

**TOWN OF THESSALON  
COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA  
6:30 P.M.  
March 15, 2021  
W. J. BARRETT CHAMBERS, 187 MAIN STREET  
VIA. ZOOM**

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**Regular Meeting**

- i) Opening of the Regular Meeting
- ii) Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof
- iii) Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings
- iv) Delegation: None
- v) Business Arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting
- vi) Letters and Communications for Action
  - 1) Smelter Bay Aggregates Inc. - Extension of Agreement
  - 2) Thessalon Community Curling Club – Financial Consideration
  - 3) Jon Pegg, Ontario Fire Marshal – Fire Safety Grant Announcement
  - 4) Algoma Insurance – Renewal Comparison
  - 5) Sustainability Through Environmental Practice – Minutes
  - 6) Water Committee – Minutes, OCWA Agreement
  - 7) Planning Advisory Committee - Minutes
  - 8) Thessalon Community Events and Activities Committee - Minutes
  - 9) Marina/Arena/Parks Committee - Minutes
- vii) Letters and Communications for Information
  - 1) Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing – 2021 Covid-19 Funding
  - 2) Municipality of Huron Shores – H&M COFI Update
  - 3) FONOM – Municipal Insurance Costs
  - 4) North Shore Health Network – NSHN Recruitment Committee
  - 5) Huron North Community Economic Alliance – Member Update
  - 6) CUPE Local 3 – Christmas/Boxing Day
  - 7) Municipal Engineers Association – Annual Bursary Program
- viii) Committee and Staff Report
  - 1) Jordan Bird
  - 2) Ken Seabrook
  - 3) Marykaye Karhi (2)
  - 4) Robert MacLean (4)

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- ix) General Business
  - 1) By-Law 2415 – Proceedings of Council
  - 2) By-law 2416 – Amendment of Schedule “A” of By-law 2297
  - 3) By-law 2417 – User Fees and Service Charges
  - 4) By-law 2418 – Smelter Bay Aggregates Inc. Agreement
  - 5) By-law 2419 – Cintas Agreement
  - 6) By-law 2420 – Confirmatory

- x) Closed Session

In order to address personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, and specifically, to consider the persons who have expressed an interest in joining the Recreational Trails Team and the Library Board

- xi) Passing of Confirmatory By-law

- xii) Adjournment

Town of Thessalon is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Council Meeting

Time: Mar 15, 2021 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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The Mayor declared the Regular Meeting open at 6:30 p.m. Present in the W. J. Barrett Chambers were Mayor Bill Rosenberg, Deputy Mayor Jordan Bird, Councillors Randy Rankin, Linda Stopes, and Lindsay Tallon, Clerk-Treasurer Robert MacLean, Town Superintendent Ken Seabrook and Administrative Secretary Lindsay MacFarlane. Attending via Zoom included Councillors Marcel Baron and Tracey Cooke. Tracey Cooke left the meeting at 7:15 p.m. and returned at 7:45 p.m.

**Declaration – Closed Session:** None

**Delegation:** None

**Resolutions:**

**2021-02-01: Linda Stopes – Randy Rankin:** "Be it resolved that the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on January 18, 2021 be adopted."

**CARRIED**

**2021-02-02: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin:** "Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Thessalon supports the resolution passed by the Council of the Township of Matachewan that a letter be sent to the Honourable Steve Clarke, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing acknowledging the appreciation of grants but requesting that the application deadline on any further grants have a longer turn around time and further, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities of Ontario and to the Township of Matachewan."

**CARRIED**

**2021-02-03: Marcel Baron – Randy Rankin:** "Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Thessalon supports the resolution passed by the Council of the Township of South Stormont requesting that the Province of Ontario allow for small businesses to immediately reopen with the required health guidelines and protocols in place, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and Michael Mantha, MPP, Algoma-Manitoulin."

**CARRIED**

**2021-02-04: Marcel Baron – Jordan Bird:** “Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Thessalon requests that the Province of Ontario reverse its decision to close the Ontario Fire College Campus in Gravenhurst as the OFC is one of the best and most cost-effective methods for municipalities to train their firefighters which assists us in protecting our residents; and further that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Ontario Solicitor General, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and to Jon Pegg, Ontario Fire Marshal.” **CARRIED**

**2021-02-05: Linda Stopes – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that the owners of the new commercial development facility be approached in the future about putting up a map of Thessalon showing the businesses and points of interests, and possibly having brochures there.” **CARRIED**

**2021-02-06: Linda Stopes – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that an investigation be done for other available land for purchase by the Town either just outside Thessalon (former dump area/east side of Hwy. 129) or within Town limits.” **CARRIED**

**2021-02-07: Marcel Baron – Linda Stopes:** “Be it resolved that a reply be sent to the owner of the property described as Plan 8 Closed E ½ Dymont St. Pt. advising that a severance is not required to sell, however, the lot does not meet the minimum requirements for a residential dwelling, and further advising of the option for consolidation.” **CARRIED**

**2021-02-08: Marcel Baron – Jordan Bird:** “Be it resolved that a letter be sent to Chris Jones of Municipal Planning Services Ltd. to review the work remaining in the contract for the completion of the Official Plan and Zoning By-law update, and to ask that future invoices be detailed with specifics when invoicing for communications with the Committee and staff.” **CARRIED**

**2021-02-09: Linda Stopes – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that, in light of the ending of the Stay-At-Home order and the transition back to the colour framework, the rules of procedure be suspended in order to discuss the reopening of the municipal facilities.” **CARRIED**

**2021-02-10: Tracey Cooke – Linda Stopes:** "Be it resolved that the following municipal facilities reopen effective as follows: Thessalon Arena - February 17<sup>th</sup>, Thessalon Municipal Office - February 18<sup>th</sup>, Thessalon Fitness Centre - February 19<sup>th</sup> and with the Thessalon Library to be allowed to reopen at the Thessalon Library Board's discretion."

**CARRIED**

**2021-02-11: Tracey Cooke – Jordan Bird:** "Be it resolved that the Thessalon Arena, which normally closes the last Sunday in March, remain open until April 16, 2021 inclusive."

**CARRIED**

**2021-02-12: Tracey Cooke – Linda Stopes:** "Be it resolved that the Taoist Tai Chi group be allowed to use the Arena free of charge for the remainder of the 2020 - 2021 season during times when staff is scheduled to work at the Arena."

**CARRIED**

**2021-02-13: Tracey Cooke – Jordan Bird:** "Be it resolved that Council approve a reduced rate for ice rentals by offering a discount of approximately 15% to rent the ice per hour, with the price being reduced from \$118.65 (includes HST) to \$100.00 (includes HST), with such rentals to be during times when staff is scheduled to work at the Arena, until the Thessalon Arena is closed for the 2020 - 2021 season."

**CARRIED**

**2021-02-14: Lindsay Tallon – Jordan Bird:** "Be it resolved that the Marina User Fees and Service Charges By-Law Number 1800 – Schedule "D" be amended to reduce the Dockage fee – Monthly per foot from \$18.60 to \$12.00; to add Monthly per foot with the fee to be \$10.00 under the category Dockage – Non-Serviced; to reduce the Seasonal Launching Rate from \$44.00 to \$22.00; to remove the Monthly and Weekly Launching category and furthermore to reduce the Single Launch fee from \$6.00 to \$5.00. (All fees include HST)."

**CARRIED**

**2021-02-15: Lindsay Tallon – Jordan Bird:** "Be it resolved that the Slip Agreement be amended to allow staff to upload the form to the Town website making it accessible for customers."

**CARRIED**

**2021-02-16: Lindsay Tallon – Jordan Bird:** “Be it resolved that the Park Memo sent to Seasonal Campers be amended to include the paragraph ‘Hydro Meters are now installed and operational at each Seasonal site. The 2021 rate for hydro usage will be .23cents/kWh. A \$200.00 deposit for the hydro will be required along with your first installment of \$875.00 due on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021’ and furthermore to include the wording ‘If closure of the Park occurs due to an emergency order issued by the government due to Covid-19, park fees will be adjusted. Fees will be pro-rated from the date of the shutdown.’”

**CARRIED**

**2021-02-17: Lindsay Tallon – Jordan Bird:** “Be it resolved that the Arena User Fees and Service Charges By-Law Number 1800 – Schedule “B” be amended to add the wording ‘refunded when key returned’ under the category Upper Deck – Deposit required for key.”

**CARRIED**

**2021-02-18: Lindsay Tallon – Jordan Bird:** “Be it resolved that the Summer Students be trained for a Fuel Handling Course; WHMIS; VHF Radio Course and obtain their Pleasure Craft Operators Card.”

**CARRIED**

**2021-02-19: Jordan Bird – Lindsay Tallon:** “Be it resolved that the Accounts Payable to February 16, 2021 in a total amount of \$333,020.28 (2020 - \$12,579.84, 2021 - \$320,440.44) be approved for payment, noting that for any member of Council who has declared a pecuniary interest with regard to any account, their approval is based on this account(s) being excluded from the total accounts payable.”

**CARRIED**

Declaration:

Councillor Randy Rankin declared a conflict of interest relating to the Rankin Supply account and the North Shore Sentinel account.

**2021-02-20: Linda Stopes – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that Deputy Mayor Jordan Bird be appointed as the team lead on the Recreational Trails Team and further, that notice be placed on the Town and the Thessalon Events and Activities facebook pages and the Town’s website advising that persons interested in joining the Recreational Trails Team may submit an application form for consideration by Council.”

**CARRIED**

**2021-02-21: Jordan Bird – Lindsay Tallon:** “Be it resolved that Christmas Day and Boxing Day be recognized on December 27, 2021 and December 28, 2021 respectively.”

**CARRIED**

**2021-02-22: Jordan Bird – Lindsay Tallon:** “Be it resolved that the invoice sent recently to the Tri-Neighbours’ Board of Management be reduced by \$415.80 reflecting that there was no cost for insurance coverage for 2006, bringing the revised invoice amount to \$5,821.20.” **CARRIED**

**2021-02-23: Jordan Bird – Lindsay Tallon:** “Be it resolved that the unspent portion of the first intake under the Municipal Modernization Program be allocated towards the development of the property north of Highway 17 for the completion of any required study(ies), the installation of water and sewer lines, roadway construction, etc.” **CARRIED**

**2021-02-24: Jordan Bird – Lindsay Tallon:** “Be it resolved that Council accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and the Municipal Buildings, Property and Equipment Committee that an Expression of Interest form with attached supporting documents be submitted through the second intake under the Municipal Modernization Program for the implementation of a Pavilion With An Accessible Washroom project at Peace Park.” **CARRIED**

**2021-02-25: Marcel Baron – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that Council approve the Accessible Digital Format Policy which establishes guidelines as per the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) which became effective on January 1, 2021.” **CARRIED**

**2021-02-26: Jordan Bird – Lindsay Tallon:** “Be it resolved that Councillor Tracey Cooke be appointed to serve as the representative from the Town of Thessalon on the North Shore Health Network Recruitment Committee.” **CARRIED**

**2021-02-27: Lindsay Tallon – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to sign, on behalf of the municipality, an application for Hydro One funding in the amount of \$25,000.00 for a wayfinding map display board of the Town to be located near the new development showing businesses and points of interest.” **CARRIED**

**2021-02-28: Tracey Cooke – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to sign, on behalf of the municipality, an application(s) for funding through the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation, with staff to review the funding criteria and to recommend to Council which project(s) are most suitable based on the funding programs and streams, and with Council to make the final decision as to which project(s) best meet the municipality’s needs, with this decision to be made at a special Council meeting if necessary.” **CARRIED**

**2021-02-29: Linda Stopes – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that Council acknowledge receipt of the Committee and staff reports.” **CARRIED**

**2021-02-30: Randy Rankin – Linda Stopes:** “Be it resolved that By-law Number 2410, being a by-law to authorize the purchase, and the signing of an Agreement of Purchase and Sale and related documents for the property described as Part of NW ¼ Section 6 West of River and further described as Part 1 of Plan 1R-13717 in the Town of Thessalon, be passed in open Council this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021. **CARRIED**

**2021-02-31: Lindsay Tallon – Jordan Bird:** “Be it resolved that By-law Number 2411, being a by-law to amend Schedules “B” and “D” of By-law Number 1800, being a by-law to update/establish user fees and service charges, be passed in open Council this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.” **CARRIED**

**2021-02-32: Linda Stopes – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that By-law Number 2412, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on February 16, 2021, be passed in open Council this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.” **CARRIED**

**2021-02-33: Linda Stopes – Randy Rankin:** “That this meeting be adjourned at 7:58 p.m.” **CARRIED**

SEAL

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MAYOR

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CLERK-TREASURER



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The Mayor declared the Special Meeting open at 2:02 p.m. Present in the W. J. Barrett Chambers were Mayor Bill Rosenberg, Deputy Mayor Jordan Bird, Councillor Randy Rankin, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Debbie Rydall, and Administrative Secretary Lindsay MacFarlane. Attending via Zoom included Councillors Tracey Cooke and Linda Stopes. Councillors Marcel Baron and Lindsay Tallon and Clerk-Treasurer Robert MacLean were absent.

**Declaration – Closed Session:** None

**Delegation:** None

**Resolutions:**

**2021-03-01: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin:** "Be it resolved that Council accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to complete an application through the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) for a one-year extension for the Asset Management Plan Intern position." **CARRIED**

**2021-03-02: Randy Rankin – Jordan Bird:** "Be it resolved that Council accept the recommendation of the Asset Management Plan Committee to purchase the asset management program through Infrastructure Solutions at a cost of \$18,600 including the annual fee of \$1,600 plus tax." **CARRIED**

**2021-03-03: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin:** "Be it resolved that Council authorizes an application be completed through the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative Program for the Pavilion with an Accessible Washroom project at Peace Park." **CARRIED**

**2021-03-04: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin:** "Be it resolved that Council authorizes that an Expression of Interest form with attached supporting documents be submitted through the second intake under the Municipal Modernization Program for solar panels on municipal properties, and further that, resolution 2021-02-24 be rescinded." **CARRIED**

**2021-03-05: Jordan Bird – Randy Rankin:** “Be it resolved that Council authorizes an application be completed through the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) Community Enhancement Program for the renovation of the Marina building by repairing the building’s deficiencies, making it accessible and creating an addition to the building of a covered outdoor space and to incorporate areas to provide for a farmers’ market, vendor rentals space, possible summer canteen rental and/or the ability to have summer students sell ice cream, etc.” **CARRIED**

**2021-03-06: Randy Rankin – Jordan Bird:** “Be it resolved that By-law Number 2413, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the special meeting of Council held on February 25, 2021, be passed in open Council this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.” **CARRIED**

**2021-03-07: Randy Rankin – Jordan Bird:** “That this meeting be adjourned at 2:10 p.m.” **CARRIED**

SEAL

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MAYOR

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CLERK-TREASURER

## **DELEGATION**

**There is no delegation scheduled to attend the meeting.**

**LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS  
FOR ACTION**

# SMELTER BAY

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## AGGREGATES INCORPORATED

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P.O. Box, Boundary Road, Industrial Park  
Thessalon, Ontario P0R 1L0  
Tel. (705) 842-2597  
Fax (705) 842-2527

March 9, 2021

The Corporation of the Town of Thessalon  
169 Main Street  
P.O. Box 220  
Thessalon, ON  
P0R 1L0

Dear Robert,

We would like to ask that council consider extending the agreement between the Town of Thessalon and Smelter Bay Aggregates Incorporated to use the abandoned railway spur that crosses municipal property on the east side of the community.

The previous agreement was for the period of April 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020. The agreement had a provision for an extension at the discretion of the Town. If you are in agreement, we would suggest that the format of that document be utilized.

If you are in agreement, I will request our insurance company forward to you a new certificate of insurance as outlined in the original document.

Yours truly,



Tony Cooke  
Plant Manager  
Smelter Bay Aggregates Incorporated

Council:

Please see By-law Number 2418.

Robert

This Agreement dated the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2021

**BETWEEN:**

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF THESSALON**

(hereinafter referred to as the “Town”)

and

**SMELTER BAY AGGREGATES INCORPORATED, a Division of LAFARGE CANADA INC.**

(hereinafter referred to as “Smelter Bay”)

**WHEREAS** Smelter Bay wishes to access and use the portion of the abandoned CPR Railway Spur (“Rail Spur”) owned by the Town and located within the Municipality of Huron Shores and the lagoon road (“lagoon road”) owned by, and located in, the Town of Thessalon, as set out and highlighted in Schedule “A” to this agreement, for the purpose of transporting heavy equipment to the Smelter Bay docks located within the Town.

**AND WHEREAS** Smelter Bay wishes to drive its heavy equipment to its dock location by entering onto the Rail Spur marked as Letter “A” on Schedule “A” and shall travel along the Rail Spur to the point where the Rail Spur meets the lagoon road marked as letter “B” on Schedule “A” then travel along the lagoon road to Peachey Street marked as letter “C” on Schedule “A” (hereinafter referred to as “Route”). Once on Peachey Street the heavy machinery will travel on municipal roads to the dock location.

**AND WHEREAS** the Town agrees to allow Smelter Bay access to and the use of the Route on the basis of the provisions and terms set out hereto in this agreement.

**AND WHEREAS** Smelter Bay acknowledges that its use of the Rail Spur and lagoon road shall be shared with the general public as well as by all-terrain vehicles, motorbikes and snowmobiles.

**NOW THEREFORE WITNESSETH** that in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto covenant and agree as follows:

1. The Town shall permit Smelter Bay to use the Route for the transportation of heavy equipment to its dock location within the Town. Said use shall be conditional upon the following:

- a) Smelter Bay installing signage, at its own cost and in the size and form as set out in Schedule “B” to this agreement, at the following points along the route:
  - i) at the point where Smelter Bay first accesses the Rail Spur, marked as letter “A” on Schedule “A”;
  - ii) at the point where the Rail Spur meets the lagoon road marked as letter “B” on Schedule “A”;

iii) at the point where the lagoon entrance meets Peachey Street marked as letter “C” on Schedule “A”;

iv) at the point where the Rail Spur meets Boundary Road marked as letter “D” on Schedule “A”;

b) Smelter Bay, at its own cost, performing all the necessary construction and/or remedial work on the Rail Spur and lagoon road to allow the safe transportation of Smelter Bay’s heavy equipment;

c) Smelter Bay, at its own cost, performing all the necessary work to widen the Rail Spur and lagoon road, if necessary, to the sufficient width to allow the safe and concurrent passage of heavy equipment and all-terrain vehicles, motorbikes, snowmobiles and pedestrian traffic.

d) Smelter Bay, at its own cost, performing all the necessary construction or remedial work required to ensure the proper drainage from the Rail Spur and lagoon road;

e) Smelter Bay, at its own cost, providing awareness training to all of its heavy equipment operators/drivers traveling the Route in order to alert the operators/drivers about the use by the general public, as well as by all-terrain vehicles, motorbikes and snowmobiles. Said awareness training shall include instruction on defensive driving techniques. Further, Smelter Bay, shall provide to the Town evidence, by way of written confirmation that all of Smelter Bay’s employees, agents, servants, contractors or other person(s) authorized by Smelter Bay who use the Route have received said awareness training.

2. The Town provides no representations, warranties or assurances as to the condition of the Rail Spur and lagoon road and provides no representations, warranties or assurances that said Rail Spur and lagoon road is capable of and is in the necessary condition to safely allow for the transportation of heavy equipment.

3. This agreement shall be in effect from April 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021. This agreement may be extended, at the discretion of the Town, for a further period, the length to be determined by the parties, under the same terms and conditions set forth herein. Said agreement to extend shall be in writing and executed by both parties.

4. Smelter Bay shall use the Rail Spur and lagoon road with due diligence and in such a manner as not to endanger anyone or damage property or interfere with the public’s use of the Rail Spur and lagoon road.

5. Smelter Bay shall repair any damage to the road and/or culverts, watermain and/or water services, howsoever caused by its use of the Rail Spur and lagoon road.

6. Smelter Bay shall comply with the Town’s internal rules and requirements respecting safety and security, as communicated in writing from time to time while exercising access to the Rail Spur and/or lagoon road, however, nothing shall derogate from Smelter Bay’s rights to access under this agreement.

7. Smelter Bay shall be responsible for, and indemnify and save harmless, the Town, from and against all claims, charges, expenses or liabilities whatsoever in respect of environmental damages, loss of life or personal injuries or loss of or damage to property sustained by the parties, their

employees or any other person or corporation, arising in any way from the use of the Rail Spur and/or lagoon road or construction and/or maintenance on the Rail Spur and/or lagoon road or in the vicinity of the Rail Spur and/or lagoon road or from anything done or failed to be done pursuant to this agreement.

8. a) The Town shall have no responsibility whatsoever for any environmental contamination of every nature and kind whatsoever of the Rail Spur and/or lagoon road which may be caused by Smelter Bay, its employees, agents, servants, contractors or other person(s) authorized by Smelter Bay to enter upon or on the Rail Spur and/or lagoon road and the Town shall not be responsible for any remediation of any such environmental contamination even though such contamination is discovered in the future unless caused by the Town, its employees, agents, servants, contractors or other person(s) authorized by the Town (other than Smelter Bay).

b) Smelter Bay covenants and agrees to be liable for any claim; and to indemnify and hold the Town complete harmless in respect of any claim directly or indirectly incurred, sustained or suffered by or asserted against the Town relating to, arising of, resulting from or in any way connected with any environmental matters or Highway Traffic matters, including, without limitation, the failure of the Town to comply with any laws, rules, regulations, permits, approvals, consents or directions connected with the use, construction, maintenance of the Rail Spur and/or lagoon road. "Claim" means any claim, loss, cost, expense, liability, fine, penalty, interest, payment and/or any damage (including reasonable counsel and other professional fees) whatsoever.

9. a) Smelter Bay shall maintain a policy or policies of insurance with coverage of not less than five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00) covering any and all assumed and imposed liabilities including those which may be incurred by the Town under the provisions of this agreement and to furnish to the Town certified copies of certificates of coverage. In addition, Smelter Bay shall obtain and keep in place environmental insurance to cover restoration of the property resulting from environmental contamination of any kind. That environmental insurance shall be at a minimum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) with two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) aggregate.

b) Such policy or policies of insurance as relating to liability, including environmental, shall name the Town as an additional insured and shall contain a cross liability provision and a waiver of subrogation by the insurer in favour of the Town. A thirty (30) day written notice to the Town of cancellation or any material changes affecting the coverage provided therein is required.

10. Smelter Bay covenants and agrees to maintain, at its own risk and expense during the currency of this agreement, the Rail Spur and lagoon road including, without limitation, the spur infrastructure and drainage and/or culvert system, in good repair and to provide all materials necessary to perform all maintenance thereof to the satisfaction of the Town. Said maintenance shall include the ploughing of snow, if necessary, and in such a manner as to prevent flooding.

11. Smelter Bay covenants and agrees to adhere to all of the municipal by-laws as well as all provincial laws and regulations.

12. Any notice or other communication to be provided hereunder shall be in writing and shall be given by personal delivery, pre-paid registered mail, courier services, or such similar and subject to change by either party, shall be addressed as follows:



To Town:  
The Corporation of the Town of Thessalon  
P.O. Box 220  
187 Main Street  
Thessalon, ON P0R 1L0  
Attention: Robert P. MacLean, Clerk-Treasurer  
Fax: 705-842-2572

To Smelter Bay:  
Smelter Bay Aggregates Incorporated  
P.O. Box 400  
161 Peachey Street  
Thessalon, ON P0R 1L0  
Attention: Tony Cooke, Plant Manager  
Fax: 705-842-2527

13. This agreement shall not be assigned to any party, unless such assignment is the affiliate or successor of such party, without the prior written approval of the parties.

14. This agreement may be amended only by written agreement among all of the parties.

15. This agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** the Corporation have hereunto affixed their corporate seals under the hand of their offices duly authorized in that behalf on the day and year first above written.

**SIGNED SEALED AND DELIVERED**

In the presence of

**THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWN OF THESSALON**

Per:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk-Treasurer

We have authority to bind the  
Corporation

**SMELTER BAY AGGREGATES  
INCORPORATED**

Per:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
I have authority to bind the  
Corporation

**SCHEDULE "B"  
SIGNAGE**

Smelter Bay, at its own cost, shall install signage in accordance with provision 1(a) of the Agreement.

Each sign shall be a minimum of 3' x 3' mounted on pressure treated 4" x 4" timber posts and professionally made by a manufacturer, who is in the business of making signs. Each sign shall be manufactured in colours which make them highly visible to the public during both the day and night. The wording contained on the signage shall be a different colour from the background of the sign.

The wording to be included on each sign shall be as follows:

**CAUTION**  
**HEAVY EQUIPMENT ROUTE**  
Passage restricted to all-terrain vehicles, motorbikes, snowmobiles  
Pedestrians and authorized vehicles only  
**USE AT OWN RISK**

Thessalon Community Curling Club  
120 Main Street, P.O.Box 428 THESSALON, Ontario CANADA  
P0R 1L0  
705-842-2302



Feb. 26, 2021

Mayor Rosenberg and Council  
Corporation of the Town of Thessalon  
187 Main Street  
Thessalon, Ontario

Dear Mr. Mayor and Council:

Thessalon Community Curling Club would like to request financial consideration as council prepares to set the 2021/22 budget.

This municipally owned volunteer run facility has been a fixture in Thessalon for over 100 years. Staying open has not always been easy but over the years various methods of support have enabled its Board of Directors and dedicated volunteers to continue. To the benefit of the community, Thessalon Curling Centre has become a true recreation centre – not just for curlers!

In 2018/19 we had over 100 curlers, many new to the sport, including Little Rockers, Novice, Bantams and seniors. Pre-covid the centre was used seven days a week for most of the season. Curling is a lifetime sport available to all ages and we know the Town recognizes the importance of recreation in our community. In addition to our regularly scheduled bonspiels (four per year) we have been successful in attracting high profile events to our centre including several regional and provincial playdowns. These events have had a positive economic impact to the Town of Thessalon. As well we hosted a monthly wing night, an open jam session, a card club and several rentals. We continue to operate Community Catch the Ace.

As costs continue to rise, especially electricity, and revenues at the same time decline the risk of closure is a constant worry. We are extremely fortunate to have the revenue stream from the Catch the Ace progressive raffle. If not for this revenue stream the club could only have remained open with significant external financial support to cover operating costs. As you are aware Catch the Ace has expanded to a “community” enterprise with proceeds now being shared with other local not for profits. It is probable that our facility could continue to operate with the current revenue stream. However, we cannot guarantee that Catch the Ace is indefinite and we will not have excess funds for any major capital requirements. As you can see from the approximate financials below, removal of Catch the Ace revenue would have created losses of \$10.5k in 2018, \$21k in 2019 and \$14k in 2020. Catch the Ace revenue for 2021 will be less than 2020.

**Financials:**

2020	Revenue - \$84k	Expenses - \$76k	Net Income \$8k
	Catch Ace - \$22k		
2019	Revenue - \$104k	Expenses - \$88.5k	Net Income \$15k
	Catch Ace - \$36k		
2018	Revenue - \$124k	Expenses - \$99k	Net Income \$25.5k
	Catch Ace - \$36k		

TCCC made the difficult decision not to open this season, simply because we could not justify a projected operating loss of \$12,000 - \$15,000 due to lockdowns. We are saddened that a huge piece of recreation was lost to our community at a time when it was badly needed.

We are hopeful that we will be able to operate next season and that most or all of our members return. However, with any decline in membership and participation, we will require other revenue sources. On the expense side our hydro cost is the most significant operating risk, even though we have already made efficiency changes including a new furnace and LED lighting. We are currently working on a project to renovate our bar with a much more efficient cooler as well as a main floor washroom. We are investigating NOHFC support and would appreciate support from Council. We are in the very preliminary stages of investigating the possibility of a solar project that would allow for net metering. However, we feel that investigation of a joint project for the arena and curling club could be of significant value.

Given the demographic of curling participants far exceeds the demographic for many other activities, including hockey, we can only hope that council begins to understand the need to ensure that curling remains part of Thessalon's recreation. We often ask the question; "how The Town of Thessalon can budget in the range of \$100,000 to operate the arena, and not have a single penny for our curling facility?"

Our simple request at this time is for Council to consider a budget amount in the range of \$5,000 per year for Thessalon Community Curling Club to support major operating expenses, similar to the way that our arena is funded. With this support we can begin to set aside funds for Capital improvements/maintenance and greatly increase the future outlook of our Community Curling Centre.

We recognize that all recreation provided in Thessalon is used by many more than just its own residents, and our Board would like to work with Thessalon Council to seek fair funding from participating municipalities.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Matthew Seabrook  
President  
Thessalon Community Curling Club

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MEMORANDUM TO: Clerk/Treasurer Robert MacLean, Fire Chief Scott  
Lawrence  
FROM: Jon Pegg, Ontario Fire Marshal  
DATE: March 11, 2021  
SUBJECT: Fire Safety Grant Announcement

Earlier today, the Government of Ontario announced a one time \$5M grant to municipal fire services to assist in addressing challenges associated with training and virtual inspections due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since the start of the pandemic, Ontario's fire services have faced unprecedented challenges and have voiced those concerns to me as Fire Marshal. The ability to train fire service members in a COVID environment brought with it new restrictions and despite opportunities to train online and through other modes, I know that not all training priorities may have been met over the last year. In addition, my office has heard concerns from fire departments about fire code enforcement and the ability to enter premises to conduct inspections and promote fire safety. It is hoped that this grant will work to support fire services through this period of uncertainty and ongoing challenges.

I am pleased to advise that the Town of Thessalon is eligible to receive up to **\$4,900.00** as part of this grant program.

The grant is intended to provide fire departments with the flexibility to support two priority areas. First, this grant may be put towards ongoing training needs including registration, administrative programming, technology upgrades and associated costs for attending as well for providing services. In addition, if

code compliance and inspections continue to be challenging, addressing opportunities for an inspection program may include technology, capital costs and training to ensure that fire services are able to meet the demand of this need at the local level.

In order to receive funds, the Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM) requires that the attached application be submitted by a representative of the municipality. As decisions regarding the grant may not have time to proceed to municipal council for approval within the timeframes identified below, my office would be comfortable with the fire chief accepting the grant in principle on behalf of the municipality, pending formal approval from the council. To help facilitate this process, once the grant applications are approved, I will send the respective fire chief a letter of intent that will be contingent upon council's deliberations. In order to allocate funds before March 31, 2021, all applications must be received by my office no later than March 19, 2021. In addition, as a condition of the grant, these funds must be spent by August 1, 2021, and a report back to the Fire Marshal will be required by September 1, 2021, to outline how the grant was utilized at the department level.

Completed agreements should be sent by email to the Office of the Fire Marshal at [ofm@ontario.ca](mailto:ofm@ontario.ca). If you have any questions about this grant, do not hesitate to reach out to your Fire Protection Adviser.

Yours truly,

Jon Pegg  
Ontario Fire Marshal

Council:

Please see the application below which has been completed by the Fire Chief.

Robert

**Instructions:**

1. Please ensure that all fields are completed as part of this grant application form.
2. If you require more space, please adjust the text boxes as needed.
3. If you wish to split the grant between supporting training and supporting a virtual inspection program to enhance your existing in-person inspection program, please complete both sections below.
4. Please email completed application to [ofm@ontario.ca](mailto:ofm@ontario.ca)
5. **Applications must be received no later than 1700hrs on March 19, 2021.**
6. If you have any questions, please contact your Fire Protection Adviser.

<b>Name of Municipality</b>	Town of Thessalon
<b>Name of Fire Department</b>	Thessalon Fire Department
<b>Municipal Mailing Address</b>	P.O. Box 220, 187 Main Street Thessalon, ON P0R 1L0
<b>Name of Fire Chief</b>	Scott Lawrence
<b>Email Address for Fire Chief</b>	
<b>Fire Safety Grant Allocation Amount</b>	<b>\$4,900.00</b>

For those departments who wish to use the grant to support training, please provide a brief description of how the grant will be allocated, including the dollar amount. Please provide a brief overview of the training being provided, mode of delivery (online, Regional Training Centre, Learning Contract, other) and estimated timelines for completion. Please refer to the Fire Marshal Memo issued on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 for additional information regarding eligible expenses. Please add extra lines to expand the text box below, if needed.

***The Thessalon Fire Department would benefit through approximately \$1500 being spent this spring on training for existing and new firefighters for CPR/First Aid, with the balance of \$3400 being spent before the fall of 2021 on training either online or through a Regional Training Centre.***

***The Council of the Town of Thessalon is most grateful for the financial assistance being offered.***

For those departments who wish to use the grant to support a virtual inspection program to enhance your existing in-person inspection program, please provide a brief description of how the grant will be allocated, including the dollar amount. Please provide a brief overview of the compliance activities and how it will be administered at the department level, including potential rollout. Please refer to Fire Marshal Memo issued on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 for additional information regarding eligible expenses. Please add extra lines to expand the text box below, if needed.

<b>Name of Application Submitter</b>	<i>Scott Lawrence</i>
<b>Title</b>	<i>Fire Chief</i>
<b>Signature</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<i>March 12, 2021</i>



TOWN OF THESSALON – INSURANCE RENEWAL COMPARISON  
ALGOMA INSURANCE BROKERS

	2020 – 2021	2021 – 2022	Difference
Primary Liability Premium	8,919	10,917	1,998
Environmental Liability Premium	1,183	1,448	265
Umbrella Liability Premium	3,549	5,636	2,087
<b>Total Liability Premium</b>	<b>13,651</b>	<b>18,001</b>	<b>4,350</b>
Automobile – Number of Vehicles	10	11	1
Fire Vehicles	3	3	0
Light Vehicles	2	3	1
<b>Vehicles Premium</b>	<b>7,567</b>	<b>8,321</b>	<b>754</b>
Blanket Property Limit	17,338,104	17,521,929	183,825
Property Total Insurance Value	14,788,104	14,971,929	Rate/\$100
Property Premium	21,768	25,474	3,706
Boiler Premium	2,177	2,547	370
<b>Property and Boiler Premium</b>	<b>23,945</b>	<b>28,021</b>	<b>4,076</b>
<b>Crime Premium</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Councillors' Accident Premium</b>	<b>1,379</b>	<b>1,379</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Volunteer Firefighters Premium</b>	<b>1,897</b>	<b>1,951</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>Low Risk Event Premium</b>	<b>1,180</b>	<b>1,175</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>TOTAL PREMIUM</b>	<b>50,369</b>	<b>59,698</b>	<b>9,329</b>
<b>OVERALL % CHANGE</b>			<b>19%</b>

**SUSTAINABILITY THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICES COMMITTEE**

**March 3, 2021**

**THESE COMMENTS ARE THE INTERPRETATION OF THE RECORDER ONLY!**

**Present:** Chair, Jordan Bird, Members, Tracey Cooke, Kirby Horton, Tina Johncox, Cyndy King, and Secretary Kristen Lawrence.

**Regrets:** None

Chair Bird opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

**Resolution No. 2021-02-01: Jordan Bird – Kirby Horton:** “Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting of January 13, 2021 be adopted as presented.” **CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 2021-02-02: Tina Johncox – Cyndy King:** “Be it resolved that the Sustainability Through Environmental Practices Committee recommend that Council approve a Terracycle recycling bin at Town Office.” **CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 2021-02-03: Tracey Cooke – Tina Johncox:** “Be it resolved that the Sustainability Through Environmental Practices Committee recommend that Council approve a Neighbourhood Clean Up on Earth Day.” **CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 2021-02-04: Jordan Bird – Cyndy King:** “Be it resolved that the Sustainability Through Environmental Practices Committee recommend that Council approve a Weekly Challenge event during the month of April.” **CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 2021-02-05: Cyndy King – Kirby Horton:** “Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:08 p.m.”

The next meeting is to be Wednesday, April 7, 2021

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Chair

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Secretary

March 4, 2021

### Note About TerraCycle:

TerraCycle offers recycling programs funded by brands, manufacturers, and retailers around the world to help you collect and recycle your hard to recycle waste.

The program can be started through your home, school or office. Once you have collected the recycled waste you download the free shipping labels and send it to the TerraCycle company.

You would select and purchase the box related to the items you are recycling. For example: e-waste, safety equipment, cleaning supplies, etc.

## Water Committee Meeting

March 4, 2021

2:45 p.m.

Present in the W.J. Barrett Chambers were Mayor Bill Rosenberg, Councillor Randy Rankin, Town Superintendent Ken Seabrook and Recording Secretary MaryKaye Karhi. Councillor Lindsay Tallon, Ted Smider, Business Development Manager, Ontario Clean Water Agency, Jeff St. Pierre, Regional Hub Manager, Ontario Clean Water Agency and Kevin Spec, Sr. Operations Manager (Sudbury Cluster), Ontario Clean Water Agency, attended the meeting via Zoom.

### **OCWA Agreement**

The Water Committee met to discuss the OCWA Agreement which expires October, 2021. Ted Smider provided a proposal of new terms for the agreement in which the Committee will discuss and make a recommendation to Council.

### **Amend Schedule "A" of Water By-Law Number 2297**

The Water Committee would like to recommend to Council that Schedule "A" of Water By-Law Number 2297 be amended to add the wording "Commercial" to the category "Shower Stalls – per stall".

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

March 10, 2021

OCWA has offered the following options for renewal of the OCWA agreement which expires October 31, 2021.

Option 1: - Ten-year term, first three years the same price of \$208,398, 2% increases each year thereafter, except for year seven where they will hold to the same price as year six.

Option 2: Ten-year term, first three years the same price of \$208,398, 1% increases on years 4 and 7, and 2% increases on the other years.

Below is the following comparison:

Year	10 Year Original	10 Year Option 1	10 Year Option 2
Year 1 – 2022	\$208,398	\$208,398	\$208,398
Year 2 – 2023	\$208,398	\$208,398	\$208,398
Year 3 – 2024	\$208,398	\$208,398	\$208,398
Year 4 – 2025	\$212,566	\$212,566	\$210,482
Year 5 – 2026	\$216,817	\$216,817	\$214,692
Year 6 – 2027	\$221,154	\$221,154	\$218,985
Year 7 – 2028	\$225,577	\$221,154	\$221,175
Year 8 – 2029	\$230,088	\$225,577	\$225,599
Year 9 – 2030	\$234,690	\$230,088	\$230,111
Year 10 – 2031	\$239,384	\$234,690	\$234,713

The Water Committee recommends to Council to accept the Ten-Year Option 2.

MaryKaye Karhi

Council:

If Council is in agreement with the Water Committee's recommendation, a by-law will be prepared for your consideration.

Robert

**THESSALON PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE March 8, 2021**  
**THESE MINUTES ARE THE INTERPRETATION OF THE RECORDER ONLY**  
**AND ARE NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE.**

Chair Jordan Bird declared the Regular Meeting open at 6:06 p.m. Present in the W. J. Barrett Chambers was Chair Jordan Bird, Mayor Bill Rosenberg, Councillor Marcel Baron, members Kevin King and Tom Mills and secretary Lindsay MacFarlane.

**Delegation: None**

**Resolution No. 2021-03-01: Marcel Baron – Bill Rosenberg:** “Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting on February 8, 2021 be adopted as presented.”  
**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 2021-03-02: Bill Rosenberg – Marcel Baron:** “Be it resolved that the Committee recommend to Council that a 2021 Membership to the Ontario Association of Committees of Adjustment & Consent Authorities be purchased for the Administrative Secretary.”  
**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 2021-03-03: Marcel Baron – Tom Mills:** “Be it resolved that the Committee recommend to Council that a Feasibility Study take place for the development on the property north of Highway 17 to ensure proper drainage options and costs, as well as elevation for water and sewer and that the cost of this study be taken from the unspent portion of the first intake under the Municipal Modernization Program.”  
**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 2021-02-04: Kevin King – Tom Mills:** “Be it resolved that the Planning Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned at 7:11 p.m.”  
**CARRIED**

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Jordan Bird, Chair

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Lindsay MacFarlane, Secretary

**Thessalon Community Events and Activities Committee**

**March 9, 2021**

**THESE COMMENTS ARE THE INTERPRETATION OF THE RECORDER ONLY!**

**Present:** Chair Linda Stopes, Members, Kimberly Bos, Christa Lawrence, Donna Orlando, and Secretary Kristen Lawrence.

**Regrets:** Members, Tracey Cooke and Eve Webb.

Chair Stopes opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

**Resolution No. 2021-01-01: Kimberly Bos – Christa Lawrence:** "Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting of October 6, 2020 be adopted as presented."  
**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 2021-01-02: Donna Orlando – Kimberly Bos:** "Be it resolved that the Thessalon Community Events and Activities Committee recommend that Council approve Nancy Valiquette for Senior of the Year 2021."  
**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 2021-01-03: Linda Stopes – Christa Lawrence:** "Be it resolved that the Thessalon Community Events and Activities Committee recommend that Council approve an Easter Egg Word Scramble Hunt at Peace Park from March 25, 2021 to April 1, 2021 inclusive."  
**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 2021-01-04: Donna Orlando – Linda Stopes:** "Be it resolved that the meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m."  
**CARRIED**

**The next meeting is to be on March 23, 2021.**

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**Chair**

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**Secretary**

March 10, 2021

Note to Council:

The Thessalon Community Events and Activities Committee would like to organize an Easter Egg Hunt Word Scramble in lieu of the traditional Easter Egg Hunt. The event would take place from Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Giant Easter eggs with letters on them will be hidden around Peace Park. Children ages 0 years and up will have one week to find all of the eggs, collect the letters found and un-scramble the word. Participants who submit the correct scrambled word to the Town Office will have their name entered into a draw to win an Easter prize basket.

Social Distancing and gathering rules will apply.

Thank you,

Kristen

Recreation Coordinator



**Thessalon Marina/Arena/Parks Committee – March 9, 2021**  
**THESE MINUTES ARE THE INTERPRETATION OF THE RECORDER ONLY AND ARE NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE.**

Present in the W. J. Barrett Chambers were Mayor Bill Rosenberg, Chair Scott Lawrence, Councillor Linda Stopes, Councillor Lindsay Tallon, Committee Member James Orlando, Town Superintendent Ken Seabrook and Recording Secretary Marykaye Karhi.

1. Call to Order  
The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.
  
2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and Conflict of Interest  
There was none declared.
  
3. Acceptance of Minutes – February 9, 2021  
2021-03-01 – Lindsay Tallon – James Orlando  
"Be it resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on February 9, 2021 be accepted as presented." CARRIED  
  
2021-03-02 – James Orlando - Bill Rosenberg  
"Be it resolved that the Thessalon Marina/Arena/Parks Committee recommend to Council that the recommendation for the Wi-Fi to be reinstalled at the Arena for the remainder of the extended season be declined and furthermore that it be reinstalled at the beginning of the 2021-22 season." CARRIED  
  
2021-03-03 – Lindsay Tallon – Linda Stopes  
"Be it resolved that the Thessalon Marina/Arena/Parks Committee recommend to Council that the Arena Fees and Service Charges By-Law Number 1800 – Schedule "B" be amended to add the category 'Introduction to Hockey – March 3 to April 14, 2021 inclusive with a fee of \$30.00'." CARRIED  
  
2021-03-04 – James Orlando – Linda Stopes  
"Be it resolved that the rules of procedure be suspended in order to recommend to Council that, due to the high demand for seasonal sites, Thessalon Lakeside Park open more seasonal sites for this season with the number of sites and fees to be charged to be determined and furthermore that it would only be for the 2021 season." **Please see the Town Superintendent's report.** CARRIED  
  
2021-03-05 - James Orlando – Bill Rosenberg  
"Be it resolved that the next Thessalon Marina/Arena/Parks Committee meeting be scheduled for Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 5:30 p.m." CARRIED  
  
2021-03-06 – Lindsay Tallon – James Orlando  
"Be it resolved that the meeting adjourn at 6:00 p.m." CARRIED

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Chair

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Recording Secretary

**LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS  
FOR INFORMATION**

**Ministry of  
Municipal Affairs  
and Housing**

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March 4, 2021

Mayor Bill Rosenberg  
Town of Thessalon  
187 Main Street P.O. Box 220  
Thessalon ON P0R 1L0

Dear Mayor Rosenberg:

Ontario has heard directly from the municipal sector that operating impacts due to the pandemic will continue in 2021. In order to respond to municipal need and to further strengthen our communities, we are now investing an additional \$500 million to help municipalities respond to ongoing and unprecedented 2021 COVID-19 operating pressures. While the actual extent of municipal impacts for 2021 are uncertain at this time, the province expects that this funding will help municipalities continue to deliver the high-quality local services that residents and business rely on, as well as help municipalities proceed with planned capital projects in 2021.

I am pleased to inform you that the Government of Ontario has committed financial support to the **Town of Thessalon** through the 2021 COVID-19 Recovery Funding for Municipalities program in order to support your COVID-19 operating costs and pressures. All municipalities in Ontario are eligible for this program and the level of funding is based on the proportion of COVID-19 cases in the Public Health Unit for your respective municipality during the period of January 1, 2021 to February 18, 2021. I have reviewed the eligibility criteria for provincial assistance under the program and have determined that accordingly, your municipality will receive **\$28,646.00**, subject to your municipality returning a copy of this letter, signed by your municipal treasurer, to the ministry by March 31, 2021. You will receive these funds in two equal instalments – one instalment on or before May 1, 2021 and the other on or before November 1, 2021.

Please note that your municipality is accountable for using this funding for the purpose of addressing your priority COVID-19 operating costs and pressures. If the amount of the funding your municipality receives exceeds your 2021 COVID-19 operating costs and pressures, the province's expectation is that your municipality will place the excess funding into a reserve fund to be accessed to support any future COVID-19 operating costs and pressures.

The province realizes that municipalities are facing financial impacts due to the COVID- 19 pandemic and that in some instances, this provincial funding will not be sufficient to cover all municipal operating impacts due to COVID-19. The province expects municipalities to do their part by continuing to find efficiencies in their operating services and using existing reserves and reserve funds that have been specifically put aside for such unforeseen circumstances.

Your municipality will be expected to provide two report backs on your COVID-19 operating impacts and the use of these funds as follows:

1. An interim report in June 2021, which will include:
  - a) Use of funds provided last year under the Safe Restart Agreement – Operating funding stream; and
  - b) 2021 estimated COVID-19 operating impacts and how your municipality plans to use the funding under the 2021 program.
2. A final report back in Spring 2022.

We had previously indicated that Safe Restart Agreement reporting would be expected in March 2021. However, we have decided to streamline this reporting and the new 2021 COVID-19 Recovery Funding for Municipalities program. The template for this report back will be provided by the ministry with more details to follow in the coming months. While the province expects your municipality to complete this report, your second instalment under the 2021 COVID-19 Recovery Funding for Municipalities program is not contingent on the province receiving your interim report.

**At this time, I am requesting that your municipal treasurer sign the acknowledgement below and return the signed copy to the ministry by email to: [Municipal.Programs@ontario.ca](mailto:Municipal.Programs@ontario.ca). If the province has not received your letter on or before March 31, 2021, you will not be eligible for this program and your municipality's allocation will not be paid. In order to allow for processing time, please provide your signed letter to the ministry on or before March 24, 2021.**

Our government continues to stand with our municipal partners as we have throughout the pandemic, advocating for funding for communities from the federal government to support local economic recovery. Communities may need more COVID-19 related operating funding in the coming year, and we will continue to advocate on your behalf to the federal government. I encourage you to contact your local Member of Parliament to seek further federal support in order to help municipalities deal with their operating impacts due to COVID-19.

The government thanks all 444 Ontario municipal heads of council for their support throughout the pandemic and our ongoing partnership in Ontario's economic recovery.

Sincerely,



Steve Clark  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

c. Municipal Treasurer and Municipal CAO

By signing below, I acknowledge that the allocation of **\$28,646.00** is provided to the **Town of Thessalon** for the expected purpose of assisting with COVID-19 costs and pressures and that the province expects any funds not required for this purpose in 2021 will be put into a reserve fund to support potential COVID-19 costs and pressures in 2022. I further acknowledge that the **Town of Thessalon** is expected to report back to the province on 2021 COVID-19 costs and pressures and the use of this funding.

Name:

Title:

Sign:

Date:

Council:

Debbie has completed the above section and has returned this form.

Robert



## ***The Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores***

Office of the Mayor

04 March 2021

Via email

Dear First Nation Chiefs, Municipal Mayors and Councils:

### ***RE: H&M COFI Update #5***

Following my last update, the Municipality of Huron Shores proceeded with the necessary paperwork to incorporate a corporation for the H&M COFI (Huron Shores and Manitoulin Island Community Owned Fibre Infrastructure) Project and the incorporation papers were received on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021. A founding board has been established to move the project to the next phase. The website, [www.hmcofi.com](http://www.hmcofi.com), is now up and running. We have taken the liberty of including the logos of those who have shown support for the project. Please advise if you do not wish your logo to be included. Up-to-date information about the project has been posted and we ask that you share the site with all the ratepayers and residents of your communities.

At this moment, H&M COFI and its team is in the process of completing the application for the Universal Broadband Fund Program through the Federal Government. Meanwhile, we are anxiously waiting for news regarding the ICON Stage 2 Program from the Provincial Government.

The partnership between the Municipality of Huron Shores and ROCK Networks Inc. and all of your letters of support have brought this project to a point where we can see it becoming a reality.

Presently, members of the Board are contacting Educational Institutions and presenting H&M COFI and the advantages to the educational system into the future. Additional letters of support are being solicited for H&M COFI.

The Board members and the Team are diligently seeking input and ideas for a logo and catch phrase for forthcoming marketing.

A collaboration agreement for all our partners is in the draft stages. This document will be forwarded to all to seek your participation. The document will elaborate on the membership aspects for all partners.

Discussions are ongoing concerning the final plan to finance H&M COFI. Many options have been put forward; from full Community ownership to private partnerships. The questions become: how much do the partners wish to partake in the eventual revenues to be generated; do the partners wish to invest in order to retain ownership; are we concerned if principal lenders take over and remove all revenues from the Region; how might we leverage a portion of the finances together? The financing decisions will be required in the near future considering that both ICON and UBF announcements are due in early April.

Future correspondence respecting the H&M COFI Project will come directly from the Corporation. I wish to thank all Municipalities and First Nations for listening to our presentations over the past few months and for supporting this massive undertaking. Together, we will obtain effective broadband for all members within our Communities.

Yours truly,

Georges Bilodeau Mayor

Council:

I did not attach the distribution list as it contains personal information.

Robert

**From:** FONOM Office/ Bureau de FONOM <[fonom.info@gmail.com](mailto:fonom.info@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 18, 2021 7:45 AM  
**Subject:** LAS article on Insurance

Good morning

Several weeks back many of you forwarded to FONOM your insurance rate increase, with all the data being forwarded to AMO. The article below was released by LAS earlier this week, and it follows up on the information shared. The FONOM Board shares your Municipalities concern for this issue and will continue to work with all parties to address this issue.

## ***Joint and Several Liability & Rising Municipal Insurance Costs***

February 16, 2021

By Rick Johal, Senior Advisor, AMO

*In early 2019, Premier Doug Ford announced to the delegates of the Rural Ontario Municipal (ROMA) Conference that his government was going to launch consultations into the long-standing municipal concern around joint and several liability. I remember being in the room and noting that this announcement was positively received. I think many, including myself, thought that this new government could well take a different perspective and approach to this issue.*

*Later that year, with the support of its Task Force, AMO staff prepared a submission titled, "[Toward a Reasonable Balance: Addressing growing municipal liability and insurance costs](#)" to the Attorney General. In this submission, AMO outlined a series of recommendations that included, but was not limited to, introducing a model for full proportionate liability to replace joint and several liability and implementing a cap for economic loss awards.*

*Unfortunately, AMO and the municipal sector have not formally heard back from the Attorney General with respect to the outcome of this consultation. Naturally, many in the sector understood the impact of the pandemic and that it placed a pause on many government consultations in early 2020. However, recent comments at the AMO and ROMA Conference from the Attorney General have caused some concern. Notably, Minister Downey indicated in a response to a Minister's Forum question that he may still be unconvinced about the data surrounding joint and several liability and its relation to higher insurance premiums for municipal governments. Suffice it to say, this may be a point of contention and AMO is keen to learn more about the Attorney General's thoughts moving forward.*

*2021 is representing a challenging year for municipalities in several ways. One of these challenges focuses on insurance premiums. It is a growing trend that municipal governments are reporting significant increases and, in some cases, even struggling to*



*get quotes. This can be attributed to a series of factors including being in a "hard" insurance market, managing challenges arising from COVID-19, and joint and several liability that continues to place a heavy burden on municipalities.*

*Recently, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) and the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) shared some initial data gathered from their members on insurance premiums. The data captures the percentage increase in premiums from 2020 to 2021 for nearly 65 municipalities. The average rate of increase is just over 20% and for many smaller communities, this is simply not sustainable. One municipal government noted that it must now increase taxes to ratepayers by 2.5% to simply make up for the increase on its insurance premiums. This scenario, left unaddressed, will continue to draw property tax dollars away from key public services for Ontario residents.*

*This issue is not going away.*

*Without action, the public and media will continue to circle matters related to joint and several liability. AMO has outlined options for the government to pursue that have worked in other jurisdictions. The provincial government can do more to support a risk management approach from municipal governments in the pursuit of a more fair, reasonable, and responsible system for liability.*

*The time to restart this dialogue is now as there remain too many outstanding concerns and the trend line is less favourable for municipal governments with each passing year.*

Talk soon, Mac

Mac Bain

Executive Director

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities

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P.S. FONOM GoNorth Promotional Videos

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X81-vtsgs0w>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LUeGyXL2AXk>

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=qkEeQSnLHnA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qkEeQSnLHnA)

North Shore  
Health Network



Réseau Santé  
Rive Nord

March 2, 2021

Dear Town of Thessalon,

I am writing to you today to provide some additional information around the North Shore Health Network (NSHN) Recruitment Committee. Some townships have asked for clarification and I thought it is prudent to send the information to all of you.

*The first question was around how we arrived at the amount for each community?*

While there were many factors taken into consideration, the total for each contributor was somewhat arbitrary. We did review past contributions, population, assessment, physician complement, access to services and utilization of services at our facilities by residents of the various communities. There is no set formula for the cost sharing and we are not aware of what some communities were contributing in the past through other levies or contributions so we made some rather broad assumptions.

Most of the communities have been participating for a number of years and their amounts have remained very similar. The only changes are that the recruitment committee would become a committee of NSHN through the combining of the three previous committees. Further, NSHN has increase its support to the committee by \$10,000 annually and NSHN has taken over the invoicing for the committee's activities. As explained in our earlier letter, the contribution helps support the operating costs of the recruiter, along with the incentives portion for recruiting physicians to the North Shore.

*The second question was about how many of the communities have contributed to physician recruitment in the past and in what capacity?*

Everyone listed has contributed in the past except for the Town of Spanish - they are the only new request. Therefore 17 of the 18 communities have participated in some way in the past. Some of the communities contributed through Matthews Memorial Hospital Association, but we are not privy to what these amounts were and we are not aware if portions of a community's contribution were for other matters relating to health services in their area.

*The third question was if other contributions were taken into consideration such as support of clinic space, housing, etc.?*

This question comes up frequently as townships are often asked to support the unique needs of their community. There are examples all across our region where there are special arrangements and supports that allow for the local health care system to operate effectively. We are not aware of many of these things but would certainly take them under advisement.

Please note that this is a starting point and we understand that some municipalities support efforts in a number of ways beyond direct support to the recruitment committee. I would ask if your township or First Nation community does not feel that the requested contribution total is fair, please offer what you feel would be a fair in order to ensure this important work continues on behalf of all of our communities.

Also, importantly, we want your participation on our committee and we will appreciate any levy provided to undertake this important work. Our first meeting will occur on Monday, March 22, 2021 at 1pm. Alyssa Spooney, Recruitment Coordinator, will be sending out the Zoom information. We can review levies and contributions to ensure they are fair to all communities, but more importantly, those contributions will support the important work of providing medical staff to our area.

Please feel free to reach out should you have further questions.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Murray". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" and last name "Murray" clearly distinguishable.

David Murray  
*Interim President & CEO* North  
Shore Health Network  
[dmurray@nshn.care](mailto:dmurray@nshn.care)

705-849-3945

<b>Community</b>	<b>Contribution</b>
<b>Mississauga First Nation</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>
<b>Municipality of Huron Shores</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>North Shore Health Network</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Thessalon First Nation</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>
<b>Town of Blind River</b>	<b>\$8,500</b>
<b>Town of Bruce Mines</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Town of Spanish</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Town of Thessalon</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Township of Hilton</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Township of Jocelyn</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Township of Johnson</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Township of Laird</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Township of Macdonald, Meredith and Aberdeen Additional</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Township of Plummer Additional</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Township of St. Joseph</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Township of Tarbutt</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Township of the North Shore</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Village of Hilton Beach</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>



## Member Update – February, 2021

Hello Everyone:

Just like that, the first two months of 2021 have come and gone! In February, HNCEA said goodbye to one of our EDOs, Aaron Millette, as he embarked on a new journey in a role with the Federal Government in Ottawa. We offer him our congratulations and wish him well on his upcoming adventures! Here is what HNCEA has been working on since our last update:

### **Tourism**

We have initiated a project with Destination Northern Ontario to build a travel guide for the HNCEA region. This will highlight local attractions with the goal of bringing more people in to experience all that our wonderful communities have to offer. The guide will be made available virtually, as well as physically with copies distributed to local establishments. We are currently asking communities to submit locations they would like to have highlighted. Please send your suggestions to [info@hncea.ca](mailto:info@hncea.ca)

### **Regional Economic Development Network**

We are in the process of establishing a regional Economic Development Network. It is currently proposed that we host quarterly meetings that would begin as a round table discussion where current priorities and projects are at, followed by a presentation from a guest speaker or a discussion on any given aspect of Economic Development. We are in the process of building this network and would like to extend an invitation to any Economic Development folks in your communities to join us.

### **Broadband**

Things are moving forward in the world of Broadband.

The majority of projects for the region are currently in the funding application stage. Leepfrog Telecom has submitted applications on behalf of 10 HNCEA communities as well as Prince and Ward 5 for Universal Broadband RRS funding. They are still waiting to hear back. If they receive the funding, those projects will be completed by November 2021. They're designed to provide relief to those affected by COVID who are working and learning from home. They have solutions that are good for town centres as well as offerings for rural folks

H&M COFI is also pursuing the core UBF funding for large infrastructure projects. They aim to build entirely new fibre infrastructure, and operate as a community owned network. Their project includes the HNCEA region as well as all communities to Espanola and Manatoulin.

We just learned that Bell has arrived at the table and is soliciting communities for support for their own application to the Universal Broadband Fund's core infrastructure stream.

The Starlink Beta test service is also gaining traction across the region and seems to be a viable alternative for those living in rural areas.

**Agriculture**

We continue to seek feedback from local producers on what their priorities are for projects that foster economic growth and development.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or feedback on current projects!

Sincerely,

The HNCEA Team

[info@hncea.ca](mailto:info@hncea.ca)

Please follow us on [Facebook](#) to stay up to date on HNCEA activities!

**From:** Marco Niro  
**Sent:** March 4, 2021 3:43 AM  
**To:** Debbie Rydall <[debbie@thessalon.ca](mailto:debbie@thessalon.ca)>  
**CC:** C. Lawrence, C. Osborne, D. Trepasso  
**Subject:** Request for Substituting Recognized Holidays

Hello Debbie,

CUPE Local 3 agrees to substituting the recognized holidays mentioned below. Christmas Day and Boxing Day to be recognized on December 27th and December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Sincerely

Marco NIRO

President

CUPE Local 3



**From:** Dan Cozzi <dan.cozzi@municipalengineers.on.ca>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 12:59 PM  
**To:** Municipalities  
**Subject:** 2021 Municipal Engineers Association Bursary Program

**Dear Municipal Clerk:**

The Municipal Engineers Association (MEA) is pleased to announce that it will once again be offering its annual bursary program for the children/dependents of Ontario municipal employees/elected councillors who plan to enter the 1<sup>st</sup> year of an ***engineering program at the university level for the upcoming September 2021 term.*** This is the 14<sup>th</sup> consecutive year the MEA is providing bursaries; to date we have awarded over \$134,000 in bursaries to eligible candidates. Our program has become quite popular with many applications being received each year.

Up to ten (10) bursaries will be awarded this year. The top two (2) scoring applications will receive:

- The *John Hammer Memorial Bursary* valued at \$2,000
- The *William Robinson Memorial Bursary* valued at \$2,000

The balance of the bursaries (up to 8) are valued at \$1,500 each.

I have attached a letter from the MEA outlining this year's bursary program which includes eligibility/ selection criteria requirements, an application form (note applications can also be made online) and a flyer (see last page of attachment) which you can use to notify your municipal staff about this year's program. ***The deadline for applications for this year's program is midnight May 9, 2021.***

We would respectfully request you make the appropriate arrangements to please notify your municipal staff and elected councillors about our 2021 Bursary Program.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

*Dee*

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D.M. (Dan) Cozzi P.Eng,  
Executive Director



Council:

I have not attached the above-mentioned letter from the MEA, however, if you wish to view the letter, please let me know.

Robert

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

March 10, 2021

The Finance Committee met at 12:30 p.m. on March 10, 2021. Present were: Bill Rosenberg, Mayor, Jordan Bird, Chair (via Zoom) and Debbie Rydall, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, to discuss the following:

**Re: Request for prorating Arena Advertising Fees**

The Arena's season is approximately from October 10<sup>th</sup> to March 20<sup>th</sup> inclusive. Since the arena was closed from December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 inclusive, a request regarding the option of prorating the arena clock advertising fees was received.

After reviewing the above request, the Finance Committee is recommending to Council to authorize the below adjustment be completed for any arena clock advertising fees that were billed out.

<b>Amount of Days in the Season</b>	<b>Amount of Advertising Fees</b>	<b>Clock</b>	<b>Number of Days Closed</b>	<b>Number of Extended Days</b>	<b>Amount of Credit</b>
162	226.00		55	27	39.06

**Re: Request for Recognition**

The Finance Committee is recommending to Council that Donna Latulippe be recognized for her commitment over the past number of years toward the provision of health services, first on the JBPTH Health Advisory Committee and later on the Huron North West Professional Recruitment and Retention Committee by presenting her with a piece of jewelry in an estimated amount of \$200.00.

**Re: Cintas Agreements**

The Finance Committee is recommending to Council to accept the rates as shown in the below summary for the new CINTAS five-year contract.

**187 Main Street-CINTAS Rates**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Prior Amount</b>	<b>New Amount</b>
4X6 Mat X 1 Mat	16.52	Monthly
5X10 Mat X 1 Mat	24.88	Monthly
3X10 Mat X 1 Mat	20.63	Monthly
Mat Advantage (Insurance)	.86	Monthly
Service Charge	11.88	Monthly
<b>TOTAL MONTHLY AMOUNT</b>	<b>74.77</b>	

**333 River Street-Fitness Centre CINTAS Rates**

Item	Amount	Frequency
3X4 Mat X 1 Mat	9.56	Monthly
3X10 Mat X 1 Mat	20.63	Monthly
Mat Advantage (Insurance)	.58	Monthly
Service Charge	11.88	Monthly
<b>TOTAL MONTHLY AMOUNT</b>	<b>42.65</b>	

**333 River Street-Medical Centre October to April CINTAS Rates**

Item	Amount	Frequency
4X6 Mat @ 15.582 X 6 Mats	93.49	Monthly
5X10 Mat X 1 Mat	24.88	Monthly
3X15 Mat X 1 Mat	28.25	Monthly
3X4 Mat X 1 Mat	9.56	Monthly
Mat Advantage (Insurance)	1.44	Monthly
Service Charge	11.88	Monthly
<b>TOTAL MONTHLY AMOUNT</b>	<b>169.50</b>	

**333 River Street-Medical Centre May to September CINTAS Rates**

Item	Amount	Frequency
4X6 Mat @ 15.582 X 2 Mats	31.16	Monthly
5X10 Mat X 1 Mat	24.88	Monthly
3X15 Mat X 1 Mat	28.25	Monthly
3X4 Mat X 1 Mat	9.56	Monthly
Mat Advantage (Insurance)	1.44	Monthly
Service Charge	11.88	Monthly
<b>TOTAL MONTHLY AMOUNT</b>	<b>107.17</b>	

**Please Note:** If we have to close any one of our facilities due to COVID-19 this contract is put on hold until we reopen.

Thank you for giving the above your attention.



Jordan Bird  
Finance Chair

Please see By-law Number 2419.

## **March 2021 Report to Council**

### **ATS request**

I received a request from Algoma Technology Services to display our Town logo on their website. They are building a new site and want to place logos from all businesses they have as clients. We have all of our building alarms as well as security cameras with them and we have been a client of theirs for many years. If you agree I will provide them our logo and request they send us a proof of what the webpage will look like prior to posting it.

### **Vaccination Clinic**

The Algoma Public Health Unit is planning a vaccination clinic in Thessalon potentially for March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The clinic will be held at the New Ontario Lodge (Oddfellows Hall). They have asked if the Town would cover the costs associated with the rental for that day as well as future clinics. The APHU would pay the lodge for the rental and then invoice the Town. APHU requires some form of agreement with the Town to allow this to happen. I am still waiting to hear back from them as to if they have a generic agreement form that could be used.

### **Asset Management Program tender**

The tender has been awarded to Infrasol Solutions at a cost of \$18,600 plus HST, they have accepted. Their programmers will be in touch with us in the very near future.

### **Reduced Loads**

Reduced loads were put into effect March 15 as per Bylaw 2360.

### **OGRA Conference**

I attended the 4 day the electronic version of the Ontario Good Roads Association conference, for the cost of the entry I found it to be difficult to sit through, using the virtual sites to visit vendors was frustrating since there is no personal interaction with the vendor. Also, to navigate through the 4 days to find which sessions would be of interest was difficult.

### **Thessalon Vaccination Clinic**

The Mayor and I have been meeting with a committee formed to organize the vaccination clinic for the town and area.

We have met on 3 occasions, the plan at this time is for the clinic to held at the New Ontario Lodge and the first potential date is March 23<sup>rd</sup> for those 80 plus, high risk individuals and some front-line workers(volunteers).

### **Lakeside Drive and Hwy 17 Intersection Improvements**

The Mayor and I met with several MTO officials to discuss our concerns regarding the intersection improvements. MTO has agreed that there will be a traffic impact at this intersection with the opening of the Timmie's/Esso station. They have decided to make improvements to the intersection starting with widening the platform of the intersection. We had also asked that they include an acceleration lane for traffic exiting Lakeside Drive onto Hwy 17 in an eastbound direction. This part of the work will not be included in the tender which will be advertised March 24. They have assured us that further improvements are to be completed under the next Capital Construction project which is scheduled for 2023.

### **Arena operation**

The arena was back in operation February 17<sup>th</sup>, only the Thessalon Figure Skating Club has not returned. Thessalon Minor Hockey has started hosting games again.

### **Lakeside Drive Contract Cost Sharing Agreement**

I still have not received the cost sharing agreement letter from KRS, I continue to work to receive it through Tulloch Engineering.

### **Lakeside Drive Asphalt testing**

The Contractor has responded to our Consultant regarding the sub-standard asphalt samples. The Contractor has accepted the fact the samples have failed and has agreed to place an additional 20mm lift of asphalt over the base course. He is undecided if he will do the work himself or ask the contractor who is successful for phase 2 to do the work and he will compensate them.

### **Tim Hortons Development**

The development is now scheduled to be open sometime in April.

### **Bell Tower**

The Bell tower has been constructed but is not operational. They continue to work on it and expect it to be operational by sometime in May.

## **Park Sites**

Upon further consideration of the recommendation by the Marina/Arena/Parks Committee regarding opening more seasonal sites for this season, it has been determined that more revenue would be realized through continuing to offer the sites without a non-seasonal designation.

Ken,,,



TENDER LOG  
The Corporation of the Town of Thessalon

Project Name: "Gas Tender"

Tender Deadline: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

Name of Bidder	Envelope No.	Date Submitted	Time Submitted	Tender Amount
UPI/Algoma AG Centre	1	March 10/21	9:11 a.m.	\$1.132/Litre plus HST.147=\$1.279/Litre

To be completed only after tenders are opened in accordance with Tender Document.

MaryKaye Karhi

**TOWN OF THESSALON  
OVERTIME RECORD FOR 2021  
MARCH 15, 2021**

<b>Inside Staff Employee #</b>	<b>Description of Work</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Mo.</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Hours Extended</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Employee 008	MAP meeting	9	Feb	5:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	1.00	1.50	1.50
Employee 022	Planning meeting	8	Feb	6:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	1.00	1.50	1.50
Employee 022	Council meeting	16	Feb	6:15 p.m.	8:15 p.m.	2.00	3.00	3.00
<b>Outside Staff Employee #</b>	<b>Description of Work</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Mo.</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Hours Extended</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Employee 007	Snow removal – Call out	5	Feb	7:00 p.m.	8:30 p.m.	1.50	3.00	4.50
Employee 007	Snow removal – Call out	6	Feb	6:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	3.50	4.00	6.00
Employee 007	Snow removal – Call out	6	Feb	3:00 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	1.50	3.00	4.50
Employee 007	Snow removal – Call out	7	Feb	6:30 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	1.50	3.00	4.50
Employee 007	Snow removal – Call out	7	Feb	6:30 p.m.	8:00 p.m.	1.50	3.00	4.50
Employee 007	Water repair	17	Feb	12:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	1.00	1.50	1.50
Employee 007	Tow fire truck – Call out	24	Feb	5:45 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	.75	3.00	4.50
Employee 006	Water repair	17	Feb	12:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	1.00	1.50	1.50
Employee 009	Water repair	17	Feb	12:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	1.00	1.50	1.50
Employee 016*	Council meeting	16	Feb	6:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	1.00	1.00	1.00

\*Employee 016 does not incur time and a half only straight time

MaryKaye Karhi

February 17, 2021

Council:

Re: North Shore Community Safety and Well Being Plan Committee Meeting

Lindsay and I participated in the Community Safety and Well Being Plan Committee meeting held via Zoom at 1:15 p.m. this afternoon. Also present were Kathryn Scott and Pam Walsh, Town of Blind River, Natashia Roberts, Municipality of Huron Shores, and Barbara Major, Township of the North Shore. Pam Lortie, Town of Spanish was not present.

Pam Walsh and Natashia Roberts were nominated, and agreed to take on the Chair and Vice-Chair roles. They will decide who will assume each role.

Each participating municipality will create a page on its website providing the same overview of this Community Safety and Well Being initiative and a link for a survey to be made available for completion on or about March 1<sup>st</sup>. The survey questions will be in keeping with surveys that have been used by other municipalities. Around that same date, a letter will be sent to agencies and organizations for comment.

A schedule has been prepared which sets out a June 30, 2021 completion date for a draft plan, with a review of, and revisions to the plan to follow in July and with the proposed date for adoption of the plan by the participating municipalities being in August, 2021.

It was noted that a local consultant had provided an estimate of \$16,900 to complete the plan, conditional upon the current July 1<sup>st</sup> plan deadline being extended. It was the consensus of the group that every effort will be made to complete the plan in-house.

A resolution will be presented at our next regular Council meeting declaring the completion of the plan a priority and stating that staff will be involved in the preparation of the plan.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:55 p.m.

Robert

February 19, 2021

Council:

Re: Seniors' Housing Meeting with ADSAB Representatives

Mayor Bill Rosenberg and Deputy Mayor Jordan Bird met virtually at 9:00 a.m. with France Schellekens and Karen Chisholm at ADSAB to discuss seniors' housing. Robert MacLean, Clerk-Treasurer was also in attendance.

This meeting was arranged following a delegation at the ROMA conference, where it was suggested that the Town reach out to ADSAB to partner regarding this initiative.

The Mayor noted that a feasibility study is currently being conducted on the Town-owned lots on Dawson Street.

Although a couple of funding options for housing in the past were noted, the ADSAB representatives were not aware of any funding currently available.

The Deputy Mayor asked if ADSAB would assist in administering a housing development project if the Town was successful in accessing funding. They responded indicating that they have been struggling to keep up with their workload.

Based on the need, they did agree with, and supported the development of transitional housing where residents receive housing support through service providers, etc., noting that some persons are not ready for long-term care.

Ms. Chisholm stated that, of the thirty-four persons currently on the waiting list for the housing at 42 Algoma Street East, 45 Algoma Street East and 135 Dawson Street, sixteen of those persons are from Town.

The PossAbility Community Homes initiative in Desbarats was mentioned as being a very successful housing project.

The ADSAB staff agreed to provide information with regard to housing needs, as well as a contact person with the CMHC who might be able to offer assistance, etc.

The Town representatives will be arranging a meeting within the next two weeks with staff from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and after that meeting has taken place, they will likely be in touch with the ADSAB representatives again.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Robert

March 4, 2021

Council:

Re: Seniors' Housing Meeting with MMAH Representatives

Mayor Bill Rosenberg and Deputy Mayor Jordan Bird met virtually at 9:00 a.m. with Cindy Couillard, Housing Team Lead, Cara Holtby, Planner, Kathy Horgan, Senior Municipal Financial Advisor and Paul Prosperi, Municipal Advisor from the Sudbury branch of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) to discuss seniors' housing. Also present were Lindsay MacFarlane, Administrative Secretary and Robert MacLean, Clerk-Treasurer.

Kathy Horgan chaired the meeting which was arranged following a delegation at the ROMA conference earlier this year.

Mayor Rosenberg introduced the attendees from the Town. He reviewed the Town's current housing avenues for seniors, adding that he would like to pursue additional alternatives, with transitional housing being a preferred option. Ms. Couillard later suggested that our definition of transitional housing should be clarified as it could mean many things, for example, the transition from home ownership to renting, or a transition from homelessness to permanent housing, etc.

It was noted that the Town has property available on the north side of Highway 17 which could possibly accommodate a twelve-lot subdivision. Also, a feasibility study is currently being conducted on the Town-owned lots on Dawson Street.

Ms. Couillard referenced the Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative, currently in the third and final year, through which monies were allocated to ADSAB.

Ms. Couillard stressed the importance of conducting a needs analysis study for the target audience to ensure that the results provide a good fit. She added that we could continue on in this process on our own, however, it would be advantageous to work through this process with ADSAB as a way of keeping them informed. She mentioned that there are some consultants that could assist with this process while some developers may work in concert with a consultant. She suggested that a request could be circulated to see if there would be interest by a developer(s) in taking on this housing development initiative for the Town.

The Deputy Mayor indicated that the municipality would prefer not to be a landlord and wondered about the management role being assumed by ADSAB. This matter would have to be pursued with ADSAB.

Ms. Holtby noted the recent completion of our Official Plan review and asked that, if moving forward with this development, we have regard for the Affordable Housing policy contained within that document. She added that a reduction in the planning application fees might be a planning tool for consideration.

Mr. Prosperi drew our attention to Sections 106 and 107 of the Municipal Act. He pointed out a financial tool available involving the provision of a special tax ratio as an incentive to a developer, as long as the tax ratio meets the range of fairness requirements.

Ms. Couillard mentioned a similar housing process undertaken by the Town of Smooth Rock Falls and suggested that we might wish to speak to Luc Denault, CAO, who could enlighten us on that municipality's journey.

Ms. Horgan said they would be pleased to give a presentation to Council and suggested that Mr. Prosperi could set up a meeting through the Clerk-Treasurer. The Mayor said he would welcome a presentation.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:50 a.m.

Robert

March 11, 2021

Council:

Yesterday and this morning I attended the virtual Clerks' Forum.

The first session yesterday afternoon was a panel discussion regarding the administrative experience of continuing operations under the extended pandemic. The following shared how they have worked through COVID-19:

Karen McIsaac – City Clerk, City of North Bay

Chris Oslund – City Manager, City of Temiskaming Shores

Michelle Larose – Chief Administrative Officer, Municipality of Sioux Lookout

This was followed by a session on managing personnel in a remote work environment and was given by Ehren Baldauf, Associate Vice President, Human Resources with Gallagher Benefit Services (Canada) Group Inc.

The final session yesterday covered continuity of operations planning and was presented by John Stothers, Field Officer, Emergency Management Ontario Field Operations.

Ken and I attended the first session this morning which addressed effective by-law enforcement and was given by Bill Bond, Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association.

Debbie and I attended the session on succession planning which followed. The following persons participated in this session:

Ruth Clare – Treasurer, Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers

David Stewart – CAO/Treasurer, Municipality of Hastings Highlands

Tim L. Dobbie – Consultants Inc.

Debbie and I also attended the Ontario Job Creation Partnership Program session in which Gail Parkins Grant, Manager, Focused Employment Programs and Services Unit of the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development, gave a review of the programs offered.



A session given by Kathleen Baker, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines followed whereby provincial funding programs were reviewed.

The final session addressed municipalities as host communities in emergencies and was covered by Ray Lazarus, Director of Emergency Management with the Ministry of the Solicitor General.

This forum was offered both timely and informative topics, and I was pleased to have the opportunity to attend from my desk.

Robert

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF THESSALON

## BY-LAW NUMBER 2415

**BEING A BY-LAW** to amend By-law Number 2363, being a by-law to regulate the proceedings of Council, Local Boards, Standing Committees and Committees for the Corporation of the Town of Thessalon

**WHEREAS** Section 238(2) of the Municipal Act, s.o. 2001, c. 25 states that every Municipality and Local Board shall pass a procedure by-law for governing the calling, place and proceedings of meetings;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Town of Thessalon is desirous of exercising this discretionary authority to allow its members of Council, Local Boards, Standing Committees and Committees to participate electronically in Open and Closed Meetings and to be counted for the purposes of quorum;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Thessalon hereby enacts as follows:

1. The wording within Section 4. Electronic Participation is hereby replaced with the following wording:
  - a) That while every effort shall be made to attend meetings physically in person, members of Council, Local Boards, Standing Committees and Committees may participate in a meeting by telephone or other electronic means
  - b) a member participating electronically will be counted towards the quorum requirements
  - c) electronic participation will be permitted during the Open and Closed Sessions of the meeting enabling participation and voting on items as if members were attending the meeting in person, with the exception that a member will not be permitted to participate in a discussion or vote on a matter where a pecuniary interest has been declared by such member
  - d) a member will be allowed to participate electronically in up to a maximum of two (2) regular meetings in a calendar year (this does not apply to a meeting during a period when a provincial or municipal emergency has been declared to exist pursuant to the Emergency

Management and Civil Protection Act, or to a meeting where any agency, etc. has required or encouraged members not to attend in person)

- e) a member participating electronically must call in prior to the start of the meeting so as not to interrupt a meeting that is underway
  - f) if the telephone connection is lost, the meeting will be paused for not more than five minutes to allow re-connection
  - g) where access to the Open Session of the meeting by the public is not possible and the meeting is being held electronically, notice shall be posted on the Town's website along with the information to access the Open Session of the meeting, and every attempt will be made to make a recording of the Open Session of the meeting available to the public
2. This by-law shall come into force and take effect immediately on the passage thereof.

By-law Number 2391 is hereby rescinded.

Passed in open Council this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.

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Mayor

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Clerk-Treasurer

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF THESSALON**

**BY-LAW NUMBER 2416**

Being a By-law to amend Schedule "A" of By-law Number 2297, being a by-law to impose and collect water service rates for water services through the Town of Thessalon Water Distribution System.

**WHEREAS** it is deemed necessary to amend Schedule "A" of By-Law Number 2297;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Thessalon hereby **ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The use/category described in Schedule "A" is hereby amended.
2. This by-law shall come into force and take effect immediately upon the final passing thereof.

**PASSED** in Open Council this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.

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Clerk-Treasurer

**SCHEDULE "A"**  
**TOWN OF THESSALON**  
**BY-LAW NUMBER 2297**  
**Effective March 15, 2021**

Use/Category	Units	Rate
Single Family Household	1.00	\$46.00
Part-Time Home Business	1.25	\$57.50
Multi-family Buildings/apt. (e.g.6)	1.00	\$276.00
Churches	.75	\$34.50
Dedicated Business/Office	1.00	\$46.00
<b>Commercial</b> Shower Stalls – per stall	1.00	\$46.00
Restaurant Tavern, Coffee Shop	2.00	\$92.00
Gas Station/Service Garage	1.75	\$80.50
Car Washing on Premises	2.50	\$115.00
Hotel, Motel, or Cabins/unit (e.g. 10)	0.219	\$100.70
Schools – 8 classes	0.75	\$276.00
Schools – 6 classes	0.75	\$207.00
OPP Detachment	3.00	\$138.00
Laundromat	4.75	\$218.50
IOOF Hall	1.25	\$57.50
Canadian Legion	2.00	\$92.00
Thessalon Curling Rink	2.75	\$126.50
Thessalon Arena	4.75	\$218.50
Thessalon Marina	2.00	\$92.00
Lakeside Park	6.00	\$276.00
Birchland Veneer	3.75	\$172.50
Rural Customers (surcharge not included) as per Sec. 3		
Residential	1.31	\$60.26
MTO (car wash on premises) = 2.5 x Residential Rate	1.31	\$150.65
McDougall (car wash on premises) = 2.5 x Residential Rate	1.31	\$150.65
Huron Central Railway (Residential)	1.31	\$60.26
Algoma Co-operative Livestock (6 mos.)	1.31	\$60.26
Rural Water Surcharge \$5/mo.		
Metered Water Rates – Charge per cubic meter per month		\$1.35
New Commercial/Industrial developments must install a meter at the owner's expense		

and must meet Town specifications		
Apartments Metered – Base Rate per month/Apartment		\$29.25
Non-Apartments Metered – Base Rate per month		\$73.94
Meters will be read on or about the last day of every month		
Bulk Purchases – Excess of 1,000 gallons		\$271.16/load
Industrial Purchases – per In-Ground Tank		\$271.16/tank
Thawing of Services		Invoice as per cost
Note: Sewer Rate is 42.62% of the corresponding Water Service Rate		

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF THESSALON**

**BY-LAW NUMBER 2417**

Being a By-law to amend the User Fees and Service Charges of Schedule "B" of By-law Number 1800.

**WHEREAS** it is deemed necessary to amend Schedule "B" of By-Law Number 1800;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Thessalon hereby **ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The user fees and services charges described in Schedule "B" are hereby amended.
2. This by-law shall come into force and take effect immediately upon the final passing thereof.

**PASSED** in Open Council this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.

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Clerk-Treasurer



**CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF THESSALON**  
**USER FEES & SERVICES CHARGES**  
**BY-LAW NUMBER 1800 – SCHEUDLE “B”**  
**As amended by By-law Number 2417**

<b>Services Offered</b>	<b>Current Fee</b>	<b>HST</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>ARENA</b>			
Ice Rental Rates – Hourly Rates			
-Per Hour	105.00	13.65	118.65
-Regular User Groups	88.50	11.50	100.00
-Public School Skating	50.00	6.50	56.50
Holiday Ice Rental			
December 21,22,23,29,30,31			
Per Hour	89.25	11.60	100.85
<b>Introduction to Hockey</b>	<b>30.00</b>		<b>30.00</b>
<b>March 3 to April 14, 2021 Inclusive</b>			
<b>Public Skating – Per Person</b>	2.00		2.00
<b>Upper Deck</b>			
-Per Day	88.50	11.50	100.00
-Per Day- Business/Service Clubs/Fundraisers w/Alcohol	132.74	17.26	150.00
-Figure Skaters, Minor Hockey (During regularly scheduled ice bookings when Arena is open)	n/c	n/c	n/c
-Deposit required for key (refunded when key returned)	44.25	5.75	50.00
<b>Rentals</b>			
-Rentals	450.00	58.50	508.50
-non-refundable deposit required to secure booking	100.00	13.00	113.00
Canteen Rental per month	To Be	Negotiated	
Advertising – Walls (4’ x 8’ area) per year	300.00	39.00	339.00
-Rinkboards (3-1/2’ x 4’ area) per year	300.00	39.00	339.00

SPECIAL OCCASIONS PERMIT AND PAL INSURANCE REQUIRED AT ALL L.L.B.O. LICENSED EVENTS.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF THESSALON**

**BY-LAW NUMBER 2418**

**BEING A BY-LAW** to authorize the signing of an agreement and related documents between Smelter Bay Aggregates Incorporated and the Corporation of the Town of Thessalon regarding the use by heavy equipment on the abandoned CPR Spur and the lagoon road to enable access onto Peachey Street.

**WHEREAS** Section 5, Subsection 3 of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 2001 as amended, requires a municipal council to exercise its power by by-law except where otherwise provided;

**AND WHEREAS** Council deems it desirable to enter into an agreement with Smelter Bay Aggregates Incorporated;

**THEREFORE** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Thessalon hereby **ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer are hereby authorized to sign, on behalf of the Town of Thessalon, the agreement and related documents between Smelter Bay Aggregates Incorporated and the Corporation of the Town of Thessalon for the period from April 1, 2021 until December 31, 2021.
2. This by-law shall come into force and take effect upon the immediate passing thereof by Council.

**PASSED** in open Council this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.

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Clerk-Treasurer

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF THESSALON**

**BY-LAW NO. 2419**

**BEING A BY-LAW** to authorize the signing of an agreement and related documents for the provision of services and mats at the Municipal Office located at 187 Main Street and the Medical Centre and Fitness Centre located at 333 River Street, Thessalon, between Cintas Canada Limited and the Corporation of the Town of Thessalon.

**WHEREAS** Section 5, Subsection 3 of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 2001 as amended, requires a municipal council to exercise its power by by-law except where otherwise provided;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Thessalon deems it desirable to enter into an agreement with Cintas Canada Limited for the provision of services and mats in various municipal buildings;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Thessalon does hereby enact as follows:

- 1.** The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign, on behalf of the Corporation of the Town of Thessalon, an agreement and related documents for the provision of services and mats at the Municipal Office located at 187 Main Street and the Medical Centre and Fitness Centre located at 333 River Street, Thessalon between Cintas Canada Limited and the Corporation of the Town of Thessalon.
- 2.** This by-law shall come into force and take effect upon the immediate passing thereof.

**PASSED** in Open Council this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.

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Clerk-Treasurer

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF THESSALON**

**BY-LAW NUMBER 2420**

**BEING A BY-LAW** to confirm the proceedings of the regular meeting of Council held on March 15, 2021.

**WHEREAS** Section 5, Subsection 3 of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, requires a municipal council to exercise its power by by-law except where otherwise provided;

**AND WHEREAS** in many cases, action which is taken or authorized to be taken by a Council or Committee of Council does not lend itself to an individual by-law;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Thessalon hereby **ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The actions of Council at its regular meeting on March 15, 2021 in respect to each motion, resolution and other action passed and taken by the Council at its said regular meeting, is, except where prior approval of the Ontario Municipal Board is required, hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed.
2. The Mayor and the proper officers of the Town are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the said action or to obtain approvals where required, and to execute all documents as may be necessary and directed to affix the Corporate Seal to all such documents as required.
3. This by-law shall come into force and take effect immediately upon the final passing thereof.

**PASSED** in Open Council this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.

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Clerk Treasurer