

Township of McMurrich/Monteith
Regular Council Meeting - Agenda
Tuesday, July 21, 2026 – 7:00pm

Meeting to be held inside Municipal Office/Fire Hall

Dr. Richardson Bursary Presentation

1. Call to Order:
2. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting:
 - 2.1 Council – July 7, 2026
3. List of proposed resolutions for the meeting:
4. Declaration of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof:
 - should a member have a disclosure of pecuniary interest, they are to declare the nature thereof now or at any time during the meeting
5. Delegations:
 - 5.1 Austin and Leah Toth – Oncology Clinic in Huntsville
 - 5.2 Staff Report: CAO – Building Department – Shared Services Agreement updates
6. Business Arising From a Previous Meeting:
 - None
7. Quotes, Tenders, RFP's:
 - None
8. Accounts for Approval:
 - None
9. Applications:
 - None
10. Bylaws:
 - 10.1 36-2026 Confirm Council Meeting – July 7, 2026
 - 10.2 37-2026 Shared Service Agreement – Chief Building Official – Township of Seguin
11. Council Reports:
 - None
12. Correspondence:
 - 12.1 Municipal Finance Officers' Association – making permanent the doubling of Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) that is scheduled to end after the 2026 allocation

13. New Business:

None

14. Closed Session:

None

15. Adjournment:

Dates to Remember:

Tuesday, July 22nd + August 11th – Recreation Committee Meeting – 7pm

Tuesday, August 4th and 18th - Regular Council Meetings – 7pm

Pickle Ball Court – opens June 3rd – every Wednesday sessions 1:30-3pm + 6:30-8pm

SummerFest – July 24th and 25th – Friday night – Music Concert, Saturday – Breakfast, Vendor Market, Lawn Tractor races, Children's Activities, Food vendors and more

Saturday, August 15th – Community Trunk Sale – 9am – 1pm

Friday, August 21st – Family Fun Night – 5:30pm-9pm

2026 Final Tax Notices to be mailed late July – Installment dates August 28th and October 28th

Friday, May 1st – August 21st at 2pm – Nomination period for 2026 Municipal Elections

Reminder to verify and/or update elector information - Check <https://www.registertovoteon.ca/>

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**MINUTES OF McMURRICH/MONTEITH TOWNSHIP
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2026**

The Council of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith met Tuesday, July 7, 2026, inside the Council Chambers

Present: Mayor: Glynn Robinson; Council Members: Vicky Roeder-Martin, Terry Currie, Daniel O'Halloran, and Craig White.

Staff present: Terry Sararas, CAO, Cheryl Marshall, Clerk/Treasurer, Allyson Pedwell, Deputy-Clerk/Deputy-Treasurer, Ryan McFarland, Fire Chief, Neil Hellam, Public Works Superintendent

Audience: Izzy McAughey. Recipients of the Dr. Richardson Bursary: Geno Piercey, Ewan McKean, Chase Koopal, also Stephanie and Dustin Piercey, Will Koopal.

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

Council made presentation of the Dr. Richardson Bursary to students.

2. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting:

2.1 Council – June 16, 2026

3. List of proposed resolutions for the meeting:

None

4. Declaration of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof:

Vicky Roeder-Martin made declaration on 6.1 and 10.2 as she is employed by Sprucedale United Church

5. Delegations:

5.1 Staff Report: Public Works- Council discussed crowns on the gravel roads, John St: 1 culvert is \$20,000, the status will be changed on a portion of the road (trail to turnaround), Dust control on Selena Dr, Gravel being applied on Stisted S in 2 weeks time.

5.2 Staff Report: Fire Chief- The new pick up truck has been delivered, Council discussed the unused sled and it is recommended that it is donated to Fire Fighters without borders. Resolution below

5.3 Staff Report: New funding program – Build Communities Strong Fund: Council discussed future maintenance costs associated with the proposed improvements, the boardwalk and accessibility, and closing the rink to deter bird roosting. Resolution below

5.4 Staff Report: Social Media Platform Statistics. Council discussed seeing graphs/visual aids to show usage. Staff asked Council if they would be at the Township table at Summerfest and for an exemption to the Noise bylaw (27-2024) until midnight for the music concert. Resolution below

6. Business Arising From a Previous Meeting:

6.1 Adam Kozlowski, Planscape – Responses to comments received at Public Meeting – Municipally-initiated zoning amendment – definitions: Council discussed process with staff. Resolution below

Member Roeder-Martin declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting room. She did not participate in the discussions or vote on the matter.

6.2 Discussion re: request to purchase Land Use Permit - Seguin Trail (Park to Park Trail) Staff recommended petitioning to the MPP and MP for the federal and provincial government to budget resources for upgrading the Trans Canada trail, known as Seguin Trail.

7. Quotes, Tenders, RFP's:

None

8. Accounts for Approval:

8.1 Financial Report – June, 2026

9. Applications:

None

10. Bylaws:

10.1 34-2026 Confirm Council Meeting – June 16, 2026

10.2 31-2026 Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Definitions – revised draft copy
Member Roeder-Martin declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting room. She did not participate in the discussions or vote on the matter.

10.3 35-2026 Enter into Agreement with RSM Building Consultants and appoint officers - revisions
Resolutions below

11. Council Reports:

None

12. Correspondence:

12.1 Belvedere Heights Home of the Aged – Meeting minutes – April 22/26

12.2 Township of McGarry – resolution – establishment of Northern Ontario Policing Grant – resolution below

12.3 Almaguin Community Economic Development (ACED) Agenda Package – June 25, 2026 meeting

12.4 Town of Parry Sound - Provincial Offences Act (POA) Advisory Committee Report – Advocacy for set fines and costs payable under the POA – resolution below

12.5 FONOM – support initiatives aimed at modernizing future of Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport

12.6 NBPS District Health Unit – Advocacy re: Healthy Smiles Ontario Fee Schedule and Access to Dental Care – resolution below

12.7 Town of Kearney – resolution requesting the Ministry of Health to amend their contract with the Ontario Medical Association to include Town of Kearney and Twp of McMurrich/Monteith – resolution below

12.8 Village of South River – Ontario Transit Investment Fund application Resolution below

13. New Business:

Member O'Halloran reported on insurance coverage for members appointed to the Southeast Parry Sound District Planning Board.
Member Currie inquired about improving Staff/Council communications.

14. Closed Session: Section 239 (2)

None

15. Adjournment: Council adjourned this meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Resolutions:

2026-148 Currie/Roeder-Martin

Be It Resolved that Council approves the minutes of the Regular Council meeting and Public Meeting held June 16, 2026. **Carried**

2026-149 Currie/Roeder-Martin

Be It Resolved that Council receives the report from Neil Hellam, Public Works Superintendent dated July 7, 2026 and hereby directs Staff to initiate the process to change the level of maintenance on John Street as follows: Class 5, year round

maintenance from Highway 518 West to civic number #24, and Class 6, seasonal maintenance thereafter to Seguin Trail. **Carried**

2026-150 Currie/Roeder-Martin

Be It Resolved that Council receives the report from Ryan McFarland, Fire Chief and hereby declares the rescue sled as surplus and directs Staff to dispose of the unit by way of donation to Firefighters Without Borders. **Carried**

2026-151 Currie/Roeder-Martin

Be It Resolved that Council receives the report from Lisa Firby, Communications and Recreation Co-ordinator relating to a FedNor funding program, named Build Communities Strong Fund – FedNor Local Impact Stream Grant and hereby accepts the recommendation and directs Staff to submit an application to FedNor for the Community Centre upgrades and Revitalization items listed in the report. **Carried**

2026-152 Currie/Roeder-Martin

Be It Resolved that Council receives the report from Lisa Firby, Communications and Recreation Co-ordinator relating to an analysis of social media platforms and thanks Lisa for making these efforts to enhance the municipality's communications with the public. **Carried**

2026-153 Currie/O'Halloran

Be It Resolved that Council receives the response from Planscape, dated June 16, 2026 respecting the Municipally-initiated zoning amendment – definitions **And Further That** pursuant to Section 34(17) of the Planning Act, 2025 respecting the changes to the Municipally-initiated zoning amendment – definitions, following the public hearing held on June 16, 2026 that Council hereby determines that no further notice of public hearing is to be given respecting the proposed bylaw. **Carried**

2026-154 Currie/White

Be It Resolved that Council accepts first, second and third readings and hereby passes Bylaw 31-2026 to amend Zoning Bylaw 16-2016 Section 2 - Definitions, specifically for Community Centre, Place of Assembly, Place of Worship and Restaurant. **Carried**

2026-155 Roeder-Martin/Currie

Be It Resolved that Council grants an exemption to the Noise Bylaw #27-2024 for July 24th Summerfest Concert. The exemption will be until 12am midnight, for concert purposes only. **Carried**

2026-156 O'Halloran/White **Be It Resolved** that Council accepts first, second and third readings and hereby passes Bylaw 34-2026 to confirm the council meeting held June 16, 2026. **Carried**

2026-157 O'Halloran/White

Be It Resolved that Council accepts first, second and third readings and hereby passes Bylaw 35-2026 to appoint Building Officials (RSM Building Consultants) and repeal Bylaw 32-2026. **Carried**

2026-158 White/O'Halloran

Be It Resolved that Council supports Resolution 140/2026 from the Township of McGarry calling on the Government of Ontario to establish a \$100 million Northern Ontario Policing Grant, phased in over three years to support the 157 municipalities across Northern Ontario served by both the Ontario Provincial Police and municipal police services. **Carried**

2025-159 O'Halloran/White

Be It Resolved that Council receives the Provincial Offences Act Advisory Committee report – Advocacy for Set Fines & Costs Payable Under the POA and hereby supports their resolution dated May 28, 2026 calling upon the Attorney General of Ontario requesting a review of the set fine amounts, and the costs payable upon conviction set out in Ontario Regulation 915 under the Provincial Offences Act and further that the Province of Ontario be urged to modernize set fines as necessary to ensure penalties remain meaningful as a deterrent and as a community safety device, in addition to ensuring the sustainability of administering POA court services at the municipal level. **Carried**

2026-160 White/O'Halloran

Be It Resolved that Council supports resolution #BOH/06/04 from the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit calling on the Ministry of Health to increase reimbursement rates under the Health Smiles Ontario program to improve provider participation and access to dental care for children and youth. **Carried**

2026-161 O'Halloran/White

WHEREAS access to primary healthcare services is a critical component of the health, safety, and well-being of residents in the Town of Kearney and the Township of McMurrich/Monteith;

AND WHEREAS the Burk's Falls and District area serves as the local catchment area for primary healthcare services, including physician recruitment and retention initiatives;

AND WHEREAS the local physicians have raised the issue with Ontario Medical Association and the Ministry that the Town of Kearney and the Township of McMurrich/Monteith have been excluded from the current contract with the local physicians which is used to determine the number of physicians allocated to serve the area;

AND WHEREAS such exclusion, negatively impacts equitable access to healthcare services for residents of these municipalities by reducing the physician complement by 0.5FTE;

AND WHEREAS it is essential that population data used for healthcare planning accurately reflects all communities served within a defined catchment area to ensure fair and adequate physician resourcing;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith formally requests that the Ministry of Health undertake a review to:

1. Make an amendment of their contract with the Ontario Medical Association and the local physicians to add Kearney and McMurrich Monteith urgently.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to: The Honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Minister of Health; Graydon Smith, local MPP; The Town of Kearney; The Almaguin Highlands Health Council; Muskoka Almaguin Ontario Health Team; The Ontario Medical Association; and all municipalities in the Almaguin area. **Carried**

2026-162 White/O'Halloran

Be It Resolved that the Council of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith supports the Village of South River's rideshare proposal under the Ontario Transit Investment Fund, Case #2025-03-1-3126316310 and respectfully requests that the Honourable Minister of Transportation render a timely and favourable decision to enable this practical and much-needed local transportation service to proceed for the benefit of residents and visitors within the region. **Carried**

2026-163 O'Halloran/White

Be It Resolved that Council receives all correspondence listed on the agenda. **Carried**

2026-164 White/O'Halloran

Be It Resolved that Council adjourns this meeting at 8:48pm until Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at 7pm. **Carried**

Mayor, Glynn Robinson

Clerk, Cheryl Marshall

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"SCHEDULE D" TO BY-LAW 17-2021

Request for Delegation

Township of McMurrich/Monteith

At a Council Meeting to be held on July 21/26

Name of Individual (s): Austin and Leah Toth

Name of Organization: None

Your title or interest in the group? Petition

Have you appeared before Council in the past regarding this issue? ____ Yes ☒ No

Address: _____

Contact Phone #: _____

Reason for requesting Delegation (Max 10 minutes):

Petition to keep the Cancer Clinic at the Huntsville Memorial site. There are
plans to move the Cancer Clinic to the new Hospital in Bracebridge.

_____ (attach additional pages as necessary)

What action are you hoping to receive from Council?

To support the petition through a motion from Council

Note I can email the Petition and a letter of support from a retired nurse to the
Clerk if so desired.

_____ (attach additional pages as necessary)

Note: DELEGATES ARE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE 7 COPIES OF ALL BACKGROUND MATERIAL/PRESENTATIONS TO THE CLERK'S OFFICE BY NOON, BEING AT LEAST ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL MEETING. ONCE THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS RECEIVED BY THE CLERK, YOU WILL BE CONTACTED TO CONFIRM YOUR PLACEMENT ON THE APPROPRIATE AGENDA. THANK YOU.

Cancer Clinic Petition Huntsville

Petition Mission Statement - We the undersigned would like to ensure the Cancer Clinic remains in the Huntsville District Memorial Site. We affirm the strategic and equitable treatment option of the Huntsville cancer clinic and its continuing operation".

A person diagnosed with cancer is assessed at a major cancer treatment centre located in Barrie or Sudbury, and provided certain criteria are met can be referred for ongoing treatment at home or if required, to an oncology treatment centre staffed by registered nurses such as is located in Huntsville Memorial Hospital Site. For the Almaguin Area, most patients attend Royal Victoria Hospital – Hutson Regional Cancer Centre in Barrie, Ontario, which has an association with Huntsville Memorial Hospital. The type of cancer, treatment required, available resources and individual patient needs as it relates to the need for treatment closer to home to maximize results are the criteria for admission into the satellite programs.

The East Parry Sound Area (including Almaguin Highlands) is in a unique position depending on your address. People diagnosed with cancer are typically referred to Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie, located 146 to 187 km away, for assessment and initial treatment. If the patient is fortunate they can receive treatment at an Oncology treatment centre like the one located in Huntsville. These centres require specialized staff, and resources to meet the treatment needs of Cancer patients. Huntsville Memorial Site has that kind of specialize, dedicated medical staff and services which Cancer Patients consider as excellent.

For those residing in the Almaguin Area, attending the Huntsville Oncology Clinic can be from 26 km to 80 km from their residence.

We have heard with concern of the possibility of the Cancer Clinic being moved to Bracebridge. For those residing in the Almaguin Area this would be a significant increase driving for treatment. The extra distance would have more impact during winter months.

It should be noted that the Cancer Clinic was originally located in the Bracebridge Hospital location many years ago. At that time it was decided to move it Huntsville due to location being one of the rationales.

A further obstacle for many Cancer patients is that they should not drive right after treatment, and someone needs to attend with them.

Cancer Patients in Bracebridge have access to both the Orillia Cancer Clinic (56 km) and the Huntsville Clinic (37km).

While there is apparent discussion of providing "public transportation" from Huntsville to Bracebridge, there are concerns which include but are not limited to:

- 1) Having compromised immunity system(Cancer patients) being on public transportation is risky

- 2) The side effects of treatment include nausea and Gastrointestinal issues, which would put patients at further risk on public transportation, not to mention the embarrassment for the patients involved.
- 3) Having to wait around for public transport would be difficult for the same reasons listed above.

In Summary, the current situation is working well *and equitably for cancer patients. It would be unfortunate to change that.*

Below are the one-way distances as per Google Maps from communities in Almaguin Highland area and the Hospitals that have Cancer services.

To Royal Victoria Hospital

South River – 187 km, Sundridge – 178 km, Burks Falls – 159 km, Magnetawan – 181 km, Emsdale/Perry – 146 km, Kearney – 155 km, Dunchurch – 169 km.

To Huntsville Memorial Site

South River – 68 km, Sundridge – 58 km, Burks Falls – 38 km, Magnetawan – 62 km, Emsdale/Perry – 26 km, Kearney – 35 km, Dunchurch – 81km.

To Bracebridge Hospital – South Muskoka Memorial Site

South River – 103 km, Sundridge – 94 km, Burks Falls – 74 km, Magnetawan – 97 km, Emsdale/Perry – 61 km, Kearney – 70 km, Dunchurch – 116 km

Bracebridge to Orillia Soldiers Memorial Hospital – 56 km

Bracebridge to Huntsville Memorial Site – 37 km

Please see map on pages below for visual reference.

Catchment areas of Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare

14,306 views

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SHARE



Hospitals

- South Muskoka Memorial Hospital Site
- Huntsville District Memorial Hospital Site



Towns



All items



District of Muskoka

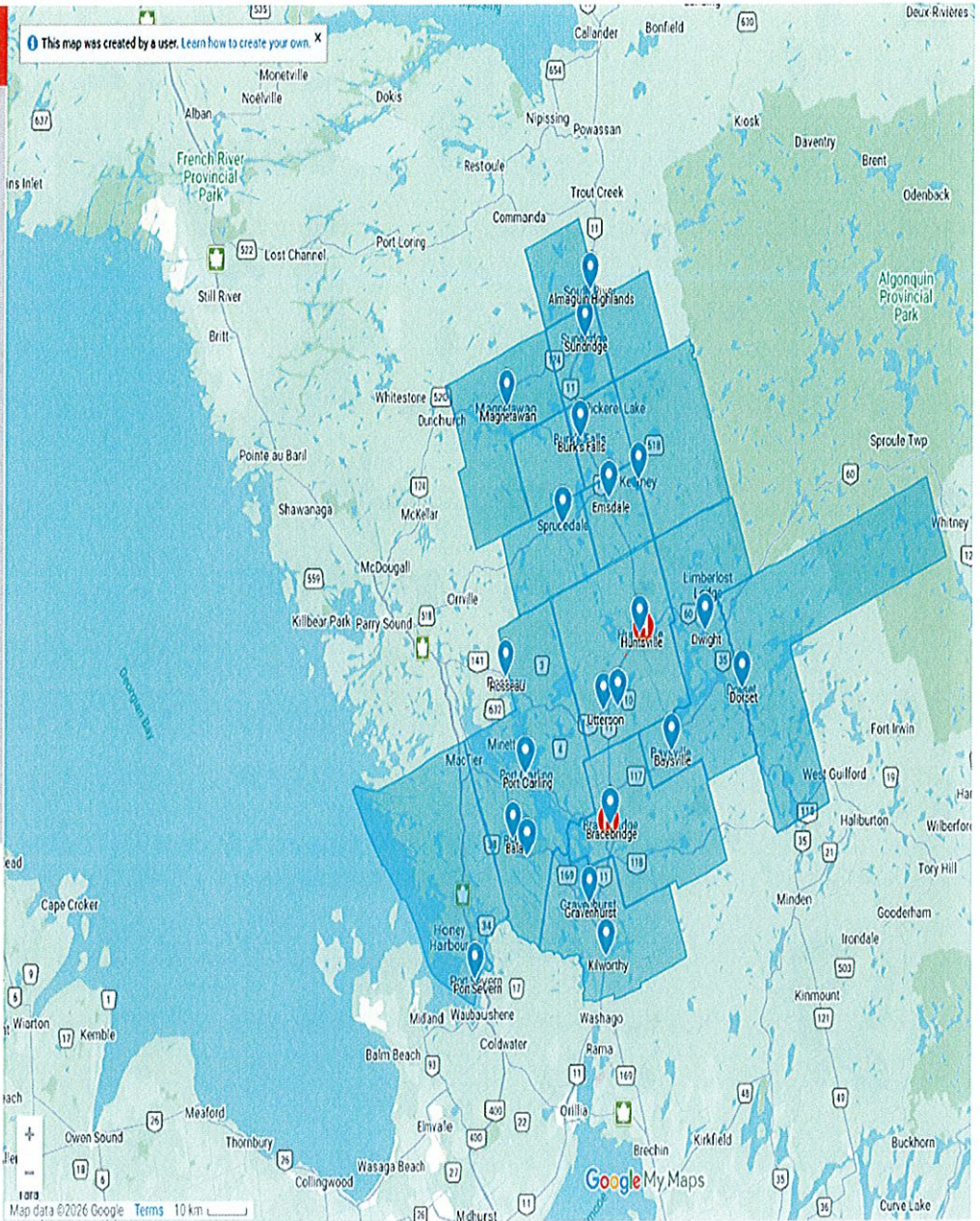
- Township of Muskoka Lakes
- Town of Gravenhurst
- Township of Georgian Bay
- Town of Bracebridge
- Township of Lake of Bays
- Town of Huntsville



East Parry Sound District



- Township of Armour
- Township of McMurrich/Monteith
- Township of Ryerson
- Township of Joly
- ... 7 more



Item 5b

MUST BE AN ONTARIO RESIDENT TO SIGN

Petition

To the Legislative Assembly of Ontario: I, Austin Toth, along with the undersigned would like to make the Legislative Assembly aware of the potential changes to the: **Cancer Clinic, Huntsville-Memorial Site**

We the undersigned petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows: **Petition Mission Statement - We the undersigned would like to ensure the Cancer Clinic remains in the Huntsville District Memorial Site. We affirm the strategic and equitable treatment option of the Huntsville cancer clinic and its continuing operation**".

Name (printed)	Address (must include at least city/town or postal code)	Signature

Petitions to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario become publicly accessible documents.
This includes all signatory information (e.g. names, addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses).

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STAFF REPORT

Date: July 15, 2026
To: Council
From: Terry Sararas, CAO
Subject: CBO Shared Services Agreement - Seguin Township

Recommendation:

THAT Council hereby authorizes the entering into a CBO Shared Services Agreement with Seguin Township to commence August 10, 2026.

AND further that staff be directed to notify RSM Building Consultants that their services will no longer be required, effective August 7, 2026.

Background:

With the departure of Andrew McGee, CBO for Armour Township our shared services agreement ended on June 17, 2026. CBO services for the Township of McMurrich/Monteith were then contracted with RSM Building Consultants commencing on June 22, 2026. The contracted services are intended to be a short-term solution until the end of 2026. A more long-term and permanent alternative for provisions of CBO services will be explored later this Fall.

Staff have been continuing their search for alternatives, including another municipality to partner in a shared CBO services agreement, initially with little success. Recently, we have received favourable response from Seguin Township as to entering into a shared CBO services agreement.

A copy of the agreement is attached. The agreement is similar to the previous agreement with Armour Township and would be in effect to at least the end of 2026.

Analysis:

The agreement, as previously discussed, will only be an interim solution for provision of CBO services to the Township. A long-term strategy will be required during the 2027 municipal budget process.

From a cost perspective, processing a building permit using shared services with Seguin Township will certainly be more cost effective than present costs using RSM Building Consultants. A general comparative basis is as follows (for a 1,500 - 1,700 sq ft new dwelling):

RSM - \$5,300

Seguin Township - \$3,300

Discussions will continue with building personnel from other municipalities as to options which might be initiated to provide more effective and efficient permanent building services for the Township.

SCHEDULE "A" to Shared Services Agreement Report

See Bylaw #2026----- Attached 7 Pages

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SEGUIN

BY-LAW #2026-_____

Being a by-law to enter into an agreement for the services
of a Chief Building Official

WHEREAS Section 20 (1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, Chapter 25, as amended, allows a municipality to enter into an agreement regarding a joint undertaking, which might include a Chief Building Official;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Municipal Corporation of the Township of Seguin enacts as follows:

1. That the Agreement attached hereto as Appendix "A" between The Municipal Corporation of the Township of Seguin and the Township of McMurrich/Monteith be entered into by the municipality.
2. That the Mayor and the Clerk be authorized to execute all documentation necessary to fulfil the Agreement.
3. That the Agreement entered into between The Municipal Corporation of the Township of Seguin and the Township of McMurrich/Monteith is hereby ratified and confirmed, when signed by all parties.
4. That the Clerk of the Township of Seguin is hereby authorized to make any minor modifications or corrections of an administrative, numeric, grammatic, semantic or descriptive nature or kind to the by-law and schedule(s) as may be deemed necessary after the passage of this by-law, where such modifications or corrections do not alter the intent of the by-law.

Read in its entirety, approved,
signed and the seal of the
Corporation affixed thereto and
finally passed in open Council
this __ day of _____, 202__.

Ann MacDiarmid, Mayor

Craig Jeffery, Clerk

Appendix "A"

SERVICE AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SEGUIN

AND

THE TOWNSHIP OF MCMURRICH/MONTEITH

WHEREAS the Township of Seguin ("Seguin") has hired a Chief Building Official to provide services as described in the job description attached as Schedule "A" to this by-law;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Seguin agrees to share the services of the Chief Building Official with the Township of McMurrich/Monteith (McMurrich/Monteith);

AND WHEREAS the Township of Seguin and the Township of McMurrich/Monteith agree that the Chief Building Official shall be an employee of the Township of Seguin;

AND WHEREAS the Township of McMurrich/Monteith agrees to pay the Township of Seguin for the costs involved in retaining the services of a Chief Building Official, as per the terms of this agreement;

NOW THEREFORE the Township of Seguin and the Township of McMurrich/Monteith agree as follows:

1. THAT the Township of McMurrich/Monteith may use the Chief Building Official and other Seguin Building Department inspectors, as needed for 16 hours per week during the term of this agreement. Every effort shall be made by Seguin to ensure the availability of the Chief Building Official, but it is recognized that the hours must remain flexible. In the event the Chief Building Official is not available, qualified Seguin inspectors will be dispatched to perform required duties. The Chief Building Official shall not perform any contract work which may place him/her in conflict.
2. THAT the Township of McMurrich/Monteith shall pay the Township of Seguin the current rate at which the Township of Seguin is remunerating the Chief Building Official for each hour worked for McMurrich/Monteith, plus a 40% premium to cover the cost of benefits and vacation time, plus HST.
3. THAT the Township of McMurrich/Monteith shall pay for any mileage incurred by the Seguin staff while engaged in work for McMurrich/Monteith at a rate listed in Schedule B of this agreement. Mileage billed shall be based on the daily log of the Seguin staff. Mileage shall be applicable from the departure from the Township of Seguin's municipal office at 5 Humphrey Drive, Humphrey, Ontario.
4. THAT the Township of McMurrich/Monteith agrees to share any other costs which may be generated by the Seguin staff on a proportionate share which proportionate share shall be based upon the number of hours engaged in works for Seguin and McMurrich/Monteith.
5. THAT the Township of Seguin shall invoice the Township of McMurrich/Monteith for minimum of 16 hours per week on a monthly basis for the period completed. Additional hours worked by the staff will be billed accordingly.
6. THAT the Township of McMurrich/Monteith agrees to provide whatever administrative assistance is required in relation to the enforcement of the Building Code Act, 1992 in McMurrich/Monteith and will be responsible to provide office supplies as required..
7. McMurrich/Monteith shall be responsible for all costs, including legal expenses arising from and/or relate to the enforcement of the Building Code Act, 1992 within its territorial jurisdiction.
8. THAT the Township of McMurrich/Monteith agrees to maintain an insurance policy covering the enforcement of the Building Code Act, 1992 within its territorial jurisdiction which covers any Seguin Staff appointed as the Chief Building Official or an inspector of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith.. Proof of such insurance policy must be forwarded to the Township of Seguin.

9. THAT the Township of McMurrich/Monteith hereby indemnifies and save harmless the Township of Seguin, its servants and agents from and against any actions, causes of actions, damages, suits, claims and demands whatsoever which may arise, either directly or indirectly, out of the performance or non-performance of the services provided herein and in connection with the carrying out of the provisions of the agreement and/or the enforcement of the Building Code Act, 1992 with McMurrich/Monteith
10. THAT any dispute arising from the administration of this agreement shall be resolved by the Clerk of the Township of Seguin. If the decision of the Clerk is not satisfactory to one of the parties, the matter can be referred to the Council of the Township of Seguin.
11. THAT this agreement shall be in place from July 27, 2026 to January 1, 2027. Thereafter, it may be renewed by the parties on whatever mutually acceptable basis is determined.
12. Any party may cancel their participation in this agreement by serving the other parties, written notice of their intention, ninety (30) days in advance of the date of termination.
13. This agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties.

IN WITNESS THEREOF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SEGUIN HAS HEREUNTO AFFIXED ITS CORPORATE SEAL ATTESTED BY THE HAND OF ITS PROPER SIGNING OFFICERS.

Dated at the Township of Seguin

MAYOR

this ____ day of _____, 2026

CLERK

IN WITNESS THEREOF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCMURRICH/MONTEITH HAS HEREUNTO AFFIXED ITS CORPORATE SEAL ATTESTED BY THE HAND OF ITS PROPER SIGNING OFFICERS.

Dated at the

MAYOR

this ____ day of _____, 2026

CLERK

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POSITION DESCRIPTION
CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL
June 24, 2026

REPORTS TO:

CAO

POSITION SUMMARY:

The Chief Building Official contributes to the safety and well-being of the residents and visitors to the Township through the administration and enforcement of the Ontario Building Code Act, Ontario Fire Code, Planning Act, Municipal Act, Property Standards By-Law, and other related By-Laws.

MAJOR DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

Building Official

1. Responsible for administering and managing of the day-to-day functions of the building department of the Township of Seguin.
2. Required by legislation (The Ontario Building Code Act and Regulations) to enforce the Ontario Building Code Act by conducting physical inspections of buildings.
3. Processes building permit applications (Ontario Building Code Act and Township By-Laws); receives and reviews applications; discusses applications with property owners and/or their representatives; explains the content and intent of the Building code.
4. Review building plans, conducts regular inspections, and/or directs the Building Inspector in inspection procedures/requirements.
5. Performs detailed site inspections to ensure construction is in compliance with the Ontario Building Code Act and associated regulations and guidelines.
6. Issues various Orders as required under the Code for non-compliance; prepares written orders, and documents the reasons for their issue.
7. Review and comment on planning and development related applications (i.e. Site Plan, Minor Variance, Zoning By-Law Amendment, etc.) and responds to other requests for information such as special occasion permits, questionnaires, surveys, etc. related to Building Code Related matters.
8. Assists the Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chiefs with respect to Fire Code inspections and enforcement.
9. Responds to lawyer inquiries concerning building, zoning and drainage matters.
10. Reviews all applicable By-Laws, agreements, regulations prior to issuance of permits.
11. Review plans and specification for the issuing of building permits Issue building permits.
12. Issue final and occupancy certificates.

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Plumbing Inspector

1. Inspection and enforcement of Ontario Building Code, Part 7 (Plumbing).
2. Reviews plumbing plans for compliance with regulations of the Ontario Building Code.
3. Conducts on-site inspection of plumbing installations.
4. Conducts on-site inspection on in floor Hydronics installations.
5. Issues various Orders as required under the Code for non-compliances; prepares written orders, and documents the reasons for their issue.

WETT Inspections

1. Issue permits for the installation of solid fuel appliance.
2. Inspect components of solid fuel appliance.
3. Issue compliance certificates.
4. Identify unsafe installations if on site for other duties.
5. Maintain qualification for inspection of solid fuel appliance.

Property Standards Officer

1. Issue orders relating to Unsafe Buildings in accordance with BCA.

Zoning Officer

1. Reviews and comments on planning applications, when required.
2. Discusses and clarifies planning rules and regulations with ratepayers, builders, developers, etc.
3. Recommends policy procedures to Director of Planning and Development, Council, Planning and Development Department Staff on planning and development matters.

Other

1. Works with the Clerk-Administrator and Fire Department to help ensure efficient and effective procedures and policies for new development and redevelopment within the Township.
2. Responsible for administration and liaison duties as they pertain to the foregoing responsibilities.

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3. Develops and recommends policy on the performance of inspection and enforcement duties.
4. Provides input on Operating and Capital Budgets for areas of responsibility.
5. Reviews and recommends fees for areas of responsibility.
6. Maintains an effective liaison with other staff and various Ministry representatives in the performance of responsibilities.
7. Maintains knowledge, skills and expertise at a high level by attending appropriate courses, training seminars, conferences and by selected reading.
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July 21
2026
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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCMURRICH/MONTEITH

BY-LAW 36 - 2026

Being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council
Meeting: July 7, 2026

WHEREAS Section 5(3) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, Chapter 24, as amended, requires a municipal Council to exercise a municipal power, including a municipality's capacity, rights powers and privileges under Section 9, by by-law unless the municipality is specifically authorized to do otherwise;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith deems it desirable to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting hereinafter set out.

NOW THEREFORE THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCMURRICH/MONTEITH HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Ratification and Confirmation

That the action of this Council of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith at its meetings set out below with respect to each motion, resolution and other action passed and taken by this Council at its meetings, except where otherwise required, is hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed as if such proceedings and actions were expressly adopted and confirmed by its separate By-law.

Meeting held: July 7, 2026

2. Execution of all Documents

That the Mayor of the Council of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith and the proper officers of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the said action or to obtain approvals where required and except where otherwise provided, the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute all necessary documents and to affix the Corporate Seal of the Township to such documents.

Read a first, second and third time, signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed this 21st day of July, 2026.

Mayor
Glynn Robinson

Clerk-Treasurer
Cheryl Marshall

July 21
2026
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**THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF McMURRICH/MONTEITH**

BY-LAW # 37-2026

Being a by-law to enter into an agreement for the
services of a Chief Building Official

WHEREAS Section 20 (1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, Chapter 25, as amended, allows a municipality to enter into an agreement regarding a joint undertaking, which might include a Chief Building Official;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Municipal Corporation of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith enacts as follows:

That the Agreement attached hereto as Appendix "A" between The Municipal Corporation of the Township of Seguin and the Township of McMurrich/Monteith be entered into by the municipality.

That the Mayor and the Clerk be authorized to execute all documentation necessary to fulfil the Agreement.

That the Agreement entered into between The Municipal Corporation of the Township of Seguin and the Township of McMurrich/Monteith is hereby ratified and confirmed, when signed by all parties.

That the Clerk of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith is hereby authorized to make any minor modifications or corrections of an administrative, numeric, grammatic, semantic or descriptive nature or kind to the by-law and schedule(s) as may be deemed necessary after the passage of this by-law, where such modifications or corrections do not alter the intent of the by-law.

READ a first, second and third time and finally passed this 21st day of July, 2026.

Glynn Robinson, Mayor

Cheryl Marshall, Clerk/Treasurer

Appendix "A"

SERVICE AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SEGUIN

AND

THE TOWNSHIP OF MCMURRICH/MONTEITH

WHEREAS the Township of Seguin ("Seguin") has hired a Chief Building Official to provide services as described in the job description attached as Schedule "A" to this by-law;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Seguin agrees to share the services of the Chief Building Official with the Township of McMurrich/Monteith (McMurrich/Monteith);

AND WHEREAS the Township of Seguin and the Township of McMurrich/Monteith agree that the Chief Building Official shall be an employee of the Township of Seguin;

AND WHEREAS the Township of McMurrich/Monteith agrees to pay the Township of Seguin for the costs involved in retaining the services of a Chief Building Official, as per the terms of this agreement;

NOW THEREFORE the Township of Seguin and the Township of McMurrich/Monteith agree as follows:

1. THAT the Township of McMurrich/Monteith may use the Chief Building Official and other Seguin Building Department inspectors, as needed for 16 hours per week during the term of this agreement. Every effort shall be made by Seguin to ensure the availability of the Chief Building Official, but it is recognized that the hours must remain flexible. In the event the Chief Building Official is not available, qualified Seguin inspectors will be dispatched to perform required duties. The Chief Building Official shall not perform any contract work which may place him/her in conflict.
2. THAT the Township of McMurrich/Monteith shall pay the Township of Seguin the current rate at which the Township of Seguin is remunerating the Chief Building Official for each hour worked for McMurrich/Monteith, plus a 40% premium to cover the cost of benefits and vacation time, plus HST.
3. THAT the Township of McMurrich/Monteith shall pay for any mileage incurred by the Seguin staff while engaged in work for McMurrich/Monteith at a rate listed in Schedule B of this agreement. Mileage billed shall be based on the daily log of the Seguin staff. Mileage shall be applicable from the departure from the Township of Seguin's municipal office at 5 Humphrey Drive, Humphrey, Ontario.
4. THAT the Township of McMurrich/Monteith agrees to share any other costs which may be generated by the Seguin staff on a proportionate share which proportionate share shall be based upon the number of hours engaged in works for Seguin and McMurrich/Monteith.
5. THAT the Township of Seguin shall invoice the Township of McMurrich/Monteith for minimum of 16 hours per week on a monthly basis for the period completed. Additional hours worked by the staff will be billed accordingly.
6. THAT the Township of McMurrich/Monteith agrees to provide whatever administrative assistance is required in relation to the enforcement of the Building Code Act, 1992 in McMurrich/Monteith and will be responsible to provide office supplies as required..
7. McMurrich/Monteith shall be responsible for all costs, including legal expenses arising from and/or relate to the enforcement of the Building Code Act, 1992 within its territorial jurisdiction.
8. THAT the Township of McMurrich/Monteith agrees to maintain an insurance policy covering the enforcement of the Building Code Act, 1992 within its territorial jurisdiction which covers any Seguin Staff appointed as the Chief Building Official or an inspector of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith.. Proof of such insurance policy must be forwarded to the Township of Seguin.

9. THAT the Township of McMurrich/Monteith hereby indemnifies and save harmless the Township of Seguin, its servants and agents from and against any actions, causes of actions, damages, suits, claims and demands whatsoever which may arise, either directly or indirectly, out of the performance or non-performance of the services provided herein and in connection with the carrying out of the provisions of the agreement and/or the enforcement of the Building Code Act, 1992 with McMurrich/Monteith
10. THAT any dispute arising from the administration of this agreement shall be resolved by the Clerk of the Township of Seguin. If the decision of the Clerk is not satisfactory to one of the parties, the matter can be referred to the Council of the Township of Seguin.
11. THAT this agreement shall be in place from July 27, 2026 to January 1, 2027. Thereafter, it may be renewed by the parties on whatever mutually acceptable basis is determined.
12. Any party may cancel their participation in this agreement by serving the other parties, written notice of their intention, ninety (30) days in advance of the date of termination.
13. This agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties.

IN WITNESS THEREOF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SEGUIN HAS HEREUNTO AFFIXED ITS CORPORATE SEAL ATTESTED BY THE HAND OF ITS PROPER SIGNING OFFICERS.

Dated at the Township of Seguin

MAYOR

this ____ day of _____, 2026

CLERK

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Dated at the

MAYOR

this ____ day of _____, 2026

CLERK

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POSITION DESCRIPTION
CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL
June 24, 2026

REPORTS TO:

CAO

POSITION SUMMARY:

The Chief Building Official contributes to the safety and well-being of the residents and visitors to the Township through the administration and enforcement of the Ontario Building Code Act, Ontario Fire Code, Planning Act, Municipal Act, Property Standards By-Law, and other related By-Laws.

MAJOR DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

Building Official

1. Responsible for administering and managing of the day-to-day functions of the building department of the Township of Seguin.
2. Required by legislation (The Ontario Building Code Act and Regulations) to enforce the Ontario Building Code Act by conducting physical inspections of buildings.
3. Processes building permit applications (Ontario Building Code Act and Township By-Laws); receives and reviews applications; discusses applications with property owners and/or their representatives; explains the content and intent of the Building code.
4. Review building plans, conducts regular inspections, and/or directs the Building Inspector in inspection procedures/requirements.
5. Performs detailed site inspections to ensure construction is in compliance with the Ontario Building Code Act and associated regulations and guidelines.
6. Issues various Orders as required under the Code for non-compliance; prepares written orders, and documents the reasons for their issue.
7. Review and comment on planning and development related applications (i.e. Site Plan, Minor Variance, Zoning By-Law Amendment, etc.) and responds to other requests for information such as special occasion permits, questionnaires, surveys, etc. related to Building Code Related matters.
8. Assists the Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chiefs with respect to Fire Code inspections and enforcement.
9. Responds to lawyer inquiries concerning building, zoning and drainage matters.
10. Reviews all applicable By-Laws, agreements, regulations prior to issuance of permits.
11. Review plans and specification for the issuing of building permits Issue building permits.
12. Issue final and occupancy certificates.

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Plumbing Inspector

1. Inspection and enforcement of Ontario Building Code, Part 7 (Plumbing).
2. Reviews plumbing plans for compliance with regulations of the Ontario Building Code.
3. Conducts on-site inspection of plumbing installations.
4. Conducts on-site inspection on in floor Hydronics installations.
5. Issues various Orders as required under the Code for non-compliances; prepares written orders, and documents the reasons for their issue.

WETT Inspections

1. Issue permits for the installation of solid fuel appliance.
2. Inspect components of solid fuel appliance.
3. Issue compliance certificates.
4. Identify unsafe installations if on site for other duties.
5. Maintain qualification for inspection of solid fuel appliance.

Property Standards Officer

1. Issue orders relating to Unsafe Buildings in accordance with BCA.

Zoning Officer

1. Reviews and comments on planning applications, when required.
2. Discusses and clarifies planning rules and regulations with ratepayers, builders, developers, etc.
3. Recommends policy procedures to Director of Planning and Development, Council, Planning and Development Department Staff on planning and development matters.

Other

1. Works with the Clerk-Administrator and Fire Department to help ensure efficient and effective procedures and policies for new development and redevelopment within the Township.
2. Responsible for administration and liaison duties as they pertain to the foregoing responsibilities.

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MUNICIPAL FINANCE
OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION
OF ONTARIO

July 21
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Hon. Todd McCarthy
Acting Minister of Infrastructure
5th Floor
777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

June 25, 2026

Dear Minister McCarthy,

RE: Making permanent the doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) that is scheduled to end after the 2026 allocation

I am writing on behalf of the Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario, and the municipalities it serves, to request that the Government of Ontario make permanent the five-year doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) from \$200 million/year to \$400 million/year in advance of the 2027 OCIF allocation calculations.

The Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario (MFOA) is the professional association of municipal finance officers with more than 2,300 individual members. We represent individuals who are responsible for handling the financial affairs of municipalities and who are key advisors to councils. MFOA is a strong advocate for best practices that encourage long-term fiscal sustainability, including long-term financial planning and asset management planning.

In recent years, governments at all levels have reoriented their priorities to address the ongoing housing crisis, with heightened attention on growth-related infrastructure and increasing housing production. Application-based or incentive-based funding programs for municipalities have placed greater emphasis on growth-related or housing-enabling capital projects (e.g., Development Charge Reduction Program, Building Communities Strong Fund – Community Stream, Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program, Building Faster Fund). OCIF remains one of the few federal or provincial funding programs where the focus remains primarily on the preservation and renewal of existing infrastructure to maintain or improve municipal service levels.

With support from the Government of Ontario and MFOA, municipalities have made significant improvements to their municipal asset management plans and programs. The Government of Ontario introduced O. Reg 588/17 (Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure) in late 2017, which provided a standard framework for infrastructure planning. To support the transition to O. Reg. 588/17, MFOA has partnered with the Government of Ontario on many asset management initiatives, including guides, workshops, direct consulting support and other resources. As a result of these and significant municipal efforts, most municipalities in Ontario have an asset management inventory that identifies their infrastructure assets, including conditions, replacement costs and renewal schedules of those assets.

By leveraging municipal asset management plans in 2020, the Financial Accountability Office of Ontario estimated the state-of-good-repair backlog to be \$52.1 billion for core municipal infrastructure. That is an estimated cost of restoring such infrastructure to a 'good' condition. The report notably focused primarily on core assets and thus likely understated the full extent of the backlog. Addressing this should not be a priority that falls by the wayside due to an increased focus on growth-related capital projects by other funding programs. OCIF's flexible design provides municipalities with the opportunity to fund asset management staff, which can improve data and analysis quality, and it provides a critical means by which municipalities address the infrastructure funding challenges identified in their asset management plans.

In 2021, the Government of Ontario doubled OCIF for a five-year period. Minister Surma, in announcing that initiative, commented that the Government of Ontario was "providing stability and predictability to small, rural and northern communities as they repair, upgrade and modernize their critical infrastructure so that they are safer, healthier and more reliable for all." And Minister Bethlenfalvy said that "by nearly doubling our investment in the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund, our government is supporting public safety, job creation and economic growth." In the current climate of geopolitical uncertainty, tariffs and the resulting economic shocks and instability, the need to provide municipalities predictability and to preserve and enhance the economic activity and benefits provided by well-supported and well-maintained municipal infrastructure is as imperative as it was in 2021.

We have also heard from our members on this matter. Municipalities outside of high-growth regions have expressed concern about the diminishing level of grant funding opportunities for municipalities trying to preserve the economic value of their existing infrastructure. Additionally, while growing municipalities have made significant efforts to emplace new, housing-enabling infrastructure, which has been rewarded through the Building Faster Fund, many of their state-of-good-repair capital plans remain underfunded. To maximize the economic potential of federal and provincial investment in infrastructure, all orders of government must work together to preserve service levels and the public value of existing infrastructure, and permanently doubling OCIF to \$400 million/year will especially help small and rural municipalities preserve that economic foundation throughout Ontario.

By adopting a Team Ontario approach during recent and ongoing economic challenges, we have seen how significant progress can be made when municipalities and the provincial government work together to achieve a common goal. Should you wish to follow up on this letter, please contact MFOA Executive Director, Donna Herridge (donna@mfoa.on.ca).

Sincerely,

Adam Found

Dr. Adam Found, Ph.D., PLE
President and Chair

cc. Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
cc. Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance



MUNICIPAL FINANCE
OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION
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**MFOA Request for the Permanent Doubling of the Ontario Community
Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) Beyond 2026**

WHEREAS recent municipal infrastructure funding programs by the Government of Canada and Province of Ontario have tended to prioritize growth-related or housing-enabling infrastructure projects over infrastructure renewal needs;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has regulated municipal infrastructure asset management through O. Reg 588/17 (Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure) under the *Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act, 2015*;

AND WHEREAS municipal asset management plans and the Financial Accountability Office of Ontario have identified that municipalities have significant state-of-good-repair backlogs and renewal needs for infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario doubled the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) from \$200M/year to \$400M/year for 2021-2026 but has not publicly committed to maintaining this level of funding beyond 2026;

AND WHEREAS the OCIF has become a vital and indispensable resource for municipalities, assisting them with improving their asset management programs and meeting community-preserving infrastructure renewal needs;

AND WHEREAS increased geopolitical uncertainty is threatening the economic prosperity of Canada, Ontario, and every municipality;

AND WHEREAS municipal infrastructure is a key enabler and preserver of economic prosperity;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario (MFOA) has heard from its members and their municipalities concerns regarding the potential erosion of existing municipal infrastructure and thus service levels in light of the ongoing focus on housing-enabling infrastructure by grant funding programs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that **THE MUNICIPALITY OF _____** supports MFOA's letter to the Ministry of Infrastructure requesting that the doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund be made permanent in advance of the allocations for the 2027 calendar year, helping municipalities to continue building housing-enabling infrastructure while preserving the economic value provided by existing infrastructure.