



COUNCIL AGENDA

Monday, October 21, 2024

4:00 PM

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8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND COPIED FOR WHICH THE DIRECTION OF COUNCIL IS REQUIRED

9. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

That the correspondence be received for information.

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10. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND RECOMMENDED ACTION NOTED

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

That the correspondence items be received for information and the noted action be approved.

- 10.1 Joanne Walters re: Relocation of Tourist Info Centre 132
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- 10.2 Jim Peever, Maitland Valley Marina Ltd re: Dredging Proposal 2025 133
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Staff Recommendation: Concur and refer to staff

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 11.1 Menesetung Bridge Association - Request for Funding - Priority Concrete Repairs on the Menesetung Bridge - Refer to item 7.1
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- 11.6 Andrea Fisher, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk re: 2025 Meeting Dates - Refer to item 7.2

12. BY-LAWS AND AGREEMENTS

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

That By-Law 106 of 2024 be read a first and second time.

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

That By-Law 106 of 2024 be read a third time and finally passed.

- 12.1 By-Law 106 of 2024 150
Being a By-Law to temporarily stop up traffic on Monday, November 11, 2024, on Kingston Street to Courthouse Square for the purpose of the Remembrance Day Parade

13. MOTIONS AND NOTICE OF MOTIONS

13.1 Patrick Corvyn re: No Hate in Huron Delegation

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Whereas the Town of Goderich offers no safe harbour for hate;

And Whereas the Town of Goderich strives for a world in which all people are free to pursue joyous lives without fear of harassment, cruelty, or violence;

And Whereas the Town of Goderich celebrates and cherishes diversity, inclusion, compassion, and courage;

And Whereas the Town of Goderich is committed to the goal of fostering a welcoming and caring community by strengthening a sense of belonging among everyone who makes Goderich home, as outlined in the 2024-2027 Strategic Action Plan;

And Whereas the Town of Goderich has taken specific actions and implemented programs to cultivate a sense of belonging for all residents, including the painting of the Pride crosswalk, providing support for public organizations through the Community Grants program, creating Welcome packages for new residents, enhancing accessibility throughout the Town, and organizing public awareness campaigns on key social issues through the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan;

And Whereas in irreconcilable contrast, Nazi and neo-Nazi ideologies seek the commission of harassment, cruelty, and violence against people based on age, ancestry, colour, race, citizenship, ethnic origin, place of origin, creed, disability, family status, gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Town of Goderich unequivocally denounces Nazi and neo-Nazi ideologies in all their original and modern forms.

13.2 Goderich Bicentennial Appointment

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

That Tracy Mero, Finance and Human Resource Manager be appointed as the Town of Goderich representative for the Huron Tract Commemorative Project, and Andrea Fisher, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk be the secondary appointment.

14. NEW AND GENERAL BUSINESS

Upcoming Meetings:

- October 28, 2024, 4:00 PM Citizen of the Year Recognition Event
- October 29, 2024, 8:30 AM BIA Beautification Committee
- November 5, 2024, 1:00 PM Goderich Regional Airport Task Force
- November 5, 2024, 5:30 AM BIA Board of Management
- November 12, 2024, 4:00 PM Council Meeting
- November 27, 2024, 10:00 AM Community Townhall Information Session, Huron County Museum Auditorium

15. POSSIBLE CLOSED COUNCIL MEETING MATTERS

In the event that Council enters into a possible Closed Session pursuant to Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, Council will reconvene following the Closed Session at which time the public and press may be present.

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

That Council rise at ___ PM and go into Closed Committee of the Whole Session pursuant to Section 239(2)(a), (b), (c), (d), (i), and (j);

And Further That Chief Administrative Officer Janice Hallahan, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk Andrea Fisher, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer Deanna Hastie remain for the entirety of the Closed Session and Administrative Assistant to the Chief Administrative Officer and Director of Legislative Services/Clerk Andrea Rowntree remain for items 15.2, 15.3, 15.4, and 15.5 of the Closed Session.

15.1 Janice Hallahan, Chief Administrative Officer re: Addition to Corporate Organizational Structure
Section 239(2)(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

15.2 Andrea Fisher, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk re: Closed Citizen Recognition Additional Nomination
Section 239(2)(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

15.3 Port of Goderich re: Dock 7 Agri-Dome Project
Section 239(2)(i) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization;

15.4 Compass Minerals Request
Section 239(2)(a) the security of the property of the municipality or local board;

Section 239(2)(c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;

Section 239(2)(d) labour relations or employee negotiations;

Section 239(2)(i) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization;

Section 239(2)(j) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial or financial information that belongs to the municipality or local board and has monetary value or potential monetary value.

15.5 Minutes of the Previous Closed Session
• October 7, 2024, Closed Session Minutes

16. REPORTING OUT OF CLOSED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

17. PRESS REPORTERS AND CITIZENS QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD

18. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

That leave be given to introduce By-Law No. XX-2024 being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of the Goderich Town Council meeting held on October 21, 2024, and that it now be read a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this October 21, 2024.

19. ADJOURN

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

That Goderich Town Council does now adjourn at PM to meet again at the regular meeting of Council scheduled for November 12, 2024.



Council Minutes

Monday, October 7, 2024

4:00 PM

Present	Trevor Bazinet, Mayor Leah Noel, Deputy Mayor Allison Segeren, Councillor John Thompson, Councillor Randy Carroll, Councillor Liz Petrie, Councillor Vanessa Kelly, Councillor
Staff Present	Janice Hallahan, Chief Administrative Officer Deanna Hastie, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer Andrea Fisher, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk Sean Thomas, Director of Community Services, Infrastructure and Operations Andrea Rowntree, Administrative Assistant to the Chief Administrative Officer and Director of Legislative Services/Clerk Dave Duncan, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer
Others Present	Madelyn Sinclair, Town of Goderich Co-op Student Barry Page Kate Krouskie Patrick Corvyn Denis LaLonde Haley Whitelaw Bob Montgomery Bayshore Broadcasting

1. CALL TO ORDER

Goderich Town Council meets in regular session on October 7, 2024.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

Presented by Councillor Petrie

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

- 3.1 Councillor Carroll - Item 9.13 - Laurie Carroll, Royal Canadian Legion re: Poppy Campaign

Councillor Carroll declares a pecuniary interest on this matter as he is the President of the Goderich Legion Branch 109.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Approval of Agenda

The Agenda has been amended to include item 11.2 Business Community Grant Process Review and item 7.23 Dave Duncan, Municipal Law Enforcement Manager re: Purchase of an Animal Control SUV recommendation to read 'This expenditure will be funded through the Contingency Fund'.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Noel
Seconded By: Councillor Segeren

That Goderich Town Council hereby accepts the October 7, 2024, regular Council Agenda, as amended.

CARRIED

4.2 Adoption of Minutes

Moved By: Councillor Thompson
Seconded By: Councillor Kelly

That Goderich Town Council hereby adopts the September 9, 2024, regular Council Minutes, as printed.

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC MEETING(S)

6. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Patrick Corvyn re: The Story of No Hate in Huron

Mayor Bazinet thanks Patrick Corvyn for his presentation and draft motion.

Following discussion;

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Noel
Seconded By: Councillor Segeren

That the draft motion be referred to the October 21, 2024, Council meeting under Notice of Motion.

CARRIED

6.2 Mayor's Remarks

Mayor Bazinet recognizes co-op students Madelyn Sinclair, Taryn Steinman, and Cohen Harris for their placement at the Town of Goderich.

Mayor Bazinet is pleased to announce that GDCI students are to Tour the Georgian Marine Campus in Owen Sound on Friday November 29, 2024, and notes what a great opportunity it is for students to learn more about Marine Industry careers, and thanks Parrish and Heimbecker for sponsoring the bus transportation costs for this field trip to Georgian.

Mayor Bazinet recognizes Gary Renaud for his 50 years of service as a Huron County Paramedic and recognizes his hard work serving Huron County.

Mayor Bazinet comments on attending the Clean Energy Frontier Conference and congratulates Jessica Linthorne on hosting such a great conference.

The Town of Goderich has been fortunate to receive three cheques in the past month from the Province of Ontario, and notes that the Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, (MPP Huron-Bruce) visited Goderich today to present two cheques to the to the Town for the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund Grant and Experience Ontario Grant and on September 18, 2024, she presented a cheque in the amount of \$3,202,843.75 for the Housing Enabling Water Systems Fund. He thanks staff for their work on applying for these grants.

6.3 Councillors' Remarks

Councillor Thompson thanks Colin Carmichael and the Huron Chamber of Commerce for hosting the BIA Summit this past Monday, October 1, 2024, and comments on how great the Summit was.

7. STAFF REPORTS

Moved By: Councillor Petrie

Seconded By: Councillor Kelly

That the Staff Reports be received for information and the noted action be approved.

CARRIED

7.1 Andrea Fisher, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk re: 2025 Canteen Operation Maitland Recreation Centre

Staff Recommendation: Concur and refer to By-Law 103 of 2024

7.2 Andrea Fisher, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk re: 2025 Council Meeting Dates

Staff Recommendation: Concur

Following discussion;

Moved By: Councillor Thompson

Seconded By: Councillor Kelly

That Council does not approve the 2025 Council Meeting dates as presented;

And That Council continue with the current practice of scheduling the meetings on Mondays at 4:00 PM;

And That staff be directed to bring a report back to Council with the new meeting dates.

CARRIED

7.3 Deanna Hastie, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer re: Waterfront Paid Parking Report - August 2024

Staff Recommendation: Receive for information

- 7.4 Deanna Hastie, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer re: Menesetung Bridge Request

Staff Recommendation: Receive for information

Following discussion;

Moved By: Councillor Thompson

Seconded By: Councillor Carroll

That Council defer this item regarding the funding request from the Menesetung Bridge Association to the October 21, 2024, Council meeting;

And That staff investigate the scope of the work that is needed and can be completed before March 31, 2026, for a report back to Council on October 21, 2024;

And That staff review the funding application request that the Menesetung Bridge Association submitted and report back to Council regarding the budget they submitted.

CARRIED

- 7.5 Sean Thomas, Director of Community Services, Infrastructure and Operations re: Agricultural Land Lease at the Airport

Staff Recommendation: Concur

- 7.6 Sean Thomas, Director of Community Services, Infrastructure and Operations re: Asbestos Removal - 35435 Huron Road

Staff Recommendation: Concur

- 7.7 Sean Thomas, Director of Community Services, Infrastructure and Operations re: Renovations to Maitland Valley Medical Centre

Staff Recommendation: Concur

Following discussion;

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Noel

Seconded By: Councillor Petrie

That Council defer the report regarding renovations to the Maitland Valley Medical Centre, to the October 21, 2024, Council meeting.

CARRIED

- 7.8 Sean Thomas, Director of Community Services, Infrastructure and Operations re: Maitland Recreation Centre Façade

Staff Recommendation: Concur

In addition, following discussion;

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Noel

Seconded By: Councillor Kelly

That Council supports the brick failure remediation of the Maitland Recreation Centre to extend the lifespan of this important community sport and recreation facility.

- 7.9 Sean Thomas, Director of Community Services, Infrastructure and Operations re: Response to Elizabeth Grant's Proposals
Staff Recommendation: Concur
- 7.10 Jason Dykstra, Building Services Manager/Chief Building Official re: Heritage Permit Application No. 2024-008
Staff Recommendation: Concur
- 7.11 Jason Dykstra, Building Services Manager/Chief Building Official re: Heritage Permit Application No. 2024-007
Staff Recommendation: Concur
- 7.12 Jason Dykstra, Building Services Manager/Chief Building Official re: August 2024 Report
Staff Recommendation: Receive for information
- 7.13 Kyle Williams, Community Services and Operations Manager re: Crack Sealing
Staff Recommendation: Concur
- 7.14 Michaela Johnston, CEMC, Accessibility and Health and Safety Manager re: 2024 Emergency Management Program
Staff Recommendation: Concur and refer to By-Law 101 of 2024
- 7.15 Michaela Johnston, CEMC, Accessibility and Health and Safety Manager re: Community Emergency Preparedness Grant 2024
Staff Recommendation: Concur
- 7.16 Michaela Johnston, CEMC, Accessibility and Health and Safety Manager re: CSWB for Huron Housing and Homelessness Campaign
Staff Recommendation: Receive for information
- 7.17 Michaela Johnston, CEMC, Accessibility and Health and Safety Manager re: WaterWheels and Beach Access Chair 2024 Report
Staff Recommendation: Receive for information
- 7.18 Michaela Johnston, CEMC, Accessibility and Health and Safety Manager re: Accessibility Toolbar for Corporate Website
Staff Recommendation: Concur
- 7.19 Michaela Johnston, CEMC, Accessibility and Health and Safety Manager re: Corporate Fleet Safety Policy
Staff Recommendation: Concur
- 7.20 Michaela Johnston, CEMC, Accessibility and Health and Safety Manager re: Goderich Municipal Child Care Infant Playground
Staff Recommendation: Receive for information
- 7.21 Michaela Johnston, CEMC, Accessibility and Health and Safety Manager re: MRC Health and Safety Policies
Staff Recommendation: Concur

- 7.22 Dave Duncan, Municipal Law Enforcement Manager re: August 2024 Report
Staff Recommendation: Receive for information
- 7.23 Dave Duncan, Municipal Law Enforcement Manager re: Purchase of an Animal Control SUV
Staff Recommendation: Concur
- 7.24 Lisa Hood, Tourism Events and Marketing Coordinator re: October 2024 Report
Staff Recommendation: Concur
- 7.25 Goderich Regional Airport re: August Month-End Report
Staff Recommendation: Receive for information

8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND COPIED FOR WHICH THE DIRECTION OF COUNCIL IS REQUIRED

- 8.1 David Armstrong, Huron County Historical Society re: Goderich Bicentennial Letter and Minutes of July 24, 2024
Following discussion;
Moved By: Councillor Segeren
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Noel

That Council defer the letter from David Armstrong, Huron Historical Society re: Goderich Bicentennial to the October 21, 2024, Council meeting for further information.

CARRIED

9. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION

- Moved By: Councillor Carroll
Seconded By: Councillor Segeren

That the correspondence be received for information.

CARRIED

- 9.1 Maitland Source Protection Authority Minutes - April 17, 2024
- 9.2 Mid-Huron Landfill Site Board Minutes - August 13, 2024
- 9.3 Mid-Huron Recycling Centre Board Minutes - August 13, 2024
- 9.4 Maitland Valley Conservation Authority Membership Minutes - June 19, 2024
- 9.5 Bluewater Recycling Association Highlights - September 9, 2024
- 9.6 Environment Committee Minutes - September 10, 2024
- 9.7 Community Safety and Well-Being for Huron Oversight Committee Minutes - September 11, 2024
- 9.8 Community Safety and Well-Being for Huron Municipal Working Group Minutes - September 16, 2024
- 9.9 Notice of Hearing re: Chatham-Kent V. Canadian Pacific Railway

- 9.10 Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness re: Investing in International Agri-Food Workers
- 9.11 Linda MacDonald, MADD Huron-Bruce Chapter re: Lighting of the Angel Tree Invitation
- 9.12 Habitat for Humanity Huron County re: Ultimate House Party and Craft Coffee Tasting Invitation
- 9.13 Laurie Carroll, Royal Canadian Legion re: Poppy Campaign
Councillor Carroll declared a conflict on this item. (Councillor Carroll declares a pecuniary interest on this matter as he is the President of the Goderich Legion Branch 109.)

Following discussion;

Moved By: Councillor Segeren

Seconded By: Councillor Thompson

That Council receive this correspondence for information

CARRIED

- 9.14 Melodie VanderWal-Heidinga re: Pro-Life's Annual Life Chain
- 9.15 City of Kitchener re: Resolution - Renovictions
- 9.16 Town of Kirkland Lake re: Resolution - Exotic Animals
- 9.17 Tay Valley Township re: Resolution - Public Sector Salary Disclosure
- 9.18 Tay Valley Township re: Resolution - Province Removes Wetlands Protection for Eastern Ontario
- 9.19 Marisa Parsons, International Wrongful Convictions Day Committee re: Wrongful Conviction Day

10. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND RECOMMENDED ACTION NOTED

Moved By: Councillor Carroll

Seconded By: Councillor Segeren

That the correspondence items be received for information and the noted action be approved.

CARRIED

- 10.1 B.M. Ross and Associates Limited re: Water Treatment Plant Loading Dock Tender Review
Staff Recommendation: Concur
- 10.2 B.M. Ross and Associates Limited re: Reconstruction of Cove Storm Sewer Outfall
Staff Recommendation: Concur
- 10.3 Hugh McGregor, Maitland Trail Association re: Maitland Cemetery Groves Trail Sign Request
Staff Recommendation: Concur

- 10.4 Sandra Goddard, Goderich Community Hats and Mats Group re: Request to place Hats & Mitts on Square

Staff Recommendation: Approve

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 11.1 Menesetung Bridge Association - Request for Funding - Priority Concrete Repairs on the Menesetung Bridge - Refer to Item 7.4

12. BY-LAWS AND AGREEMENTS

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Noel

Seconded By: Councillor Petrie

That By-Laws 100, 101, 102, 103, and 104 of 2024 be taken collectively.

CARRIED

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Noel

Seconded By: Councillor Kelly

That By-Laws 100, 101, 102, 103, and 104 of 2024 be read a first and second time.

CARRIED

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Noel

Seconded By: Councillor Petrie

That By-Laws 100, 101, 102, 103, and 104 of 2024 be read a third time and finally passed.

CARRIED

12.1 By-Law 100 of 2024

Being a By-Law to temporarily stop-up traffic on Saturday, November 16, 2024, from 5:00 PM to 8:30 PM on West Street between Wellington Street and Courthouse Square, Courthouse Square from South Street to West Street, South Street between Courthouse Square and Elgin Avenue, Elgin Avenue between South and Wellington Streets, and Wellington Street between Elgin Avenue and West Street for the purpose of the Santa Clause Parade

12.2 By-Law 101 of 2024

Being a By-Law to repeal By-Law No. 107 of 2023 and to adopt an Emergency Management Program and Emergency Response Plan for the Town of Goderich and to meet other requirements under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act

12.3 By-Law 102 of 2024

Being a By-Law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute and affix the Corporate Seal to a Services Agreement between ReciteMe and the Corporation of the Town of Goderich for the purpose of installing a digital accessibility toolbar and website accessibility checker

12.4 By-Law 103 of 2024

Being a By-Law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute and affix the Corporate Seal to an Operating Agreement between Local Rolla and the Corporation of the Town of Goderich for the operation of the concession area at the Maitland Recreation Centre

12.5 By-Law 104 of 2024

Being a By-Law to authorize the execution of a Licence Agreement with Bell Canada for a licence for maintaining and operating underground and overhead telephone cables at the Goderich Harbour

13. MOTIONS AND NOTICE OF MOTIONS

14. NEW AND GENERAL BUSINESS

Upcoming Meetings:

- October 8, 2024, 11:00 AM Rebuilding Downtown Infrastructure Task Force
- October 8, 2024, 1:00 PM Goderich Regional Airport Task Force
- October 8, 2024, 5:30 AM BIA Board of Management
- October 17, 2024, 11:00 AM BIA Farmers Market Committee
- October 21, 2024, 4:00 PM Council Meeting
- October 28, 2024, 4:00 PM Citizen of the Year Recognition Event

15. POSSIBLE CLOSED COUNCIL MEETING MATTERS

In the event that Council enters into a possible Closed Session pursuant to Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, Council will reconvene following the Closed Session at which time the public and press may be present.

Moved By: Councillor Carroll

Seconded By: Councillor Petrie

That Council rise at 4:58 PM and go into Closed Committee of the Whole Session pursuant to Section 239(2)(b);

And Further That Chief Administrative Officer Janice Hallahan, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk Andrea Fisher, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer Deanna Hastie, Director of Community Services, Infrastructure, and Operations Sean Thomas, and Administrative Assistant to the Chief Administrative Officer and Director of Legislative Services/Clerk Andrea Rowntree remain for the entirety of the Closed Session.

CARRIED

15.1 Andrea Fisher, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk re: Closed Cemetery Investigation Summary Report

Section 239(2)(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

15.2 Sean Thomas, Director of Community Services, Infrastructure and Operations re: Hangar Lease Agreement

Section 239(2)(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

15.3 Minutes of the Previous Closed Session

- September 9, 2024, Closed Session Minutes

16. REPORTING OUT OF CLOSED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

CAO Hallahan reports out of Closed Session. For item 15.1 Cemetery Investigation Summary Report, there is nothing further to report. On item 15.2 Hangar Lease Agreement, staff were directed to proceed as indicated within Closed Session of Council. On item 15.3 September 9, 2024, Closed Session Minutes, a motion was made in Closed Session to accept the minutes.

17. PRESS REPORTERS AND CITIZENS QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD

18. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Noel
Seconded By: Councillor Petrie

That leave be given to introduce By-Law No.105 of 2024 being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of the Goderich Town Council meeting held on October 7, 2024, and that it now be read a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this October 7, 2024.

CARRIED

19. ADJOURN

Moved By: Councillor Carroll
Seconded By: Councillor Kelly

That Goderich Town Council does now adjourn at 5:13 PM to meet again at the regular meeting of Council scheduled for October 21, 2024.

CARRIED

MAYOR, Trevor Bazinet

CLERK, Andrea Fisher

Takalo & Burt - Draft for discussion purposes only

**The Corporation of the Town of Goderich
Consolidated Financial Statements
December 31, 2023**

The Corporation of the Town of Goderich
December 31, 2023

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MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The accompanying financial statements of The Corporation of the Town of Goderich (the "Town") are the responsibility of the Town's management and have been prepared in compliance with legislation, and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for local governments established by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada. A summary of the significant accounting policies are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. The preparation of financial statements necessarily involves the use of estimates based on management's judgement, particularly when transactions affecting the current accounting period cannot be finalized with certainty until future periods.

The Town's management maintains a system of internal controls designed to provide reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded, transactions are properly authorized and recorded in compliance with legislative and regulatory requirements and reliable financial information is available on a timely basis for preparation of the financial statements. These systems are monitored by Management.

Council meets with Management and the external auditors to review the financial statements and discuss any significant financial reporting or internal control matters prior to their approval of the financial statements.

The financial statements have been audited by Takalo & Burt, independent external auditors appointed by the Town. The accompanying Independent Auditor's Report outlines their responsibilities, the scope of their examination and their opinion on the Town's financial statements.

Chief Administrative Officer
Janice Hallahan

Treasurer
Deanna Hastie

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of Council, Inhabitants
and Ratepayers of The Corporation of the Town of Goderich

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Corporation of the Town of Goderich, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at December 31, 2023 and the consolidated statements of operations, changes in net financial assets and cash flows for the year then ended, as well as a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Corporation of the Town of Goderich as at December 31, 2023 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the The Corporation of the Town of Goderich in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter - Change in Accounting Policy

We draw attention to Note 2 to the financial statements which indicates that the entity has changed its accounting policies, as a result of the adoption of new accounting standards. Our opinion is not modified in respect of these matters.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these 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 financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the The Corporation of the Town of Goderich'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 The Corporation of the Town of Goderich or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the The Corporation of the Town of Goderich's financial reporting process.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditors' Report that includes our 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 a 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, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We 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 our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain 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 and opinion on the effectiveness of the The Corporation of the Town of Goderich'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 of conditions that may cast significant doubt on the The Corporation of the Town of Goderich's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our Auditors' Report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our Auditors' Report. However, future events or conditions may cause the The Corporation of the Town of Goderich to cease to continue 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.

We 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 we identify during our audit.

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

Goderich, Ontario
date

LICENCED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS

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The Corporation of the Town of Goderich
Consolidated Statement of Financial Position
As at December 31

	2023	2022
Financial Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 5)	\$ 33,154,221	\$ 28,189,079
Taxes receivable	339,802	366,860
Receivables	3,047,148	2,410,498
Investments (Note 7)	2,306,252	4,269,714
Other receivable (Note 6)	296,988	296,988
Promissory note receivable (Note 8)	2,974,454	2,974,454
Investment in government business enterprise (Note 17)	<u>8,498,521</u>	<u>7,960,197</u>
	<u>50,617,386</u>	<u>46,467,790</u>
Financial Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	3,513,340	3,257,479
Security deposits	754,398	538,562
Deferred revenue - obligatory reserve funds (Note 10)	4,371,663	3,587,499
Asset Retirement Obligation (Note 11)	<u>8,548,724</u>	<u>3,632,686</u>
	<u>17,188,125</u>	<u>11,016,226</u>
Net Financial Assets	<u>33,429,261</u>	<u>35,451,564</u>
Non-Financial Assets		
Tangible capital assets (Note 9)	155,284,485	148,489,881
Prepays	<u>613,840</u>	<u>476,166</u>
	<u>155,898,325</u>	<u>148,966,047</u>
Accumulated Surplus	<u>\$189,327,586</u>	<u>\$184,417,611</u>
Commitments (Note 18)		
Contingencies (Note 20)		
Accumulated Surplus consists of :		
Accumulated surplus (Note 13)	\$189,297,057	\$184,417,611
Accumulated remeasurement gains (Note 13)	<u>30,529</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$189,327,586</u>	<u>\$184,417,611</u>

APPROVAL ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL:

_____ Mayor _____ Treasurer
 _____ Date _____ Date

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

The Corporation of the Town of Goderich
Consolidated Statement of Operations
Year ended December 31

	2023 <u>Budget</u> <small>(Note 23)</small>	2023 <u>Actual</u>	2022 <u>Actual</u>
Revenue			
Property taxes (Note 14)	\$ 9,692,784	\$ 9,699,119	\$ 9,068,980
Water and sewer user fees	5,290,000	5,208,516	4,979,342
Fees, permits, licences and fines	3,226,702	3,766,200	4,144,805
Government transfers			
Provincial	2,296,142	2,245,800	1,870,839
Other municipalities	1,728,940	2,045,930	1,375,156
Federal	103,685	-	55,892
Port user fees	-	2,128,740	2,047,078
Investment income	147,648	1,969,745	920,183
Utilization of obligatory reserve funds	1,643,000	1,035,000	892,053
Income from government business enterprise (Note 17)	-	716,074	828,224
Contributed assets	-	408,200	-
Capital expense recoveries	375,000	386,742	1,472,063
Donations	29,500	101,236	835,140
Penalties and interest on taxes	45,000	52,590	51,458
Contributions from trust funds	7,560	9,703	5,333
Gain (loss) on sale of tangible capital assets	-	(32,330)	(130,365)
	<u>24,585,961</u>	<u>29,741,265</u>	<u>28,416,181</u>
Expenditures			
Environmental services	8,899,135	4,552,989	4,080,528
Transportation services	6,048,157	4,085,655	4,014,457
Protection to persons and property	4,381,046	4,084,360	3,729,655
Recreation and cultural services	2,841,045	3,298,122	3,092,058
General government	2,477,655	2,357,419	2,237,583
Social and family services	2,437,964	2,280,220	1,970,095
Port	-	2,412,850	1,224,660
Planning and development	1,196,562	1,280,573	1,110,672
Health services	557,253	509,631	468,767
	<u>28,838,817</u>	<u>24,861,819</u>	<u>21,928,475</u>
Annual surplus (deficit)	(4,252,856)	4,879,446	6,487,706
Accumulated surplus, beginning of year	<u>184,417,611</u>	<u>184,417,611</u>	<u>177,929,905</u>
Accumulated surplus, end of year (Note 13)	<u>\$180,164,755</u>	<u>\$189,297,057</u>	<u>\$184,417,611</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

The Corporation of the Town of Goderich
Consolidated Statement of Change in Net Financial Assets
Year ended December 31

	2023 <u>Budget</u> <small>(Note 23)</small>	2023 <u>Actual</u>	2022 <u>Actual</u>
Annual surplus (deficit)	\$ <u>(4,252,856)</u>	\$ <u>4,879,446</u>	\$ <u>6,487,706</u>
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(7,774,270)	(10,481,413)	(7,159,581)
Contributed tangible capital assets	-	(408,200)	-
Amortization of tangible capital assets	-	3,561,175	3,406,676
(Gain) loss on disposal of tangible capital assets	-	32,330	130,365
Net proceeds on disposal of tangible capital assets	-	501,504	-
	<u>(7,774,270)</u>	<u>(6,794,604)</u>	<u>(3,622,540)</u>
	(12,027,126)	(1,915,158)	2,865,166
Change in prepaid expenses	-	(137,674)	(326,534)
Change in remeasurement gains	-	30,529	-
Change in net financial assets	(12,027,126)	(2,022,303)	2,538,632
Net financial assets, beginning of year	<u>35,451,564</u>	<u>35,451,564</u>	<u>32,912,932</u>
Net financial assets, end of year	<u>\$ 23,424,438</u>	<u>\$ 33,429,261</u>	<u>\$ 35,451,564</u>

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**The Corporation of the Town of Goderich
 Consolidated Statement of Accumulated Remeasurement
 Gains and Losses**

Year ended December 31 2023 2022

Unrealized gains attributable to:		
Portfolio investments	\$ <u>30,529</u>	<u>-</u>
Net remeasurement gains and losses	30,529	-
Accumulated remeasurement gains , beginning of year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Accumulated remeasurement gains , end of year (Note 13)	<u>\$ 30,529</u>	<u>-</u>

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The Corporation of the Town of Goderich
Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows
Year ended December 31

	2023	2022
Operating transactions		
Annual surplus	\$ 4,879,446	\$ 6,487,706
Items not involving cash		
Amortization of tangible capital assets	3,561,175	3,406,676
(Gain) loss on disposal of tangible capital assets	32,330	130,365
Tangible capital assets received as contributions	(408,200)	-
Equity in earnings of government business enterprise	(716,074)	(828,224)
Change in accumulated remeasurement gains and losses	30,529	-
Change in assets and liabilities		
(Increase) decrease in taxes receivable	27,058	(43,144)
Decrease (increase) in receivables	(636,650)	(42,603)
Decrease (increase) in other receivables	-	(296,988)
Increase (decrease) in payables and accruals	255,861	115,720
Increase (decrease) in security deposits	215,836	(102,458)
Increase (decrease) in asset retirement obligations	4,916,038	(17,503)
Increase (decrease) in deferred revenue	784,164	945,292
Decrease (increase) in prepaids	(137,674)	(326,534)
Net change in cash from operating transactions	<u>12,803,839</u>	<u>9,428,305</u>
Capital activities		
Proceeds on sale of tangible capital assets	501,504	-
Cash used to acquire tangible capital assets	(10,481,413)	(7,159,581)
Net change in cash from capital activities	<u>(9,979,909)</u>	<u>(7,159,581)</u>
Investing activities		
Dividend from government business enterprise	177,750	207,000
(Increase) decrease in investments - net	1,963,462	3,391,388
Net change in cash from investing activities	<u>2,141,212</u>	<u>3,598,388</u>
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	4,965,142	5,867,112
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	28,189,079	22,321,967
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 33,154,221	\$ 28,189,079

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

The Corporation of the Town of Goderich

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

December 31, 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The consolidated financial statements of the Corporation of the The Corporation of the Town of Goderich (the "Town") are the representation of management, prepared in accordance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards established by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada. Significant aspects of the accounting policies are as follows:

(a) Reporting Entity

Consolidated Entities

The consolidated financial statements reflect the assets, liabilities, revenue and expenditures of the reporting entity. The reporting entity is comprised of all organizations, committees and local boards accountable for the administration of their affairs and resources to the Town and which are controlled by the Town. The consolidated boards and committees include:

- Board of Management of Recreational Services
- Fire Committee
- Municipal and Marine Heritage Committee
- Committee of Adjustment/Property Standards Committee
- Business Improvement Area Board of Management
- Goderich Police Services Board
- Emergency Control Group
- Environment Committee
- Goderich Regional Airport Task Force

All interdepartmental and interorganizational transactions and balances have been eliminated.

Proportionately Consolidated Entity

The Town uses the proportionate consolidation method to account for other Government partnerships. The Town's pro-rata share of the assets, liabilities, revenues and expenditures of these partnerships are reflected in the Town's financial statements. The Town's proportionate interest in the following partnerships are reflected in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Operations:

Mid-Huron Landfill Site Board	33.3%
Mid-Huron Recycle Centre Board	33.3%
Goderich Port Management Corporation	100.0%

Government Business Enterprise - Modified Equity Accounting

ERTH Corporation, a government business enterprise, is accounted for by the modified equity method. Under this method, the business enterprise's accounting policies are not adjusted to conform to those of the municipality and inter-entity transactions and balances are not eliminated. The Town recognizes its equity interest in the annual income or loss of ERTH Corporation in its consolidated statement of operations and records a corresponding increase or decrease in its investment asset account. Dividends received from ERTH Corporation are recorded as a decrease in the investment asset account. Financial information related to ERTH Corporation is summarized in Note 17.

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Accounting for County and School Board Transactions

The taxation, other revenues, expenditures, assets and liabilities with respect to the operations of the school boards, and the County of Huron are not reflected in the municipal fund balances of these 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 Statements of Financial Position and Statements of Operations and Trust Fund Surplus".

(b) Basis of Accounting

(i) Revenues and Expenses

The Town follows the accrual method of accounting for revenues and expenses. The accrual basis of accounting recognizes revenues as they are earned and measurable. Expenses 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.

(ii) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on deposit and short-term deposits with initial maturity terms equal to or less than 90 days.

(iii) Financial Instruments

The Town initially recognizes financial instruments at fair value and subsequently measures them at each reporting date.

Financial instruments are assigned to one of two categories

a) Fair value

Derivatives and portfolio investments in equity instruments that are quoted in an active market are required to be assigned to the fair value category. Instruments in this category are measured at fair value as at the reporting date. Unrealized gains and losses are recognized in the statement of remeasurement gains and losses until such time that the financial instrument is derecognized due to disposal or impairment. At the time of derecognition, the related realized gains and losses are recognized in the statement of operations. Prior to 2023, equity instruments were recorded at cost.

b) Cost or Amortized Cost

All other financial instruments are measured at cost or amortized cost. Gains and losses are recognized in the statement of operations when the financial instrument is derecognized due to disposal or impairment. Financial instruments assigned to the cost or amortized cost category are cash, investments in corporate and government bonds and guaranteed investment certificates, promissory note, accounts receivable, other receivables, accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

(iv) Demand Note Receivable

The demand loan note receivable is recorded on the consolidated statement of financial position. Interest earned in relation to the demand note receivable is recorded as revenue when earned. The Town records a valuation allowance for impairment when it is determined that the Town will be unable to collect all amounts due according to the terms of the underlying agreement. Any allowance necessary to adjust the value to reflect management's assessment is recorded in the period in which the change in value occurs as an expenditure.

The Corporation of the Town of Goderich
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(v) **Deferred Revenue**

Obligatory Reserve Funds

Funds received for specific purpose which are externally restricted by legislation, regulation or agreement and are not available for general municipal purposes are accounted for as deferred revenue on the consolidated statement of financial position. Externally restricted inflows are recognized as revenue in the period in which the resources are used for their specified purpose. Interest earned on these externally restricted funds is recorded as deferred revenue in the period earned.

General

User charges and fees which have been collected but for which the related services have not yet been performed are recorded as deferred revenue. These amounts are recognized as revenue in the fiscal the service are performed.

(vi) **Tangible Capital Assets**

Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost. Cost includes the costs directly attributable to the acquisition, design, construction, development, improvement or betterment of the asset. Cost also includes overheads directly attributable to construction and development but excludes interest. Tangible capital assets, except land, are amortized over the estimated useful lives of the assets on a straight-line basis at the following amortization rates:

	<u>Useful life in years</u>
Buildings	10 - 100
Port	100
Machinery and equipment	4 - 50
Linear	10 - 100
Vehicles	7 - 10
Land improvements	10 - 50

Amortization is charged in the year of acquisition and in the year of disposal.

Amortization of the asset begins on the acquisition date. Assets under construction are not amortized until the asset is available for productive use.

Work in Progress

Tangible capital assets under construction are recorded at cost. When construction is completed, the tangible capital asset under construction will be transferred to the appropriated tangible capital asset class and amortized based on their classification.

(vii) **Contributed Asset Revenue**

Tangible capital assets from developers are a condition of the development approval process. Public Sector Accounting Board rules require municipalities to recognize as revenue the fair market value of the tangible assets when they are made available for use and received by the Town.

The delivery of the contributed tangible capital assets is dependent upon the developer. The revenue is recognized on the Consolidated Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus with an increase in tangible capital assets on the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position of the same amount. Contributed asset revenue represents the fair market value of assets received. Where a fair market value is not available, an estimate of the value is made. It is not a source of funding available to meet current operating expenditures or obligations.

The Corporation of the Town of Goderich
Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements
December 31, 2023

(viii) Asset Retirement Obligations

An asset retirement obligation is recognized when, at the financial reporting date, all of the following criteria are met:

- i) there is a legal obligation to incur retirement costs in relation to a tangible capital asset;
- ii) the past transaction or event giving rise to the liability has occurred;
- iii) it is expected that future economic benefits will be given up; and
- iv) a reasonable estimate of the amount can be made.

The asset retirement obligation is based on management's best estimate of the expenditures to settle the obligation. A liability has been recognized based on estimated future expenses on retirement of the tangible capital assets. Under the prospective method, the assumptions used on initial recognition are those as of the date the legal obligation was incurred. Assumptions used in the subsequent calculations are revised annually.

When a liability for an asset retirement obligation is initially recognized, a corresponding asset retirement cost is capitalized to the carrying amount of the related tangible capital asset (or component thereof). The asset retirement cost is amortized over the useful life of the related asset. Where the obligation relates to an asset which is no longer in service, and not providing economic benefit, the obligation is expensed upon recognition.

At each financial reporting date, the Town reviews the carrying amount of the liability. Changes to the liability arising from revisions to either the timing or the amount of the original estimate are recognized as an increase or decrease to the carrying amount of the related tangible capital asset.

The Town continues to recognize the liability until it is settled or otherwise extinguished. Disbursements made to settle the liability are deducted from the reported liability when they are made.

(ix) Taxation and Related Revenues

Property tax billings are prepared by the Town based on assessment rolls issued by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) and in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Act, 2001. The Town Council establishes tax rates annually, incorporating amounts to be raised for local services based on the approved annual budget, amounts the Town is required to collect on behalf of the County of Huron for regional services and education taxes for the School Boards. The municipal portion of property tax revenue is recognized when the tax is authorized through the passing of a property tax bylaw in the period for which the tax is levied.

Assessments and related property taxes are subject to appeal. The Town evaluates the likelihood of having to repay taxes as a result of tax appeals or other changes and recognizes a liability if the amount can be reasonably estimated.

(x) User Fees and Other Revenues

User fees and other revenues are reported on an accrual basis.

The Corporation of the Town of Goderich
Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements
December 31, 2023

(x) Government Transfers

Government transfer payments are recognized as revenue by the Town in the period in which events giving rise to the transfer occur, providing the transfers are authorized, any eligibility criteria have been met, and reasonable estimates of the amounts can be determined.

(xi) Investment Income

Investment income earned on operating funds and reserve funds is reported as revenue in the period earned. Investment income earned on obligatory reserve funds such as development charges and parkland allowances is added to the associated fund balance and forms part of respective deferred revenue balances.

(xii) Pensions and Post Retirement Costs

The contributions to the Ontario Municipal Employers Retirement System (OMERS), a multi-employer defined benefit pension plan, are expensed when contributions are due. The cost of post-employment benefits are recognized when the event that obligated the Municipality occurs; costs include projected future income payments, health care continuation costs and fees paid to independent administrators of these plans, calculated on a present value basis.

(xiii) Use of Estimates

The preparation of consolidated 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 and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the year. The principle estimates used in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements are the allowance for doubtful accounts, estimated useful lives of tangible capital assets, landfill closure and post-closure liability and other accrued liabilities and/or obligations. Actual results could differ from management's best estimates as additional information becomes available in the future. These estimates are reviewed periodically and, as adjustments become necessary, they are reported in earnings in the period in which they become known.

2. CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING POLICY - ADOPTION OF NEW ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

The Town adopted the following standard beginning January 1, 2023 using the prospective approach:

(i) PS 1201 Financial Statement Presentation replaces PS 1200 Financial Statement Presentation.

This standard establishes general reporting principles and standards for the disclosure of information in government financial statements. The standard introduces the statement of remeasurement gains and losses separate from the statement of operations. Requirements in PS 2601 Foreign Currency Translation, PS 3450 Financial Instruments, and PS 3041 Portfolio Investments, which are required to be adopted at the same time, can give rise to the presentation of gains and losses as remeasurement gains and losses.

(ii) PS 3041 Portfolio Investments replaces PS 3040 Portfolio Investments.

The standard provides revised guidance on accounting for, and presentation and disclosure of, portfolio investments to conform to PS 3450 Financial Instruments. The distinction between temporary and portfolio investments has been removed in the new standard, and upon adoption, PS 3030 Temporary Investments no longer applies.

The Corporation of the Town of Goderich

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December 31, 2023

(iii) PS 2601 Foreign Currency Translation replaces PS 2600 Foreign Currency Translation.

The standard requires monetary assets and liabilities denominated in a foreign currency and non-monetary items denominated in a foreign currency that are reported as fair value, to be adjusted to reflect the exchange rates in effect at the financial statement date. Unrealized gains and losses arising from foreign currency changes are presented in the new statement of remeasurement gains and losses.

(iv) PS 3450 Financial Instruments establishes accounting and reporting requirements for all types of financial instruments including derivatives.

The standard requires fair value measurement of derivatives and portfolio investments in equity instruments that are quoted in an active market. All other financial instruments will generally be measured at cost or amortized cost. Unrealized gains and losses arising from changes in fair value are presented in the statement of remeasurement gains and losses.

(v) PS 3280 Asset Retirement Obligations (ARO)

The standard establishes the accounting and reporting requirements for legal obligations associated with the retirement of tangible capital assets controlled by a government or government organization. A liability for a retirement obligation can apply to tangible capital assets either in productive use or no longer in productive use. This standard was adopted on January 1, 2023 on a prospective basis.

In the past, the Town has reported its obligations related to the retirement of tangible capital assets in the period when the asset was retired directly as an expense. The new standard requires the recognition of a liability for legal obligations that exist as a result of the acquisition, construction or development of a tangible capital asset, or that result from the normal use of the asset when the asset is recorded. Such obligation justifies recognition of a liability and can result from existing legislation, regulation, agreement, contract, or that is based on a promise and an expectation of performance.

The estimate of the liability includes costs directly attributable to asset retirement activities. Costs include post-retirement operation, maintenance, and monitoring that are an integral part of the retirement of the tangible capital asset (if applicable). When recording an asset retirement obligation, the estimated retirement costs are capitalized to the carrying value of the associated assets and amortized over the asset's estimated useful life. The amortization of the asset retirement costs follows the same method of amortization as the associated tangible capital asset.

A significant part of asset retirement obligations results from the removal and disposal of designated substances such as asbestos from buildings. The Town reports liabilities related to the legal obligations where the Board is obligated to incur costs to retire a tangible capital asset.

The Town's ongoing efforts to assess the extent to which designated substances exist in tangible capital assets, and new information obtained through regular maintenance and renewal of tangible capital assets may result in additional asset retirement obligations from better information on the nature and extent the substance exists or from changes to in the estimated cost to fulfil the obligation.

The measurement of asset retirement obligations is also impacted by activities that occurred to settle all or part of the obligation, or any changes in the legal obligation. Revisions to the estimated cost of the obligation will result in changes to the carrying amount of the associated assets that are in productive use and amortized as part of the asset on an ongoing basis.

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3. OPERATIONS OF SCHOOL BOARDS AND THE COUNTY OF HURON

The taxation, other revenues and requisitions collected and remitted to the school boards and the County of Huron during the year are comprised of the following:

	<u>School Boards</u>	<u>County of Huron</u>	<u>Total</u>
Taxation and user charges	\$ 2,571,426	\$ 4,857,318	\$ 7,428,744
Share of payments in lieu of taxes and rights of ways	<u>3,317</u>	<u>18,217</u>	<u>21,534</u>
Amounts requisitioned	<u>\$ 2,574,743</u>	<u>\$ 4,875,535</u>	<u>\$ 7,450,278</u>

4. TRUST FUNDS

Trust Funds administered by the municipality amounting to **\$609,497** (2022 - \$588,407) have not been included in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position, nor have their operations been included in the Consolidated Statement of Operations.

The Trust Funds administered are as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Maitland Cemetery Trust Funds	\$ 569,976	\$ 549,723
Goderich Public Library Fund	25,885	25,250
Robert MacKay Cemetery Fund	8,992	8,900
Charles Blake Park Fund	<u>4,644</u>	<u>4,534</u>
	<u>\$ 609,497</u>	<u>\$ 588,407</u>

5. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The cash balance consists of the following:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Reserve fund	\$ 20,143,364	\$ 17,310,190
General fund	9,275,202	6,863,593
Proportionately consolidated amounts:		
Goderich Port Management Corporation	3,595,305	3,809,711
Mid-Huron Recycle Centre Board	84,095	99,469
Mid-Huron Landfill Site Board	<u>56,255</u>	<u>106,116</u>
	<u>\$ 33,154,221</u>	<u>\$ 28,189,079</u>

The Town's general fund and reserve fund bank accounts are held at chartered banks. The bank accounts earn interest at a variable rate calculated on the daily balance.

The proportionately consolidated amounts are also held in interest bearing accounts at chartered banks but are not available for the current operations of the Town of Goderich.

6. OTHER RECEIVABLE

Deferred development charge receivable from various organizations. Maturity and interest rates are determined by agreement and the date of occupancy

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	<u>\$ 296,988</u>	<u>\$ 296,988</u>

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7. INVESTMENTS

An accounting policy change to conform with PS 3041 Portfolio Investments was adopted prospectively on January 1, 2023 that requires portfolio investments to be recorded at fair value on the consolidated statement of financial position. Investments in guaranteed investment certificates are recorded at cost on the statement of financial position. Equity investments are pooled and managed by investment advisors.

The investments held on December 31, consist of the following:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Term deposit bearing interest at 5.5%, maturing June 2024	\$ 500,000	\$ -
Term deposit bearing interest at 3.5%, maturing June 2023	-	2,500,000
Proportionately consolidated amounts:		
Goderich Port Management Corporation - consists of a GIC bearing interest at 3.3% per annum maturing February 2024	233,052	233,052
Mid-Huron Landfill - consists of an investment portfolio containing cash, GIC's, and equities. The cash receives interest at market rates that can fluctuate regularly. The GIC's bear interest at 2.1% to 5.6% with maturities from January 2024 to December 2025	<u>1,573,200</u>	<u>1,536,662</u>
	<u>\$ 2,306,252</u>	<u>\$ 4,269,714</u>

The cost of the investments held at December 31, 2023 is **\$2,275,723** (2022 - \$4,269,714). Remeasurement gains of **\$30,529** (2022 - \$nil) have been recorded in the financial statements.

The proportionately consolidated amounts are not available for use in the current operations of the Town of Goderich.

8. PROMISSORY NOTE RECEIVABLE

The promissory note receivable is due on demand from ERTH Power Corporation and bears interest at 7.25% per annum. Interest is received in quarterly instalments of **\$53,912** (2022 - \$53,912). This note is secured by a general security interest covering accounts receivable, inventory, equipment including motor vehicles of ERTH Power Corporation.

The Town of Goderich Council passed a motion on March 21, 2022 to postpone the promissory note in favour of the Bank of Nova Scotia to put themselves in second position.

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9. TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

<u>Net Book Value</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Buildings	\$ 28,106,222	\$ 23,969,616
Land	7,533,864	7,535,664
Machinery and equipment	8,403,359	8,116,136
Linear	68,161,804	66,848,705
Vehicles	2,539,118	1,779,866
Work in progress	1,575,341	950,195
Port	35,127,617	35,509,894
Land improvements	<u>3,837,160</u>	<u>3,779,805</u>
	\$155,284,485	\$148,489,881

<u>Cost</u>	<u>Balance at 2022</u>	<u>Additions to 2023</u>	<u>Disposals to 2023</u>	<u>Balance at 2023</u>
Buildings	\$ 34,839,897	\$ 4,783,641	\$ 170,326	\$ 39,453,212
Land	7,535,664	408,200	410,000	7,533,864
Machinery and equipment	14,767,352	707,641	531,290	14,943,703
Linear	117,755,133	3,124,907	274,301	120,605,739
Vehicles	3,451,963	1,012,692	448,003	4,016,652
Work in progress	950,195	625,146	-	1,575,341
Port	39,163,576	9,454	-	39,173,030
Land improvements	<u>6,889,793</u>	<u>217,932</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,107,725</u>
	\$225,353,573	\$ 10,889,613	\$ 1,833,920	\$234,409,266

<u>Accumulated Amortization</u>	<u>Balance at 2022</u>	<u>Amortization 2023</u>	<u>Reversals 2023</u>	<u>Balance at 2023</u>
Buildings	\$ 10,870,281	\$ 631,324	\$ 154,615	\$ 11,346,990
Machinery and equipment	6,651,216	414,448	525,320	6,540,344
Linear	50,906,428	1,790,233	252,726	52,443,935
Vehicles	1,672,097	172,862	367,425	1,477,534
Port	3,653,682	391,731	-	4,045,413
Land improvements	<u>3,109,988</u>	<u>160,577</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,270,565</u>
	\$ 76,863,692	\$ 3,561,175	\$ 1,300,086	\$ 79,124,781

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<u>Net Book Value</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Buildings	\$ 23,969,616	\$ 24,374,008
Land	7,535,664	6,519,251
Machinery and equipment	8,116,136	7,721,159
Linear	66,848,705	66,144,781
Vehicles	1,779,866	1,754,780
Work in progress	950,195	514,733
Port	35,509,894	34,530,015
Land improvements	<u>3,779,805</u>	<u>3,308,614</u>
	<u>\$148,489,881</u>	<u>\$144,867,341</u>

<u>Cost</u>	<u>Balance at 2021</u>	<u>Additions to 2022</u>	<u>Disposals to 2022</u>	<u>Balance at 2022</u>
Buildings	\$ 34,736,658	\$ 182,763	\$ 79,524	\$ 34,839,897
Land	6,519,251	1,016,413	-	7,535,664
Machinery and equipment	14,249,199	773,262	255,109	14,767,352
Linear	115,807,794	2,570,628	623,289	117,755,133
Vehicles	3,252,543	199,420	-	3,451,963
Work in progress	514,733	435,462	-	950,195
Port	37,792,061	1,371,515	-	39,163,576
Land improvements	<u>6,279,675</u>	<u>610,118</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,889,793</u>
	<u>\$219,151,914</u>	<u>\$ 7,159,581</u>	<u>\$ 957,922</u>	<u>\$225,353,573</u>

<u>Accumulated Amortization</u>	<u>Balance at 2021</u>	<u>Amortization 2022</u>	<u>Reversals 2022</u>	<u>Balance at 2022</u>
Buildings	\$ 10,362,650	\$ 544,266	\$ 36,635	\$ 10,870,281
Machinery and equipment	6,528,040	378,285	255,109	6,651,216
Linear	49,663,013	1,779,228	535,813	50,906,428
Vehicles	1,497,763	174,334	-	1,672,097
Port	3,262,046	391,636	-	3,653,682
Land improvements	<u>2,971,061</u>	<u>138,927</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,109,988</u>
	<u>\$ 74,284,573</u>	<u>\$ 3,406,676</u>	<u>\$ 827,557</u>	<u>\$ 76,863,692</u>

During the year land totalling **\$408,200** (2022 - nil) was contributed to the Town. These assets were recorded at their fair market value at the date of acquisition.

Included in tangible capital assets are **\$4,671,106** (2022 - nil) of asset retirement costs and **\$93,745** (2022 - nil) of related accumulated amortization.

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10. DEFERRED REVENUE

The deferred revenue reported on the consolidated statement of financial position consists of externally restricted funds set aside for specific purpose by legislation, regulation or agreement amount to **\$4,371,663** (2022 - \$3,587,499) and are made up of the following:

	Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund	Cash in lieu Parkland	Development Charges	Canada Community Building Fund	Total
Opening balance	\$ 1,698,900	\$ 58,954	\$ 753,674	\$ 1,075,971	\$ 3,587,499
Interest	72,880	2,529	32,331	46,157	153,897
Special charges	-	2,000	125,376	-	127,376
Grant	1,285,449	-	-	252,442	1,537,891
Utilization	(680,000)	-	-	(355,000)	(1,035,000)
Ending balance	\$ <u>2,377,229</u>	\$ <u>63,483</u>	\$ <u>911,381</u>	\$ <u>1,019,570</u>	\$ <u>4,371,663</u>

11. ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATION

Following the adoption of PS 3280, the Town has recognized asset retirement obligations relating to the following:

i) Hazardous materials obligation: The Town owns and operates several buildings and structures that are known or assumed to have designated hazardous materials, which represents a health hazard upon demolition of the building and there is a legal obligation to safely remove it. As such, asset retirement obligations have been recognized for various buildings that are known and/or suspected of containing designated hazardous materials.

ii) Landfill post-closure obligation: The Town is a participating member of the Mid-Huron Landfill Site Board which was closed in 2018. Landfill closure and post-closure requirements have been defined in accordance with industry standards and include final covering, removal of leachate and ongoing monitoring, site inspection and maintenance. The asset retirement obligation representing the Town's proportional share is recorded at the present value of the Board's future cashflows using a discount rate of 1.9% and the estimated length of time needed for post-closure care of 50 years. The Board has established a reserve fund to assist in funding this liability. The Town's proportionate share of this reserve fund is \$1,582,527. Prior to the adoption of PS 3280 the Town had recognized a closure and post-closure liability on the Statement of Financial Position. The adoption of the Asset Retirement Obligation standard has had no impact on the recognized liability amount.

	Landfill Post-closure	Hazardous Materials	Total
Balance, beginning of the year	\$ 3,632,686	\$ -	\$ 3,632,686
Additions during the year	-	4,681,036	4,681,036
Accretion expense	-	255,794	255,794
Less: Obligations settled in the year	<u>(20,792)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(20,792)</u>
Amounts requisitioned	\$ <u>3,611,894</u>	\$ <u>4,936,830</u>	\$ <u>8,548,724</u>

The asset retirement obligations for hazardous materials include the Town's proportional share of the Mid-Huron Recycle Centre Board's asset retirement obligation of **\$9,930** (2022 - \$nil).

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12. MUNICIPAL DEBT

The Corporation of the Town of Goderich has borrowed **\$2,812,113** (2022 - \$2,923,984) from its reserve funds to finance capital projects. The reserve fund loan is repayable on demand. Interest is charged by the reserve fund at prime less 1.9%. Interest of **\$143,999** (2022 - \$59,127) was paid on the Reserve Fund loan during the year. The reserve fund loan balance is eliminated upon consolidation.

13. ACCUMULATED SURPLUS

Accumulated surplus consists of individual fund surplus and reserves and reserve funds as follows:

	<u>2023</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Actual</u>
Surplus:		
Invested in tangible capital assets	\$155,284,485	\$148,489,881
Operating surplus	4,749,815	4,765,025
Unfunded		
Reserve fund loans	(2,812,113)	(2,923,984)
Asset Retirement Obligation (Note 11)	(8,548,724)	(3,632,686)
Closure and post closure costs for the Accumulated remeasurement gains	30,529	-
Total Surplus	<u>148,703,992</u>	<u>146,698,236</u>
Reserves set aside for specific purposes by Council:		
West Coast Huron Energy Inc.	9,472,974	8,934,650
For recreation capital expenditure	2,187,375	2,028,554
For contingencies	1,227,278	1,298,838
For landfill/environmental expenditures	648,843	648,843
For working capital	550,000	550,000
For childcare	462,945	359,285
For housing initiatives	446,114	296,114
For court security	114,723	164,723
For community economic development	108,594	124,867
For policing	100,000	100,000
For cultural activities	97,752	112,752
For community improvement plans	94,874	99,364
For cemetery	92,702	87,702
For special events	86,958	76,958
For energy efficiency management	77,252	77,252
For Recycling Centre	62,892	69,935
For MacKay Centre	60,260	75,260
For modernization	44,530	44,530
For landfill	24,975	24,975
For environmental projects	24,500	24,500
For Ontario Cannabis Legislation Implementation	20,674	20,674
For election	10,000	-
For tree replacement	1,050	1,050
Total Reserves	<u>16,017,265</u>	<u>15,220,826</u>

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Reserve funds set aside for specific purposes by Council:

For water expansion	8,206,659	6,988,545
For pollution control plant	3,740,852	3,747,646
For infrastructure	2,362,279	1,871,534
For electricity distribution contingency	1,961,422	1,868,675
For Landfill	1,582,527	1,606,909
For health care capital expenditure and clinic	1,225,929	1,068,678
For water tower	1,034,632	819,972
For sewers capital expenditure	1,016,184	978,482
For airport	771,405	629,876
For public works equipment	655,833	1,072,235
For building fee stabilization	559,335	430,914
For Waterfront and Boardwalk	365,014	350,000
For waterfront	329,829	323,512
For business improvement area board	213,511	204,288
For Bannister Park	209,252	175,000
For cash in lieu of parking	76,644	73,492
For heritage enhancement	59,751	57,293
For port expansion	56,810	46,045
For special events	51,364	49,251
For fire capital expenditure	47,358	34,339
For insurance expenditure	45,132	43,276
For fibre optic expansion	11,236	10,774
For Victoria and Columbus Park Courts	10,921	15,253
For connecting link	9,006	29,258
For cemetery	3,444	3,302
	<u>24,606,329</u>	<u>22,498,549</u>
Total Reserve Funds	<u>24,606,329</u>	<u>22,498,549</u>
Total Accumulated Surplus	<u>\$189,327,586</u>	<u>\$184,417,611</u>

14. TAXATION

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Residential and farm taxation	\$ 7,754,594	\$ 7,227,750
Commercial, industrial and business taxation	1,643,415	1,546,409
Supplementary taxes and other taxation amounts	244,088	239,125
Taxation from other governments	<u>57,022</u>	<u>55,696</u>
	<u>\$ 9,699,119</u>	<u>\$ 9,068,980</u>

15. PENSION AGREEMENTS

The municipality makes contributions to the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement Fund (OMERS), which is a multi-employer plan, on behalf of **103** (2022 - 64) members of its staff. The plan is a defined benefit plan which specifies the amount of the retirement benefit to be received by the employees based on the length of credited service and an average annual earnings calculation. The plan is a contributory defined benefit plan financed by equal contributions from participating employers and employees and by investment earnings of the plan. The Administration Corporation Board of Directors, representing plan members and employers is responsible for overseeing the management of the pension plan, including investment of assets and administration of benefits. OMERS provides pension services to approximately 612,000 active and retired members and 1,000 employers.

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Each year, an independent actuary determines the funded 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. On December 31, 2023, the estimated obligation for all members of the Plan was **\$134.6** billion (2022 - \$128.8 billion). The Plan had an actuarial value of net assets at that date of **\$130.4** billion (2022 - \$122.1 billion) indicating an actuarial deficit of **\$4.2** billion (2022 - \$6.7 billion). Because OMERS is a multi-employer plan, any pension plan surpluses or deficits are a joint responsibility of member organizations and their employees. The Town uses defined contribution plan accounting principles for this Plan. The Town records as pension expense the amount paid to OMERS during the year plus any amounts owing to OMERS at year end.

The amount contributed to OMERS for 2023 was **\$414,068** (2022 - \$345,867) by employees and **\$414,068** (2022 - \$345,867) by the Town for current service. The Town portion is included as an expenditure on the Statement of Operations.

16. GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIPS

The following summarizes the financial position and activities of the Mid-Huron Landfill Site Board and the Mid-Huron Recycle Centre Board. Town participates in these local boards along with several other local municipalities. The Town's 33.3% pro-rata share of the Mid-Huron Landfill Site Board's results has been reported in the Town's financial statements using the proportionate consolidation method. The Town's 33.3% pro-rata share of the Mid-Huron Recycle Centre Board's results have been reported in the Town's financial statements using the proportionate consolidation method. The financial results of these two Boards are as follows:

	Mid-Huron Landfill Site Board	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Financial assets	\$ 4,977,098	\$ 4,948,807
Financial liabilities	<u>10,904,614</u>	<u>10,957,221</u>
Net financial asset (net debt)	(5,927,516)	(6,008,414)
Non-financial asset		
Tangible capital asset	<u>133,279</u>	<u>135,134</u>
Accumulated deficit	<u>\$ (5,794,237)</u>	<u>\$ (5,873,280)</u>
Accumulated surplus (deficit) consists of:		
Invested in capital assets	\$ 133,279	\$ 135,134
Reserves	75,000	75,000
Reserve funds	4,752,334	4,825,554
Unfunded - closure and post closure liability	(10,846,529)	(10,908,968)
Accumulated remeasurement gain	<u>91,679</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ (5,794,237)</u>	<u>\$ (5,873,280)</u>

Total revenues and expenditures for the year ending December 31, 2023 are as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Revenues	\$ 329,156	\$ 163,331
Expenditures	<u>341,792</u>	<u>331,760</u>
Annual operating surplus (deficit)	<u>\$ (12,636)</u>	<u>\$ (168,429)</u>

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	Mid-Huron Recycle Centre Board	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Financial assets	\$ 305,453	\$ 347,703
Financial liabilities	<u>167,676</u>	<u>159,375</u>
Net financial asset	137,777	188,328
Non-financial asset		
Tangible capital asset	241,289	146,788
Prepaid	<u>21,271</u>	<u>21,687</u>
Accumulated surplus	<u>\$ 400,337</u>	<u>\$ 356,803</u>
Accumulated surplus consists of:		
Invested in capital assets	\$ 211,469	\$ 146,788
Reserves	<u>188,868</u>	<u>210,015</u>
	<u>\$ 400,337</u>	<u>\$ 356,803</u>

Total revenues and expenditures for the year ending December 31, 2023 are as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Revenues	\$ 887,206	\$ 957,554
Expenditures	<u>843,672</u>	<u>833,172</u>
Annual operating surplus	<u>\$ 43,534</u>	<u>\$ 124,382</u>

17. INVESTMENT IN GOVERNMENT BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

ERTH Corporation is a corporation incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario. The Corporation of the Town of Goderich owns 22.5% (2022 - 22.5%) of the outstanding shares.

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Class A Shares - 1 (2022 - 1)	\$ 1	\$ 1
Class B Shares - 6,095,924 (2022 - 6,095,924)	5,726,213	5,726,213
Share of equity earnings	2,950,057	2,440,983
Share of dividends	<u>(177,750)</u>	<u>(207,000)</u>
	<u>\$ 8,498,521</u>	<u>7,960,197</u>

The following information provides condensed supplementary financial information:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Assets		
Current assets	\$ 25,012,733	\$ 23,844,200
Property, plant and equipment - net	77,889,462	73,487,721
Regulatory balances	11,797,301	11,007,905
Other non-current assets	<u>12,760,999</u>	<u>13,728,497</u>
Total assets	<u>\$127,460,495</u>	<u>\$122,068,323</u>
Liabilities		
Current liabilities	\$ 31,657,088	\$ 30,070,846
Long-term liabilities	56,412,738	54,933,142
Regulatory balances	<u>1,591,032</u>	<u>1,657,248</u>
	<u>89,660,858</u>	<u>86,661,236</u>

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Shareholder Equity

Share capital	22,803,855	22,803,855
Retained earnings, beginning of year	12,873,741	10,513,649
Current income	3,256,147	3,280,092
Other comprehensive income (loss)	(344,106)	(270,509)
Dividends	<u>(790,000)</u>	<u>(920,000)</u>
	<u>37,799,637</u>	<u>35,407,087</u>
Total liabilities and shareholder equity	<u>\$127,460,495</u>	<u>\$122,068,323</u>

Total revenues and expenditures for the year ending December 31, 2023 are as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Revenues	\$ 99,128,198	\$ 98,335,547
Expenditures	<u>95,872,051</u>	<u>95,055,455</u>
Net income before other comprehensive income	3,256,147	3,280,092
Other comprehensive income (loss)	<u>(73,597)</u>	<u>400,903</u>
Total comprehensive income for the year	<u>\$ 3,182,550</u>	<u>\$ 3,680,995</u>

In January 2019, West Coast Huron Energy Inc. merged with ERTH Power Corporation, a hydro distributor, a subsidiary of ERTH Corporation. The Town, as shareholder of West Coast Huron Energy Inc., subsequently became a shareholder of ERTH Corporation. The Town holds one Class A voting share and 6,095,924 (2022 - 6,095,924) Class B shares of ERTH Corporation valued at a cost of \$5,726,213 (2022 - \$5,726,213).

18. COMMITMENTS

The Town has entered into a contract for the provision of water and sewage treatment and distribution services. In 2023, the contract required payment of fixed charges of **\$1,051,160** (2022 - \$989,469) with additional variable charges as stipulated in the agreement. The agreement has a five year term with a five year extension option. An additional 5 year term was negotiated in 2020. The contract came into effect December 1, 2010.

The Town has entered into an agreement for the provision of specified recreation services, operation of the existing recreational facilities currently operated and/or owned by the Town and the operation of the Maitland Recreation Centre. The contract requires payment of an annual management fee of 12% of the gross actual recreation revenues based on a benchmark of \$1,703,807 with a performance adjustment of +/- \$8,500 resulting from an actual revenue difference to the benchmark. An 8% management fee is also due on capital projects executed by the operator on behalf of the Town excluding the purchase of equipment to a maximum fee of \$16,000 annually. The management fee in 2023 was **\$187,437** (2022 - \$195,937). In addition, in the case of an annual operating deficit, the Town will pay to the operator a payment equal to actual revenue less actual expenditures for the facilities and the programs as approved in the annual operating plan and budget. Alternatively, in the case of an annual operating surplus, the operator will reimburse the amount of the surplus to the Town. The overall deficit for the year ended December 31, 2023 was **\$756,731** (2022 - \$818,551).

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The Town is responsible for purchasing all capital equipment and for making improvements to the facilities as recommended by the operator and approved by the Town. The operating agreement was renegotiated effective January 1, 2024 for a period of four years which reflected a change in operational responsibilities. Under the new agreement, the scope of services provided by the YMCA has been reduced with the Town taking a more direct role in recreation operations. The Town has budgeted for operational support in 2024 of **\$200,561** (2023 - \$905,617).

In 2019, the town pledged to contribute \$75,000 per year for 10 years to the Alexandra Marine and General Hospital towards the purchase of a CT Scanner. During the year, **\$75,000** (2022 - \$75,000) was contributed.

19. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT RISK

The Town monitors, evaluates and manages the principal risks assumed with its financial instruments. It is management's opinion that the Town is not exposed to significant risk arising from these financial instruments and there have been no significant changes to these risk exposures from 2022.

i) Credit risk:

The Town is exposed to credit related losses through cash, accounts receivable and investments in the event of non-performance by counterparties to the financial instruments. Credit risk is minimized by dealing with reputable financial institutions.

ii) Liquidity risk:

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Town will be unable to meet all cash outflow obligations as they come due. Liquidity risk is minimized by monitoring cash activities and through budgeting and cash flow forecasting.

iii) Market risk:

Market risk is the risk that changes in market price such as foreign exchange rates, interest rates and other price risks will affect the annual surplus or the fair value of financial instruments. Market rate risk is minimized through a diversified investment portfolio held in accordance with the Town's investment policy.

20. CONTINGENCIES

The Town participates in an agreement with other municipalities to operate the Mid-Huron Landfill Site. The Landfill has set up reserve funds to provide for its estimated closure and post closure costs. The Town is contingently liable for its portion of closure and post closure costs incurred at this landfill if the reserve funds in the Landfill Site prove to be inadequate.

21. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year, the Town received **\$303,575** (2022 - \$299,079) from the Goderich Port Management Corporation as continuing consideration for the right to operate, manage and maintain the Port. This amount is included as fees, permits, licences and fines revenue on the Consolidated Statement of Operations. A corresponding amount was set aside in a reserve fund.

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During the year, the Town paid **\$145,114** (2022 - \$145,088) in sewage and water billings and collection fees to EARTH Power Corporation. At year end, EARTH Power Corporation owed the Town **\$284,354** (2022 - \$382,675) related to water and sewage fees collected. The Town of Goderich received rent of **\$108,470** (2022 - \$101,963) from EARTH Power Corporation. The Town paid **\$3,624** (2022 - \$21,387) in maintenance costs for streetlighting to EARTH Power Corporation. The Town also purchases hydro from EARTH Power Corporation as rates as set by the Ontario Energy Board.

ERTH Power Corporation paid **\$215,648** (2022 - \$215,648) in interest related to the Town of Goderich's demand loan receivable.

During the year, EARTH Corporation declared but did not pay dividends of **\$790,000** (2022 - \$920,000) of which **\$177,750** (2022 - \$207,000) represents the Town's proportion.

22. EXPENDITURES BY OBJECT

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Materials	\$ 9,053,892	\$ 7,242,987
Salaries, wages and employee benefits	6,715,584	5,983,443
Contracted services	4,992,643	4,851,121
Amortization	3,561,175	3,406,676
External transfers	<u>538,525</u>	<u>444,248</u>
	<u>\$ 24,861,819</u>	<u>\$ 21,928,475</u>

23. BUDGET

The budgeted data presented in these consolidated financial statements is based upon the 2023 operating and capital budget approved by Council. Amortization was not contemplated on development of the budget and, as such, has not been included.

Adjustments to budgeted values were required to provide comparative budget values based on the full accrual basis of accounting. The chart below reconciles the approved budget with the budget figures presented in the consolidated statements.

	<u>Approved Operating</u>	<u>Approved Capital</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revenue	\$ 22,115,133	\$ 2,743,055	\$ (272,227)	\$ 24,585,961
Expenses	<u>18,522,647</u>	<u>10,316,170</u>	<u> </u>	<u>28,838,817</u>
	3,592,486	(7,573,115)	<u>\$ (272,227)</u>	<u>\$ (4,252,856)</u>
Interfund transfers	3,082,249	(7,199,455)		
Principal repay/advance	<u>510,237</u>	<u>(373,660)</u>		
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>		

The Corporation of the Town of Goderich

Segmented Information

Notes to the Segmented Information

December 31, 2023

The Corporation of the Town of Goderich is a single tier municipality that provides a wide range of services to its citizens. Distinguishable functional segments have been separately disclosed in the segmented information. The revenues and expenditures reported for each segment include directly attributable amounts as well as internal charges and recoveries allocated on a reasonable basis. The amounts do not include transfers to and from reserves and reserve funds. The nature of the segments and the activities they encompass are as follows:

General Government

This item is related to the revenues and expenses of the operation of the Town of Goderich itself and can not be directly attributed to specific segments. It includes council, corporate governance and program support revenues and expenditures.

Protection

Protection is comprised of police services, fire protection, prevention education and training as well as protective inspection.

Transportation

The transportation department is responsible for the safe and efficient movement of people and goods within the Town. Responsibilities include road construction and maintenance, traffic signals and signs, winter control and the implementation and maintenance of street lighting.

Environmental Services

Environmental services include the sanitary sewer system, storm sewer system, waterworks, waste collection, waste disposal and recycling. Responsibilities include water treatment and distribution, water quality, water conservation, the pollution control plant, storm and sanitary sewer maintenance, curbside garbage collection and disposal, waste diversion and yard waste management.

Health Services

This segments includes the operation of the Maitland Cemetery and the maintenance of Maitland Valley Medical Clinic.

Social and Family Services

Services include assistance to aged persons and municipal childcare.

Recreation and Cultural Services

This segment includes parks, recreation programs, recreation facilities and cultural activities.

Planning and Economic Development

This segment includes matters related to zoning and site plan controls, land acquisition, development initiatives and physician recruitment.

The Corporation of the Town of Goderich
Segmented Information
Year ended December 31

<u>2023</u>	<u>General Government</u>	<u>Protection</u>	<u>Transportation Services</u>	<u>Environmental Services</u>	<u>Health Services</u>	<u>Social & Family Services</u>	<u>Recreation & Cultural Services</u>	<u>Planning & Development</u>	<u>Port</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Consolidated 2023</u>
Revenues											
Other revenue	\$ 818,247	\$ 342,377	\$ 1,622,146	\$ 5,822,855	\$ 501,662	\$ 543,732	\$ 400,688	\$ 502,406	\$ 2,338,005	\$ 2,142,224	\$ 15,034,342
Taxation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,699,119	9,699,119
Grants	66,990	755,542	150,870	-	-	1,605,150	-	51,778	-	1,661,400	4,291,730
Government business enterprise	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	716,074	716,074
Total revenues	885,237	1,097,919	1,773,016	5,822,855	501,662	2,148,882	400,688	554,184	2,338,005	14,218,817	29,741,265
Expenditures											
Materials	719,979	482,797	1,434,438	1,212,053	313,032	357,563	1,792,044	678,134	2,021,119	-	9,011,159
Salaries, wages and benefits	1,364,798	724,336	1,293,913	75,354	124,715	1,890,464	843,139	398,865	-	-	6,715,584
Contracted services	-	2,552,979	115,994	2,323,670	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,992,643
Amortization	96,228	119,317	1,241,310	941,912	71,884	32,193	646,976	19,624	391,731	-	3,561,175
External transfers	133,681	204,931	-	-	-	-	15,963	183,950	-	-	538,525
Write-offs	42,733	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42,733
Total expenditures	2,357,419	4,084,360	4,085,655	4,552,989	509,631	2,280,220	3,298,122	1,280,573	2,412,850	-	24,861,819
Net revenues (expenditures)	\$ (1,472,182)	\$ (2,986,441)	\$ (2,312,639)	\$ 1,269,866	\$ (7,969)	\$ (131,338)	\$ (2,897,434)	\$ (726,389)	\$ (74,845)	\$ 14,218,817	\$ 4,879,446

Segmented information for the 2022 comparative period - see Page 30

The Corporation of the Town of Goderich
Segmented Information
Year ended December 31

<u>2022</u>	<u>General Government</u>	<u>Protection</u>	<u>Transportation Services</u>	<u>Environmental Services</u>	<u>Health Services</u>	<u>Social & Family Services</u>	<u>Recreation & Cultural Services</u>	<u>Planning & Development</u>	<u>Port</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Consolidated 2022</u>
Revenues											
Other revenue	\$ 1,263,608	\$ 734,884	\$ 1,979,290	\$ 5,725,984	\$ 510,351	\$ 562,182	\$ 276,096	\$ 468,525	\$ 3,159,133	\$ 537,038	\$ 15,217,091
Taxation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,068,980	9,068,980
Grants	73,750	536,201	(1,589)	8,537	-	1,036,518	44,393	53,376	-	1,550,700	3,301,886
Government business enterprise	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	828,224	828,224
Total revenues	1,337,358	1,271,085	1,977,701	5,734,521	510,351	1,598,700	320,489	521,901	3,159,133	11,984,942	28,416,181
Expenditures											
Materials	654,619	398,136	1,360,865	1,034,083	275,991	247,609	1,733,184	644,358	833,024	-	7,181,869
Salaries, wages and benefits	1,286,446	587,905	1,283,005	69,264	127,660	1,697,085	571,135	360,943	-	-	5,983,443
Contracted services	-	2,439,129	118,048	2,098,007	-	-	195,937	-	-	-	4,851,121
Amortization	97,605	108,713	1,252,539	879,174	65,116	25,401	576,524	9,968	391,636	-	3,406,676
External transfers	143,502	195,772	-	-	-	-	15,278	89,696	-	-	444,248
Write-offs	55,411	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,707	-	-	61,118
Total expenditures	2,237,583	3,729,655	4,014,457	4,080,528	468,767	1,970,095	3,092,058	1,110,672	1,224,660	-	21,928,475
Net revenues (expenditures)	\$ (900,225)	\$ (2,458,570)	\$ (2,036,756)	\$ 1,653,993	\$ 41,584	\$ (371,395)	\$ (2,771,569)	\$ (588,771)	\$ 1,934,473	\$ 11,984,942	\$ 6,487,706

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board Members, Members of Council, Inhabitants, Members of the BIA, and Ratepayers of the Corporation of the The Corporation of the Town of Goderich

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Corporation of the Town of Goderich Business Improvement Area Board, which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2023 and the statement of operations and accumulated surplus for the year then ended, as well as a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Corporation of the Town of Goderich Business Improvement Area Board as at December 31, 2023 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the The Corporation of the Town of Goderich Business Improvement Area Board in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these 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 financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the The Corporation of the Town of Goderich Business Improvement Area Board'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 The Corporation of the Town of Goderich Business Improvement Area Board or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the The Corporation of the Town of Goderich Business Improvement Area Board's financial reporting process.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditors' Report that includes our 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 a 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, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We 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 our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain 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 and opinion on the effectiveness of the The Corporation of the Town of Goderich Business Improvement Area Board'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 The Corporation of the Town of Goderich Business Improvement Area Board's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our Auditors' Report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our Auditors' Report. However, future events or conditions may cause the The Corporation of the Town of Goderich Business Improvement Area Board to cease to continue 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.

We 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 we identify during our audit.

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

Goderich, Ontario
date

LICENCED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS

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**The Corporation of the Town of Goderich
 Business Improvement Area Board
 Statement of Financial Position
 As at December 31**

	2023	2022
FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Cash	\$ <u>213,511</u>	\$ <u>204,288</u>
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS	\$ <u>213,511</u>	\$ <u>204,288</u>

ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL:

_____ Mayor _____ Treasurer
 _____ Date _____ Date

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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**The Corporation of the Town of Goderich
 Business Improvement Area Board
 Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus
 Year ended December 31**

	2023 Budget	2023 Actual	2022 Actual
REVENUE			
Taxation	\$ 126,460	\$ 125,460	\$ 125,625
Farmers' market fees	37,000	46,202	35,321
Sponsorship/miscellaneous recoveries	27,000	17,819	27,293
Interest	-	8,764	4,446
Donations	4,500	4,039	4,558
Grants	7,500	-	45,983
	<u>202,460</u>	<u>202,284</u>	<u>243,226</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Wages	69,600	73,801	66,500
Festival event	42,000	38,732	15,005
Farmers' market	27,000	25,839	25,237
Beautification	25,000	17,741	60,172
Advertising	18,070	14,312	50,142
Events programming	14,600	11,555	18,444
Other professional services	2,100	2,641	147
Office rent	2,400	2,400	2,400
Office supplies	1,600	1,748	1,343
Awards	1,400	1,284	1,734
Legal	-	763	-
Meetings	1,000	717	-
Administration	500	500	500
Audit	500	500	500
Association memberships	500	472	447
Miscellaneous	1,000	56	634
Taxes written off	3,400	-	5,707
Initiatives - mural	-	-	5,000
Conferences	190	-	183
Grounds - repairs and maintenance	500	-	-
Travel	100	-	-
	<u>211,460</u>	<u>193,061</u>	<u>254,095</u>
Annual surplus (deficit)	(9,000)	9,223	(10,869)
Accumulated surplus, beginning of year	204,288	204,288	215,157
Accumulated surplus, end of year	\$ 195,288	\$ 213,511	\$ 204,288

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**The Corporation of the Town of Goderich
Business Improvement Area Board
Notes to the Financial Statements
December 31, 2023**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Corporation of the Town of Goderich Business Improvement Area Board are the representation of management prepared in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards. Significant aspects of the accounting policies are as follows:

Basis of Accounting

Revenues and Expenses

Sources of financing 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.

Revenue Recognition

The various revenue sources of the Business Improvement Area Board are recognized as follows:

Taxation revenues are recorded at the time the tax billings are issued.

Farmers' market fees and other revenues are reported as services are provided.

Investment income earned on operating funds and reserve funds is reported as revenue in the period earned.

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 and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the year. Actual results could differ from the current estimates. These estimates are reviewed periodically and, as adjustments become necessary, they are reported in earnings in the period in which they become known.

2. STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS AND STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

A separate statements of cash flows and changes in net assets are not presented since the information is readily apparent from the other financial statements.

3. ACCUMULATED SURPLUS

Accumulated surplus consists of individual fund surplus and reserves and reserve funds as follows:

	2023 <u>Actual</u>	2022 <u>Actual</u>
Reserve fund for Business Improvement Area	\$ <u>213,511</u>	\$ <u>204,288</u>
Total surplus	\$ <u>213,511</u>	\$ <u>204,288</u>

4. PRESENTATION

The budgeted figures are presented for comparison purposes as prepared and approved by the Board.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of Council, Inhabitants
and Ratepayers of the Corporation of the
The Corporation of the Town of Goderich

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Corporation of the Town of Goderich Trust Funds, which comprise the statements of financial position as at December 31, 2023 and the statements of operations and trust fund surplus for the year then ended, as well as a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Corporation of the Town of Goderich Trust Funds as at December 31, 2023 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the The Corporation of the Town of Goderich Trust Funds in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these 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 financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the The Corporation of the Town of Goderich Trust Funds' 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 The Corporation of the Town of Goderich Trust Funds or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the The Corporation of the Town of Goderich Trust Funds' financial reporting process.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditors' Report that includes our 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 a 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, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We 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 our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain 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 and opinion on the effectiveness of the The Corporation of the Town of Goderich Trust Funds' 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 The Corporation of the Town of Goderich Trust Funds' ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our Auditors' Report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our Auditors' Report. However, future events or conditions may cause the The Corporation of the Town of Goderich Trust Funds to cease to continue 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.

We 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 we identify during our audit.

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

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**The Corporation of the Town of Goderich
Trust Funds - Maitland Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund
Statement of Financial Position
As at December 31**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Financial Assets		
Interest receivable	\$ 5,961	\$ 2,540
Investments (market value \$442,138 (2022 - \$428,294)) (Note 2)	<u>442,138</u>	<u>428,294</u>
	<u>\$ 448,099</u>	<u>\$ 430,834</u>
Trust Fund Surplus	<u>\$ 448,099</u>	<u>\$ 430,834</u>

**Statement of Operations and Trust Fund Surplus
Year ended December 31**

Revenue		
Sale of plots	\$ 13,971	\$ 15,112
Interest	<u>10,326</u>	<u>5,759</u>
	24,297	20,871
Expenditure		
Transfer to Maitland Cemetery Board	<u>7,032</u>	<u>3,766</u>
Surplus for the year	17,265	17,105
Trust fund surplus balance, beginning of year	<u>430,834</u>	<u>413,729</u>
Trust fund surplus balance, end of year	<u>\$ 448,099</u>	<u>\$ 430,834</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**The Corporation of the Town of Goderich
Trust Funds - Maitland Cemetery Marker Fund
Statement of Financial Position
As at December 31**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Financial Assets		
Interest receivable	\$ 1,225	\$ 696
Investments (market value \$78,000 (2022 - \$75,800)) (Note 2)	<u>78,000</u>	<u>75,800</u>
	<u>\$ 79,225</u>	<u>\$ 76,496</u>
Trust Fund Surplus	<u>\$ 79,225</u>	<u>\$ 76,496</u>

**Statement of Operations and Trust Fund Surplus
Year ended December 31**

Revenue		
Sale of markers	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,100
Interest	<u>1,935</u>	<u>1,335</u>
	4,135	3,435
Expenditure		
Transfer to Maitland Cemetery Board	<u>1,406</u>	<u>639</u>
Surplus for the year	2,729	2,796
Trust fund surplus balance, beginning of year	<u>76,496</u>	<u>73,700</u>
Trust fund surplus balance, end of year	<u>\$ 79,225</u>	<u>\$ 76,496</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**The Corporation of the Town of Goderich
Trust Funds - Maitland Cemetery Perpetuity Fund
Statement of Financial Position
As at December 31**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Financial Assets		
Interest receivable	\$ 975	\$ 716
Investments (market value \$41,677 (2022 - \$41,677)) (Note 2)	<u>41,677</u>	<u>41,677</u>
	<u>\$ 42,652</u>	<u>\$ 42,393</u>
Trust Fund Surplus	<u>\$ 42,652</u>	<u>\$ 42,393</u>

**Statement of Operations and Trust Fund Surplus
Year ended December 31**

Revenue		
Interest	\$ 1,258	\$ 929
Expenditure		
Transfer to Maitland Cemetery Board	<u>999</u>	<u>758</u>
Surplus for the year	259	171
Trust fund balance, beginning of year	<u>42,393</u>	<u>42,222</u>
Trust fund balance, end of year	<u>\$ 42,652</u>	<u>\$ 42,393</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**The Corporation of the Town of Goderich
Trust Funds - Robert MacKay Cemetery Fund
Statement of Financial Position
As at December 31**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Financial Assets		
Interest receivable	\$ 212	\$ 120
Investments (market value \$8,780 (2022 - \$8,780)) (Note 2)	<u>8,780</u>	<u>8,780</u>
	<u>\$ 8,992</u>	<u>\$ 8,900</u>
Trust Fund Surplus	<u>\$ 8,992</u>	<u>\$ 8,900</u>

**Statement of Operations and Trust Fund Surplus
Year ended December 31**

Revenue		
Interest	\$ 359	\$ 211
Expenditure		
Transfer to Maitland Cemetery Board	<u>267</u>	<u>170</u>
Surplus for the year	<u>92</u>	<u>41</u>
Trust fund surplus balance, beginning of year	<u>8,900</u>	<u>8,859</u>
Trust fund surplus balance, end of year	<u>\$ 8,992</u>	<u>\$ 8,900</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**The Corporation of the Town of Goderich
Trust Funds - Charles Blake Park Fund
Statement of Financial Position
As at December 31**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Financial Assets		
Interest receivable	\$ 90	\$ 37
Investments (market value \$4,554 (2022 - \$4,497)) (Note 2)	<u>4,554</u>	<u>4,497</u>
	<u>\$ 4,644</u>	<u>\$ 4,534</u>
Trust Fund Surplus	<u>\$ 4,644</u>	<u>\$ 4,534</u>

**Statement of Operations and Trust Fund Surplus
Year ended December 31**

Revenue		
Interest	\$ <u>110</u>	\$ <u>40</u>
Surplus for the year	110	40
Trust fund surplus balance, beginning of year	<u>4,534</u>	<u>4,494</u>
Trust fund surplus balance, end of year	<u>\$ 4,644</u>	<u>\$ 4,534</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**The Corporation of the Town of Goderich
Trust Funds - Goderich Public Library Fund
Statement of Financial Position
As at December 31**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Financial Assets		
Interest receivable	\$ 632	\$ 613
Investments (market value \$25,253 (2022 - \$24,637)) (Note 2)	<u>25,253</u>	<u>24,637</u>
	<u>\$ 25,885</u>	<u>\$ 25,250</u>
Trust Fund Surplus	<u>\$ 25,885</u>	<u>\$ 25,250</u>

**Statement of Operations and Trust Fund Surplus
Year ended December 31**

Revenue		
Interest	\$ 635	\$ 617
Surplus for the year	635	617
Trust fund surplus balance, beginning of year	<u>25,250</u>	<u>24,633</u>
Trust fund surplus balance, end of year	<u>\$ 25,885</u>	<u>\$ 25,250</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

The Corporation of the Town of Goderich
Trust Funds
Notes to the Financial Statements
December 31, 2023

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Town's trust funds are the representations of management prepared in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Revenue Recognition

Revenue is reported using the accrual basis of accounting which recognizes revenues as they become available and measurable.

Basis of Accounting

Expenditures are reported using the accrual basis of accounting, which recognizes expenditures as they are incurred and measurable as a result of the receipt of goods or services and the creation of a legal obligation to pay.

2. INVESTMENTS

The total for investments of the trust funds of **\$600,402** (2022 - \$583,685) are reported on the Statement of Financial Position at cost, and have a market value of **\$600,402** (2022 - \$583,685) at the end of the year. The terms of these investments are as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Maitland Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund		
Multiple GIC's maturing from 2024 to 2026, bearing interest at 0.80% to 5.55%	\$ 442,138	\$ 428,294
Maitland Cemetery Marker Fund		
Multiple GIC's maturing from 2024 to 2025, bearing interest at 0.86% to 5.0%	78,000	75,800
Maitland Cemetery Perpetuity Fund		
Multiple GIC's maturing from 2024 to 2027, bearing interest at 0.8% to 5.0%	41,677	41,677
Robert MacKay Cemetery Fund		
Multiple GIC's maturing from 2024 to 2025, bearing interest at 2.75% to 5.75%	8,780	8,780
Charles Blake Park Fund		
GIC maturing May 2024, bearing interest at 3%	4,554	4,497
Goderich Public Library Fund		
GIC maturing January 2024, bearing interest at 2.5%	<u>25,253</u>	<u>24,637</u>
	<u>\$ 600,402</u>	<u>\$ 583,685</u>

3. STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Separate statements of cash flows are not presented since the information is readily apparent from the other financial statements.

Staff Report

Report From: Mayor Bazinet and Members of Council

Meeting Date: October 21, 2024

Subject: Menesetung Bridge Request for Funding Update

Attachment(s): 1. Deanna Hastie, Treasurer - Menesetung Bridge Request (October 7, 2024)
2. Menesetung Bridge Association – Bridge Repair Letter (March 4, 2021)

Recommendation:

THAT Goderich Town Council provide direction to staff on how they wish to proceed with the Menesetung Bridge Association's funding request.

Report Summary:

To provide an update to Council on the Menesetung Bridge Association application to the Government of Canada's Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario) Tourism Growth Program.

Background/Analysis:

History of the Menesetung Bridge Association, the Bridge, and its Heritage Designation

The Menesetung Bridge Association (MBA) has been managing the Menesetung Bridge since 1990.

The Menesetung Bridge was designated by the Town of Goderich in 1993 for its architectural and historical significance under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.



Built during the summer of 1906, this former CPR bridge spans the Maitland River near its entry to Lake Huron. The CPR railway line was constructed from Guelph to Goderich. The bridge has six piers and two abutments; each of the seven spans is 104 feet long by 12 feet wide and weighs 38 tons. The total bridge length is 750 feet and it was the longest bridge in Ontario at that time. The destination CPR station was completed in 1907 with the official opening of the line on September 19, 1907. The bridge was converted to a pedestrian bridge in 1992.

Request for Funding

At their September 9, 2024 meeting, Council received a deputation from Mike Dawson, MBA Board member, with a request for funding of priority concrete repairs on the Menesetung Bridge.

On October 4, the Honourable Filomena Tassi, Minister responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario), announced an investment of over \$4.2 million, through the Tourism Growth Program, for thirty (30) organizations across southern Ontario that are diversifying their tourism offerings and contributing to attracting new visitors to the region. This announcement included a funding contribution of \$200,000 to the Menesetung Bridge Association.

At their October 7, 2024 meeting, Council received a Staff Report (attached) from the Town's Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer, Deanna Hastie, with potential funding options to support the \$150,000 funding request from the Menesetung Bridge Association.

At their October 7, 2024 meeting, Council deferred this item regarding the funding request from the MBA until the next Council meeting. Council additionally tasked staff with investigating the scope of the work that is needed and can be completed before March 31, 2026, and provide a follow-up report for Council's October 21, 2024 meeting. Additionally, staff were tasked with reviewing MBA's funding application and report back to Council regarding the budget they submitted.

MBA's Tourism Growth Funding Application

I am pleased to provide Council with the following information from Menesetung Bridge Association's FEDDEV Tourism Growth Funding application:

- An initial Engineering Report from BM Ross in 2020 identified from their structural review of the bridge that the biggest concern was the gradual deterioration of the concrete for piers 2, 3, 4 and 5, and also the south abutment bearing seat. The anticipated costs for this work are very high.

- A preliminary engineering study was prepared by BM Ross in 2021 (attached) focusing on the highest priority work; obtained an estimate from one of the companies that performs this type of work.
 - All of the capital work recommended in the Ontario Structure Inspection Manual (OSIM) report involves difficult site access and specialized concrete rehabilitation experience. The following is a list of sub-projects, in order of priority:
 - Patch repair concrete of abutments and ballast walls \$ 30,000
 - Patch repair the tops of piers 2, 3, 4, and 5 \$400,000



These capital costs include allowances for mobilization, site access and engineering, but does not include HST. If the repairs to the tops of the piers is broken into different stages for funding purposes, the sum of the different stages will increase because of the cost of remobilization. On an individual basis, each pier top might have a cost of about \$120,000. Of the four pier tops, pier 5 (the most northerly of these four) is the highest priority. Without any repairs to the bearing seats, the concrete deterioration advances to the point of undercutting the bearing plates of some of the girders. At some point, the recommendation will come to close the bridge to use because of the lack of support to some of the bearings. This situation could be in the range of 15 years (report dated 2021), but an earlier failure of bearing support is possible. It is unlikely that there will be a sudden failure of a girder span without some warning that comes from observations of concrete deterioration under the bearings.¹

MBA's Tourism Growth Funding application demonstrates that the engineers are ready to put to tender the proposal to repair the tops of pier 3, 4 and 5, and to repair all of the concrete for pier 3. If MBA tenders the project in the 1st quarter of 2025, they expect work to be done in

¹ BM Ross 2020 Structural Review of Menesetung Bridge letter (March 4, 2021)

2025, and into 2026. The MBA are aiming for a project in the \$700,000 range. Some of the work can be tendered as “provisional” to allow the contract to proceed if tenders exceed anticipated costs. Additional provisional items will be tendered to allow further work to be done if funds allow it. MBA has approached the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority and has permits to proceed with work on the bridge, which will include access from the river.

Community Partners Funding Commitments To Date

MBA has been working on securing funding commitments from various community partners (Township of ACW, service clubs, local businesses, and individuals). To date, MBA has received community partner funding commitments totaling \$225,000, and \$200,000 from FedDev Ontario grant. This leaves a funding shortfall of \$275,000 in relation to the proposed \$700,000 work.

Email communication with MBA member Mike Dawson on October 9 demonstrates that the MBA will continue with their community campaign over the next 6 months, with a more general outreach once the tendered bids are in and they know more clearly what their fundraising target is. The bulk of the expenses will come due in 2025.

NOTE: At a minimum, the Menesetung Bridge Association must have community partner funds to match the Government of Canada’s Tourism Growth Program grant of \$200,000, to secure the funding and to proceed with the project.

Linkages:

- Corporate Strategic Plan Priority #3: Strong Local Economy

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

The financial impact and the source of funding is based on Council’s decision on the funding request from the Menesetung Bridge Association.

Approved By: Janice Hallahan, Chief Administrative Officer
Andrea Fisher, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

Staff Report

Report From: Deanna Hastie, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer

Meeting Date: October 7, 2024

Subject: Menesetung Bridge Request for Funding

Attachment(s):

Recommendation:

That Goderich Town Council receive this report for information.

Report Summary:

Potential funding options to support the \$150,000 funding request from the Menesetung Bridge Association are as follows:

- Add the \$50,000 annual request to the budget for 2025 – 2027 and fund through taxation;
- Utilize substantially all of the annual Community grant budget allocation;
- Support the project by using the following reserves/reserve funds:
 - Community Economic Reserve - \$50,000;
 - Contingency Reserve; and/or
 - Waterfront Reserve Fund

Background/Analysis:

Council received a request for financial support from the Menesetung Bridge Association regarding major repairs to the concrete piers of the bridge. The request was for \$150,000. The support could be spread over a 3-year period.

If Council decides to support this request the following are some funding options:

- Add the amount to the 2025 – 2027 budgets and collect the funding from taxation
- Utilize substantially all of the Community Grant annual budget allocation to support this request for the next 3 years
- Utilize a reserve or reserve fund

The Town currently allocates \$133,000 for Community Grant applications that support various events and projects. This allotment includes the 10-year \$75,000 annual commitment to the

Hospital. This commitment will end in 2028. The remaining \$58,000 annually is used to support other community requests. By funding the \$50,000 request for the bridge project through this allocation there would not be an increase in taxation, however, there would be very limited resources to fund other requests.

The Town does not currently have a reserve or reserve fund that has a stated purpose that would directly fit this request. The current reserves and reserve funds have been created to support Town asset management requirements as well as specific programs/events.

There is a Community Economic Development Reserve that has a balance of approximately \$108,000 at the end of 2024. The reserve's purpose is, as its name suggests, to support economic development with its use to be determined by Council. The bridge benefits both the members of the community that use it and provides a tourism draw that supports our businesses. Therefore, the use of this reserve for the bridge project seems somewhat consistent with its purpose. An allocation of \$50,000 could be made from this reserve to support the bridge project. This would still leave some funds for other future economic development projects.

The Contingency Reserve could also be considered. It has a substantial balance of \$1,154,777 at the end of 2024. It has historically been used to support priority items that come up during the year after the budget has been passed. It would provide funds in the face of an emergency.

The last option would be to use the Waterfront Reserve Fund. The bridge is close to the waterfront as it spans the river. The Waterfront Reserve Fund's stated purpose is to fund projects in the waterfront area. Its balance at the end of 2024 is estimated at \$476,500. The use of this reserve fund would place the bridge project ahead of future Town waterfront asset requirements.

Linkages:

No direct link to the Strategic Plan.

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

The financial impact of the report is the funding of the \$150,000 request from the Menesetung Bridge Association.

Reviewed By: Janice Hallahan, Chief Administrative Officer

Approved By: Janice Hallahan, Chief Administrative Officer
Andrea Fisher, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk



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File No. BR594

VIA EMAIL ONLY
grant.m.dawson@hotmail.com

March 4, 2021

Grant Dawson, Chair
Menesetung Bridge Association
Goderich, ON

Dear Sir:

Re: 2020 Structural Review of Menesetung Bridge

Further to your letter of August 20, 2020, the undersigned completed a site inspection of the bridge on December 11, 2020. The inspection was completed from the ground level and deck level with the use of binoculars. No inspection platforms were used, and no other high-level inspection methods were used to access remote elements. In the appropriate season and conditions, we expect to make an inspection from the water surface to confirm some of the assumptions made from shore observations.

In 2016 an inspection report was developed to the standard format of the Ontario Structure Inspection Manual, (OSIM). Based on the observations made on December 11, the condition rating of elements were updated and new photographs were taken to illustrate the conditions. The 2020 OSIM report is enclosed.

The budget values shown on page 3 of the OSIM report are just a first approximation of probable costs using a gross estimate of repair extents and recent contract unit prices. If the Association wishes to pursue any particular project; then it is recommended that a more detailed survey be done of the elements to be repaired. and a more precise calculation of probable costs be developed.

At this time, we did not see any deficiencies that are of immediate concern and it is our opinion that the structure is safe for its normal use for the next two years. It appears that the Association is making repairs to the wood of the deck and barriers as required to replace deteriorated elements.

Maintenance Work

In addition to the repairs and replacement of deteriorated wood elements on the deck and barriers, the following items could be viewed as regular maintenance that could be completed without the assistance of special contractors:

- Clear gravel and debris from the bearing seats of each abutment, annually. This would involve shovels and brooms to keep the horizontal platforms clear. Gravel, sand and debris holds moisture against the bearings and accelerates corrosion of these elements.
- Clean and paint structural steel within 3 m of the ends – as required. There is a general coating failure over the entire length of the bridge, but the corrosion is often worse at the ends where the steel is close to the moist earth embankments. Wire brushing and over-coating with a rust-inhibiting paint should be sufficient but may require re-application every 5 to 10 years.
- Maintain retaining walls on each approach path. These are made of timbers and posts. Some of the timbers have decayed and some of the posts have bent or rotated. A more permanent repair is suggested in the capital program for a budget of \$2,000. This may cover the cost of supply of precast concrete retaining wall blocks. These retaining walls are not structural elements of the bridge but are important for the safe side support of the trail approaches to the bridge.

Capital Repairs

All of the other capital work recommended in the OSIM report involves difficult site access and specialized concrete rehabilitation experience. If the Association is unable to fund the entire project, then the following is a list of sub-projects, in order of priority:

- | | |
|---|-----------|
| 1. Patch repair concrete of abutments and ballast walls | \$ 30,000 |
| 2. Patch repair the tops of piers 2, 3, 4, 5 | \$400,000 |

These capital costs include allowances for mobilization, site access and engineering, but do not include HST. If the repairs to the tops of the piers is broken into different stages for funding purposes, the sum of the different stages will increase because of the cost of remobilization. On an individual basis, each pier top might have a cost of about \$120,000. Of the four pier tops, pier #5 (the most northerly of these four) is the highest priority.

These priorities are aimed at restoring support for the structural bearings that hold each steel girder in place. The remainder of the piers are also important, but their mass allows them some latitude for further deterioration before they become a threat to the structural stability of the bridge.

Without any repairs to the bearing seats, we can imagine a situation where the concrete deterioration advances to the point of undercutting the bearing plates of some of the girders. At some time, the recommendation will come to close the bridge to use because of the lack of support to some of the bearings. This situation could be in the range of 15 years from now, but an earlier failure of bearing support is possible. It is unlikely that there will be a sudden failure of a girder

span without some warning that comes from observations of concrete deterioration under the bearings. That is, through annual inspections, there should be enough time to close the bridge before the beam supports become fully unstable. As well, the size and cost of the repair will increase with each year. The bearing seats of piers 1 and 6 were successfully repaired in 1995.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

Yours very truly

B. M. ROSS AND ASSOCIATES LIMITED



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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A. I. Ross", written over a horizontal line.

A. I. Ross, P. Eng.

AIR:hv

Staff Report

Report From: Andrea Fisher, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

Meeting Date: October 21, 2024

Subject: 2025 Council Meeting Calendar

Attachment(s): 2025 Council Meeting Calendar

Recommendation:

That Council approve the 2025 Town of Goderich Council Meeting Calendar as presented;

And that Council authorize the Clerk to advertise the meeting dates in accordance with the Town's Public Meeting Notice By-Law 99 of 2019.

Report Summary:

To consider the Council meeting dates for 2025.

Background/Analysis:

The draft 2025 meeting schedule provides an advance view of the 2025 regular meeting dates. The schedule is subject to change as required and will be advertised the same. Consideration was given to municipal conferences and statutory holidays.

Orientation/Education Sessions as provided by the Clerk's Working Group will continue to be provided virtually in conjunction with the other lower tier municipalities and the County of Huron throughout the year.

Committee and Board meeting dates will be determined at a later date.

Linkages:

- Corporate Strategic Plan Priority #4: Good Government

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

None

Consulted With:

Approved By: Janice Hallahan, Chief Administrative Officer
Andrea Fisher, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

January 2025

January 2025							February 2025						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Dec 29	30	31	Jan 1, 25 New Years Day	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 4:00pm Council Meeting	14	15	16	17	18
19 8:00am	20 ROMA Conference	21 8:30am	22	23	24	25
26	27 4:00pm Budget Meeting	28	29	30	31	Feb 1

February 2025

February 2025							March 2025						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan 26	27	28	29	30	31	Feb 1
2	3 4:00pm Council Meeting	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Family Day	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 4:00pm Council Meeting	25	26	27	28	Mar 1

March 2025

March 2025							April 2025						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Feb 23	24	25	26	27	28	Mar 1
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 4:00pm Council Meeting	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 OGRA	Apr 1	2	3	4	5

April 2025

April 2025							May 2025						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mar 30	31	Apr 1 OGRA	2	3	4	5
6	7 4:00pm Council Meeting	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Good Friday	19
20	21 Easter Monday	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 4:00pm Council Meeting	29	30 OSUM	May 1	2	3

May 2025

May 2025							June 2025						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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June 2025

June 2025							July 2025						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jun 1 ← CAMA	2	3	4	5	6	7
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July 2025

July 2025							August 2025						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jun 29	30	Jul 1 Canada Day	2	3	4	5
6	7 4:00pm Council Meeting	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 4:00pm Council Meeting	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	Aug 1	2

August 2025

August 2025							September 2025						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jul 27	28	29	30	31	Aug 1	2
3	4 Civic Holiday	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 4:00pm Council Meeting	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 AMO	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	Sep 1	2	3	4	5	6

September 2025

September 2025							October 2025						
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28	29	30					26	27	28	29	30	31	

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Aug 31	Sep 1 Labour Day	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 4:00pm Council Meeting	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Truth and Reconciliation Day	Oct 1	2	3	4

October 2025

October 2025							November 2025						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sep 28	29	30	Oct 1	2	3	4
5	6 4:00pm Council Meeting	7	8	9	10	11
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19	20 4:00pm Council Meeting	21	22	23	24	25
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November 2025

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December 2025

December 2025							January 2026						
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28	29	30	31	Jan 1, 26	2	3

Staff Report

Report From: Jason Dykstra, Building Services Manager/Chief Building Official

Meeting Date: October 21, 2024

Subject: 2024 Ontario Building Code

Attachment(s): N/A

Recommendation:

That Goderich Town Council receive this report for information.

Report Summary:

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has published the new 2024 Ontario Building Code which comes into force and effect on January 1, 2025. The revision to the Ontario Building Code is coined to have over 2,400 changes to the current Ontario Building Code. This will be the largest amendment to the Ontario Building Code to date.

The 2024 Ontario Building Code will have a grace period from January 1, 2025 - March 31, 2025, where applications will be received based on the current Ontario Building Code based on certain credentials. As of April 1, 2025, all new building permit applications will conform to the 2024 Ontario Building Code.

Many of the 2,400 changes are an endeavor to harmonize the Ontario Building Code with the National Building Code. It is projected that 72% of the 2024 Ontario Building Code amendments will harmonize with the National Building Code. Amendments will affect every sector of the construction industry and every section of the Ontario Building Code.

The Town of Goderich Building Department has been actively attending training sessions and will continue to do so to understand the changes. The Building Department's 2025 goal proposes to host information sessions for designers and contractors in Goderich and area to assist with transitions and new code requirements.

Linkages:

- Corporate Strategic Plan Priority #4: Good Government

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

During the 4th quarter of 2024 and the 1st quarter of 2025, there will be staff time and training dollars used to stay on top of the amendments to the legislation.

Approved By: Janice Hallahan, Chief Administrative Officer
Andrea Fisher, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

Staff Report

Report From: Jason Dykstra, Building Services Manager/Chief Building Official

Meeting Date: October 21, 2024

Subject: Heritage Permit Application No. 2024-009 – 80 Courthouse Square - Signage

Attachment(s): 1. Heritage Permit Application No. 2024-009

Recommendation:

That Goderich Town Council receive this report for information;

And That Council approve Heritage application 2024-009 – 80 Courthouse Square, without conditions.

Report Summary:

80 Courthouse Square is located within the Heritage District but is not a Heritage property. The application is to replace the existing fascia sign on the building.

The applicant is using the existing fascia sign box for the new sign. The colours will reflect the franchise, which is white and orange. These colors in the opinion of the Chief Building Official do not represent the colours of the Heritage guidelines. However, given the location of the sign and the fact that the sign is not lit, the colours of the sign is not considered to be a detriment to the Heritage area. In the opinion of the Chief Building Official, approval is recommended for the application as submitted.

Background/Analysis:

All fascia board signs are reviewed to ensure they meet the intent of the Sign By-Law and Heritage Guidelines. The application for 80 Courthouse Square meets the By-Law and Guidelines.

Linkages:

- Corporate Strategic Plan Priority #2: Welcoming and Caring Community

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

There is no financial impact associated with this report.

Approved By: Janice Hallahan, Chief Administrative Officer
Andrea Fisher, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

A. – Property and Applicant Information

Property Address: 80 Courthouse Square

Owner Contact Information:

Name: Aurelio Baglione - Virtus Financial Group of Companies Inc.

Address & Postal Code: 100 Arbors Lane Commercial Unit D, Vaughan ON L4L 7G4

Phone No.: 416-222-5040, 647-361-9596 Email: alexander@virtusfinancial.ca

Agent Contact Information (if applicable)

Name: Said Elshawiesh/Juan Pizarro - Excellent Sign Group

Address & Postal Code: 2736 Dingman Drive, London, ON N6N 1G4

Phone No. 519-681-5492 ext. 13 Email: juan@excellentsigns.com

B – Heritage Permit Application Summary

Heritage Designation:

Part IV (Individual Property) _____ Part V (Heritage Conservation District) _____

Alterations to Building

New Construction

Landscaping

Demolition

Signage/Lighting

Explain the reasons for undertaking the proposed work

Erection of 1 new Pizza Pizza aluminum sign with white PVC letters with the purpose of
business identification

Clearly describe the changes you are undertaking to alter the property-attach pictures showing pre and post appearance of the building. Attached samples of building material and/or colour
Removal of existing pizza restaurant and installation of new Pizza Pizza sign.

C – Product and Manufacturer Details

Item(s) to be changes	Is work new or restoration	Type of Material	Colour	Other product details
Cladding (siding, brick, stucco etc.)				
Roof				
Foundation Walls				
Trim				
Doors				
Windows				
Porch/Verandah				
Fencing				
Landscaping				
Signage/Lighting	NEW	Aluminum panel with PVC letters	Panel: Orange Letters: white	Auto adhesive blue vinyl applied to PVC letters

D – Declaration and Signature

I hereby declare that the statements made herein are, to the best of my belief and knowledge, a true and complete representation of the purpose and intent of this application.

I have reviewed the submission requirements and understand that incomplete applications may be defined pending additional information.

I understand that the proposal must comply with all other applicable legislation and By-Laws and other approvals.

I acknowledge that any change to the approved drawings, however small, may require an amendment to the permit and may require resubmission for approval. Failure to reveal these changes to the Municipal & Marine Heritage Committee may result in a work stoppage.

I acknowledge that the Town of Goderich staff and members of the Municipal & Marine Heritage Committee may visit the property that is the subject of this application for the purpose of evaluating the merits of this application.

I acknowledge that personal information on this form is collected under the authority of the Ontario Heritage Act and will be used to process Heritage Permit Applications and the information will become public.

Please see attached letter of owner's consent

Owner's Signature

Oct. 7th, 2024

Date

Said Elshawiesh Juan Pizarro

Agent's Signature

Oct. 7th, 2024

Date

E – Municipal & Marine Heritage Committee Recommendation to Council:

The application is:

___ Recommended for approval without conditions

___ Recommended for approval with conditions as listed below

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

___ Recommended for refusal

Reason:

Municipal & Marine Heritage Committee Chair

Date

F. – Council Decision

The application is:

___ Approved without conditions

___ Approved with conditions as listed below

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

___ Refused

Reason:

Clerk

Date

Note: Recommendations/approvals are granted on the express condition that the work to be carried out shall conform to the provisions of all building codes and By-Laws passed by the Town of Goderich. The heritage application process does not replace building permits under the Ontario Building code Act, or other required permits for signage, demolition, etc. It is also noted that Council can pursue legal action if the required permits and permissions have not been granted or guidelines have not been followed.

Affidavit and Sworn Declaration of Owner or Applicant

I agree that all work submitted in support of this application may be made available for public review, pursuant to the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. I agree to reimburse the Town of Goderich for any costs associated with the preparation of studies required to evaluate the application by qualified consultants, and any costs which may be incurred before the courts and tribunals arising from the disposition of this application. I hereby certify that all statements contained within this application are true and agree to allow Town staff reasonable access to the property.

Please see attached letter for owner's
consent

OWNER

Said Elshawiesh

_____ *Juan Pizarro*
APPLICANT

_____ *Oct 7th, 2024*
DATE

LL LETTERHEAD

Name

Landlord Address

Phone number

Email address

DATE

Excellent Sign Group

2736 Dingman Drive

London, Ontario

N6N 1G4

Attn: Said Elshawiesh

Dear Said,

Re: **Tenant Name**

LEGAL PROPERTY ADDRESS

This letter confirms consent that Excellent Sign Group is hereby authorized to proceed with the acquisition of necessary permits and to complete the proposed construction for the above noted tenant at the above noted location.

Tenant Name exterior/interior signage is approved as per drawings submitted for Landlord review.



Aurelio Baglione

President

Signature

Print Name

Title

TITLE
ALUMINUM SIGN PANEL WITH PVC GRAPHICS
NON-ILLUMINATED

PROJECT
PIZZA PIZZA #615
 80 Courthouse Sq
 Goderich, ON



2736 Dingman Drive
 London, Ontario
 N6N 1G4
 Excellent: 519-681-5492
 Meteor: 905-936-5454
 Total: 519-652-8300
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ITEM A - LAYOUT
 Scale: 1/2" = 1'-0"



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ZONING
 N/A

DRAWN BY
 JP

SALESPERSON
 N/A

FILE NAME
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SIGN AREA
 36 sq.ft/ 3.33m²

SIGN WEIGHT
 125 lbs/ 56.7kg

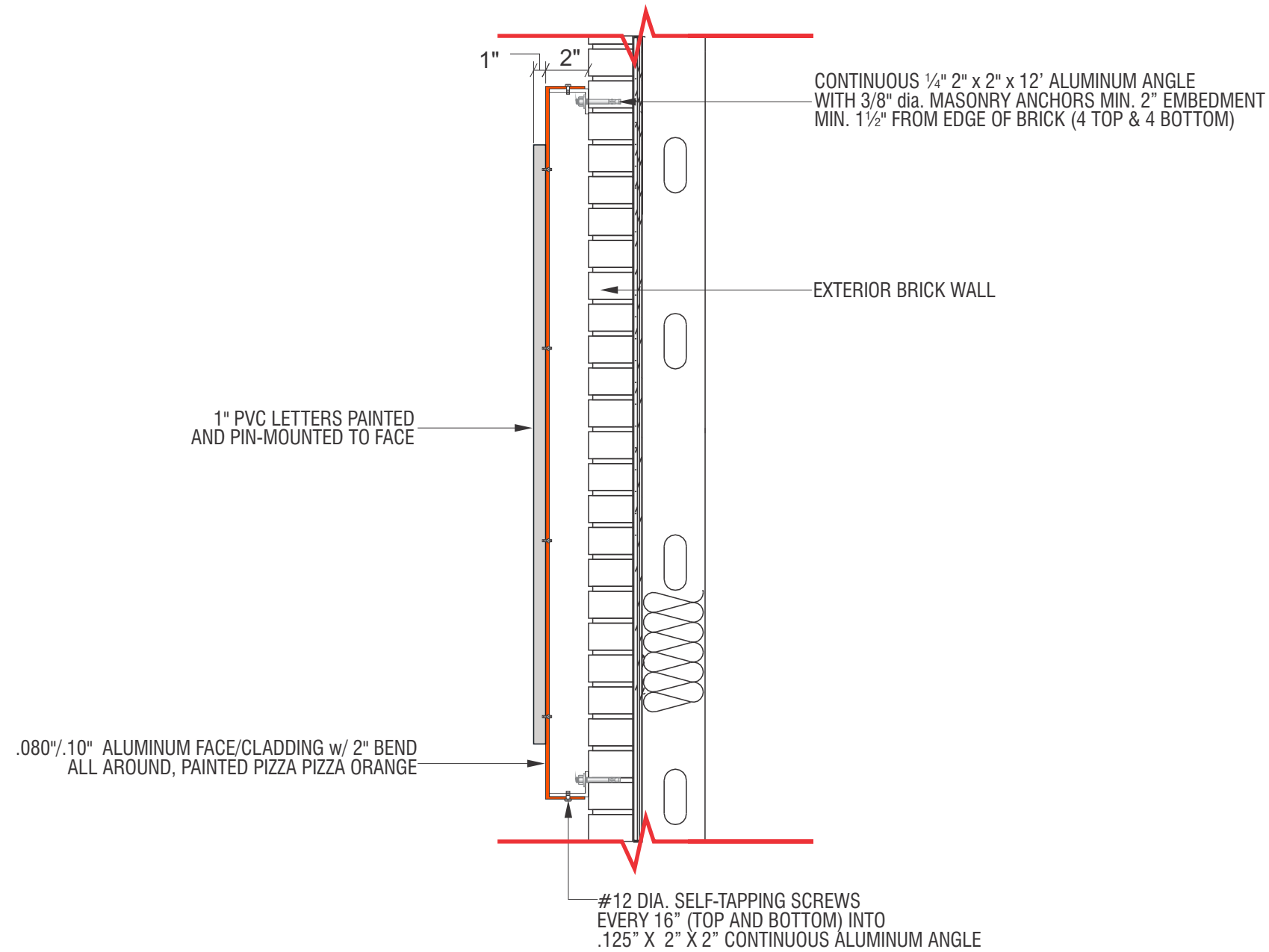
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- SITE SURVEY
- SITE PHOTO(S)

DATE
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ALL MOUNTING METHODS & MATERIALS CONFIRMED BY INSTALLER TO CONFORM WITH MUNICIPAL

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N/A

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SIGN WEIGHT
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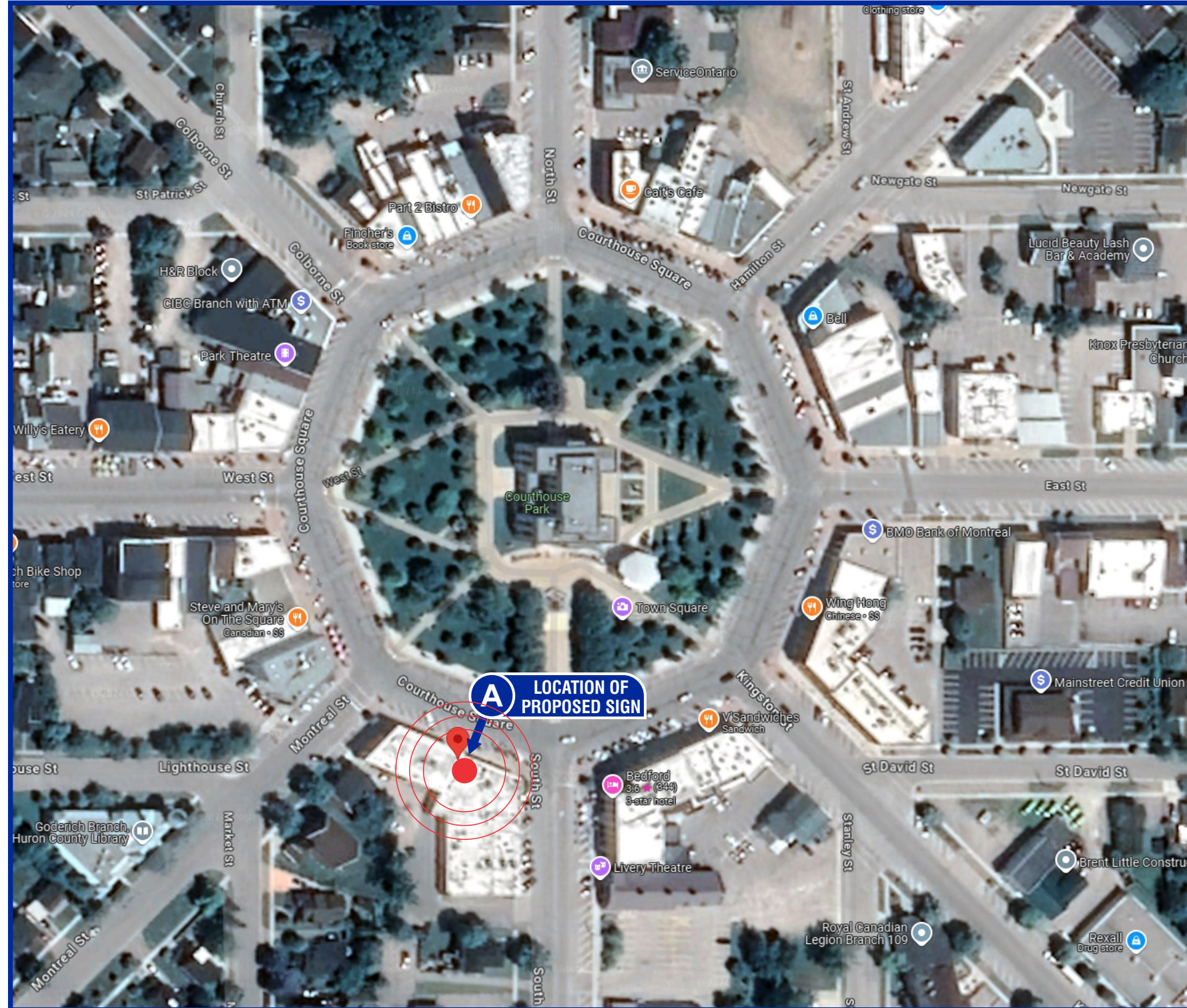
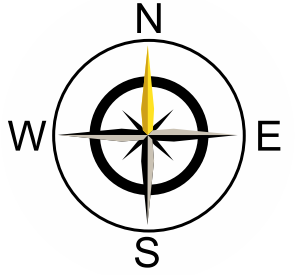
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TITLE
SITE PLAN

PROJECT
PIZZA PIZZA #615
80 Courthouse Sq
Goderich, ON



2736 Dingman Drive
London, Ontario
N6N 1G4
Excellent: 519-681-5492
Meteor: 905-936-5454
Total: 519-652-8300
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MUNICIPAL BY-LAW
N/A

LL CRITERIA
None Provided

ZONING
N/A

DRAWN BY
JP

SALESPERSON
N/A

SIGN AREA
N/A sq.ft/ m²



PRODUCTION READY

SITE SURVEY

SITE PHOTO(S)

DATE
Sep. 18th, 2024

SCALE
As Noted Above

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Staff Report

Report From: Jason Dykstra, Building Services Manager/Chief Building Official re: Heritage Permit Application No. 2024-005 – 79 Hamilton Street - Signage

Meeting Date: October 21, 2024

Subject: Heritage Permit Application No. 2024-010 – 79 Hamilton Street – Signage

Attachment(s): 1. Heritage Permit Application No. 2024-010

Recommendation:

That Goderich Town Council receive this report for information;

And That Council approve Heritage Application 2024-10 – 79 Hamilton Street, without conditions.

Report Summary:

79 Hamilton Street is located within the Heritage District but is not a Heritage Property. The application is to replace the existing fascia sign on the building.

In the opinion of the Chief Building Official, this sign meets the size and guidelines for the area.

Background/Analysis:

All fascia board signs are reviewed to ensure they meet the intent of the Sign by-law and Heritage Guidelines. The application for 79 Hamilton Street meets such By-laws/Guidelines.

Linkages:

- Corporate Strategic Plan Priority #2: Welcoming and Caring Community

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

There is no financial impact associated with this report.

Approved By: Janice Hallahan, Chief Administrative Officer
Andrea Fisher, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

Staff Report

Report From: Jason Dykstra, Building Services Manager/Chief Building Official

Meeting Date: October 21, 2024

Subject: Heritage Application 2024-011– 33 St David Street

Attachment(s): 1. Application + Pictures

Recommendation:

That Goderich Town Council approve Heritage Application 2024-011 – 33 St. David Street, with the condition that the sign only be erected for a 12-month period from the date of the issuance of the permit;

And that within the 12-month period, a permanent sign be installed.

Report Summary:

33 St. David Street is located with the Heritage District but is not a Heritage designated property. The application is to install a vinyl temporary sign on the property.

Temporary signs are not usually permitted within the Heritage District. Given that the temporary sign is within a sign face area and the timeline would be restricted to a 12-month period within which time a permanent sign would be erected, I do not see an issue with the sign.

Background/Analysis:

All signs are reviewed to ensure they meet the intent of the Sign by-law and Heritage Guidelines. I believe that the application for 33 St David Street with the condition above, will meet the guidelines.

Linkages:

Corporate Strategic Plan Priority #2: Welcoming and Caring Community

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

There is no financial impact associated with this report.

Consulted With:

Approved By: Janice Hallahan, Chief Administrative Officer

Andrea Fisher, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

A. – Property and Applicant Information

Property Address: 33 St. David St.

Owner Contact Information:

Name: Jenna Ujiye

Address & Postal Code: 33 St David St N7A 1L4

Phone No.: 519-524-6600 Email: jujiye@goderich.ca

Agent Contact Information (if applicable)

Name: _____

Address & Postal Code: _____

Phone No. _____ Email: _____

B – Heritage Permit Application Summary

Heritage Designation:

Part IV (Individual Property) _____ Part V (Heritage Conservation District) X

- Alterations to Building
- New Construction
- Landscaping
- Demolition
- Signage/Lighting

Explain the reasons for undertaking the proposed work

Signage for Tourism Info Centre

Clearly describe the changes you are undertaking to alter the property-attach pictures showing pre and post appearance of the building. Attached samples of building material and/or colour

adding a vinyl banner to signage area above door until new permanent sign is complete

C – Product and Manufacturer Details

Item(s) to be changes	Is work new or restoration	Type of Material	Colour	Other product details
Cladding (siding, brick, stucco etc.)				
Roof				
Foundation Walls				
Trim				
Doors				
Windows				
Porch/Verandah				
Fencing				
Landscaping				
Signage/Lighting	new	vinyl	white with Blue & Red	Goderich logo and wording

D – Declaration and Signature

I hereby declare that the statements made herein are, to the best of my belief and knowledge, a true and complete representation of the purpose and intent of this application.

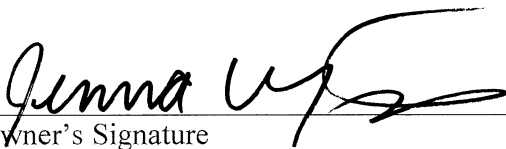
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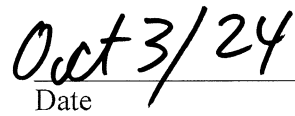
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I acknowledge that the Town of Goderich staff and members of the Municipal & Marine Heritage Committee may visit the property that is the subject of this application for the purpose of evaluating the merits of this application.

I acknowledge that personal information on this form is collected under the authority of the Ontario Heritage Act and will be used to process Heritage Permit Applications and the information will become public.


Owner's Signature


Date

Agent's Signature

Date

**SCHEDULE "A" TOWN OF GODERICH
APPLICATION FOR SIGN PERMIT**

Owner/Phone No.: 519-524-6600 Address: 33 St.David St.

Architect: _____ Zone: _____

Builder: _____ Lot No.: _____

Location: _____ Plan No.: _____

Type of Sign:

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Billboard | <input type="checkbox"/> Projecting | <input type="checkbox"/> Sandwich Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Directional | <input type="checkbox"/> Roof | <input type="checkbox"/> Fascia |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Temporary, Non-Portable | <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Portable | <input type="checkbox"/> Free Standing |

Estimated Cost: 500.00 Dimensions: 244"X16"

Area: sign front Weight: banner

Sign Elevation (ground to sign bottom): TBD

Sign Height (ground to sign top): TBD

Sign Projection (beyond building and/or lot line): N/A

Support Materials:

Base: vinyl Guy Wires: n/a
Posts: n/a Through Bolt: n/a

- Illumination: None Internal External
Animation: None Moving Parts Revolving
Oscillating Flashing Lights

Portable Signs Only: Date From: October 21 To: January 31

Attach plan drawn to scale showing: lot lines, street lines, location of buildings and location of proposed sign. Attach drawing of proposed sign and support structure

Jenna
Ujiye

Digitally signed by
Jenna Ujiye
Date: 2024.10.03
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Signature of Applicant

Approved by (Chief Building Official)

PERMISSION IS HEREBY GRANTED TO CARRY OUT WORK SPECIFIED ABOVE

Fee: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Chief Building Official

This permit is granted on the express condition that the work to be carried out shall conform to the provisions of all building codes and by-laws passed by the Town of Goderich. This permit does not replace a building permit under the Ontario Building Code Act. A building permit may be necessary for the erection of the sign.

Notes: _____



Staff Report

Report From: Jason Dykstra, Building Services Manager/Chief Building Official

Meeting Date: October 21, 2024

Subject: Month End Report for September 2024

Attachment(s): N/A

Recommendation:

That Goderich Town Council receive this report for information purposes.

Report Summary:

For the month of September 2024, the Building Department has completed the following:

Building/Demolition & Plumbing Permits:

Permit Type	# of Permits Issued	Value of Permit
Residential Demolition	1	\$ 25,000.00
Residential	13	\$3,598,000.00
Residential Plumbing	13	\$ 300,500.00
Commercial Demolition	0	\$
Commercial	4	\$ 620,000.00
Commercial Plumbing	5	\$ 81,500.00
Industrial Demolition	0	\$
Industrial	0	\$
Industrial Plumbing	0	\$
Gov't & Institutional Demolition	0	\$
Gov't & Institutional	0	\$
Gov't & Institutional Plumbing	0	\$
Total	36	\$4,625,000.00

Committee Of Adjustment Meetings:

There was one Committee of Adjustment meeting held this month.

Zoning Reports:

There were three zoning reports issued during the month of September.

Year to Date:

2023 Permits September	# of Permits Issues	Value of Permit	Permit Fee
Residential Demolition	1	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 150.00
Residential	61	\$10,686,500.00	\$ 87,235.08
Residential Plumbing	40	\$ 932,500.00	\$ 22,661.00
Commercial Demolition	1	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 150.00
Commercial	10	\$ 2,178,000.00	\$ 31,453.73
Commercial Plumbing	5	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 2,294.75
Industrial Demolition	1	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 750.00
Industrial	0		
Industrial Plumbing	0		
Gov't & Institutional Demolition	0		
Gov't & Institutional	6	\$ 438,500.00	\$ 3,150.36
Gov't & Institutional Plumbing	2	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 596.00
Total	127	\$14,448,500.00	\$148,440.92

2024 Permits September	# of Permits Issues	Value of Permit	Permit Fee
Residential Demolition	2	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 310.00
Residential	51	\$9,946,500.00	\$ 82,125.98
Residential Plumbing	62	\$ 912,000.00	\$ 29,929.00
Commercial Demolition	2	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 310.00
Commercial	8	\$1,490,000.00	\$ 8,677.30
Commercial Plumbing	74	\$ 263,500.00	\$ 23,866.15
Industrial Demolition	0		
Industrial	3	\$1,700,000.00	\$ 29,733.00
Industrial Plumbing	21	\$ 29,500.00	\$ 6,400.00
Gov't & Institutional Demolition	0		
Gov't & Institutional	10	\$ 733,000.00	\$ 4,395.21
Gov't & Institutional Plumbing	12	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 3,504.00
Total	245	\$15,193,500.00	\$189,250.64

Linkages:

N/A

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

There is no financial impact associated to this report.

Approved By: Janice Hallahan, Chief Administrative Officer
Andrea Fisher, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

Staff Report

Report From: Kyle Williams, Operations and Community Services Manager

Meeting Date: October 21, 2024

Subject: Public Works Equipment Replacement

Recommendation:

THAT Goderich Town Council concur with the Operations and Community Services Manager's recommendation to authorize the purchase of a used combination sewer flusher truck at an amount up to \$200,000, excluding HST.

AND THAT a transfer from the Public Works Equipment Reserve Fund be approved to provide funding for the purchase.

Report Summary:

The Public Works Department requires a replacement sewer flusher truck due to the current unit being unsafe for future use.

Background/Analysis:

The current sewer flusher truck used by the Public Works Department is 31 years old and has suffered numerous mechanical and structural failures, making the unit unsafe for use. This critical piece of equipment is used daily in the spring, summer and fall seasons and has exceeded its useful life expectancy. The replacement cost of a new unit with the same capabilities is estimated to be more than \$750,000. There is \$35,000 in the 2024 budget for a 2-month rental of a sewer flusher unit. However, due to the high demand in the industry, staff were unable to successfully secure a unit to rent. Staff were investigating purchase options and have become aware of a 2016 combination sewer flusher truck that was previously owned by a municipality out west with approximately 65,000 km on it. Staff consider the unit to have adequate useful life to support its value. The purchase would only proceed upon the truck receiving a satisfactory safety inspection of the truck.

It is recommended that staff be given the power to act to secure this unit at the discretion of the Operations and Community Services Manager and the Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer.

Funding is proposed from the Public Works Equipment Reserve Fund. The budgeted balance for this reserve fund at the end of 2024 is \$708,834.

Linkages:

- Corporate Strategic Plan Priority #1: Safe and Reliable Infrastructure
- Corporate Strategic Plan Priority #4: Good Government

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

The financial impact to the Corporation will be up to \$200,000. This purchase will be funded from the Public Works Equipment Reserve Fund.

Other Consulted: Sean Thomas, Director of Community Services, Infrastructure and Operations
Deanna Hastie, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer

Approved By: Janice Hallahan, Chief Administrative Officer
Andrea Fisher, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

Staff Report

Report From: Jessica Clapp, Asset Management and Environmental Services Manager

Meeting Date: October 21, 2024

Subject: Municipal Climate Action Offer – 2024 Application

Recommendation:

That Goderich Town Council receive this report for information.

Report Summary:

The municipality has applied to the 2024 Municipal Climate Action Offer, funded through the Ontario Energy Board. A successful application will receive a maximum incentive of 50% of eligible costs, up to a maximum of \$10,000.

Background/Analysis:

The Municipal Climate Action Offer is funded through the Ontario Energy Board and is intended to support municipal climate action and related initiatives that reduce energy consumption. Municipalities can receive a maximum incentive of 50% of eligible costs submitted to a maximum of \$10,000. To be eligible for funding, the following criteria must be met:

- The municipality must be located within the Enbridge Gas service area
- The municipality must be taking action to reduce natural gas consumption in homes and/or businesses
- The municipality must have requested Enbridge Gas consumption/greenhouse gas (GHG) data for the purposes of climate action within 2 years of the application date.

For the municipality to satisfy its corporate GHG reduction target of 15%-20% below 2019 levels by 2030, energy conservation measures need to be implemented to reduce the business-as-usual (BAU) GHG emissions forecast. The 2022 energy audit identified the Maitland Recreation Centre (MRC) as the largest GHG emitter of all Town-owned facilities and included various energy conservation measures to be implemented the reduce energy consumption and GHG emissions at this facility.

One of the recommended energy conservation measures identified in the energy audit was to begin a replacement schedule for the eight (8) Kube compressors in the arena refrigeration system, as all eight (8) Kube compressors reached their end-of-life in 2018. To assist in this Kube compressor replacement program, the municipality included the replacement of two (2) Kube

compressors at a cost of approximately \$12,000 per unit in the Municipal Climate Action Offer application. The total project costs would be approximately \$24,000 for the purchase of two (2) Kube compressors, excluding HST.

Replacing a compressor that has reached its end of useful life can significantly improve arena performance by increasing efficiency by operating at a lower energy consumption rate, as well as enhancing cooling by properly functioning to ensure optimal cooling. From the 2022 Energy Audit, it is estimated that the replacement of the Kube compressors will reduce GHG emissions by approximately 4 tonnes CO₂e, saving the municipality approximately \$21,000 per year with a simple payback of 0.2 years.

Linkages:

- Corporate Strategic Plan Priority #1: Safe and Reliable Infrastructure
- Corporate Strategic Plan Priority #4: Good Government
- Corporate Strategic Plan Priority #5: Environmental Stewardship

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

The financial impact associated with this report, upon success of the grant application, is \$10,000 contribution through the Municipal Climate Action Offer, with the remaining cost (approximately \$14,000) funding through the Maitland Recreation Centre operations budget.

Reviewed By: Deanna Hastie, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer

Approved By: Janice Hallahan, Chief Administrative Officer
Andrea Fisher, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

Staff Report

Report From: Bonnie Hastings, Childcare Services Manager

Meeting Date: October 21, 2024

Subject: Month End Report for October 2024

Attachment(s): N/A

Recommendation:

That Goderich Town Council receive this report for information.

Report Summary:

To provide Council with an update on the general operation of the Childcare Centre, which may also include any legislative/regulatory updates from the Ministry of Education and/or Ministry of Health.

Background/Analysis:

The Ministry of Education has provided the necessary approvals for the infant playground at the Childcare Centre. Funding for this project was approved through an Accessibility grant and was completed in October. The final inspection was performed by Playchek Playground Inspection Services. Updates and maintenance were also completed in other areas of the Childcare Centre yards. The final stage of the new infant playground shed is scheduled for October 31, 2024.

Generator installation at the Centre is scheduled for later this month.

To date, we have 8 full-time and 15 permanent part-time employees, along with several casual employees. This scheduling setup works well with consistency for the children and programming.

The upcoming Circle of Security training course is scheduled for Thursday afternoons in November, with 7 employees attending.

Inspections from Huron Perth Public Health and the Ministry of Education were also completed in September. Both inspections were completed with minimal recommendations for improvement. The Centre's renewal with the Ministry of Education is January 2025.

Two Early Childhood Education students from Fanshawe and Georgian College are fulfilling placements at the Centre in October/November.

The upcoming closures for the Centre will be as follows:

October 14, 2024 – Thanksgiving

October 21, 2024 – ECE Appreciation Day – Staff attending full-day training coordinated by the County of Huron Children Services Department

November 11, 2024 – Remembrance Day

December 24, 2024 - January 2, 2025 – Christmas Closure

I am pleased to provide the following current Centre Waitlist. This information is constantly evolving as parents find alternate care, and children’s ages change.

Program	Operating Capacity	Current Enrolment	October Operating Capacity	Current Waitlist for 2024	2025	2026
Infants	10	12	10	16	62	23
Toddler #1	15	11	10	27	15	3
Toddler #2	15	11	10	0		
Preschool #1	16	17	16	26	7	4
Preschool #2	16	18	16	0		
Preschool #3	16	16	16	0		
Preschool #4	15	17	15	0		
Total	103	103	93	69	84	30

Current enrolment includes part-time/flex care for attending children.

Total number of children on waitlist 183

Linkages:

- Corporate Strategic Plan Priority #1: Safe and Reliable Infrastructure
- Corporate Strategic Plan Priority #2: Welcoming and Caring Community

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

No financial impact is associated with this report.

Approved By: Janice Hallahan, Chief Administrative Officer
 Andrea Fisher, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

Staff Report

Report From: Dave Duncan, Municipal Law Enforcement Manager

Meeting Date: October 21, 2024

Subject: Month-End Report for September 2024

Attachment(s): 1. MESH Report for September 2024

Recommendation:

That Goderich Town Council receive this report for information.

Report Summary:

There were nine (9) Animal Control calls in September, mostly for stray cats, loose dogs, and an injured Canada Goose. The Department is still working out contract terms with a local Veterinary Hospital for Pound Keeper Services. There were forty-five (45) other by-law calls over the same period, and these calls required one hundred and sixteen (116) actions. Property Standards and Parking remain the basis of most complaints.

Thirty-one (31) parking tickets were written (2 at North Harbour Road, 3 in Town, and 26 at the Waterfront). Three (3) Notice of Non-Compliance letters were issued and one (1) Order to Remedy. Eight (8) property inspections were completed.

After the first nine (9) months of 2024, we have had six hundred ninety (690) calls and nine hundred and sixty-seven (967) actions. One thousand four hundred and four (1,404) tickets have been written so far in 2024, one thousand three hundred and forty-four (1,344) at the waterfront, thirty-three (33) at North Harbour Road, and twenty-seven (27) in town. We have had one hundred twenty-three (123) Animal Control calls as of September 30, 2024.

Linkages:

- Corporate Strategic Plan Priority #4: Good Government

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

There is no financial impact associated with this report.

Reviewed By: Sean Thomas, Director of Community Services, Infrastructure & Operations

Approved By: Janice Hallahan, Chief Administrative Officer
Andrea Fisher, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

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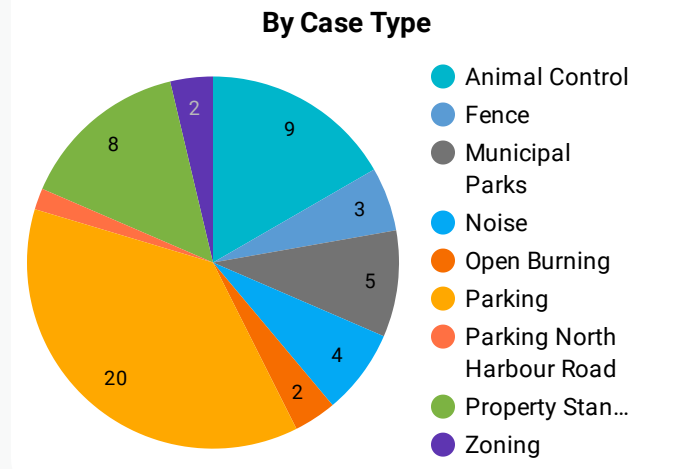
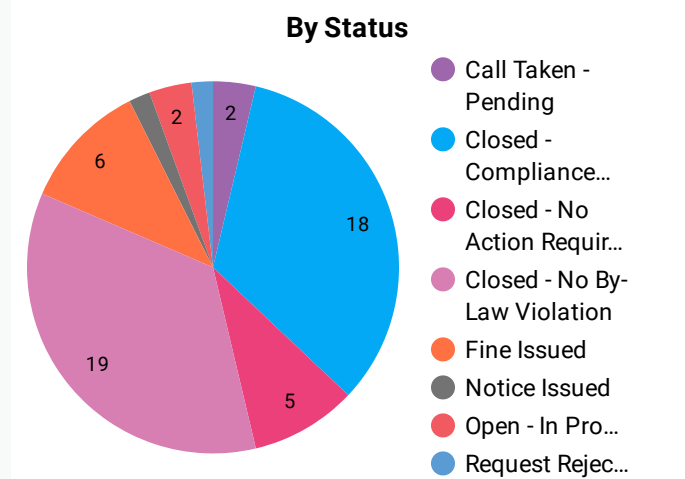
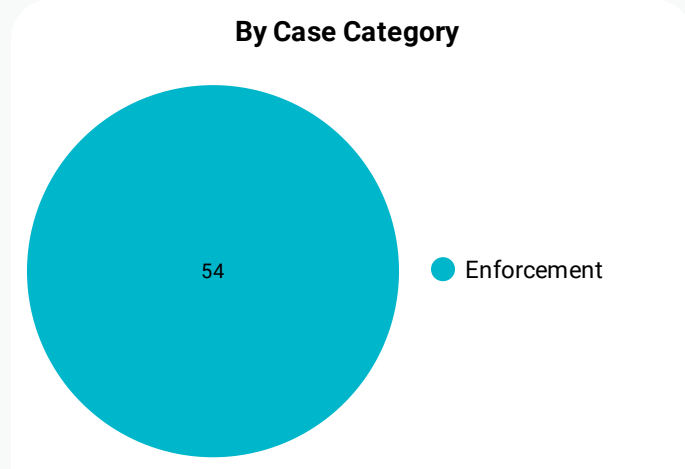
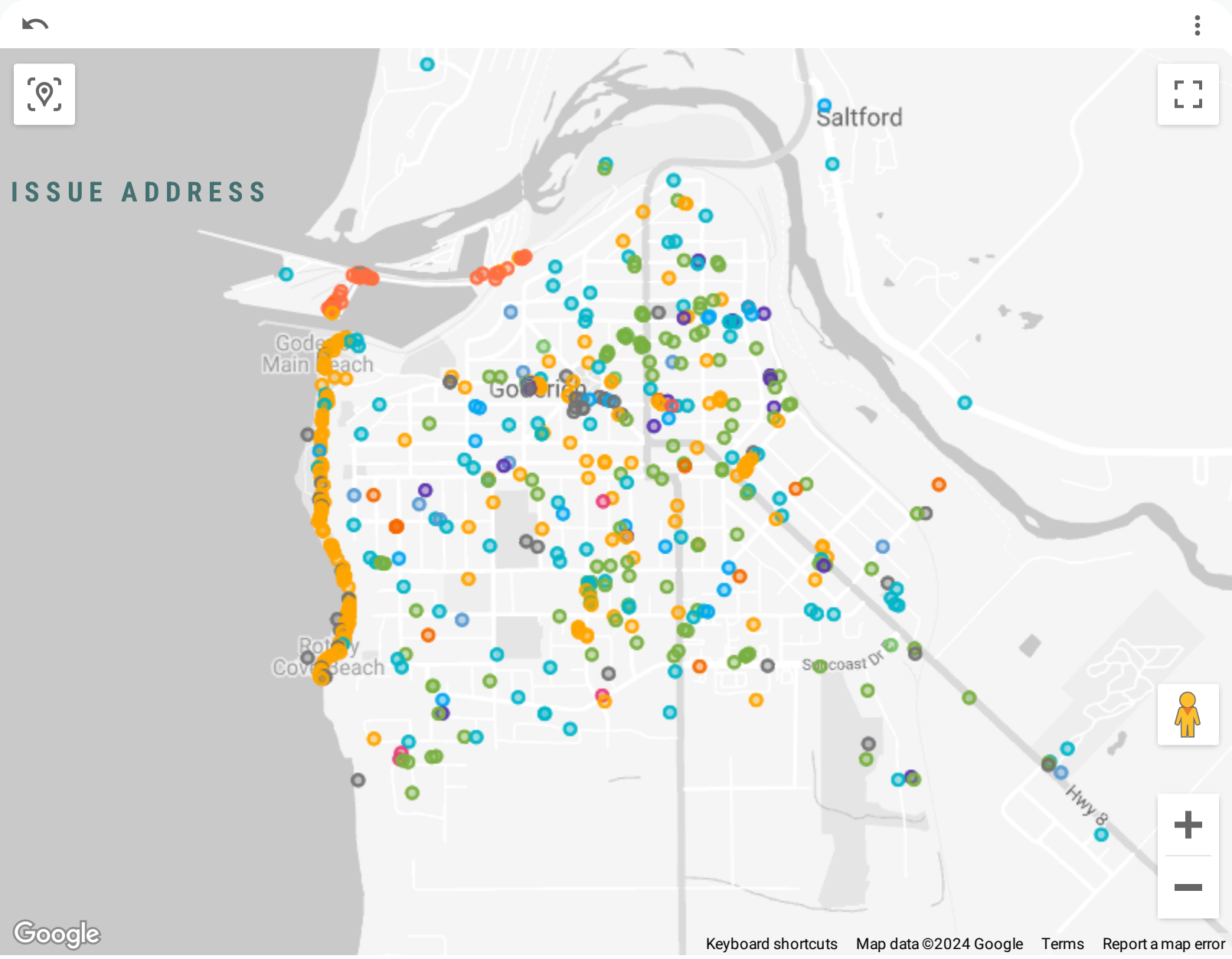
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Assigned Officer ▾

Sep 1, 2024 - Sep 30, 2024 ▾

TOTAL CASES: 54 **TOTAL ACTIONS: 116**



- Case Type**
- Property Standards
 - Animal Control
 - Parking
 - Noise
 - Parking North Harbour Road
 - Zoning
 - Open Burning
 - Fence
 - Municipal Parks
 - Sign
 - Building
 - Hawkers and Peddlers
 - Snow Removal

Staff Report

Report From: Lisa Hood, Tourism Events and Marketing Coordinator

Meeting Date: October 21, 2024

Subject: October 2024 Report

Attachment(s): 1. 2024 08 12 Events-Bookings - Legion - Remembrance Day - Ltr 2 Council.pdf

Recommendation:

THAT Goderich Town Council receive this report for information;

AND FURTHER THAT Goderich Town Council grant permission to make use of amplified sound for the Remembrance Day Services;

AND FURTHER THAT Goderich Town Council grant permission to temporarily stop-up traffic on Kingston Street on Monday, November 11, 2024, for the Remembrance Day services.

Report Summary:

Goderich Legion Branch 109 Remembrance Day Services – Goderich Cenotaph, Monday, November 11, 2024, at 11 AM

- This event requests permission to make use of amplified sound.
- This event requests permission to temporarily stop-up traffic on Kingston Street between the Legion and the Goderich Cenotaph on Monday, November 11, 2024, between the hours of 10:50 AM and 12:30 PM.

Walk for Parkinsons – Rotary Cove Pavilion #4, Saturday, September 6, 2025, from 8 AM to 3 PM

Linkages:

- Corporate Strategic Plan Priority #2: Welcoming and Caring Community
 - Corporate Strategic Plan Priority #3: Strong Local Economy
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Reviewed By: Jenna Ujiye, Tourism and Community Development Manager

Approved By: Janice Hallahan, Chief Administrative Officer
Andrea Fisher, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

From: [Goderich Legion](#)
To: [Lisa Hood](#)
Subject: Road closure request - Remembrance Day
Date: Monday, August 12, 2024 1:02:36 PM

Lisa,

We need to make an application to shut down Kingston street from the Legion to the square and to close the square from 10:45 to noon for the Remembrance Day service.

Thanks and I hope you're having a great summer!

Dawn Allen

Branch Manager

Royal Canadian Legion #109



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 1, 2024

SPOKESPERSON: Glen McNeil, Warden

519.524.8394 x3224

warden@huroncounty.ca

County of Huron continues to develop more affordable housing in Huron County.

Huron County, Ontario – The County of Huron is taking proactive measures to address the issue of affordable housing in Huron County by developing additional affordable housing units. The latest development, a 20-unit apartment building on Sanders Street in Exeter, is set to be completed and ready for occupancy in late 2024.

This apartment building has been constructed on an existing County housing site, with funding partially provided by the Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative. The County of Huron currently has two housing developments underway, aimed at increasing the availability of affordable housing in the region and addressing homelessness.

Huron County Warden Glen McNeil expressed his satisfaction with the progress being made, stating, "Staff, alongside Council, have been working incredibly hard to secure funding, manage construction, and prepare this building for occupation. I'm thrilled to see the progress that we're making to add more housing units and address the housing crisis locally."

The design of the building was done by JPM Architecture Inc., formerly Allan Avis Architects, of Goderich, and it adheres to the County's High Performance Building Standard. This standard prioritizes efficiency, resiliency in product choice, and sustainability in new builds. The apartment building will feature multiple barrier-free units, including 5' turning radiuses, roll under sinks, pull-down shelves, and flush balcony thresholds. The construction materials selected for the development are durable and practical, ensuring that the property can be appropriately maintained with minimal replacement requirements in the future.

To learn more about County of Huron affordable housing options, including applications for tenancy, please visit: www.HuronCounty.ca/housing

To learn more about the County of Huron's commitment to developing more affordable housing in Huron, please visit:
www.connectedcountyofhuron.ca/developing-more-affordable-homes-in-huron

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October 2, 2024

Minister Paul Calandra
Municipal Affairs and Housing
777 Bay Street
College Park 17th Floor,
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3
Via e-mail: minister.mah@ontario.ca

Dear Minister Calandra,

I am writing to you as the Municipal Clerk at the Town of Parry Sound and as the municipal officer responsible for the administration of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* in support of [AMCTO's recommendations](#) calling for the comprehensive changes to *MEA*.

AMCTO members, as municipal leaders, support the interests and well-being of 235,000 municipal employees across all municipalities in this Province.

Local election administrators care about running fair and accessible elections. We care about ensuring that candidates, voters, and third-party advertisers understand their responsibilities. We care that those that may knowingly break the rules are held to account. We care that the *MEA* and the accompanying *Education Act* and *Assessment Act* are complicated pieces of legislation on their own, and more so read together.

That is why AMCTO reviews the *Act* after every local election and why the Province should be making the necessary changes to make election administration easier and the *Act* clearer to follow for candidates and voters within the timelines AMCTO has set out.

Never has there been a more important moment to ensure the *Act* is working well, closes gaps and provides the right enforcement tools and mechanisms to safeguard our local electoral processes from threats of foreign interference, misinformation and bad actors. Local clerks need support and guidance on how to manage these threats and deal with potential events especially considering the federal government's recent legislation on foreign interference (Bill C-70).

AMCTO convened a group of municipal staff with experience and expertise in administering local elections to present you with several recommendations for making improvements to *MEA* and calling for an overhaul of the *Act* in the long-term.

I support AMCTO's recommendations and call on you to update the *MEA* with priority and secondary recommendations by mid 2025 ahead of the 2026 election so that I can make the necessary adjustments for planning and implementation well ahead of statutory timelines imposed upon me to administer an election.

There is a provincial interest in ensuring the health of local democracy and the time to act is now – proactively instead of reactively. Election administrators face several uncertainties as we look ahead to 2026. We observe that in other jurisdictions with elections there is an increasing use of artificial intelligence (AI) and other technology to spread misinformation. There are increased levels of electoral interference. Even in Canada, we are seeing reports of more candidates and elected officials stepping back from public life because of concerns for their safety and reputations.

There also is a provincial interest for reducing administrative and operational burdens to help free up staff time to focus on other critical statutory and operational tasks such as those related to planning and development processes, municipal governance, as well as service innovation, in support of provincial priorities.

I look forward to seeing legislation introduced to update the *MEA* in the coming months to address current challenges, streamline processes, and make legislation easier to understand and administer.

Sincerely,



Rebecca Johnson
Clerk

/rj
Encl.

cc: Paul Shipway, President, AMCTO president@amcto.com
Martha Greenberg, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and
Housing martha.greenberg@ontario.ca
Jill Dunlop, Minister of Education minister.edu@ontario.ca
Todd McCarthy, Minister of Public & Business Service Delivery &
Procurement todd.mccarthy@ontario.ca
Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance Minister.fin@ontario.ca
Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario premier@ontario.ca
Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka Graydon.Smith@pc.ola.org
Ontario Municipal Clerks



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND
RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2024 – 152

DIVISION LIST

YES NO

DATE: October 1, 2024

- Councillor **G. ASHFORD**
- Councillor **J. BELESKEY**
- Councillor **P. BORNEMAN**
- Councillor **B. KEITH**
- Councillor **D. McCANN**
- Councillor **C. McDONALD**
- Mayor **J. McGARVEY**

MOVED BY:

P. Borneman

SECONDED BY:

[Signature]

CARRIED: DEFEATED: _____ Postponed to: _____

WHEREAS election rules need to be clear, supporting candidates and voters in their electoral participation and election administrators in running elections.

WHEREAS legislation needs to strike the right balance between providing clear rules and frameworks to ensure the integrity of the electoral process,

WHEREAS the legislation must also reduce administrative and operational burden for municipal staff ensuring that local election administrators can run elections in a way that responds to the unique circumstances of their local communities.

WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (MEA) will be 30 years old by the next municipal and school board elections in 2026.

WHEREAS the MEA sets out the rules for local elections, the Assessment Act, 1990 and the Education Act, 1990 also contain provisions impacting local elections adding more places for voters, candidates, and administrators to look for the rules that bind the local democratic process in Ontario.

WHEREAS with rules across three pieces of legislation, and the MEA containing a patchwork of clauses, there are interpretation challenges, inconsistencies, and gaps to fill.

WHEREAS the Act can pose difficulties for voters, candidates, contributors and thirdparty advertisers to read, to interpret, to comply with and for election administrators to enforce.

WHEREAS while local elections are run as efficiently and effectively as can be within the current legislative framework, modernization and continuous improvement is needed to ensure the Act is responsive to today’s needs and tomorrow’s challenges.

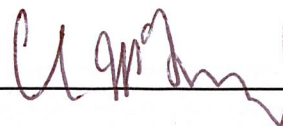
WHEREAS to keep public trust and improve safeguards the Act should be reviewed considering the ever-changing landscape which impacts elections administration including privacy, the threats of foreign interference, increased spread of mis/disinformation and the increased use of technologies like artificial intelligence and use of digital identities.

WHEREAS the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) reviewed the Act and has provided several recommendations including modernizing the legislation, harmonizing rules, and streamlining and simplifying administration.

AND WHEREAS AMCTO put forward recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2026 elections and longer-term recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2030 elections.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Parry Sound calls for the Province to update the MEA with priority amendments as outlined by AMCTO before Summer 2025 and commence work to review and re-write the MEA with longer-term recommendations ahead of the 2030 elections.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (minister.mah@ontario.ca), the Minister of Education (minister.edu@ontario.ca), the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery (todd.mccarthy@ontario.ca), Minister of Finance (Minister.fin@ontario.ca) the Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca), Parry Sound Muskoka MPP Graydon Smith and AMCTO (advocacy@amcto.com).



Deputy Mayor Chris McDonald

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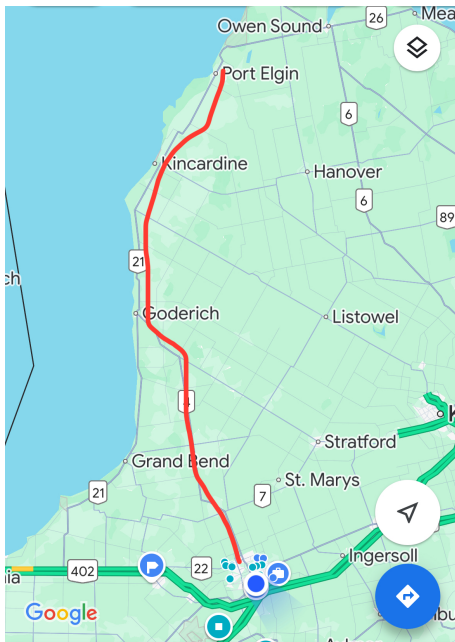
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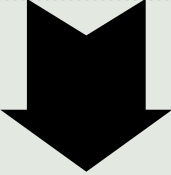
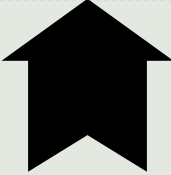
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From: Joanne Walters <j.walters@hurontel.on.ca>
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2024 11:25:07 AM
To: Town Hall <townhall@goderich.ca>
Subject: Relocation of Tourist Info Centre -- Why?!!

To Goderich Town Council:

Can anyone tell me why the Tourist Information Centre is being moved from a highly visible location at the end of Hamilton Street to a much more obscure location on St. David Street?

Back in the '90s, the Community Development Committee (Heritage Canada's Main Street Program) worked very hard to move the Tourist Information Booth (as it was then known) from a little corner where Chuck's Roadhouse is now located to the more visible location at the end of Hamilton Street where it can be seen by all driving north & south on Hwy. 21. We included overhead signage pointing visitors/tourists in the direction of attractions like the museum & the Square, encouraging them not to bypass the downtown area by just continuing to drive by on Hwy. 21. With the addition of the Dutch Fountain/ Pavilion, it looks very attractive & welcoming.

I don't think visitors/tourists will find the St. David Street location very easily & it will be especially hard to get to during the construction on the Square starting next year. The Hamilton Street location would still have been accessible during this time.

I don't understand the reasoning behind this odd decision & would like someone to explain it to me so I can also tell the many others who are questioning it as well.

Joanne Walters (519) 524-5996
123 East Street
Goderich, Ontario N7A 1N5



Maitland Inlet Marina Ltd
P.O. Box 175, Goderich, ON, N7A 3Z2
Tel. (519) 524-4409
Email: info@maitlandmarina.on.ca
Website: www.maitlandmarina.on.ca

October 10, 2024

Ms. Janice Hallahan
Town of Goderich
57 West St.
Goderich, ON
N7A 2K5

RE: Dredging Proposal for 2024

Dear Ms. Janice Hallahan;

In preparation of our dredging proposal for 2025 we are required to provide Notification to abutting land owners of our proposed work. This dredging is necessary to provide a safe navigable entrance to the marinas, launch ramps, and fuel docks.

Attached please find an "Evidence of Notification" form to be completed, and a diagram of Maitland River proposed dredging areas.

Time is always of the essence with dredging permits; your cooperation in completing the Evidence of Notification form in a timely manner would be appreciated. Please contact us upon completion of the forms at 519 524 4409 and we will arrange to pick them up.

Yours truly,

Jim Peever
Maitland Valley Marina Ltd.

Enclosures (2)

Evidence of Notification form for Maitland Valley Marina
Diagram of Maitland River dredging areas

EVIDENCE OF NOTIFICATION

Subject: Application to place private improvements (non-commercial)
on enclosed drawing

Maitland Inlet Marina Ltd. has informed me/us of his/her proposal to (construction) dredge on the lands at:

Township Lot #: Maitland River Concession #: Part of Former Bed of Maitland River

Plan #: 22R-547

Part or Lot #: Part of Block E of registered Plan #: 22R-547 in the Town of Goderich

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____

Signature: _____ Signature: _____

Name: Town of Goderich

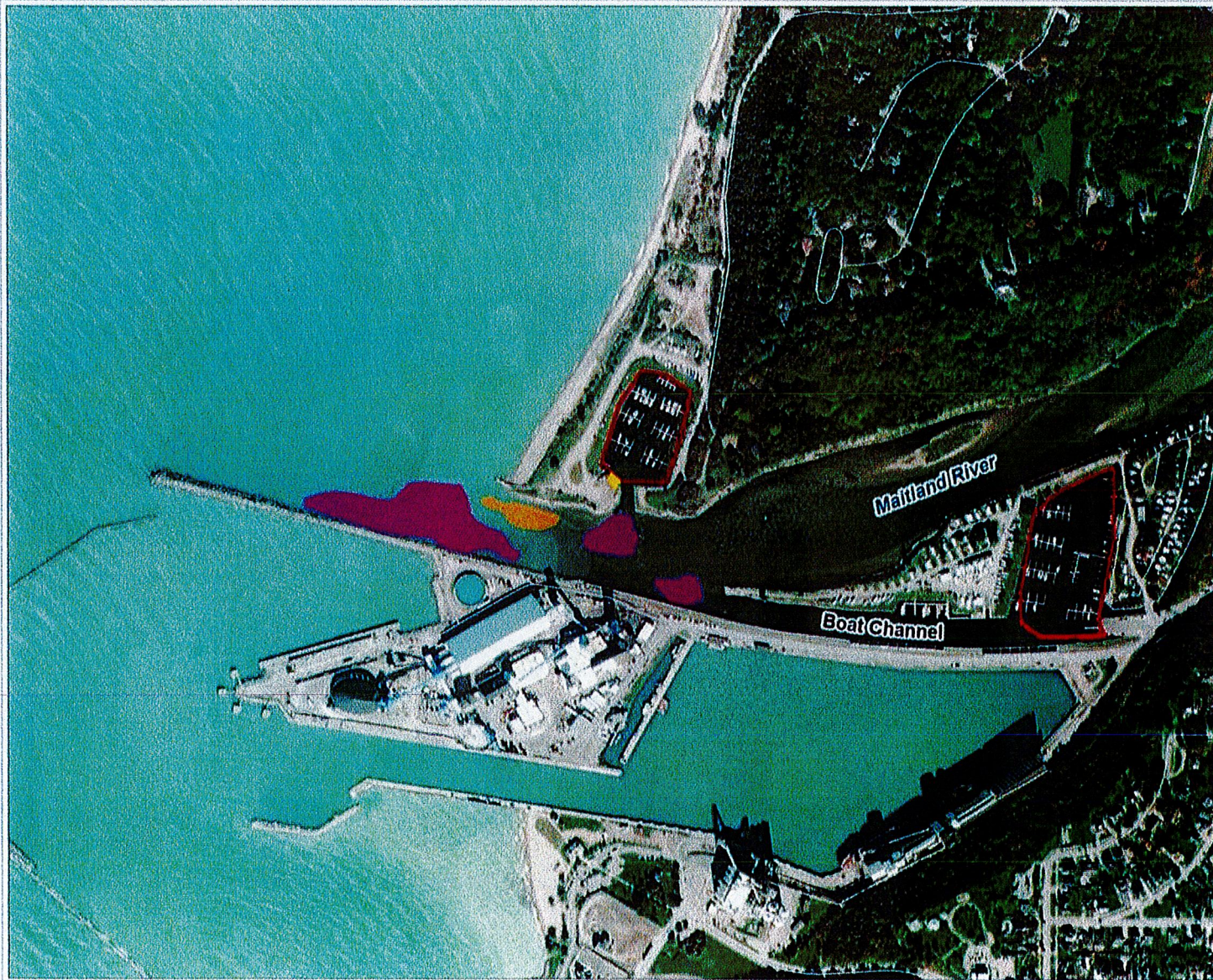
Address: 57 West Street

City/Province: Goderich, Ontario

Postal Code: N7A 2K5

Lot: Pt. of Bed of River Maitland Parts 12 & 13 Concession/Plan: 22R-4452

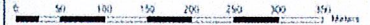
Township: Goderich



**Figure 2 | Maitland Marina
Dredging, Goderich**
Dredging

Legend

- Maitland Marina
- Dredged Material Offloading Area
- Roads
- Marina Access Route - to be Dredged
- Maintenance
- Seasonal



Project Number 22-1329	Date 2023-02-06	▲
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October 9, 2024

Deanna Hastie, Janice Hallahan, Mayor Bazinet
and Town of Goderich Council

57 West Street
GODERICH, ON N7A 2K5

Deanna, Janice, Mayor Bazinet and Town of Goderich Council,

After 23 years with the Town of Goderich, I have decided to take an early retirement effective December 31, 2024.

I have approximately 8 weeks vacation in which I plan on taking before my retirement date, therefore my last day in the office will be Friday, October 25, 2024.

Regards,



Pat Costello

Payroll/Customer Support Specialist

From: Sandhya Talokar <sandhyatalokar1980@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2024 9:58 AM

To: Trevor Bazinet <tbazinet@goderich.ca>

Cc: Jenna Ujiye <jujiye@goderich.ca>

Subject: Regarding Diwali celebration and fireworks

Good morning Trevor and Jenna,

I am Sandhya Talokar from 49 West Street Goderich would like to take permission for the fireworks as a part of Indian Festival, Diwali which is on November 1st, 2024. We are planning to have it at 8.00pm to 9.00pm. There will be approximately 20 people involved in it. We will use the following fireworks for the celebration.

- 1) Ariel Shells
- 2) Speciality Bombettes
- 3) Barrages
- 4) Comets
- 5) Mines
- 6) Noise maker
- 7) Ground spinners
- 8) Festival lights and sparkles.

Kindly guide for the same.

Thank you

Sandhya Talokar

Staff Report

Report From: Deanna Hastie, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer

Meeting Date: September 9, 2024

Subject: Community Grant Process Review

Attachment(s): 1. Draft Community Grant Policy

Recommendation:

That Goderich Town Council receive this report for information and approve the attached proposed Community Grant Policy.

And Further That Goderich Town Council authorize staff to proceed with the development of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Goderich Little Theatre that clearly defines the level and type of support to be provided, and the term of the support.

Report Summary:

Staff have reviewed the Community Grant process and propose the following changes:

- Add the requirement that organizations must have demonstrated support from some source other than public funds
- Add Active Transportation as an eligible category
- Create a maximum level of financial support (a \$5,000 figure has been included for consideration)
- Separate the process for in-kind support for festivals and events and in-kind capital project support
- Add a requirement that Municipal support must be acknowledged in any printed or promotional material
- Create a Review Team that consists of the Director of Corporation Services/Treasurer, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk and Director of Community Services. The Review Team will evaluate each application and provide a recommendation to Council.

Background/Analysis:

Council considers Community Grant applications annually as part of the budget process. Staff have reviewed the Town's Community Grant process and created a policy that provides a framework for the submission and evaluation of applications for a Community Grant.

The implementation of a maximum request is one of the proposed changes. Based on requests submitted in prior years, this limit will impact the following organizations that request grants annually more than this maximum:

- Alexandra Marine & General Hospital Foundation \$10,000
- Goderich Celtic Roots Festival and College \$10,000 request (\$8,000 approved)
- United Way \$8,000
- Lake Huron Centre for Coastal Conservation \$6,000
- Gateway Centre of Excellence in Rural Health \$10,000
- Goderich Little Theatre \$15,000

Each year there have been other non-reoccurring requests that exceed this \$5,000 maximum as well. The proposal of a \$5,000 limit is supported by financial pressures experienced in the budget process. Implementation of this limit may allow the overall budget for Community Grants to be reduced.

The Town has provided annual support to Goderich Little Theatre in the amount of \$15,000 for several years. This group has completed a Community Grant application annually to provide information regarding anticipated projects. Funding for this grant comes from the Cultural Reserve not taxation. Staff are proposing that support for the Goderich Little Theatre be considered separately from the Community Grant process. A Memorandum of Understanding could be considered to clearly identify the level and type of support to be provided and the term of the support.

The proposed changes also include removing the Festivals and Events in-kind support process from the Community Grant program. A recommendation to provide staff with the authority to approve the in-kind support given to festivals and events through the Special Events Application process is provided for consideration. The Community Grant application would only involve capital project in-kind support requests. In-kind support for festivals and events generally involves the provision of picnic tables and additional garbage receptacles. These requests come in at various times of the year as organizations plan their events. Providing staff with the authority to assist the events that comply with the Town's Special Events Policy would allow them flexibility to work with each organization and manage available resources in a timely manner.

Linkages:

- Corporate Strategic Plan Priority #2: Welcoming and Caring Community
- Corporate Strategic Plan Priority #3: Strong Local Economy

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

The financial impact of this report is the budgeted Community Grant allocation and the value of any approved in-kind support.

2024 Community Grant budget (taxation)	\$133,000 including \$75,000 Hospital commitment
Supported by Cultural Reserve	\$15,000 – Goderich Little Theatre
Supported by Water Exp Reserve Fund	\$6,000 – Lake Huron Centre for Coastal Conservation
TOTAL	\$154,000

Approved By: Janice Hallahan, Chief Administrative Officer
Andrea Fisher, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

- Youth/Senior Events
- Community Betterment
- Community Special Events
- Community Service
- Tourism and Economic Development
- Arts/Culture/Heritage
- Active Transportation

Council recognizes that there may be worthy requests that may not fit within this statement of general principles and guidelines. Nothing in this policy prevents Council from making grants to entities at times and for purposes outside of the scope of this program.

All grant requests will be assessed in terms of:

- a) Benefit to the community
- b) Proportion and segment of the community benefiting
- c) Organization's financial need

4. Program Guidelines

All grant requests shall be submitted and directed to the Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer, on or before December 31 to be considered during the budget process for the upcoming calendar year. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

Under normal circumstances, only one request per organization is to be considered per year.

Maximum financial assistance available per application is **\$5,000**

In-kind support for festivals and events shall be requested through the Special Events application process not through the Community Grant application. Special Event in-kind support will be provided at staff's discretion. In general, this type of in-kind support involves the provision of picnic tables and additional garbage receptacles or other minor assistance. In-kind support will not include permit fees or rental fees. These fees shall not be waived.

In-kind support requests for capital type projects are to be identified in the Community Grant application and will be considered on a case-by-case basis dependent on the level of assistance requested and whether it is practicable to provide.

Funds granted under this program are not transferable between projects or groups without prior Council approval and must be used for the specific purposes outlined.

In the event that the project does not go forward, the grant recipient shall return those funds granted for the proposed project.

Community grant requests will not automatically be considered in subsequent years. A new submission must be filed for each year in which a grant is requested.

The grant shall not be the primary source of funding for the project or organization. Grants will be supplementary to main sources of funding.

The Town of Goderich, through its grant process, will not contribute to outstanding deficits.

Organizations receiving financial and/or in-kind capital project grants shall acknowledge the Town's contribution through all printed material and other promotional means. The Town's logo is available from the Director of Legislative Services/Clerk's office.

- **Funding requests of = or <\$500**
 - A brief submission addressing the following is sufficient:
 - Name and purpose of the group as well as number of volunteer members
 - Description of the service/event
 - Resources requested e.g., financial assistance amount, municipal staff support, etc.
 - Name and contact information of the person submitting the request
- **Funding requests of > \$500**
 - Completion of the Community Grant Application Form is required.

5. Funding Review Requests

All requests will be considered having regard for the Town's current budget allocation except where exceptional circumstances exist, as approved by Council.

Incomplete requests will not be considered.

The Town will dedicate a team to review completed applications prior to submission to Council. The Review Team will consist of the Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer, the Director of Legislative Services/Clerk and the Director of Community Services, Infrastructure and Operations.

The Review Team will provide a recommendation to Council based on the evaluation of the application.

Council is the approval authority.

Funding approvals may be subject to additional conditions as imposed by Council.

The applicants will be notified of Council's decision once the municipal budget has been approved.

6. Accountability

Applicants awarded a grant will be held accountable for the expenditure of the funds in accordance with the stated objectives/plans.

All Community Grant recipients will provide a report to Council within 90 days following completion of the event/project providing the following information:

- a) Certify that funds were spent on activities described in the grant application
- b) Provide a brief report on the success of the project or cause/event

The Huron County Historical Society
P O Box 3
Goderich Ontario N7A 3Y5



September 6, 2024

Mayor and Council
Town of Goderich
57 West Street
Goderich, ON
N7A 2K5

Dear Mayor Bazinet and Members of Council:

The Huron County Historical Society is committed to educating local citizens and visitors about the history of this beautiful county and to preserving this rich heritage for future generations. As I'm sure you are well aware, 2027 will be the Bicentennial Year for Goderich and the Huron Tract. I'm sure that, like our Historical Society and regional partner organizations, the Town of Goderich will want to commemorate this very special occasion.

As you will see from the attached minutes of our most recent meeting, we are working with a group of very interested parties from the region including three First Nations who are interested in coordinating and communicating with each other about possible shared events or acknowledgements including the signing of Treaty 29 on July 10, 1827.

Our Society and the various partners feel that it would be very useful to have Goderich represented at this table. Our shared history and the potential for important new relationships are the compelling reasons for this request.

Once you have designated a representative, I would be happy to meet with that person to discuss our work and possible next steps.

With deepest respect,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'David Armstrong'.

David Armstrong, President

C: Karen Stewart, Huron County
Laurie Webb, Lambton County

Huron Tract Commemoration Project

MINUTES

July 24, 2024 1:30pm – 3:30pm

Lambton Heritage Museum, 10035 Museum Road, Grand Bend N0M 1T0

Present:

Andrew Meyer (Deputy CAO / General Manager, Cultural

Services Division, County of Lambton

Beth Rumble (Huron County Cultural Services)

Chenoa Lunham, Kettle and Stony Point First Nation

David Cloud, Kettle and Stony Point First Nation

David Armstrong (Huron Historical Society)

Rhea Hamilton-Seeger (Huron Historical Society)

Elizabeth French-Gibson (Huron County Museum)

Jim Hazlewood (Fryfogel Tavern)

Karen Stewart (Huron County Cultural Services)

Laurie Webb (Manager Museums, Gallery & Archives)

Maggie Treanor (Van Egmond House)

Pat Saundercock (Van Egmond House)

Sahil Kaushal (IDEA Specialist, county of Huron)

Sam Bressette (Kettle & Stony Point First Nation

Tammy Adkin (Manager, Museums and Culture, City of Guelph);

Thomas Levesque (Lucan Heritage Museum)

On Zoom:

Betty Jo Belton (Stratford-Perth Archives)

Kelly McIntosh (Stratford Perth Museum)

Dean Jacobs, Walpole Island First Nations

Fiona Doherty (Moore Museum)

Regrets: Jordan George (Kettle and Stony Point First Nation)

L.Webb welcomed all to the Lambton County Museum and A.Meyer opened the meeting with their Land Acknowledgement.

An icebreaker had those present sharing a fun fact about themselves as it related to heritage or history.

SURVEY RESULTS: K.Stewart presented the results of the “Expression of interest” Questionnaire that had been distributed throughout the region inviting individuals and organizations to share their level of interest and capacity to be involved in a regional commemoration project. Results are shared in an attached document.

Open Discussion

LONG TERM GOALS

Create a regional heritage project that will showcase the historic importance and significance of the Huron Tract as we acknowledge its 200th Anniversary in 2026.

SHORT TERM OBJECTIVES

- Determine scope of a collaborative project that commemorates the 200th anniversary of settlement on the Huron Tract.
- Each unique organization or individual is encouraged to create and/or offer programming that is specific to their area of interest/mandate while we look to create something collaboratively. In the style of Culture Days or Doors Open we'll consider the creation of a **central repository** (website/social media network/podcast) that provides joint promotional opportunities supported by engaging content.
- We'll create a **communications system** so participants can feed off of each other or develop other partnerships based on shared interests.

- Set a structure for the Committee working on the strategy. Perhaps create smaller working groups as applicable to move projects forward as meetings with the larger group as represented at this meeting may become challenging.
 - L.Webb will lead the “Treaty Tour” project with Huron County and Kettle and Stony Point First Nations representatives. She’ll call a meeting as soon as she collects the relevant data from Archives Canada.
- Create a Mission Statement so we’re all working with same goals in mind.
- Create a Letter of Intent with FN communities – outline how we will work together. C.Lunham reported that an outline of the project will be going to Kettle & Stony Point FN Chief and Council in July to get approval to participate in this project.

IDEAS

- There is a lot of interest in diving into the Treaty to gain a broader understanding of its original intent, how it impacted the opening of the Huron Tract, what obligations are not or have not been met and other modern implications as the treaties are still in effect and exist today. The treaties represented more than just a real estate deal – they were about relationships where financial and other considerations were negotiated.
- 1790 – 1827 - Initial treaty goes back as far as 1790; Provisional Treaty Signed April 25, 1825; Huron Tract Treaty signed July 10, 1827. What changed? An important read.
- Interest in the creation of the agreement with the Canada Company re the Huron Tract and how the Treaty came about. Act of Parliament – summer 1826. And, how signing the Treaty opened settlement on the Huron Tract. How did it affect Indigenous communities? How did it affect the settlers?
- Host workshops on developing best practises for collecting Oral histories.
- Currently housed at Archives Canada, L.Webb is exploring the costs and procedures for hosting the original Huron Tract Treaty (#29) at a number of sites along the Huron Tract late 2025 through to July 10/2027, the proposed end date a possible collaborative project. D.Jacobs added that he has experience hosting a treaty and may offer some insights and that the actual treaty was signed at Fort Malden (Amherstburg).
- It was recommended that digital copies of the Huron Tract Treaty be created for sharing widely in schools and across the region (museums, cultural organizations, etc.) and perhaps making it more feasible too by limiting the number of sites the original document would travel to.
- Schools on the First Nation Reserves acknowledge and learn about the treaties during Treaty Week held each November (Nov 3-9 in 2024). Study materials are shared with grades K-8 at Kettle and Stony Point, Walpole Island and Aamjiwnaang First Nation as FN representatives work to develop identities in the high schools. D.Cloud reported that Treaty Week is not a single day event at K&SPFN – it’s a pivot point for educational activity with ongoing education in all schools for all children. Do other schools throughout the region use Treaty Week as an opportunity for their learnings too? **The Commemoration Project could perhaps provide copies of the Treaty and associated lesson resources for students K-12 in schools throughout the region.**
- J.Fitzgerald has distributed copies of the Huron Tract Map showing the original 1.1m acres which he has suggested may be a good guide for determining the district for commemorative activities. The map was well received in the Secondary School history departments and can be used as a guide for local history in both secondary and elementary schools.
- D.Cloud is a member of an historical sub-committee for Secondary Schools in Lambton County (six school boards). He likes the idea of educating not just the children, but also the general public. L.Webb sits on the historical sub-committee for Elementary schools in Lambton County.
- Beyond the treaties, there are opportunities for learning. Evolving content may be an annual review of what obligations are not being met. And, what are the relationships like in the unceded territories?
- S.Kaushel shared that a 10-episode podcast may be a way to tell the story(ies). By utilizing a platform like Spotify there could be a wide distribution network engaged.

- Audio Walks.
- T.Adkin reported that the Guelph Museum had produced the stage play [John Galt & the Instant City](#) in 2019/2020 and are planning to remount it in 2027 to commemorate the bicentennial of the City of Guelph. The play interrogates the founding of Guelph and speaks to treaty obligations that were not met. The original play had toured to Stratford too. T.Adkin has suggested that If the Huron Tract Commemoration partners are interested in working with them to present this show throughout the region, she will talk with the writers about modifying the show so that it includes more Huron, Perth, Lambton content. Otherwise, if the Huron Tract commemoration committee wishes to commission a new show, she will be happy to share what she learned about producing theatre through this project. She added that commissioning a new play and developing it for presentation would take at minimum one year.
- D.Cloud spoke of George Henry (1850's) who presented stage plays (*Montegance*???) and toured them throughout the US and UK. Most of his troupe came from the area of Treaty 29 and he was awarded medals from Chiefs as creating sites of conveyance (in the treaty context) and for building relationships with Empire Loyalists. Some of those resources may still exist and may impact a new playwright's work.
- D.Armstrong noted he likes the ideas of involving the creative community in programming – drama, dance, artists and added that the most important audience is the political (including school board trustees, elected officials and elected Band Council Members).
- S.Kaushel noted that accessibility needs be considered in our work/programming, both in terms of neuro-diversity and economic considerations.
- Drama classes can be a great avenue for training.
- It was acknowledged that many of the organizations and individuals interested in the project were volunteers and/or had extremely limited capacity to participate in a significant way.
 - K.McIntosh noted she had connections within the Arts Community that she would keep in the loop as the project develops.

FUNDING (Prospects)

- [Museum Assistance Program Fund](#) (MAP)
- [Ontario Job Creation Partnership](#) – 52 weeks/dedicated staff/funding for projects outside regular scope – staff time plus up to \$10K for project costs.
- Ontario Trillium Foundation
- GLAM - Galleries, Libraries, Archives, Museums Incubator
- Indigenous Funding Programs
- Corporate Funding – ie Grand Bend Wind / Northland Power

WHO ELSE SHOULD BE AT THE TABLE?

- Huron County has an Indigenous Community of Practice; K.Stewart will keep them in the loop
- Aamjiwnaang First Nation: C.Lunham will speak with J.George to reach out.

TOOLS

- A.Meyer distributed copies of a resource created in Lambton/Kent Counties. *A Road to Understanding Indigenous Culture* shares traditional values, beliefs, clan systems, spirit names and traditional territories. It increased public awareness and understanding of Treaties in Lambton and Kent Counties beyond the Huron Tract Treaty.

TIMELINES AND MILESTONES:

- By end of 2024 we should have some solid ideas re programming.
- Consider April 25, 2025 as a Launch Date: Significant because its the 200th anniversary of the Provisional Treaty being signed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- M.Treanor queried if we would be creating committees (it's too soon to tell, as too many committees can be problematic – we'll see how the structure of the project falls out in the next few months).
- M.Treanor added her interest is in the Canada Company side of the story and she was encouraged to explore that part of the story for VEH Foundation's programming.

NEXT MEETING

- We'll schedule a meeting soon after the meeting of the smaller group regarding information gathered through Archives Canada and the touring of the original Treaty.
- Stratford Perth Museum will host the next general meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:14pm.



**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GODERICH
BY-LAW NO. 106 OF 2024**

**BEING A BY-LAW TO TEMPORARILY STOP UP TRAFFIC ON MONDAY,
NOVEMBER 11, 2024, ON KINGSTON STREET TO COURTHOUSE SQUARE FOR
THE PURPOSE OF THE REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE**

WHEREAS Section 35 of the Municipal Act, R.S.O., 2001, c. 25, s. 35 provides that a Municipality may pass By-Laws removing or restricting the common law right of passage by the public over a highway and common law right of access to the highway by an owner of land abutting a highway;

AND WHEREAS the the Town of Goderich Council received correspondence from Dawn Allen dated August 12, 2024, requesting the temporary road closure of the Courthouse Square from 10:50 AM to 12:30 PM on Monday, November 11, 2024;

AND WHEREAS Council requires that Dawn Allen notify all emergency services accordingly, i.e. Police, Fire, EMS;

AND WHEREAS Council feels it is desirable to allow the temporary closing of Kingston Street and Courthouse Square;

AND WHEREAS a map outlining the parade route is attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GODERICH ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The temporary road closure of Kingston Steet to Courthouse Square from 10:50 AM to 12:30 PM on Monday, November 11, 2024;
2. That the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute and affix the Corporate Seal.

READ A FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 21ST DAY OF OCTOBER 2024.

MAYOR, Trevor Bazinet

CLERK, Andrea Fisher

Remembrance Day Road Closure Map

Monday, November 11 - 10:45 am to Noon





Human Resources Policy No. 03-2022-EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Area: Conduct **Effective Date:** November 24, 2022

Subject: Equity, Diversity and Inclusion **Revision Date:**

1. Policy Statement

The Town of Goderich (the “Town”) and its citizen’s consider Goderich as a diverse and inclusive community that honours, welcomes, and accepts all people. Its citizens deeply value diversity and the personal, cultural, social, and economic benefits it brings to the community. As such, the community of Goderich enables all people to have equal rights, opportunities, and access for their benefit and well-being including, but not limited to, the domains of employment, education, health, accommodation, and leisure. The Town of Goderich and its citizens also recognize the human and economic costs associated with discrimination on the basis of perceived individual or communal differences. As such, the community of Goderich does not condone any form of discrimination or harassment. We endorse and embrace both the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and Ontario’s Human Rights Code, where the Code prohibits discriminatory practices because of race, ancestry, place of origin, colour, ethnic origin, citizenship, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, record of offences, marital status, family status, receipt of public assistance, or disability. The Corporation of the Town of Goderich (“Corporation”) commits to:

- Prescribing equity and exemplifying Goderich as a diverse and inclusive community;
- Learning and honouring the unique histories and lived experiences of all people in our community;
- Removing system barriers to accessibility and access as experiences by our community by listening and responding to the voices of those who are equity-deserving groups.

2. Purpose

Why Equity, Diversity and Inclusion?

- We lower barriers and achieve important benefits. When we encourage the active, equitable and full participation of every person, we are drawing on the diverse life experiences and points of view of individuals. This leads to more innovative solutions.
- When we promote Goderich as a diverse Town that is welcoming of all people, the Town is more attractive to new hires, as a destination for visitors and new residents, and is more competitive in the global marketplace.

- When we respect, value, and nurture diversity, equity and inclusion as an exciting and integral part of our collective experience and identity we can strengthen and create a safe, healthy, and vibrant community. This benefits our society. In order to enjoy the benefits of a diverse community, we need to address barriers that impede equal participation, work toward the elimination of bias, prejudice and discrimination (which can be intentional, unintentional or systemic) and promote diversity, equity and foster inclusion in an equitable manner.

Valuing Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

- We can pursue more inclusive strategies for members of the community by recognizing and dismantling the barriers and discrimination faced by all people.
- We can maximize the potential of each person by promoting an environment of equitable inclusion within the community and within the Corporation for all people.

3. Scope

3.1 What will the Town of Goderich do?

Recognizing that the Town (including its Boards and Committees) plays a role in leadership and education in the community, the Corporation is committed to:

- promoting the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Policy both internally and for the community of the Town of Goderich;
- ensuring setting standards for compliance to the policy internally at the organizational level;
- ensuring that external organizations and individuals have access to this policy;
- encouraging and recognizing excellence in corporate and community citizenship in the areas of diversity, equity and inclusion;
- encouraging public and private organizations to respect and adhere to the objectives of this policy; and
- leading by example.

3.2 What can organizations in the community do?

Recognizing that the Town, organizations, businesses, and community agencies (including businesses and organizations that provide services, supplies or products, to, or on behalf of the Corporation) set the tone for the community, the Town will do the following and encourage other organizations to do so:

- ensure that this policy is widely communicated and that all Council members, employees, and others to whom the policy applies, understand its intent and value its impact;
- ensure that existing policies and practices, including employment policies, are built upon non-discriminatory practices; that future policies and practices meet the objectives of this policy;

- review current practices to ensure that every person is treated with equity and without discrimination and to eliminate barriers in accessing goods and services;
- seek opportunities to involve and include people of diverse backgrounds in the design, use and evaluation of goods and services;
- provide training and include and involve Council members, employees and volunteers in activities designed to promote awareness, acceptance, celebration of diverse identities, and of fostering empathy and inclusion;
- establish mechanisms to ensure that discrimination and harassment are not encouraged or tolerated under any circumstance;
- monitor organizational compliance with this policy and set standards for compliance; and
- lead by example.

3.3 What can an individual do?

Recognizing that social change begins with individual change, an individual can:

- evaluate one's own actions and preconceived ideas about individuals and groups;
- raise self-awareness, acknowledge one's privilege and use that to become an effective ally to those whose voices are not heard and to equity-deserving groups;
- educate oneself, volunteer one's time, and participate in activities which will broaden one's experience and understanding of diversity;
- encourage and support the development of programs and projects that promote harmony and inclusion;
- advocate both the elimination of discrimination, fostering inclusion and the celebration of diversity within one's own workplace or community;
- challenge discrimination when one experiences it or is aware of its existence; and
- lead by example.

4. Definitions

4.1 Corporation – refers to The Corporation of the Town of Goderich

4.2 Discrimination – Treating someone unfairly by either imposing a burden on them, or denying them a privilege, benefit, or opportunity enjoyed by others, because of their race, citizenship, gender, family status, disability or other personal characteristics.

4.3 Diversity – It means understanding that each individual is unique and recognizing the differences along the various dimensions of race, ethnicity, gender expression and gender identity, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, physical and invisible disabilities, creed amongst many other dimensions. It is exploring these differences in a safe, positive and nurturing environment. It is about embracing and celebrating the rich dimensions of diversity contained within each individual.

- 4.4** Equity – The rights of the individual to an equitable share of the goods and services in society. Equality of treatment will not guarantee equal results, creating equal results sometimes requires treating people differently from each other. Focusing on the results instead of treatment is the concept of equity.
- 4.5** Equity-Deserving Groups - Communities that identify barriers to equal access, opportunities, and resources due to disadvantage and discrimination, and actively seek social justice and reparation. This marginalization could be created by attitudinal, historic, social, and environmental barriers based on characteristics that are not limited to sex, age, ethnicity, disability, economic status, gender, gender expression, nationality, race, sexual orientation, and creed.
- 4.6** Inclusion – Acknowledging and valuing people’s differences so as to enrich social planning, decision-making, and quality of life for everyone. In an inclusive municipality we each have a sense of belonging, acceptance, and are recognized as valued and contributing members of the society. Real inclusion takes place when those already included in the mainstream learn from those that are historically and currently excluded and then work together to initiate change.
- 4.7** Privilege – Unearned power, benefits, advantages, access and/or opportunities that exist for members of the dominant group(s) in society. Can also refer to the relative privilege of one group compared to another group.
- 4.8** Systemic barriers – Obstacles that exclude groups or communities of people from full participation in and the benefits of social, economic and political life, they may be hidden or unintentional, but are built into the way society works. Existing policies, practices and procedures, as well as assumptions and stereotypes, reinforce them.
- 4.9** Systemic oppression(s) – Systemic use of power to disempower, marginalize, silence or otherwise subordinate one social group or category, often in order to further empower and/or privilege the oppressor.

5. Application

This Policy applies to members of Council, including its Boards and Committees, all Town employees, volunteers (including volunteer fire fighters), and third party contractors.

6. Unionized Employees

This policy is intended to supplement and not supersede any provisions of a Collective Agreement pertaining to managing employee absenteeism. Where there is conflict between

this policy and the Collective Agreement, the provisions of the Collective Agreement shall prevail.

Unionized employees wishing to have union representation present during meetings with Human Resources or management, may make such a request at any time. It is of value to include the union in meetings and assessments where disability issues are impeding attendance, given the multi-party responsibilities related to accommodation issues.