

**AGENDA**  
**A meeting of the Council of the Corporation**  
**of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands**  
**to be held on Tuesday, February 15<sup>h</sup>, 2022**  
**Electronic Format at 7:00 p.m.**

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**Deputation : Foodcycler Municipal Solutions – Ami Gagne**

**Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof**

**3. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

- i. Confirming By-Law 2022-10

**4. Old Business**

- i. Manitoulin Marksman Club

**5. Manager Reports**

- i. Fire Department – Duane Deschamps
- ii. Community Services – Reid Taylor
- iii. Public Works – Wayne Williamson
- iv. Building Department

**6. New Business**

- i. Hot water retrofit tender results
- ii. Refrigeration retrofit tender results

**7. Minutes and Other Reports**

- i. Report from ROMA - FONOM
- ii. Mayors update

**8. Adjournment**

## Pam Cress

**From:** Ami Gagne <amig@foodcycler.com>  
**Sent:** January 26, 2022 10:51 AM  
**To:** Pam Cress  
**Subject:** Delegation Request - FoodCycler Organics Diversion Pilot Project  
**Attachments:** FoodCycler Municipal Solutions - 2022 SEND.pptx

Good morning Ms. Cress,

My name is Ami Gagné, and I am the Project Coordinator of Municipal Solutions at Food Cycle Science. Our company provides municipalities with innovative solutions for residential food waste diversion to reduce the quantity of organics going into landfills. We are requesting to attend a Council meeting virtually on February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, to share information about our ***“FoodCycler Municipal Solutions: Residential In-Home Food Waste Diversion Pilot Project”*** and assess whether your municipality would be interested in joining us as implementation partners. Our presentation is attached above for your review. Our Pilot Project is a semi-finalist in the **Impact Canada** and **Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada’s** [Food Waste Reduction Challenge](#).

At Food Cycle Science, we provide residential in-home food waste diversion options for municipalities using our technology called the FoodCycler. It’s an indoor compost alternative, about the size of bread maker, that takes food scraps and reduces weight and volume by 90%, leaving behind only a small amount of sterile biomass. The by-product can be used in applications such as gardening, landscaping, local farming, or even pelletized for use in home heating. For municipalities, by using the FoodCycler, no green bin collection or processing infrastructure is required, and GHGs are reduced by 95% in comparison to sending food waste to landfills. Every FoodCycler deployed is estimated to divert at least 2 tonnes of food over its expected lifetime. Furthermore, every tonne of food waste diverted from landfills is estimated to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 1.3 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e before transportation emissions. This can result in lower operating costs, fewer garbage trucks on the road and an extended lifespan for landfills. Not only that, but a food waste diversion pilot program would allow your residents to take part in an innovative solution to fighting climate change.

We work with many small, rural, remote, and Northern communities where curbside green bin collection is challenging to implement, or where landfill space is limited and ways to extend its lifespan are being considered. We have partnerships with some nearby municipalities among others (33 municipalities and 7 provinces/territories across Canada as of today listed below). We reached out because we felt that your community would be a good fit for the benefits of the program.

1	Town of Hay River, NWT	11	Town of Bancroft, ON	22	Township of Seguin, ON
2	Municipality of Killarney, ON	12	Township of Terrace Bay, ON	23	Municipality de Val-des-Monts, QC
3	Township of South Glengarry, ON	13	Municipality of South Dundas, ON	25	Town of Carleton Place, ON
4	Township of Algonquin Highlands, ON	14	Township of Hornepayne, ON	25	Town of Saint Andrews, NB
5	Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, ON, QC	15	Municipality of Central Manitoulin, ON	26	Town of Smith Falls, ON
6	Municipality of Trent Lakes, ON	16	Georgian Bay Association, ON	27	Rural Municipality of East-St Paul, MB
7	Municipal District of Peace 135, AB	17	Township of South Stormont, ON	28	Township of Ryerson, ON
8	City of Kenora, ON	18	Rural Municipality of Rockwood, MB	29	Township of Armour, ON
9	Municipality of Neebing, ON	19	Township of Bonfield, ON	30	Village of Burk's Falls, ON
10	City of Nelson, BC	20	Municipality of Dysart et al., ON	31	Town of Drayton Valley, AB
				32	Township of Edwardsburgh-Cardinal, ON
		21	Rural Municipality of Woodlands, MB	33	Town of Parry Sound, ON

Municipalities will often bear the material and financial burdens of climate change. With more at stake than higher levels of government, we believe that municipalities have a unique position in fighting climate change.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions or concerns, and I hope to discuss this matter further.

Thank you.

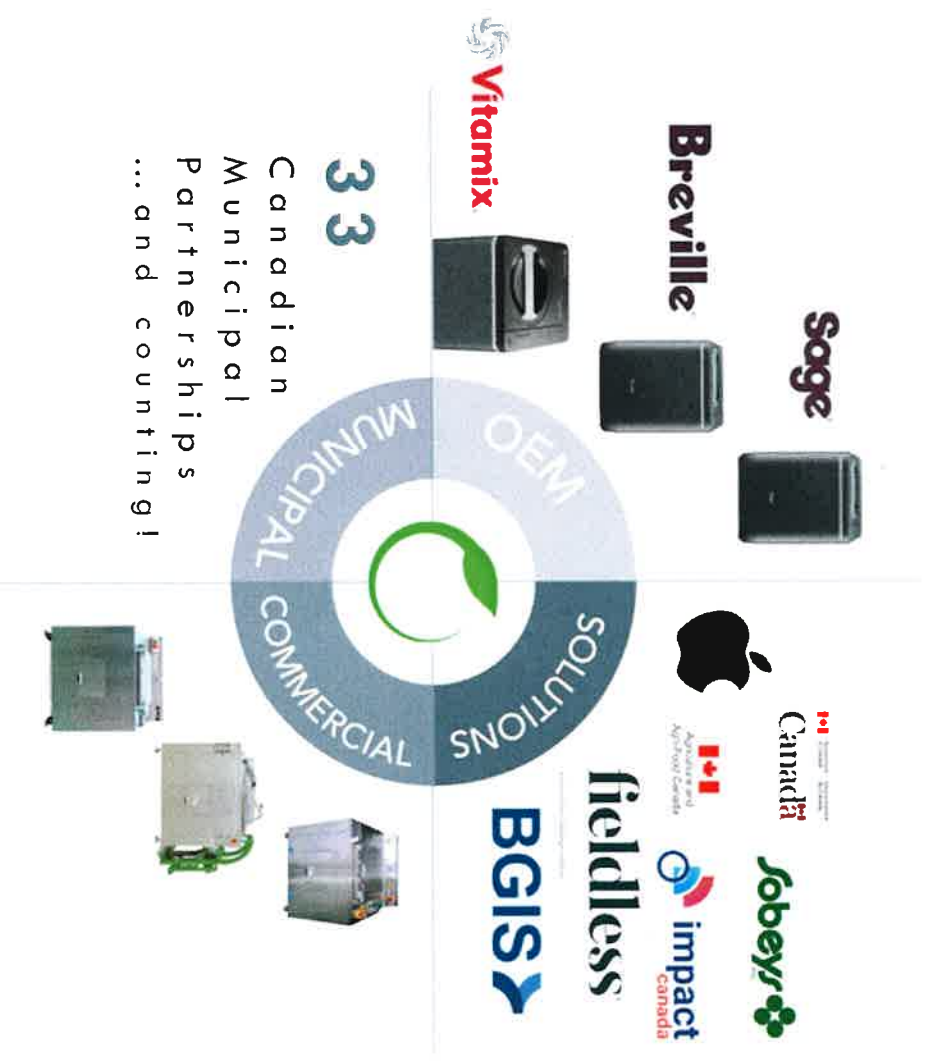


# FOODCYCLER<sup>TM</sup> MUNICIPAL SOLUTIONS



# ABOUT US

- Canadian company based out of Ottawa, ON
- Founded in 2011 – Company is 100% focused on Food Waste Diversion Solutions
- Products available in North America through FoodCycler Municipal / Vitamix and internationally through network of distributors & OEM partners
- Semi-finalists in Impact Canada's Food Waste Reduction Challenge





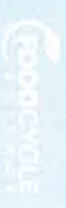
DRAYTON VALLEY

# TRUSTED CANADIAN SOLUTION

FROM COAST TO COAST TO COAST



Thirty-Three Canadian Municipal Partners  
...and counting!



## THE PROBLEM – FOOD WASTE

- **63%** of food waste is avoidable
- Household waste is composed of **25-50%** organic waste
- Food waste weight is up to **90%** liquid mass (which is heavy)
- The average Canadian household spends **\$1,766** on food that is wasted each year
- Each year food waste in Canada is responsible for **56.6 Million tonnes of CO2** equivalent of GHG





# MUNICIPAL IMPACT

## WASTE MANAGEMENT IS A MUNICIPAL RESPONSIBILITY

### LANDFILL + WASTE COSTS

- ~**25-50%** of household waste is organic waste
- Landfills are filling up fast, creating cost and environmental issues
- Hauling and disposal services are a major cost factor and environmental contributor

### ENVIRONMENT

- Landfilled organic waste produces methane, which is **25 times** more harmful than CO2
- 1 tonne of food waste is equivalent to 1 car on the road for one year



### COMMUNITY

#### Food in the garbage:

- More frequent collection or trips to the disposal site
- Unpleasant odours
- Animals, pests & other visitors



#### Removing food waste from garbage:

- Volume is reduced by up to 50%
- Less frequent collection, fewer trips to disposal site, save on bag tags
- Keeps odours out, makes garbage much less “interesting” for animals

# HAVEN'T WE SOLVED THIS ALREADY?



## GREEN BINS

- ☐ Preferred solution for **larger cities** where **dense housing** and large processing facilities generate **economies of scale**
- ☐ **Contamination** is an ongoing challenge
- ☐ GHG emissions from curbside collection
- ☐ **Safety** concerns from additional trucks on the road



## BACKYARD COMPOST

- ☐ **Cost-effective** but can be **labor-intensive** also
- ☐ May attract pests/animals or create unpleasant **odors**
- ☐ Most users **do not compost in winter** or inclement weather
- ☐ **Adoption rates are relatively low and stagnant**



## LANDFILL

- ☐ **Easiest solution** and often perceived as the most cost-effective in the short term
- ☐ Waste is typically **out of sight and out of mind** for consumers
- ☐ High levels of GHG emissions, particularly **methane**
- ☐ Long-term **environmental hazard** requires monitoring / maintenance



# THE SOLUTION

## IN THREE SIMPLE STEPS



**1.** Add waste to bucket

**2.** Add bucket to unit

**3.** Press Start. That's it!



The resulting by-product can be used in many applications.



Vegetable &  
Fruit Scraps



Starches



Fish & Poultry  
Bones



Dairy Products



Tea bags & Coffee  
grinds



Egg shells



Nut shells, nuts  
& seeds



Meat, poultry  
& fish



# 90% FOOD WASTE REDUCTION

1 KG (2.5L) of wet,  
smelly food waste



4-8 HOURS + 0.8 kWh  
<10 cents / cycle

100 G of dry, sterile &  
odorless soil amendment



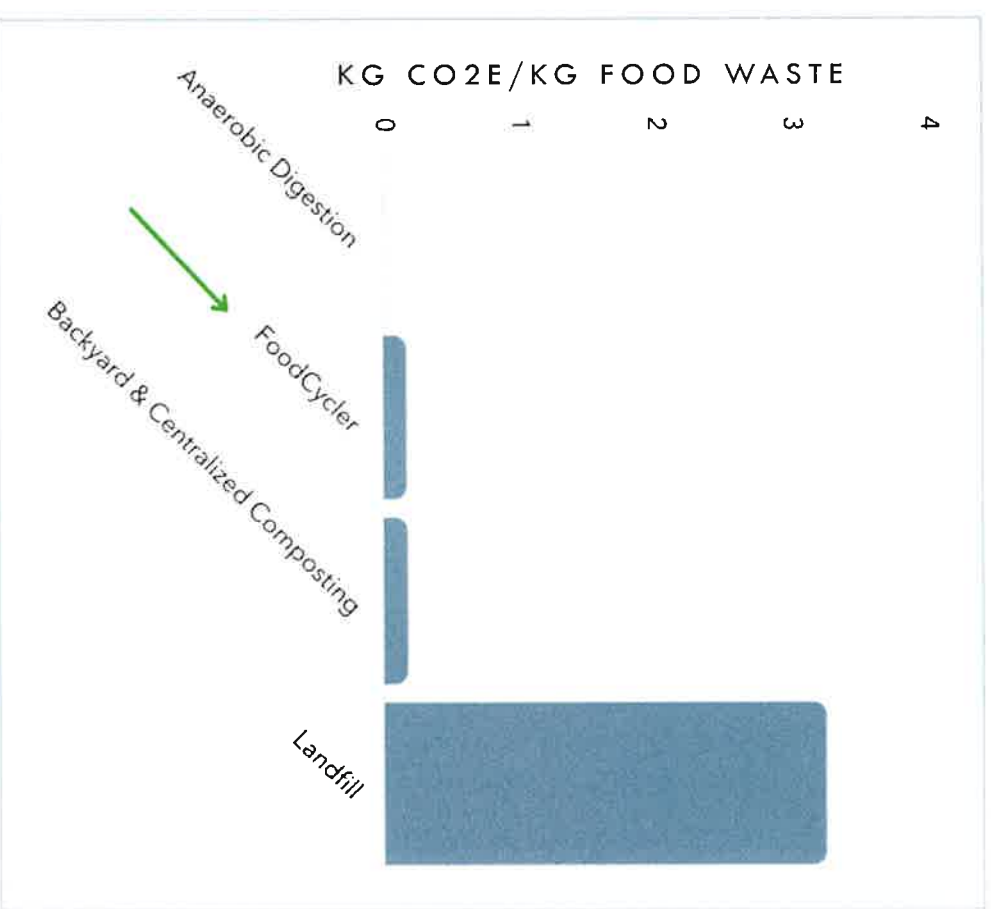
# IMPACT ENVIRONMENT

## FOODCYCLER IS COMPARABLE TO:

- Central composting (with no transportation emissions)
- Backyard composting (if done correctly)
- FoodCycler offers >95% reduction in CO<sub>2</sub>E vs. sending food waste to landfill

Source: Based on carbon intensity of power grid = 0.08 kg/kWh in Ontario

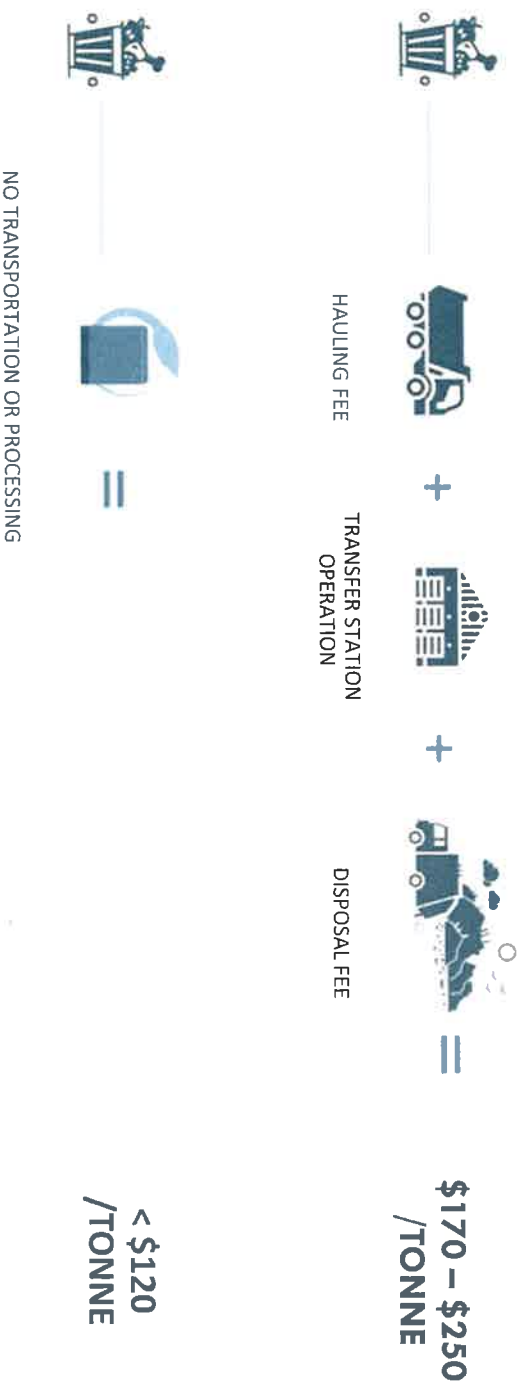
\*!Incorrect backyard composting can lead to methane gases and odours



# IMPACT ECONOMIC

## EXAMPLE OF IMPACT ON WASTE MANAGEMENT OPERATING COSTS

\* FoodCycler is a locked-in price not subject to wage increases, fuel surcharges or fee hikes



# IMPACT

## REGULATORY + SOCIAL PRESSURE

### THE TIME IS NOW

- Constituents want **solutions** to reduce their environmental impact
- Waste is perceived as a government problem and **regulations** are coming
- Food waste is “low-hanging fruit” to achieving higher **diversion** and addressing the environmental impact of waste



*"I've received a number of positive messages from residents saying, "sign me up, where can I get mine." I'm 100 per cent in favor of it."*  
– Deputy Mayor Lyle Warden, (South Glengarry ON)

*"We were extremely happy with this program and loved that it made us aware of our daily waste."*  
– Pilot participant in South Glengarry

*"It's a great tool to reduce household waste. Appreciate that the municipality is being innovative and piloting different solutions."*  
– Pilot participant in Hornepayne

*"It alleviates a lot of the concerns that people might have with backyard composting. The time commitment, the location, pests and animals and everything like that."*  
– Kylie Hissa, Strategic Initiatives Officer (Kenora, ON)

# THE FOODCYCLER PILOTS

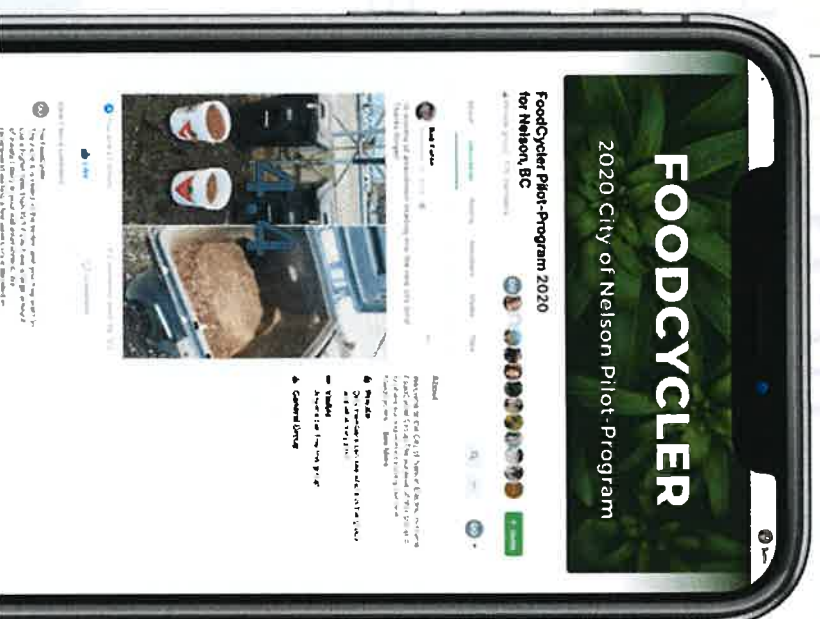
## >700 Households

7 Municipalities have completed their pilot projects with overwhelmingly positive results.

## Net New Diversion



Each participating household is estimated to divert between 300-400 kg of food waste annually.



“WOULD YOU RECOMMEND  
FOODCYCLER?”

>90% Yes

<1% No.

The rest are undecided or need more time.

★★★★★ 4.6

Average overall user  
experience rating.

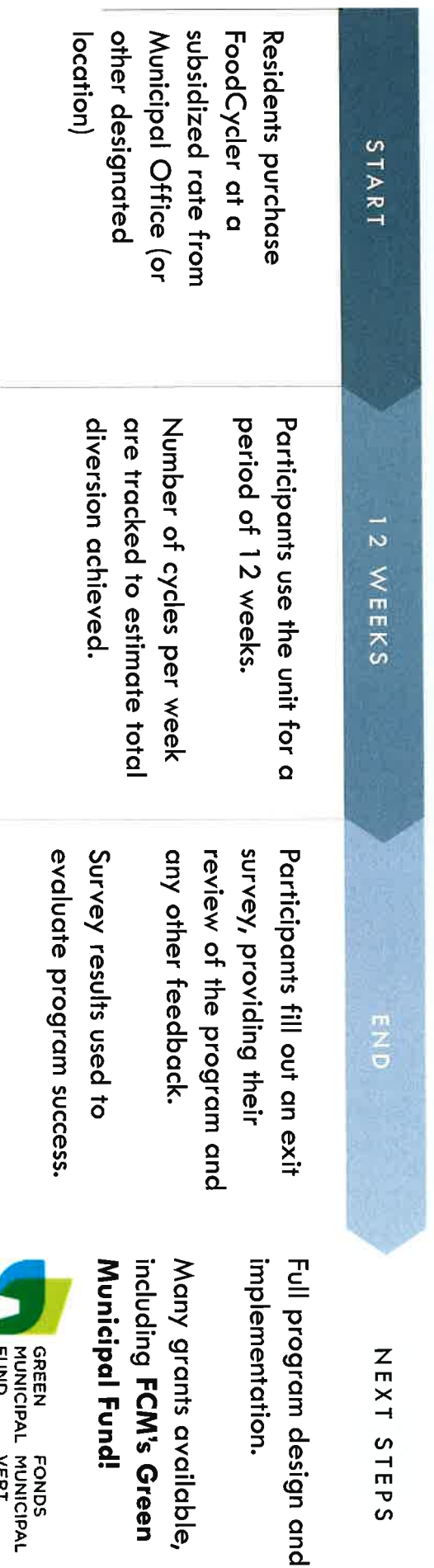




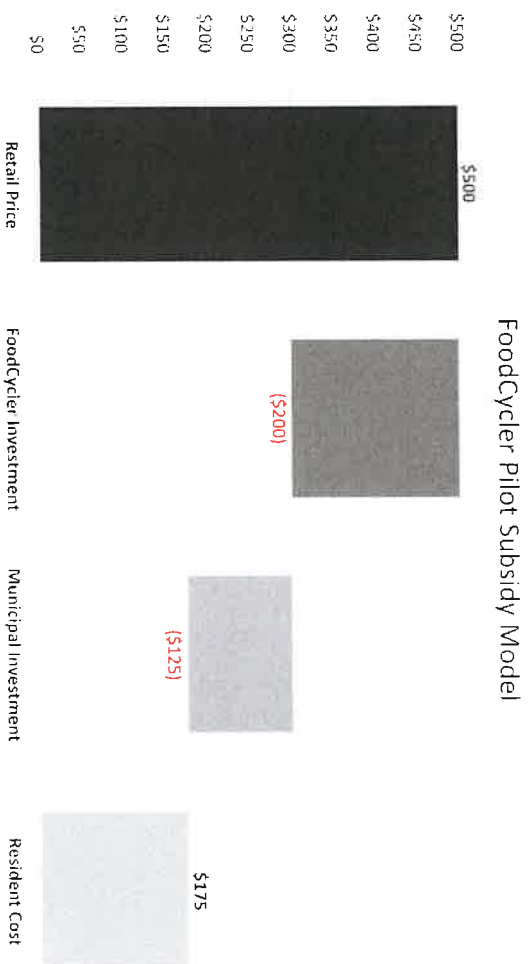
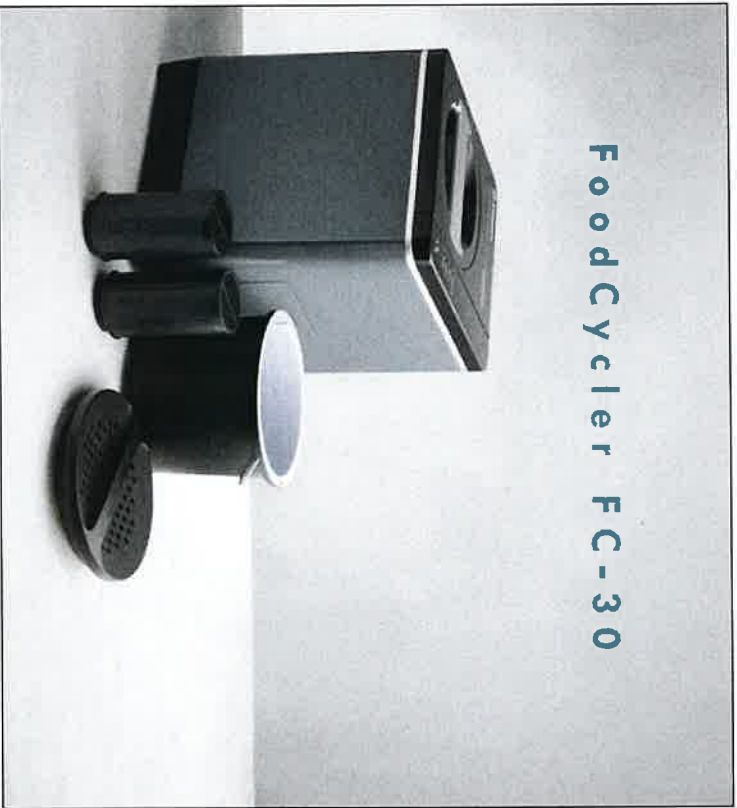
# PILOT PROGRAM

12 WEEKS FROM START TO FINISH

## PILOT TIMELINE



# SUBSIDIZED PILOT PROGRAM OPTION 1



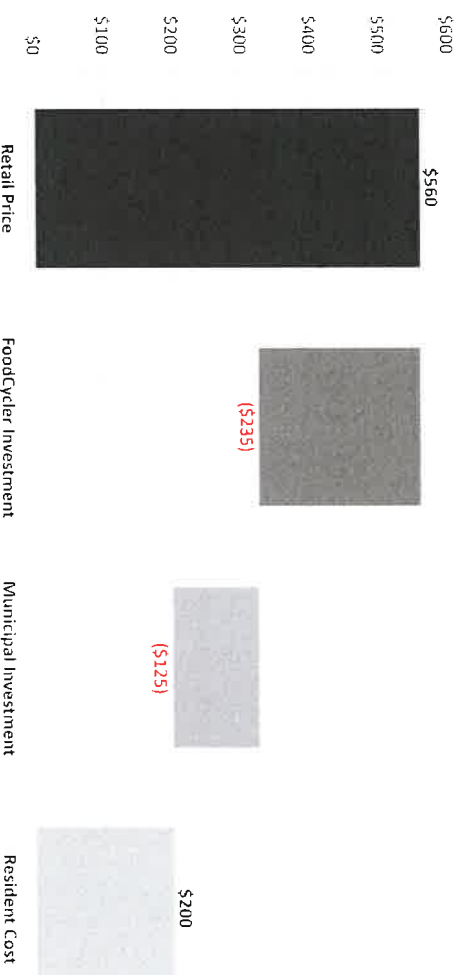
Municipality Population	Pilot Scope	Municipal Investment
<2500 residents	50 households	\$6,250
2500 – 10,000 residents	100 households	\$12,500
>10,000 residents	200 households	\$25,000

- Plus shipping costs and applicable taxes

# SUBSIDIZED PILOT PROGRAM OPTION 2 (BUNDLE)



FoodCycler Pilot Subsidy Model



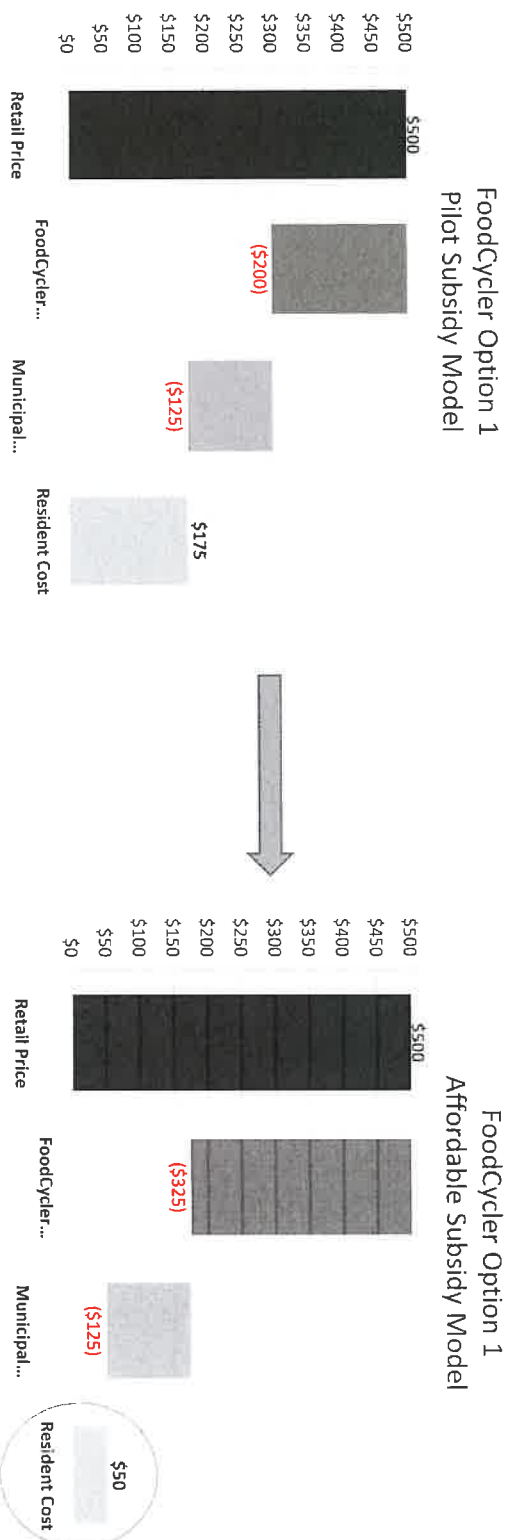
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# OPTIONAL AFFORDABLE ADD-ON GET 10% MORE UNITS

FoodCycler believes that food waste diversion solutions should be available to all Canadians, no matter where you live or whether you can afford it.

Municipalities now have the option to provide low-cost FoodCyclers to those who cannot access the program at full price.





# THANK YOU! ANY QUESTIONS?

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**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF  
NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN AND THE ISLANDS**

**BY-LAW NO. 2022-10**

Being a by-law of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands to adopt the minutes of Council for the term commencing December 4, 2018 and authorizing the taking of any action authorized therein and thereby.

WHEREAS the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c. 25. s. 5 (3) requires a Municipal Council to exercise its powers 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 a Committee of Council does not lend itself to an individual by-law;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN AND THE ISLANDS ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT the minutes of the meetings of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands for the term commencing December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and held on:

February 8, 2022

are hereby adopted.

2. THAT the taking of any action authorized in or by the minutes mentioned in Section 1 hereof and the exercise of any powers by the Council or Committees by the said minutes are hereby ratified, authorized and confirmed.
3. THAT, where no individual by-law has been or is passed with respect to the taking of any action authorized in or by the minutes mentioned in Section 1 hereof or with respect to the exercise of any powers by the Council or Committees in the above-mentioned minutes, then this by-law shall be deemed for all purposes to be the by-law required for approving and authorizing the taking of any action authorized therein or thereby or required for the exercise of any power therein by the Council or Committees.
4. THAT the Mayor and proper Officers of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the recommendations, motions, resolutions, reports, action and other decisions of the Council or Committees as evidenced by the above-mentioned minutes in Section 1 and the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute all necessary documents in the name of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands and to affix the seal of the Corporation thereto.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS  
15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022.

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Al MacNevin

Mayor

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Pam Cress

Clerk



**The Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands**  
**Minutes of a meeting of Council held Tuesday, February 8, 2022**  
**Via Zoom at 7:00p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Al MacNevin, Councillors: Barb Baker, Al Boyd, Laurie Cook, Mike Erskine, William Koehler, Dawn Orr, Bruce Wood, Jim Ferguson

**STAFF PRESENT:** David Williamson, CAO  
Pam Cress, Clerk

Mayor MacNevin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Resolution No. 43-02-2022**

Moved by: J. Ferguson

Seconded by: M. Erskine

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands approves the agenda as presented.

Carried

**Resolution No. 44-02-2022**

Moved by: W. Koehler

Seconded by: B. Wood

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands now reads a first, second and third time and finally passes By-Law 2022-09 to adopt the minutes of Council for the term commencing December 4, 2018 and authorizing the taking of any action authorized therein and thereby.

Carried

**Resolution No. 45-02-2022**

Moved by: J. Ferguson

Seconded by: L. Cook

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands approves the financial reports as presented

Carried

**Resolution No. 46-02-2022**

Moved by: M. Erskine

Seconded by: D. Orr

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands authorizes the Mayor and CAO to enter into an agreement with the Ministry of Northern Developments Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry for a funding transfer payment as per the attached.

Carried

**Resolution No. 47-02-2022**

Moved by: M. Erskine

Seconded by: W. Koehler

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands proceeds In Camera in order to address a matter pertaining to a personal matter abouts an identifiable individual, including municipal or local employees.

Carried

**Resolution No. 42-02-2022**

Moved by: W. Koehler

Seconded by: B. Wood

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands does now adjourn at 8:48 pm.

Carried

## TALKING POINTS FOR RANGE AT CASSON PIT

Site use bylaw was approved for Manitoulin Handgun Club by Gordon Twp. June 5, 1984.

Since that time there have been no reportable incidents. (injuries, police calls)

There have been no complaints to our knowledge.

The OPP and Conservation Officers had permission to use our range

Our club name was changed to Manitoulin Marksmen Club in 2014.

The club is incorporated as a non-profit corporation

The club carries \$5 million in liability insurance.

Each member has \$5 million in liability insurance

The reason for our seeking a different location is that the new owner of the property has decided to not allow either the shooting range or the snowmobile club to use the property.

Upon approval by the Municipality of N.E.M.I. The Chief Firearm Office of Ontario will send an inspector to view the property and proposed range layout, with safety being the foremost consideration.

Any recommendations for change will be made at that time.

Following that, berms and shooting stations will be constructed.

The Inspector will return and inspect the layout.

The Chief Firearm Office will approve the range.

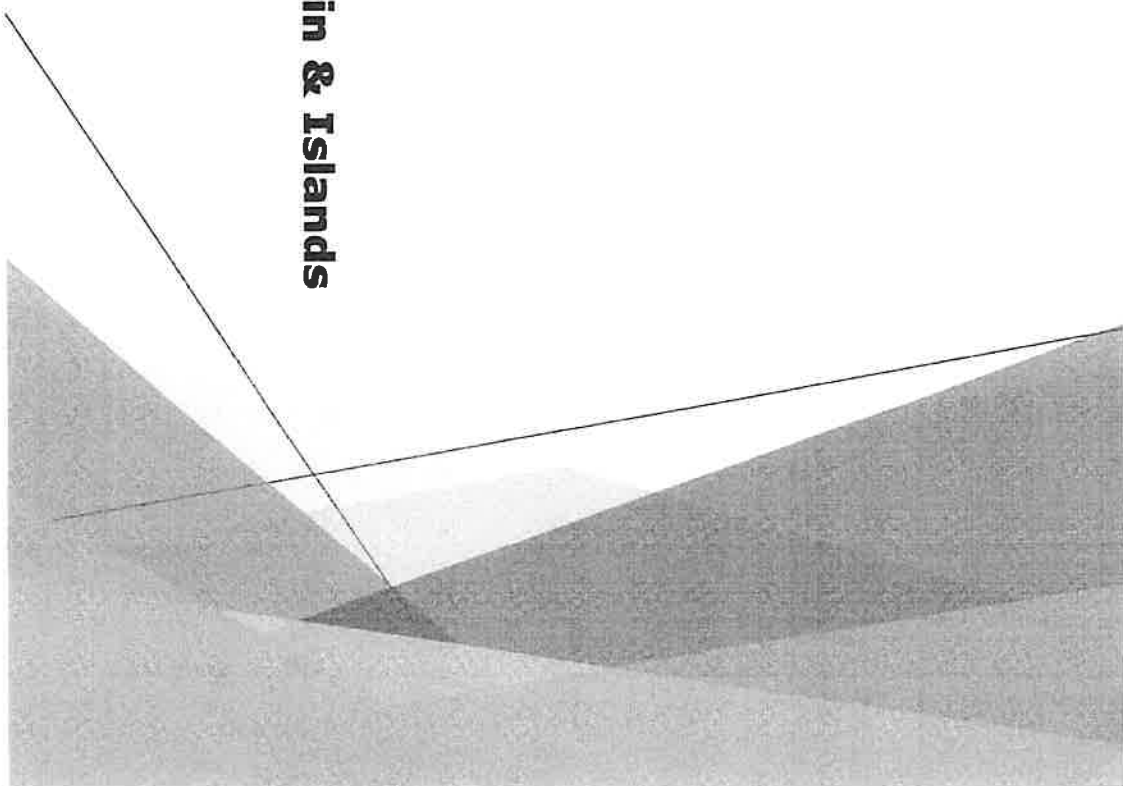
The range will be reinspected every two years.

→ 80 members  
including 8 family  
memberships

**Bill Elliott**



**Presentation to North Eastern Manitoulin & Islands**



# Proposed Location for New Range

- ▶ **See distributed Maps.**
- ▶ **Property to be rented from Don Eadie Ltd.**
- ▶ **Location and Zoning to be approved by council.**
- ▶ **Layout of range and construction of berms to be approved by CFO.**
- ▶ **Chief Firearm Office will lay out range with safety first priority.**
- ▶ **Berms will be constructed and inspected for their approval.**
- ▶ **Range will be inspected before an approval is granted.**
- ▶ **Range will be re-inspected every two years.**

# Possible Concerns

- ▶ **Danger to hikers?**
- ▶ **Perimeter signs " Danger, Shooting Range " will be erected.**
- ▶ **Large Range Open/Closed sign at entrance.** *Extreme off highway etc*
- ▶ **"No Trespassing" Signs.**
- ▶ **Noise – Cup & Saucer Trail?**
- ▶ **See following.**



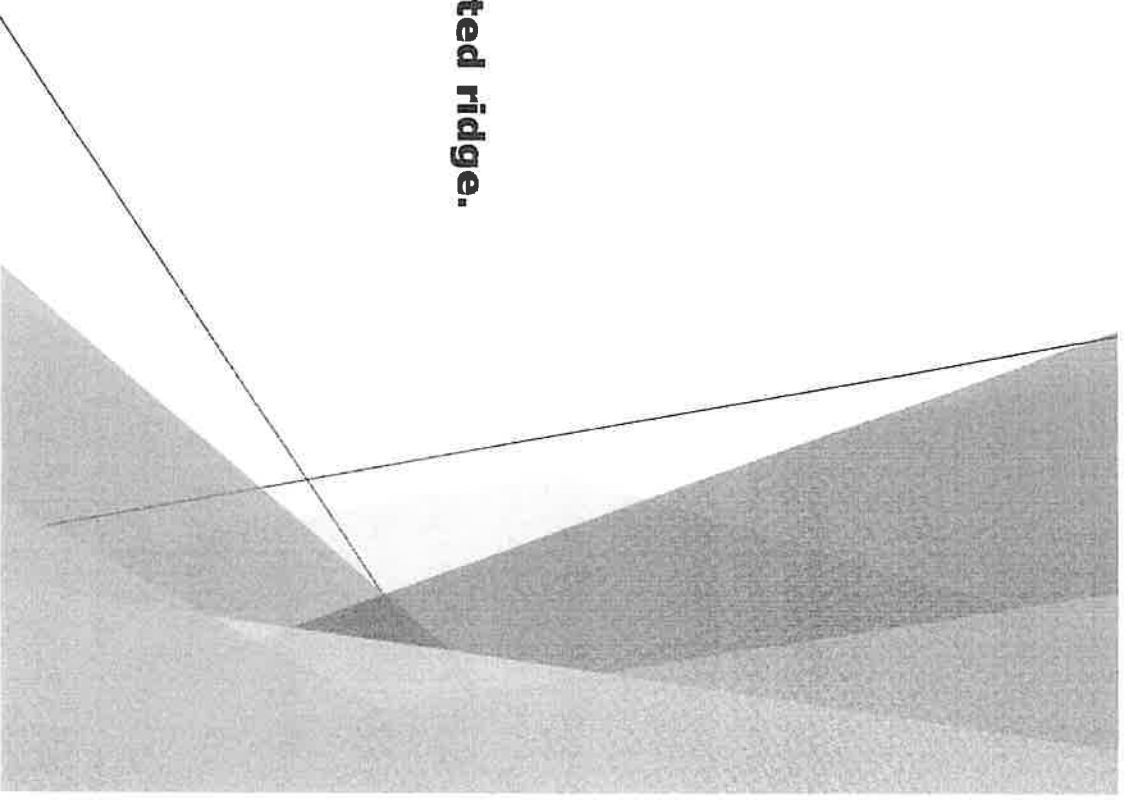
# Noise Measurement

- ▶ A 12 Ga. Shotgun was fired at proposed range location while measurements were taken at "Cup" bluff. *was shot by me*
- ▶ Noise was almost inaudible – just a slight "tic" on recording. microphone.
- ▶ Decibel Meter would barely register at just over 20 decibels.
- ▶ See following slides.

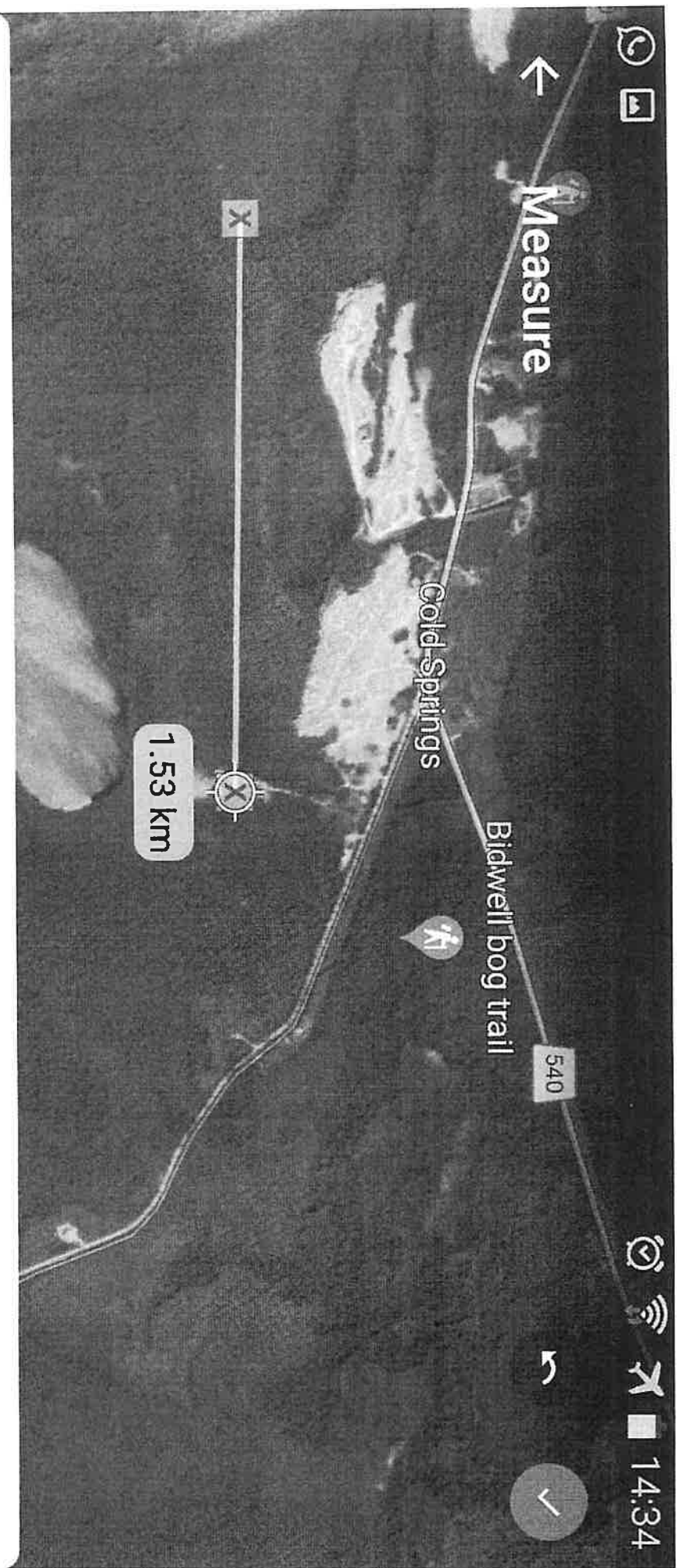


# Test Shot Recording , Conditions

- ▶ **Location – East lookout Cup bluff.**
- ▶ **9 degrees Celsius, No wind.**
- ▶ **Excellent visibility – low cloud.**
- ▶ **1.53 km to shot location.**
- ▶ **No direct line of sight, due to intervening forested ridge.**







Distance 

1.53 km

 Add point

21 dB





Shot recorded

**Listen Carefully!**

## Test Shot Recording Results

- ▶ **Shot volumes at source, 120-140 decibels typical.**
- ▶ **Barely records 20 decibels at bluff, below background noise.**
- ▶ **Hardly audible unless listening carefully.**





## Proposed Range Location







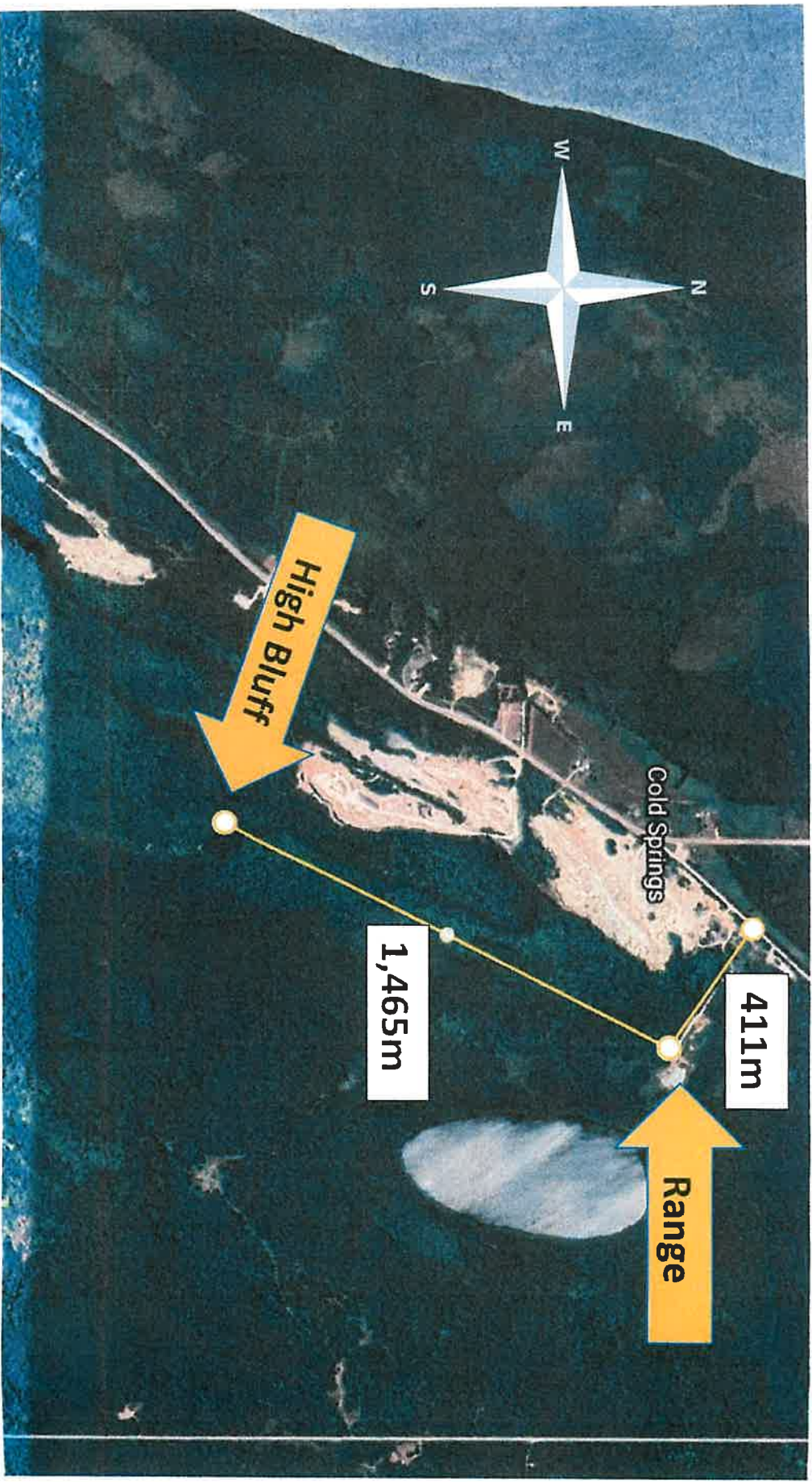
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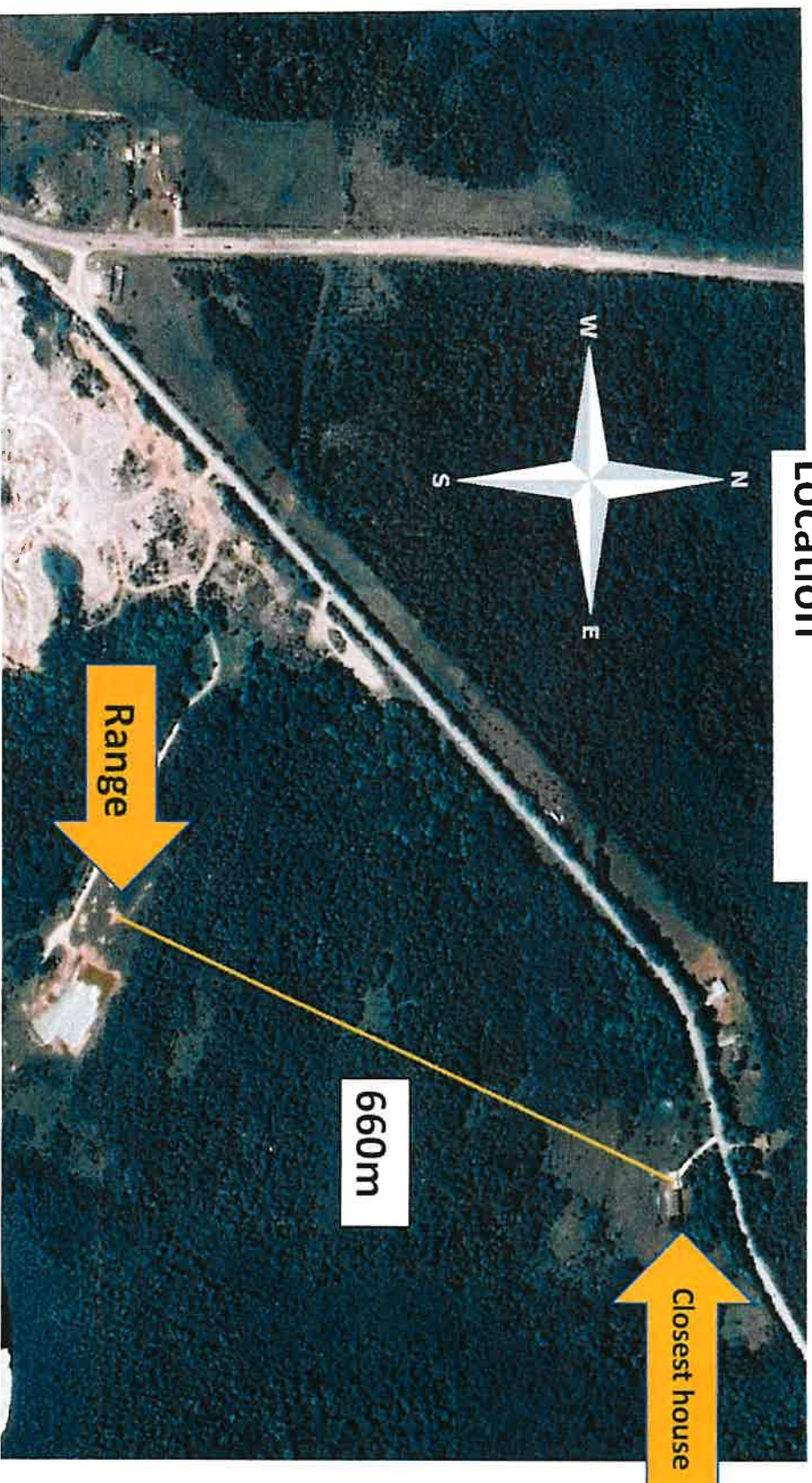
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FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT TO COUNCIL

February 2022

CALLS FOR SERVICE (2)

Jan 27<sup>th</sup>,                      18 Draper Street (public school) fire alarm

Feb 5<sup>th</sup>,                      78 Pike Lake Road C.O. Call

(FIRE APPARATUS & EQUIPMENT IN GOOD WORKING ORDER)

## Report to Community Services/Public Works – February 15, 2022

### Rec Centre

- Ice – Open
  - Arena Ice reinstalled Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup>
  - Opened at 5pm Feb 7<sup>th</sup> for rentals
  - Most user groups have resumed schedules
  - Public Skates – Starting Feb 10<sup>th</sup>
    - Tuesday's & Thursday's 3:30-5:00p
    - Sunday's 1:30-2:30p
  - Private Rentals – Available Feb 10<sup>th</sup>
- Outdoor Ice
  - Open since January 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Lots of use every day
  - Daily maintenance
- Staff are continuing daily upkeep and maintenance our facilities
  - Cleaning & Sanitizing
  - Painting
  - Ice Maintenance
  - Facility Repairs
  - Outdoor Ice Maintenance

### This Month

- MHC – Field Hospital remains
- Drive Test
- Youth Sports Resume

### Marine, Parks & Outdoor Buildings

- Regular inspections of closed buildings
  - Museum
  - Spider Bay
  - Waterfront
  - Low Island
- Facility Repairs & Cleaning
- Capital Project preparation
- 2022 preparation



## **Public Works Report**

**February 15 , 2022**

### **Roads**

Staff have been conducting daily road patrols

Plowing and sanding roads as required

Sidewalks are being sanded and salted daily as required

Snow removal as required

### **Landfill**

All operations are going well

### **Equipment**

Ongoing maintenance is being performed daily

Repairs are being conducted as required





## *Building Control Report to February 8, 2022*

There have been 2 permits issued this year. The permits are categorized as follows.

	Permits	Total
Residential – New	1	\$3694.00
Residential – Additions & Renovations	0	\$0
Multi Residential – New	0	\$0
Seasonal Dwellings – New	0	\$0
Seasonal Dwellings – Additions & Renovations	0	\$0
Accessory Buildings – New	0	\$0
Decks – New & Alterations	0	\$0
Commercial/Industrial New	0	\$0
Commercial/Industrial – Additions & Renovations	1	\$1200.00
Institutional – New	0	\$0
Demolition/Moving	0	\$0
Permit Renewals	0	\$0
Total	2	\$4894.00

One new residential and one industrial renovation permit have been issued this year. This report period has a construction value of **408,000.00** and a permit value of **\$4,894.00**. The total value of construction value to date is **\$408,000.00** with a total building permit revenue of **\$4,894.00**.



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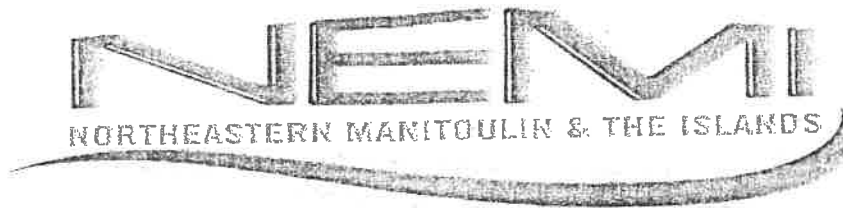
### Tender Opening

Date of Opening Jan 28<sup>th</sup>

Project HOT WATER PROJECT RETROFIT

Present for Opening David Williamson  
Pam Cress

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>HST</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>PSL</u>	<u>201450.</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<u>METAL AIR</u>	<u>171759.61</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<u>CLMCO</u>	<u>66250.-</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<u>PRO-GAS</u>	<u>102500.-</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<u>Northland</u>	<u>69850.00</u> <u><del>207550.-</del></u>	<u>(moved to refrigeration)</u>	



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Project REFRIGERATION

Present for Opening David Williamsen  
Pam Cress

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>HST</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Cimco</u>	<u>224,740.-</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<u>Northland</u>	<u>209,850.-</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
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**NOMA, FONOM, and NOSDA met jointly with government at ROMA to discuss the Mental Health, Addictions, and Homelessness Crisis in the North**

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The Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and the Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association (NOSDA) jointly discussed the crisis of Homelessness, Mental Health, and the Opioid Crisis with the Provincial Government yesterday at the ROMA Conference. NOMA President Wendy Landry, FONOM President Danny Whalen, and NOSDA Chair Michelle Boileau shared with the six Provincial Ministers, Associate Minister, and two Parliamentary Assistants the experiences in our communities. Danny Whalen commented, **“having the three organizations coming together today with over 20 individuals represented on the call shows just how important this is and the need to address these issues in the North.”**

The three organizations shared with government a research paper written by the Northern Policy Institute titled “Solving the Homelessness, Mental Health and Addictions Crisis in the North”. This paper provided 8 recommendations: provide long-term funding for capital repairs on community-housing units, amend the Health Protection and Promotion Act, 1990 to define a ‘Northern Service Hub’ and provide additional funding to these hubs, establish a joint taskforce to collect data and intelligence on the underlying and systematic retention issues of healthcare professionals in Northern Ontario, support new and existing ‘Housing First’ programs, support new and existing Indigenous culturally sensitive community-housing facilities, establish a ‘Northern Mental Health and Addictions Centre of Excellence’ to address the unique challenges of service and program delivery in Northern Ontario, contract a third-party operator for interfacility patient transfers to relieve the workload of paramedics, and establish mandated Mobile Crisis Intervention Teams in municipalities throughout Northern Ontario.

President Wendy Landry commented **“it is important to take an all of government approach, to manage and find made in the North solutions to the Mental Health and Addictions Crisis”**. Michelle Boileau commented, “we want to work with this government to ensure the right resources are put in the right communities to reach people who need the resources where they live”, further **“above all, we ask that this government recognize municipalities and NOSDA as a partner in our collective efforts to address the growing mental health and addiction challenges.”**

The three organizations shared personal experiences from their own communities to paint a picture of what the mental health, addictions, and homelessness crisis looks like and how it is affecting people in every community across Northern Ontario. We are greatly appreciative of all the hard work and funding the government has given to help those in the North get the support they need but much more work is needed to ensure every person is receiving the best level of service regardless of where they live.

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