

Township of McMurrich/Monteith
Regular Council Meeting - Agenda
Tuesday, February 17, 2026 – 7:00pm

Meeting to be held inside Municipal Office/Fire Hall

1. Call to Order:
2. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting:
2.1 Council – February 3, 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

Public Meeting – Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application A-01/26
69 Little Falls Road – 2187644 Ontario Inc.
5. Delegations:
 - 5.1 Joe Lumley, Representative on AH OPP Detachment Board – update, Draft budget, Minutes(Feb11)
 - 5.2 R. Hunter & A. Kozlowski, Planscape, Municipal Planners
 - 5.3 Staff Report: Recreation Committee – Local Business Partnership Opportunity - (Advertising)
6. Business Arising From a Previous Meeting:
None
7. Quotes, Tenders, RFP's:
7.1 Surplus Equipment – Bids – 1. 1972 Cat Loader 950 2. 7kW Generac generator + 100amp switch
8. Accounts for Approval:
None
9. Applications:
None
10. Bylaws:
 - 10.1 09-2026 Zoning Bylaw Amendment – 69 Little Falls Road, consent files
 - 10.2 10-2026 Confirm Council Meeting – February 3, 2026
 - 10.3 11-2026 Roadway transfer to Township – Bartlett Lake Rd Pt 1, 42R22853
11. Council Reports:
None

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PAGE FOR CANCELLATION NOTICES PRIOR TO THE MEETING**

12. Correspondence:

- 12.1 NBPS District Health Unit – 2026 Municipal Levy Information Package
- 12.2 FONOM – The Birth of Change – Prescription Drug Diversion Project
- 12.3 Village of Sundridge – resolution – Road salt use and reduction
- 12.4 AH Health Centre – Agenda package – February 5, 2026
- 12.5 Southeast PS District Planning Board – resolution – withdrawal request from Town of Kearney
- 12.6 Twp of Ryerson – Notice of Special Meeting re: update the Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw
- 12.7 NBPS District Health Unit – Food and Housing Affordability
- 12.8 Belvedere Heights – 2026 Municipal Levy
- 12.9 Village of Burk's Falls – Invoices for AHHC deficits for the years 2024 and 2025
- 12.10 A Beilke – follow up letter re: Axe Lake Bridge closure

13. New Business:

None

14. Closed Session: Section 239 (2)

None

15. Adjournment:

Dates to Remember:

Sunday, February 15th – Recreation Event – WinterFest

Monday, February 16th – Family Day – Municipal Office and Landfill Closed

Tuesday, February 17th – Regular Council Meeting – 7pm

Thursday, February 26th – Strategic Planning Committee Meeting – 3pm

End of February – Interim Tax Notices mailed – Installment due dates – March 27 and May 27

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MINUTES OF McMURRICH/MONTEITH TOWNSHIP REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026

The Council of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith met Tuesday, February 3, 2026, inside the Council Chambers

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

Staff present: John Theriault, CAO; Cheryl Marshall, Clerk/Treasurer; Neil Hellam, Public Works Superintendent

Audience: Sylvia Leeder

1. Opening of the meeting by the Mayor;

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM

2. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting;

2.1 Council – January 20, 2026, + Committee of Adjustment minutes

3. List of proposed resolutions for the meeting;

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the nature thereof;

There were no declarations made by members of council.

5. Delegations;

5.1 R. Hunter & A. Kozlowski, Planscape, Municipal Planners- deferred to February 17th meeting.

5.2 Staff Report: 2025 Council remuneration report. Council reviewed the report and passed a resolution receiving it.

5.3 Public Works: Council had a discussion with the Public Works Superintendent concerning how the snowplowing is completed in the Township. At the present time, Council did not believe that the snowplowing should be altered.

6. Business arising From a Previous Meeting;

None

7. Quotes, Tenders, RFP's;

None

8. Accounts for Approval:

8.1 January 2026

9. Applications:

None

10. By-laws:

10.1 08-2026 Confirm Council Meeting – January 20, 2026

11. Council Reports:

Council discussed how AI could be implemented in the day-to-day work by Township employees. Staff is presently investigating how AI is used in other municipalities and will report their findings in the near future. Council brought forward that if we know how much time an employee spends on a task, it could help in assessing where to use AI.

Council discussed how the Township should communicate with their residents and the public in general. The email newsletter should be used more, and flyers should be posted in locations where they can be seen for events.

12. Correspondence:

- 12.1** Ah-OPP – Minutes of November 12, 2025, and draft minutes of January 14, 2026, includes their 2026 draft budget.
- 12.2** A. Beilke – concerns regarding Axe Lake Road closure.
- 12.3** Almaguin Pride – Request for funding
- 12.4** Grade Eight class from Land of Lakes Public School – Request for donation re: Graduating trip to Toronto.

13. New Business

None

14. Closed session

None

15. Adjournment: Council adjourned this meeting at 8:08pm.

Resolutions:

2026-27 O'Halloran/White

Be It Resolved that Council approves the minutes of the Regular Council meeting and Committee of Adjustment Meeting held on January 20, 2026, as amended.

Carried

2026-28 White/O'Halloran

Be It Resolved that Council receives the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held January 15, 2026. **Carried**

2026-29 O'Halloran/White

Be It Resolved that Council receives the 20255 Council Remuneration Report as presented. **Carried**

2026-30 White/O'Halloran

Be It Resolved that Council accepts first, second and third readings and hereby passes Bylaw 08-2026 to confirm the council meeting held January 20, 2026.

Carried

2026-31 Roeder-Martin/Currie

Be It Resolved that Council receives the request for funding from Almaguin Pride to assist in their 2026 event budget and agrees to make a one-time donation of \$250.00. **Carried**

Recorded vote was requested:

Craig White	Yea
Dan O'Halloran	Nay
Terry Currie	Nay
Vicky Roeder-Martin	Yea
Glynn Robinson	Yea

2026-32 Currie/Roeder-Martin

Be It Resolved that Council receives the fundraising request from the Grade 8 class for Land of Lakes Public School and agrees to make a donation towards their graduation trip to Toronto in the amount of \$250.00. **Carried**

2026-33 Currie/Roeder-Martin

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

2026-34 Currie/Roeder-Martin

Be It Resolved that Council adjourns this meeting at 8:08 pm until Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 7:00 pm. **Carried**

Mayor, Glynn Robinson

Clerk, Cheryl Marshall

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Almaguin Highlands O.P.P. Detachment Board

Regular Meeting of the Board
Wednesday February 11th, 2026
5:00 p.m.
Electronic Attendance Only

Any and all Minutes are to be considered Draft until approved by the OPP Board at a Regular Meeting.

In Attendance:

Electronic:

Robert Sutherland, Chair & Community Representative, Krista Miller, Vice Chair & Community Representative Board Members Kevin Noaik, Joe Lumley and Neil Scarlett, Beth Morton, Acting Secretary

Regrets: Dan Robertson

Members of the Public: n/a

Item 2 - Disclosure of Conflict of Interest- Nil

Item 3 – Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. 2026-08

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board hereby approves the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated Wednesday, January 14th, 2026.

Carried

Item 4 Delegations - Nil

Item 5 – Almaguin Highlands OPP Updates and or Reports – Nil

Item 6.1 – Draft 2026 Budget

Resolution No. 2026-09

Moved by: Neil Scarlett

Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board has received the Draft 2 – 2026 Budget and hereby directs that the Secretary bring the final budget forward for approval at the April 8, 2026 Meeting.

Carried

Item 6.2 – 2026 Spring Conference and Annual General Meeting

Resolution No. 2026-10

Moved by: Kevin Noaik

Seconded by: Neil Scarlett

Be it resolved that the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board hereby approves Dan Robertson to attend the 2026 Spring Conference and Annual General Meeting from June 1 to 3, 2026 in Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Carried

Item 6.3 Draft Meal Allowance Policy

Resolution No. 2026-11

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Neil Scarlett

Be it resolved that the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board hereby directs the Secretary to bring forward a Meal Allowance Policy for consideration and approval at the April 8th, 2026 Meeting.

Carried

The Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:17 p.m.

Dated this 8th day of April, 2026.

Robert Sutherland, *Chair*

Beth Morton, *Acting Secretary*

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Special Meeting of the Board Wednesday February 11, 2026

**Items for consideration:
Draft 2 - 2026 Board Budget,
Annual Conference
& Meal Allowance Policy**

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 1

Be it resolved that the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board has received the Draft 2 2026 Budget and hereby directs that the Secretary bring it forward for approval at the April 8, 2026 Meeting.

Resolution 2

Be it resolved that the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board hereby approves _____ to attend the 2026 Spring Conference and Annual General Meeting from June 1 to 3, 2026 in Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Resolution 3

Be it resolved that the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board hereby directs the Secretary to bring forward a Meal Allowance Policy for consideration and approval at the April 8, 2026 Meeting.

OVERVIEW

The Acting Secretary has provided a revised 'Draft 2' Budget for discussion for the 2026 Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board Budget.

Honoraria for community representatives and the provincial appointee has been established to be paid in accordance with the Township of Perry's established per-meeting per diem for advisory boards which is \$61.82 per

meeting beginning in 2026. The Board has established to meet quarterly, but I have added an allowance for up to 2 additional meetings per year.

The 2026 Insurance and Membership costs are confirmed and paid for this year.

General Board costs were originally established at \$1,800 for 2026.

There was a discussion that one or two Board Members may wish to attend the Spring OAPSB Conference this year. There are also Zone Meetings that will be held later in the year in Sudbury and Sault Ste. Marie and during the OAPSB Conference in June.

I was able to obtain the estimated costs for the Conference and Zone Meetings.

For the Spring Conference there is a Early Bird discount up to April 1, 2026. The cost is \$899 plus tax for the conference. Hotel rates are \$159 to 239 plus tax per night depending on availability of rooms. Mileage and other food expenses have also been considered.

For the Zone Meetings, I have calculated approximate costs for hotel, mileage and food expenses.

The budget has been established to allow for the attendance of one member at the Conference and at each Zone Meeting.

It should be confirmed if anyone or who will be attending the conference. The registration will need to be completed prior to the next meeting to ensure that the Early Bird discount is applied (before April 1, 2026). The Acting Secretary can complete the registration and pay the fees for conference. Hotel and other expenses will need be managed by the attendee and reimbursed by the Township of Perry upon providing receipts. Hotel expenses will be reimbursed based on hotel rates advertised should the attendee wish to book at an alternate location. Furthermore, if there is no one attending this year's conference, the funds can be removed from the budget. I do not have the dates for the Zone 1A Meetings as of completion of this report.

Note: There is an option to purchase a companion meal package for \$250 plus tax. If the attendee wishes to take a companion to the conference, this expense must be paid for by the attendee as it is not an approved expense.

\$2,000 has also been included as an appreciation/recognition as per the discussion at the January 14, 2026 Meeting. This item will be further discussed at a future meeting to determine what the Board determines for appreciation/recognition (ie jerseys, awards dinner, etc.)

The municipalities are preparing their 2026 budgets, therefore it is imperative that the total budget be established to assist in their budget preparations. Following this meeting, an update will be provided to each Clerk of the 12 municipalities providing the estimated 2026 budget so that it may be included in the annual operating budget. Once the budget has been adopted, this will also be sent to the municipalities.

In addition to the budget, the Acting Secretary will bring forward a Meal Allowance Policy adopted by Perry Council for consideration by the Board so that a policy may be adopted in advance of the conference and Zone meetings.

This report has been submitted to the Board for discussion purposes in order to provide direction to the Acting Secretary to bring forward the final 2026 Budget at the next Regular Meeting scheduled on April 8, 2026, along with direction for Conference attendance and Meal Allowance Policy.

Submitted to the Board for their consideration.

Attachments

- Draft 2 Budget with attachments
- OAPSB Conference for consideration
- Township of Perry Meal Allowance Policy

February 5, 2026 – Draft 2 Budget

Item	Description	Budget
OAPSB	2026 Membership Fee	\$2,996.39
OPP Board Insurance	2026 Insurance	\$3,888.00
Provincial Appointee Honorarium	2026 Provincial Appointee Honorarium	\$370.92
Community Representative Appointees Honorarium	2026 Community Representative Appointees Honorarium (\$61.82 meeting for each community rep)	\$741.84
General Board Administration	Spring Conference (1 Member – conference, hotel, mileage, food) Zone 1A Meeting (Sudbury – 1 member – meeting, hotel, mileage, food) Zone 1A Meeting (Sault Ste. Marie – 1 member – meeting, hotel, mileage, food)	\$2,500.00 \$1,200.00 \$1,700.00
2026 Appreciation Recognition		\$2,000.00
2026 Draft Total		\$ 15,397.15 (\$1,283.10 per municipality)



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Almaguin Highlands O.P.P. Detachment Board

**Regular Meeting of the Board
Wednesday November 12th, 2025
5:00 p.m.**

**Township of Perry Municipal Office
(1695 Emsdale Road, Emsdale, ON)**

Any and all Minutes are to be considered Draft until approved by the OPP Board at a Regular Meeting.

In Attendance:

Council Chambers:

Robert Sutherland, Chair & Community Representative, Krista Miller, Vice Chair & Community Representative, Board Members Kevin Noaik, Dan Robertson, Joe Lumley and, S/SGT Doug Vincer, Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Commander, Kim Seguin, Acting Secretary

Regrets: Neil Scarlett

Members of the Public: n/a

Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

Nil

Resolution No. 2025-22

Moved by: Krista Miller

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

Be it resolved that the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board hereby approves the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated Wednesday, October 8th, 2025.

Carried

Item 4 Delegations

N/A

Item 5.1 2025 Q3 Opp Detachment Board Report

The board had a brief discussion with S/SGT Vincer on the report presented.

Resolution No. 2025-23

Moved by: Dan Robertson

Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board hereby receives the 2025 Q3 OPP Detachment Board Report.

Carried

Item 6.1 Appointment of Acting Secretary**Resolution No. 2025-24****Moved by: Krista Miller****Seconded by: Joe Lumley**

Be it resolved that the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board hereby receives appoints Kim Seguin as Acting Secretary.

Carried**Item 6.2 Detachment Commander Performance Feedback Form33**

The Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board deferred the discussion to complete the form until after agenda item 6.4.

Item 6.3 2026 OPP Detachment Board Meeting Schedule**Resolution No. 2025-25****Moved by: Joe Lumley****Seconded by: Dan Robertson**

Be it resolved that the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board hereby establish the 2026 Meeting Dates for the Board as the second Wednesday of the month at 5:00pm on:

- January 14, 2026
- April 8, 2026
- July 8, 2026
- October 14, 2026

Carried**Item 6.4 Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Final**

The Board reviewed the information presented for the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.

S/Sgt Vincer left the meeting at 5:26pm so the board could discuss the performance feedback form.

Revisit Item 6.2 Detachment Commander Performance Feedback Form33

The Board discussed each item on the feedback form and collaboratively developed the feedback. The completed information will be forwarded to S/SGT Vincer by November 14th as requested.

The Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:55 p.m.

Dated this 14th day of January 2026.

original signed by Robert Sutherland

Robert Sutherland, Chair

original signed by Kim Seguin

Kim Seguin, Acting Secretary



Almaguin Highlands O.P.P. Detachment Board

Regular Meeting of the Board
Wednesday January 14th, 2026
5:00 p.m.
Township of Perry Municipal Office
(1695 Emsdale Road, Emsdale, ON)

Any and all Minutes are to be considered Draft until approved by the OPP Board at a Regular Meeting.

In Attendance:

Council Chambers: Robert Sutherland, Chair & Community Representative, Board Members Kevin Noaik, Dan Robertson, Joe Lumley and Neil Scarlett, S/SGT Doug Vincer, Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Commander, Beth Morton, Acting Secretary

Regrets: Krista Miller, Vice Chair & Community Representative

Members of the Public: n/a

Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

Nil

Item 3 – Adoption of Minutes

Resolution No. 2026-01

Moved by: Dan Robertson

Seconded by: Neil Scarlett

Be it resolved that the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board hereby approves the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated Wednesday, November 12th, 2025.

Carried

Item 4 Delegations

N/A

Item 5 – Almaguin Highlands OPP S/Sgt Detachment Commander Updates and/or Reports

The Q4 OPP Detachment Board Report was presented to the Board.

Resolution No. 2026-02

Moved by: Kevin Noaik

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

Be it resolved that the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board hereby receives the 2025 Q4 OPP Detachment Board Report.

Carried

Item 6 – Board Business

Item 6.1. Prescription Diversion Project – The Board discussed the correspondence received from the Joint Zone 1A OAPSB/OACP. The Detachment Commander provided thoughtful and relevant input on the matter which fostered a meaningful discussion among the board members. The following resolution was then considered.

Resolution No. 2026-03

Moved by: Kevin Noaik

Seconded by: Joe Lumley

Whereas the Joint Zone 1A OAPSB/OACP has circulated correspondence to the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board pertaining to the Prescription Diversion Project and has requested that the Board provide a letter of support.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board hereby direct the Secretary to send a letter of support to The Honourable Vijay Thanigasalam, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and to The Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka.

Carried

Item 6.2 Provincial Bail Notification Program - The Board reviewed the correspondence received from the Joint Zone 1A OAPSB/OACP regarding the Provincial Bail Notification Program. The Detachment Commander offered valuable insight and perspective, which contributed to a constructive exchange and thorough discussion among Board members. The following resolution was then considered.

Resolution No. 2026-04

Moved by: Neil Scarlett

Seconded by: Dan Robertson

Whereas the Joint Zone 1A OAPSB/OACP has circulated correspondence to the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board pertaining to the Provincial Bail Notification Program and has requested that the Board provide a letter of support.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board hereby direct the Secretary to send a letter of support to The Honourable Michael Kerzner Solicitor General, Ministry of the Solicitor General, The Honourable Zee Hamid, Associate Solicitor General for Auto Theft and Bail Reform, Ministry of the Solicitor General, and to The Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka.

Carried

Item 6.3 – Opposition of the planned closure of Cecil Facer Youth Centre - The Board discussed the correspondence received from the Joint Zone 1A OAPSB/OACP regarding opposition to the planned closure of the Cecil Facer Youth Centre. Members considered the potential impacts on youth justice, community safety, and local service capacity. The Detachment Commander provided operational insight, which assisted the Board in understanding the broader implications of the proposed closure and supported a balanced and informed discussion prior to consideration of the resolution.

Resolution No. 2026-05

Moved by: Kevin Noaik

Seconded by: Dan Robertson

Whereas the Joint Zone 1A OAPSB/OACP has circulated correspondence to the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board in opposition of the planned closure of Cecil Facer Youth Centre and has requested that the Board provide a letter of support.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board hereby direct the Secretary to send a letter of support to The Honourable Michael Kerzner Solicitor General, Ministry of the Solicitor General and to The Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services.

Carried

The Board reviewed and discussed the draft 2026 Board Budget, identifying several items for further consideration and potential update. These included anticipated costs associated with member attendance at the 2026 Spring Conference in Niagara Falls and future Zone 1A OAPSB meetings, which are expected to be held in Sudbury and Sault Ste. Marie. The Secretary advised that confirmation of the 2026 OAPSB membership fee is pending further information from OAPSB. The Detachment Commander also requested that the Board consider allocating funds for OPP Detachment staff appreciation and recognition initiatives, which may include the presentation of awards and a dinner, or the purchase of hockey jerseys for Detachment members participating in joint games with local high school students as part of a community outreach initiative. A suggested allocation of \$2,000 was discussed. The Board engaged in a productive discussion and agreed to seek input from the municipalities to be presented by each member with a final budget presented at the next meeting.

Resolution No. 2026-06

Moved by: Joe Lumley

Seconded by: Kevin Noaik

Be it resolved that the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board hereby directs that the Secretary bring forward the 2026 Board Budget for approval at the April 8, 2026 Regular Meeting.

Carried

Item 7 – Correspondence and General Information

Resolution No. 2026-07

Moved by: Kevin Noaik

Seconded by: Dan Robertson

Be it resolved that the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board hereby receives Items 7.1 to 7.3 Correspondence and General Information as outlined on the Agenda of Wednesday, January 14th, 2026.

Carried

10. Other Business

The Detachment Commander outlined that through TPON funding, a joint partnership between the Township of Armour and the Almaguin Highlands OPP has enabled the operation of the Festive Drive Ride Program, which has been a great success. This collaborative initiative enhanced road safety and demonstrated the positive impact of targeted funding on community well-being. In addition, TPON funding continues to support the CMHA/OPP program in partnership with the Village of Sundridge, allowing this valuable mental health and community outreach initiative to remain in place.

Additional information was provided regarding school engagement initiatives, with the Detachment Commander highlighting the ongoing annual hockey games as an effective way to build positive relationships, help students feel safe and comfortable with police presence in schools and fundraises for local organizations and the Food Bank. He also noted that a lockdown exercise was conducted in November to support emergency preparedness, emphasizing that these efforts contribute to students feeling safer in their school environments and with the OPP. Finally, discussion took place regarding the upcoming spring conference, and the Detachment Commander advised that it would be beneficial for one to two Board members to attend in order to support continued learning and effective governance.

The Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:05 p.m.

Dated this 8th day of April, 2026.

Robert Sutherland, *Chair*

Beth Morton, *Acting Secretary*



Regular Meeting of the Board

Wednesday January 14, 2026
Item 6.4 Draft 2026 Board Budget {Discussion}

OVERVIEW

As per Section 71 of the CSPA, an OPP Detachment Board shall prepare estimates, in accordance with regulations made by the Minister, of the total amount that will be required to pay the expenses of the board's operation, other than the renumeration of board members. Under Section 71, municipalities shall contribute their share of the costs to the OPP Detachment Board's budget.

The Acting Secretary has provided 'draft' items for discussion for the 2026 Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board Budget.

The 2026 Insurance and Membership costs are estimated based on the 2025 costs and I hope to have solid numbers for the next meeting in April.

It was recommended that a budget of \$1,200 be established for the Provincial Appointee for 2025 and I have kept this consistent for 2026.

General Board costs are established at \$1,800 for 2026, but there was a discussion at a 2025 Meeting that one or two Board Members may wish to attend the Spring OAPSB Conference this year. There are also Zone Meetings that will be held later in the year possibly in Sudbury, Sault Ste. Marie and during the OAPSB Conference in June.

This is an election year, therefore the Board may want to also keep in mind that a new Board will be appointed following the 2026 Municipal Election when determining what sessions to attend in 2026.

Item	Description	Budget
OAPSB	2026 Membership Fee	\$3,904.30
OPP Board Insurance	2026 Insurance	\$3,888.00
Provincial Appointee Honorarium	2026 Provincial Appointee Honorarium	\$1,200.00
General Board Administration	Board-led programs, Seminars, Zone Meetings, Sponsorships, etc	\$1,800.00
2026 Draft Total		\$10,792.30

This report has been submitted to the Board for discussion purposes in order to provide direction to the Acting Secretary to bring forward a 2026 Budget to the next meeting.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Robinson and Members of Council

FROM: Rick Hunter

DATE: January 15, 2026

SUBJECT: Status of development applications

Mayor Robinson and Members of Council:

The following is intended to provide a summary of the active planning files that we have been working on over the last while, along with what we may expect for the upcoming year. These relate to the larger developments in the Township.

Axe Lake Subdivision (42M-678)

- The Plan is for 20 lots, located adjacent to Axe Lake, with access from an approved common elements condominium road.
- The Plan was registered (Plan 42M-678) on December 5, 2022.
- The Subdivision Agreement was registered on November 22, 2022.
- The Common Element Condominium Plan 21 was registered on July 4, 2024.
- The road obligations related to the development have been satisfied, and the security deposit has been returned to the owners.
- There are ongoing obligations in the Subdivision Agreement related to the protection of the surrounding natural features.
- All of the lots are subject to site plan approval.

Axe Lake Site Plan Agreements and Building Permits

- To date, the Township has processed four site plan agreements, as noted below:

- A zoning analysis template has been prepared to assist with the review of any applications for site plan approval.
- Lot 4 – Grem
 - Site Plan Agreement was registered July 19, 2024
 - Building Permit issued MM-2024-012; Occupancy and Final inspection required.
 - At the time of occupancy and final inspection, CBO needs to review of compliance with the provisions of site plan and agreement.
- Lot 7 – DS Globe Inc
 - Site Plan Agreement was registered on October 17, 2024.
 - Building permit application submitted MM-2024-050 but not yet issued, pending payment.
 - At the time of occupancy and final inspection, CBO needs to review of compliance with the provisions of site plan and agreement.
- Lot 8- DS Globe Inc
 - Site plan agreement was registered on October 17, 2024.
 - Building Permit application submitted, MM-2025-029, but not yet issued – missing required information and pending payment.
 - At the time of occupancy and final inspection, CBO needs to review of compliance with the provisions of site plan and agreement.
- Lot 1- Torkashvand
 - Site plan agreement was registered on Luly 15, 2025.
 - Building Permit issued - MM-2025-027; no inspections done to date.
 - At the time of occupancy and final inspection, CBO needs to review of compliance with the provisions of site plan and agreement.
- There are no other active site plan applications.

Horn Lake Subdivision: (42M-683)

- The Plan is for 51 lots, located on Horn Lake, with access from an approved common elements condominium road and from Found Forest Road, a new municipal road connecting the development with Axe Lake Road.
- The subdivision plan was registered on March 21, 2024.
- The Common Element Condominium Plan 22) was registered on January 27, 2025.
- The subdivision agreement was registered on March 21, 2024, with specific obligations regarding the construction and maintenance of Found Forest Road and the boat launch on Block 60.



- The Township provided a status letter to the owners on October 17, 2025, outlining the works that are still required to be completed related to Found Forest Road and the boat launch. While there has been no written response from the owners to the letter, there have been discussions with Jin Li as recently as January 13, 2026. She has advised that the works will be completed in the spring of 2026, and that their engineers and environmental consultants have been engaged to complete the works and obtain any required permits for the boat launch. It is noted that the maintenance period for the works will be extended until the Township's engineering consultant provides final acceptance of the works.
- The owners are still waiting for approval from Hydro One Networks on the route for the hydro service to the property.
- Some of the lots in the subdivision have been conveyed.
- All of the lots are subject to site plan approval.

Horn Lake Site Plan Agreements:

- There are no site plan agreements finalized yet on any of the lots in the development. A zoning analysis template has been prepared to assist with the review of any applications for site plan approval.
- There have been initial discussions regarding a number of lots, briefly as noted below:
- Lot 50 – J. M. Hartman Holdings
 - Site plan and grading plans have been reviewed and accepted;
 - A draft site plan agreement was prepared and provided to the owner's consultants on December 5, 2025
 - The applicant has not yet finalized or signed the site plan agreement.
- Lot 26 – Todd & Sepashvili
 - Site plan and grading plans have been reviewed and generally accepted; updated information on silt fencing and control of surface water over the future cleared area in the shoreline vegetation buffer is required to be added as an addendum to the grading plan. This additional information has not been provided yet.
 - A draft site plan agreement was prepared and provided to the owner's consultants on August 25, 2025, for review.
 - The applicant has not yet provided the additional information or finalized or signed the site plan agreement.



- Lot 12 - Philp
 - Preliminary discussions for a garage and dwelling on the property were undertaken in 2023 and 2024. There has been no activity on the file since June, 2024.
 - A septic permit was issued March 10, 2023, extended to March 10, 2025. It is assumed that the permit has expired.
 - There is no active site plan application on this property at this time.
- Lot 13 - Russell
 - Preliminary discussions for a dwelling on the property were undertaken in 2023 and 2024. There has been no activity on the file since June, 2024.
 - A septic permit was issued March 10, 2023, extended to March 10, 2025. It is assumed that the permit has expired.
 - There is no active site plan application on this property at this time.
- Lot 15 - Phelan
 - Preliminary discussions for a dwelling were undertaken in 2003 and 2024.
 - Based on a proposal site plan, the applicant applied for a received approval for a minor variance (A-02-24) for variances to required yard requirements.
 - There is no active site plan application on this property at this time.
- Lot 27 – Karaslaan
 - Preliminary discussions were discussed with the applicant's solicitor in September, 2024.
 - There has been no follow up since then.

Haist Subdivision Buck Lake – Plan 42-M-685

- The Plan is for 12 lots, located on Buck Lake with access to the lots over a private condominium roadway.
- The Plan was registered (Plan 42M-685) on March 18, 2025.
- The Subdivision Agreement was registered on October 30, 2024, and the zoning by-law is in place.
- The condominium access road will be registered once some of the existing easements on the property have been removed from the title.
- All of the lots will be subject to site plan approval in order to implement the Environmental Mitigation Measures identified in the subdivision agreement. Lot grading and drainage plans are required as part of the site plan approval. Some of the lots will require careful building siting as a result of steep slopes on portions of the lots.
- It is anticipated that some development may occur in 2026.



- Building permits will be available once the condominium plan is registered, the requirements of the subdivision agreement are met, and individual site plan agreements are entered into.

North Axe Lake Subdivision (proposed – no application)

- The proposal is for up to 20 lots adjacent to Axe Lake, immediately north of the existing approved subdivision/condominium development. Access is likely to occur on the existing condominium access road, although there is potential for separate direct access onto Axe Lake Road. Axe Lake is classified as a provincially significant wetland.
- Preliminary review of the proposal and draft background reports occurred between 2025 and 2025
- A pre-consultation memo was provided to the applicant's planning consultant on June 2, 2025.
- We have been advised by the applicant's planning consultant on January 12, 2026 that they have retained the various professional disciplines for the purposes of preparing ecological, hydrogeological (consisting of 3 or 4 new drilled wells), archeological, civil engineering and planning reports, addressing the pre-consultation comments from the Township. All reports are complete except the HydroG which is awaiting the final well to be drilled at the end of this week. The draft plan of subdivision application will be submitted shortly.
- Some of the reports will require peer review, particularly related to site servicing and environmental features.

Round Lake Subdivision (proposed – no application)

- Part of land holdings on Round Lake; access from Fern Glen Road.
- Pre-consultation memo was provided to the applicant's planning consultant on October 22, 2025. We are waiting for a response from applicants on the status of the proposal and when to expect additional information to be provided.
- Environmental and Servicing reports will require peer review.
- Once the initial reports and development concept are provided, a further pre-consultation will be required, and would include a presentation to Council.
- Council discussions are warranted at a future date on the following items:
 - Whether a parkland dedication is appropriate for this development, instead of requiring a cash-in-lieu contribution.



- o Whether the road access to the development should be a public road or remain as a private condominium access road.

Official Plan Review

- The Official Plan was adopted on July 15, 2025, and has been submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for approval.
- The Ministry has deemed the submission complete on December 10, 2025.
- The Ministry has submitted an e-mail on December 19, 2025 with some specific questions regarding the changes to the rural lot creation policies.
- We are currently preparing a response to the Ministry and hope to submit it to them within the next few days.

Future Projects

- Once the Official Plan is approved by the Ministry, the Zoning By-law will need to be updated to reflect any zoning changes required to implement changes to the Official Plan.

Respectfully submitted,

PLANSCAPE INC.



Rick Hunter, MCIP RPP
Senior Associate





TOWNSHIP OF MCMURRICH/MONTEITH

REPORT TO COUNCIL

Report: To Council

Originator: Allyson Pedwell, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Subject: Local Business Partnership Opportunity

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of the Recreation Committee that Council consider the Partnership Proposal from 6S Graphics, attached. This is a unique opportunity that supports and advertises local businesses, as well as offsets the cost of improving our recreational assets and events.

BACKGROUND:

Lily from 6S Graphics proposed a project to staff. Staff took the proposal to the Recreation Committee. The project is as follows:

- selling ad space on the boards at the rink.
- 6S Graphics would handle the customer communication and all the planning.
- The full payment would be issued to the town and then 6S Graphics would then invoice the Town for the logo production and installation.
- 6S Graphics would be promoting that proceeds would be given to the town to put towards funding improving recreational assets and events.
- 6S would not be able to install any of this until the weather warms up in the spring.
- Advertisement space could be for a 1 year term and then have a renewal cost for that business to keep it's space.

At the time of this report, we had not received what the logo production and installation cost would be, so staff are unable to determine the final cost of the advertisement space.

RESOLUTION:

Be It Resolved that Council accepts that Recommendation from the Recreation Committee and staff to partner with 6S Graphics on the rink board advertisement project.

Deputy Clerk

From: Lily Wilson <lily@6sgraphics.com>
Sent: February 9, 2026 2:25 PM
To: Deputy Clerk
Subject: Advertising

Hi Allyson,

I hope you are staying warm ?!

I'm ready for winter to be over anytime now. I wanted to ask you about a proposal that we briefly discussed last year. The potential for selling ad space on the boards at the arena. I'm not sure of the logistics as far as getting approval for a project like this. It would be a sort of partnership between us. I would handle the customer communication and all the planning. The full payment would be issued to the town and then we would then invoice you for the logo production and installation. I would be promoting that proceeds would be given to the town to put towards funding local sports and leisure activities. Unless there is somewhere else you would like the funds to be allocated ? We would not be able to install any of this until the weather warms up in the spring but I thought if I start now with getting all the details worked out between us I can hopefully start to promote the project soon.

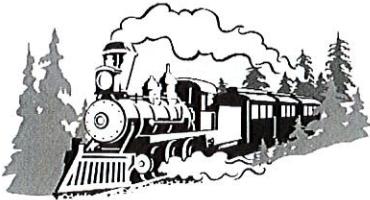
I would like to get our train logo up there first, like our home brand so to speak, maybe right behind the net at the far end. I was thinking we could do just a digital mock up of this to help give people a size reference and get a look at the facility. I would send this out with a promotional letter to inform businesses of the opportunity. There will be several details to sort out but I just wanted to reach out to see what you think and what you may need from me in order to hopefully proceed with this project.

Thanks, I hope you have a great day !

Oh and as soon as it warms up a little more I can come and put up your new hours sticker as well ;)

Sincerely,
Lily Wilson





TOWNSHIP OF McMURRICH / MONTEITH

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www.mcmurrichmonteith.com

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BIDS

Are being accepted on the following Public Works Department surplus equipment:

Unit 1

1972 Cat Loader 950, parked since October, 2025

Unit 2

7kW Generac generator and 100amp switch

AS IS, WHERE IS CONDITION

Units are located at the McMurrich/Monteith Public Works Department at 2455 Highway 518 West for viewing.

Contact: Neil Hellam, PW Superintendent at Cell: 705-571-0373 for further information.

Sealed bids will be accepted until
12:00pm Noon, Tuesday, February 17, 2026

at the Township of McMurrich/Monteith Office, 31 William Street, P.O. Box 70, Sprucedale, Ontario P0A 1Y0.

Highest or any bid not necessarily accepted.

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Corporation of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith

By-law No. 09-2026

Being a By-law to amend Zoning By-law No. 16-2016
(2187644 Ontario Inc. – 69 Little Falls Road, Sprucedale, Part of Lot 16, Con 12, McMurrich)

WHEREAS pursuant to the provisions of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Section 34, the Council of a Municipality may enact by-laws regulating the use of lands and the erection of buildings and structures;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith has received an application for a zoning by-law amendment for lands in Part of Lot 16, Concession 12, McMurrich and deems it advisable to amend By-law No. 16-2016 (the Comprehensive Zoning By-law of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith);

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

1. Schedule B3 of By-law No 16-2016 is amended by changing the zoning of the lands at 69 Little Falls Road, Sprucedale, in Part of Lot 16, Concession 12, McMurrich that are subject to conditions of Consent B-035/25, B-036/25, B-037/25 from the Rural (RU) Zone to the Settlement Residential (RS) Zone, as shown on Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this By-law.
2. Schedule B3 of By-law No 16-2016 is amended by changing the zoning of the lands at 69 Little Falls Road, Sprucedale, in Part of Lot 16, Concession 12, McMurrich being a portion of the retained lands resulting from Consent B-035/25, B-036/25, B-037/25 from the Rural (RU) Zone to the Settlement Residential Exception Twenty-Nine (RS-29) Zone, as shown on Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this By-law.
3. Table 6 of Section 4.5 of By-law No. 16-2016 is amended by the addition of the following Special Provisions:

Exception	Location	Schedule	Special Provisions
RS-29 By-law 09-2026	Pt. Lot 16, Con. 12 McMurrich	B3	On lands zoned RS-29, the following provisions apply: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum east interior side yard setback = 23 metres. All other applicable provisions of the RS zone continue to apply.

4. This By-law shall take effect from the date of its passage by Council and shall come into force in accordance with Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O 1990, Ch P.13, as amended.

READ a first and second time this 17th day of February, 2026.

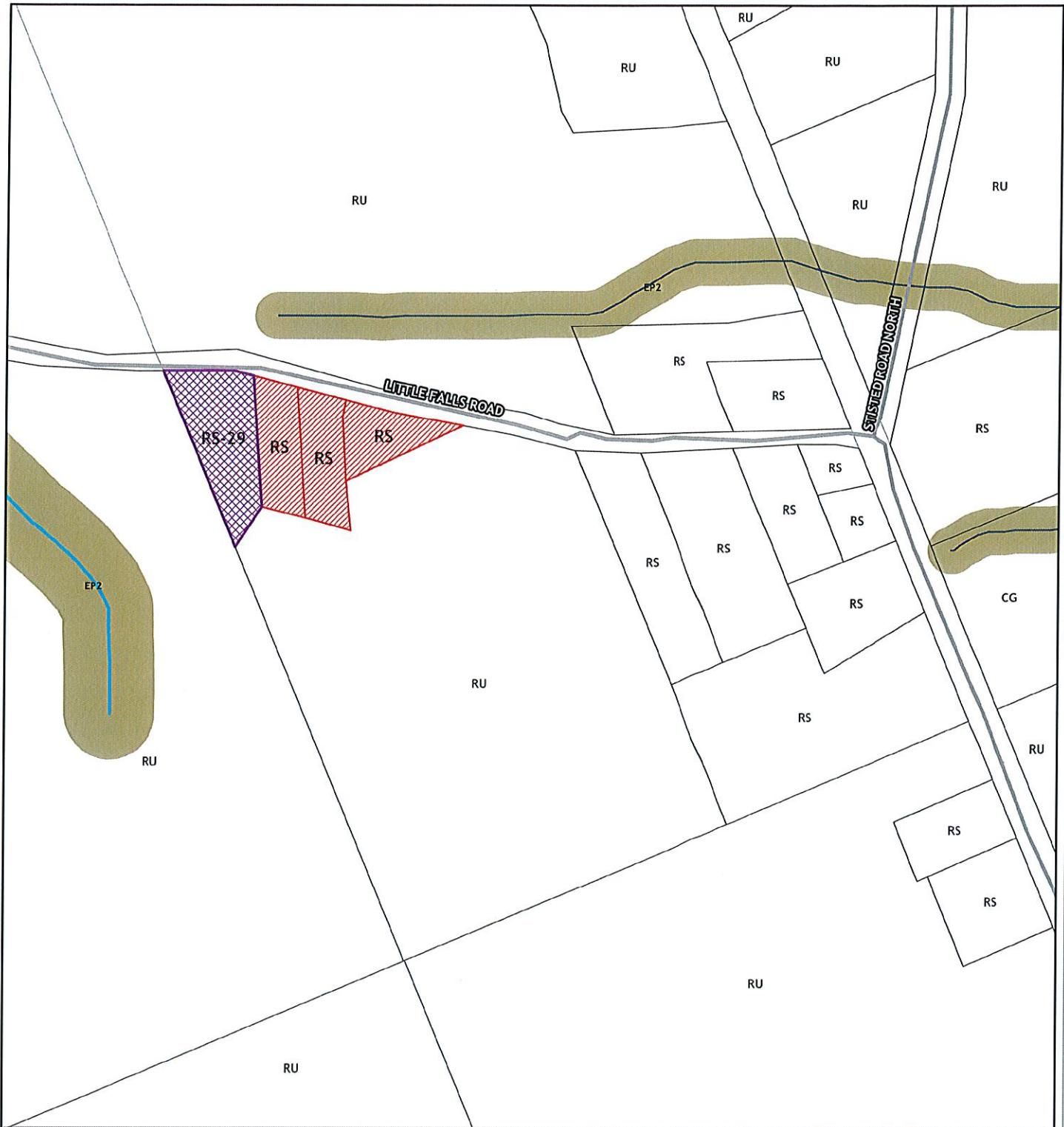
Mayor

Clerk

READ a third time and passed this 17th day of February, 2026.

Mayor

Clerk



 LANDS TO BE REZONED FROM RURAL (RU) TO SETTLEMENT RESIDENTIAL (RS)

 LANDS TO BE REZONED FROM RURAL (RU)
TO SETTLEMENT RESIDENTIAL EXCEPTION TWENTY-NINE (RS-29)

69 LITTLE FALLS ROAD, SPRUCEDALE
PART OF LOT 16, CONCESSIONS 12
GEOGRAPHIC TOWNSHIP OF McMURRICH
TOWNSHIP OF McMURRICH/MONTEITH
DISTRICT OF PARRY SOUND

2187644 ONTARIO LIMITED



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THIS IS SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW

OF THE
NSHIP OF McMURRICH MONTEITH

PASSED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2026

MAYOR

CLERK

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCMURRICH/MONTEITH

BY-LAW 10 - 2026

Being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council
Meeting: February 3, 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: February 3, 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 17th day of February, 2026.

Mayor
Glynn Robinson

Clerk-Treasurer
Cheryl Marshall

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THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF McMURRICH/MONTEITH

By-law # 11 - 2026

Being a bylaw to establish a Public Highway over lands described herein.

WHEREAS the Municipal Act 2001, S.O. 2001. section 27(1), provides that a Municipality may pass by-laws in respect of a highway only if it has jurisdiction over the highway;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Act 2001, S.O. 2001. section 31 (2), provides that after January 1, 2003, land may only become a highway by virtue of a bylaw establishing the highway and not by the activities of the Municipality or any other person in relation to the land, including the spending of public money;

AND WHEREAS Council of the Corporation of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith deems it necessary to establish and accept the following property as part of the road system in the Township of McMurrich/Monteith: Part 1 on Plan 42R-22853, Part of Lot 17, Concession 14, shared boundary road with the Township of McMurrich/Monteith and Township of Ryerson (Part of PIN 52169-0071)

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith ENACTS as follows:

1. That the following property description is hereby assumed for public use: Part 1 on Plan 42R-22853, Part of Lot 17, Concession 14, shared boundary road with the Township of McMurrich/Monteith and Township of Ryerson (Part of PIN 52169-0071)
2. That this By-law shall come into force and effect as of the date the Township of McMurrich/Monteith passes this bylaw.
3. That the Mayor and the Clerk are hereby authorized to execute all documentation necessary.

Read a first and second time this 17th day of February, 2026

Read a third time and final time and passed this 17th day of February, 2026.

Mayor

Clerk

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January 29, 2026

SENT ELECTRONICALLY

Ms. Cheryl Marshall
Clerk/Treasurer - Township of McMurrich/Monteith
31 William Street
P.O. Box 70
Sprucedale, ON P0A 1Y0

Dear Ms. Cheryl Marshall:

Re: 2026 Municipal Levy

Attached please find your **2026 Municipal Levy Information Package**.

At its meeting on January 28, 2026, the Board of Health approved the 2026 budget. The approved budget includes a 1% increase (previously confirmed) in provincial mandatory program funding and a 4% increase in the Municipal share. For 2026, the sharing split is 77.29% provincial and 22.71% municipal.

Please note that 2026 is the final year of the Strengthening Public Health Initiative, which provides a 1% funding increase to health units. Funding for 2027 is unknown at this time. Updated Draft Ontario Public Health Standards have been shared with health units; however, final release has been delayed, and current protocols and standards remain in effect.

In accordance with the Board of Health By-Laws, the Municipal Reserve status will be updated and provided with the 2025 audited financial statements. For your information, the Municipal Reserve balance as of October 31, 2025, was \$2,488,411.

To learn more about Health Unit programs, activities, and reports, please visit the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit website at www.myhealthunit.ca. The website is completely searchable and provides information on a wide range of health topics.

The following information is enclosed:

- **Appendix A – 2025 Levy Payment Schedule**

• **Appendix B – 2025 Board of Health Approved Budget Summary Sheet**

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Paul Massicotte, Executive Director, Corporate Services/Privacy Officer, at (705) 474-1400, extension 5238.

Yours truly,



Rick Champagne (Jan 29, 2026 14:14:52 EST)

Rick Champagne
Chairperson, Board of Health

Enclosures (2)

Copy to: Paul Massicotte, Executive Director, Corporate Services/Privacy Officer
Dr. Carol Zimbalatti, Medical Officer of Health/Executive Officer
Board of Health

Appendix A

January 29, 2026

Township of McMurrich/Monteith
31 William Street
P.O. Box 70
Sprucedale, ON P0A 1Y0

2026 LEVY PAYMENT SCHEDULE

2026 Annual Levy **\$28,648.00**

Monthly Payment Schedule effective January 1, 2026	Amount
January 1, 2026	\$2,297.67
February 1, 2026	\$2,297.67
March 1, 2026	\$2,405.23
April 1, 2026	\$2,405.27
May 1, 2026	\$2,405.27
June 1, 2026	\$2,405.27
July 1, 2026	\$2,405.27
August 1, 2026	\$2,405.27
September 1, 2026	\$2,405.27
October 1, 2026	\$2,405.27
November 1, 2026	\$2,405.27
December 1, 2026	\$2,405.27
Total	\$28,648.00

Levy based on population of: 732

Per Capita Rate: **\$39.14**

Due Date: The first day of every month
Interest is charged at 1.25% per month on outstanding balances.

Please remit to: North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit
Attention: Finance Department
345 Oak St W
North Bay, ON P1B 2T2
Or Direct Deposit to: Account # 03442 003 128749

2026 Board of Health Public Health Budget

Budget Summary Sheet

Budget Summary	Budget 2025	Forecast 2025	Budget 2026	Cost Sharing Percentage for 2026	Notes
Total Expenses	23,282,096	23,397,114	24,052,331		1
Less Program Revenues	481,041	627,106	603,725		2
Net Expenses	22,801,055	22,770,008	23,448,606		
Less: 100% Funding, and One-Time Funding and Grants	5,190,769	5,652,102	5,544,905		3
Total Shareable Base	17,610,286	17,117,906	17,903,701		
Ministry of Health Share	13,701,100	13,318,020	13,838,100	77.29%	4
Municipal Share	3,909,232	3,799,886	4,065,601	22.71%	5
Plus: 100% Municipal - Adult Dental	98,277	53,708	98,277		6
Gross Municipal Levy	4,007,509	3,853,594	4,163,878		
Per Capita Municipal Population	106,394	106,394	106,394		7
Per Capita Rate	37.67	36.22	39.14		

Notes for Budget Summary

- 1 Total expenses include the cost of all Health Unit programs and services.
- 2 Program revenues are generated through payments from the public or the government on a fee-for-service basis.
- 3 The forecast for 2025 includes 100% funding from multiple sources and one-time funding for COVID-19 Vaccination expenses and Purpose-Built Immunization Product Refrigeration.
- 4 The Ministry of Health funding for 2026 has been confirmed at a 1% increase over last year. The new total of \$13,838,100 is 77.29% of the shareable base.
- 5 The municipal share is calculated using the 2025 levy plus 4%. The new total of \$4,065,601 is 22.71% of the shareable base.
- 6 The 2025 forecasted 100% Municipal Adult Dental is below budget as a result of increased offset revenues from the Ontario Disability Support Program and Low Income People Involvement of Nipissing.
- 7 As per the *Health Promotion and Protection Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. H. 7, O. Reg. 489-97 Allocation of Board of Health Expenses, current (2022) Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) enumeration data is used for populations. MPAC does not allow their total population data to be shared publicly.

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From: FONOM Office/ Bureau de FONOM <fonom.info@gmail.com>
Sent: January 29, 2026 6:18 PM
Subject: DRAFT Municipal Resolution - The Birth of Change (1)
Attachments: DRAFT Municipal Resolution - The Birth of Change (1).pdf; Partnership and Collaboration Project (2) (1).pdf

Good morning

Please share this Resolution with your Mayor, Council, Senior Management and your Community Safety and Wellbeing person.

The attached DRAFT Municipal Resolution - The Birth of Change is for your council's consideration. There is also a supporting Document attached, created by the North Bay Police Service.

If a member of your Council would like to bring it forward to your next meeting, please let your Clerk know.

Suggested comment in support of this change

Colleagues, I'm bringing this resolution forward because prescription drug diversion is no longer an abstract or distant issue; it's something municipalities across Northern Ontario are dealing with every day.

When legally prescribed medications are sold, traded, or misused, the impacts fall squarely at the local level. We see it through increased pressure on our police services, emergency responders, hospitals, housing systems, and community supports. These are municipal impacts, even if the tools to address them largely sit with the Province.

What I appreciate about the "Birth of Change" initiative is that it doesn't approach this issue from just one angle. It brings together police, health professionals, pharmacists, addiction specialists, and community partners to identify practical, evidence-based approaches to reduce diversion while protecting access to medically necessary treatment for those who genuinely need it.

*This resolution does **not** require our municipality to assume new responsibilities or enforce new rules. It simply adds our voice to a growing call for the Province to seriously review the recommendations coming from this collaborative work and to continue engaging municipalities as part of the solution.*

By supporting this resolution, we are saying two things:

First, that prescription diversion is a real public health and community safety issue affecting our residents.

Second, Northern Ontario communities deserve solutions that reflect our realities, not one-size-fits-all approaches.

I believe passing this resolution is a responsible and constructive way for our council to support safer communities and encourage meaningful provincial action, and I ask for Council's support.

Talk soon, Mac.

Mac Bain
Executive Director
The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities
665 Oak Street East, Unit 306
North Bay, ON, P1B 9E5
Ph. 705-498-9510



2026 FONOM Conference

Hosted by the City of Timmins

May 11, 12, and 13, 2026, at the

McIntyre Community Centre

85 McIntyre Road, Timmins, Ontario

Helen Keller once said, *“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much”*.

Support for the Prescription Diversion Partnership and Collaboration Project
“The Birth of Change”

_____ moved, **SECONDED** by _____, that

WHEREAS prescription drug diversion, particularly involving regulated opioids and other controlled medications, presents a serious and growing risk to public health, community safety, and vulnerable populations across Ontario, including Northern and rural communities; and

WHEREAS evidence from law enforcement, health professionals, and community drug strategy partners demonstrates that diverted prescription medications are contributing to substance misuse, criminal activity, and increased strain on health, social, and enforcement systems throughout Northern Ontario

WHEREAS the **Partnership and Collaboration Project, “The Birth of Change”** (written by the North Bay Police Services and Community Drug Strategy of North Bay & Area), brings together law enforcement, addiction medicine specialists, pharmacists, public health partners, and community organizations to address prescription diversion through a collaborative, evidence-based, and multi-sector approach

WHEREAS the project identifies practical regulatory, prescribing, dispensing, and prevention measures intended to reduce diversion while maintaining appropriate access to medically necessary pain management and addiction treatment services; and

WHEREAS municipalities across Northern Ontario are experiencing the downstream impacts of prescription diversion, including pressures on emergency services, policing, housing stability, and community well-being;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the _____ *Municipality* _____ formally supports the **Partnership and Collaboration Project, “The Birth of Change”** and its objectives to reduce prescription drug diversion through coordinated, evidence-based action; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that _____ *Municipality* _____ calls on the **Province of Ontario**, including the **Ministry of Health** and the **Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions**, to review and give serious consideration to the project’s recommendations, including regulatory, prescribing, dispensing, and prevention strategies aimed at mitigating prescription diversion while protecting patient care; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that _____ *Municipality* _____ encourage continued provincial engagement with municipalities, law enforcement, health professionals, pharmacists, and community partners to ensure that solutions are practical, regionally appropriate, and responsive to the realities faced by Northern Ontario communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the **Minister of Health**, the **Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions**, **Sgt. Brad Reaume**, **Northern Ontario Members of Provincial Parliament**, **NOMA**, **AMO** and **ROMA**.

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District of Nipissing

Partnership and Collaboration “the birth of change”



Det. B. Reaume
Co-Chair

Prescription Diversion Project
November 2025

Ms. P. Cliche, R.N.
Co-Chair

Partnership and Collaboration
"the birth of change"

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Partnership and Collaboration
“the birth of change”

Location of Project:

The Prescription Diversion project is underway in the Nipissing District, located in Northeastern Ontario, established in 1858. The district seat is North Bay. North Bay is a diverse community with a population of 52,662 and a regional trading area of 112,000, covering the districts of Nipissing, Parry Sound, Timmins, Temiskaming Shores, and Cobalt.

The North Bay Census Agglomeration includes the Municipalities of East Ferris, Callander, and the Townships of Bonfield and Chisholm. Unorganized townships include Nipissing North and the Municipality of Powassan. As of the 2021 Census, the total population of North Bay, CA is 71,736.

English is the primary language, with a smaller French-speaking community. Indigenous people comprise 10.7% of the population, with the majority identifying as First Nations.

Three general hospitals operate in the Nipissing District: North Bay Regional Health Centre, West Nipissing General Hospital, and Mattawa General Hospital.

The region receives policing services from the North Bay Police Service, Ontario Provincial Police, both municipal and regional offices, and the Anishinabek Police Service.

Definition of Prescription Diversion:

Diversion occurs when a prescription holder receives medication from a pharmacist/dispenser and is then traded or sold. This may come in many forms, as low-impactful as a benefit holder assisting a family member with costs or non-narcotic medication.

Diversion is the illegal distribution or abuse of prescription drugs, or their use is not intended by the prescriber. The vast majority of diversion includes the sale or trade of prescribed narcotics for currency or a more desired narcotic like fentanyl and analogs of fentanyl.

Background:

In February 2025, the Street Crime Unit of the North Bay Police Service recognized that Prescription Diversion within the community was continuing to increase. Detective Brad Reaume reported that he had been informed by a dealer that he had arrested “that everyone diverts their medication”. This person continued to relay statements such as they are like “candy on the streets, kids are buying them,” and “you’re doing the same thing you did with oxy’s all over again.”

During the execution of several search warrants, 8mg Dilaudid pills and prescription bottles were found routinely, and during one search warrant, over 1000 pills were discovered.

Hydromorphone is being sold and traded for a preferred narcotic- Fentanyl (Analogs). The pills are then sold for a profit to low-tolerance individuals and introduction to substance abusers. A concerning factor is that young people are seeking out dealers to purchase these pills.

Methadone, a Schedule II narcotic used to treat Opioid use disorder, is also sold and traded for the preferred drug of choice. (See Appendix A: Slide deck ***Diversion North Bay.ppt***)

In February 2025, a series of meetings took place with various stakeholders and partners to begin addressing the issue strategically. Detective Brad Reaume and Patricia Cliche from the

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Community Drug Strategy – North Bay & Area assumed the roles of Chairs for the Prescription Diversion Project.

A series of meetings from February through to March 10, 2025, were hosted with addiction physicians presenting the issue and soliciting input and recommendations from the prescribers. Also in February, an awareness letter, “Withdraw Management & Opiate Prescribing Issue,” was sent to all addiction physicians as well as to the Department of General & Family Practice at the North Bay Regional Hospital.

On May 2, 2025, Detective Brad Reaume and Pat Cliche met with our local MPP, Vic Fedeli, to communicate the issue of diversion and address some regulatory changes. MPP Fedeli advised us to speak directly to the staff at the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions, and that at the first opportunity, he would pass on information to the Associate Minister Honourable Vijay Thanigasalam.

On May 27, 2025, a Media Release was posted to communicate and raise awareness around the issue of diversion and the types of medications that are a risk to individuals who are not regulated consumers. **(See Appendix B: Media Release)**

During July 2025, we had the opportunity to discuss the issue of Prescription Diversion via a virtual platform with three staff members from the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions. The meeting was an opportunity to discuss future steps and plans regarding the North Bay project, ensuring to share and keep the Ministry up to date on plans and progress.

In our past experiences with our development of Bill 33 – Safeguarding our Communities Act, it was realized that the pharmacists were Gatekeepers to assist in the success of projects. We scheduled two meetings with all our local pharmacy outlets to seek their recommendations to address this concern.

First meeting was held on April 10 with some suggested recommendations, and on August 28, 2025, a large symposium with pharmacists, enforcement, addiction physician from Sudbury, partners from the local Mental Health & Addiction Committee and a Lived experience person who stated she had lost two partners to overdose but that she had “trafficked her prescriptions over 10,000 times.” The participants revealed crucial facts relating to actual diversion, indicating that prescription holders quickly (within 24 hours) divert their prescriptions for sale or trade. This key fact is supported by police investigations, where diverted medications were discovered and supports the regulatory changes recommended.

This issue of diversion is also not isolated to one community; it is widespread across the province. In Timmins, Police seized \$1.26 million in drugs and arrested 22 people, the result of a major drug operation in Timmins and Attawapiskat First Nation. Project Albion was conducted in conjunction with the Timmins Police Service, the Ontario Provincial Police, and it began in September 2024. They also seized \$100,000 in cash. Among the drugs seized were: fentanyl, crystal methamphetamine, methamphetamine pills, cocaine, oxycodone (Percocet and

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OxyContin pills), hydromorphone pills, morphine pills, psilocybin, lorazepam, Ritalin, MDMA, two motor vehicles, a rifle, a conducted energy weapon, and various paraphernalia consistent with drug trafficking.

Finally, in London, Ontario, CBC news reported on July 8, 2024, that about half of the opioids seized by London, Ont., police last year were prescribed Dilaudids.

Dilaudids made up roughly 15,000 of the hydromorphone pills seized in 2023.

Goal for Prescription Diversion:

To work with various community pharmacists, prescribers and committee members to explore potential best practices/strategies and regulatory options that may mitigate the impact of prescription diversion.

Objective for Prescription Diversion:

To convene working forums with identified pharmacists, prescribers and committee members under one umbrella to focus on the issues surrounding prescription diversion and then to develop multiple strategies aimed at reducing or eliminating the issue.

Deliverables: (Strategies-Recommendations)

(A) Recommendations: Addiction Physicians on March 10, 2025

1. Utilization of screening tool by all prescribing physicians in our area to ensure consistent screening of all clients.
2. Prescribing physicians will schedule and document a call-back screening program as a pilot.
3. The NBPS will notify the individual physician via a private text with a photo of all and any identified prescription bottles discovered during a search. It is the responsibility of the physician to then notify and speak to the client. (A legal discussion currently ongoing to determine if this contravenes privacy regulation)
4. Future meetings will be arranged with the community pharmacy outlets.
5. Suggestions that we re-initiate the return of Methadone bottles to the pharmacy or clinics used.

(B) Recommendations: Pharmacy Outlets on April 30, 2025

1. Return of Methadone Bottles to the pharmacy or clinic, but must be consistent across all pharmacy outlets. Develop a Best Practice regulation so that all outlets are compliant.
2. **Call-back** process for a pre-determined time period. Zero tolerance policy for clients if not compliant; they will be obligated to speak to their physician and be subject to a quantitative urine sampling investigation. The pharmacy will do if funding is available for consultation fees, which will sufficiently interfere with hydromorphone diversion.
3. Investigate the feasibility of a written, signed contract between the patient and physician. Violation of regulations will result in the immediate termination of the prescription.
4. Remove Dilaudid 8 mg (Hydromorphone) from provincial pharmacy coverage, **OR** develop a standard and accepted callback regulation requiring prescribers to call back

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patients on a random basis to demonstrate the medication has not been diverted. This will be done on a no less than 4 times per year, and there shall be no announcement of this regulation.

5. Physicians, when prescribing, observe the client taking Kadian. This will **eliminate** Kadian in our communities.

(C) Recommendations: August 28, 2025

Regulatory Recommendations for Prescription Diversion

Opioid diversion poses a significant risk to both public health and community safety. Our committee believes that these recommendations strike a balance between ensuring appropriate access to necessary pain medications and safeguarding our communities from the risks associated with diversion. A multifaceted approach will also provide patients with safer, evidence-based alternatives for managing pain and addictions.

All pharmacy outlets in Ontario must remain consistent and compliant with all approved regulations regarding prescription diversion.

1. Formulary Adjustments

- **Delist from the Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB) Formulary**
 - Dilaudid (hydromorphone) 8mg tablets: DIN 00786543 and all its generic interchangeables
 - Hydromorpha Contin 24mg (DIN 02125382) and 30mg (DIN 02125390), and 4.5 mg (DIN 02359502) capsules with all their generic interchangeables
- **Restrict access to higher-strength formulations from General Benefits to Limited Use (LU) or Exceptional Access Program (EAP)**
 - Dilaudid 4 mg tabs (DIN 00125121) and all its generic interchangeables
 - Hydromorpha Contin 18mg caps (DIN 02243562) and all its generic interchangeables

2. Dispensing Regulations

- If Kadian is to be provided, the administration **must be observed**. There is to be no take-home prescription. Exceptions under certain circumstances, such as when the provider is closed for the weekend.
- Implement legislation limiting opioid dispensing to a **maximum 14-day supply**
- Establish a **random “call-back” program**, allowing pharmacists/physicians to request that patients return their dispensed opioid medications in their original containers for verification and count
- A **nominal \$5:00 fee** would be reimbursed under ODB for each callback, limited to four (4) callbacks per client per year
- Require that all **methadone carry bottles be returned** with their original label intact for patients to receive their next carry supply.

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3. Enhanced Pain Management Options

- Expand provincial coverage to support a multifaceted approach to acute pain management to include:
- Addition of non-opioid options to the ODB formulary, muscle relaxants, tramadol, and tramacet, anti-inflammatories such as ketorolac
- Short-term coverage for physiotherapy, chiropractic care, massage therapy, and psychotherapy

4. Alternatives to Opioid Detoxification

- Explore and implement non-opioid-based approaches to detoxification, reducing reliance on opioids in the recovery pathway.

(D) Other recommendations and suggested prevention strategies

- Legislative changes are needed, such as delisting higher strengths of opioids and limiting prescription quantities to reduce diversion and encourage reflection on dosage choices.
- Improve regulations and reporting mechanisms to address prescription diversion and trafficking.
- Review concerns around the lack of coverage for alternative pain management treatments, suggesting this contributes to addiction issues and the need to consider broader healthcare system reforms.
- Potential strategies to detect and prevent prescription diversion, including the use of technology for remote medication monitoring.
- Reporting of physicians if it is known that they are aware their client is diverting their medication and ignore the issue. Should they be reported to their college for them to review their practice?
- A creation of a clear reporting channel for pharmacists and physicians that can be implemented quickly.
- The need to address this issue proactively to avoid legal challenges, similar to a Class Action suit with Oxycodone.

Actions to Address Prescription Diversion

1. Seek approval from the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions for our submitted Proposal of September 18, 2025. and presently the latest format Partnership and Collaboration – “the birth of change”
2. Increase public education and awareness not only in schools but also among the general public.
3. The need to review and recommend some mandatory guidelines for the use of Methadone, such as the actual consulting during treatment and determining the length of time that a client remains on Methadone.
4. Seek approval and letters of support from various partnerships throughout our Province.

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Appendices:

- Appendix A: Slide Deck – Diversion North Bay ppt.
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- Appendix D: Sample Motion to approve Prescription Diversion Submission

Appendix A



Diversion Trends – North Bay April 30 2025



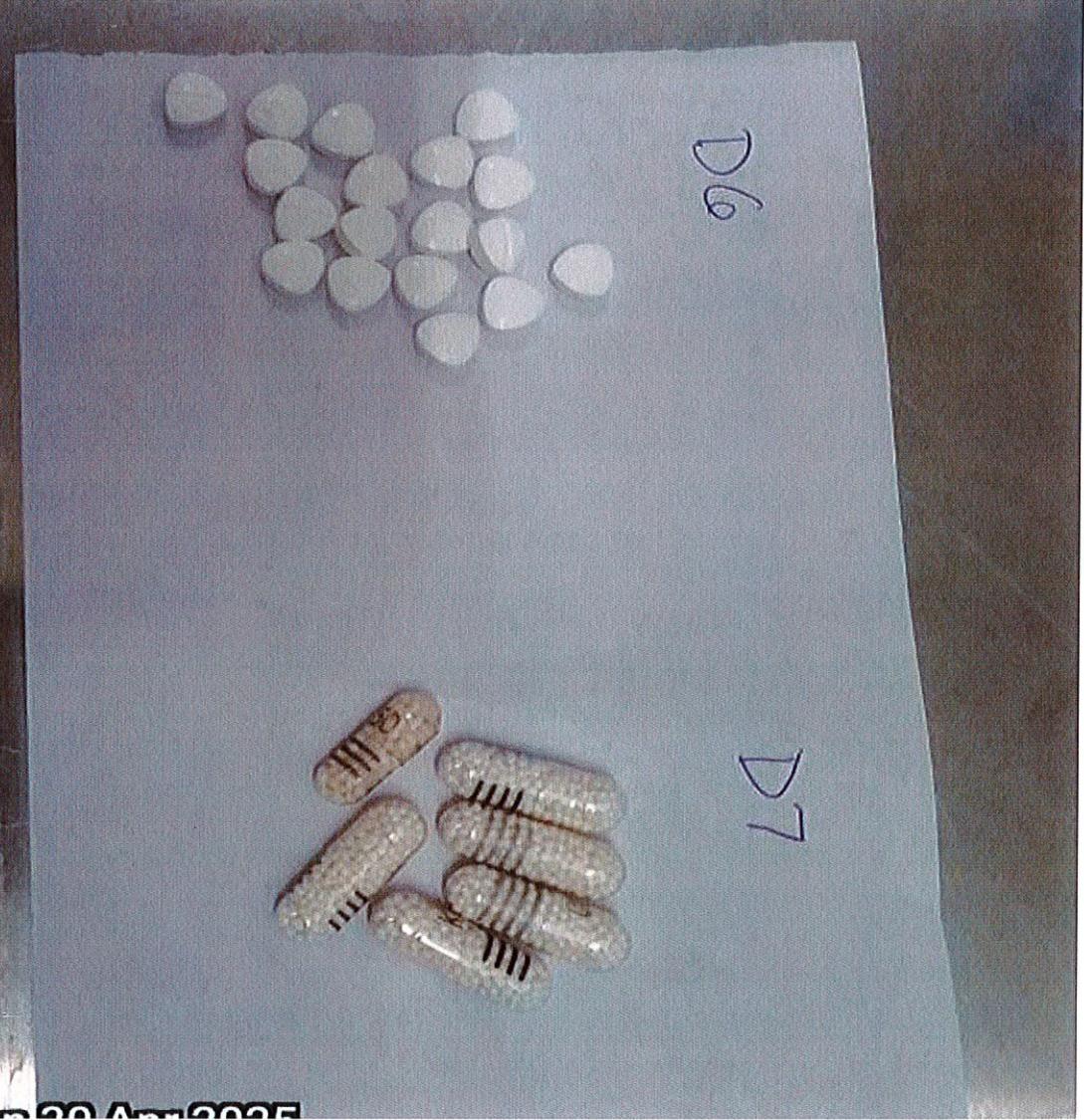
Diversion – is the trade/sale of prescribed medications

Alarming conversations with traffickers who have expressed concerns “They’re flooding the streets like candy” “Kids are asking for them”

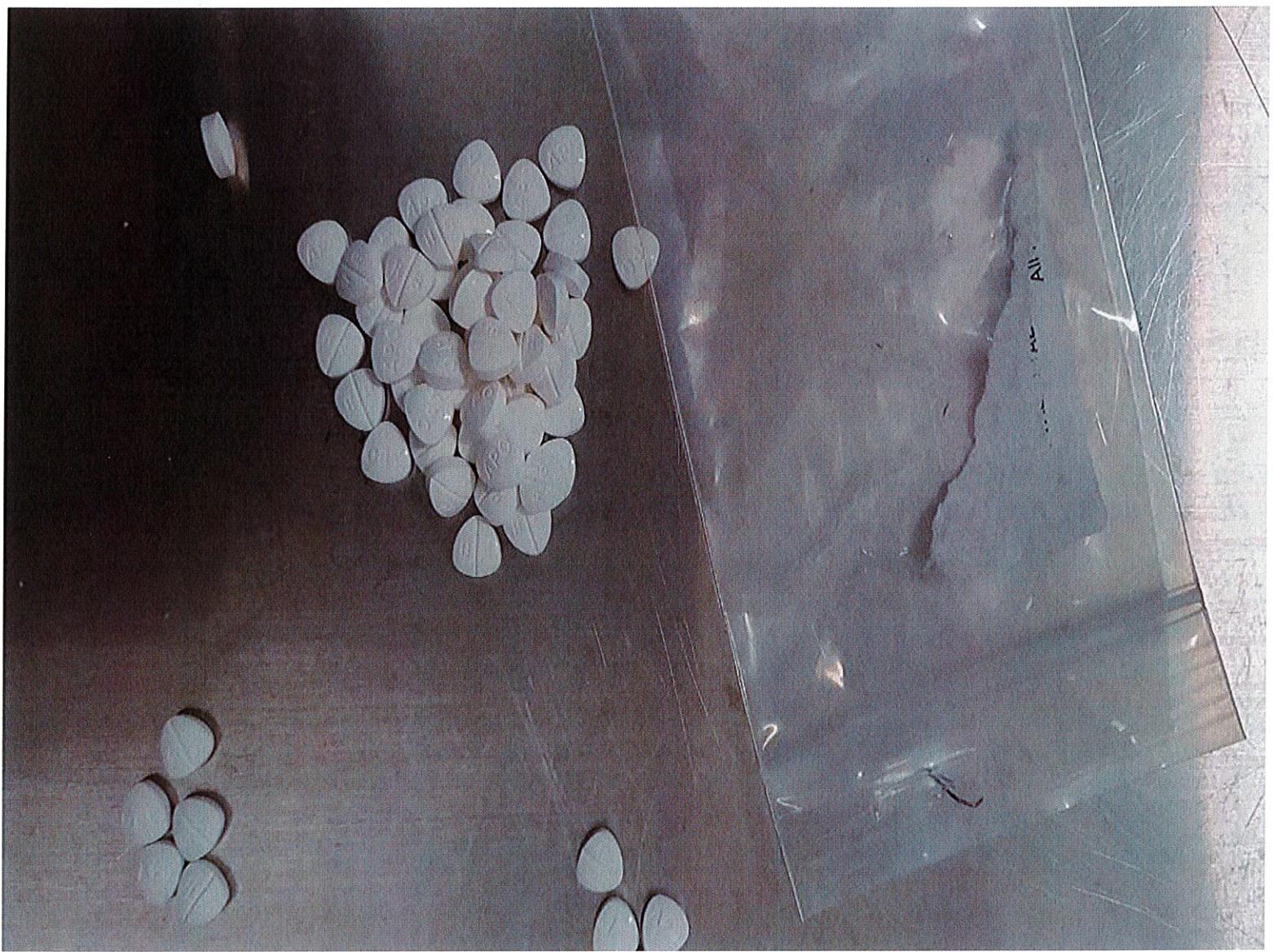
“Your doing the same thing you did with oxys”









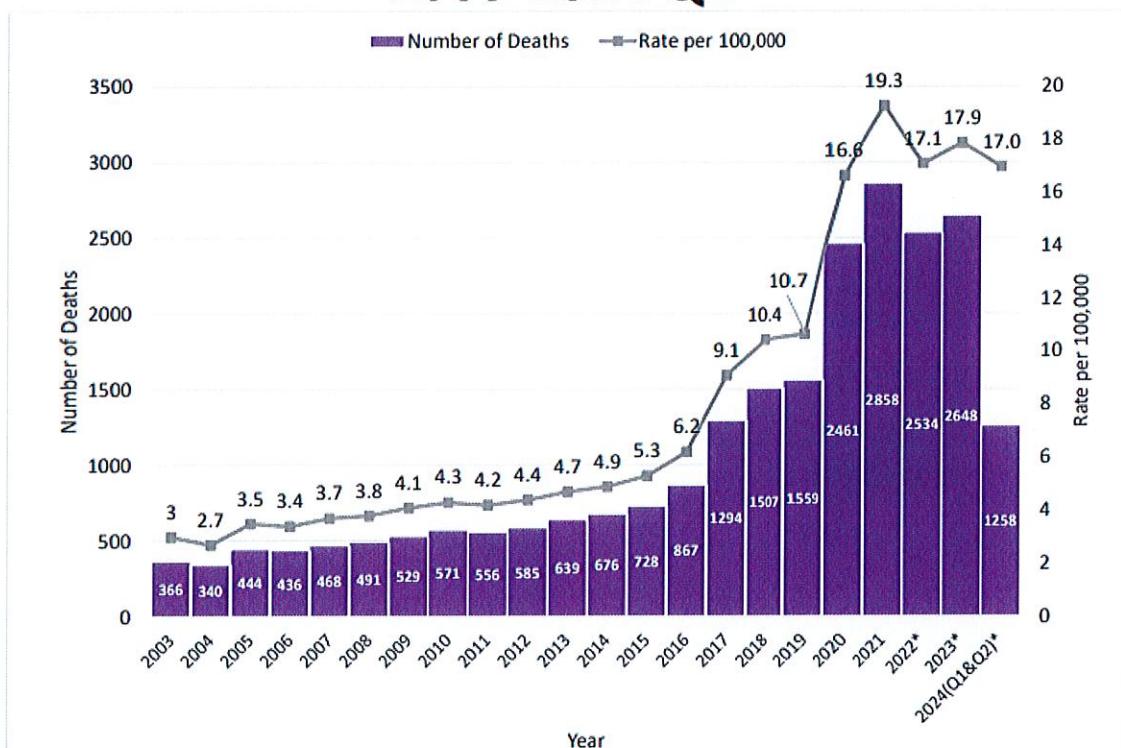


BUPRENORPH/NALOX 8MG/2MG
TEVA-BUPRENORPH/NALOXONE 8/2 MG
Qty: 90 TAB

**DISSOLVE 1 TABLET
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TIMES DAILY (90 TABLETS
EVERY 30 DAYS)**

DR. W. Graham

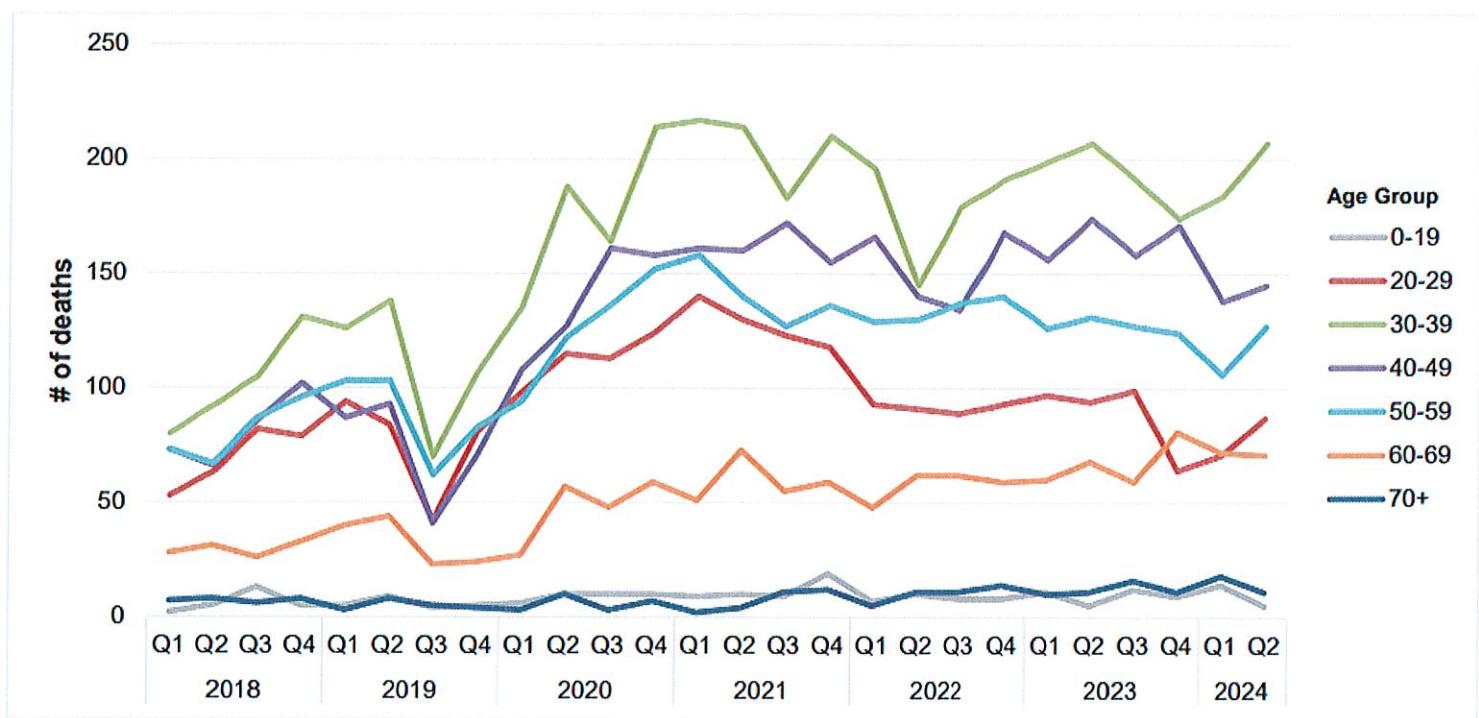
Opioid toxicity deaths in Ontario by year, 2003-2024 Q2



In 2021, the mortality rate for opioid toxicity in Ontario was 19.3 per 100,000 population; more than double the rate in 2017 (9.1).

In 2024(Q1&Q2), the mortality rate has decreased by 12% compared to 2021, however remains 59% higher than in 2019.

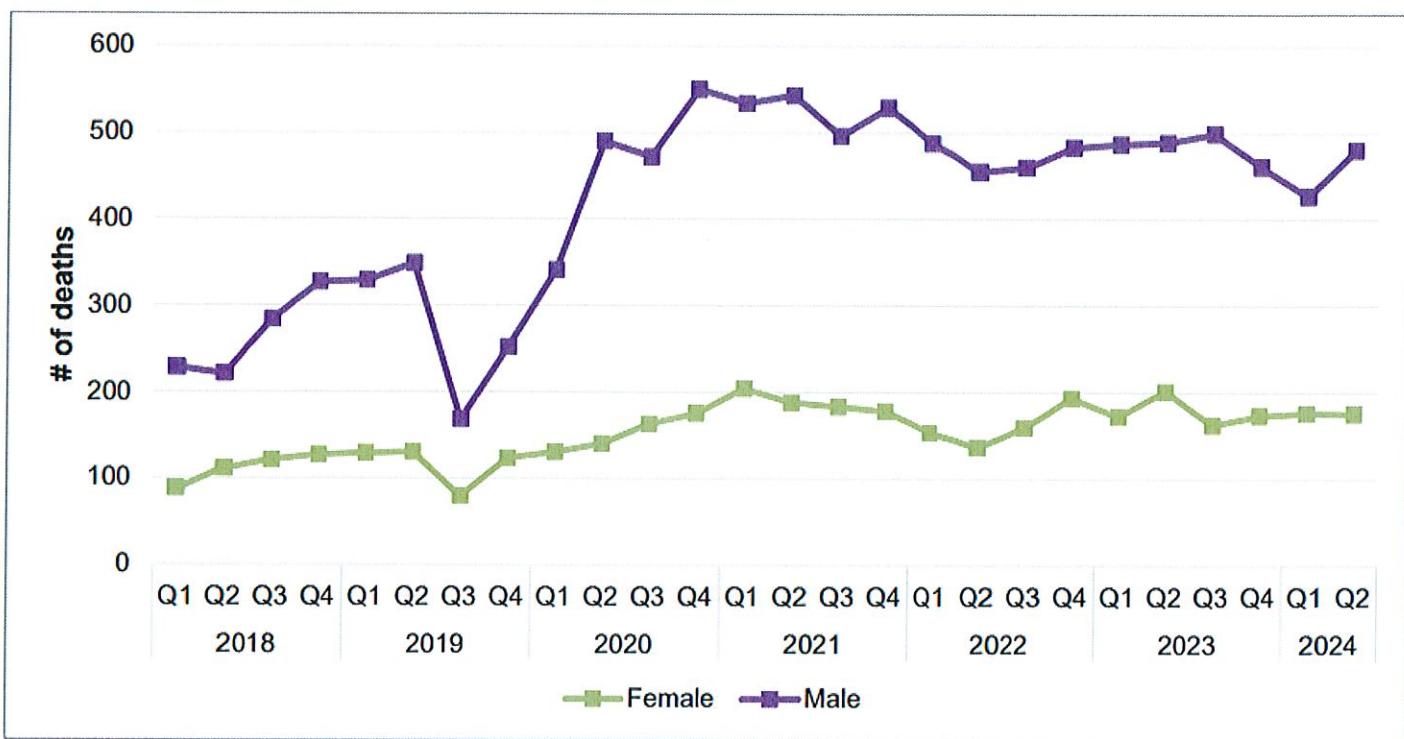
Opioid toxicity deaths in Ontario by age group, 2018-2024 Q2



Age groups 30-59 continue to be **most impacted**, accounting for 73% of deaths in Q2 2024.

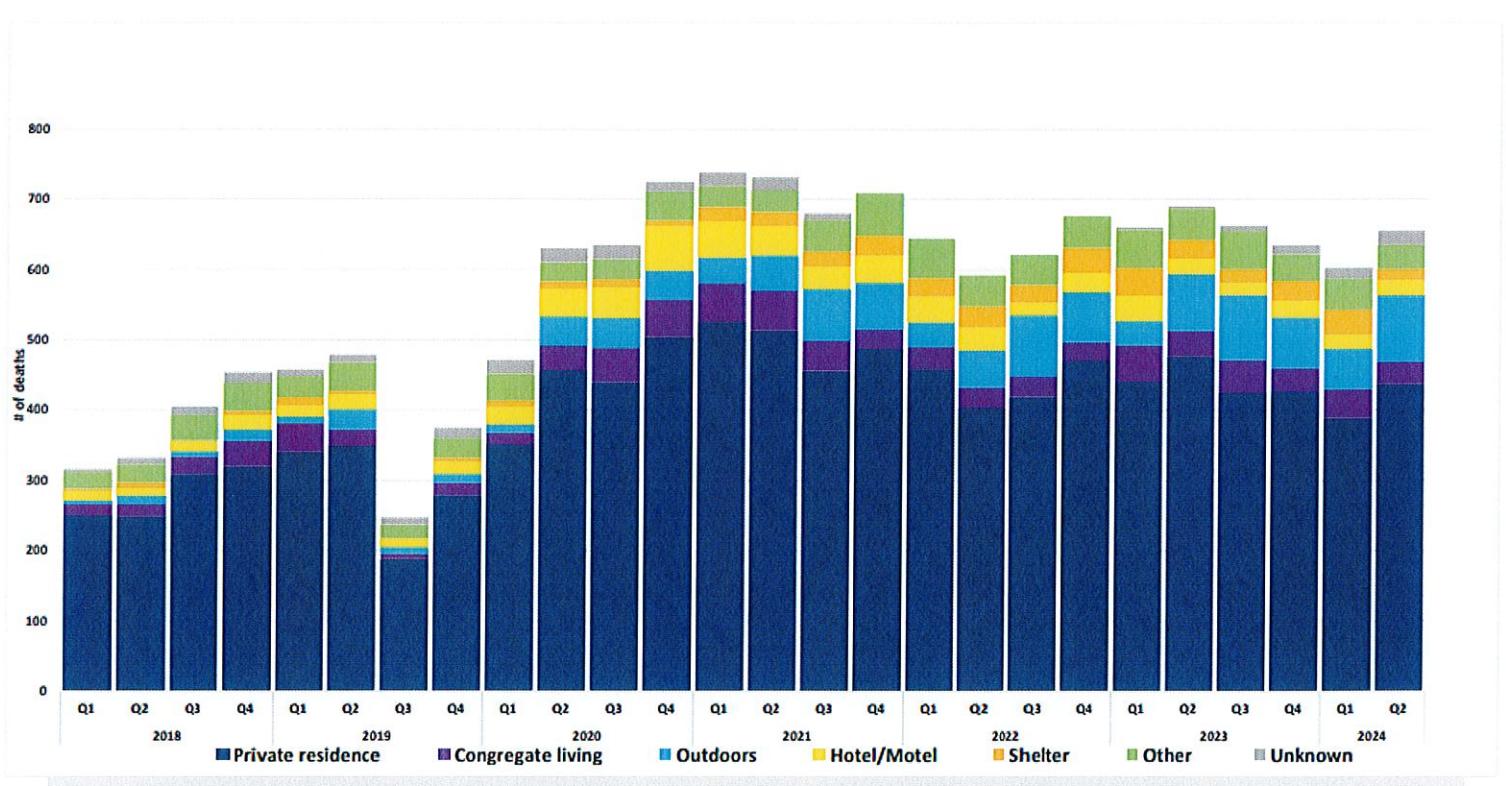
Source: Office of Chief Coroner (OCC) - Data effective October 28, 2024.
Includes confirmed and probable opioid toxicity deaths and ongoing investigations where information may be pending. Data are preliminary and subject to change.

Opioid toxicity deaths in Ontario by sex, 2018-2024 Q2



3 in 4 deaths have been among **males** since the start of the pandemic.

Locations of Incident among Opioid Toxicity Deaths in Ontario, 2018-2024 Q2



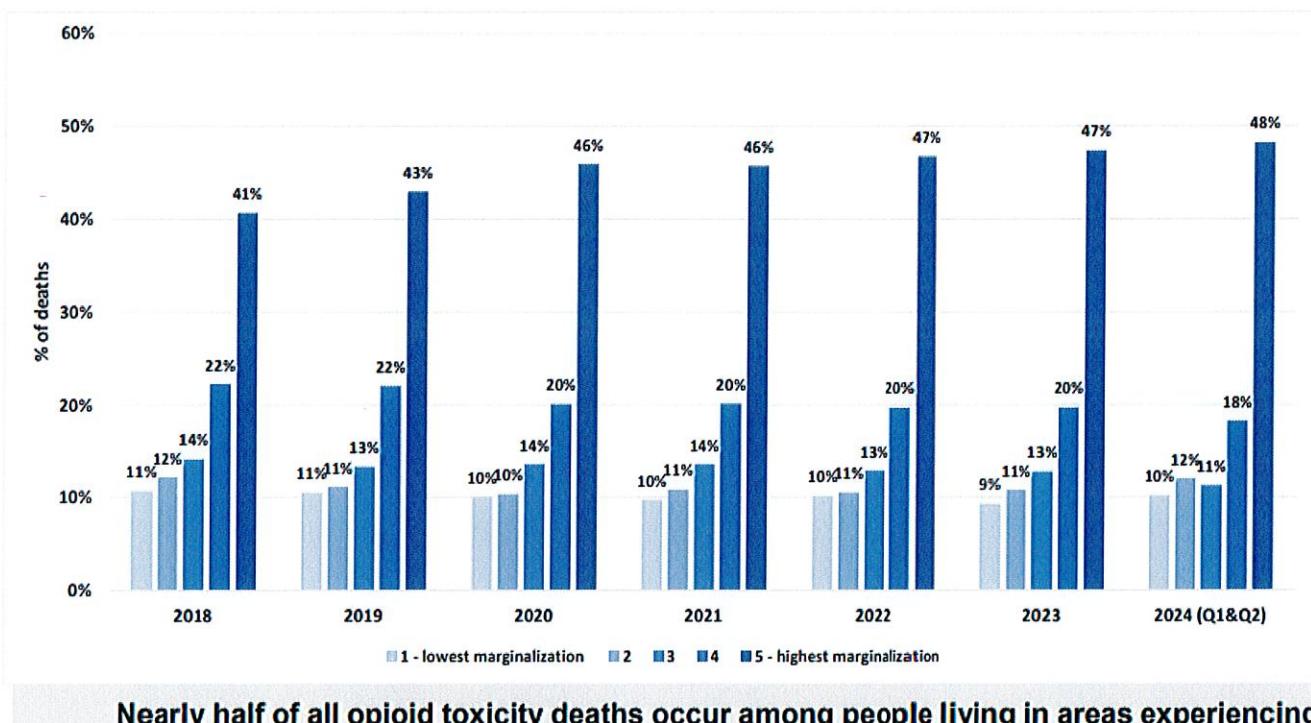
The majority of fatal opioid toxicity events (nearly 7 in 10) occur in private residences.

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'Other' locations of incident include: Correctional Facility, in Custody, Hospital/Clinic, in a Vehicle, Public building, and Industrial (Construction Site, Factory, Plant, Warehouse, Mine)

Material Resources Marginalization Index among opioid toxicity deaths in Ontario, 2018-2024 Q2



Nearly half of all opioid toxicity deaths occur among people living in areas experiencing the highest level of material resource marginalization (i.e., extreme difficulty attaining basic material needs).

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Based on postal code of residence where available; if missing, then postal code of incident is used. The [2021 Ontario Marginalization \(ON-MARG\) Index](#) uses dissemination area (defined as a "relatively stable geographic unit with average population of 400 to 700 persons") and material resources quintiles. The material resources dimension is related to poverty and the inability to attain basic material needs such as housing, food, clothing, and education. It is a known limitation that ON-MARG may not be able to accurately represent Indigenous reserves, Indigenous people living off reserve or institutionalized populations (nursing homes, penitentiaries etc.) due to how the information is collected in the census.

Substances involved in opioid toxicity deaths in Ontario, 2018-2024 Q2

	% of Opioid Toxicity Deaths by Year						
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 (Q1&Q2)
Non-Pharmaceutical Opioids							
Total fentanyl/Fentanyl analogues	67.9	75	85.7	88.8	83.4	86.2	83
Fentanyl	64.4	53.4	85.5	87.9	81.8	82.3	76.2
Carfentanil	6.3	31.4	0.5	4.3	7.6	3.1	1.5
Other Fentanyl Analogues**	1.4	1.3	1.2	0.6	1.7	22	24.2
Detection of Fluorofentanyl*	0	0	0	0.8	6.4	42.5	47.6
Detection of Butyryl/Isobutryl/Methyl-fentanyl*	0	0	0	0	0	1.3	27.8
Nitazenes*	0	0	0	0.2	0.8	0.6	0.9
Heroin	7.2	4.1	1.7	0.8	0.4	0.7	0.8
Opioids Indicated for Pain							
Codeine	4.6	2.6	1.9	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.5
Oxycodone	11.1	9.1	4.9	3.8	5.7	4.6	5.3
Hydromorphone	10.8	10.1	6.1	5.9	6.9	7.5	8.4
Tramadol	1.1	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.6
Morphine	10.7	8	5.2	4	5.7	5.4	5
Opioid Agonist Treatment							
Methadone	12.9	12.9	10.4	10.3	9.5	8.7	10.1
Buprenorphine	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.4
Other Substances							
Total Stimulant(s)	43.5	48.3	56.9	59.3	59.9	67.3	66.7
Methamphetamine	16.3	20.5	25.8	30.2	32.1	34.9	36.2
Cocaine	32.2	34.4	41.6	40	39.6	47.9	45.1
Other Stimulants	2.4	1.4	1.7	1.2	1.3	2.2	2.3
Alcohol	13.7	12.6	12.8	10.6	12.2	11.6	10.3
Benzodiazepines	11.9	8.4	9.1	11.1	11.2	31.8	43.1
Detection of nonpharmaceutical benzodiazepines*	32.7	29.8	45	63.8	48.8	64.7	64
Detection of xylazine*	0	0	0.2	2.1	2.5	3.1	4

Fentanyl continues to contribute to the majority (76.2%) of opioid toxicity deaths.
Stimulants are involved in nearly 7 in 10 opioid toxicity deaths.

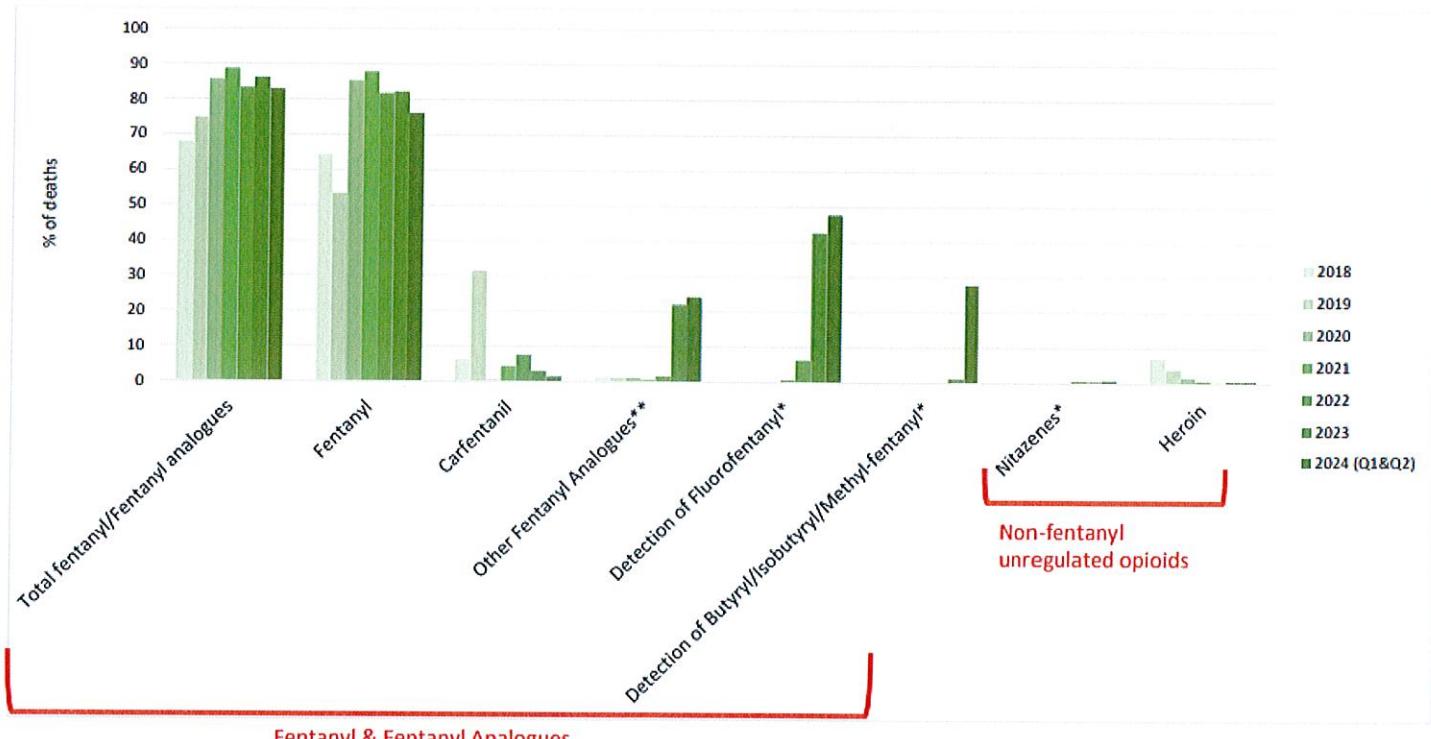
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**Due to evolving toxicology methods and best practices around quantifying and defining toxic levels of novel fentanyl analogues, nitazenes, non-pharmaceutical benzodiazepines, and xylazine, these substances may not be consistently characterized in the cause of death.*

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Unregulated Opioids Involved in Opioid Toxicity Deaths in Ontario, 2018-2024 Q2



Fentanyl & Fentanyl Analogues

In 2024 to date (Q1&Q2):

Fentanyl/Fentanyl Analogues are attributed to over 4 in 5 opioid toxicity deaths.

Fluorofentanyl is detected in nearly half of opioid toxicity deaths.

Butyryl/Isobutryl/Methyl-fentanyl is detected in nearly 3 in 10 opioid toxicity deaths.

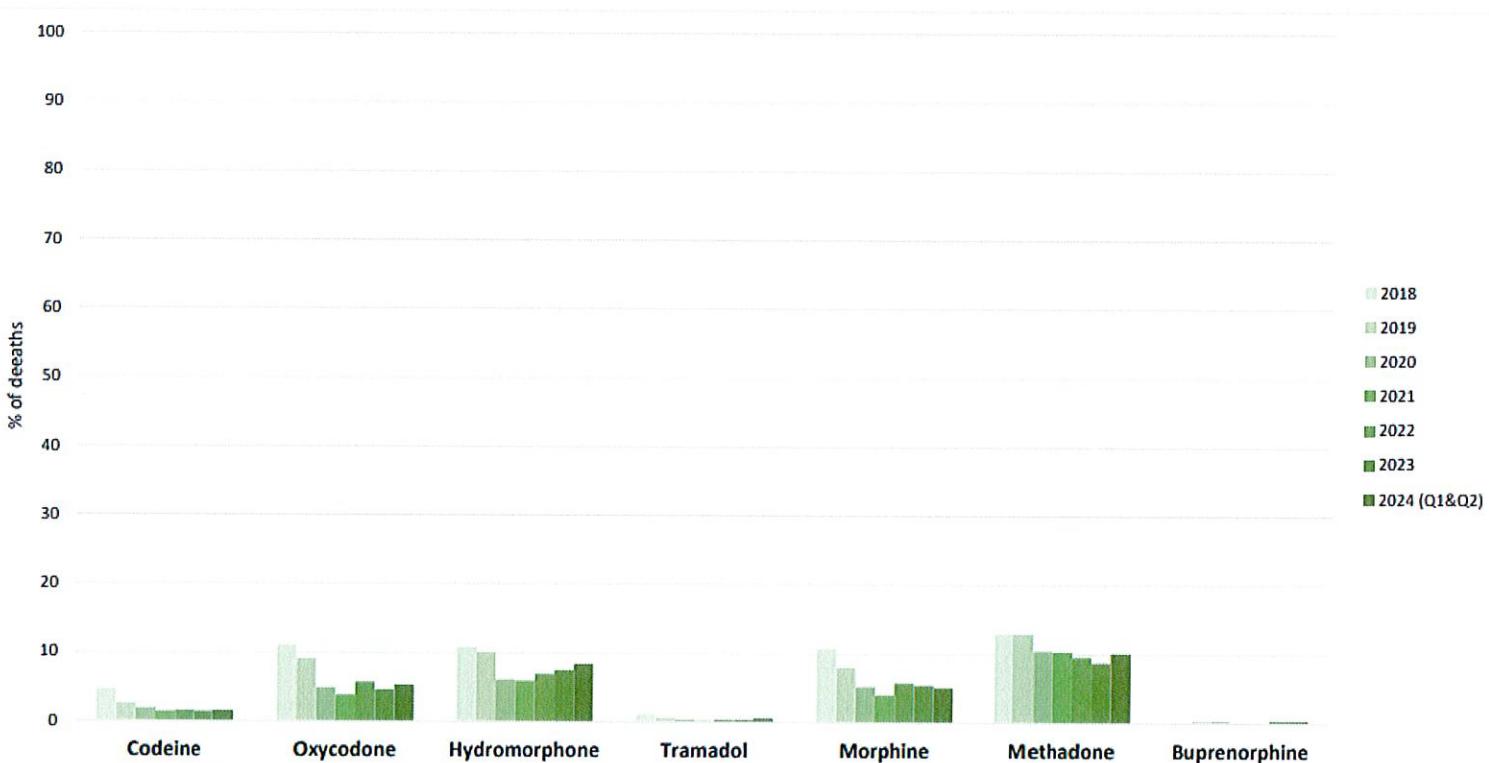
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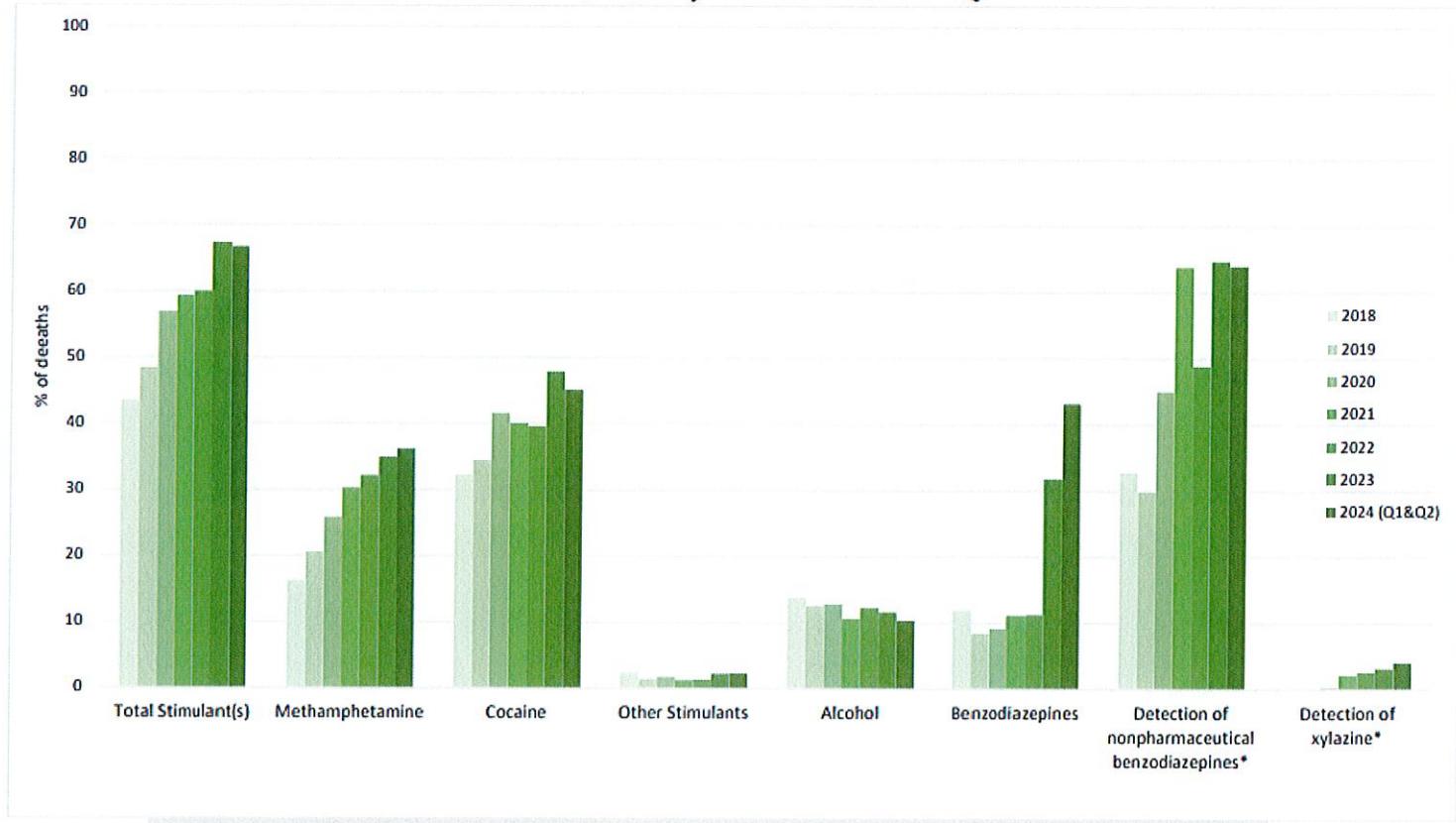
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Regulated Opioids Involved in Opioid Toxicity Deaths in Ontario, 2018-2024 Q2



Regulated Opioids in the absence of fentanyl are attributed to death in less than 1 in 6 in opioid toxicity deaths (Q1&Q2 2024).

Other Substances Involved in Opioid Toxicity Deaths in Ontario, 2018-2024 Q2



Benzodiazepines are involved in over 3 in 5 opioid toxicity deaths (Q1&Q2 2024).

Cocaine is involved in over 2 in 5 opioid toxicity deaths (Q1&Q2 2024).

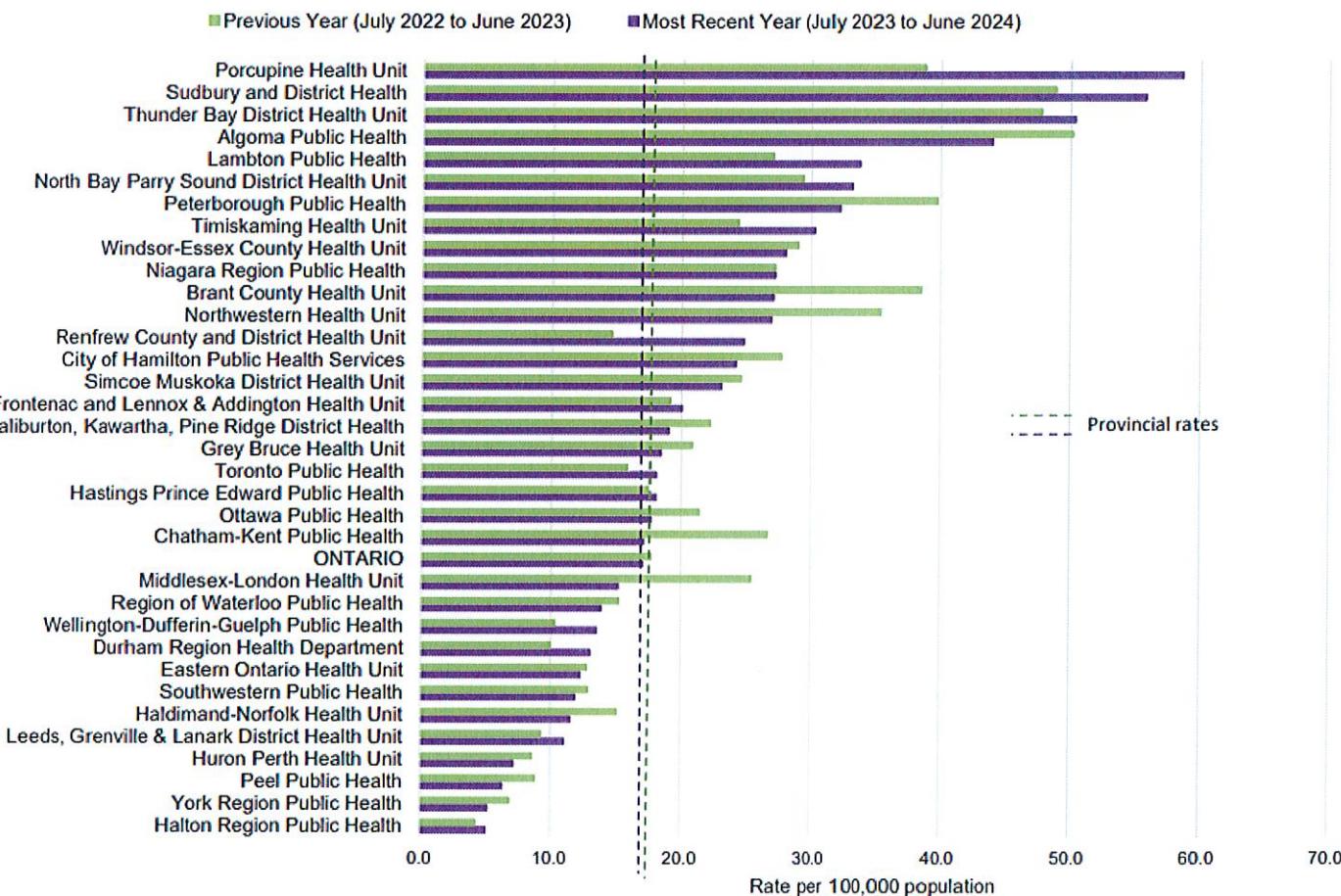
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Opioid toxicity mortality rate by PHU region - Annual

*Most recent two years of data available**



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**based on location of incident

Opioid Toxicity Mortality Rate by Census Subdivision (CSD)

Ten (10) CSDs with the highest mortality rates in 2024 Q1&Q2:

Census Subdivision**	Opioid toxicity* mortality rate per 100,000 population (annualized)	Number of Opioid toxicity deaths
SAULT STE. MARIE	64.2	24
THUNDER BAY	59.6	33
SARNIA	56.7	21
TIMMINS	52.4	11
PETERBOROUGH	51.5	22
NORTH BAY	47.8	13
ORILLIA	46.3	8
GREATER SUDBURY	45.0	38
WINDSOR	41.7	48
BRANTFORD	40.8	22
Ontario (for reference)	17.0	1258

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**Based on location of incident. Among CSDs with >30,000 population.



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MEDIA RELEASE

North Bay Police Service

COMMUNITY DRUG STRATEGY

NORTH BAY & AREA

For immediate release

on May 27, 2025

Media Release “Prescription Diversion”

The North Bay Police Service has identified an increased presence of diverted prescription opioids within the North Bay community. Prescribed substances such as hydromorphone, morphine sulphate, and medications for Opiate Agonist Treatment are frequently encountered in drug investigations, and there have recently been significant quantities showing up in police investigations revealing evidence of diversion. Diversion occurs when an individual, who is prescribed medication, sells, trades, or gives their narcotics to someone else. Once these narcotics enter the community, they pose a risk to individuals who are not regulated consumers.

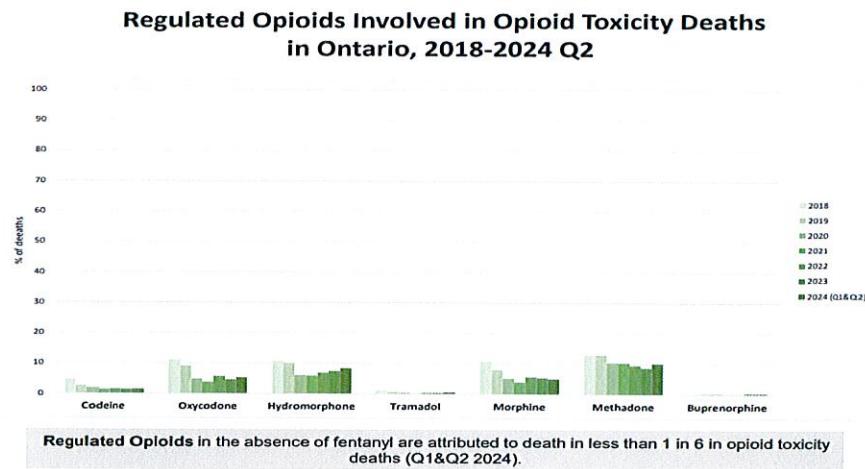
To address this growing concern, the Community Drug Strategy and North Bay Police have been working with local prescribers and pharmacists, to explore potential prevention strategies and regulatory options that may mitigate the impact of prescription diversion in both the community and surrounding areas. Everyone involved has expressed a strong willingness to partner in identifying and implementing solutions.

Medications are a vital part of our lives and are essential for effectively treating various conditions and diseases. When medications are no longer needed or have expired, it is imperative that you dispose of them safely and properly.

Proper disposal is crucial to prevent the accidental or intentional misuse of medications. Take action by dropping off your unused or expired medications at participating pharmacies where this service is available free of charge any day of the week.

Remember, selling your prescription medications is not just discouraged; it is illegal under the Control Drugs and Substance Act (CDSA) and carries serious penalties. Make the responsible choice and dispose of medications correctly.

According to the Office of the Chief Coroner, Regulated Opioid use is involved in just under one in 6 deaths



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Prescription Diversion Motion

We, the undersigned, formally support the motion for "Partnership and

Collaboration – the birth of change" passed on the date of

November 21, 2025, in North Bay, Ontario.

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Name of Agency/Organization

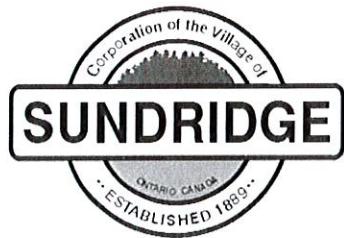
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Village of Sundridge Council Resolution

January 28, 2026

Item (9.3)

1.1. Road Salt Use and Reduction

Resolution#2026-019

Moved By: Luke Preston

Seconded By: Fraser Williamson

WHEREAS road salt is designated as a toxic substance under the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act* due to its potential to cause serious or irreversible harm to the environment and human health; and

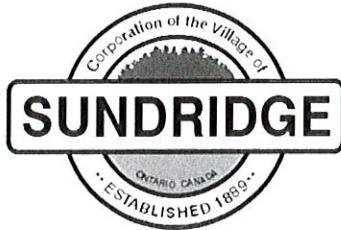
WHEREAS chloride concentrations in Ontario's groundwater, rivers, and lakes have increased significantly since the 1970s, adversely affecting drinking water sources and aquatic ecosystems; and

WHEREAS the Village of Sundridge contains Lake Bernard, a large inland freshwater lake and vital environmental, recreational, and economic asset that is vulnerable to chloride contamination from surrounding land uses and transportation corridors; and

WHEREAS the Village of Sundridge has taken proactive steps to minimize salt impacts through the use of sand and low-salt mixtures and other operational practices while maintaining public safety; and

WHEREAS there is concern that winter maintenance activities on provincially maintained highways within the Village may contribute to cumulative salt loading in Lake Bernard and local groundwater systems; and

WHEREAS despite existing provincial and federal guidelines, voluntary codes of practice, and agreements, road salt pollution continues to increase, in part due to liability pressures that incentivize over-application and create challenges for snow and ice management contractors;



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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Village of Sundridge urges the Province of Ontario to work with municipalities, industry, insurers, and environmental stakeholders to establish a limited-liability framework for snow and ice management, supported by enforceable contractor training, certification, and a single set of provincially endorsed Best Management Practices;
2. The Province of Ontario be further urged to establish and fund an expert advisory committee to support municipalities in reducing salt impacts and protecting freshwater ecosystems and drinking water sources;
3. The Village of Sundridge reaffirms its commitment to minimizing road salt use wherever feasible while maintaining safety on municipal roads, sidewalks, and parking areas;
4. The Province of Ontario be requested to collaborate with supporting municipalities on data sharing, chloride monitoring, and salt-use reduction measures for provincially maintained highways within environmentally sensitive communities and watersheds; and
5. This resolution be circulated to neighbouring municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), local Members of Provincial Parliament, Conservation Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Water Association, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Attorney General of Ontario, the Premier of Ontario, and the Ministry of Transportation.

Recorded Vote	For	Against	Abstain
Preston, Luke	Y		
Smith, Sharon	Y		
Whitmell, Vicki	Y		
Williamson, Fraser	Y		
Jackson, Shawn	Y		
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ALMAGUIN HIGHLANDS HEALTH COUNCIL AGENDA

Thursday, February 5, 2026, 10:00 am in person
at the Township of Perry Municipal Office and via Zoom

1. CIRCULATION OF MINUTES – RESOLUTION TO ADOPT MINUTES

- a) Regular minutes of January 8, 2026.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY OF INTEREST

3. DELEGATIONS | None

4. RESOLUTIONS TO BE PASSED

- a) None

5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- a) Updates
 - i. Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare – C. Harrison
 - ii. Recruiter – D. Gravelle
 - iii. Patient Family Caregiver Partner Advisory Committee – S. Zurbrigg
- b) AHHC Financial Statement – January 2026 – Informational (V. Roeder-Martin)
- c) State of X-Ray Equipment in Burk's Falls – Discussion (V. Roeder-Martin)
- d) Building & Space Subcommittee – Schedule New Meeting – Discussion (V. Roeder-Martin)
- e) Need for Growth in Almaguin Highlands Family Health Team (S. Cotton)
- f) Kearney & McMurrich Monteith Catchment Areas Discussion (S. Cotton)
- g) AHHC Progress Report – Quarterly (V. Roeder-Martin)
 - ACED has offered to assist with an info-graphics report – Discussion
 - 'Road Show' to Local Councils to Provide Updates & Answer Questions – Discussion
- h) Other Business

6. ADJOURNMENT



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ALMAGUIN HIGHLANDS HEALTH COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, January 8, 2026 at 10:00 am via Zoom.

Present: Rod Ward (Chair), Margaret Ann MacPhail, Brad Kneller, David Gravelle, Deb Raynard, Shawn Jackson, Jim Ronholm, Delynne Patterson, Sandy Zurbrigg, Courtney Metcalf, Sarah Cooke, Vickey Roeder-Martin (Vice-Chair), Sean Cotton, Dr. Sarah MacKinnon, Deb Duce (Secretary)

Regrets: Cheryl Philip, Tom Bryson, Cheryl Harrison, Norm Hofstetter, Shelly van den Heuvel.

1. 2026.01 Moved by Margaret Ann MacPhail. Seconded by Jim Ronholm
THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council adopt the minutes from the meeting of December 5, 2025.

2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY OF INTEREST:** None

3. **DELEGATIONS:** None

4. **RESOLUTIONS TO BE PASSED:** None

5. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

a) Update – Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare – Deferred - C. Harrison unable to attend.

b) Update – Almaguin Highlands FTH – D. Raynard, Executive Director

- The AHFHT is fully staffed as of Jan. 7th welcoming a new Nurse Practitioner.
- Coordinating a surplus funding project with \$9,000 to be used to hire two contractors to assist with the waitlist management project of adding 200 patients in 2026.
- With AFHT, SDMC on March 4th will participate in a full day customer facing trauma training on how to understand difficult patient situations/problems how to work with them. Fire and paramedics have found this fascinating and beneficial. Space is available and the event can be shared with municipalities.

c) Update – Sundridge & District Medical Centre – Dr. S. MacKinnon

- 12 new patients were onboarded last month.
- Recommendation of LifeStyleRx a free, OHIP covered, 12 week program for patients in Ontario [LifeStyleRx - Diabetes Reversal Program](#)

d) Update – MAOHT Recruiter – D. Gravelle

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- December was very active with confirmation of 3 FT Family Physicians starting in the new year as well as 3 locums in the last two weeks.
- Since beginning his goal has been developing a pipeline for recruitment. The pipeline is approximately 400 and building with 46 active candidates.
- Has started creating a 2026 calendar – based on 2025 successes and also some new events
- Will be presenting a 2025 budget to MAOHT leadership with recommendations for 2026.
- Upcoming presentations to SMMH Foundation, Huntsville Hospital Foundation and also to the MAOHT CSC
- Nov. 1st his contract was expanded to include recruitment of GIM for MAHC
- Working on a couple of projects with Dr. Sarah MacKinnon for SDMC.
- Discussion points included community connections, recruitment from the Quebec, and the foundation of recruitment is about where to settle/live long term as well as interpersonal relationship rather than incentives.

e) Progress Report

f) Other Business

- V. Roeder-Martin shared information on denture business in Cambridge that does dentures in people's homes. They are investigating the Almaguin region and do work a lot with RH/LTC. She will call the business to gather more information. The brochure will be scanned and shared with AHHC members.

6. ADJOURNMENT

2026-02 Moved by Jim Ronholm. Seconded by Shawn Jackson.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Almaguin Highlands Health Council adjourn at 10:33 am to meet again, on February 5, 2025, at 10:00 am at the Township of Perry Municipal Office and via Zoom.



Dear members of the Primary Care Network,

We are writing to share an update on a joint obstetrical care working group currently underway in our region and to ensure you are aware of this planning and coordination initiative.

Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare (MAHC) and Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital (OSMH) have established a joint working group to strengthen obstetrical care for families across Muskoka, Algonquin, and surrounding communities. This working group builds on a strong history of collaboration and is focused on improving coordination, continuity of care, and the long-term sustainability of obstetrical services across the region.

The working group is a phased planning and coordination initiative. Its purpose is to support shared governance, standardized clinical pathways, and improved coordination—particularly when care needs to transition between sites. Patient safety remains our highest priority, and obstetrical care continues to be delivered safely through established, well-supported pathways.

As part of a temporary service arrangement already in place, MAHC obstetrical services remain consolidated at the Huntsville site. The working group does not introduce any immediate changes to how care is delivered today. Clear protocols and clinical supports continue to ensure safe, timely care for patients and families.

We would also like to emphasize what is not changing:

- There are no immediate changes to clinical roles, responsibilities, or scopes of practice.
- Care continues to be delivered safely using existing pathways.
- Patients will continue to receive care as close to home as appropriate, with supported access to higher levels of care when needed.

As the working group progresses, clinicians, staff, and system partners will continue to be engaged as priorities, pathways, and governance structures are further developed. Updates will be added to the obstetrics section of the MAHC website as milestones are reached. We encourage anyone interested in learning more to visit <https://www.mahc.ca/areas-of-care/obstetrics/> for the most current information.

Thank you for your continued interest and support in ensuring safe, high-quality, and sustainable obstetrical care for our communities. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss the working group further, we would be pleased to do so.

Sincerely,
 Cheryl Harrison
 President & CEO
 Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare

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SOUTHEAST PARRY SOUND DISTRICT PLANNING BOARD

January 28, 2026

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MOVED BY: D. O'Halloran

SECONDED BY: G. Miller

Whereas the South East Parry Sound District Planning Board ("Planning Board") was formed with six members in 1997 as the consent-granting authority for those six municipalities;

And whereas the Planning Board has been primarily funded through application fees and has been self-sufficient for most of its operations;

And whereas only minimal additional funding has been requested from municipalities due to shortfalls in 2015 and 2016 (a total of \$4,000 per municipality over 28 years);

And whereas recent improvements have been implemented at the Planning Board including a fee structure which better reflects today's costs and the addition of part-time dedicated resources to assist with workload with no additional cost to the Planning Board members;

And whereas the Planning Board offers a regional approach to planning, taking advantage of expertise, communication and information from other member municipalities;

And whereas the Planning Board offers a non-political and personal approach to planning decisions;

And whereas the Planning Board retains the services of an Independent Professional Planner to prepare planning reports on most applications;

And whereas the time spent by staff with consultations, inquiries and public submissions provides assistance and added value for municipalities;

And whereas the expertise and consistency with members and staff of the Planning Board are beneficial, particularly with legislative changes and complex development proposals;

And whereas staff dedicated to the planning process with experience in planning and legal matters provide a valuable resource to the members and their municipalities;

Now therefore be it resolved that

We respectfully ask that the Town of Kearney withdraw its request to cease its partnership with the South East Parry Sound District Planning Board and work with the other members to address its concerns and implement further improvements;

And that this resolution be forwarded to...

Clerks for each of the current member municipalities of the Planning Board, Christopher Brown – MMAH, Graydon Smith, MPP for Muskoka-Parry Sound.

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Township of Ryerson

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Notice of Special Meeting of Council to Update the Official Plan and Zoning By-law Under Section 26 and 34 of the Planning Act

The Council of the Township of Ryerson will hold a Special Meeting of Council
Tuesday, February 24, 2026

Location: Township Municipal Office, 28 Midlothian Road, Burk's Falls

Open House Portion: 5:00pm – 6:00pm (resuming at the conclusion of the Special Council Meeting until 8pm)

Special Council Meeting: 6:00pm

Background

The Township of Ryerson is completing a concurrent and comprehensive review of the Municipality's Official Plan and Zoning By-law that will apply to the entire Township of Ryerson. This project will bring the Official Plan into compliance with the Provincial Planning Statement, 2024 and update the Zoning By-law to reflect those Official Plan changes as well as improve existing provisions to best reflect the Township's development needs.

Updating the Official Plan

The purpose of this Special Meeting is to initiate the mandatory review of the Municipality's Official Plan under Section 26 of the Planning Act to ensure that:

- Residents of the Township are aware of the project and how they can provide feedback to inform the updates;
- The updates conform with Provincial plans and policies;
- The updated Official Plan and Zoning By-law reflect local planning objectives; and
- Updated policies reflect current demographic, environmental, servicing, and growth considerations.

Updating the Zoning By-law

The Municipality is also undertaking a comprehensive review of its Zoning By-law under Section 34 of the Planning Act. This zoning review will run concurrently with the Official Plan review to ensure consistency between the updated (or new) Official Plan and

implementing zoning regulations. A separate statutory public meeting for the Zoning By-law will be held at a later date, once a draft is available for public review.

Future Public Consultation

A future statutory public meeting will be scheduled once draft Official Plan materials are available. Members of the public, Indigenous partners, agencies, and all residents will have opportunities to provide input at multiple stages of the project. Please sign in at this meeting to be added to the project notification list.

We'd Like to Hear From You

Members of the public are invited to attend the Special Meeting and provide comments on:

- Matters to be examined during the Official Plan review;
- Key issues or priorities the new or updated OP should address;
- Matters that should be considered in the comprehensive zoning update; and
- Issues that land use planning policies can address for improving how development occurs in your community.

Written comments can be submitted throughout the project to Nancy Field (contact information provided below).

Additional Information

Background materials regarding the Official Plan Review and Zoning By-law Review will be made available at the Municipal Office and on the Municipality's website as they are developed. For further information, please contact:

Nancy Field, Clerk
Township of Ryerson
RR#1, 28 Midlothian Road
Burk's Falls, ON P0A 1C0
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clerk@ryersontownship.ca

DATED this 23rd day of January, 2026.

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McMurrich/Monteith Clerk

From: Ashley Lecappelain <ashley.lecappelain@healthunit.ca>
Sent: February 6, 2026 2:34 PM
To: Armour; Bonfield; Burk's Falls; Callander; Calvin; Carling; Chisholm; East Ferris; Joly; Kearney; Machar; Magnetawan; Mattawa; Mattawan; McDougall; McKellar; McMurrich/Monteith Clerk; Nipissing; North Bay; Papineau Cameron; Parry Sound; Perry; Powassan; Ryerson; Seguin; South River; Strong; Sundridge; The Archipelago; West Nipissing; Whitestone
Subject: Food and Housing Affordability in the Nipissing and Parry Sound Districts - Request for Support
Attachments: Highlights from the January 2026 MOH report to the BOH.pdf; 2026 Budget Consultation Letter - Signed.pdf; Sample Letter Template for Municipalities.docx; Sample Resolution Template for Municipalities.docx

Please forward the correspondence below to your Mayor/Reeve and municipal councillors:

Hello,

Please be advised that the Board of Health minutes from November 26, 2025, and the Finance and Property Committee minutes for June 25, 2025, were approved at the January 28, 2026, meeting and are now posted to the Health Unit website.

The Medical Officer of Health Report from the January 28, 2026, meeting is also posted to the website. Highlights from the January 2026 report are attached to this email.

The North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (Health Unit) is also sharing correspondence for your Mayor/Reeve and Council regarding a recent motion passed by the Board of Health related to food and housing affordability in the Nipissing and Parry Sound Districts.

The attachments include:

- The letter sent by the Health Unit to the Province of Ontario on this issue, including the associated resolution.
- A resolution template for municipalities that can be tailored and brought forward for council decision.
- A letter that municipalities may tailor and/or sign to the Province of Ontario in support of the Health Unit's letter.

Please consider using these resources to join us in calling on the Province of Ontario to strengthen the social assistance system. The NBPSDHU would be pleased to provide a presentation to your municipal leaders to discuss this information in more detail.

If this is of interest, please contact us through Ashley Lecappelain, at ashley.lecappelain@healthunit.ca or by calling 705-474-1400, ext. 5272

Regards,

Ashley Lecappelain | Executive Assistant | Office of the Medical Officer of Health/Executive Officer | Pronouns: She/Her

North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit | 345 Oak Street West | North Bay, Ontario P1B 2T2 | Canada

Highlights from the January 2026 MOH report

MOH Updates

Corporate Services

- Following the ratification of collective agreements with the Ontario Nurses' Association, the Ontario Public Service Employees' Union and the Management Non-Union Group at the Health Unit, applicable internal documents are being updated and negotiated changes are being implemented.

Clinical Services

- Lyme Disease is on the rise. There have been 14 cases in the district in 2025, compared to a previous annual record of four cases.
- Sexual Health clinical services are being realigned to better meet the needs of priority populations and those without a primary care provider.
- The Health Unit participated in the Parry Sound Drug Strategy's 2nd annual National Addictions Awareness Week, November 17-21. Health Unit staff provided access to naloxone training as well as HIV and Hepatitis C testing.
- There has been high demand for seasonal respiratory vaccines (influenza, COVID-19 and RSV) this year. 2025-26 is the first year the RSV vaccine is publicly-funded for the general public aged 75 years and older. Fourteen Health Unit clinics offering all 3 vaccines were hosted in communities across the district, as well as offering appointments at both Health Unit office locations from mid-October to the end of November. Seasonal vaccines continue to be available by appointment at clinics in the North Bay and Parry Sound Health Unit offices for individuals unable to access vaccination through a local primary care provider or pharmacy.

Community Services

- The Health Unit participated in a community information session on polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) on November 19 at the Best Western in North Bay. The event attracted significant public interest and included formal presentations with opportunities for one-on-one discussions with Health Unit staff regarding PFAS.

Organizational Effectiveness

- The Indigenous Wellness Circle reconvened in December following a temporary pause. The ongoing work of the Circle aims to strengthen relationships with Indigenous health and social service partners; advance reconciliation through meaningful and sustained action; reduce health inequities across the region; and support the Health Unit in remaining accountable to the Indigenous communities and peoples it serves. This work is grounded in the understanding that Indigenous public health initiatives must be led by Indigenous peoples in the development of policies, procedures, and programming that affect them.
- The Muskoka, Nipissing, Parry Sound Data Collaborative, chaired by the Health Unit, in partnership with the Muskoka, Nipissing, Parry Sound Child and Youth Planning Table has published a new [Learning and Development dashboard](#). The dashboard summarizes key indicators related to the learning journey of children across Muskoka, Nipissing and Parry Sound districts.
- A [letter](#) was provided to Michael Parsa, the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services to inform the development of the 2025-2030 Ontario Poverty Reduction Strategy.

January 30, 2026

The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy
Minister of Finance
Suite 213, 1150 Kingston Road
Pickering, Ontario L1V 1C3

Dear Minister Bethlenfalvy,

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the [2026 Ontario Budget Consultation](#). The Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (Health Unit) recognizes the Ontario government's efforts in the 2025 budget to include measures to promote affordability for Ontarians. For the 2026 budget, as a component of a system-wide strategy to address housing and food affordability, the Health Unit recommends that the Government of Ontario strengthen the social assistance system by:

- Increasing Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) rates to reflect the cost of living; and
- Increasing Ontario Works (OW) rates to reflect the cost of living and indexing OW rates to inflation going forward.

The Health Unit recently completed its 2025 reporting on food affordability. This year, the analysis was expanded to include local data collection on apartment rental rates in North Bay and Parry Sound. The [2025 food and housing affordability data](#) shows, in real numbers, that households reliant on Ontario Works do not have enough money to meet basic needs. This finding is consistent with [recent data](#) from the Maytree Foundation, which shows that social assistance recipients in Ontario live far below the poverty line.

The most recent local [homelessness count](#) in Nipissing revealed that over 80% of respondents identifying as homeless had OW or ODSP as their main income. Respondents also cited low income and high rental costs as the top two barriers to finding housing. Adequate income is a foundational social determinant of health. Strengthening social assistance in Ontario is a critical component of increasing income security for many of the province's lowest income households and represents an important and effective policy measure to take action on poverty, homelessness, and household food insecurity as important public health issues.

The importance of strengthening social assistance in Ontario was also communicated as part of the Health Unit's recommendations [submitted](#) to the 2025-2030 Ontario Poverty Reduction Strategy consultation in November 2025.

At the Board of Health meeting on January 28, 2026, the Board of Health passed a resolution endorsing this submission and supporting increased ODSP and OW rates, as well as the indexing of OW rates to inflation.

Whereas, the Ontario Public Health Standards require public health agencies to monitor food affordability, and assess and report on the health of local populations, describing the existence and impact of health inequities including housing and food insecurity; and

Whereas, income is an important social determinant of health that greatly impacts a household's ability to pay for the basic costs of living, including housing and food; and

Whereas, food insecurity and housing insecurity have detrimental impacts on physical and mental health; and

To: Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy
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Date: January 30, 2026

Whereas, the 2025 North Bay Parry Sound food affordability results show that households with social assistance as their main income do not have enough money for the costs of living; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit continues to support in principle the efforts of staff to monitor, raise awareness about, and work to reduce health inequities including poverty, homelessness, and household food insecurity; and

Furthermore Be It Resolved, that the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit calls on the Province of Ontario to strengthen social assistance by increasing OW and ODSP rates to reflect the costs of living, and index Ontario Works rates to inflation as part of the 2026 Ontario budget; and

Furthermore Be It Resolved, that the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit provide correspondence of these resolutions to district municipalities, Ontario Boards of Health, Victor Fedeli, MPP (Nipissing), Graydon Smith, MPP (Parry Sound-Muskoka), John Vanthof, MPP (Timiskaming-Cochrane), the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier), the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy (Minister of Finance) the Honourable Michael Parsa (Minister of Children, Community and Social Services), the Honourable Sylvia Jones (Minister of Health), the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa), Pauline Rocheleau, MP (Nipissing-Timiskaming), Scott Aitchison, MP (Parry Sound-Muskoka), District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board, District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and the Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health (COMOH).

Thank you for reviewing this important local data and considering the recommendation of the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit to strengthen social assistance in Ontario as a priority for the 2026 Ontario budget.

Sincerely,


Rick Champagne (Jan 30, 2026 11:29:06 EST)

Rick Champagne
Chairperson, Board of Health



Dr. Carol Zimbalatti, M.D., CCFP, MPH
Medical Officer of Health/Executive Officer

Copy to:

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Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

Hon. Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services

Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health

Pauline Rochefort, MP, Nipissing-Timiskaming

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District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)

Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health (COMOH)

Whereas, improved financial stability allows municipal residents to participate, contribute, and invest in their local economies and communities; and

Whereas, poverty puts additional pressure on municipalities, who are responsible for delivering necessary public and social services to support residents who are struggling with the consequences of inadequate income; and

Whereas, poverty, homelessness and food insecurity have detrimental impacts on physical and mental health; and

Whereas, income is an important social determinant of health that greatly impacts a household's ability to pay for the basic costs of living, including housing and food; and

Whereas, the 2025 North Bay Parry Sound food affordability results show that households reliant on social assistance do not have enough money for the costs of living; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, That the (municipality) support efforts to raise awareness about, and work to reduce poverty, homelessness and food insecurity; and

Furthermore Be It Resolved, That the (municipality) endorse the recommendations from the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit and call on the Province of Ontario to increase Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program rates to reflect the costs of living, and index Ontario Works rates to inflation going forward; and

Furthermore Be It Resolved, That the (municipality) provide correspondence of these resolutions to the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, neighbouring municipalities, Victor Fedeli, MPP (Nipissing), Graydon Smith, MPP (Parry Sound-Muskoka), John Vanthof, MPP (Timiskaming-Cochrane), the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier), the Honourable Michael Parsa (Minister of Children, Community and Social Services), the Honourable Sylvia Jones (Minister of Health), Pauline Rochefort, MP (Nipissing-Timiskaming), Scott Aitchison, MP (Parry Sound-Muskoka), District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board (DSSAB), District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DNSSAB), Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and the Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health (COMOH).

date

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Room 281
Queens Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

The Honourable Sylvia Jones
Minister of Health / Deputy Premier
777 Bay Street, College Park, 5th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

The Honourable Michael Parsa
Minister of Children, Community and Social Service
438 University Avenue, 7th Floor
Toronto, ON M5G 2K8

Dear Premier Ford, Minister Jones, and Minister Parsa:

RE: Food and Housing Affordability in the Nipissing and Parry Sound Districts

The (municipality) is writing to express our support for the concerns raised by the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (Health Unit) about food and housing affordability in our region. The Health Unit's 2025 data highlights that households whose primary source of income is social assistance - Ontario works (OW) and the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) - do not have enough money for the cost of living.

This local data provides important context about the financial realities of relying on social assistance and is consistent with recent data from the Maytree Foundation, which shows that social assistance recipients in Ontario live far below the deep poverty line.

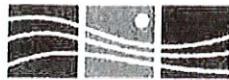
Poverty, homelessness, and food insecurity are significant and escalating public health problems and are associated with many detrimental physical and mental health impacts. Ensuring low-income households have enough money to meet their basic needs is essential for their health. Municipalities feel the impacts of poverty at the local level and often struggle to adequately support citizens who are unable to make ends meet. (option: add additional municipal content)

Our Council joins the Health Unit in calling on the Province of Ontario to increase OW and ODSP rates to reflect the real cost of living, and index OW rates to inflation. The full motion supporting this request is attached (include motion).

From a municipal perspective, we urge the Province to take action to support the health of our citizens and to ease the burden of poverty on municipalities. The Province of Ontario can help reduce poverty, homelessness, and food insecurity for households receiving social assistance, who live with dire financial circumstances.

Thank you for reviewing this information.

Sincerely,
(signatures)



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February 4, 2026

Mayor Glynn Robinson and Councilors
Township of McMurrich/Monteith
P.O. Box 70
Sprucedale, ON P0A 1Y0

Dear Mayor Robinson and Council:

Re: 2026 Municipal Levy

The municipal levy has been maintained at \$1,000,000. The proportionate share of the 2026 municipal levy for the Township of McMurrich/Monteith is \$ 23,479. Attached is the apportionment calculation, which is based on each municipality's 2024 Financial Information Return. Payments are due in two installments with 50% of the levy due on April 1, 2026 and the remainder due on September 1, 2026.

Thank you for your continued support of Belvedere Heights and our efforts to provide quality care to seniors in our communities.

Sincerely,

Deborah Randall-Wood
Administrator

Attachment (1)

c.c. Board of Management

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Belvedere Heights 2026 Levy Apportionment

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Municipalities	Weighted Assessment	Board Approved Levy 2026		Represented By:	
		% Increase/ Decrease WA	% Distribution	\$1,000,000	Operating Capital \$0
Parry Sound	904,479,157	0.0097%	8.7879%	\$87,879	\$87,879
Carling	1,093,311,773	0.0097%	10.5225%	\$106,225	\$106,225
Whitestone	638,721,225	0.0097%	6.2058%	\$62,058	\$62,058
McDougall	814,891,038	0.0097%	7.9174%	\$79,174	\$79,174
McKellar	701,526,039	0.0097%	6.8160%	\$68,160	\$68,160
McMurrich-Montieth	241,651,195	0.0097%	2.3479%	\$23,479	\$23,479
Archipelago	2,181,318,756	0.0097%	21.1936%	\$211,936	\$211,936
Seguin	3,716,469,573	0.0097%	36.1090%	\$361,090	\$361,090
Totals	10,292,368,756	100.0000%	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$0
				\$0	\$0
				\$0	\$0.00%
				\$500,000	\$500,000

NOTE: The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing website provided the 2024 FIR data for the distribution calculation of Belvedere's 2026 Operating levy.

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172 Ontario Street Burk's Falls ON P: 705-382-3138

Bill To: Township of McMurrich Monteith

DATE: February 10, 2026

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FOR: 2024 AHHC Deficit
Contribution

Village of Burk's Falls
Almaguin Highlands Health Centre
January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024

Revenues-Almaguin Highlands Health Centre		2024 Actuals
15-540	Health Centre Rental Revenue	131,976
15-544	Health Centre-Other Revenue	3,232
Total Revenues-Health Centre		135,208

Expenditures-Almaguin Highlands Health Centre		2024 Actuals
16-5401	Health Centre Wages & Benefits	58,856
16-5402	Hydro	21,400
16-5403	Natural Gas	4,906
16-5404	Fuel Oil	1,009
16-5406	Cleaning Materials	4,429
16-5406-1	Janitorial Contract	5,156
16-5407	Pest Control	808
16-5408	Water & Sewer	1,280
16-5409	Insurance	10,486
16-541	Health Centre-Roof over Elevator Shaft	
16-541	Health Centre-Capital-Key System	
16-541	Health Centre-Backflow Preventer	
16-541	Health Centre-Capital	
16-5410	Snow Removal	3,248
16-5411	Elevator R&M	7,701
16-5413	Building Maintenance	33,289
16-5416	Miscellaneous	2,558
16-5418	Telephones	3,458
16-550	Transfer to Reserve-Health Centre	10,000
Total Expenses-Almaguin Highland Health Centre		168,584

Surplus / Deficit -33,376

2024 Deficit	33,376
Divided by 10 municipalities	3,338



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FOR: 2025 AHHC Deficit

Bill To: The Township of McMurrich Monteith

Village of Burk's Falls
Almaguin Highlands Health Centre
January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025

Revenues-Almaguin Highlands Health Centre	2025 Actuals
15-540 Health Centre Rental Revenue	123,839
15-544 Health Centre-Other Revenue	486
Total Revenues-Health Centre	124,325

Expenditures-Almaguin Highlands Health Centre	2025 Actuals
16-5401 Health Centre Wages & Benefits	66,299
16-5402 Hydro	21,346
16-5403 Natural Gas	5,611
16-5404 Fuel Oil	557
16-5406 Cleaning Materials	4,735
16-5407 Pest Control	1,054
16-5408 Water & Sewer	1,764
16-5409 Insurance	11,211
16-541 Health Centre-Capital-Replace Fire Panel	18,852
16-541 Health Centre-Capital-Reline Sewer Pipe	23,130
16-5410 Snow Removal	6,868
16-5411 Elevator R&M	4,414
16-5413 Building Maintenance	27,967
16-5416 Miscellaneous	1,706
16-5418 Telephones	2,338
16-550 Transfer to Reserve-Health Centre	10,000
Total Expenses-Almaguin Highland Health Centre	207,852

Surplus / Deficit	-83,527
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2025 Deficit	83,527
Divided by 10 municipalities	8,353

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McMurrich/Monteith Clerk

From: Alfred and Lilly B
Sent: February 6, 2026 9:56 AM
To: McMurrich/Monteith Clerk; Reeve Glynn Robinson; Councillor Vicky Roeder-Martin; Daniel Ohalloran; Craig White; Councillor Terry Currie
Subject: re: Axe Lake road closure
Importance: High

To Mayor and Council

This is a follow up to my letter of concern dated Jan 22, 2026, and request that this email be added to the agenda of next council meeting.

The municipality is land locking all properties to the west of the Axe Lake road bridge for an indeterminate period of time, have all property owners been notified, including those in the Horn Lake subdivision?

Your CAO made statement at the Feb 3rd/26 council meeting that the township can close the access to properties because "we own the road".

Does this mean that roads such as East Bear Lake road/dead end roads could also be closed to vehicle traffic for repairs such as culvert/bridge replacement, without providing alternate access?

There is a 72 hour, maximum, temporary road closure provision in regulations. Have MNRF and DFO been notified and why did the township not look into renting a Bailey Bridge, since they are available?

Is the township claiming they have no obligations to the rate payers?

This as a total disregard for health and safety.

I am requesting a written response to questions asked in this email and the letter of the 22nd.

Regards

Alfred Beilke

Sprucedale