

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

AGENDA - July 8, 2013

MEETING - Council Chambers , Civic Centre

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COUNCIL MEETING

(Session No. 83) 6:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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- 1.4 Disclosure of pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof.

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PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

RE: ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT 8/98-YY
Lillie Avenue at Elizabeth Street West (Part of Block K Plan Sm-140)

July 8, 2013 – Council Chambers
Immediately following Committee of the Whole

Mayor This Public Meeting of Council is being held pursuant to Section 34 of The Planning Act.

This Public meeting is to consider a Zoning By-Law Amendment to permit the subject lands to be used as a community garden and includes site specific provisions to accommodate that use.

During this Public Meeting, an explanation will be made as to why a Zoning Amendment is required and the effect of it.

After the explanations have been made, I will ask firstly for questions and secondly for statements in opposition to or in favour of the proposed amendment. Before asking a question or making a statement, please approach the podium and state your name.

CLERK: 1. Reads Notice (attached)

2. Indicates the method followed in respect to the giving of Notice:

In accordance with Ontario Regulation 545/06, notice was given by publication in a newspaper, namely the Fort Frances Times on June 13, 2013, which is of a sufficient general circulation to give the public reasonable notice of the meeting.

The explanation and effect of the Zoning By-Law amendment is as set out in the Notice as just read.

- MAYOR:**
1. Any person wishing to receive written notice of the adoption of either of the Zoning By-Law amendments is to leave their name and address on the sheet of paper at the podium.
 2. Are there any questions?
 3. Does anyone wish to speak in favour of the amendment?
 4. Does anyone wish to speak in opposition to the amendment?
 5. Consideration of adopting the By-Law will be under the business of the next regular Council meeting.
 6. If there are no additional comments or questions, I declare this Public Meeting closed.



TOWN OF FORT FRANCES NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING Proposed Zoning Amendment 8/98-YY

TAKE NOTICE that Council has received a request from the Community Garden Group to rezone the municipally owned property fronting Lillie Avenue between Fifth Street West and Sixth Street West as illustrated on the map below to permit the continued use of the property as a community garden. The subject land was the subject of a Temporary Use By-Law in August of 2010 and is now seeking to rezone an expanded area of the lands to allow the proposed use on a permanent basis (File 8/98-YY). The proposed amendment also includes site-specific provision to permit accessory structure(s) without the existence of the principal building, and reduce the front yard setback to 3.65 m.

AND TAKE NOTICE that if you are interested in learning more or providing comments on the proposed Zoning Amendment, you are invited to attend the statutory public meeting required by the Planning Act that will be held:

Meeting Date: 8th day of July 2013

Meeting Time: 6:45 p.m. or as soon thereafter as can be accommodated

Meeting Place: Civic Centre, Council Chambers, 320 Portage Avenue, Fort Frances

Notification:

Any person may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposal. Any submission to Council, either in hard copy or in electronic format, must be forwarded to the Clerk's Department for receipt no later than noon on the day of the meeting to ensure its availability to the Members of Council at the meeting. Individuals making oral submissions at the Public Meeting are requested to submit a written outline of the submission to the Town Clerk. All submissions should include the full name and address of the presenter.

If you wish to be notified of subsequent meetings or the adoption of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendments, or of the refusal of a request to amend the Zoning By-law, you must make a written request to the Clerk's Department, 320 Portage Avenue, Fort Frances, On P9A 3P9.

Appeals:

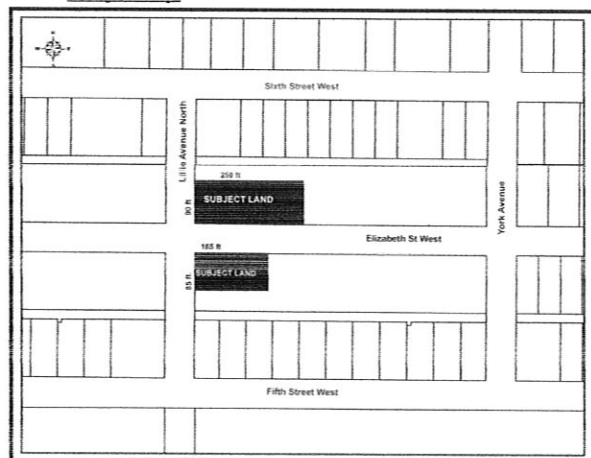
If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Town of Fort Frances before the by-law is passed:

- a) the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Town of Fort Frances Council to the Ontario Municipal Board; and
- b) the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

Additional information relating to the proposal is available for inspection between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Planning Department or by calling Faye Flatt, Municipal Planner at 807-274-5323 ex. 275 or by email at fflatt@fort-frances.com.

Date of Notice: 13th day of June 2013

Key Map



N. Faye Flatt, AMCT, ACST, CPT
Municipal Planner
Town of Fort Frances
320 Portage Avenue
Fort Frances, Ontario
P9A 3P9



Krista Nielson
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 04/07/2013 10:49 AM

To "klawson@fort-frances.com" <klawson@fort-frances.com>
 cc "fflatt@fort-frances.com" <fflatt@fort-frances.com>
 bcc
 Subject RE: Reminder - Public Meeting - Community Garden

Good morning Kathy,

I just wanted to follow up with Faye's response to my email yesterday. In the interest of being "too prepared", I'd like to mention that the following people wish to speak briefly in support of the garden:

Krista Nielson, acting chair of FFCGPC & Health Promoter with NWHU - speaking from a public health perspective, the benefits of a community garden to the entire community / specific local successes
 Katie Cuthbertson, health educator with GHAC - GHAC's perspective re: community gardens & clientele
 Vivian Callaghan, FFCGPC member & gardener - individual experience with community garden

I do believe that Evelyn Martin was making a written submission as she is unable to attend the meeting on July 8th.

Additionally, I am wondering if others will have the opportunity to speak briefly (again, not as a formal "presentation", but simply to comment on the issue) -- or if all must be confirmed in advance of the meeting....there are 2 individuals that would like to speak but may not be able to attend -- if you could let me know, that would be fantastic.

Thanks much,

Krista

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From: fflatt@fort-frances.com [mailto:fflatt@fort-frances.com]
 Sent: Wednesday, July 03, 2013 3:02 PM
 To: Krista Nielson
 Cc: klawson@fort-frances.com
 Subject: RE: Reminder - Public Meeting - Community Garden

Hi Krista,
 I don't know if anything is required but have included the Deputy Clerk on this email who can advise if anything is.
 regards,
 Faye

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Subject
 RE: Reminder - Public Meeting -
 Community Garden

Hi Faye,

Thanks for the reminder:) I know that at least 2 people plan to speak in support -- please let me know what, if anything, is required to be submitted in advance of the meeting. Neither will be doing any sort of formal presentation but simply speaking briefly to the benefit of the project...

Thanks,

Krista

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 Sent: Wednesday, July 03, 2013 1:49 PM
 To: Krista Nielson
 Subject: Reminder - Public Meeting - Community Garden

Hi Krista,
This is a reminder of the public meeting next Monday at 6:45 - see attached.
I'd encourage you and anyone else to come speak in support of this.

regards,
Faye

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REPORT TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: K.M. Lawson

SUBJECT: Town of Fort Frances
Council Meeting - Monday, July 8, 2013
Consent Agenda Items

1. Items referred from Committee of the Whole:
See individual reports.
2. Request for support of a resolution dated June 28, 2013 from Fort Frances Police Services Board re: Donation of Funds from the Annual OPP Auction to the Community Police Committee for Youth Safety Initiatives.
 - will be referred to Administration and Finance Executive Committee for recommendation.

/kl



July 4, 2013



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POLICE SERVICES BOARD

June 28, 2013

Town of Fort Frances
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Attention: Mayor and Council

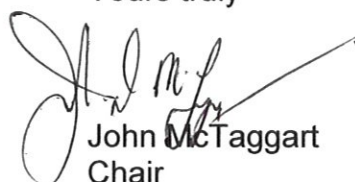
Dear Sirs:

At the regular meeting of the Police Services Board held June 28, 2013 the following resolution was approved:

"That the Police Services Board recommend to Council that the funds from the Annual OPP Auction of \$1,919.94 be donated to the Community Police Committee for Youth Safety Initiatives (ie. Bicycle safety) in the Town of Fort Frances."

A copy of their request is enclosed.

Yours truly



John McTaggart
Chair

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Encl.



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File# 614-10

June 17, 2013

Fort Frances Police Services Board
320 Portage Avenue
Fort Frances ON P9A 3P9

Re: **Police Auction – April 27, 2013**

The annual police auction was held on April 27, 2013, the auction generated \$1919.94 in revenue after all expenses were paid.

I am requesting that this money be donated to the Community Policing Committee for Youth Safety Initiatives (ie bicycle safety) in the Town of Fort Frances.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shouldice".

Inspector Steve Shouldice
Detachment Commander
Rainy River District Detachment 2D00

SS/tc

TOWN OF FORT FRANCES

BY-LAW NO. 36/13

(Being a By-Law to designate a Site Plan Control Area and authorize entering into a site plan agreement as a condition of development – *The Planning Act*, Section 41 – 301 Nelson Street)

WHEREAS the Town of Fort Frances has an Official Plan in effect which designates the entire Town as Site Plan Control Area.

AND WHEREAS the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances is empowered under Section 41 of the Planning Act, 1990, to designate the whole or any part of an area as Site Plan Control Area;

AND WHEREAS a proposal for the development of a biomass boiler on the property known as 301 Nelson Street was approved subject to site plan control; and

AND WHEREAS Council, at it's meeting held July 8, 2013 approved the recommendation from the Municipal Planner, that the Site Plan Control Agreement between the Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances and Resolute FP Canada Inc. be approved.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Fort Frances **HEREBY ENACTS** as follows:

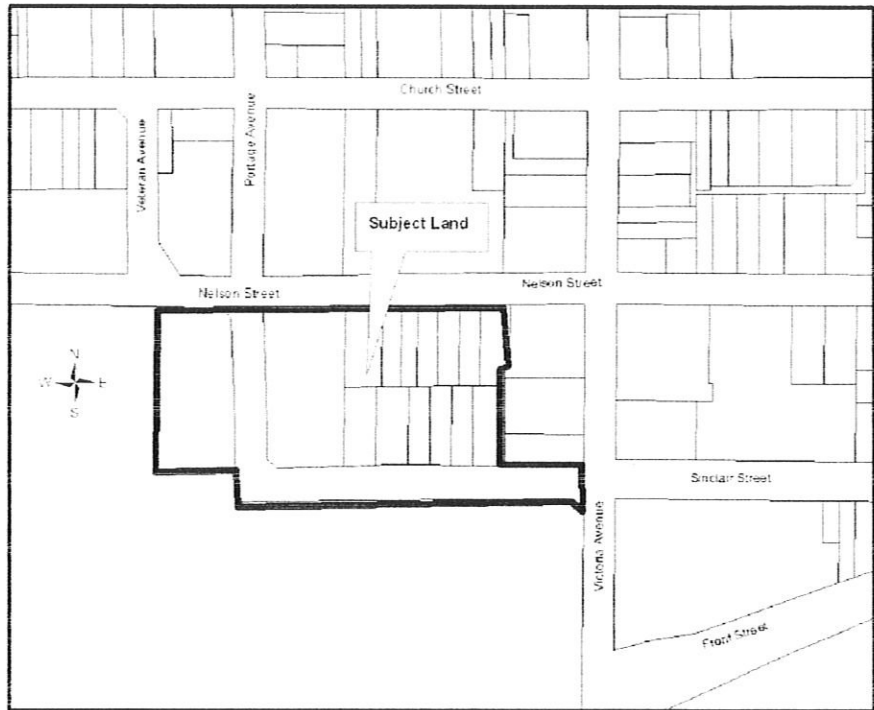
1. That the lands municipally known as **301 Nelson Street** and shown on Schedule "A" attached to and forming part of this by-law are designated as a Site Plan Control Area and regulated by this by-law and the requirements of the Agreement set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto and forming part of this by-law.
2. That the Mayor and the Clerk be authorized to execute the Agreement attached;
3. That the agreement be registered on title to the subject lands; and
4. That this By-Law shall come into force and take effect upon the final passing thereof.

READ THREE TIMES and finally passed in open Council this 8th day of July 2013.

MAYOR

CLERK

Key Map of Subject Lands:





Honourable Mayor Avis
and Members of Council
City of Fort Frances
320 Portage Avenue
Fort Frances ON P9A 3P9

June 17, 2013

Dear Mayor Avis and Members of Council,

Re: Raising of the Franco-Ontarian flag at Fort Frances' City Hall

L'Association des francophones du Nord-Ouest de l'Ontario (AFNOO) ensures the development and the prosperity of the Francophone communities in North Western Ontario on a political, educational, economical, linguistic, social and cultural level. We have enclosed for your information our latest activity report.

In May 2010, the Legislature enacted the *Franco-Ontarian Day Act, 2010*, S.O. 2010, c-4, (the "Act") designating the 25th of September of every year as the Franco-Ontarian Day.

The Preamble to the Act recognizes that many Franco-Ontarians commemorate September 25 to celebrate their language and heritage and also take pride in their collective accomplishments. Furthermore, September 25 is the anniversary of the first unveiling of the Franco-Ontarian flag in Sudbury in 1975. It should also be noted that the *Franco-Ontarian Emblem Act, 2001* recognizes the flag as the emblem of the Francophone community of Ontario.

As stated in the Act; "By proclaiming September 25 as Franco-Ontarian Day, this Act officially recognizes the contributions of the Francophone community of Ontario to the social, economic and political life of the Province and the community's importance in Ontario's society."

In 2012 Franco-Ontario Day was celebrated in our region by the official raising of the Franco-Ontarian flag in the City of Thunder Bay, City of Dryden and Township of Terrace Bay; both the Francophone and Anglophone communities gathered together to celebrate and rejoice the raising of our flag.

AFNOO has been solicited by the Francophone residents of our City, with the following requests:

1. **Raising of the Franco-Ontarian flag** ⁽¹⁾ on September 24, 2013 at Fort Frances' City Hall – if possible between 12 pm and 2 pm (to accommodate our young public); they have further requested that the flag remains on a permanent basis;



2. The support of the City of Fort Frances in the celebrations surrounding the “**Community commemorations of 400 Years of the French Presence in Ontario 2013-2015**”, to be held between January 2014 and September 25, 2015. It is specifically being requested that during this period of time that the City of Fort Frances raise the special 400 years celebration flag along with the Franco-Ontarian flag in its City.

We have enclosed, for your information, images of the Franco-Ontarian and 400th celebration flag.

The above referenced events are of significant importance to our community and our members. In this regard, we enclose letters from our schools showing their interest and the importance to celebrate such an exceptional Day and anniversary.

The francophone citizens of our City are proud and eager to share their cultural heritage within their community; such events assist in enhancing French language in your region, it further promotes and encourages the development of our economy, diversity and tourism.

We look forward to your favourable response. For further information, please contact: **Ms. Elodie Bedouet, Executive Director:** (807) 684-1950 or by email: dg@afnoo.org

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur le Maire et membres du conseil, nos salutations les plus distinguées.

Chantal Brochu

Chantal Brochu
President





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The French language has been present in Ontario for 350 years. The first French speakers to come to Ontario were the missionaries who established the mission of Sainte-Marie-among-the-Hurons in 1639.



The Ontario French-speaking community is the largest French-speaking community in Canada outside Quebec. French is one of the two official languages of Canada. In Ontario, it is recognized as an official language in the courts, in education and in the Legislative Assembly.

For nearly 40 years, the Province of Ontario has recognized the importance of serving its citizens in French upon request. It was when the present section 5 of the *French Language Services Act*, an Act also known as Law 8, came into force in November 1989, that the Province recognized that its citizens were entitled to those services upon request.

The Franco-Ontarian flag was unveiled for the first time on September 25, 1975 at Sudbury University. From then on, the Ontario French-speaking community has consistently used it as its emblem. It is therefore appropriate now to recognize it officially as the emblem of that community.

Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:

Definition

1. In this Act,

"Ontario French-speaking community" means the community of persons who have the right under subsection 23 (1) or (2) of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*, without regard to subsection 23 (3) of that Charter, to have their children receive their primary and secondary school instruction in the French language in Ontario.

Franco-Ontarian emblem

2. The flag described in the Schedule to this Act is recognized as the emblem of the Ontario French-speaking community.

Description of the Emblem of the Ontario French-Speaking Community

The emblem of the Ontario French-speaking community consists of two vertical bands of different colours. The first band is mid green and has a white lily in the middle of the band. The second band is white and has a mid green trillium in the middle of the band.

On the emblem, green represents summer and white represents winter. Together the two colours represent the diversity of Ontario's climate. The lily evokes the French-speaking community worldwide, whereas the trillium is the floral emblem of Ontario.

The following is an illustration of the emblem:



(This picture outlined for contrast. Actual flag does not have green border.)

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History of the French Presence in Ontario

The French presence in Ontario dates back nearly 400 years. The French were the first to explore the province and establish permanent settlements, as shown on our [interactive map](#). They are an integral part of Ontario's history.

The story of the French presence in Ontario begins with the explorations of young Étienne Brulé in 1610 and the establishment of first Jesuit mission at Sainte-Marie-Among-the-Hurons in 1639. The French were the first Europeans to use the natural and economic resources of the land that would become Ontario and the first to forge alliances with its Native peoples.

However, following wars with the Iroquois and the British, the French positions were weakened and France ceded all its North American possessions to Great Britain in the First Treaty of Paris (1763).

Under British rule, Francophones played a role in the economic and social development of Upper Canada and became more autonomous. Efforts by religious communities resulted in the creation of the first French-language educational institutions.

After Confederation in 1867, Ontario experienced a period of immigration and prosperity as a result of industrialization and the construction of the railways. French Canadian settlement followed the rail lines. At this time, internal divisions increased amongst English Canadians leading to further assimilation. French Canadians called for equal status. French Canadian leaders demanded equal recognition of their religious and educational rights.

When Ruling 17 (1912) made English the only language of instruction in Ontario's public schools, Francophones protested and created a separate school system. The crisis abated in 1927 when bilingual schools were re-established.

From 1910 to 1960, Ontario's Francophones created numerous organizations to defend their rights and promote their culture. During this time, the *Association canadienne-française d'éducation de l'Ontario* (ACFÉO), the first Francophone *caisse populaire* (1910) and a daily newspaper, *Le Droit* (1913), were founded.

In 1969, Ontario's laws authorized French language schools at the elementary and secondary levels. In 1970, the administration of French language government services was entrusted to the Office of the Government Coordinator of French-Language Services (which would become the Office of Francophone Affairs in 1985). The 1970s represented a time of tremendous artistic and cultural creativity, particularly in the Sudbury area. The *Franco-Ontarian flag* was created and raised for the first time at the University of Sudbury on September 25, 1975. This event has since become an important symbol for the Franco-Ontarian community and is celebrated each year.

In 1980, TVOntario began to offer programming in French. In 1984, the *Courts of Justice Act* gave French the same official language status in the courts as English. In 1986, the Government of Ontario adopted the *French Language Services Act*. The Act gives French legal status in the Legislative Assembly and guarantees the public the right to receive government services in French.

The 1990s and 2000s were marked by many advancements and accomplishments, such as the creation of twelve French-language school boards in 1997 and the recognition of the *Franco-Ontarian flag* by the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as an emblem of the Francophone community of Ontario in 2001. The anniversary of the Franco-Ontarian flag has become a symbolic date and is celebrated every year by francophone communities across the province.

For more information on the development of French language services, see [Historical Overview of French-language Services in Ontario](#).

To learn more about the French presence in Ontario, visit the Office of Francophone Affairs' exhibit [Ontario's Francophonie: Then And Now](#) and consult the Archives of Ontario for more information on [French Ontario in the 17th and 18th centuries](#).



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June 27, 2013

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Subject MEPCO OMERS UPDATE

TO THE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF MEPCO MEMBERS

June 28, 2013

For the information of MEPCO members, we are attaching an OMERS update on the 2013 Specified Plan Change proposals.

PLEASE NOTE AMO Breaking News will be broadcast to the member municipality's council, administrator and clerk. Recipients of the AMO broadcasts are free to redistribute the AMO broadcasts to other municipal staff as required. We have decided to not add other staff to these broadcast lists in order to ensure accuracy and efficiency in the management of our various broadcast lists.

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OMERS Update – June 28, 2013

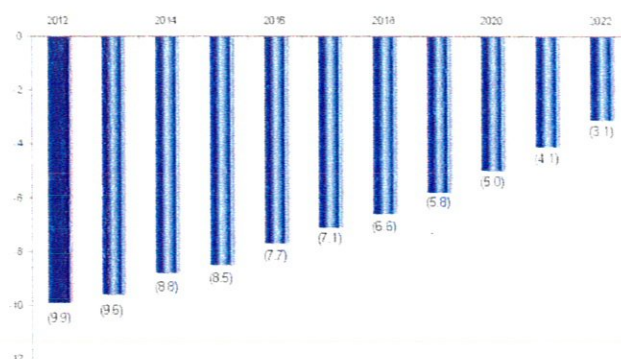
Necessary OMERS Benefit Reductions Fail to Pass

MEPCO is disappointed that meaningful, and measured benefit reductions proposed by MEPCO/AMO in collaboration with other employer sponsors have failed. At its meeting on June 25, the Sponsors Corporation (SC) Board completed its consideration of the 2013 Specified Plan Change (SPC) proposals and did not approve any specific plan changes that would contribute to the Plan's sustainability and affordability.

Proposed employer sponsor changes included, on a prospective basis, a reduction to indexing by 50 per cent for a period of time, a higher reduced benefit for those who elect to retire 5 years prior to their normal retirement age as well as a reduction to the benefit accrual rate in the pension formula from 2.0% to 1.85%.¹ These proposals were designed to relieve pressure on the high combined contribution rate which has reached a blended rate of 21.3%. Contribution rates for both employers and employees have increased 40% over 5 years. These three Plan change proposals would also help address some of the inter-generational impacts anticipated in the future with few new members supporting a larger cohort of retired members. Regrettably, these proposals failed to achieve the two thirds majority required of the SC for approval.

On the positive side, employee sponsor proposals to move police civilians and paramedics into NRA 60 failed. Both proposals would have added costs to employers that have their own police services and that provide ambulance services as well as add new liabilities to the Plan.

Projected Deficit



Why is it important to confront the sustainability of OMERS now?

The Plan's current actuarial deficit of \$10 b is not projected to diminish until 2022 (to \$3.3 b). To achieve this reduction, OMERS must have an investment return of at least 6.5% annually. It also assumes no change to current demographic assumptions. MEPCO holds that there is a risk to relying on these assumptions. If they are not met, the Plan's liabilities will increase further and even more drastic actions will be needed.

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¹ For SPC technical information go to: <http://www.omerssc.com/PlanChanges/4783.aspx>.

MEPCO/AMO and other employer sponsors are disappointed that the SC Board could not support reasonable temporary, prospective benefit decreases like the indexing reduction. It would have reduced the current blended contribution rate of 21.3% to about 19.7% and reduced the Plan's liabilities. In addition, it would have transferred some of the indexing costs to a later period when the Plan was in better condition.

This failure to move on any path to take pressure off contribution rates and to reduce the Plan's actuarial deficit faster clearly sets the OMERS Plan apart from other Ontario jointly sponsored public pension plans like Teachers and HOOPP. These Plans have taken even more significant steps to take the pressure off future contribution rate increases as they consider Plan sustainability.

MEPCO/AMO remains firmly committed to ensuring OMERS Plan sustainability. It will continue to advocate actions to secure sustainability and seek protection from unnecessary future contribution rate increases and ways to reduce these rates which are a drain to both employers' budgets and employees' paychecks.

All the proposals as summarized below if you missed our previous communications.

Employer sponsors formulated a proposal that would take effect in 2016. It would prefund 50% of indexing (CPI rate) for future service and would reduce the costs of pensions by \$3.8 billion. The blended contribution rate would decrease from 21.3% to approx. 19.7%. It also provided for the prospective restoration of the current 100% indexing when the Plan returned to surplus. In effect, it would shift future indexing costs to a future period when rates likely will be lower. To minimize the impact on retirees, it guaranteed that no pensioner in the first 10 years after the 2016 effective date would suffer any reduction in the pension s/he would otherwise have received had the current indexing formula remained in effect. [Note: This proposal is along the lines of the Teachers action to manage its Plan deficit and contribution rates. OMERS has almost 2 times Teachers Pension Plan deficit with a little more than 1/3 Teachers assets.]

Proposals submitted by employee sponsors are identical to ones proposed last year. There is the perennial proposal to allow paramedics to negotiate with their employers for the same NRA 60 coverage as police and fire. Second, the Police Association of Ontario continues to ask that civilian employees of police forces be moved to Normal Retirement Age 60 OMERS Plan component. (Both proposals add liabilities and costs.)

Two proposals advanced by employer representatives last year were re-submitted. The first attempts to roll back the early retirement option while the Plan is in deficit so that an NRA 60 member retiring before age 55 and an NRA 65 member retiring before age 60 would receive an actuarial reduction in their pension. The second proposal would reduce the accrual rate (from 2% to 1.85%) on pensions earned in respect of a member's earnings above the YMPE. Both proposals would reduce the Plan's liabilities.



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TO THE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF THE CLERK AND COUNCIL

Date: June 28, 2013

Policing Update

OPP Billing Reform Survey - Urgent matter, July 10th deadline.

AMO's policing update of June 14th indicated the OPP survey on cost recovery would be distributed shortly. The survey has now been distributed to all municipal CAOs or clerks via email. All municipalities are encouraged to reply. This includes municipalities with an OPP contract or without an OPP contract. It has also been sent to municipalities with their own police force because some may be considering using the OPP in the future.

The cost of policing is a top priority for all communities. This is your municipality's opportunity to relay concerns regarding cost and billing directly to the OPP and the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services. If OPP billing reform is implemented in 2014, it would have very significant implications for upcoming municipal budgets. Any billing changes (either positive or negative), would be in addition to the impact of the OPP's 2014 salary award increase of 8.55%. Previous salary changes were: 2011, 5%; 2012, 0%; and 2013, 0%.

The OPP is requesting that surveys be completed by July 10, 2013.

Questions regarding the survey may be directed to Janet Peroni at 705-329-6389 or at janet.peroni@ontario.ca. Should you experience any technical difficulties with the survey please contact Molly Acton Rinaldo at 705-329-7579 or at molly.acton@ontario.ca.

Future of Policing Advisory Committee Update

The Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services has asked the respective "stakeholders" with representation on this Advisory Committee to distribute the following update:

Future of Policing Advisory Committee

COMMUNIQUE

June 2013

Following the establishment of the Future of Policing Advisory Committee (FPAC) last year, the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services (MCSCS) has worked with our policing partners to plan for effective, efficient and sustainable police service delivery in Ontario in the future.

Through FPAC and its four working groups, MCSCS has sought the experience and expertise of senior policing and municipal leaders in reviewing the issues and helping develop a clear plan forward.

FPAC and the working groups have provided thoughtful and valuable advice to address several emerging themes. Those themes include:

- *Forward-thinking policy direction provided by the Province that includes clear goals, objectives and priorities for policing, inclusive of performance measures;*
- *A new Community Safety model that provides for multi-disciplinary approaches and partnerships to resolve complex social problems;*
- *Strengthened local governance and oversight;*
- *Sharing of services, infrastructure and resources to realize economies of scale and maximizes service delivery; and*
- *Identifying alternative resources for service delivery while ensuring proper training and oversight.*

With this phase of the work well advanced, MCSCS is taking key themes identified to other ministries and affected stakeholders for broader consultation. That consultation will occur over the next year and will inform further action and next steps.

MCSCS is also developing proposals for legislative, regulatory and policy change in the area of police service delivery to address the themes noted above and any further matters identified through broader consultation. MCSCS will seek the input of FPAC in finalizing these proposals through ongoing review and discussion at the FPAC table throughout this year and next, with an expected completion timeframe of spring 2015.

MCSCS is committed to developing a new strategic vision for community safety, including police service delivery that will support fiscally prudent, transparent, sustainable and accountable standards of service for the people of Ontario now and into the future.

The work of FPAC to date has been most valuable and necessary. MCSCS is committed to continuing this collaboration going forward.

AMO's comments on the update:

AMO will continue to keep municipalities up-to-date regarding policing issues and we continue to message that more immediate actions to bring about cost-savings should

be pursued by the Province.

AMO Contact: Matthew Wilson, Senior Advisor - mwilson@amo.on.ca 416-971-9856 extension 323.

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His Worship Roy Avis
Mayor
Town of Fort Frances
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Dear Mayor Avis:

It was a pleasure to meet with your delegation at the 2013 Rural Ontario Municipal Association/Ontario Good Roads Association Combined Conference. Minister Orazietti and I understand the importance of the issues raised by your delegation to your community.

I have conveyed your concerns to Minister Orazietti regarding the wood supply for Ainsworth's Barwick mill. As discussed, Ontario's rate reduction for poplar and white birch stumpage during the past five years has saved Ainsworth almost \$5 million in stumpage charges since April 2008. Reduced white birch and poplar stumpage rates have been a significant contributor to improved industry costs and maintained employment levels for facilities such as Ainsworth. Recently, selling prices for OSB products have rebounded and pricing forecasts for the near future are quite positive. The Ontario government is pleased to see a product pricing environment that is returning profitability to the OSB sector.

The Available Wood Report can be accessed on the ministry's website. This report is intended to help facilitate business arrangements between forest managers who have wood available and mills that need wood. If you have any questions concerning this report, please contact Mike Davis, Forest Industry Liaison Officer, at mike.g.davis@ontario.ca or (807) 475-1532.

I congratulate you and your community for the actions that you are taking to ensure that Fort Frances remains an economically viable community as it awaits for an upturn in the economy that, it is hoped, will see the Resolute Forest Products mill start again.

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Again, it was a pleasure to meet with you. Minister Oraziotti and I look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,



Joe Dickson
Parliamentary Assistant
To the Minister of Natural Resources

c: Greg Chapman, District Manager, Fort Frances District
Dave Hayhurst, Director Operations Branch, Forest Industry Division
Mike Davis, Forest Industry Liaison Officer, Northwest Region



International Falls Area
Chamber of Commerce

June 18, 2013

The Honorable Amy Klobuchar
 302 Hart Senate Office Building
 Washington DC 20510

Dear Sen. Klobuchar:

The International Falls Area Chamber of Commerce joins the wide opposition to Department of Homeland Security's proposal to study and potentially implement border entry fees for land travelers.

The proposal indicates a continuing lack of awareness on the impact that regulation, fees and time factors impose on the trade and tourism relations between two countries whose citizens very much want to stay connected in the interest of reciprocity and healthy economics. And it ignores the important "back-and-forth" relationship between border towns.

Locally, adding a new fee to the current confusion regarding U.S. identity requirements as well as Canadian entry denials due to aged D.U.I.s ~ would be another blow for the economics of the sister cities of International Falls and Fort Frances. Borderland has recently undergone devastating changes in its primary industry of paper making.

Another add-on to bridge tolls and wait/search times sends a cataclysmic message to the one million Canadians who visit Minnesota each year, not to mention the impact on returning U.S. citizens.

Canadian spending on "our side of the river" is a key element in our local economy. The land-fee proposal flies in the face of a current endeavor between the sister cities that we call *Cross-Border Brain Storming*.

Of all the negative reactions to a recent CBC report on the proposal, the following sentiment by a Canadian online reader sums up the risk: "Go for it ~ I don't need any more reasons not to go to the U.S."

What's being proposed as good for the Department of Homeland Security would be bad for business between International Falls and Fort Frances, and between our countries at large. The focus should rather be on what hastens, promotes and eases travel across our friendly borders ~ with rationale toward economic factors and the bonds of alliance.

It is imperative that you take action against the proposed border-crossing fee, for the future of this border town and the relationship between our two countries.

Respectfully,

Faye Whitbeck, President

cc Honorable Rick Nolan, U.S. Congress
 Honorable Al Franken, U.S. Senate

International Falls City Council, Mayor Bob Anderson
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Faye Whitbeck
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Ms. Whitbeck,

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) proposal to examine the feasibility and costs of establishing a land border fee.

I agree that we should support proposals that encourage economic activity, not stifle it, as this proposal would do. For communities like International Falls, economic cooperation with Canada is central to local economic vitality. Every day, Canadians and Americans cross over to get to work, go to the doctor, run errands, attend a sports game, go to the theater, do their shopping, and much more. Efficient border crossings are essential in making these everyday activities as seamless as possible.

Congress has recognized that a border fee such as the one proposed by DHS would discourage these daily crossings, bringing adverse economic impacts to an area already hampered by border crossing decreases due to the global economic downturn. I am pleased language was inserted in the FY2014 Homeland Security Appropriations bill that prohibits funding to impose or to conduct any study relating to the implementation of a border crossing fee for pedestrians or passenger vehicles. While this language effectively blocks the DHS proposal in the House, perpetual budget uncertainty requires that additional efforts be made. To that end, several of my Northern Border Caucus colleagues and I have also cosponsored H.R.1886, the Promoting Border Commerce and Travel Act, which would prohibit DHS from imposing a border crossing fee on pedestrians and passenger vehicles at the U.S.-Canada border.

I hope this update addresses your concerns regarding the border fee proposal. I appreciate your advice and counsel on all matters of small business and commerce. Please be sure to let me know whenever I can be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Richard M. Nolan
Member of Congress

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June 27, 2013

Inspection

NOTICE OF AERIAL HERBICIDE SPRAYING

CROSSROUTE FOREST

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) invites you to inspect the MNR approved aerial herbicide spray project. As part of our ongoing efforts to regenerate and protect Ontario's forests, selected stands on the Crossroute Forest (see map) will be sprayed with herbicide to control competing vegetation; starting on or about **April 1, 2013**. The herbicide Vision Max, registration number PCP # 27736, will be used.

The approved project description and project plan for the aerial herbicide project is available for public inspection at the Resolute Forest Products office and on the MNR public website at ontario.ca/forestplans for the one year duration of the annual work schedule, beginning **April 1, 2013** until **March 31st, 2014** when the annual work schedule expires. Ontario Government Information Centres at Ontario Government Information Centres at Atikokan, Fort Frances and Rainy River provide access to the internet.

Interested and affected persons and organizations can arrange an appointment with MNR staff at the MNR District or Area office to discuss the aerial herbicide project.

For More information or to arrange an appointment with MNR staff please contact:

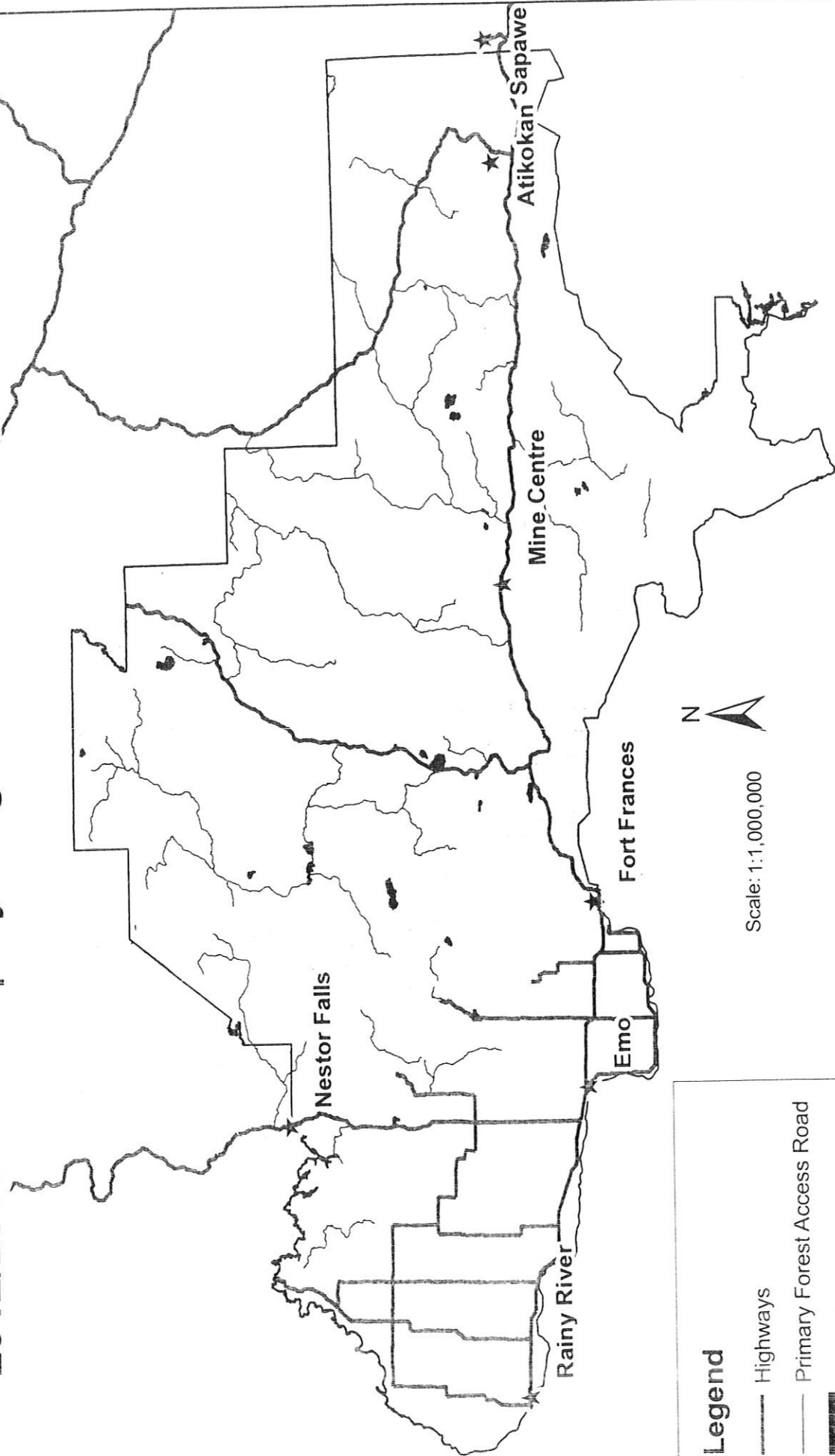
- Judy Kaufman at AbiBow Canada Inc, 427 Mowat Ave, Fort Frances, ON, P9A 3N2. Telephone (807) 274-5311 ext. 1469
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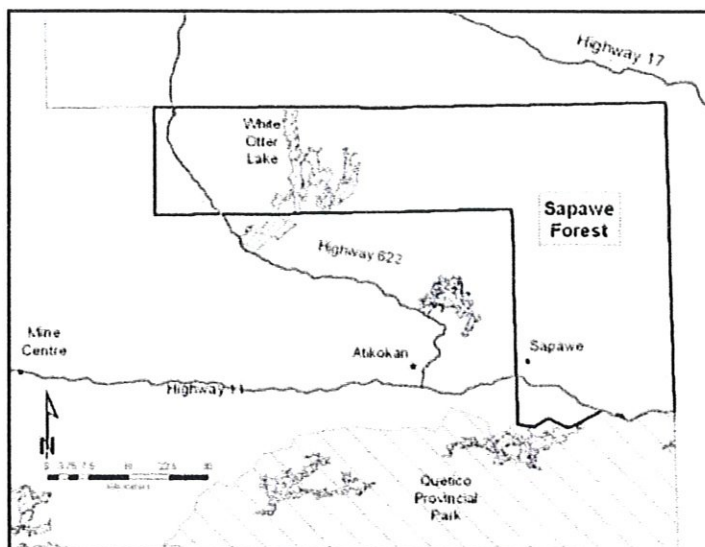
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INSPECTION

Inspection of Approved Aerial Herbicide Spraying Sapawe Forest

The Ontario **Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR)** invites you to inspect the MNR-approved aerial herbicide spray project. As part of our ongoing efforts to regenerate and protect Ontario's forests, selected stands on the **Sapawe Forest** will be sprayed with herbicide to control competing vegetation, starting on or about **August 8, 2013**. The herbicide VisionMax registration #27736 will be used.

The approved project description and project plan for the aerial herbicide project is available for public inspection at the Atikokan MNR office and on the MNR public website at ontario.ca/forestplans beginning July 8, 2013 until **March 31, 2014** when the annual work schedule expires. The Ontario Government Information Centre at 108 Saturn Avenue, Atikokan, provides access to the Internet.



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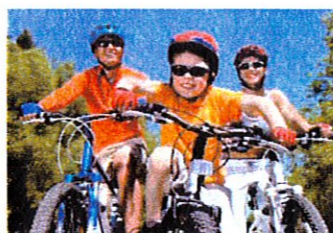
Bike Helmets - It's the law!

Yvonne Hutton, CLW, Atikokan

No one likes to wear them, but research has shown that bike helmets are an extremely effective tool in preventing head injuries in cycling accidents. Approximately three-quarters of all cycling deaths involve head injuries!

The Ontario helmet law came into effect October 1, 1995 and was intended to reduce the incidence of head injuries in cyclists. Originally intended for all bike riders of any age, the law was amended before it came into effect making adults over the age of 18 exempt. The law states that if you are under 18 years of age you are

required by law to wear an approved bicycle helmet when travelling on any public road.



**No helmet = no ride
for everyone!**

The penalty for not wearing a helmet is applied directly to youth ages 16 and 17, and to the parents of children under 16 years of age. The base fine is \$60, but with

additional court costs the total fine becomes \$75.00.

A child riding a tricycle must wear a helmet, as well as children riding in bike carriers or bike trailers.

Enforcing a "no helmet-no ride" rule with children starting from a young age helps to reinforce wearing helmets when "no one is watching". Children are more likely to wear their helmets if adult caregivers are also wearing them.

Anyone operating an electric bike (e-bike) of any age is required to wear a bike helmet at all times.

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Northern Health Travel Grants

Carol Grosset, OM, Kenora

As of December 1, 2012, the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care requires that **accommodation (hotel) receipts that include the name of the patient as the guest**, be submitted with the travel grant application. If a receipt is not submitted, reimbursement will be for the "travel allowance" only.

To prevent delays in processing your Northern Health Travel Grant application by having it sent back to you, the following tips should be kept in mind:

- ☐ read application instructions to ensure you meet all requirements
- ☐ is travel for OHIP insured purposes
- ☐ do you qualify for reimbursement from other agencies, ie WSIB
- ☐ ensure grant is completed legibly and in full
- ☐ signed by patient or guardian
- ☐ northern referring provider information is complete and signed
- ☐ specialist/health facility provider information is complete and signed



- ☐ enclose applicable tickets for commercial travel
- ☐ enclose accommodation receipt booked in patient/guardian's name
- ☐ submit application within 12 months of appointment date

If you have any questions or concerns, visit the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care's website:

<http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/public/publication/ohip/northern.aspx> or contact the Northern Health Travel Grant office in Sudbury at 1-800-461-4006.

Registered Disability Savings Plan - It adds up!

Fay Clark, CLW, Kenora

A Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP) is a means for people with disabilities to save money. RDSP's do not affect asset levels of those on Ontario Disability Support Program Benefits (ODSP). To establish an RDSP, a person must first qualify for the federal Disability Tax Credit (DTC) by proving that they have a "severe and prolonged mental or physical impairment" and be under the age of 60 (if you are 59, you must apply before the end of the calendar year in which you turned 59). Applications for RDSP's are made through the Canada

Revenue Agency.

If you have an RDSP, are under the age of 49 (up to the end of the calendar year in which you turn 49), and depending on your (or your families' if you are under 18) income, you may also be eligible for federally provided grants and bonds. Applications for both programs are made through the bank where the RDSP is held.

The Canada Disability Savings Grant is a matching grant that the government will match up to 300% of the money deposited into your RDSP. The maximum grant is \$3,500 each year, with a lifetime limit of \$70,000.

The **Canada Disability Savings Bond** does not require any personal contributions to your RDSP. The government will place up to \$1000 per year, depending on income, into your RDSP with a lifetime limit of \$20,000. Unused grant and bond entitlements from the previous 10 years (starting from 2008) can be claimed for RDSP's opened January 2011 or later. To apply for unused grant and bond entitlements, you must currently be financially eligible. For more information contact the legal clinic or Service Canada.

Our Pamphlet Stands

All three offices of the Northwest Community Legal Clinic carry a large supply of pamphlets relating to areas of law within the Clinic Mandate. We invite you to call or stop into your local office to view the selection.

Social Security Tribunal

Sallie Hunt, Staff Lawyer, Kenora

The new Social Security Tribunal (SST) is a single decision-making body that consolidates the work previously done by four separate HRSDC tribunals – the Office of the Commission of Review

Tribunals for CPP and OAS matters, the Pension Appeals Board (PAB), the EI Board of Referees and the EI Umpire.

As of April 1, 2013, all appeals for EI, CPP and

OAS must be submitted to the SST. The first year will be a transition period. During this time, the SST will hear all new appeals while the four tribunals finalize cases already in their systems.



Team Celebrations

We know that our team members: staff, board and volunteers, are terrific people. It seems that others are recognizing their special spirit in the community also. Trudy McCormick, our executive director, has been re-elected as Co-Chair of

the ACLCO. Her dedication during these changing times has kept the organization focused on the needs of the legal clinic system and ultimately, the citizens we serve. Volunteerism awards were bestowed by the Ministry of Citizenship on staff

lawyer, Sallie Hunt, and on our long serving board member, Margaret Hulagrocki. Nan Normand, community legal worker, was featured on an Inspiring Women poster that circulated the community as part of International Women's Day celebrations.

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Waiting

Nan Normand, CLW, Kenora

Somewhere within our region, someone at this moment is complaining about a health care wait issue. This subject is almost as popular as the weather. Like the weather, we always believe that it is better someplace else. Here's some research that contradicts our beliefs about health care wait times.

Everyone who has ever waited in the emergency department for care is convinced that the speed of service is better elsewhere. Provincially a patient with a major complex health issue will wait 5.4 hours for treatment while

minor issues are handled within 2.1 hours. At the Lake of the Woods District Hospital patients will average a 4.2 hour (major) and 2.8 hour (minor) wait.

Welland, a comparative hospital in Southern Ontario has an 8.6 hour wait for treatment of complex medical conditions. In Kenora, referrals for Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) scans are achieved faster than anywhere else in the province (78 days). Waiting for cancer surgery is terrifying but our area's service time is 37 days which is less than half of the provincial target



(82 days). Hip and knee replacements are close to the provincial target. Another common health issue for our aging population is cataracts. Locally, our citizens will obtain treatment in about 103 days.

This good news may be reassuring to the statisticians but no parent with a crying child waiting in emergency will relax with these numbers. A wait is always a wait and in a world in which we have become used to instant service, we will continue to protest any wait.

P.A.R.T.Y. Program

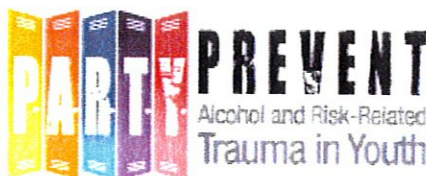
Debra Bruyere, Support, Atikokan

The Atikokan Safe and Healthy Life-styles Committee, (A.S.H.L.S.) which is comprised of a number of agencies in Atikokan including the Northwest Community Legal Clinic, organized a presentation of the Prevent Alcohol and Risk-Related Trauma in Youth (P.A.R.T.Y.) program to the Atikokan High School grade 10 students.

The P.A.R.T.Y. program was developed at the Sunnybrook Health Science Centre in Toronto in January 1986. The program has been delivered to over one million young people world wide and growing.

Thanks to the generous donations from companies, agencies and organizations in Atikokan, the A.S.H.L.S. was able to raise enough

money to bring the program to the students with the assistance of the Fort Frances P.A.R.T.Y. program.



This full day session takes the students through an injury from the occurrence, through transport, treatment, rehabilitation and community re-integration phases. The P.A.R.T.Y. program is designed to educate youth about the impact and effect of trauma

and to encourage them to make smart choices. The students interact with paramedics, emergency responders, police officers, fire and rescue personnel, and health professionals including nurses, physicians and physiotherapists.

On May 3rd, the students attended a full day session at the Atikokan General Hospital. The presenters did an excellent job at conveying their experience, knowledge and heartfelt stories. At the end of the day Sergeant Anne McCoy and Ryan Mosley shared very personal stories making this experience very relevant to our community. More information is available on the P.A.R.T.Y. program website at www.partyprogram.com.

GASP! Alert for hydro one Customers

We have been gasping our way up the utility rocket for several years now. Within the next few months, you may have an unexpectedly high bill. Due to a systems change, there will be an extra 18 days of energy consumption

on your Hydro One invoice. The new Customer Information System has been designed to eliminate the gap between the electricity usage and the issuing of the account. As a result of the switch over, there will be a higher

bill for one month. To ease the financial hardship, Hydro One will divide the 18 days consumption into six equal interest free payments. If you have any questions call Hydro One at 1-877-543-3797.



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Northwestern Health Unit

*This issue, we feature the **Northwestern Health Unit**. Thanks to Shannon Robinson for contributing the following article...*

Congratulations! One of the most important things you can do for your health is quit tobacco and there is no better time than right now. If you've tried to quit before, you know that it is not an easy thing to do. It takes the average smoker multiple tries before they quit for good. But each attempt teaches you something – use the things you learned the next time you quit to make it successful.

There are some things you can do to prepare yourself to quit smoking. Setting a quit date that is meaningful to you and within a short time frame (about a month) will boost your desire to quit and will give you time to get

ready. As you get closer to your quit date, delay your first cigarette each day and try to reduce the number of times you smoke throughout the day.

When your quit date arrives and you begin your tobacco-free lifestyle, remember the 4 D's:

Delay – most cravings will pass in a few minutes. Tell yourself this and control the impulse to smoke.

Distract – take your mind off smoking by thinking of something else to do.

Take action against urges!

Deep Breathe – breathe in slowly and deeply and then breathe out. This mimics that actual motion of smoking and will help you feel calmer and more in control.

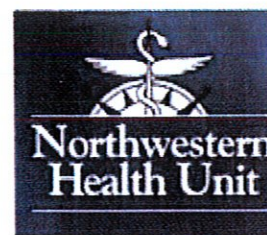
Drink Water – take a sip of water and hold it in your mouth before swallowing. This can also help with the hand

to mouth
action of
smoking.

Asking a friend or a family member to act as your quit buddy will also help when you need that little extra support and encouragement.

If you have a relapse, don't worry! It is normal to slip – just remember to get back on track and stick to the things that work for you. When you are successfully tobacco-free, reward yourself! You have just accomplished something that will benefit you for the rest of your life.

For self-help resources to help you quit, such as quit kits, brochures and workbooks, visit your local Northwestern Health Unit office or call the Smokers' Helpline at 1-877-513-5333 for more information and support.



Office Closures

Monday, July 1st - Canada Day

Monday, August 5th - Civic Holiday

Monday, September 2nd - Labour Day

Sub-Offices

Red Lake- August 7th, September 11

Ear Falls - August 8th, September 12

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Consider the environment...

Please recycle this newsletter!



Andrea Curtis
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To "Al Willcocks (allan.willcocks@ontario.ca)"
<allan.willcocks@ontario.ca>, "Albert_Handorgan
(albert@naongashiing.ca)" <albert@naongashiing.ca>,
cc
bcc
Subject RRGP Newsletter

Good Afternoon;

Please find attached the Rainy River Resources Ltd. spring newsletter for 2013.
Thanks you for your interest in the Rainy River Gold Project.

Have a great summer!



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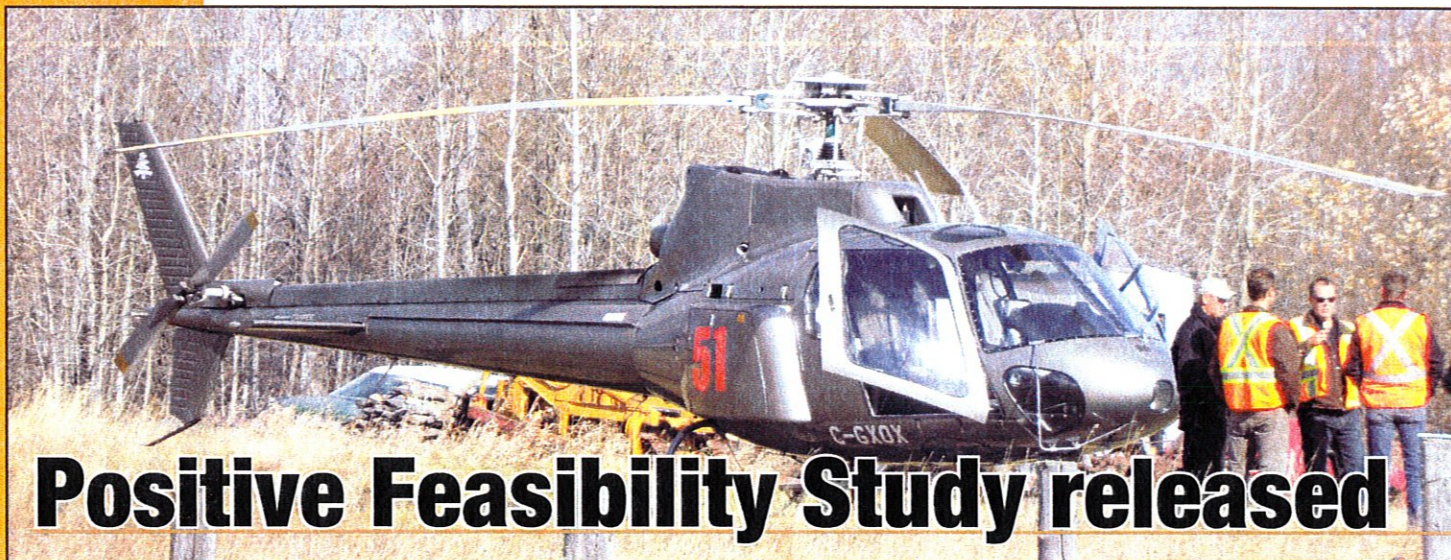


RAINY RIVER

*Defining
Canada's Newest
Gold District*

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SPRING 2013



Positive Feasibility Study released

Rainy River Resources is pleased to inform District residents about the positive Feasibility Study completed for the Rainy River Gold Project. A Feasibility Study contains the details for the development of a mining project, including operating and financial parameters.

"With the release of the Rainy River Gold Project Feasibility Study, we are transitioning to the mine development stage of Canada's newest gold district," said Raymond Threlkeld, Rainy River's President and CEO. "The Feasibility Study outlines an outstanding project, located in one of the best mining jurisdictions in the world, conveniently surrounded by infrastructure, and with tremendous exploration potential."

"Our planned mine production averages 326,000 ounces of gold and 494,000 ounces of silver annually in the first 10 years of the combined open pit and underground operation."

Here are some of the highlights of the proposed mine's possible production:

- 16-year life of operations
- Industry leading "all-in" costs of US\$771 per ounce gold, first 10 years.
- Average mill head grade of 1.46 grams per tonne ("g/t") of gold, first 10 years.
- Average underground grade of 5.07 g/t of gold, life-of-mine.
- Average annual production of 326,000 gold ounces and 494,000 silver ounces, first 10 years.

- Initial pre-production capital costs of \$713 million.
- Total open pit sustaining capital costs of \$322 million (tailings facilities, overburden, waste removal, and equipment).
- Underground development capital costs of \$68 million, commencing in 2016, funded by operating cash flows.
- Underground sustaining capital costs of \$95 million (development, infrastructure and equipment).

"This mine plan, combined with the exploration potential in our district, makes the Rainy River Gold Project stand out in Canada as a low risk, high return project," said Threlkeld.

Rainy River Resources is continuing to explore in the area, as well, with the discovery of a new area of gold mineralization near to the proposed mine location, which has been named the Intrepid Zone.

"A prime example of the district potential is our exciting Intrepid Zone, where we saw high grade intercepts of almost half an ounce of gold and almost 3 ounces of silver over 9 metres in drill hole NR 131523," said Threlkeld. "The Intrepid Zone, which is not included in the Feasibility Study, exemplifies the potential of the district and is expected to add high quality ounces to an already outstanding Rainy River Gold Project."

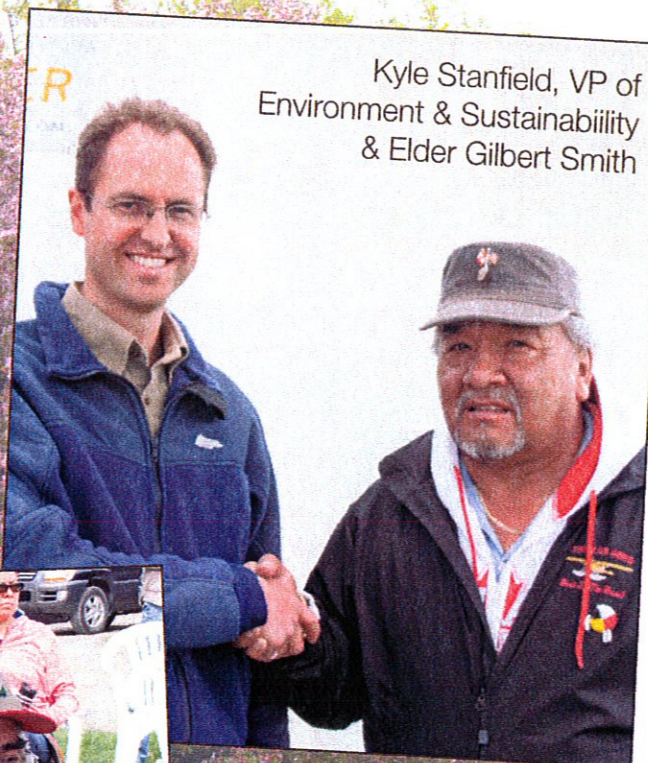
For more information about the Rainy River Gold Project, please check out our web site at www.rainyriverresources.com.

Spring Ceremony held at the Rainy River Gold Project site

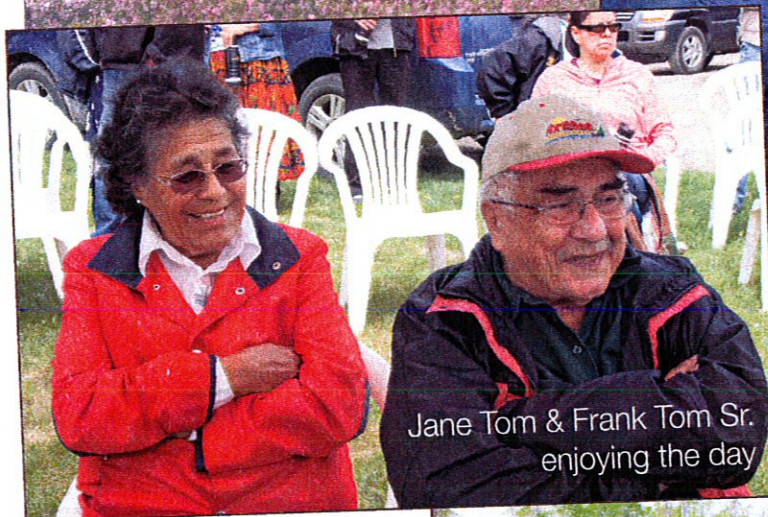
GOLD Nuggets

The Greeks thought that gold was a dense combination of water and sunlight.

The San Francisco 49ers are named after the 1849 Gold Rush miners.



Kyle Stanfield, VP of Environment & Sustainability & Elder Gilbert Smith



Jane Tom & Frank Tom Sr. enjoying the day



Miigwetch and thanks to everyone who was able to attend our Spring Ceremony on June 4, 2013 at the project site. This year the ceremony was presided over by Elder Gilbert Smith. We are grateful for our strong relationships with the First Nations and Métis groups in the District.



Over 50 guests enjoyed lunch together following the ceremony



New Gold Inc. to acquire Rainy River Resources Ltd.

New Gold Inc. ("New Gold") (TSX and NYSE MKT:NGD) and Rainy River Resources Ltd. ("Rainy River") (TSX: RR) have jointly announced that they have entered into a definitive acquisition agreement, whereby New Gold will offer to acquire all of the outstanding common shares of Rainy River through a friendly take-over bid.

Why should Rainy River combine with New Gold?

- The combination offers a compelling value of \$3.83 per Rainy River share, in shares and cash.
- The offer represents a 42% premium to the May 30th share price.
- The combination enables shareholders to participate in New Gold share upside.
- Financial risk is reduced for the Rainy River Gold Project.
- Operational risk is reduced with greater financial and technical resources to develop RRGP.
- And, greater certainty is provided to Rainy River stakeholders, including our local communities and shareholders, as the Project can continue to move forward.

What's Next?

- Bid circular mailed to Rainy River shareholders: Mid-June 2013.
- Tender deadline: July 2013 (details to be confirmed).
- Transaction close: Late July - Early August 2013.

About New Gold Inc.

- New Gold is an intermediate mining company with a portfolio of four producing assets, two significant development projects and positive cash flow.
- The company holds cash and equivalents of \$672 million at March 31, 2013.
- Listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSE) and the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) under the symbol NGD.

For Further Information, please visit www.newgold.com

GOLD Nuggets

One cubic foot of gold weighs half a ton. The world's largest gold bar weighs 200 kg (440 lb).

Due to its high value, most gold discovered throughout history is still in circulation. However, it is thought that 80% of the world's gold is still in the ground.

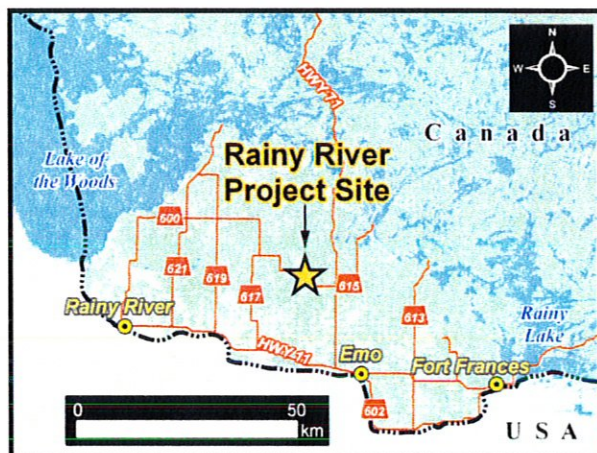


Rainy River Gold Project Rainy River Resources Ltd.

Rainy River Resources Ltd. has initiated an environmental assessment under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the **Rainy River Gold Project**.

The **Rainy River Gold Project** is a proposed open pit and underground gold mine with related processing facilities and infrastructure, to be developed by Rainy River Resources Ltd. located in the Township of Chapple, approximately 65 kilometres (by road) northwest of Fort Frances, Ontario.

The Project is anticipated to be a significant contributor to the local economy and provide exceptional employment opportunities.



The Process

On May 15, 2013 the Provincial Minister of the Environment approved the amended terms of reference for the **Rainy River Gold Project**. A copy of the approved terms of reference is available at:

<http://www.rainyriverresources.com/Community-and-Environment/environmental-assessment-process>

The approved terms of reference is also available during business hours at the following Rainy River Resources offices:

1 Richmond Street W., Ste 701 Toronto, ON T. 416-645-7280	5967 Highway 11 / 71 Emo, ON T. 807-482-2501
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Notice of Commencement of Environmental Assessment

The study will be carried out according to the approved terms of reference and the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. Results from this study will be documented in an environmental assessment report, which will be submitted to the ministry for a review. At that time, the public and other interested persons will be informed when and where the environmental assessment report can be reviewed.

This Provincial Environmental Assessment process is one of two environmental assessment processes required for approval of the **Rainy River Gold Project**. A Federal environmental assessment is also required pursuant to the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012*. Environmental Impact Statement Guidelines were issued on December 18, 2012 by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, which provide the scope of the Federal Environmental Assessment.

Rainy River Resources Ltd. is working with the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency to develop a coordinated environmental assessment process, including coordinated public consultation opportunities wherever possible to reduce duplication of effort.

Consultation

Members of the public, agencies, Aboriginal communities and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the environmental assessment process by attending consultation opportunities or contacting **Rainy River Resources Ltd.** directly with information, comments or questions. Upcoming consultation events will be advertised in local papers and also published at www.rainyriverresources.com.

If you would like to be added to our project mailing list or have project-related questions, please contact:

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Under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Environmental Assessment Act*, unless otherwise stated in the submission, any personal information such as name, address, telephone number and property location included in a submission will become part of the public record files for this matter and will be released, if requested, to any person.

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**FORT FRANCES MUNICIPAL NON-PROFIT HOUSING CORPORATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MONDAY DECEMBER 10TH, 2012
COMMITTEE ROOM – CIVIC CENTRE**

A meeting of the Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation was held in the Committee Room of the Civic Centre on Monday December 10th, 2012 at 12:00 noon.

The following members were present: Vice Chair John Albanese, Gord McBride, Councillor Andrew Hallikas, Faye Flatt, Municipal Planner and Mark McCaig, CAO.

Also Present: Sandra Weir, Wendy Tilbury (RRDSSAB) and Lori Pattison, Secretary.

Regrets: Nick Wihnan, Chair and Bill Krukoski.

Due to the Chair's absence Councillor John Albanese to chair the meeting.

Agenda:

Called to order at 12:05 p.m.

1. **11/12 Gord McBride – John Albanese:** that the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED.

2. Non – Agenda Items: information to attach to Market Rent Increase
3. Approval of Minutes – June 21, 2012

12/12 Gord McBride – Andrew Hallikas – that the minutes from the previous meeting on June 21, 2012 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED.

4. Appointment of Auditors for 2012:

13/12 Andrew Hallikas – Faye Flatt: that the Fort Frances Municipal Non Profit Housing Corporation Board appoint BDO Dunwoody Canada Ltd. as auditors for the year 2012.

CARRIED.

5. Financial Statements (May, June, July, August, September and October 2012):

14/12 Faye Flatt – Andrew Hallikas: that the Fort Frances Municipal Non Profit Housing Corporation Board approve the financial statements for June, July, August, September and October 2012 as presented.

CARRIED.

6. Appointment of Officers (President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary as per section 16 by-law #2).

15/12 Andrew Hallikas – Gord McBride: that the Fort Frances Municipal Non Profit Housing Corporation Board Officers remain the same for the 2013 year –
President – Nick Wihnan Vice President – Councillor John Albanese
Treasurer – Mark McCaig Secretary – Faye Flatt

CARRIED.

7. 2013 Operating Forecast – The 2013 Operating Forecast was presented by Sandra Weir based on no increase in Market Rent for 2013.

16/12 Andrew Hallikas – Gord McBride: that the Fort Frances Municipal Non Profit Housing Corporation Board approve the 2013 Operating Forecast as presented.

CARRIED.

A question arose as to when the current Mortgage is up – Sandra will check into the issue and report back at the next meeting in March 2013.

8. Market Rent – a discussion took place and the budget will be secure with no rent increase for 2013 therefore the following resolution was passed:

17/12 Andrew Hallikas – Gord McBride – that the Fort Frances Municipal Non Profit Housing Corporation Board recommend that there be no increase in the market rent for 2013.

CARRIED.

9. 2013 Capital Forecast – there have been allocations made in the capital budget for flooring in two units, one new counter top and 5 stoves (all upon move outs)

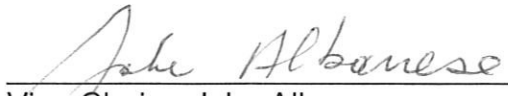
18/12 Andrew Hallikas – Gord McBride – that the Fort Frances Municipal Non Profit Housing Corporation Board approve the 2013 Capital Forecast as presented.

CARRIED.

10. **Next meeting date: March 27th or 28th, 2013 – to be determined.**

Adjournment – 12:25 p.m.


Chair – Nick Wihnan


Vice-Chair – John Albanese

Doug Anderson – Chair	Betty's	P	Chamber of Commerce Representative	P
Ted Debenetti – Co-Chair			Annely Armstrong	
A Buck or Two		A	RRFDC – Geoff Gillon	A
George Emes				
IPC Securities		P	John Albanese – Town Councilor	A
Richard Boileau			Town of Fort Frances	
McTaggart's		P	Shelley Wepruk	P
Marie Therese Metke			Secretary	
Pharmsave		A	Jennifer Greenhalgh	P
Pat Gartshore				
Gartsh's		A		
Mike Tullio				
Nirvana Spa		A		



Guests: Blair Anderson & Jennifer Horton

1.Call to Order , Call for Conflict of Interest, Call for Agenda Additions

Doug Anderson opened the meeting. The meeting to was called to order at 8:00 a.m. The Agenda and minutes were circulated to the members for review. Members were asked for any agenda additions or conflicts of interest, none were noted.

2. Approval of Minutes

B.I.A Board of Management Meeting – 8 May, 2013

Copies of the minutes from the 10 April, 2013 Board of Management Meeting were circulated for review and approval. The following motion was made;

Motion #1 Jennifer Greenhalgh/George Emes

TO accept the minutes presented of the 10 April, 2013 Regular Board of Management Meeting as presented.
Also to ratify all motions made on that date.

No against or abstentions

CARRIED

3. Accounts Payable & Financial Report

There were no bills to be paid.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Finance and Administration Committee – There have been no bills for the past 2 months so we are under budget at the present.

Promotions Committee – Market Thursday's ads start tonight with radio ads all next week. Market Thursday officially kicks off on May 16. Ads will be placed on the internet this year also. Super Market Thursday will be held on 27 June, mall day. Kim Jo Bliss will be bringing various animals to town for people to view. A letter will be sent to the town asking for street closure on 27 June. Ads will be placed in paper and on the radio announcing the street closure. Attractions for mall days will include a booth in front of Health Unit by Best Start Network and a Dragon Boat in front of NCDS.

Everyone is encouraged to display, sell or somehow promote their business on the street on that day.

George has obtained sheeting to redo the panels on the Rainy Lake Hotel. We are currently seeking budding artists help with the display to be painted on the panels. We will be seeking artists thru the internet thru the web site also. If interested, please contact any board member.

Everything is ready to go on the Discover Fort Frances maps and will be out shortly.

Bass Week is approaching and the idea of having a stationary parade was discussed. Suggestion included closing Scott Street for 1 day and having the fishermen bring their boats downtown for people to see. Sponsors could take advantage of this as people could stop and talk to both the fishermen and their sponsors. It was suggested that perhaps businesses could pay a nominal amount to have a boat in front of their establishment so they could promote their business as well.

Maintenance Committee – Darryl is in the process of trimming the trees today.

According to the MNR, the proposed bird houses would attract sparrow and starlings. They suggest not putting holes in the houses as they birds will make a lot of mess or perhaps we could have wren houses built. Henry Miller cannot help us with the bird houses this year as he is too busy. It was determined that there should be 3 – 4 houses per tree. It was suggested that we approach the carpentry club. Anyone wanting to build bird houses for in front of their store, please feel free to do so. If you cannot build one, perhaps purchasing one or more would more in order. There will be 3 birdhouses placed in the dead tree in front of McTaggart's this year. The tree will be removed next spring when fully dead to the roots.

The idea of wind chimes was discussed and it was decided that larger chimes would be better suited. It idea is for a more visual effect rather than a sound effect and making Scott Street THE place to walk at night rather that Second Street.

We are encouraging everyone to put planters in front of your stores this year. If you do not want to put a planter, perhaps you could plant flowers around the base of your tree if you have one in front of store.

The suggestion to have more trees planted on Scott Street was discussed. It was suggested planting 3 or 4 trees in front of Rainy Lake Hotel. The committee will ask Darryl if possible and have him make arrangements with town if it is a go.

As mentioned in promotions, George has obtained paneling to the front of Fort Frances Hotel. This could be a perfect spot to show the residents of Fort Frances what the BIA had in mind for that spot – MARKET SQUARE. It was suggested that there could be a picture of the old hotel in the 1940's on one side and the proposed square on the other side. The picture of the Mountie should also be updated. There could be a picture of the old "Welcome to Fort Frances" banner that used to greet visitors at the International Bridge. The committee would very much like to have this work done by 1 June if possible.

Doug would like to see the person or persons who does the work on the panels to receive some sort of remuneration for their efforts.

Committee is also going to check with parks board to see if there are any more of the grey garbage cans if we are in need of them.

NEW BUSINESS – Dragon Boats: Jenny gave an update on the Dragon Boats. Everything is moving along very well. They will be set up on 27 June on Scott Street and on 1 July at Sorting Gap with races to commence on 2 July.

CURVY CHICKS: Jennifer Horton will be opening her business in the former Border Travel location.

Joint Chamber of Commerce meeting will be 30 May from 6 – 8 in International Falls. Contact Annely for more information.

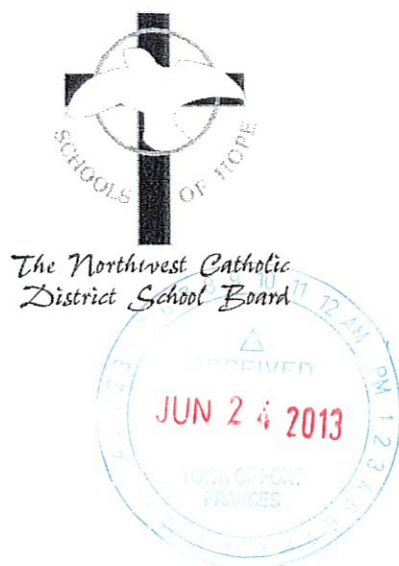
5. Closing & Setting of Next Board Meeting

The next meeting date will be 12 June, @ 8:00 a.m. at the BIA office.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL MEETINGS WILL NOW BE HELD ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 8:00 A.M. AT THE BOARD ROOM UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED.

Meeting closed at 8:55 a.m.

Motion #2 George Emes to close meeting.



THE NORTHWEST CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of The Northwest Catholic District School Board held on May 21, 2013 in the Dryden Board Office, Dryden, Ontario, St. Francis School, Fort Frances, Ontario, Sacred Heart School Library, Sioux Lookout, Ontario and St. Patrick's School, Atikokan, Ontario.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. with Board Vice Chair C. Bowen in the Chair.

Opening Prayer

C. Bowen led the Board in prayer. Prayers were offered for the special intentions of Trustees and staff.

Roll Call

C. Bowen	J. Kulchyski
K. Bryck	T. Larson
M. Chojko-Bolec	D. Mainville
H. Huntley	R. van Oort

Absent with regrets

A.-M. Fitzgerald
C. Howarth, Superintendent of Business

Officials

M.C. Kelly, Director of Education
M. Saari, Superintendent of Education
Seija Van Haesendonck, Manager of Finance
D. Gardiman, Human Resources Administrator
C. Wilson, Executive Assistant

Visitors

Declarations of Conflict Of Interest

Pursuant to the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, 1990, none of the Trustees declared a conflict of interest.

Consideration and Approval of Agenda

Moved by: R. van Oort
Seconded by: T. Larson

Motion 13-063

THAT the Agenda of the Regular Meeting of The Northwest Catholic District School Board dated May 21, 2013, be approved as presented.
CARRIED.

Confirmation of Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Moved by: K. Bryck
Seconded by: J. Kulchyski

Motion 13-064

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of The Northwest Catholic District School Board dated April 16, 2013, be approved as circulated.
CARRIED.

Recognition of Excellence

The Board recognized the exemplary commitment and dedication of the students and staff at St. Patrick's School. Six students and two staff members were recognized as follows: Thomas Dickson, Senior Kindergarten for being an exemplary role model; Kierra Stewart, Grade 1 for treating others with a high level of respect; Jaida Anderson, Grade 2 for being kind to all students and speaking out against bullying; Ella Richard, Grade 3 for being an exemplary role model; Joshua Palmai, Grade 5 for his exemplary leadership skills and excellent work ethics; Baylee Thorson, Grade 7 for her exemplary leadership skills, an excellent role model and a true and caring friend; and staff members Lorraine Miller, CUPE and Diane Bowes, OECTA. Lorraine Miller, CUPE, for her exemplary commitment and dedication to school program and activities and Diane Bowes, OECTA, because she is diligent, organized and works very hard for her students. She has a real interest in improving children's skills and has readily incorporated many new teaching methods and techniques to the betterment of her students' education. Acting Principal, Ron Fryer, was extremely proud of the chance to recognize these students and staff for their outstanding personal contributions to St. Patrick's School. Trustee Larson presented each student and staff member with a token of the Board's appreciation.

Delegations/Presentation

Presentation –
Curriculum Coordinator,
Natasha Getson

Natasha Getson, Curriculum Coordinator, presented the Board with an informative PowerPoint detailing the purpose of Common European Framework Reference (CEFR). In CEFR inspired classrooms consistency is built across the Board. Best practices are shared among all classrooms. Technology is integrated into daily learning environment to promote student interaction and engagement. Some advantages are; alignment with Ministry initiatives, applicable from grades K-12, applies to Core, extended and immersion French programs, provided opportunity to re-focus instructional strategies, helps set learning goals for teachers and students, emphasizes oral interaction communication and supports the development of functional bilingualism. With the implementation of CEFR, core French, extended French and French Immersion students will all feel confident and comfortable using their French skills at the level they have attained.

2013-14 Preliminary
Budget

Director Kelly introduced S. Van Haesendonck, Manager of Finance who presented the 2013-14 Preliminary Budget Report in the absence of C. Howarth, Superintendent of Business. S. Van Haesendonck noted that, after administration meets with the Ministry and the B Memo is released, the budget will change. She highlighted the 2013-14 Preliminary Budget as presented. She noted that \$173,000 is just slightly over the 1% operating budget allowed by the Ministry. The Board will likely have to request approval from the Ministry of Education for the budget shortfall. It is a very tight budget with no wiggle room. S. Van Haesendonck

reviewed the comparison between the 2012-13 and 2013-14 budget. The cost of teacher salaries has increased as a result of more of our teachers being at the higher salary bracket. Supply teacher costs are up as well. She noted that more of the teachers will have access to larger sick banks than in the past because of the language in the MOU between the Unions and the Ministry of Education.

Business Arising Out of Minutes

Policy Governance

Special Education Advisory Committee	Trustee K. Bryck highlighted the SEAC minutes. She noted that SEAC will draft a letter of support similar to the letters of support found in the minutes from other SEACs in the province. The new SEAC member application will be forwarded to the Director for approval.
First Nations, Métis and Inuit Advisory Committee	Trustee Mainville informed Trustees that he is still waiting for the April 11 report from the Treaty 3. Director Kelly noted that the powwow held at Couchiching on May 14, 2013 was outstanding. The facility is stunning. B. Hyatt, Principal at St. Michael's School and Student Success Leader did an excellent job organizing the event, which had over 100 students dressed in their regalia. It was a joyful and wonderful event, and the students danced freely. It was a celebration of our First Nations culture and students and staff had a great time. Mary-Catherine Kelly and Mark Chojko-Bolec attended the Rainy River First Nations fish fry held Friday, May 17, 2013.
Thunder Bay Diocesan Trustees' Association Executive	Trustee van Oort reminded Trustees that the Thunder Bay Diocesan Trustees' Association has requested submissions for nominations of a person who has contributed to Catholic Education in an exemplary way. Trustee Huntley will submit a written nomination to the Thunder Bay Diocesan Trustees' Association.
Northwest Ontario Student Services Consortium	Trustee Kulchyski referred Trustees to the report presented in the Board Reports – Items for Monitoring: Action Required section of the agenda.
Transportation Committee	Trustees received the Agenda for April 22, 2013 and Minutes for May 22, 2012 and April 22, 2013 as presented. Trustee Huntley noted that he was not present at the April 22 nd meeting.
Audit Committee	Trustee Larson informed Trustees that the Audit Committee will hold its next meeting on June 4 th at 5:00. Director Kelly informed Trustees that committee member Frank Ball has tendered his resignation from this committee.

Reports – Items for Decisions: Action Required

Board Governance By-Laws

At its Committee of the Whole meeting dated March 19, 2013 Trustees agreed that number nine in By-Law 400 be revised to remove the sentence, "The Chair or the Chair's designate cannot attend by electronic means."

Third Reading

Moved by: K. Bryck
Seconded by: T. Larson

Motion 13-065

THAT the Board approve the revision to By-Law 400 Attendance of Trustees at Meetings as determined at its Committee of the Whole Meeting held March 19, 2013.

CARRIED.

Reports – Items for Monitoring: Action Required

Director's Report

Leading & Serving in Our Catholic Schools

- The Role of the Catholic Administrator
- Self-Reflection Tool

Director Kelly shared the two documents for the use of principals, vice principals and system leaders. The documents "Leading and Serving in our Catholic Schools" highlights the role of the Catholic administrators and offers a reflection tool for self-assessment, based on the Ontario Catholic Leadership Framework.

OCSTA AGM May 2-4, 2013

- President's Report
- Minister of Education Report
- Early Learning Report

Trustees received the OCSTA AGM May 2-4, 2013 reports as presented. Congratulations was extended to Anne-Marie Fitzgerald on her re-election to Director at Large for the OCSTA Provincial Executive.

Catholic Education Week Update

Trustees received the Catholic Education Week Update as presented.

Me to We Social Justice Event "We Stand Up"

Trustees received the Me to We Social Justice Event "We Stand Up" report as presented. The Board did send teachers and student leaders to attend this event, which was enjoyed by all.

Equity & Inclusive Education Intermediate Workshops

Trustees received the Equity & Inclusive Education Intermediate Workshops report as presented.

Renovation	the tenders for the St. Joseph's School FDK Renovation have been published and an addendum has been distributed. The tender closes May 28, 2013. We will do an email vote for consideration of the successful tender shortly after it closes. In 2011, in order to implement the unofficial FDK program, a 2 classroom addition was added to the existing portable classroom structure which left \$426,622 remaining from the funding allocation of \$754,834, to complete renovations by September 2013 when the official FDK program will commence.
Northwest Ontario Student Services Consortium & Rainy River District Transportation Services Consortia E&E Update	S. Van Haesendonck, Manager of Finance informed Trustees that the Ministry has completed its E & E Rating for both Consortiums. Superintendent of Business, C. Howarth, is optimistic that they will receive a high E & E Rating, which would hopefully result in additional transportation funding.
Suspension & Expulsion Data 2009	Superintendent of Education, M. Saari, informed Trustees that the Suspension and Expulsion data has been shared with Principals. Schools have strategies in place that work with student so that problems don't arise. Due to these excellent strategies, our schools have a low suspension rate and no expulsions recorded. The Ministry of Education supports student learning and well-being through analysis of suspension and expulsion data captured and calculated in OnSIS on a yearly basis. Superintendent Saari answered Trustee queries.
Leading Student Achievement: Networks for Learning	Trustees received the Leading Student Achievement: Networks for Learning Report as presented.
Teacher Learning & Leadership Program (TLLP)	Trustees received the Teacher Learning & Leadership Program (TLLP) Report as presented.
District Review Process	Trustees received the District Review Process report as presented. Director Kelly noted this is a learning opportunity for staff because we go into the class and talk with the students. Teaching practices are in line with the provincial standards. Superintendent of Education, M. Saari, wanted to thank Joanne Querel for all the work she has done in this area.
Newsletter to Parents	Trustees received the Newsletter to Parents as presented. The parent newsletter has covered excellent topics this year to assist parents. Director Kelly noted that Joanne Querel is also involved with the PIC and brings workshops/information to each meeting to support parent education.
	Moved by: H. Huntley Seconded by: K. Bryck

Motion 13-066

THAT the Reports "Items for Monitoring" presented at the Regular Meeting of The Northwest Catholic District School Board dated May 21, 2013, be confirmed as presented.

CARRIED.

School Council Meeting Minutes/Reports: Action Required

- St. Patrick's School – October 10, 2012, November 7, 2012, November 29, 2012 & February 6, 2013
- Sacred Heart School – March 21, 2013
- St. Joseph's School – April 30th, 2013

Moved by: T. Larson

Seconded by: J. Kulchyski

Motion 13-067

THAT the School Council Meeting Minutes presented at the Regular Meeting of The Northwest Catholic District School Board dated May 21, 2013, be confirmed as presented.

CARRIED

Chairperson Report

N/A

Correspondence – Action

None

Other Motions

New Business And Notices Of Motion

Future Meetings

- CCSTA AGM – June 6-8, 2013, Winnipeg, Manitoba
- CCSTA National Conversation on Catholic Education October 3-5, 2013, Marriot Hotel, Ottawa, Ontario

Director Kelly noted that traditionally we send the Catholicity Coordinator, the OECTA President, the Board Chair and the Director of Education to the CCSTA National Conversation on Catholic Education because they are involved in FACE. Trustees discussed attendance at this conference and how it would affect the budget.

Moved by: H. Huntley

Seconded by: T. Larson

Motion 13-068

THAT, for the 2013/2014 School Year Trustees, other than the Chair, have the opportunity to attend CCSTA in Ottawa or Kingston.

CARRIED.

Reports - Information Only**Correspondence – Information Only**

Trustees received the following correspondence for information.

- OCSTA 2013 Ontario Budget
- Ontario Legislative Highlights, Budget Bulletin
- Ontario News – A Budget for a Prosperous & Fair Ontario
- Ministry of Education, Patti Pella, Approval of Modified 13/14 School Year Calendar
- Hamilton-Wentworth DSB Letter to Honourable Liz Sandals
- Lakelands DSB SEAC Letter to Honourable Liz Sandals
- Lakelands DSB SEAC Letter to Honourable Ted McMeekin
- Durham DSB Letter to Honourable Liz Sandals
- St. Mary's CWL Members
- The Terry Fox Foundation
- Diocese of Thunder Bay, Most Rev. Fred J. Colli
- Our Lady of the Way School ARC Minutes, March 20, 2013
- OCSOA President-Elect for 2013/14, Simone Oliver
- OCSOA eNews, April 2013
- OCSOA Conference Mass, April 19, 2013
- Catholic Education: A National Conversation, October 3, 4, & 5, 2013
- Northwestern Ontario Student Services Consortium Update – April 9, 2013
- Thank You Card – St. Mary's CWL

Observer Comments

None

Board's Self Evaluation

Summary of Board Self Evaluation for April 16, 2013.

In-Camera Session

Moved by: H. Huntley
Seconded by: T. Larson

Motion 13-069

THAT the Regular Meeting of The Northwest Catholic District School Board adjourn into an In-Camera Session with the public excluded at 8:30 p.m.

CARRIED.

Break

The Board took a break at 8:31 p.m.

Reconvene

The Board reconvened with the in-camera session at 8:44 p.m.

Business Arising From In-Camera Session

Personnel Report

Moved by: T. Larson
 Seconded by: R. van Oort

Motion 13-070

THAT the Board confirm the Personnel Report for the period April 17, 2013 to May 21, 2013 as presented at its In-Camera Session held on May 21, 2013.

CARRIED.

Director of Education
 Appointment

Moved by: K. Bryck
 Seconded by: R. van Oort

Motion 13-071

THAT, subject to the approval of the Ontario Minister of Education, the Board of Trustees of the Northwest Catholic District School Board approve the appointment of Rick Boisvert to the position of Director of Education and Secretary of the Board on a five year renewable term contract effective September 1, 2013.

CARRIED.

Superintendent of
 Education Contract
 Extension

Moved by: J. Kulchyski
 Seconded by: H. Huntley

Motion 13-072

THAT the Board confirm the extension of Margot Saari for the position of Superintendent of Education for the period commencing July 13, 2013 and terminating August 31, 2014, upon approval of the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED.

Adjournment

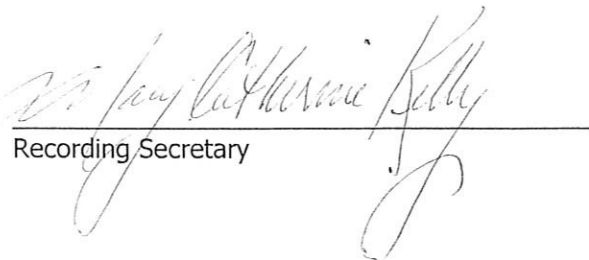
Moved by: R. van Oort
 Seconded by: T. Larson

Motion 13-073

THAT The Northwest Catholic District School Board adjourn at 10:35 p.m.

CARRIED.


 Board Chair


 Recording Secretary



BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THE NORTHWESTERN HEALTH UNIT

MINUTES of the Regular Board of Health Meeting

May 24, 2013

Dryden Best Western Centennial Meeting Room

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**PRESENT:** Julie Roy, Chair

Carol Baron, Dennis Brown, Dave Canfield, Paul Ryan, Bill Thompson

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Dr. Jim Arthurs, Medical Officer of Health (MOH)

Mark Perrault, CEO

Jennifer McKibbin, Manager, Enforcement

Dorothy Strain, Secretary to MOH/BOH (Recorder)

**REGRETS:** John Albanese, Jim Belluz, Doug Squires

**ABSENT:** Shayne MacKinnon

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

### 2. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBER

Chair Julie Roy introduced Carol Baron, joint appointee for Red Lake and Ear Falls municipalities, who was appointed following Margaret Harland's resignation from the Board of Health in December 2012.

### 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions: Agenda #13, Non Agenda Items:

13.1 Board of Health Orientation Refresher Session

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| <b>Motion / Resolution: 72-2013</b>                                                         |                        |
| THAT the Agenda for the Board of Health meeting dated May 24, 2013, be approved as amended. | P. Ryan<br>B. Thompson |

### 4. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None was declared.

### 5. IN CAMERA SESSION

At 8:40 a.m. Board of Health members moved to an in camera session.

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| <b>Motion / Resolution: 73-2013</b>                                 |                     |
| THAT the Board of Health moves to an in camera session to discuss:  |                     |
| - Board of Health education/orientation session: Risk Communication |                     |
| - Personal Matters concerning individuals...                        | D. Brown<br>P. Ryan |

At 10:35 a.m. Board of Health members moved out of the in camera session to resume regular business.

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| <b>Motion / Resolution: 74-2013</b>                                                     |                        |
| THAT the Board of Health moves out of the in camera session to resume regular business. | P. Ryan<br>B. Thompson |

The following motions arising from the in camera session were approved:

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| <b>Motion / Resolution: 75-2013</b>                                                                                                                                                                              |                        |
| THAT revisions to the Northwestern Health Unit organizational chart be approved as presented. Revisions reflect adjustments to management portfolios to facilitate achievement of strategic planning objectives. | P. Ryan<br>D. Canfield |

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| <b>Motion / Resolution: 76-2013</b>                                                                                                                                                     |                        |
| THAT the 2013 non-union salary grid be approved as amended, as revised for the addition of a new Human Resource Coordinator position on the existing Finance Coordinator position grid. | B. Thompson<br>P. Ryan |

## 6. MINUTES OF BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING, May 3, 2013

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| <b>Motion / Resolution: 77-2013</b>                                                       |                            |
| THAT the Minutes of the Board of Health meeting held May 3, 2013, be approved as written. | B. Thompson<br>D. Canfield |

## 7. PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS

### 7.1 Medical Officer of Health Report – *Dr. Jim Arthurs, Medical Officer of Health* Reference # 2013-05-24-7.1

#### Purpose

To provide an update on reflections from my March report, ongoing issues within the Northwestern Health Unit, and current activities.

#### Background

- No Time to Wait: The Healthy Kids Strategy (Report of the Healthy Kids Panel)
- Infectious Disease Surveillance from World Health Organization, U.S. Center for Disease Control, and Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

#### Link to the Strategic Plan

Implementing our goals in all four domains of our strategy map.

#### Discussion

##### Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention Program

Attached to my report is a draft letter for the Board of Health's consideration to send to the Ministers of Health and Long-Term Care and Children and Youth Services. This letter

encourages implementation of the recommendations emerging from the Healthy Kids Panel Report, No Time to Wait: The Healthy Kids Strategy:

- Start all kids on the path to health.
- Change the food environment.
- Create healthy communities.

This represents our focus on healthy eating and physical exercise. At the alPHa AGM and Meeting, June 2-4, 2013, a presentation will be provided by Michael Moss, author of the book Salt, Sugar, Fat: How the Food Giants Hooked Us. Clearly, the issue of unhealthy eating is a national concern.

#### Infectious Disease Program

Avian influenza (H7N9) Surveillance Update: On March 29, 2013, the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention completed laboratory confirmation of three human infections with an avian influenza A(H7N9) virus not previously reported in humans (1). These infections were reported to the World Health Organization (WHO) on March 31, 2013, in accordance with International Health Regulations. On April 24, 2013, the WHO confirmed the first human case infected with the avian influenza A(H7N9) virus outside mainland China. This new case, in Taiwan, is being treated as an imported case as infection likely originated in mainland China where the individual worked. Avian influenza A(H7) viruses normally circulate among birds, and the avian influenza A(H7N9) virus is one subgroup among the larger group of H7 viruses. Human infections with avian influenza viruses are rare but have occurred in the past, most commonly after a person is exposed to infected poultry. However, human infections have now been detected.

The disease is of concern because most patients have been severely ill. As of May 10, 2013, there were 131 confirmed cases and 32 fatalities. There is no indication thus far that it can be transmitted between people, but both animal-to-human and human-to-human routes of transmission are being actively investigated. There is no vaccine currently available for this influenza virus. Current influenza antiviral medications are useful. The risk posed to the people of Ontario by this virus is considered low. There is no evidence of sustained human-to-human transmission, and there is a limited geographic area with illness detection. There have been no travel restriction advisories, though any traveler to China who develops a respiratory illness is advised to seek medical attention.

Coronavirus Surveillance: Since September 2012, 33 cases of human infection with the novel coronavirus, including 18 deaths, have been confirmed in six countries (United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, Jordan, Qatar, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and France). The coronavirus causes severe respiratory infections similar to SARS. Recent confirmed cases have been identified as originating in the single health care facility in Saudi Arabia with symptom onset within the previous window; no new cases in Saudi Arabia are a result of further spread of infection. One additional case reported on May 8, 2013, in France, has a travel history to Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Cases have generally presented with pneumonia, though a number have also had renal failure. As of May 9, 2013, no sustained person-to-person transmission has been identified. Although a family cluster in the United Kingdom and the most recent cluster in a health care facility in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia confirms that the virus can spread between humans, the risk is considered to be low. No cases have been identified in North America.



Health Hazards Program

Red Lake Area: The Northwestern Health Unit was informed by the Ministry of Environment of soil sample contamination in the mining area in and around Red Lake. The contamination is from heavy metals, with Arsenic being the greatest concern. While there are no confirmed cases of acute poisoning, our enforcement/environmental program staff and I felt that a public advisory was appropriate for long-term exposure.

I have had personal face to face and phone conversations with Red Lake Mayor Phil Vinet. The Northwestern Health Unit released a media alert and health information advisory to residents of the Red Lake area on May 7, 2013.

Rainy River: This week we prepared a letter of support for the Town of Rainy River regarding their grant application for funding assistance to update their municipal water treatment plant. Rainy River has reported elevated THMs (Trihalomethanes) for several years. THMs are the by-product of chlorine disinfection of water sources in combination with natural occurring organic materials in surface waters. Long-term exposures may cause kidney problems and potential urinary tract cancers. Levels are higher during spring and summer, and lower through the winter months. Several efforts have been made to reduce levels with temporary changes in the water plant; however, they have not been sustainable. Together with a representative from the Ministry of Environment, Brian Norris (Public Health Inspector, Fort Frances office), and I met with Mayor Deb Ewald, Rainy River Council, and water treatment plant staff in February 2010 to discuss options of resolution. A professional engineering company was retained and submitted a comprehensive plan for plant improvements to improve their water quality.

Dryden: The Health Unit will soon be presenting a Drinking Water Order to four trailer parks in the Dryden area whose deep, drilled wells have varying elevations of uranium. This is natural occurring uranium from the rock formation. Previous advisories of health hazard alerts to supply bottled water or water treatment to remove uranium have not been followed.

Sexual Health and Harm Reduction Program

The issues of use and abuse of prescription opioid drugs continues to be a major problem across northern Ontario. Dr. David Williams, Medical Officer of Health, Thunder Bay District Health Unit, has submitted information regarding the establishment of a 'Center of Excellence' electronic surveillance project to help identify the actual rates, rather than continue our dependence on anecdotal information. The proposal is to use current staff and equipment of Lakehead University and the Northern Ontario School of Medicine. A copy of the proposal was reviewed at the Executive Committee meeting of May 3 and referred to the Board of Health meeting of May 24 for Board discussion.

Emergency Preparedness

Recent melt and flooding in the James Bay area has required evacuations of many First Nation individuals to our northern communities. In addition to Thunder Bay, Kapuskasing and Greenstone communities, there has been an evacuation of 84 Attawapiskat individuals to Fort Frances, where they will be lodged in local hotels and fed in local restaurants. The duration of evacuation is unknown at present; for now, the Northwestern Health Unit has no specific services to provide.

2013-2016 Strategic Plan

On May 21, 2013, the Northwestern Health Unit's first public telephone survey of local community residents will begin. This effort will support our strategic plan goal of increasing community awareness of the Health Unit services. It will provide a baseline of information for 2013 and will be repeated in 2016 to identify trends in awareness, service use, contact information and website use.

**Budgetary Impact**

None in addition to existing Northwestern Health Unit 2013 budget allocations for provision of mandated programs and services. Costs associated with the four-year telephone survey project have been, and will be allocated to the Foundations Team budget.

**Attachment**

Draft letter to Ministers of Health and Long-Term Care, and Children and Youth Services

**Recommendation**

- That the Board of Health receives the report of the Medical Officer of Health.
- That the Board of Health approves the attached letter for sending to the Ministers of Health and Long-Term Care, and Children and Youth Services

Verbal Update – Provided by Dr. Arthurs

Attachment to MOH Report, Letter to Ministers: Dr. Arthurs reviewed the proposed letter to be sent to co-chairs of the governmental committee struck to address the recommendations arising from the Healthy Kids Panel report, No Time to Wait: The Healthy Kids Strategy.

Board of Health members agreed that the letter is appropriate to be sent by the Board of Health.

| Motion / Resolution: 78-2013                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                 |
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| <p>WHEREAS an identified strategy of the Healthy Kids Panel's report, <u>No Time to Wait: The Healthy Kids Strategy</u>, "Change the Food Environment" includes recommendations towards providing access to healthy, affordable and culturally appropriate foods for children and youth; and</p> <p>WHEREAS these recommendations align with the Northwestern Health Unit Strategic Plan 2013-2016 objective to "Increase the percentage of children and youth who meet the guidelines in Eating Well with Canada's Food Guide by 5% over baseline by December 2016";</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Health for the Northwestern Health Unit commends the Ontario government for commissioning an inter-ministerial working group to direct government action towards implementing the recommendations emerging from the Healthy Kids Panel report; and</p> <p>FURTHER THAT a letter be sent to the Ministers of Health and Long-Term Care and Children and Youth Services, to express support for the inter-ministerial working group and to endorse the Report recommendations for ensuring that all children have access to nutritious, affordable and appropriate foods.</p> | <p>B. Thompson<br/>D. Brown</p> |

Association of Local Public Health Agencies AGM, June 2-4: Michael Moss, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and bestselling author of Salt Sugar Fat: How the Food Giants Hooked Us, will be a keynote speaker at alPHA's 2013 Annual Conference.

Infectious Disease Program: International surveillance coordinated by the World Health Organization is ongoing for Avian Influenza and the current identified coronavirus. Ontario health units are updated several times / week by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and the Chief Medical Officer of Health's office. At this time the risk to North Americans remains low if they do not travel to affected areas.

**7.2 Sexual Health and Harm Reduction Program Report - Submitted by Gillian Lunny, Manager, Sexual Health and Harm Reduction Program**

*Reference # 2013-05-24-7.2*

*The report will be retained on file.*

Verbal Update – Provided by Dr. Arthurs

Harm Reduction program: The Ontario Chief Coroner's office has issued an alert to health care providers regarding the potential lethal consequences of the recreational use of bupropion, a pharmaceutical smoking cessation aid.

Harm Reduction Workshop: A written report by Board of Health member Doug Squires was distributed, of his attendance at a workshop in Sioux Lookout on May 14 facilitated by Dr. Gabor Maté, "The Hungry Ghost: A Biopsychosocial Perspective on Addiction, from Heroin to Workaholism." Northwestern Health Unit program staff involved with hosting the workshop were recognized and commended for an excellent session.

Rainy River Invitation: An invitation received for the grand opening of the Rainy River Multi-Use Community Trails on Wednesday, June 12, 2013, will be forwarded to Board of Health members.

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| <b>Motion / Resolution: 79-2013</b>                                        |                     |
| THAT the Report of the Medical Officer of Health be accepted as presented. | D. Brown<br>P. Ryan |

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| <b>Motion / Resolution: 80-2013</b>                                   |                         |
| THAT the Sexual Health and Harm Reduction program report be accepted. | D. Brown<br>B. Thompson |

## 8. CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION

### 8.1 Chief Executive Officer Report :

#### 8.1.1. Organizational Chart

The revised Northwestern Health Unit organizational chart and 2013 non-union salary grid were approved immediately after the in camera session, agenda #5.

**8.2 Finance Report – Mark Perrault, CEO***Reference #2013-05-24-8.2**Distributed to the meeting.*

Financial data report sheets for the first quarter were reviewed. There has been no response to date from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care regarding the Health Unit's 2013 budget submission. Administration is confident it will be able to maintain the approved 2013 balanced budget should the requested funding increase not be approved.

Discussion, Questions

Part 8 (Sewage) Program: Options for 'proactive advocacy' were discussed, for ensuring compliance with legislation requiring mandatory septic field inspections when residences are sold.

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| <b>Motion / Resolution: 81-2013</b>  |                        |
| THAT the Finance Report be accepted. | P. Ryan<br>B. Thompson |

**8.2.1 NWHU 2013 Budget: Diabetes Prevention Strategy***Report Reference #2013-05-24-8.2**The report will be retained on file.*

Mark Perrault, CEO, provided background for the renewed funding agreement. The Health Unit will be connecting with local and regional agencies to coordinate prevention strategies and to ensure that Health Unit programs and activities will complement, and avoid duplication with, current regional activities.

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| <b>Motion / Resolution: 82-2013</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                         |
| THAT the Board of Health for the Northwestern Health Unit approves the amended funding agreement for the Diabetes Prevention Program. Term of the contribution agreement is three years, commencing April 1, 2013, and expiring March 31, 2016, with funding in the amount of \$218,000 to be provided each budget year, April 1-March 31, for a total funding amount of \$654,000. Full (100%) funding for the Diabetes Prevention Program is provided by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, Health Promotion Division. | D. Canfield<br>C. Baron |

Board of Health members recessed at 12:00 p.m.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m.

**9. THUNDER BAY DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE PROPOSAL**

Dr. Arthurs described the identified need to establish and/or assemble evidence data for the incidence of opioid and other addictions in the northwestern Ontario, as a starting point for strategies that lead to improved health outcomes for the populations of this region.



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| <b>Motion / Resolution: 83-2013</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                         |
| <p>THAT the Board of Health for the Northwestern Health Unit supports Thunder Bay District Health Unit Resolution #16-2013, which endorses recommendations of the expert panel report, The Way Forward: Stewardship for Prescription Narcotics in Ontario (2012); and requests the Minister of Health of Ontario to explore opportunities for the establishment of a foundation, such as a Centre of Excellence, to enhance the evidence, community capacity and multi-sectoral collaboration for the Northwest region of Ontario;</p> <p>AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this Resolution of support be forwarded to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Northern Development and Mines, area MPPs, the Chief Medical Officer of Health, Regional Chief-Chiefs of Ontario, Grand Chief – Nishnawbe Aski Nation, northern Ontario health units, and Northwestern Health Unit obligated municipalities for their information and support.</p> | C. Baron<br>B. Thompson |

#### 10. NWHU Policies: Revisions- 'Personnel Changes'; 'Travel'

Chair Julie Roy noted the requested edits to Policy, 'Personnel Changes'.

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| <b>Motion / Resolution: 84-2013</b>                                                                                                                 |                        |
| THAT the revision to Policy, Personnel Changes, be approved, to clarify protocol for notification of Board of Health members of staff terminations. | P. Ryan<br>D. Canfield |

Mark Perrault, CEO, explained that the revisions to Policy, 'Travel', will comply with Canada Revenue Agency's 'reasonable rate' that is set each year in January.

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| <b>Motion / Resolution: 85-2013</b>                                                                                                                                                                    |                     |
| THAT the revision to Policy, Travel, be approved. The revision adjusts direction for provision of mileage to comply with Canada Revenue Agency regulations and is effective immediately, May 24, 2013. | P. Ryan<br>C. Baron |

#### 11. 2013 PERFORMANCE TARGETS

*Report Reference #2013-05-24-8.2*

*The report will be retained on file.*

Dr. Arthurs noted that, based upon the Health Unit's 2012 results and 2013 plans, the Health Unit considers the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's proposed 2013 performance targets for the Accountability Agreement health protection indicators #1,2,4,5 and 7 to be reasonable.

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| <b>Motion / Resolution: 86-2013</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                            |
| THAT the Board of Health for the Northwestern Health Unit approves the performance targets for 2013 for the Accountability Agreement health protection indicators #1,2,4,5,7, as proposed for the Northwestern Health Unit by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. | D. Canfield<br>B. Thompson |

**12. NORTHWESTERN HEALTH UNIT ANNUAL MEETING, JULY 26, 2013**

Chair Julie Roy conveyed suggestions for an annual public meeting that were compiled by members of the Executive Committee at an informal discussion held May 23.

Discussion

Suggestions for a timeline for preparing a draft agenda and communications plan were discussed. Board of Health members agreed that a fall public meeting is more appropriate than the original proposed July 26 date.

The suggestions were referred to administration to present to the Leadership Council for further ideas for implementing plans for an annual public meeting.

**13. NON AGENDA ITEMS****13.1 Board of Health Orientation Refresher**

Chair Julie Roy suggested an orientation 'refresher' be held for new Board of Health members and interested current members. Tentative date is October 19, 2013. It was agreed that this would be valuable. Administration will follow up.

**13.2 Northwestern Health Unit Bursary, 2013 Winners**

Mark Perrault, CEO, informed that successful applicants for the 2013 Carl Lindstrom Bursary are Kristina Wilson from Red Lake District High School, and Julia Withers from St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Kenora. The \$500 bursary will be presented to each student at their graduation ceremony.

**13.3 Board of Health 2012 Self Evaluation**

Mark Perrault reported that a review of the September 2012 self-evaluation results revealed errors in calculations of percentages for answers to survey questions. Adjusted percentages were provided.

**14. NEXT MEETING DATE****Regular Meeting**

Date: Thursday, June 27, 2013 Start time: 8:30 a.m.

Location: Sioux Lookout municipal office Council Chamber

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THE NORTHWESTERN HEALTH UNIT:

CONFIRMED AS WRITTEN

THIS ..... DAY OF .....2013

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CHAIR, BOARD OF HEALTH

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RECORDING SECRETARY

**TOWN OF FORT FRANCES**  
**Community Services Executive Committee**  
**Minutes of Meeting**

**Date:** Monday, June 3, 2013      **Session No.** 45

A meeting of the Community Services Executive Committee was held in the '52 Canadians Meeting Room from 10:27 a.m. to 10:54 a.m.

**Committee Members present:** A. Hallikas – Chair; J. Albanese – Councillor; D. Kitowski – Councillor; J. Kabel – Manager of Community Services

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

A. Hallikas called the meeting to order at 10:27 am. J. Kabel recorded the minutes of the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes of the May 6, 2013 Community Services Executive Committee were approved as circulated.

**DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST (and general nature thereof):**

NIL

**ITEMS REFERRED FROM COUNCIL:**

- a) Auquathlon Event at Pither's Point Park – September 8, 2013 (request received May 14, 2013 – Jeff Tilbury) – Community Services is serving as the lead executive committee with input from Operations & Facilities and Planning and Development. There were two concerns expressed by the committee: 1. Kayaks be available in the water to assist swimmers who may potentially need support. 2. There can be no liability to the Town of Fort Frances from the event and the Town must be named on the waiver & release form signed by all participants in the event.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

NIL

**NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

NIL

**INFORMATION**

- a) Next Meeting Date – June 17, 2013.

**CLOSING**

There being no further matters before the Committee at this time, the meeting was closed by A. Hallikas at 10:54 am.



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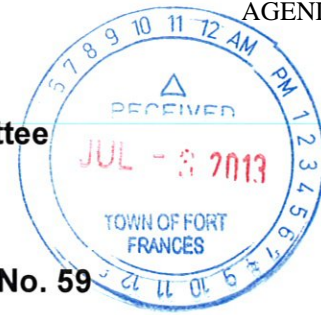
Manager (or Superintendent)/Secretary



# Operations & Facilities Executive Committee

## Minutes of Meeting

**Date: Wednesday June 19, 2013    Session No. 59**



A meeting of the Operations & Facilities Executive Committee was held in the Committee Room on Wednesday June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from 7:35 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.

Committee Members Present: Rick Wiedenhoeft; Chair, Paul Ryan, Ken Perry, Mark McCaig and Doug Brown.

Also Present: Mayor Roy Avis

1. Call to Order: 7:35 a.m.
2. Disclosure of pecuniary interest as required under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* by Committee Members on agenda items. None
3. Agenda items considered at this meeting:
  - 1) Approve the minutes of the meeting of this Committee on June 5, 2013 – The minutes were approved as circulated.
  - 2) Request for Water Supply for 35 Oakwood Road – Township of Alberton – the administration report was reviewed and will be forwarded to Council for approval.
  - 3) 2013 Operations and Facilities Division Capital Program – the Capital Program spreadsheet as of May 31, 2013 was reviewed and will be forwarded to Council as information only. No action required.
  - 4) Operations and Facilities Division – Environmental Area – Operations Statistics 2013 the Environmental Statistics as of April 30, 2013 were reviewed and will be forwarded to Council as information only. No action required.
  - 5) Waste Disposal Site Monthly Inspection Form – April 20, 2013 – the inspection report as of April 20, 2013 was reviewed and will be forwarded to Council as information only. No action required.

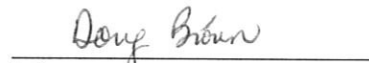
- 6) May 2013 Drinking Water Systems Monthly Report – the May 2013 Monthly Drinking Water report was reviewed and will be forwarded to Council for approval.
- 7) Sewer & Water data for 2013 updated June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 – the Sewer and Water data spreadsheet was reviewed and will be forwarded to Council as information only. No action required.
- 8) Airport Monthly Statistics – May 31, 2013 – the statistics for the airport as of May 31, 2013 were reviewed and will be forwarded to Council as information only. No action required.

4. Non-Agenda Items: None

5. Resolutions: None

There being no further matters before this Committee at this time this meeting was closed.

  
Chair

  
Manager

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