# AGENDA A meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands to be held on Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

# 1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Agenda

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof

# 3. Old Business

- i. Strategic Plan
- ii. Request for support Country Fest and Rockin the Rock

# 4. Manager Reports

- i. Fire Department Duane Deschamps, Fire Chief
- ii. Public Works Wayne Williamson, Public Works Manager
- iii. Community Services Reid Taylor, Manager of Community Services
- iv. Building Controls

# 5. Minutes

- i. CPAC May 10, 2023
- 6. Adjournment

# 2023 Strategic Planning DRAFT List of Priorities from Council

# **Building a Healthy and Sustainable Community**

- Improve communications with our constituents and partners.
- Promote volunteer involvement and opportunities within our community and find ways to recognize the contributions our valuable volunteers make.
- Lobby for a Service Ontario office or services within our municipality.
- Construct a share-shed at the NEMI Landfill, where community members can drop off their good, used items and shop to pick up items.
- Tackle speeding and high traffic issues on cross streets in town and explore options for implementation of preventative measures (i.e., speed bumps).
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# **Economic Development and Strengthening our Local Economy**

- Attract new business throughout our municipality and have all existing businesses occupied.
- Work with private sector to secure additional businesses such as second Grocery Store, a Giant Tiger, or a Dollar Store.
- Explore opportunities to ensure a skilled workforce. This can include exploring marketing opportunities which will promote recruitment and retention opportunities for a skilled workforce/ labor pool; Completing a Labor Force Analysis; and Approach Immigration Canada to see how we can work with them to enhance the workforce.

# Enhancing Community Infrastructure

- Lobby government to increase internet accessibility and connectivity within our community.
- Continue to upgrade infrastructure such as roads, water systems, wastewater treatment, etc. and ensure that we continue to maximize and commit the necessary funding for this infrastructure.
- Continue with improvements to our parks and beautification measures within our community. (i.e., reduce or eliminate poison ivy and increase signage throughout the community).
- Construction of the new Swing Bridge.
- Development of more sidewalks within town.
- Redevelopment of the Sheguiandah Government Dock to include the development of a larger area for families with direct access to water, so children don't have to cross the road/parking lot.
- Additional benches to be installed along the Low Island Trail.
- Work towards improved and affordable housing projects.
- Continue to upgrade our fire protection vehicles, as necessary.
- Explore options for composting within our community, including public awareness and education, seeking funding to purchase composters, and initiating a composting program at the landfill.
- Explore funding opportunities to complete the development of hard-surfaced bicycle trails on the sides of our municipal roadways.
- Enhance our indoor facilities, to include the development of a swimming pool and expand the Recreation Center to include other amenities such as an indoor walking track or indoor cycling, which will encourage year-round recreational opportunities.
- Development of additional hiking trails within our municipality.

# Create an Age Friendly Community

- Improve the municipal website to make it more user friendly for senior residents. Encourage community members to utilize our municipal website as a hub for information for our community. Include links to local businesses and organizations and promote events, activities and programming happening throughout our community.
- Emphasis on ensuring that seniors have access to and can source goods and services locally.
- Increase access to and accessibility for seniors within the community, in the form of affordable transportation so community members, in particular seniors can get to our local businesses and amenities.
- Develop and maintain a list of volunteers who can provide services to seniors and provide this list to community members.

# **Tourism Promotion & Development**

- Increased availability to EV Charging Stations within our municipality, by work with private sector to secure additional locations.
- Ensure that we have access to a variety of events, activities, and programming to support our visitors and local community members, year-round to make our community a premiere destination. (Examples could include more activities for children and youth, activities in the evenings and arranging hockey games with neighbouring hockey clubs).
- Development of a tourism rewards system to promote our amenities and attract visitors to our community. (i.e., hiking trails or geocaching).
- Cross promotion of our events and activities with other Island communities and tourism providers (i.e., advertising on the Chi-Cheemaun).
- Expand opportunities for our visitors and community members to enjoy nature through our trails, planting additional trees, and bird watching.

# List of Ideas Submitted by the Public

- Development of a guided, interactive walking tour (such as Soundscape) of the downtown sites, businesses, churches, and arts.
- Invite indigenous input on the Sheguiandah museum to expand its story of the area.
- Create a plan on how our community will honour and commemorate the old bridge when it is removed .
- Creation of a year-round Recreation Guide, that states all of the activities, programs and events that occur within NEMI.
- Encourage a local taxi company to provide a wheelchair accessible vehicle.
- Creation of a men's shelter.
- Increased water pressure.
- Commitment to dark skies via light pollution shields and education.
- Explore increased traffic safety and parking in highly utilized areas such as Tim Horton's/Manitoulin Brewing Company and the New Hotel. Greater enforcement regarding traffic/speeding/industrial truck use, especially on cross streets between Worthington and Manitowaning.
- Continued support for the library and encourage expansion of library patrons to Sheguiandah FN and AOK FN (verses \$55 annual fee) Or offer to work with bands to make it affordable.
- Continued support for PRIDE.
- Creation of an off-leash dog park.
- Explore options for increased safety at priority intersections, such as Meredith and Worthington and Vankoughnet and Worthington Street intersections.
- Regulation of short-term accommodation rentals to ensure zoning integrity and encouragement of long-term rental providers.
- Enforcement of property standards re: trailers/rv's/broken down vehicles/brush.
- Increased garbage receptables around Little Current.
- Explore the creation of a municipal program to assist those who would wish buried culverts at the foot of their properties.
- Evaluate the impacts of climate change and potential flooding could endanger Water Street and if so, determine a plan to mitigate for resiliency.
- Explore options for composting as well as options for recycling.
- Expand the farmer's market into a farmers co-op store, which could be open more frequently.
- Explore options to address the traffic back-up during our tourist season.
- Affordable housing.
- Availability of high-speed internet.
- Enhance programming to include activities that promote active living for adults and children.



May 3 2023

Mayor and Council,

Summer will be here before you know it, although it hasn't been feeling like it! This summer will feature our 17<sup>th</sup> annual Manitoulin Country Fest and 6<sup>th</sup> annual Rockin' The Rock festival (pandemic times included). We wanted to begin by thanking the Town of NEMI for your continued support of our summer plans. It would be very challenging for us to deliver these events as "seamlessly" as we do without your support - so THANK YOU!

Both of these events bring in thousands of tourists into our community resulting in increased spending overall. However, hosting of these two festivals is not without risk. Should we experience a bad year with weather or loss of some of our sponsorship dollars, we could be just one day away from having to shut them down. It is critical for us to continue to foster our relationships to ensure continued success for everyone.

We will again be offering our patrons the opportunity to camp for the week between RTR and MCF FREE OF CHARGE! This is done to facilitate our patrons not having to drive back and forth as well as reduce additional traffic on Harbour View Road. This 7-10 additional days of tourist dollars, further drives economics during the week as they will be eating in our restaurants, shopping at our retail outlets and taking in the sites and sounds of Manitoulin.

We stand before you today to request:

RTR - ROCKIN' THE ROCK

- 1. Designate the event one of municipal significance;
- 2. Placement of directional signs on municipal property starting Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> with removal no later than Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>;
- Access to showers at the NEMI Rec Centre for our patrons to shower Saturday 8am until noon. The use of the showers would be provided on a donation basis from the patrons directly; and
- 4. Inclusion of RTR on the Town of NEMI LED sign, inclusion in NEMI website and NEMI marketing.

# MCF - MANITOULIN COUNTRY FEST

- 1. Designate that event one of municipal significance;
- 2. Beer tent curfew until 1:00am (as in the past several years) Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>;
- Donation and use of the chain link fencing utilized in conjunction with the cruise ships (if available) – delivery by Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup> (early morning if possible) and returned Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>;
- 4. Donation of use of the Rendevous Pavilion on Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> from 4pm until 7pm for our fundraising dinner. All funds raised on that evening are donated to a local

initiative. To date we have contributed in excess of \$39,500 to community based organizations from this boat cruise;

- 5. Approval to utilize the Arena parking lot, town parking lot by the LCBO on Thursday evening, Friday and Saturday for overflow parking, assuming the arena is not rented;
- 6. Access to showers at the NEMI Rec Centre for our patrons to shower Friday 8am until noon and Saturday 8am until noon. The use of the showers would be provided on a donation basis from the patrons directly; and
- 7. Inclusion of MCF on the Town of NEMI LED sign, inclusion in NEMI website and NEMI marketing.

In addition to the above, we request the Town supply four nim buckets, free of charge, to be placed on site, Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> and picked up any time after Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. The schedule for garbage pick up, which will also be provided free of charge, can be determined at a later date with town staff.

Thank you to Mayor and Council for your support and we look forward to a successful and busy summer for NEMI for 2023!

Yours truly,

Craig Timmermans

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# FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT TO COUNCIL

April 12, 2023

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# CALLS FOR SERVICE: (6)

March 26,	66 Meredith Street Elevator Entrapment
March 30	142 Indian Mtn Road, Assist EMS / OPP
April 19	9131 Hwy 6 Alarm Call (False)
April 19	120 Harbour View Rd. Alarm Call (False)
April 25	27 Cockburn St. Lift Assist
May 12	18 Robinson St. Lift Assist

# (FIRE APPARATUS & EQUIPMENT IN GOOD WORKING ORDER)

Current Staffing: 14 Members consisting of 13 active and 1 on leave.

# Report to Community Services/Public Works – May 18, 2023

# Rec Centre

- Meetings/Events/Programs/Classes
  - Maintenance as needed.
- Off Season Building Maintenance
- Open Tennis Courts

# This Month

- Drive Test June 5 & 19
- Pickle Ball continues indoors.
- Programs
  - Children's Dance Class Candice Irwin
  - o Various Workshops

# <u>Marine</u>

- Spider Bay open May 19<sup>th</sup>
- Town Docks are moved & will begin install.
- Pier 6 is installed, finishing touches on water and hydro.
- Cruise Ships begin mid June.
- Pier 10 to install

# Parks & Outdoor Buildings

- All Buildings, Parks, Sports Fields, Playgrounds are open.
  - Minor repairs as needed.
- Splash Pad ready to open.
- NEMI Youth Soccer has started.
- LCPS Soccer Tournament May 10<sup>th</sup> was a success.
- Landscaping
- Swim Dock
- Grass Cutting and Trimming



Box 608, Little Current, Ontario, POP 1K0 705-368-3500

**Public Works Report** 

May 18, 2023

# <u>Roads</u>

Staff have been busy patching roads. Road sweeping is complete. All gravel roads have been graded multiple times. Staff have been installing culverts.

# <u>Landfill</u>

All operations are going well. Clean up week is underway. Sittler Grinding ground the wood pile and the mulch.

# **Equipment**

Ongoing maintenance is being performed. Repairs are being conducted as required.

# <u>Other</u>

Water main break at Spider Bay Marina is fixed. The sand dome is coming along, the walls and trusses are up.



# Building Control Report to May 12, 2023

There have been 24 permits issued this year. The permits are categorized as follows.

	Permits	Total
Residential – New	2	\$8,004.00
Residential – Additions & Renovations	8	\$5,240.00
Multi Residential – New	0	\$0
Seasonal Dwellings – New	1	\$1,440.00
Seasonal Dwellings – Additions & Renovations	2	\$1,560.00
Detached Garages	1	\$960.00
Accessory Buildings – New	6	\$1,300.00
Decks – New & Alterations	3	\$505.00
Commercial/Industrial New	0	\$0
Commercial/Industrial – Additions & Renovations	0	\$0
Demolition/Moving	1	\$50.00
Permit Renewals	0	\$0
Total	24	\$19,059.00

One deck permit, one new residential dwelling permit, one new seasonal dwelling permit, one seasonal renovation, five residential renovation permits, and four accessory building permits have been issued since the last report. This report period has a construction value of **\$778,000.00** and a permit value of **\$10,295.00**. The total value of construction value to date is **\$2,052,000.00** with a total building permit revenue of **\$19,059.00**.

# MINUTES COMMUNITY POLICING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday 10 May 2023 CENTRAL MANITOULIN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL OFFICE, MINDEMOYA ON 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: A /Insp. Robert WALSH – OPP Community Series Officer Cst. John HILL – OPP Al BOYD – NEMI Kelly CHAYTOR – GORE BAY Jack BOULD – GORDON / BARRIE ISLAND Frank KLODNICKI – ASSIGINACK Steve SHAFFER – CENTRAL MANITOULIN Steve WOOD – TEHKUMMAH

**REGRETS:** Kim JOHNSON – BURPEE/MILLS Bryan BARKER - BILLINGS

**PUBLIC:** Tom SASVARI – Manitoulin Expositor **Minutes Taken by** Kelly CHAYTOR – Gore Bay

# CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Al BOYD, called meeting to order at 7:01 pm and welcomed all at attendance.

# ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Al BOYD, asked if any changes or additions to agenda. None were presented.

# Moved by Steven WOOD and seconded by Frank KLODNICKI that the agenda be adopted. CARRIED.

# ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Al BOYD asked any additions, corrections, or changes to last meeting 8 March 2023 minutes. None were presented.

Al BOYD asked for motion to move the corrections to the minutes.

# Moved by Steve SHAFFER and seconded by Steve WOOD that the agenda be adopted. CARRIED.

# BUSSINESS ARISING

# **WELCOME**

Al BOYD welcomed all members to the meeting including Officer CST. John HILL and A/Insp. WALSH. Members, PC John HILL and Insp. WALSH introduced each other around the table.

# DEPARTURE OF INSEPCTOR MORIARITY AND WELCOME TO A/INSP ROBERT WALSH

A/Insp WALSH introduced himself and provide career background to CPAC members. robert.j.walsh@opp.ca

# **OPERATION LIFESAVER**

Officer CST. John Hill presented update in Operation Lifesaver.

HILL circulated a bracelet for members to view as well demonstrated how the equipment is used to locate the bracelet but radio frequencies. Each bracelet is set up with its own radio frequency. HILL also advised that there this service can cut time and resources greatly when conducting searches for lost people. These bracelets are for people with Alzheimer's, Dementia and children with Autism who may wander off.

Advised people can register through the Manitoulin Northshore Victim services office as that office handles the administrative side of the program. There is assistance available if family members are not able to cover costs. Currently there are 4 people on this service -3 seniors and 1 child with Autism. There are many more bracelets available. Steve SHAFFER did suggest reaching to family health teams and nursing homes to make this program more aware of.

Al BOYD asked members if anyone had any questions or comments to Officer HILL as he had to leave at this time of the meeting. Kelly CHAYTOR questioned Officer HILL about the most recent happenings at MANITOULIN SECONDARY SCHOOL (aggravated Assault). Kelly CHAYTOR advised fellow parents and students had reserves of attending MSS due to violence and drugs. Kelly CHAYTOR asked about any new courses for schools coming up ie. D.A.R.E. CANADA. Officer John HILL did advise new classes in September on Drugs will taking place in the senior classes in public schools.

Officer John HILL also advised that a great number of students at MSS are on the straight path to success and encourages all students to do so.

Officer John HILL advised he can be reached at john.d.hill@opp.ca

# SUMMER OPP & MARINE PLANS FOR MANITOULIN

A/Insp. WALSH advised that there are a number of Officers now trained in the OPP Marine operations. Program use to be ran solely by Officer PATTERSON, however this created issues with summer holidays therefore more officers available to work in the Marine program will ensure there is full coverage all summer. A/Insp. WALSH advised that the Manitoulin Dispatch is fully equipped with all types of vessels that can service any body of water in and surrounding Manitoulin.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

# **OPP DETACHMENT COMMANDER COMMENTS**

A/Insp. WALSH advised all OPP vehicles are now equipped with in Cameras and ALPR (Automatic License Plate Reader) units. Officer body cameras are the next piece of equipment that will be rolled out after tender is fulfilled by the fall of 2023.

A/Insp. WALSH advised the service delivery model for Manitoulin district being 4 years and Espanola is 6 years. Also advised OPP is hiring a large number of candidates and with the provincial government eliminating tuition fee for the Ontario Police College's Basic Constable program this will allow more police officers to be recruited.

A/Insp. WALSH advised committee members of a very successful arrest made on May 9,2023. Manitoulin OPP seized over 25 kilograms of illicit drugs while investigating an impaired driver on HWY 17. A street value of 3.7 million dollars. These drugs were headed to one of our communities on Manitoulin Island.

A/Insp. WALSH was very pleased with his staff on conducting this traffic stop and being successful not allowing drugs to enter our community.

A/Insp. WALSH advised OPP Commissioner has sent letter to Prime Minister pertaining to Bail reform. Most municipalities have been sent the letter to show their support of this request for review bail procedures. Brought forwards after recent killings of Canadian police officers.

# TRAFFIC STATISTICS ADDED TO RMS REPORTS

Traffic reports were provided to each committee member for their Manitoulin community. Along with Highway Traffic Act Charges Manitoulin detachment (Island Only) First Quarter. This is a new report presented after committee's request. This information will be very useful for the POA court. As POA court office on Manitoulin is working in a deficient due to COVID years. A letter was sent to Ministry of the Attorney General to advise of the current situation of operations of the POA court on Manitoulin to seek Federal government to take the operations over. With this new report showing that there is an increase of highway charges due to travel returning after COVID years. This matter will be monitored in the future.

# ROUND TABLE

**Steve SHAFFER – Central Manitoulin –** Break & Enter crimes are on the rise in Mindemoya. Steve asked what should property owners should do and about a satellite OPP office. A/Insp. WALSH highly recommended for people to call 911 to report any crimes. If they are aware of the crimes happening, it will help schedule officers to each community. A/Insp. WALSH also advised people need to lock their doors and equipment and also to keep a record of serial numbers from property to help with search and recoveries. SHAFFER also advised A/Insp. WALSH about the four corners in the main town center during the summer traffic. **Kelly CHAYTOR - Gore Bay** – Asked on behalf of the Town of Gore Bay if there are any changes with the Gore Bay OPP dispatch office. A/Insp. WALSH was not aware of any news therefore nothing is changing at this time.

Jack GOULD - Gordon/Barrie Island - No community concerns brought forward

**Frank KLODNICKI – Assiginack** – Questioned how 911 calls are charged. A/Insp. WALSH advised not all calls are charged for. 911 dispatch will determine if matter does require attendance of an officer and if it does not there will not be a charge for call. Frank also advised A/Insp. WALSH of High Park Falls new bridge along Hwy 6 and Manitowaning water front should be monitored locations for potential drug activity.

**Steve WOOD – Tehkummah** – Advised of recent vehicle accidents in the community; one causing damage to personal property and township sign. He also advised with the Chi-Cheemaun ferry back in operation traffic has increased and speed is always a concern.

Al BOYD – NEMI – Advised of complaint of speed on Blake and Draper Street from school. Speeding along these roads during school bus arrivals and departures is a concern.

# FINAL REMARKS

Al BOYD Thanked everyone for attending and advised hopefully at our next meeting we can have a report back on summer events in communities when it pertains to OPP operations. Ie. Haweater Weekend

# MEETING AJOURNED

Meeting was adjourned at 8:49 pm

# Moved by Jack BOULD and seconded by Frank KLODNICKI Carried

# DATE and TIME OF NEXT MEETING.

Wednesday September 13, 2023 - 7 p.m., Central Manitoulin Council Chambers Mindemoya

# Highway Traffic Act Charges

# Manitoulin Detachment (Island Only)

# First Quarter (January/February/March)

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## Police Services Board Report for Northeasrern Manitoulin and the Islands Records Management System March - 2023



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	2022	2023	Difference	2022	2023	Difference	80%			
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