Bay (Figure 1).

Methods

Samples were collected by the Central Algoma Freshwater Coalition, on behalf of the Maskinonge Bay Cottagers, on June 24, 2015 and were submitted to TESTMARK Laboratories Ltd. for analysis. Sample locations were indicated on a hand-drawn map, and no sample coordinates were reported for the sample locations. TULLOCH environmental conducted a site reconnaissance of the area on 23 August 2016 to identify additional sample sites and possible surface water sources. Personnel from TULLOCH collected samples on October 21, 2016 at approximately the same locations (presumed based on provided map) as sampled in spring 2015, as well as four additional sampling sites. Samples were submitted to AGAT Laboratories for analysis. The results of the water quality parameters that were analyzed are summarized in Table 1. Due to the low nutrient levels observed in the open water sampling site from 2015, this site was omitted from the fall 2016 sampling program.

The parameters that were chosen for analysis included those that are likely to cause nutrification of surface water features, and which are known to support increased algal growth. Parameters of special interest included, *Escherichia coli* (E. coli), Nitrate, Nitrite, Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen, Total Nitrogen and Total Phosphorus.

The laboratory results were compared with federal and provincial surface water quality criteria, where available, outlined in the Provincial Water Quality Objectives (PWQO) and levels established as Water Quality Guidelines (CWQG) for the protection of aquatic life by the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME). PWQOs are numerical and narrative surface water quality criteria established by the Ministry of Environment and Energy (MOEE) (MOEE, 2016). In addition, analytical results were compared with values from the deepwater sample site for comparison purposes.

Results

The results of the 2015 and 2016 surface water quality sampling efforts are appended to this report. A summary of the interpreted analytical results are provided in Table 1.

Analysis for *E. coli* is an indicator of fecal pollution in surface water. The 2015 and 2016 analytical results for *E. coli* indicate that concentrations at the Neebish East D/S and U/S sampling locations were very high and measured 2,600 CFU/100mL and 160,000 CFU/100 mL respectively. Similarly, *E. coli* concentration at the Neebish Road Culvert was high and measured 1,000 CFU/100 mL, ten times the amount of the PWQO established limit (100 CFU/mL). The PWQO limit is based on multiple sampling events at the same site and an exceedance of the established limit for each sampling event would indicate that the sampling location is not suitable for swimming and bathing. *E. coli* concentration at the Creek Outlet that drains the watershed also exceeds the 100 CFU/mL limit. Acceptable levels of *E. coli* (as per the PWQO) were reported for the 2015 in the deepest part of Maskinonge Bay and at the MacDonald Road sampling locations in 2016.

Phosphorus is typically in short supply in most freshwaters, and even a slight increase can trigger excessive plant and algal growth. Elevated total phosphorus is often an indicator of farm or fertilizer runoff in freshwater systems. A firm objective has not been established for total phosphorus; however the PWQO indicate that in order to avoid nuisance concentrations of algae in lakes, average total phosphorus concentrations for the ice-free period should not exceed 0.02 mg/L. Concentrations at or below this limit were reported for the Maskinonge Bay location in 2015 (0.018 mg/L) and the MacDonald East sample location (<0.02 mg/L). Concentrations in excess of 0.02 mg/L were reported for all remaining sites with the highest concentrations recorded at the Creek Outlet (0.44 mg/L), Neebish East D/S (0.46 mg/L), MacDonald Neebish East U/S (0.97 mg/L) and the MacDonald Road Culvert in 2015 (2.05 mg/L).

Nitrogen is typically a limiting nutrient in natural freshwater systems and even a slight increase can trigger excessive plant and algal growth. Total Nitrogen concentrations were highest at the upstream and downstream Neebish East locations (7.49 and 7.34 mg/L), the MacDonald Road Culvert (6.0 mg/L) and the Creek Outlet (5.5 mg/L) locations. Lower concentrations were reported for the remaining sample locations. Maximum concentration levels have not been established for total nitrogen under the PWQO or CCME.

Nitrite is an intermediate product of the biological breakdown of nitrogen between ammonia and nitrate. The presence of large concentrations of nitrites is an indicator of wastewater pollution. The highest concentration of nitrite was reported at the Neebish East (US) location (3.01 mg/L) which was > 50 times the CCME guideline of 0.06 mg/L. Nitrite concentrations at all other locations were below guidelines and the reported detection limit and were below levels observed at the deepwater sample site in Maskinonge Bay.

Nitrate concentrations were highest at the Creek Outlet and the Neebish East (D/S and U/S) sampling locations (4.44, 5.18 and 0.48 mg/L respectively). Nitrate concentrations at the Creek Outlet and downstream of the culvert at Neebish Road were ≥ 10 times the levels observed at the deepwater sample site in Maskinonge Bay, and were above the CCME guideline for avoidance of long term impacts to aquatic life. Nitrate concentrations at all other locations were below the 124.2 mg/L (short term, converted from 550 mg/L [NO_3^-]) and 2.9 mg/L (long term, converted from 13 mg/L [NO_3^-]) levels established as Water Quality Guidelines for the protection of aquatic life by the CCME.

Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN) is a measure of total nitrogenous matter present, excluding nitrate and nitrite. The highest concentration of TKN was reported at the MacDonald Road Culvert (5.97 mg/L), Neebish East (US) location (4.00 mg/L) and the Neebish East (DS) location (2.16 mg/L). Maximum concentration levels have not been established for TKN under the PWQO or CCME. TKN concentrations at the Creek Outlet, the three Neebish Road sample sites, and at the MacDonald Road culvert (2015) were ≥ 10 times the levels observed at the deepwater sample site in Maskinonge Bay.

Table 1: Water quality results for the 2015 and 2016 sampling.

Sample Description					Maskinonge Bay (Deepwater Location)	Creek Outlet to Maskinonge Bay	MacDonald Road @ Culvert	MacDonald West	MacDonald East	Neebish Road @ Culvert	Neebish West	Neebish East (DS)	Neebish East (US)
Date Sampled					6/24/2015	10/21/2016	6/24/2015	10/21/2016	10/21/2016	6/24/2015	10/21/2016	10/21/2016	10/21/2016
Sample ID		Detection Limit (Unless otherwise indicated)	Guideline		64887	7952537	648868	7952560	7952567	648869	7952574	7952585	7952595
Parameter	Unit		PWQO	CCME									
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L	0.1			10.8	11.5	5.98	10.8	11.0	7.54	11.0	10.7	4.5
pH	pH Units	NA			7.29	8.12	7.38	7.85	8.22	6.91	7.70	7.99	7.88
Total Suspended Solids	mg/L	10			1	14	60.7	<10	<10	<0.7	<10	43	37
Nitrate as N	mg/L	0.05		124.2ª (short term) 2.9ª (long term)	0.13	4.44	<1	<0.05	<0.05	0.13	<0.05	5.15	0.48
Nitrite as N	mg/L	0.05		0.06	<0.03	<0.05	<0.03	<0.05	<0.05	<0.03	<0.05	<0.05	3.01
Dissolved Organic Carbon	mg/L	0.5			4	13.9	12.9	11.2	9.3	18.1	23.5	11.6	13.5
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen	mg/L	0.10			0.3	1.11	5.97	0.56	0.40	1.3	1.24	2.16	4.00
Total Phosphorus	mg/L	0.02	0.02		0.018	0.44	2.05	0.06	<0.02	0.0239 (MDL=0.002)	0.05	0.46	0.97
Total Nitrogen	mg/L	0.05			<1	5.55	6	0.56	0.40	1.5	1.24	7.34	7.49
Colour	TCU	5			4.9	82	128	99	30	85.2	148	63	68
Turbidity	NTU	0.5			1.68	25.5	78.5	2.3	0.8	1.33	3.7	53.5	38.8
Escherichia coli	CFU/100mL	100	100		<2	122	9000	25	56	1000	128	2600	160000

NOTE: mg/L = Milligrams per litre; TCU = True Colour Units; NTU = Nephelometric Turbidity Units; CFU = Colony-forming Units; DS = downstream; US = Upstream; NA = Not Applicable

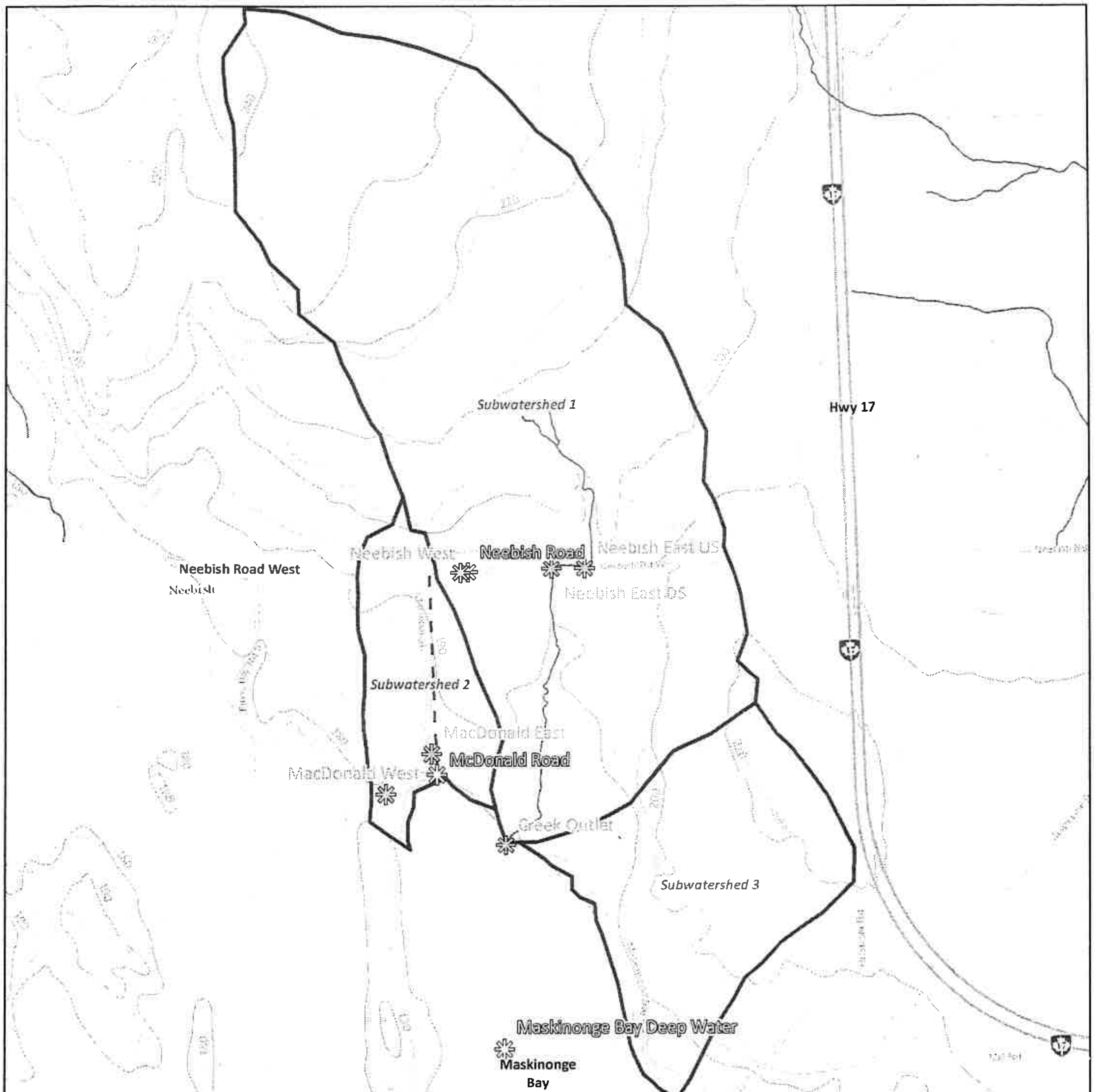
Bold values indicate PWQO / CCME exceedance; values in red indicate ≥ 10 times the guideline limit; *red italicized* = values ≥ 10 times levels observed in deepwater site

a = CCME guideline is for [nitrate ion], and has been converted to match the reported units

Discussion

Based on a review of available aerial imagery and surface contours, as well as discussions with Jamie Melville, Maskinonge Bay receives the majority of surface water drainage from Subwatershed 1 (SW1), with minor channelized drainage from roadside ditches from Subwatershed 2 (SW2). No channelized surface water flows were identified originating from sub watershed 3 (SW3) (Figure 1). As such, water quality samples were not collected from this area.

Surface water samples collected from both SW1 and SW2 indicate both subwatersheds contribute elevated nutrient concentrations and high *E.coli* concentrations to Maskinonge Bay, with the highest concentrations of deleterious nutrients coming from upstream of the Neebish Road East culverts. Water quality samples collected in spring 2015 found Total Phosphorus and *E.coli* concentrations well above PWQO guidelines (100 times and 90 times PWQO guidelines, respectively). Samples collected from MacDonald Road West culvert in fall 2016 indicated lower Total Phosphorus and *E.coli* concentrations, although still above PWQO guidelines. Similarly, samples collected in 2015 and 2016 from the Neebish Road West sampling site found Total Phosphorus and *E.coli* concentrations above PWQO.



Legend

- October 2016 WQ Sample Site
- June 2015 WQ Sample Site
- Watershed
- Contour (10m)
- Watercourse
- Roadside Ditch

0 0.25 0.5 0.75 1 km

Datum: NAD83
Projection: NAD83 Zone 16N

Background base map produced by ESRI Basemaps, 2015.

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Maskinonge Bay Water Quality	
Watershed Map with Sampling Sites	
Project 165336	Figure 1
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August 12, 2024

Jennifer Errington,
Clerk Administrator, Township of Laird
3 Pumpkin Point Road
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Dear Ms. Errington;

Re: Green Algae Bloom – Pine Island, Township of Laird

Ministry staff have received several calls over the last month from residents concerned about green algae in the Maskinonge Bay and Pine Island areas.

On July 23, 2024, ministry staff attended these locations and took samples to test for cyanobacteria (informally known as blue-green algae). Such tests distinguish between non-toxic green algae and aquatic plants from potentially toxic cyanobacteria blooms or harmful algal blooms. Samples results determined the blooms to be green algae (a non-toxic filamentous algae).

Green-algae is naturally occurring and can be affected by many factors including water levels and increased water temperatures. Green algae blooms may also be influenced by human activity such as agricultural or urban runoff, and faulty septic systems. There is no evidence at this time to confirm that local agricultural activity, or any human activity is the direct cause of these blooms.

Green algae blooms can last for several weeks and tend to dissipate naturally as water temperatures and currents change. Information on how to spot blue-green algae and other steps the public can take to stay safe is available on the ministry website: Blue-green algae | ontario.ca. [https://www.ontario.ca/page/blue-green-algae]

Ministry staff will continue to monitor the situation.

Sincerely,

Jason Scott,
Sudbury District Manager

clerk@lairdtownship.ca

From:	Lacey Kastikainen <laceyk@ontera.net>
Sent:	June 26, 2024 4:13 PM
To:	Jennifer Errington; Carol Trainor; Janet Maguire
Cc:	'pt.hazlett pt.hazlett'
Subject:	Take Root Program - Proposal from Echo Bay Residents & Council Motion to Support Program
Attachments:	Take Root Desbarats to Echo Bay May 22 2024 (002).docx; #24-217 Support Revegetation Project Proposal.pdf

Hey All,

Paul & Tanya Hazlett, members of our community, have taken on the initiative to work with Algoma Power, Tree Canada and Forests Ontario to complete the Take Root revegetation project in our Municipalities.

I have attached a copy of their proposal and the current plan in place, as well as a motion for our Council supporting the proposal.

We ask that you share the proposal and motion with your respective councils and are looking for in-kind support from our Municipalities for this initiative.

If you have any questions about this proposal, please contact myself or Paul & Tanya Hazlett, whom I have copied on this email.

Regards,

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Take Root Desbarats to Echo Bay

As residents of Echo Bay we propose a revegetation project in our township of MacDonald, Meredith and Aberdeen Additional and the three adjacent townships of Tarbutt and Tarbutt Additional, Laird and Johnson (the Desbarats to Echo Bay Planning Board area). Tree canopy cover, and the environmental and aesthetic benefits it provides have been reduced in these townships due to recent and ongoing power line clearing maintenance by Algoma Power Inc.

The project will be executed through a partnership between Algoma Power Inc., Tree Canada (possible funding partner), Forests Ontario, the Desbarats to Echo Bay townships and us. The project will be facilitated through the Forests Ontario *Take Root* program and consist of a free distribution of trees, shrubs and native wildflower seeds to participating residents of the Desbarats to Echo Bay townships at an event held in Echo Bay in the spring of 2025.

Take Root is a Forests Ontario program that makes it easy for people to acquire low or no-cost native trees and/or shrubs for their homes, that leads to increased tree canopy cover through community engagement. Participants in the program are trained on the importance of a healthy tree canopy, how to choose the right tree/shrub, and proper planting and care techniques.

Algoma Power Inc. will:
• provide $10,000 to Forests Ontario to successfully administer and implement the *Take Root* program
• promote the project and event through its various communication channels
• provide native wildflower seeds on the event day to distribute to all attendees
• if available, provide one staff person to assist in the distribution of trees, shrubs and wildflower seeds

Tree Canada (possible funding partner) will:
• provide $10,000 to Forests Ontario to successfully administer and implement the *Take Root* program
• promote the project and event through its various communication channels
• if available, provide one staff person to assist in the distribution of trees, shrubs and wildflower seeds

Forests Ontario will:
• develop and maintain online registration (resident application and tree selection), planting records and survival tracking using the *Take Root* program
• provide 120 (30 trees/shrubs per township) high-quality sourced-identified native potted stock and coordinate the delivery of selected trees/shrubs on the event day
• liaise with the townships to determine the date, venue, and timing of the Echo Bay distribution event
• develop and provide educational resources and supplies for participants and the event (tree/shrub selection matrix, proper planting, post-planting maintenance and care, training slideshows, tree tags) to assist residents in selecting the right native tree/shrub for their specific planting location
• promote the project and event through its various communication channels
• if available, provide one staff person to assist in the distribution of trees, shrubs and wildflower seeds

Desbarats to Echo Bay townships and Hazletts will provide in-kind support to execute the project:
• provide residents with a distribution event in Echo Bay for all townships that meets the needs of their communities
• provide event coordination and management, and community engagement
• promote the project and event through community-tailored messaging using a variety of outreach methods
• determine the date, location, and timing of the event
• lead volunteer recruitment and coordination of the event
• secure event supplies and materials for event (i.e., tent, tables, chairs, distribution location etc.)
• coordinate planting assistance and/or delivery of trees/shrubs to residents with physical limitations who may not be able to attend the distribution event

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF
TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL
208 CHURCH ST, ECHO BAY, ONTARIO
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Date: June 18, 2024

Motion # 24- 217

Moved By:

Seconded By: Derek H

"WHEREAS, the proposal, as presented by Paul and Tania Hazlett, outlines a strategic plan to expand tree and shrub distribution across multiple townships, including a native wildflower seed giveaway to promote local biodiversity; and

WHEREAS, the project seeks to secure funding partnerships to offset costs, including a pending application to Tree Canada for financial support, and proposes in-kind contributions from local stakeholders to ensure project feasibility; and

WHEREAS, initial discussions with project partners indicate alignment with community goals and potential benefits for participating municipalities; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the Echo Bay revegetation project proposal in principle, pending further details and confirmation from project partners; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the Clerk to communicate Council's endorsement of the proposal to the Desbarats to Echo Bay Planning Board catchment area municipalities, and to seek their collaboration and support for this initiative."

Councillor's Name	**Councillor's Vote**	
	FOR	**AGAINST**
BAILEY, Shelly		
BROCKELBANK, Parker		
CHEVIS, Adam		
HANSEN, Derek		
WATSON, Lynn		

Signed Shelly Bailey Shelley Bailey **Carried**

ACTING MAYOR

lairdtwp@soonet.ca

From: Mantha - QP, Michael <MMantha-QP@ola.org>
Sent: July 29, 2024 4:04 PM
To: Mantha - QP, Michael
Subject: AMO Conference

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing today to let you know that MPP Mantha will be attending the annual Association of Municipalities of Ontario conference in Ottawa from August 18th-21st this year. As always, he's looking forward to the opportunity to connect with municipal partners across Algoma-Manitoulin and to have informative discussions about the issues we face in our region.

In advance of the date, he wanted to reach out from our office and let you know that he will have availability during the conference to join any delegations that your municipality may have with the government. As your representative at the Ontario Legislature, Mr. Mantha has taken part in delegations to better inform his work on behalf of Algoma-Manitoulin at Queen's Park and he would be happy to join in any conversation where it is beneficial.

If you have any interest in Mr. Mantha joining your delegations or setting up a meeting with him over the course of the conference, please contact our office at Mmantha-qp@ola.org or 416-325-1938.

Sincerely,
Max Chapman

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Date: July 3, 2024

Subject: **Planning Act and Development Charges Act Regulations related to the *Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024* (Bill 185)**

I am writing to provide an update on regulations under the *Planning Act and Development Charges Act, 1997* related to the *Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024.*

The *Planning Act* and *Development Charges Act, 1997* regulations came into effect on July 1, 2024.

Changes made include:

- modernizing public notice requirements and providing municipalities with the ability to provide notice in respect of the above matters on a municipal website if there is no local print newspaper available
- consequential amendments to remove requirements for certain statements regarding appeal rights to be included in public notices
- consequential changes to ensure notice is provided to nearby public hospitals and airports
- housekeeping amendments for the removal of spent provisions related to DC exemptions for additional residential units and the prescribed amount of time for the DC freeze period

You can view copies of the amending *Planning Act* regulations on Ontario's e-Laws website:

- Ontario Regulation 285/24 – amending Ontario Regulation 543/06 "Official Plans and Plan Amendments"
- Ontario Regulation 286/24 – amending Ontario Regulation 545/06 "Zoning By-Laws, Holding By-Laws and Interim Control By-Laws"
- Ontario Regulation 287/24 – amending Ontario Regulation 544/06 "Plans of Subdivision"
- Ontario Regulation 288/24 – amending Ontario Regulation 197/96 "Consent Applications"
- Ontario Regulation 289/24 – amending Ontario Regulation 200/96 "Minor Variance Applications"

- Ontario Regulation 290/24 – amending Ontario Regulation 509/20 – “Community Benefits Charges and Parkland”
- Ontario Regulation 291/24 – amending Ontario Regulation 549/06 “Prescribed Time Period – Subsections 51 (52.4) of the Act”

You can view copies of the amending Development Charges Act, 1997 regulations on Ontario’s e-Laws website:

- Ontario Regulation 279/24 – amending Ontario Regulation 82/98 – “General”

If you have any questions about the changes to the land use planning and appeal system, including the *Planning Act* regulatory changes, please email PlanningConsultation@ontario.ca.

If you have any questions about the changes to the *Development Charges Act, 1997*, including the regulatory changes related to public notice requirements under the Act and other matters, please email MFPB@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

Laura Evangelista, Director
Provincial Policy Branch
Ministry of Municipal Affairs

Ruchi Parkash, Director
Municipal Finance Policy Branch
Ministry of Municipal Affairs

Thank You

FOR YOUR SUPPORT

North Shore Agricultural Society, would like to thank you for your sponsorship donation to make this year's Laird Fair Success. We appreciate YOU!!!

In this package you will find your Weekend Pass Bracelets.

Thank you again,

North Shore Agricultural Society
Board of Directors 2024

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD

By-law Number 2025-24

BEING A BY-LAW to confirm proceedings of the meeting of Council, August 15, 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 August 15, 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 15th day of August 2024.

Mayor ____________________________
Shawn Evoy

Seal

Clerk ______________________________
Jennifer Errington