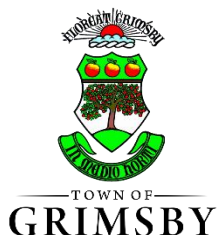




CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION
March 13, 2023

- 1) Correspondence from the Clerk, Town of Grimsby re: Barriers for women in politics.
- 2) Correspondence from the Director, Crown Forests and Lands Policy Branch, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry re: Proposed amendments to [Ontario Regulation 161/17](#) under *the Public Lands Act* regarding the use of floating accommodations and camping on water over public lands in Ontario.
- 3) Correspondence from the Clerk, Town of Grimsby re: Changes to the municipal heritage register.
- 4) Correspondence from the Bruce Grey Poverty Task Force re: 2022 annual report.
- 5) Correspondence from the Mayor and Council, Municipality of Trent Lakes re: Municipal oath of office.
- 6) Correspondence from the Clerk, Township of Southgate re: Tile Drainage.
- 7) Correspondence from the Clerk, Township of Moonbeam re: Moratorium on pupil accommodation reviews.
- 8) Correspondence from the Director, Environmental Assessment Modernization Branch, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks re: Stakeholder notification – municipal class environmental assessment amendments.



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February 24, 2023

SENT VIA E-MAIL

Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Attention: Doug Ford, Premier

Dear Mr. Ford

RE: Barriers for Women in Politics

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby at its meeting held on February 21, 2023 passed the following resolution:

C-23-055

Moved by: Councillor DiFlavio; Seconded by: Councillor Freake

WHEREAS, the Town of Grimsby values equality and inclusivity in all areas of life, including politics;

WHEREAS, women have historically been underrepresented in politics, and continue to face barriers and discrimination in their pursuit of elected office;

WHEREAS, misogyny and harassment have been identified as significant challenges for women in politics, both in Canada and around the world;

WHEREAS, the Town of Grimsby believes that all individuals have the right to participate in a political environment that is free from discrimination, harassment, and misogyny;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Grimsby expresses its support for women in politics and their right to participate in a political environment that is free from misogyny and harassment, and where everyone feels equal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Grimsby commits to taking steps to ensure that our political environment is inclusive and welcoming to all individuals, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or other identity factors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Grimsby encourages other municipalities in Ontario and across Canada to join us in supporting women in politics and promoting gender equality in all areas of society.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to all Ontario Municipalities for endorsement, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Grimsby's MP and MPP, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to express the Town of Grimsby's commitment to this issue and encourage action at the provincial level to create legislation to ensure equality, safety, and security.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

If you require any additional information, please let me know.

Regards,



Bonnie Nistico-Dunk
Town Clerk

cc.
All Ontario Municipalities
Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Dean Allison, MP – Niagara West
Sam Oosterhoff, MPP – Niagara West
Association of Municipalities of Ontario

Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

Policy Division

Director's Office
Crown Forests and Lands Policy Branch
70 Foster Drive, 3rd Floor
Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6A 6V5

Ministère des Richesses naturelles et des Forêts

Division de la politique

Bureau du directeur
Direction des politiques relatives aux forêts et
aux terres de la Couronne
70, rue Foster, 3^e étage
Sault Sainte Marie, ON P6A 6V5



February 24, 2023

Hello,

We are writing to let you know that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is proposing to make amendments to [Ontario Regulation 161/17](#) under the [Public Lands Act](#) regarding the use of floating accommodations and camping on water over public lands in Ontario. In addition, minor changes (listed below) are proposed for added clarity and consistency in the regulation.

The proposed changes are described in a regulation proposal notice that was posted on Ontario's Regulatory Registry and the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) on February 24, 2023 (ERO number [019-6590](#)).

The proposed changes related to floating accommodations were informed by feedback received by the ministry in response to the March 2022 ERO bulletin titled, "Seeking input about the use of floating accommodations on waterways over Ontario's public lands" (ERO number [019-5119](#)).

We are proposing to amend Ontario Regulation 161/17 to clarify the types of camping units that can be used to camp on water over public land. It is proposed that the definition of 'camping unit' will be clarified to allow for camping on liveaboards and houseboats but will exclude floating accommodations, float homes and barges with residential units or camping facilities.

We are also proposing to change the conditions that must be met when camping on water over public lands in Ontario by:

- reducing the number of days that a person can camp on water over public land (per location, per calendar year) from 21 days to 7 days
- increasing the distance that a person camping on water must move their camping unit to be occupying a different location from 100 metres to 1 kilometre
- adding a new condition to prohibit camping on water within 300 metres of a developed shoreline, including any waterfront structure, dock, boathouse, erosion control structure, altered shoreline, boat launch and/or fill.

In addition, we are proposing to:

- harmonize the conditions for camping on public land so that residents and non-residents are required to follow the same conditions when camping on water over public lands or on public lands
- specify conditions for swim rafts, jumps, ramps for water sports, heat loops and water intake pipes
- clarify that camping on a road, trail, parking lot or boat launch is prohibited
- amend the regulation to add the following to the list of excluded public lands to which section 21.1 of the *Public Lands Act* and Ontario Regulation 161/17 do not apply:
 - lands subject to an agreement authorizing the use of those lands
 - lands subject to an authorization under the *Aggregate Resources Act*.

We encourage you to review the proposal notice (ERO number [019-6590](#)) and provide feedback through the ERO. The comment period for the proposal closes on **April 11, 2023**.

Online Information Sessions

We invite you to attend an online information session during which ministry staff will present an overview of the regulatory proposal and answer questions. Sessions will be held on the following dates:

Session 1 – Wednesday, March 8: 10:00 am to 11:30 am

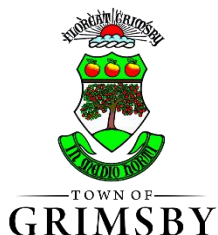
Session 2 – Monday, March 20: 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

If you wish to attend an online information session, please register by emailing public.lands@ontario.ca with the subject line “Regulatory Proposal Information Session” and indicate your preferred session date. You will receive a reply to your email with the session start/end times and information on how to join.

Sincerely,

Peter D. Henry, R.P.F.
 Director, Crown Forests and Lands Policy Branch
 Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

c: Pauline Desroches, Manager, Crown Lands Policy Section
 Michelle Dano, Senior Program Advisor, Crown Lands Policy Section



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February 27, 2023

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Toronto, ON
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SENT VIA E-MAIL

Attention: Hon. Neil Lumsden, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport

RE: Changes to the Municipal Heritage Register

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby at its meeting held on February 6, 2023 passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Municipal Heritage Register is an important tool for the preservation and protection of cultural heritage properties within the Town of Grimsby and throughout the province of Ontario;

WHEREAS cultural heritage properties are those which have potential cultural heritage value or interest but have yet to been formally evaluated as per the process prescribed in the Ontario Heritage Act;

WHEREAS listed properties are labelled as such as they are 'listed' in the Town of Grimsby's Municipal Heritage Register, which identifies all municipally-recognized cultural heritage resources;

WHEREAS the Municipal Heritage Register allows municipalities to regulate demolition on properties protected under section 27 of the Ontario Heritage Act, ensuring that their cultural heritage value is preserved for future generations;

WHEREAS "listing" a property on the municipal heritage register recognizes a property's cultural heritage value, and is generally less complex, time-consuming, and

economically burdensome to local municipalities than pursuing the designation of a property as outlined within the existing process, which requires extensive research and documentation;

WHEREAS the “listing” of properties on the Municipal Heritage Register provides a measure of protection, ensuring that these properties cannot be demolished without the approval of the municipality;

WHEREAS it is important to list properties of cultural heritage value or interest, including those that are not currently designated, in order to ensure their preservation for future generations;

WHEREAS the 60-day demolition provision in the Ontario Heritage Act provides a short time frame for the municipality to consider the heritage value of a property before it may be demolished;

WHEREAS the new requirements of the Ontario Heritage Act mandate the assessment of an unreasonable amount of resources for a local municipality within a 2-year timeline;

WHEREAS the new requirement of removal after the 2-year anniversary leaves resources exposed, and unprotected for up to 5 years;

WHEREAS the new requirements do not allow the municipality to further assess our nationally significant resources, more specifically resources connected to the War of 1812, our indigenous communities and culture, people of colour, LGBTQ+, and impacts our community’s commitment to ensure preservation of our inclusive history.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Grimsby addresses this resolution to the government of the Province of Ontario, affirming the importance of the Municipal Heritage Register and its role in preserving the cultural heritage of municipalities throughout the province;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council of the Town of Grimsby encourages the government of the Province of Ontario to make changes to the Ontario Heritage Act which promote the retention and expansion of the Municipal Heritage Register, including

the listing of properties of cultural heritage value or interest that are not currently designated;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council of the Town of Grimsby encourages the government of the Province of Ontario to change the Ontario Heritage Act to protect the 60-day demolition provision indefinitely, rather than for a maximum of 2 years in order to provide adequate time for the municipality to consider the heritage value of properties before they may be demolished;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council of the Town of Grimsby circulate this notice of motion to the municipalities of Ontario for endorsement and circulation to the Province.

If you require any additional information, please let me know.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bonnie Nistico-Dunk".

Bonnie Nistico-Dunk
Town Clerk

cc. All Ontario Municipalities



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TASK FORCE**
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ANNUAL REPORT 2022

Pivoting to overcome social hurdles + building relations

The impact of rising prices for rent, food, utilities, etc. and our slow recovery from the pandemic has been hard on vulnerable populations in Grey Bruce. Programs like the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) and one-time top-ups to various income supports were temporary supports in 2020 and 2021.

Food bank usage data, a good proxy for economic hardship, suggests poverty rates rose in 2022 after pandemic benefits ended. The data collected on Food Bruce Grey (pg 2) shows a decrease in community meals distributed but also does not include many community meal programs that started up again in 2022 after being closed during the pandemic. Many food banks are reporting that they are seeing new people from the community accessing their services.

With the rate of inflation in Ontario at times topping 7% in 2022, food and housing insecurity are becoming ever more widespread. Pandemic benefits in 2020 kept some households above water but they did not address the systemic issues going forward after the benefits ended.

In 2022, the Poverty Task Force leveraged 72+ partnerships; supported collaborative local research and innovative pilots that worked together across sectors.

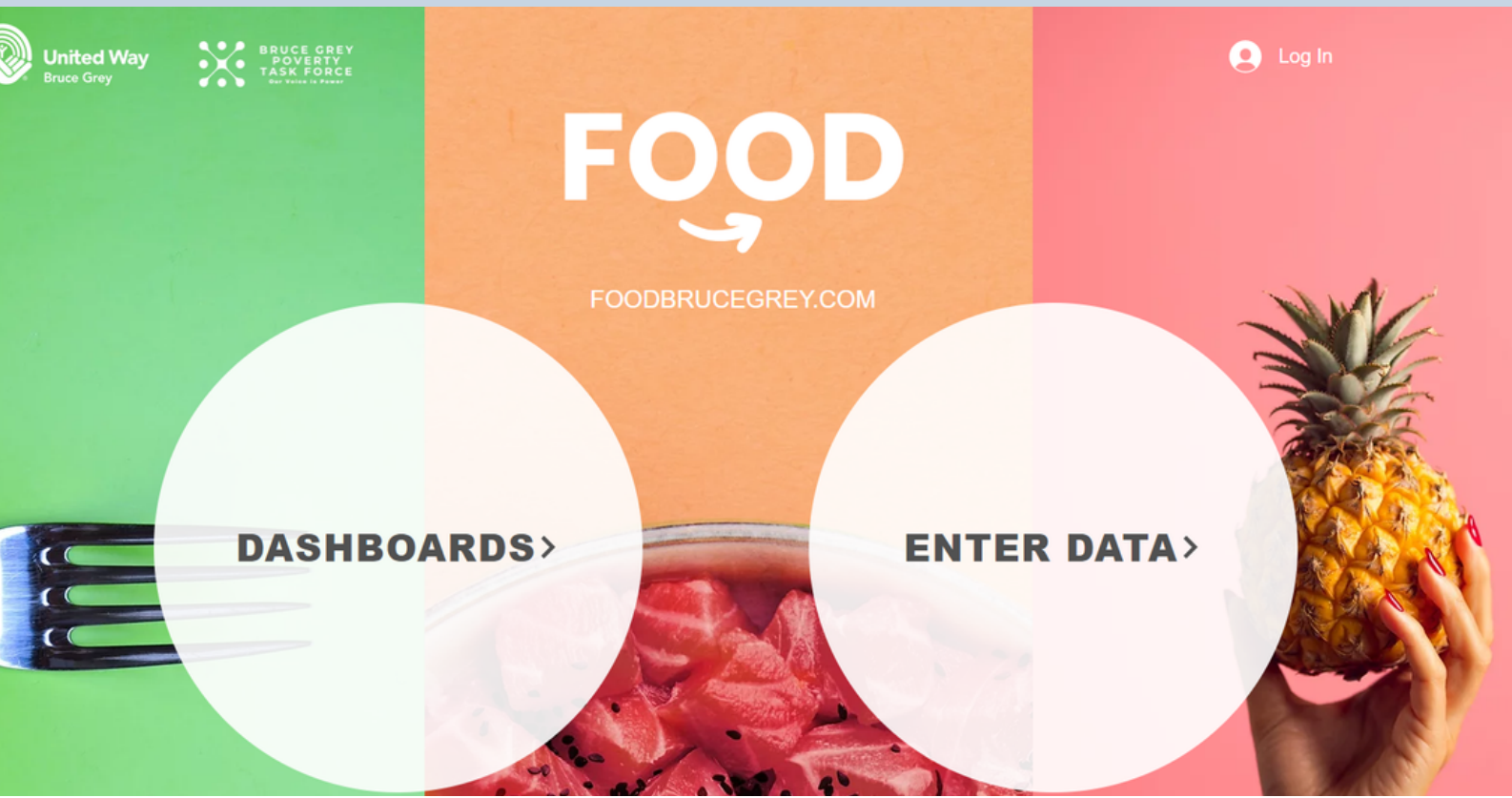
- We took meaningful action to promote and engage in Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action.
- While supporting poverty alleviation programs, we also pushed to address the root causes of poverty to advocate for population-level change (reduction or elimination).
- We identified and implemented mutually reinforcing activities to address housing, food and income insecurities.
- We communicated with partners through PTF and action group meetings; and through community updates to help reduce siloed work.
- We hire annually 1 dedicated staff as a PTF Coordinator and have 7 backbone organizations with dedicated staff to lead a poverty reduction agenda.

This Annual Report summarizes our activities in 2022.

2022 collective response in numbers across Grey Bruce:

- 174,404 meals were served (14 out of 22 organizations), averaging 454 meals/day
- 97,290 kg food rescue food diverted, 9,979 kg re-distributed to partners (32 out of 44 organizations)
- 204,978 kg of food was distributed by food banks (18 out of 22) supporting 12,871 HHs, 58,354 individuals
- \$44,545 worth of gift cards were distributed by food banks
- 8,973 kg of fresh produce was donated from producers to food banks and community meal programs
- 3,520 kg of fresh produce was distributed from community gardens (7 out of 18 gardens)
- 11,451 Good Food Boxes were sold, 2,688 subsidized tokens used.
- 23,428 volunteer hours from contributed to these community food programs (39 out of 62 organizations)
- 18,000 kids/day, 5 days/week in 63 schools are offered breakfast through the GB Ontario School Nutrition Program.
- 2,430 individuals were assisted by Grey Bruce Community Volunteer Income Tax Program Network (14 organizations/20 locations)

Sources: FoodBruceGrey.com, GB Coordinated Access Program, CRA/CVITP, Bruce County, GB Ontario Nutrition Program



2022 IMPACT

. The Poverty Task Force contributed to:

- **Increases in collaboratives convening with people with lived/living experience:** the Giiwe Sharing Circles have increased in size since its start in 2018. A new Youth Sharing Circle was initiated and numbers have grown from 12 to 400 people.
- **Increases in the use of collective impact to address poverty through collaborative research studies** - Rent Safe Tenant-Landlord Survey, Giiwe Model, Vital Conversations on Housing, Home Takeover Pilot, consultations on 2022 Ontario Budget and Ontario Health Team programming.
- **Increase in coordination and communication with partners** - we produced 30 community updates in 2022 (a total of 112 to date) with poverty related data, research findings, resources & services;
- **Increases in leadership by local governments in poverty reduction** - Bruce County and Grey County have committed to the poverty reduction work of the Poverty Task Force for 10 years. This work was acknowledged during the Provincial and Municipal elections in 2022. We increased the representation of lower-tier councilors attending PTF meetings.
- **Growth of the Grey Bruce Living Wage and Basic Income Campaigns** and the subsequent outreach education through the Income & Employment Security Action Group.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS 2022	PROJECTS	OUTCOME
Equity to Healthy Food	Rural FoodRescue Hub GB Community Garden Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expansion of program • Support policy and promotion
Striving for Health Equity	Access to Healthcare Services BGDISC.ca	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updating Health Equity Tool • Support to SOS Mobile Outreach • Data collection and sharing
Housing Security	Rentsafe Survey Community Conversations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey completed. • Vital Conversations on Housing • Home Takeover Pilot Study
Income Security	Volunteer Income Tax Network Living Wage Campaign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Network Meeting + Data collected • Basic Income election education • 2022 Living Wage released
Community Voices	Giiwe Sharing Circles Community Voices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Giiwe Circles growth • Community Voices revisioning • TD Bankability Study

GB Volunteer Income Tax Program Network 2022

2,430 individuals assisted
2,640 returns filed
32,450 eligible people
14 organizations

GB-CVITP Phone
(Owen Sound)

1,366 calls = 5,490 mins

Heaviest months
Mar (508 calls)
Apr (259 calls)
May (329 calls)

712 tax returns filed
(Jan - Jun 2022)

PTF Budget Report 2022

Total Budget \$64,352

Funding went towards:

- Wages & Benefits full-time Planning Network Coordinator
- PTF Admin/equipment
- Tamarack Membership
- Giiwe meeting expenditures
- Website maintenance/election education pages
- Grey Bruce Community Income Tax Clinic phone

Grants from Bruce County, Grey County and the United Way of Bruce Grey.

Partner Engagement

In 2022, we met 10 times as the Poverty Task Force. Emergency housing and support services remains a priority with 50 Housing/Homelessness Community of Practice Group virtual meetings. Access to food and addressing income insecurity remain priorities as well with 24 Bi-weekly Food Security Action Group and 8 Monthly Income & Employment Security + 4 Basic Income Working Group meetings.

As we build our work with the Community Safety & Well-Being Plan as an Action Table we 5 times. Our Health Equity Action Group met several times to update the Resources on the Health Equity Spinwheel. Community Voices met in 2021 to plan for new action in 2022 but things did not progress as planned. New strategies are being developed for a new structure, as Getting Ahead closed in 2022

Social Media Platforms

72+

Partner organizations

1,110

Facebook/Blog
subscribers

708

Twitter followers

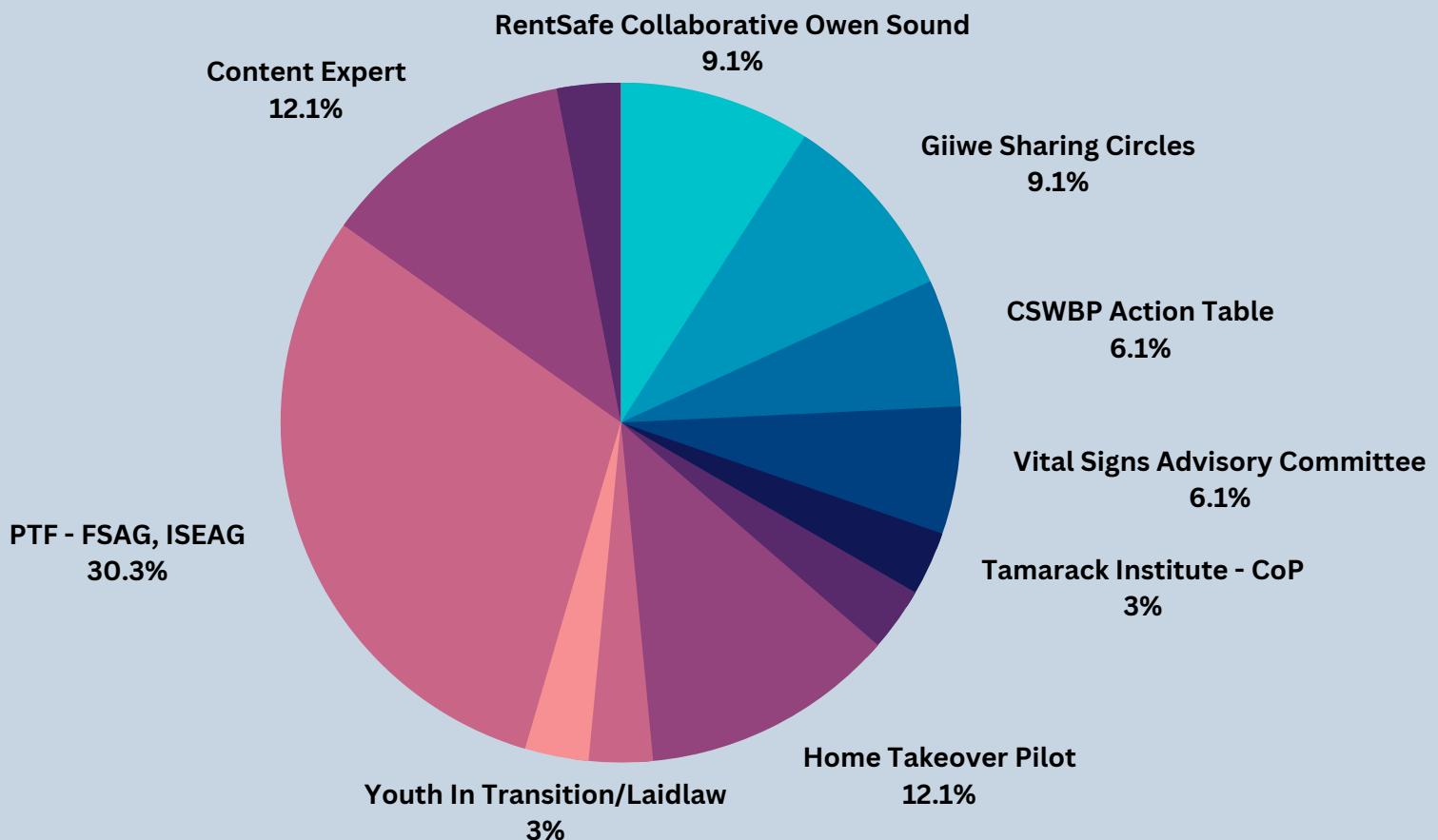
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Community Updates

Website: <http://povertytaskforce.com>
Twitter: @BGTASKForce

Facebook: [BruceGreyPovertyTaskForce](https://www.facebook.com/BruceGreyPovertyTaskForce)
povertytaskforce@unitedwaybg.com

Coordinator's Time Allocation 2022



Projects, Networks & Research Collaboration

Rentsafe Project & Advisory Committee
<https://rentsafe.ca/owensound>

Giiwe Sharing Circle Projects
<https://mwikwedong.com/program/giiwe>

Community Safety & Well-Being Plan Action Table
<https://cswbp-brucegrey.ca/>

Vital Signs Advisory Committee
<https://www.communityfoundationgreybruce.com/impact/vitalsigns/>

Community Ending Poverty/Mentor- Mid-Ontario, Rural Network, Tamarack Institute
<https://www.tamarackcommunity.ca/>

Grey Bruce Healthy Communities Partnership

Bruce Grey Data Information Sharing Collaborative -
<https://bgdisc.ca/>

Precarious Living Study Advisory Committee
<https://www.planningboard.ca/reports/precariouslivingstudy/>

Community Drug & Alcohol Strategy Advisory Committee/Opioid Working Group
<https://drugstrategy.org/>

Home Take Over Project
Grey Bruce Public Health/Grey County Housing
<https://www.publichealthgreybruce.on.ca/Your-Environment/Healthy-Housing/Home-Takeover>

Youth in Transition Project
Community Foundation GB/Laidlaw Foundation

Poverty, Voting and Elections

In the lead up to the provincial and municipal elections, the Poverty Task Force supported a series of Food Insecurity deputations to municipalities in both counties. We participate in a roundtable meeting regarding the 2022 Ontario Provincial Budget and supported candidates for both elections to develop their platform positions. We developed a website page on voting and understanding the different responsibilities of municipal, provincial and federal level government.

The Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives states that "the central lesson of the pandemic is a very simple one: if the goal of social policy is to reduce poverty, there is no faster way to do it than by directly increasing the income of those living in low income". (Feb 2023 Report Card).

Our election education campaign focused on income solutions - guaranteed basic income, a living wage - and affordable housing. We created a series of education posters that were shared by our 72+ community partners and were prompts for community engagement with potential candidates.

New municipal councilors took on their seats at the end of 2022. As a direct result of our engagement with various lower-tier municipalities, candidates and the community push for more response from lower-tier municipalities to address the housing crisis we have the start of formal representatives attending meetings along with interested councilors.

Poverty reduction actions - affordable housing, living wage and reducing precarious work - are now permanent social infrastructure discussions at lower-tier council meetings.



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INCOME SOLUTIONS = ECONOMIC PROSPERITY



We all face financial risk at times. An unexpected loss of income can be devastating.

- CERB was a guaranteed basic income that in combination with housing policies kept people out of poverty.
- A living wage ensures basic needs are met and more.
- Social assistance policies need to reflect today's cost of living.

We need income solutions to overcome setbacks, stay well, manage transitions and create opportunities.

Giiwe Sharing Circles

Indigenous poverty is the most prevalent form of poverty in Canada today. Indigenous poverty has been the inevitable result of multigenerational trauma and colonial policy. The pathway to ending Indigenous poverty requires Indigenous peoples and communities to be at the centre of the conversation, addressing systemic racism, addressing trauma, creating safe spaces to heal and building self-determination within Indigenous communities and Indigenous-led organizations.

Giiwe (“s/he goes home” in Anishinaabemowin) is a model for improving coordination and relations among Indigenous and non-Indigenous organizations in Bruce County and Grey County; as well as on Saugeen First Nation and Nawashiingmiing First Nation. In 2018, we came together with 12 people in a Sharing Circle focused on Indigenous homelessness.

Since the inception of the Grey Bruce By Names List, there has been 613 households added. Of these, 170 households self-identified as Indigenous. This is 28%, which is disproportionate to the overall population of Grey Bruce.

The Poverty Task Force has facilitated new partnerships focused on youth-in-transition, homelessness, child protection and supported the role of the Giiwe Coordinator. In 2022, 6 sharing circles and several full day retreats were held. The Giiwe Coordinator also provided cultural mindfulness workshops with many partners including City of Owen Sound staff, OPP and municipal/city police. Giiwe has been presented at international, national and local housing/poverty reduction conferences including Vital Signs Conversation on Housing. A research paper of the model has been written to be presented at an international public health conference.

DID YOU KNOW?



Poverty is not neutral. Indigenous people live in poverty as a direct result of Colonial and federal laws that have stripped people of their traditional lands, languages, livelihoods, cultures, and children.

- 1 in 4 (25%) Indigenous people in Canada live in poverty
- 4 in 10 (40%) Indigenous children live in poverty
- Over 150,000 children in 150 years attended residential schools. **Some 80,000 survived.**
- **1,181** Indigenous women and girls were murdered or missing (**1980 and 2012**)—a homicide rate roughly 6 times the national average



Shko Naaniibwida - Standing Strong Together for truth and reconciliation.

A guaranteed income is best for all people's health.

MOVING FORWARD IN 2023

The Poverty Task Force has created a Collective Impact Framework for 2023 based on the collaborative work identified by our Action Groups.

It is positive to see the work of the SOS Mobile Outreach project consolidating its work in Grey County. In Dec 2022, 159 people were actively homeless and 132 of these individuals were chronically homeless but 4 people were homed. The outreach model for street involved people with complex needs remains an excellent example of collective impact. This is a critical program that should remain part of the Ontario Health Team approach.

We are also seeing a decrease in the number of people dying of fatal overdoses although we are still seeing a high number of overdoses as reported by the Grey Bruce Public Health/Opioid Working Group. It would appear from January 2023 data that we shall continue to see large number of people, including new people accessing food banks, community meal programs and housing support.

Recent demographic data from Bruce County found that 45% of renters spent more than 30% of income on housing; and 18% of renters spent over 50% on housing. There is work to be done on increasing the housing stock for people with low income, providing transitional housing with wrap mental health and addiction supports. Ensuring crisis supports are well-funded to provide Short Term Shelter Program, warming stations and access points for engagement such as street drop-in programs is also critical.

A focus on reducing poverty is needed. There are few things more central to well-being than having the money to afford a safe place to sleep, good food to eat, and the resources to participate in the life of one's community.

With no additional pandemic benefits for households and service providers, the Poverty Task Force will continue to coordinate poverty reduction efforts as outlined in our Collective Impact Framework 2023 found on page 9.

Acknowledgements

We recognize the incredible work that over 72+ Poverty Task Force members, volunteers and the staff have done in response to COVID19. A special thank you to the Bruce County, Grey County and the United Way of Bruce Grey for their leadership and support to the Bruce Grey Poverty Task Force.



COLLECTIVE IMPACT FRAMEWORK

Our collective impact efforts seek to inform policies and support upstream interventions to address poverty-related community issues. Together we have a common agenda, mutually reinforcing activities, continuous communication and backbone infrastructure.

January 2023

Collective Action

The Poverty Task Force is made up of 72+ organizations that work across priority sectors to reinforce activities that contribute to reducing poverty.

Evidence-informed/best practices

We draw upon local and national best practices; examine and test them in Grey Bruce context.

Data Driven

We collect local data on social determinants of health, including housing/homelessness, food insecurity, employment and income.

HOUSING SECURITY

Release the Rentsafe Tenant-Landlord Survey and host a series of engagements with stakeholders.

Create safe spaces for meaningful learning to engage communities with data/information and build relationships toward solutions.

COMMUNITY VOICES

Ensure the Community Voices group of grounded experts are actively engaged with PTF collective action.

Contribute to engaging with community partners through Indigenous-led Giiwe Sharing Circles.

FOOD SECURITY

Support the expansion of a rural food rescue program to create and strengthen alliances between rural food banks, community meal programs and community gardens.

Contribute to the governance, sustainability and promotion of the Grey Bruce Good Food Box.

INCOME SECURITY

Carry out an Impact Study on the Grey Bruce Community Volunteer Income Tax Program in partnership with CVITP Network partners.

Contribute to a Grey Bruce Living Wage Campaign to engage with employers to reduce precarious employment.

DATA

Contribute to participatory data collection and analysis on poverty-related issues such as housing, precarious work, etc.

Develop M&E strategy for reporting against IMPACT Report baseline.

HEALTH EQUITY

Contribute to Home Takeovers pilot project in Grey County.

Contribute to Mobile Health Outreach Program to ensure access to services for vulnerable populations.

TRUTH & RECONCILIATION CALL TO ACTIONS

We shall build better relations. The following OFIFC principles will guide our work:

- Respect Indigenous culture and spiritualities as a foundation for Indigenous identity.
- Understand and respect Indigenous leadership
- Respond to Indigenous-led community priorities
- Collaborate and co-develop programs with Indigenous communities
- Respect Indigenous Diversity - no pan-Indigenous programming
- Ensure equity for all Indigenous people including women, Two Spirit, Indigi-queer and LGBTQQIA+
- Build trust and relations through Indigenous-led sharing circles



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February 28, 2023

Via email only

To: The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
minister.mah@ontario.ca
The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
doug.fordco@pc.ola.org
The Honourable Dave Smith, MPP Peterborough-Kawartha
dave.smithco@pc.ola.org
The Honourable Michelle Ferreri, MP Peterborough-Kawartha
michelle.ferreri@parl.gc.ca
Curve Lake First Nation
audreyp@curvelake.ca
The Association of Municipalities Ontario
amo@amo.on.ca

Re: Oath of Office

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

Resolution No. **R2023-119**

Moved by Councillor Franzen
Seconded by Deputy Mayor
Armstrong

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Carried.

Sincerely,

Mayor and Council of the Municipality of Trent Lakes

Cc: All Ontario municipalities

**Township of Southgate
Administration Office**

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March 2, 2023

To Whom It May Concern

Re: Resolution of Support – Municipality of Arran-Elderslie – Tile Drainage

Please be advised that at their March 1, 2023, Council meeting, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Southgate approved the following:

No. 2023-098

Moved By Deputy Mayor Dobreen

Seconded By Councillor Shipston

Be it resolved that Council receive the resolution from Arran-Elderslie regarding review and revisions to the current tile drainage loan program facilitated through the Ontario Ministry and Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs for information; and

That Council support the resolution from Arran-Elderslie regarding review and revisions to the current tile drainage loan program; and

That Council direct staff to forward the Township's support to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Honourable Lisa M. Thompson, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Rick Byers, MPP Grey-Bruce-Owen Sound, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO), the Ontario Federation and Agricultural and all municipalities in Grey and Bruce Counties.

Carried

Respectfully,

Lindsey Green, Clerk
Township of Southgate

Attachments: Municipality of Arran-Elderslie – Tile Drainage Resolution

cc: Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Honourable Lisa M. Thompson, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
Rick Byers, MPP Grey-Bruce-Owen Sound
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ontario Federation and Agricultural (OFA)
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Sent Via Email: minister.omafra@ontario.ca

The Honorable Lisa M. Thompson,
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
11th Floor
77 Grenville St.
Toronto, ON M5S 1B3

Re: Tile Drainage Loan Program Review

Dear Minister Thompson,

At its Regular Council meeting held Monday, February 13, 2023, Council of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie passed the following resolution regarding review and revisions to the current tile drainage loan program facilitated through the Ontario Ministry and Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

Your support on this matter is greatly appreciated.

Warm Regards,

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Agenda Number: 16.1.
Resolution No. 54-03-2023
Date: Monday, February 13, 2023



Moved by: Councillor Dudgeon
Seconded by: Councillor Nickason

WHEREAS installing tile drainage is a very common land improvement practice among farmers in Ontario and provides many benefits that allow for increased yields, improved soil conditions and reduces the risk of crop losses; and

WHEREAS the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie is proud of its strong agricultural heritage and continues to thrive as a growing agricultural leader; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) provides landowners in a municipality in Ontario that are planning to install a tile drainage system on their agricultural land with the option for a tile loan under the OMAFRA Tile Loan Program; and

WHEREAS the cost of installing a tile drainage system has increased exponentially over the years with the average cost per acre reaching \$2000 and beyond, coupled with the rising cost per acre of farmland further strengthening the need to invest in the lands to maximize profit realizations; and

WHEREAS the OMAFRA Tile Drainage Loan Program allows for a loan of up to seventy-five percent of eligible costs to install a tile drainage system to a maximum of fifty-thousand dollars in any fiscal year, to an individual, as an individual, or in their role in a partnership or corporation; and

WHEREAS the fifty-thousand dollar maximum has not been increased since 2004 at which time it was increased from twenty-thousand dollars to the current fifty-thousand dollar maximum; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Federation of Agriculture requested an increase to the maximum annual loan amount to \$100,000 in 2021 and no changes to the program have been realized from that request; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie urges the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs to review the provisions of the Tile Loan Program to consider the economic changes that have occurred since the last review was undertaken nineteen years ago in 2004 and consider increasing the maximum loan amount to \$125,000; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie further urges the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs to commit to regular reviews of the program to ensure it remains in line with the current economic conditions;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Honorable Lisa M. Thompson, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Rick Byers, MPP Grey-Bruce- Owen Sound, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), the

Ontario Federation of Agriculture, and all municipalities in Grey and Bruce Counties.

Carried

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Mayor Initials

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Clerk Initials



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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOONBEAM RESOLUTION

NUMBER: 042-2023
DATE: March 2, 2023
PROPOSED BY: Jessica Gibson Demers
SECONDED BY: Nadine Morin

WHEREAS an announcement in the media was made that the English Public School Boards Association, the largest school association in the province, is asking for the end of the moratorium on most pupil accommodation reviews;

AND WHEREAS this announcement potentially threatens the future closure of schools in many single school municipalities;

AND WHEREAS access to education and the presence of a school in a community is an essential service and has a direct link to the quality of life in a community;

AND WHEREAS schools play a key role in improving services and quality of life in a community and are viewed as activity centres where children have access to education, health services, recreation and culture;

AND WHEREAS schools are an important factor in the retention and attraction of residents in a community and is essential in order to resolve labour shortages and allow economic development and growth in small rural municipalities;

AND WHEREAS demographics in many areas are currently shifting and changing quickly as we work on meeting needs of many Ontario residents during a housing crisis;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council is requesting provincial government through the Minister of Education to extend the moratorium on most pupil accommodation reviews in order to allow municipalities, townships, neighborhoods or subdivisions the opportunity to prosper, develop and grow without being hindered by school closure because of current low enrollments that could quickly change.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, MPP Guy Bourguoin and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried ☒ Defeated ☐ Differed ☐

Éric Côté

President Officer

Registered vote requested by:

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

Certified by: Biggitt E. Cunniff
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March 3, 2023

Good morning/afternoon,

Ontario is taking action to streamline and modernize its almost 50-year-old environmental assessment process that is too slow, unnecessarily burdensome and costly, to build Ontario while continuing to protect the environment. As part of this plan, we are making practical changes that would ensure strong environmental oversight while reducing delays to get shovels in the ground on projects that matter most to Ontario communities.

Today, on behalf of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, I am writing to let you know that the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) has been amended as part of the ministry's work on EA modernization.

Over the last three years, our modernization efforts have focused on ensuring strong environmental oversight while reducing delays on infrastructure projects that matter most to Ontario communities. This process includes considering input from stakeholders and Indigenous communities and streamlining requirements for low-risk municipal infrastructure projects, while maintaining strong environmental oversight and protection.

In 2019, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks invited the proponents of class environmental assessments to review their assessment process and to propose changes to reduce duplication and better align assessment requirements with risk. We started consulting with municipalities, government agencies and Indigenous communities on the proposed amendments to the Municipal Class EA in 2020. I want to thank all who have offered feedback on the proposed amendments, through submitting comments, participating in webinars and correspondence. We have considered all comments received during the consultation, in addition to conducting our own analysis before the minister decided on the proposed amendments to the Municipal Class EA.

After careful consideration, the decision was made to approve many of the proposed amendments to the Municipal Class EA, including amendments proposed by the ministry. Various changes were made to the Municipal Class EA to update project schedules to better align the level of assessment with the environmental impact of the project. By looking at smarter, more modern ways of doing business, we're making sure important public services and infrastructure projects can get off the ground faster without unnecessary costs and delays.

Based on input received from Indigenous communities and Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (formerly the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport) regarding the need to ensure the protection of archaeological resources and burial sites, an archaeological screening process will be required for various project types that are now eligible for exemption. The exemption will be conditional on the completion and outcome of the screening. The archaeological screening process consists of three questions with links to various tools and criteria developed under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. Proponents must carry out the specified research and consultation to accurately respond to each question, including consultation with Indigenous Communities, municipal governments, and Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, and may require the assistance of a licensed archaeologist. A project that the screening process applies to would not be exempt unless the archaeological screening process is completed as required, project documentation maintained and all mitigation measures that are identified through the screening process are implemented.

Please see Appendix 1 of the Municipal Class EA for more information on the new archaeological screening process.

Detailed information on the approved amendments to the Municipal Class EA, including the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' reasons for making the amendments, can be found at: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-5069>. The changes are effective as of the date of posting on the Environmental Registry of Ontario, March 3, 2023.

Proponents authorized to proceed with projects through the Municipal Class EA are required to proceed in accordance with the transition provisions set out in the amended Municipal Class EA, as it came into effect on March 3, 2023. Municipalities should review the amended Municipal Class EA to determine the impact on their project.

If you have any questions, please contact Stephen Deneault, Project Officer, by e-mail at: Stephen.Deneault@ontario.ca and the Environmental Assessment Modernization Team at: EAModernization.MECP@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Cross'.

Annamaria Cross
Director, Environmental Assessment Modernization Branch
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks