

**AGENDA**  
**A meeting of the Council of the Corporation**  
**of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands**  
**to be held on Tuesday, April 13, 2021**  
**Electronic Format at 7:00 p.m.**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approval of Agenda**
- 3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof**
- 4. Minutes of Previous Meeting**
  - i. Confirming By-Law 2021-21
- 5. New Business**
  - i. Financial Reports – March 2021
  - ii. Little Current Lagoon Annual Report 2020
  - iii. Request for support – Decibel Project Coalition
- 6. Correspondence**
- 7. Minutes and Other Reports**
  - i. BIA minutes, March 25, 2021
  - ii. Mayor's Report
- 8. In Camera**
  - i. A proposed or pending disposition or acquisition of land for municipal or local board purposes;
- 9. Adjournment**

**The Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands**  
**Minutes of a Regular Council meeting held Tuesday, April 7, 2021**  
**via Zoom at 7:00p.m.**

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

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

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

**Resolution No. 88-04-2021**

Moved by: M. Erskine

Seconded by: J. Ferguson

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

Carried

**Resolution No. 89-04-2021**

Moved by: B. Wood

Seconded by: W. Koehler

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 No 2021-20 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. 90-04-2021**

Moved by: M. Erskine

Seconded by: W. Koehler

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands agrees to an extension of 2 years, ending April 6, 2023 for the Davis/McLay Subdivision agreement conditions to be fulfilled.

Carried

**Resolution No. 91-04-2021**

Moved by: M. Erskine

Seconded by: D. Orr

RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands accepts the tender as submitted by PSL in the amount of \$62 097.58 plus applicable taxes for the air conditioner project at the Recreation Center.

Carried

**Resolution No. 92-04-2021**

Moved by: B. Baker

Seconded by: A. Boyd

RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands accepts the recommendations of the BIA and appoints the following people to the executive;

Aline Taillefer, Chair,

Debby Turner, Vice Chair

Shannon Cranston, Treasurer

Barb Baker, Secretary

Directors, Sarah Quackenbush, Denise Lytle, Mike Wilding

Carried

**Resolution No. 93-04-2021**

Moved by: M. Erskine

Seconded by: B. Baker

RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands accepts the Little Current Drinking Water System Inspection Report as submitted by the Ministry of the Environment.

Carried

**Resolution No. 94-04-2021**

Moved by: M. Erskine

Seconded by: B. Wood

RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands approves the purchase of a 2009 GMC Street Sweeper in the amount of \$41 527.50.

Carried

**Resolution No. 95-04-2021**

Moved by: D. Orr

Seconded by: J. Ferguson

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands does now adjourn at 7:46 pm.

Carried

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

**BY-LAW NO. 2021-21**

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:

April 6, 2021

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  
13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

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Al MacNevin

Mayor

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Pam Cress

Clerk

Ranges:	From:	To:	From:	To:
Cheque Number	First	Last	Cheque Date	2021-03-01
Vendor ID	First	Last	Chequebook ID	TD GENERAL
Vendor Name	First	Last		2021-03-31
				TD GENERAL

Sorted By: Cheque Number

\* Voided Cheques

Cheque Number	Vendor ID	Vendor Cheque Name	Cheque Date	Chequebook ID	Audit Trail Code	Amount
015914	ADMRE20202	ADMINPLEX RESOURCE SERVICES IN	2021-03-01	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003843	\$ 237.71
015915	AUTOP20188	AUTO PARTS NORTH	2021-03-01	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003843	\$ 597.72
015916	COMPU75200	COMPUTREK	2021-03-01	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003843	\$ 3,555.43
015917	DOBBS10000	GEORGE DOBBS	2021-03-01	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003843	\$ 70.80
015918	EASTL58000	EASTLINK	2021-03-01	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003843	\$ 207.82
015919	FINPO06210	MINISTER OF FINANCE	2021-03-01	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003843	\$ 62,998.00
015920	LIBRA12310	LIBRARY SERVICES CENTRE	2021-03-01	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003843	\$ 261.44
015921	MANSU13148	MANITOULIN-SUDBURY DISTRICT SO	2021-03-01	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003843	\$ 89,486.16
015922	MUNFI13810	MUNICIPAL FINANCE OFFICER'S AS	2021-03-01	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003843	\$ 282.50
015923	SUDHE19910	PUBLIC HEALTH SUDBURY & DISTRI	2021-03-01	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003843	\$ 9,163.32
015924	USBAN95502	US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	2021-03-01	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003843	\$ 2,861.55
015925	WAMCO25000	WAMCO WATERWORKS NORTHERN INC.	2021-03-01	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003843	\$ 890.23
015926	BELLCO2505	BELL CANADA	2021-03-02	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003844	\$ 219.22
015927	CENTRO0129	MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITO	2021-03-02	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003844	\$ 1,200.00
015928	CEPLO03600	UNIFOR	2021-03-02	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003844	\$ 1,322.29
015929	DATAF00149	DATA FIX	2021-03-02	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003844	\$ 1,356.00
015930	FINEH06100	MINISTER OF FINANCE	2021-03-02	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003844	\$ 3,903.51
015931	LAIDL34440	LAIDLEY STATIONERY & OFFICE FU	2021-03-02	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003844	\$ 103.01
015932	NCOMM14669	NORTHERN COMMUNICATIONS	2021-03-02	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003844	\$ 949.49
015933	OMERS15410	OMERS - PENSION ACCOUNTS	2021-03-02	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003844	\$ 20,916.98
015934	RECCE18025	RECEIVER GENERAL	2021-03-02	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003844	\$ 19,105.87
015935	MCLAM20211	MURRAY MCLAUGHLIN	2021-03-04	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003845	\$ 5,500.00
015936	MURDR20211	RICK MURDOCH	2021-03-04	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003845	\$ 1,500.00
015937	WSIBO23750	WORKPLACE SAFETY & INSURANCE B	2021-03-04	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003845	\$ 5,774.15
015938	DIAMO50000	CENTRALSQUARE CANADA SOFTWARE	2021-03-08	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003846	\$ 3,322.20
015939	FINEH06100	MINISTER OF FINANCE	2021-03-08	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003846	\$ 654.56
015940	GFLN20199	GFL ENVIRONMENTAL INC.	2021-03-08	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003846	\$ 6,610.48
015941	OMERS15410	OMERS - PENSION ACCOUNTS	2021-03-08	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003846	\$ 670.32
015942	PUROL16900	PUROLATOR INC.	2021-03-08	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003846	\$ 194.13
015943	RECCE18025	RECEIVER GENERAL	2021-03-08	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003846	\$ 200.86
015944	STEWL20211	LINVAL STEWART	2021-03-08	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003846	\$ 1,600.00
015945	LCFIS20166	LITTLE CURRENT FISH AND GAME C	2021-03-09	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003847	\$ 200.00
015946	RECCE18025	RECEIVER GENERAL	2021-03-09	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003847	\$ 595.35
015947	EQUIP05675	EQUIPMENT WORLD	2021-03-09	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003848	\$ 374.61
015948	FINEH06100	MINISTER OF FINANCE	2021-03-09	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003848	\$ 518.61
015949	PROGA25000	PROGAS ENERGY SERVICES	2021-03-09	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003848	\$ 1,308.54
015950	RECCE18025	RECEIVER GENERAL	2021-03-09	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003848	\$ 912.81
015951	RECCE18030	RECEIVER GENERAL FOR CANADA	2021-03-09	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003848	\$ 42.65
015952	USBAN95502	US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	2021-03-09	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003848	\$ 2,530.86
015953	WESTB23355	WESTBURNE RUDDY ELECTRIC-DIV O	2021-03-09	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003848	\$ 1,523.81
015954	ELECT15675	ELECTRICAL SAFETY AUTHORITY	2021-03-09	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003849	\$ 1,822.26
* 015955	HYDRO15675	HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.	2021-03-11	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003850	\$ 16,928.09
015956	HYDRO15675	HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.	2021-03-11	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003851	\$ 31,857.99
015957	EASTA22550	EASTLINK	2021-03-12	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003852	\$ 229.04
015958	MORPT20155	TERRY MORPHET	2021-03-12	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003852	\$ 20.00
015959	ORRVA72700	ORR'S VALU-MART	2021-03-12	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003852	\$ 30.91
015960	SMITE20202	EDWARD SMITH	2021-03-12	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003852	\$ 20.00
015961	STEE20188	ED STEEVES	2021-03-12	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003852	\$ 20.00
015962	TRUSE60000	ED TRUSZ	2021-03-12	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003852	\$ 20.00
015963	VIANE22225	VIANET INTERNET SOLUTIONS	2021-03-12	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003852	\$ 73.39
015964	WENRI64000	WENRICK KENNELS	2021-03-12	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003852	\$ 5,576.55
015965	WILLI10000	DAVID WILLIAMSON	2021-03-12	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003852	\$ 450.00
015966	CONSE03850	CONSEIL SCOLAIRE DU DISTRICT D	2021-03-15	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003853	\$ 392.00
015967	CONSE35000	CONSEIL SCOLAIRE DE DISTRICT C	2021-03-15	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003853	\$ 4,456.00
015968	HURON08995	HURON-SUPERIOR CATHOLIC DISTRI	2021-03-15	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003853	\$ 7,586.00
015969	RAINB18005	RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD	2021-03-15	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003853	\$ 212,713.00

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015970	TIMCO20500	RONA LITTLE CURRENT BUILDING C	2021-03-15	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003853	\$ 1,515.80
015971	BURVE20199	BUREAU VERITAS CANADA (2019) I	2021-03-17	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003854	\$ 544.94
015972	CONDI20199	DIANNE CONSTANTINEAU	2021-03-17	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003854	\$ 200.00
015973	EASTL58000	EASTLINK	2021-03-17	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003854	\$ 217.14
015974	JLRIC18175	J. L. RICHARDS & ASSOCIATES LI	2021-03-17	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003854	\$ 723.77
015975	KSMAR85000	K. SMART ASSOCIATES LIMITED	2021-03-17	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003854	\$ 853.15
015976	LAURE12030	LAURENTIAN BUSINESS PRODUCTS I	2021-03-17	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003854	\$ 546.09
015977	MANFU13125	MANITOULIN FUELS	2021-03-17	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003854	\$ 1,390.83
015978	ONTCL15670	ONTARIO CLEAN WATER AGENCY	2021-03-17	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003854	\$ 19,890.37
015979	RECGE18030	RECEIVER GENERAL FOR CANADA	2021-03-17	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003854	\$ 41.75
015980	SOUCI60000	SOUCIE-SALO SAFETY INC. SUDBUR	2021-03-17	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003854	\$ 186.65
* 015981	TNEMI90327	TOWN OF NORTHEASTERN MANITOULI	2021-03-17	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003854	\$ 117.66
015982	ALLEN00022	ALLEN'S AUTOMOTIVE	2021-03-17	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003855	\$ 1,549.98
015983	ARMSTR10001	RICK ARMSTRONG	2021-03-17	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003855	\$ 202.25
015984	BELLCO2510	BELL CANADA	2021-03-17	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003855	\$ 80.51
015985	CIMCO20202	CIMCO REFRIGERATION	2021-03-17	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003855	\$ 2,945.65
015986	LIBRA12310	LIBRARY SERVICES CENTRE	2021-03-17	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003855	\$ 262.45
015987	RECGE18025	RECEIVER GENERAL	2021-03-17	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003855	\$ 19,003.46
015988	TSSAU77000	TECHNICAL STANDARDS & SAFETY A	2021-03-17	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003855	\$ 110.00
015989	ALBTR20177	B J ALLISON, B.A. LLB "IN TR	2021-03-18	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003856	\$ 73,815.12
015990	BELLCO2500	BELL CANADA	2021-03-19	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003857	\$ 2,033.42
015991	BELLM00075	BELL MOBILITY	2021-03-19	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003857	\$ 741.14
015992	KEASU57800	KEATLEY SURVEYING LTD.	2021-03-19	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003857	\$ 16.95
015993	MORPT20155	TERRY MORPHET	2021-03-19	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003857	\$ 20.00
015994	NEMIL24440	NEMI PUBLIC LIBRARY	2021-03-19	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003857	\$ 78,020.00
015995	NOLAM35350	MATHEW NOLAND	2021-03-19	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003857	\$ 20.00
015996	NORCH14650	THE NORTH CHANNEL MARINE TOURI	2021-03-19	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003857	\$ 1,000.00
015997	ROGER00116	ROGERS CANTEL INC.	2021-03-19	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003857	\$ 433.87
015998	WOODB35000	BRUCE WOOD	2021-03-19	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003857	\$ 50.00
015999	BRANDT20199	BRANDT SUDBURY	2021-03-19	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003858	\$ 212.17
016000	EMCON20188	EMCON SERVICES INC.	2021-03-19	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003858	\$ 993.50
016001	FANOT06040	FANOTECH MANUFACTURING CORP.	2021-03-19	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003858	\$ 299.45
016002	MANEX13120	MANITOULIN EXPOSITOR	2021-03-19	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003858	\$ 1,749.41
016003	AVIAT12000	AVIATION VISUAL AIDS	2021-03-19	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003859	\$ 588.39
016004	BELLCO2505	BELL CANADA	2021-03-19	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003859	\$ 470.08
016005	RECOR12000	THE MANITOULIN WEST RECORDER	2021-03-19	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003859	\$ 47.25
016006	MCDOU20070	MCDOUGALL ENERGY INC.	2021-03-23	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003860	\$ 24,037.18
016007	CIMCO20202	CIMCO REFRIGERATION	2021-03-24	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003861	\$ 412.13
016008	GREER20177	GREER GALLOWAY	2021-03-24	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003861	\$ 4,197.23
016009	ONTCL15670	ONTARIO CLEAN WATER AGENCY	2021-03-24	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003861	\$ 35,265.75
016010	OTISC15800	OTIS CANADA, INC.	2021-03-24	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003861	\$ 8,023.00
016011	SOCAN19700	ENTANDEM	2021-03-24	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003861	\$ 224.40
016012	WOODW24850	WOOD WYANT CANADA INC.	2021-03-24	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003861	\$ 462.78
016013	ACEEL44140	ACE, ACCENT ELECTRONIC CONTROL	2021-03-25	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003862	\$ 904.00
016014	ADMRE20202	ADMINPLEX RESOURCE SERVICES IN	2021-03-25	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003862	\$ 103.69
016015	DSTEN20202	DST CONSULTING ENGINEERS INC.	2021-03-25	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003862	\$ 3,501.59
016016	FREDD13445	FREDDIE'S WELDING	2021-03-25	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003862	\$ 8,136.00
016017	GMBLU12602	GM BLUEPLAN ENGINEERING LIMITE	2021-03-25	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003862	\$ 4,994.00
016018	MANUL51450	MANULIFE FINANCIAL	2021-03-25	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003862	\$ 9,884.84
016019	MYERO61610	OWEN MYERS	2021-03-25	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003862	\$ 50.00
016020	NORLI15400	NORTHERN LIGHTS CHAPTER OF OBO	2021-03-25	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003862	\$ 160.00
016021	NSECU14725	NORTHERN SECURITY	2021-03-25	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003862	\$ 619.24
016022	ONTCL15670	ONTARIO CLEAN WATER AGENCY	2021-03-25	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003862	\$ 1,101.35
016023	PUROLI6900	PUROLATOR INC.	2021-03-25	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003862	\$ 359.94
016024	WAMCO25000	WAMCO WATERWORKS NORTHERN INC.	2021-03-25	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003862	\$ 1,186.50
016025	BERRK20202	KATHY BERRY	2021-03-29	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003863	\$ 111.75
016026	CONDI20199	DIANNE CONSTANTINEAU	2021-03-29	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003863	\$ 200.00
016027	MECHA57400	MECHANICAL ADVERTISING	2021-03-29	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003863	\$ 41.25
016028	BRAND20199	BRANDT SUDBURY	2021-03-29	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003864	\$ 176.42
016029	FANOT06040	FANOTECH MANUFACTURING CORP.	2021-03-29	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003864	\$ 296.63
016030	MIKEV63630	MIKE VAREY EXCAVATING & EQUIPM	2021-03-29	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003864	\$ 1,810.06
016031	REDBO25000	REDBOW FLOOR AND WALL FASHIONS	2021-03-29	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003864	\$ 12.63
016032	RUSTR20199	RUSH TRUCK CENTRES OF CANADA L	2021-03-29	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003864	\$ 114.11

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016033	USBAN95502	US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	2021-03-29	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003864	\$ 3,245.12
016034	USBAN95502	US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	2021-03-30	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003865	\$ 3,136.27
016035	DIXON04500	DIXON ELECTRIC	2021-03-31	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003866	\$ 98,069.31
016036	PCOSE16005	ORKIN CANADA CORPORATION	2021-03-31	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003866	\$ 297.20
016037	USBAN95502	US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	2021-03-31	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003866	\$ 3,819.56
016038	AONPA00034	AON REED STENHOUSE INC.	2021-03-31	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003867	\$ 700.32
016039	BRAND20199	BRANDT SUDBURY	2021-03-31	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003867	\$ 122.36
016040	CLAREL20211	CLARK ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING I	2021-03-31	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003867	\$ 122.48
016041	FINPO06210	MINISTER OF FINANCE	2021-03-31	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003867	\$ 62,998.00
016042	GAMMC10000	CONNIE GAMMIE	2021-03-31	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003867	\$ 60.00
016043	GARNE07025	GARNET'S RENTAL SALES SERVICE	2021-03-31	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003867	\$ 395.30
016044	HYDRO15675	HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.	2021-03-31	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003867	\$ 1,168.11
016045	TESTM50000	TESTMARK LABORATORIES LTD.	2021-03-31	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003867	\$ 39.55
016046	UNITE21350	UNITED ROTARY BRUSH CORPORATIO	2021-03-31	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003867	\$ 2,252.80
016047	WILKS10000	SHERYL WILKIN	2021-03-31	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003867	\$ 100.00
016048	ACCSU20188	THE ACCOUNTANT OF SUPERIOR COU	2021-03-31	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003868	\$ 36,804.91
016049	ACCSU20188	THE ACCOUNTANT OF SUPERIOR COU	2021-03-31	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003869	\$ 1,022.06
016050	ACCSU20188	THE ACCOUNTANT OF SUPERIOR COU	2021-03-31	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003870	\$ 10,938.81
016051	ACCSU20188	THE ACCOUNTANT OF SUPERIOR COU	2021-03-31	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003871	\$ 4,162.51
016052	USBAN95502	US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	2021-03-31	TD GENERAL	PMCHQ00003872	\$ 15,111.98

Total Cheques: 139

Total Amount of Cheques: \$ 1,080,718.79

**TOTAL MARCH 2021 PAYROLL EXPENSES :**

**\$ 90,789.50**

**TOTAL MARCH 2021 EXPENSES :**

**\$ 1,171,508.29**

## TOWN OF NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN & THE ISLANDS

### Accounts Receivable - Water / Sewer

FEBRUARY	2021	\$9,863.22
MARCH	2021	-\$7,425.17
Change in Month		-\$17,288.39

Billed in Month	\$807.17
Payments in Month	\$18,095.56

Next Water billing due April 30, 2021

Currently there are 2 accounts over \$400.00;

2 - due to penalty applied

## TOWN OF NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN & THE ISLANDS

### ***Accounts Receivable - Taxes***

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FEBRUARY	2021	\$1,819,864.26
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MARCH	2021	\$1,405,202.92
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Change in Month		-\$414,661.34
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Billings in period	
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Payments in Month	\$414,661.34
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Next tax installment due date - April 30th, 2021





# TOWN OF NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN and the ISLANDS

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## 2021 OPERATING SUMMARY For the Three Months Ending 31/03/2021

	2021 APPROVED BUDGET	2021 ACTUALS
<b>REVENUES</b>		
<b>LOCAL TAXATION</b>		
Municipal Levy	\$6,043,645	\$2,738,984
- Due to School Boards	(1,024,213)	(518,332)
<i>Net Municipal Levy</i>	<i>\$5,019,432</i>	<i>\$2,220,652</i>
Business Improvement Area	7,000	3,500
	<u>\$5,026,432</u>	<u>\$2,224,152</u>
<b>PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAX</b>		
	\$88,700	\$74,647
<b>PROVINCIAL OMPF &amp; OTHER ALLOCATION</b>		
	\$1,633,400	\$408,350
<b>FUNCTIONAL REVENUES</b>		
Protective Services	\$132,846	\$24,393
Transportation Services	26,600	406
Environmental Services	106,000	54,340
Health Services	12,125	2,743
Social and Family Services	0	0
Recreation & Cultural Services	703,203	9,219
Planning & Development	5,800	1,747
	<u>\$986,574</u>	<u>\$92,847</u>
<b>OTHER SOURCES OF REVENUE</b>		
	\$186,400	\$66,777
TRANSFERS FROM RESERVES	0	0
PRIOR YR'S SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	0	0
<b>TOTAL SOURCES OF REVENUE</b>	<u><b>\$7,921,506</b></u>	<u><b>\$2,866,773</b></u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>		
Operations	\$1,221,203	\$275,371
Transfers to Reserves	364,334	0
Subtotal	<u>\$1,585,537</u>	<u>\$275,371</u>
<b>PROTECTIVE SERVICES</b>		
Fire Department	\$173,505	\$40,198
Policing (provincial billing)	755,971	125,996
Building Inspection	118,010	19,654
Other Protective Services	37,400	10,894
Transfers to Reserves	0	0
Subtotal	<u>\$1,084,886</u>	<u>\$196,742</u>
<b>TRANSPORTATION SERVICES</b>		
Roadways	\$1,622,682	\$297,231
Street Lighting	6,500	925
Crossing Guards	30,760	5,972
Manitoulin East Airport	63,555	63,555
Transfers to Reserves	0	0
Subtotal	<u>\$1,723,497</u>	<u>\$367,682</u>



TOWN OF NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN and the  
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2021 OPERATING SUMMARY  
For the Three Months Ending 31/03/2021

	2021 APPROVED BUDGET	2021 ACTUALS
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES</b>		
Sanitary & Storm Sewers	\$500	\$40,429
Waterworks	2,800	70,845
Garbage Collection	72,427	5,751
Garbage Disposal	263,081	38,635
Household Hazardous Waste	30,800	0
Landfill Closure Loan Payment	72,187	18,047
Recycling	48,000	5,681
Leachate Management	40,000	0
Transfers to Reserves	0	0
Subtotal	<u>\$529,795</u>	<u>\$179,387</u>
<b>HEALTH SERVICES</b>		
Health Unit	\$107,867	\$27,490
Land Ambulance	722,515	171,013
Cemeteries	29,326	1,409
Subtotal	<u>\$859,708</u>	<u>\$199,911</u>
<b>SOCIAL &amp; FAMILY SERVICES</b>		
Manitoulin- Sudbury DSSAB	\$406,292	\$97,446
Centennial Manor	135,693	32,945
Subtotal	<u>\$541,985</u>	<u>\$130,391</u>
<b>RECREATION &amp; CULTURAL SERVICES</b>		
Municipal Parks	\$113,273	\$11,379
Recreation Centre	624,813	124,403
Public Library	99,363	83,073
LC-H Centennial Museum	105,147	12,526
Spider Bay Marina	236,375	17,623
Other Marine Facilities	140,734	15,644
Transfers to Reserves	53,441	0
Subtotal	<u>\$1,373,147</u>	<u>\$264,648</u>
<b>PLANNING &amp; DEVELOPMENT</b>		
Local Planning Administration	9,451	923
Tourism Promotion	16,200	19,993
Business Improvement Area	7,000	10
Economic Development	27,600	1,724
Transfers to Reserves	0	0
Subtotal	<u>\$60,251</u>	<u>\$22,650</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<u><b>\$7,758,806</b></u>	<u><b>\$1,636,782</b></u>
<b>NET OPERATING</b>	<b>\$162,700</b>	<b>\$1,229,992</b>
<b>NET CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<u><b>\$162,700</b></u>	<u><b>\$241,741</b></u>
<b>MUNICIPAL SURPLUS/(-DEFICIT)</b>	<u><b>\$0</b></u>	<u><b>\$988,251</b></u>



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March 31, 2021

Dave Williamson  
The Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands  
14 Water Street East P.O. Box 608  
Little Current, Ontario  
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**Re: Little Current Lagoon 2020 Annual Report**

Dear Mr. Williamson;

Attached is the 2020 annual report for the Little Current Lagoon. This report is completed based on the information we have in our records in accordance with current standards.

A copy of the report has been submitted to the Ministry of the Environment for their records.

Please contact me if you have any questions with regards to this report.

Sincerely,

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

Sarah Beaulieu  
Process & Compliance Technician  
Ontario Clean Water Agency

# ***Little Current Lagoons***

## ***Annual Operating Report***

***ECA 4583-BLCKRQ  
Issued February 18, 2020***

***January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020***

Prepared by the Ontario Clean Water Agency  
For The Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands



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## **SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION**

The Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) acts as the operating authority for the Little Current wastewater treatment. This document is prepared by OCWA to provide information on annual process performance.

- (a) A summary and interpretation of all Influent and a review of the historical trend of the sewage characteristics and flow rates;
- (b) A summary and interpretation of all Final Effluent monitoring data, including concentration, flow rates, loading and a comparison to the design objectives and compliance limits in this Approval, including an overview of the success and adequacy of the Works;
- (c) A summary of any deviation from the monitoring schedule and reasons for the current reporting year and a schedule for the next reporting year;
- (d) A summary of all operating issues encountered and corrective actions taken;
- (e) A summary of all normal and emergency repairs and maintenance activities carried out on any major structure, equipment, apparatus or mechanism forming part of the Works;
- (f) A summary of any effluent quality assurance or control measures undertaken;
- (g) A summary of the calibration and maintenance carried out on all Influent, and Imported Sewage monitoring equipment to ensure that the accuracy is within the tolerance of that equipment as required in this Approval or recommended by the manufacturer;
- (h) A summary of efforts made to achieve the design objectives in this Approval, including an assessment of the issues and recommendations for pro-active actions any are required under the following situations;
  - i. When any of the design objectives is not achieved more than 50% of the time in a year, or there is an increasing trend in deterioration of Final Effluent quality;
  - ii. When the Annual Average Daily Influent Flow reaches 80% of the Rated Capacity;
- (i) An estimate of the sludge volumes in the lagoon cells. Sludge volume is to be measured every five (5) years, but may be estimated in the interim years. A summary of disposal locations and volumes of sludge disposed of must also be provided if sludge was disposed of during the reporting period;
- (j) A summary of any complaints received and any steps taken to address the complaints; and
- (k) A summary of all Bypasses, Overflows, other situations outside Normal Operating Conditions and spills within the meaning of Part X of EPA and abnormal discharge events;
- (l) A summary of all Notice of Modifications to Sewage Works completed under Paragraph 1.d. of Condition 10, including a report on status of implementation of all modification;
- (m) A summary of efforts made to achieve conformations with Procedure F-5-1 including but not limited to projects undertaking and completed in the sanitary sewer system



that result in overall Bypass/Overflow elimination including expenditures and proposed projects to eliminate By[ass/Overflows with estimated budget forecasting for the year following that for which the report is submitted; and  
Any changes or updates to the schedule for completion of construction and commissioning operation of major process (es) / equipment groups in the Proposed Works

## **SECTION 2: Description of Facility**

Capacity of Facility: 927 m<sup>3</sup>/d  
Service Area: Town of Little Current  
Service Population:  
Effluent Receiver: 7 km ditch to Strawberry Channel of Lake Huron  
Major Process: Facultative Lagoons – 3 cells  
Facility Classification: Wastewater Treatment Class 1  
Collection Classification: Collection Class 2

## **SECTION 3: Executive Summary**

The spring seasonal discharge was completed between April 24 and May 7 over a period of 14 days and consisted of a total volume of 121,500m<sup>3</sup>.

Seasonal average concentration was **exceeded** during the spring discharge for TSS.

The autumn seasonal discharge was not completed due to upgrades that converted the lagoons from seasonal discharges to continuous discharge. The continuous discharge of the lagoons began on December 16.

Annual average concentrations were **not exceeded**

A total volume of 213,977m<sup>3</sup> was discharged in 2020.

The total raw sewage flow into the lagoons for the year was calculated to be 526,460.6m<sup>3</sup>.

Daily average raw sewage flows **exceeded** the rated capacity for most of the year.

## **SECTION 4: Process Data**

The facility received a new ECA on February 18, 2020. The ECA outlined sampling requirements prior to the completion of the proposed work and sampling requirements to be followed upon the completion of the proposed works. Sampling results for the spring discharge can be found in the table below. The proposed works were completed in December 2020 and the continuous discharge began on December 16. Sample results for the continuous discharge can be found attached as Appendix A.

The facility operator collects grab samples of raw sewage and sends them to an accredited laboratory for analysis. Raw flows are calculated using pump run times and flow rates.



Raw (Influent) Sampling					
Parameter	Frequency	Method	Results		
			Min	Avg	Max
BOD <sub>5</sub> (mg/L)	Quarterly	Composite – External Analysis (Lab)	128	254.5	392
TSS (mg/L)	Quarterly	Composite – External Analysis (Lab)	85	157.5	255
TP (mg/L)	Quarterly	Composite – External Analysis (Lab)	1.05	2.54	4.33
TKN (mg/L)	Quarterly	Composite – External Analysis (Lab)	18.3	26.65	28.2
Flow	Daily	Engineered Calculation	796	1,438.4	5,517.5

The facility operator collects effluent samples and sends them to an accredited laboratory for analysis twice a week during drawdown. Effluent volumes are estimated by measuring drawdown levels and total volume of cell.

Treated (Effluent) Sampling		
Parameter	Frequency	Method
CBOD <sub>5</sub>	Five per Discharge	Grab – External Analysis (Lab)
TSS	Five per Discharge	Grab – External Analysis (Lab)
TP	Five per Discharge	Grab – External Analysis (Lab)
TAN	Five per Discharge	Grab – External Analysis (Lab)
TKN	Five per Discharge	Grab – External Analysis (Lab)
Nitrate	Five per Discharge	Grab – External Analysis (Lab)
Nitrite	Five per Discharge	Grab – External Analysis (Lab)
pH	Five per Discharge	Grab – External Analysis (Lab)
<i>E.coli</i>	Five per Discharge	Grab – External Analysis (Lab)
Flow	Daily	Flow Meter

Compliance limits are based on annual averages for effluent concentrations. Values are calculated by combining the three cell's results for the entire year.

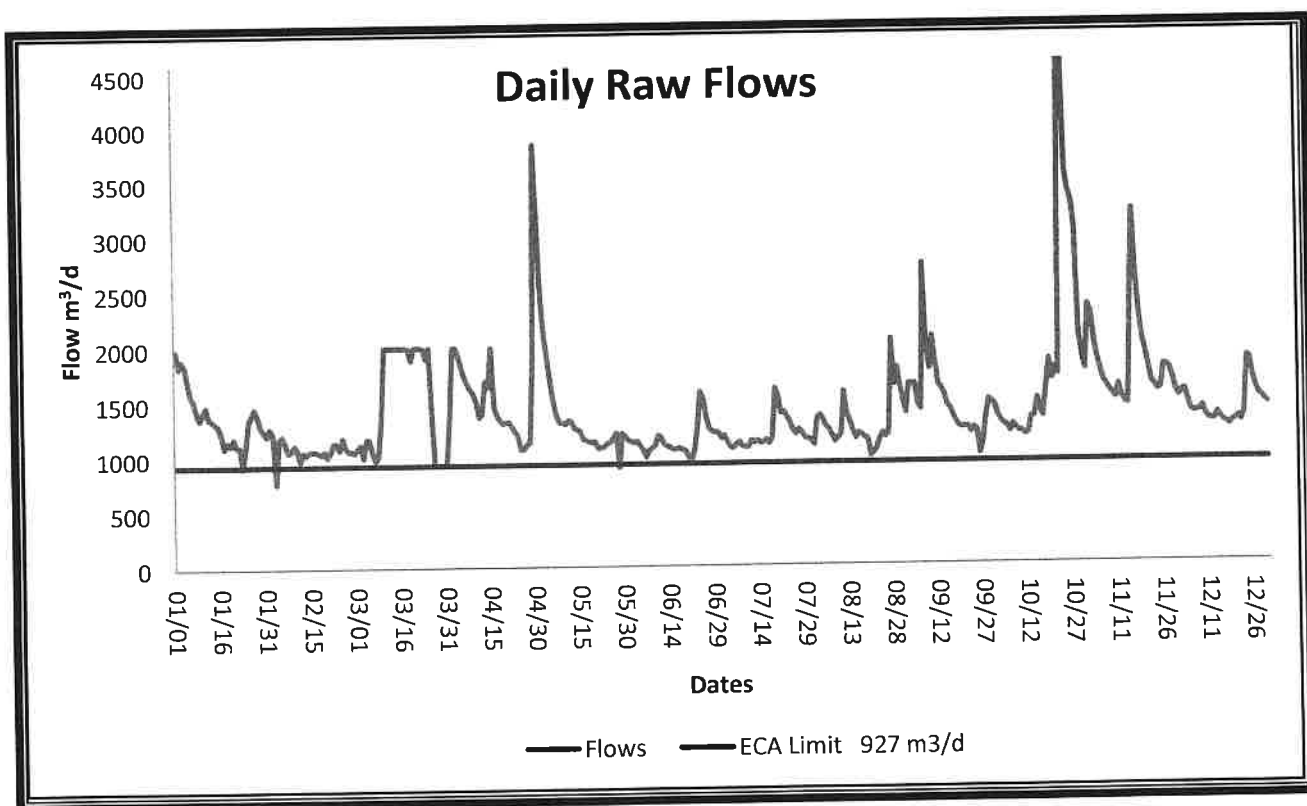
Treated (Effluent Discharge) Sampling					
Parameter	Spring Discharge			Concentration Limits	Objective Limits
	Min	Avg	Max		
CBOD <sub>5</sub> (mg/L)	7	11.6	16	25 mg/L	20 mg/L
TSS (mg/L)	12	27.2	54	25 mg/L	20 mg/L
TP (mg/L)	0.1	0.17	0.2	1.0 mg/L	0.75 mg/L
TAN (mg/L)	3.9	8.88	11.3		
TKN (mg/L)	5.9	10.1	12.6		
Nitrate (mg/L)	0.10	0.63	1.91		
Nitrite (mg/L)	0.04	0.18	0.53		
pH	7.60	7.98	8.50	6 – 9.5 inclusive	6.5 – 8.5 inclusive
* <i>E.coli</i> (CFU/100mL)	6	36	460	200	

\* *E.coli* average is calculated as a geometric mean



The raw and effluent parameters specified in the above table are analyzed by SGS Lakefield Research, an accredited laboratory located in Lakefield, Ontario.

Flow Volumes				
Month	Total Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	Avg Daily Flow (m <sup>3</sup> /d)	Peak Daily Flow (m <sup>3</sup> /d)	Discharge Volumes (m <sup>3</sup> )
January	42,841	1,381.9	1,991	
February	31,483	1,085.62	1,278	
March	47,789.2	1,541.49	2,000	
April	47,333.3	1,577.78	3,849.7	63,000
May	42,503.1	1,371.07	3,112	58,500
June	34,335.8	1,144.53	1,583.4	
July	36,959.2	1,192.23	1,606.2	
August	39,837.9	1,285.09	2,044.2	
September	44,851	1,495.03	2,726.8	
October	59,645.8	1,924.06	5,517.5	
November	55,073.1	1,835.77	3,200.4	
December	43,808.2	1,413.17	1,850.7	92,477
<b>Total</b>	526,460.6			213,977
<b>Average</b>		1,438.42		
<b>Maximum</b>			5,517.5	







Year	Total Raw Sewage Flow m <sup>3</sup> /d	Avg Day Sewage Flow m <sup>3</sup> /d	Max Day Sewage Flow m <sup>3</sup> /d	Avg Day % of rated capacity 927 m <sup>3</sup> /d
2020	526,460.6	1,438.42	5,517.5	155%
2019	565,966	1,549.7	7,917	167%
2018	443,034	1,213.79	2,553	131 %
2017	506,869	1,388.68	3,202	144 %

The annual average flows measured into the sewage lagoon exceeded the specified rated capacity of the facility for most of the year.

The average raw daily sewage flows (1,438.42 m<sup>3</sup>/d) exceeded the rated capacity of the facility (927 m<sup>3</sup>/d) and measured 155% of the rated capacity. Peak flows were measured as high 5,517.5 m<sup>3</sup>/d, this was approximately 595% of the rated capacity. The 2020 sewage flows showed small decrease from 2019. Historically, the average sewage flows have exceeded the rated capacity. The total raw sewage flow into the lagoons for the year was calculated to be 526,460.6 m<sup>3</sup>.

Seasonal discharges took place during spring.

The spring seasonal discharge was completed between April 24 and May 7 over a period of 14 days and consisted of a total volume of 121,500m<sup>3</sup>.

The seasonal average for TSS exceeded the seasonal concentration during the spring discharge. All other parameters were within compliance and pH values remained within the limited stipulated in the guidelines.

The continuous discharge of the lagoons commenced on December 16, 2020.

All compliance and objective limits were met during except for the average total suspended solids during the spring discharge. All pH values remained within the compliance and objective limits at all times. The objective limits specified in the ECA were met more than 50% of the time during the 2020 operating year. The operator did not observe a visible film, sheen, foam or discolouration on the receiving waters nor did he notice floating or settleable solids.

A total volume of 213,977m<sup>3</sup> was discharged in 2020.

In an effort to meet the effluent objectives, the lagoon can be treated with Ferric Sulphate prior to discharge. Treatments were completed prior to the spring discharge with a total amount of 3,800 IMPG.

Based on the above monitoring program and sampling records, the sewage works provided adequate treatment while providing a quality effluent.

Refer to Appendix B for the seasonal lagoon discharge reports.



## **SECTION 5: Facility Upsets & Non Compliances**

On March 26, 2020, an overflow occurred at the lift station wet well. The overflow lasted for a duration of 3hrs and released approximately 180,000L. Pumper trucks were called to reduce the overflow while new pump motors were installed.

After the incident occurred at the Little Current's main lift station where the pumps failed and raw sewage was splashed into the onsite flow meter, it was found to be broken and no longer recording data. As of this incident, flows were measured using pump run hours and averaging the flows over a few days. Flow rates could not be calculated.

The TSS in the effluent exceeded the prescribed value in the facility's ECA. It is believed the last sample contributed to the high TSS result. On the day the valves were closed to stop the effluent flows, the operator attended the site to find only trickling occurring from the pipe. The effluent valve should have been closed the day prior.

On December 8, 2020, high lagoon levels caused an overflow to the adjacent wetland. Approximately 60,000L were released to the wetland between December 8 and 14.

Historically, the system has experienced issues with bypasses, overflows and rated capacity exceedances. Given that, the Municipality completed upgrades to the system to alleviate these issues. Additional details can be found in Section 9 of this report.

During the 2020 year there were no additional spills, overflows, bypasses or non-compliances.

Copies of the incident reports can be found in Appendix C.

## **SECTION 6: Maintenance**

Plant maintenance is monitored using a Work Management System (WMS). Effluent monitoring equipment was calibrated as required in 2020. The flow meter was verified on April 8, 2020, and passed; the verification record is maintained on site and electronically on the OCWA Hub server. Maintenance and verification reports are attached as Appendix D. Major maintenance is listed in the table below.

<b>Work Order</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>	<b>Comment</b>
1624916	24-Apr-20	Sent Spider Bay lift station pump to flygt for rebuild then reinstalled
1662241	24-Apr-20	Campbell lift station pump sent to flygt for repairs then reinstalled
1664648	05-Nov-20	Extensive electrical repairs to main lift station



## **SECTION 7: Sludge**

Currently, sludge volumes are unknown. The Operating Authority had hoped to complete a sludge volume measurement during 2020 however; due to the COVID-19 pandemic it was not completed. In 2021, rough sludge volume measurement will be completed using a sludge judge and probing the lagoon.

## **SECTION 8: Complaints**

There were no community complaints in the 2020 reporting year

## **SECTION 9: Other**

In an effort to address the exceedances of the rated capacity, the Municipality completed upgrades to the lagoon. An additional cell with aerators was constructed as well as upgrades to allow for chemical additions. Upgrades were finished in December and the lagoon began its continuous discharge on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

There were no deviations from the sampling dates for 2020. A copy of the 2021 monitoring schedule is attached as Appendix E.

## Dave Williamson

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**From:** rkindersley@georgianbay.ca  
**Sent:** March 31, 2021 5:49 PM  
**To:** Mayor Al MacNevin; Al Boyd; Barb Baker; Bill Koehler; Bruce Wood; Dawn Orr; Jim Ferguson; Laurie Cook; mreerskine@gmail.com  
**Cc:** 'Frances Carmichael'; 'Rob Bosomworth'; Dave Williamson  
**Subject:** Decibel Project Coalition  
**Attachments:** Draft Municipal Resolution to Join the Decibel Coalition.docx; Municipalities dBC Background Paper.pdf

Dear Mayor and Councilors,

GBA is a founding member of the Decibel Project Coalition lead by Safe Quiet Lakes (SQL) who have done an excellent job gathering interest and support for introducing new boating noise regulations in Canada that match those that have been successfully introduced in Europe and the US.

The current regulations in Canada are inadequate and provide police with no viable tool to address boat noise issues.

The Coalition's objective is to have the Federal government adjust boating regulations to include decibel limits on boat engine noise. Countries in the European Union and most states in the United States have these limits. To date the Coalition members are lake associations from across Canada, and we are now reaching out to municipalities and other stakeholders to join the Coalition. A backgrounder on the Coalition and the proposed regulation is attached.

Also attached is a draft proposed resolution of support from yourselves should you wish to pass it.

I have copied the SQL directors, who will follow up with you directly on this proposal. One option would be to arrange a deputation to Council on this matter, should that be of interest, or is needed to answer questions you might have.

Please note that some municipalities in the Muskoka area have already passed the attached resolution in support.

Many thanks for your consideration.

Best Regards  
Rupert

*Rupert Kindersley*  
Executive Director  
(416) 985-7378  
[rkindersley@georgianbay.ca](mailto:rkindersley@georgianbay.ca)

## **Draft Municipal Motion to officially and publicly support the Decibel Coalition**

Resolution Number: xxx001

Resolution Date:

Resolution: To officially become a member of Safe Quiet Lakes' national Decibel Coalition

Whereas: Safe Quiet Lakes has established the national Decibel Coalition of like-minded stakeholders called the "Decibel Coalition" and

Whereas: The objective of the Decibel Coalition is to have the Small Vessel Regulation SOR-2010-91 enhanced by the Federal Government/Transport Canada to include decibel limits on the amount of noise from boat motors and provisions for effective and easy enforcement procedures and

Whereas: Excessive noise from boat motor noise on our waterways has been a pervasive, persistent and growing problem for many years in the [Your Municipality] and

Whereas: Jurisdiction of Canadian waterways is with the Federal Government and as such municipalities cannot make by-laws for our lakes and rivers and

Whereas: The current legislation requires boat motors to have a working muffler but has no performance requirements for sound emissions measured in decibels limits and

Whereas: Police are reluctant to lay charges with regards to the muffler law and

Whereas: Transport Canada has recently opened the opportunity to discuss and receive comments on possible options for changes to the Small Vessels Regulation with regards to boat muffler and sound emissions and

Whereas: This municipality would welcome enactment of these improved regulations in the interests of our community

Now, therefore be it resolved that:

The Municipality will:

- officially and publicly join as a member and support the Decibel Coalition and
- allow the Decibel Coalition to use our name and logo and reference our membership in their communications with other government agencies and committees, other Decibel Coalition Members, and promotion of the Decibel Coalition's objectives in social media and the press and
- communicate about the Decibel Coalition to our community and encourage their support of the Decibel Coalition and
- encourage other municipalities to join the Decibel Coalition

Approved by:

Date Approved:



## The DECIBEL COALITION

### BACKGROUND PAPER FOR MUNICIPAL COUNCILLORS AND STAFF

The Decibel Coalition was established by Safe Quiet Lakes (“SQL”) in November 2019 with the objective to have the Small Vessel Regulation SOR-2010-91 enhanced by the Federal Government/Transport Canada to include decibel limits on the amount of noise from boat motors and provisions for effective and easy enforcement procedures. The Coalition operates under the umbrella and with administrative and website support of SQL. A committee of 8 including 2 from outside Ontario runs the Coalition on behalf of its members.

Safe Quiet Lakes (SQL) is a volunteer organization in Muskoka. Their objective is to make the Muskoka lakes safer and quieter to ensure the sustainable enjoyment of a treasured shared resource through education and advocacy. [www.safequiet.ca](http://www.safequiet.ca).

Excessive boat noise is a persistent, pervasive and growing problem on Canadian waterways. From Lake Memphremagog in Quebec through cottage country in Ontario and out to lakes Okanagan, Salmon Arm and Shuswap in BC the increase in the number of high performance boats with little or no mufflers is spoiling the cottage experience.

SQL has done two extensive surveys of cottager’s attitudes regarding various issues. The most recent was done in 2017. It found that support for stronger enforcement of muffler regulations (67%) and enacting decibel limits through legislation (61%) were two of the top 4 issues to enjoying the boating experience.

Jurisdiction of Canadian waterways is with the Federal government. Provincial and Municipalities are without means to address issues that affect many of their constituents. Interestingly enough a number of municipalities in western Canada have passed bylaws out of frustration from excessive boat motor noise. These include Regional District of Central, Okanagan, City of Vernon, City of Penticton and Cowichan Valley Regional District. Others have taken an approach based on awareness and communication recognizing their jurisdictional limits.

The Small Vessel Regulation requires most boats to have a working muffler. But the definition of muffler is difficult to enforce and police agencies have, for the most part, stopped enforcing it. The regulations do require muffler diverters to be visibly disengaged so that they cannot be

used while operating the boat. Sanctioned races, boats built before Jan 1 1960 and boats operating 5 NM or more from shore are exempt from having mufflers.

In the United States, over 27 states have laws that set limits on the amount of noise from boat motors. Those limits are set in decibels and are usually accompanied by efficient and effective enforcement procedures. Many are based on the Model Noise Act which was established by the National Association of Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) and is supported by National Marine Manufacturers Association.

There are two internationally accepted standards for measuring boat motor noise on the water: SAE J1970 Shoreline Sound Level Measurement Procedure for Recreational Motorboats and SAE J2005 Stationary Sound Level Measurement Procedure for Recreational Motorboats. Both of these standards are included in the Model Noise Act and used extensively in the USA. The Decibel Coalition believes that enhancement to the existing Transport Canada Regulations should include the basic elements of the Model Noise act using measurement procedures defined in SAE J1970 and J2005.

The European Union has detailed legislation for construction and assembly standards to ensure that the noise emission remain within defined limits. The tests are defined by the standard ISO 14509. Importantly, the decibel limits in both the USA and the EU are essentially the same with some minor variation by state in the USA.

To date the Decibel Coalition has 20 lake associations in three provinces: Ontario, BC and Quebec. These represent over 10,000 families. The Coalition, with the support of SQL, has close relationships with the Ontario Provincial Police, the NMMA, various municipal councils in Muskoka, active contacts in Boating BC, Boating Ontario, Canadian Safe Boating Council and contacts in Transport Canada. The committee meets every 2 weeks and has done so since inception. The committee has two strong members in each of BC and Quebec. The BC member is responsible for the provinces west of the Ontario boarder.

In November 2020 Transport Canada made a presentation at the Canadian Marine Advisory Council (run by Transport Canada) where they opened up “the opportunity discuss and receive comments on possible options for the future” with regard to the Small Vessel Regulations relating to recreational boat motor muffler and sound. They recognize that “Noise emissions from pleasure craft have been a growing concern since the 1990s” and “Complaints from communities and the public about noise have continued over the years.” This is very encouraging news as it means the opportunity is ripe to move forward.

The Coalition believes that participation and support by municipalities is an important factor in convincing Transport Canada and ultimately the Federal Government to enhance the regulations. Municipal support will give significant strength to the importance of this initiative. Decibel limits for boat motor noise with efficient and effective enforcement processes will give enforcement agencies efficient and effective tools to address those outliers who currently operate boats with excessive noise without check.



The Decibel Coalition and SQL would like to request that your municipality join the Decibel Coalition and help in the goal to make the waterways in Canada a better experience for all.

# LITTLE CURRENT BIA MINUTES FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: March 25, 2021

Time: 4-5pm

Facilitator: Aline Taillefer

## In Attendance

Aline Taillefer, Rick McCutcheon, Shannon Cranston, Barbara Baker

## Approval of Minutes

No minutes from the last AGM were available so not read.

## By-Laws

Aline suggested a change to the wording of the by-laws (Article 6 b) which currently reads:

“that Notice of all general Members’ meeting shall be hand-delivered or sent by prepaid mail to each member....”, be changed to

“that Notice of all general Members’ meeting shall be ~~hand~~-delivered or sent by ~~prepaid~~-email to each member ....”,

## Selection of New Board Members

Chair: Aline Taillefer (moved by Shannon, seconded by Rick)

Vice Chair: \*Rick McCutcheon identified he would take the role if Debby Turner would not.

Treasurer: Shannon Cranston (moved by Aline, seconded by Barbara)

Secretary: Barbara Baker (moved by Shannon, seconded by Aline)

Directors: The following directors were not at the meeting but were contacted by Shannon (as mover), and seconded by Aline as follows:

Denise Callaghan

Mike Wilding

Sarah Quackenbush

Debby Turner\*

**Action Item:** Aline to check with Debby Turner to see if she is willing to take role as Vice Chair versus past Chair or if she wishes to just be a Director.

## **Request to Council for Outdoor Items**

To be confirmed by Dave Williamson – but information passed on to BIA regarding their request was as follows:

Waiving of Sidewalk Fees, Signage to indicate public washrooms, Hand washing stations, and Patio Outside the Anchor were approved.

Communal Outdoor Dining Area, Funding for Dining Area and Maintenance of Dining Area were not approved.

Rick asked about the bike rack. Not sure of answer. Suggestion was that Maja, in conjunction with Breakaway sports might be adding one to downtown core.

## **Use of angled parking for Communal Outdoor Dining**

Sounds like a good option however concern raised over COVID-19 protocols and who would be held responsible for the cleaning expectations as per Sudbury District Health Unit. The BIA store owners would not want to be charged with not following cleaning protocol. Sudbury District Health Unit will be contacted for clarification.

## **Budget**

A motion (by Rick and seconded by Aline) that the \$7K BIA levy remain for 2021 was approved.

The 2020 Budget was reviewed for any questions. No questions arose. The 2021 Budget as presented was reviewed and approved (motioned by Rick, seconded by Aline) to accept the 2021 budget as presented.

## **Action Items**

Barbara will contact Sudbury District Health Unit to question cleaning protocol for a communal outdoor dining space used by several vendors. An email has been sent.

Aline will complete the various documents sent by Dave Williamson and get them sent back to the township. The list of new Directors will be sent to Dave Williamson to be taken to council for approval.

## **Next Meeting**

No date was selected for the next meeting. It will be called as required.