

AGENDA FOR REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – 6:00 pm



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1. CALL TO ORDER  
Land Acknowledgement
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of February 25, 2025, be approved as circulated. (Alternatively; amendments to be noted; with approval as amended.)
3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST
4. TOWN HALL SEGMENT
5. DEPUTATIONS  
No deputations are scheduled for this evening's meeting.
6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS
  - 6.1 Minutes – Open Session Regular Council Meeting – February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Open Session of the Special Council Meeting held on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, be approved as circulated. (Alternatively; corrections to be noted; with approval as amended.)
7. DISBURSEMENT LIST
  - 7.1 Payroll Report (no report for this meeting)
  - 7.2 Payment Register  
Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the disbursements represented by electronic bank payments, check numbers 7302 to 7323 and payroll totalling \$44,126.07
8. REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS/OTHERS (As available)
  - 8.1 Clerk's Report
  - 8.2 Treasurer's Report (No report for this meeting)
  - 8.3 Deputy Clerk-Treasurer's Report (No report – position vacant)
  - 8.4 Public Works Report
  - 8.5 Fire Chief's Report (No report for this meeting)
  - 8.6 Council Member Reports (Verbal)
  - 8.7 Reports from Other Agencies: as listed in the Clerk's Report  
Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the reports presented as listed in Section 8 of this evening's agenda. (Alternatively; directions to Administration as per Council's determination)
9. NEW BUSINESS
  - 9.1 Resolution to Change the Regular Council meeting date from June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. to June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.  
Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regular Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. be rescheduled to Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.
10. BYLAWS
  - 10.1 Bylaw Number 2025-005 to repeal two prior Bylaws, each of which amended Bylaw 1307 re CEMC  
Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bylaw 2025-005 be passed, and FURTHER, THAT the Mayor and the Clerk be authorized on behalf of the Township of Conmee to affix their signatures to By-law No. 2025-005, being a By-law to appoint a new alternate CEMC
11. CORRESPONDENCE
  - 11.1 List of Resolution Support Requests from other municipalities  
No requests received for this meeting.

- 11.2 Correspondence from the Thunder Bay Veterinary Services Committee re Membership for 2025.  
(Background information provided by Administration)  
Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council continue its membership with the Thunder Bay Veterinary Services Committee for the upcoming year.

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the correspondence presented as listed in Section 11 of this evening's agenda. (Alternatively; directions to Administration as per Council's determination)

12. UPCOMING MEETING DATES

Regular Council Meetings: February 25<sup>th</sup>; March 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>; April 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>; May 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>; June 10<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> (Wed) July 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>; August 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>; September 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>; October 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>; November 12<sup>th</sup> (Wed) & 24<sup>th</sup>; and December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

13. CLOSED SESSION

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being \_\_\_\_ p.m., Council enter Closed Session under the authority of those paragraphs of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, for which the meetings were closed, in order to consider Item 13.1, being the Closed Session minutes of the Council meeting held February 11, 2025;

13.1 Minutes – Closed Session Regular Council Meeting – February 11th

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being \_\_\_\_ p.m., Council rise from Closed Session and report in Open Session

14. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

Recommendation 1: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Closed Session of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, be approved as circulated. (Alternatively; corrections to be noted; with approval as amended.)

Recommendation 2: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration be authorized to proceed as directed in Closed Session.

15. CONFIRMING BYLAW

By-law 2025-006 – To Confirm the Proceedings of the Meeting

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bylaw 2025-004 be passed, and FURTHER, THAT the Mayor and the Clerk be authorized on behalf of the Township of Conmee to affix their signatures to By-law No. 2025-006, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of this evening's meeting.

16. ADJOURN

Recommendation: There being no further business to conduct, the Mayor declares the meeting to be adjourned at \_\_\_\_ p.m.

**MINUTES - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – 6:00 pm



PRESENT: Mayor Sheila Maxwell  
Councillor David Maxwell  
Councillor Grant Arnold  
Councillor Chris Kresack

REGRETS: Councillor David Halvorsen

ALSO PRESENT: Rosalie Evans, Acting Clerk  
Leanne Maxwell, Treasurer

PRESENT VIRTUALLY: Olabisi Akinsanya-Hutka, Human Resources Assistant

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Maxwell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.  
Mayor Maxwell provided a statement of land acknowledgement.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION 2025 - 024**

Moved by: Councillor Arnold  
Seconded by: Councillor Kresack

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the regular council meeting of February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

No declarations were made.

**4. TOWN HALL SEGMENT**

No members of the public had registered to speak at the Town Hall Segment.

**5. DEPUTATIONS**

No deputations were scheduled for this evening's meeting.

**6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)**

- 6.1. Minutes – Regular Council Meeting – January 28, 2025  
Members present reviewed the minutes. No errors or omissions were noted.

**RESOLUTION 2025 - 025**

Moved by: Councillor Kresack  
Seconded by: Councillor Arnold

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes for the open session portion of the regular council meeting of January 28, 2025, be approved, as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**7. DISBURSEMENT LIST**

- 7.1. Payment Register

The Treasurer responded to questions from members present.

**RESOLUTION 2025-026**

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell  
 Seconded by: Councillor Kresack

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the disbursements represented by electronic bank payments, check numbers 7278 to 7301, and payroll totalling \$131,634.63.

**CARRIED**

## **8. REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS**

- 8.1. Clerk's Report  
 Acting Clerk Evans overviewed the report for Council and responded to questions. By consensus, Council determined that Mayor Maxwell should be appointed alternate CEMC. The Acting Clerk will have the relevant amending bylaw on the next agenda. With respect to attendance at the upcoming TBDML meeting, it was noted that, unfortunately, no members of Council are able to attend. Both the Clerk and the Treasurer had expressed interest in attending. By consensus, Council determined that, should both wish to attend, the office could be closed for some or all of the relevant time period. Notices should be published as soon as possible in that regard.
- 8.2. Treasurer's Report  
 No Treasurer's Report was presented at this evening's meeting.
- 8.3. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer's Report  
 No Deputy Clerk-Treasurer's Report was presented at this evening's meeting.
- 8.4. Public Works Report  
 No Public Works Report was presented at this evening's meeting.
- 8.5. Fire Chief's Report  
 Chief Day overviewed his report for Council and responded to questions. In addition to the information in the report, Chief Day advised that a new extractor has been purchased. One is considered sufficient. Discussion ensued relating to fire truck purchase options. In response to questions, the Chief advised that the team is now 10 members strong, 4 of whom can drive the pumper truck.
- 8.6. Council Member Reports  
 Mayor Maxwell reported that she had met with the fire auxiliary and will be assisting them in future efforts.  
  
 Councillor Arnold reported that he had been having regular communications with the office staff. He had been unable to attend the send-off for the Deputy Clerk Treasurer, but had sent her his best wishes for her future endeavours. He will be attending "Alpha" meetings this week (virtually). Councillor Arnold will not be able to attend the next meeting in person, but will connect virtually.  
  
 Councillor Maxwell reported that he had met with Mr. Lazar when the latter attended to see to the speakers and microphones on site. He will be attending the next TBDML meeting virtually. The one following that one will be the Board meeting held while the conference is on. While he cannot attend the TBDML conference, he will attend that meeting in person.  
  
 Councillor Kresack reported that the next Rural Food Bank board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, and he will be in attendance.
- 8.7. Other Agencies' Reports  
 These reports were listed, for information, in the Clerk's report at Item 8.1.

## **RESOLUTION 2025-027**

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell  
 Seconded by: Councillor Arnold

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council received the reports presented as listed in Section 8 of this evening's agenda.

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

- 9.1. Council Member Liaison Positions

Acting Clerk Evans was directed to include the terms of reference in the relevant policy binder, as presented.

9.2. AMO Conference

On consensus, Council directed Administration to purchase three level "B" attendance tickets, and to register each attendee for one of the following caucus lunches: Northern, Rural and Single Tier.

## **10. BY-LAWS**

There were no by-laws presented at this meeting.

## **11. CORRESPONDENCE**

11.1. List of Resolution Support Requests from other Municipalities

Council reviewed the list of resolutions. Council expressed its desire to support all the resolutions listed. The Acting Clerk is to combine those listed under #2 and #3 in the list, removing the specific wording relating only to the originating municipality. The Acting Clerk referenced the challenges in forwarding resolutions to provincial members of parliament due to the dissolution of parliament pending the election scheduled for February 27, 2025. Apart from directions to send resolutions to the Premier and the local MPP, nothing else would be forwarded to members of Provincial Parliament.

### **RESOLUTION 2025-028**

Moved by: Councillor Kresack

Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell

WHEREAS under Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box, producers are fully accountable and financially responsible for their products and packaging once they reach their end of life and are disposed of, for 'eligible' sources only;

AND WHEREAS 'ineligible' sources, which producers are not responsible for, include: businesses, places of worship, daycares, campgrounds, public-facing and internal areas of municipal-owned buildings and not-for-profit organizations, such as shelters and food banks;

AND WHEREAS, should a municipality continue to provide services to the 'ineligible' sources, the municipality will be required to oversee the collection, transportation, and processing of the recycling, assuming 100% of the costs;

AND WHEREAS these costs will further burden municipalities' finances and potentially take resources away from vital infrastructure projects;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Conmee hereby requests that the Province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Local MPP Holland, AMO, ROMA and FONOM.

**CARRIED**

### **RESOLUTION 2025-029**

Moved by: Councillor Arnold

Seconded by: Councillor Kresack

WHEREAS the United States President, Donald Trump, has suggested that with the use of "economic force" such as tariffs, Canada should become the 51st state of the United States, and further he suggests that many Canadians would agree;

AND WHEREAS Canada is a sovereign nation with a peaceful history of self-governance dating to its Confederation in 1867;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian identity is marked by a deep-rooted pride in its heritage and culture founded by French and British settlement, enriched by Indigenous culture and traditions and by more than a century and a half of multi-cultural immigration;

AND WHEREAS Canada has significant global standing, consistently supporting its allies, including the United States, in global conflicts such as two world wars, and wars in Korea and Afghanistan; and in international coalitions and in being consistently recognized as among the top countries in the world for quality of life;

AND WHEREAS the shared history of the United States and Canada has been one of friendship, respect and neighbourly relations;

AND WHEREAS President Trump issued executive orders to impose tariffs on imports from Canada effective February 4, 2025

AND WHEREAS these tariffs will have a significant detrimental impact on the economic stability in both countries;

AND WHEREAS the federal government is currently in negotiations with the U.S. government on some their proposed tariffs on Canadian goods exported to the U.S.;

AND WHEREAS Premier Doug Ford has outlined several plans to combat the impact the proposed tariffs would have on Ontario including Fortress Am-Can which focus on strengthening trade between Ontario and the U.S. while bringing good jobs back home for workers on both sides of the border;

AND WHEREAS the federal government has also outlined several ways to address the current relationship with the U.S. including establishing the Council on Canada-U.S. relations to support the federal government as it negotiates with the U.S on tariffs;

AND WHEREAS trade between Ontario and the United States is very important to our residents and local economies and requires all levels of government to work together in the best interest of those residents;

AND WHEREAS federal and provincial leaders are encouraging Canadians to buy Canadian;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have significant purchasing power through capital and infrastructure programs;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have traditionally been prevented by trade agreements and legislation from giving preference to the purchase of Canadian products and services;

AND WHEREAS municipalities can assist in the effort to combat tariffs and support businesses in the procurement for capital and infrastructure programs;

AND WHEREAS there are trade barriers between Canadian provinces;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Conmee endorses the positions taken by the Councils of the Town of Halton Hills, the County of Peterborough, and the Town of Hanover, in categorically rejecting any efforts by President Trump, or any others, to undermine the sovereignty of Canada;

AND, FURTHER, THAT This Council stands united with Ontario Premier Doug Ford and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau for a Canada that remains strong, free, independent, and characterized by peace, order, and good government;

AND, FURTHER, THAT Council supports the provincial and federal governments on the measures they have put in place in response to the proposed U.S. tariffs on Canadian goods and ask that they take any and all measures to protect the interests of Ontario and its municipalities in any upcoming trade negotiations;

AND, FURTHER, THAT the federal and provincial governments work with municipalities on measures to protect Canadian consumers and businesses; and

AND, FURTHER, THAT that federal and provincial governments remove any impediments to municipalities preferring Canadian companies and services for capital projects and other supplies;

AND, FURTHER, THAT the provincial and federal governments take action to remove trade barriers between provinces as a response to US tariffs and support Canadian businesses.

AND, FURTHER, THAT this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Ontario Premier Doug Ford, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and Conmee's local MPP.

**CARRIED**

## 11.2. Correspondence from Autism Ontario: World Autism Day

On consensus, Council supported the enclosed resolution. Administration was directed to include information in the next newsletter.

### **RESOLUTION 2025-030**

Moved by: Councillor Kresack

Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell

WHEREAS World Autism Day is recognized on April 2, 2025, in Canada;

AND WHEREAS Autism Ontario is one of the largest collective voices representing the autism community, and the work we do helps all autistic individuals and families in their communities have access to meaningful support, information, and connections — not only on April 2 but every day throughout the year;

AND WHEREAS Autism impacts more than 135,000 individuals in Ontario, representing 1 in every 50 Canadian children and youth. It not only influences the lives of autistics but also their friends, families, and communities;

AND WHEREAS it is crucial to raise awareness, and acceptance, provide support and promote a more inclusive society;

AND WHEREAS Autism is a diverse spectrum that varies widely among individuals, with the possibility that each person's experience with autism can change over time;

AND WHEREAS this evolving journey highlights the uniqueness of every autistic individual, emphasizing the need for understanding and support tailored to their specific needs.

AND WHEREAS Autism Ontario is the leading source of information and referral on autism, and since 1973, has been providing support, information, and opportunities for thousands of families and individuals across the province;

AND WHEREAS Autism Ontario is devoted to raising public awareness about autism and addressing the everyday challenges faced by individuals with autism, their families, and the professionals who work alongside them;

AND WHEREAS everyone is urged to recognize and celebrate the unique differences and needs of others, fostering an inclusive environment where all individuals can participate fully in activities and discussions;

AND WHEREAS, together, we can create a society that values and includes everyone;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Conmee recognizes April 2 as "World Autism Day", while committing to embracing awareness and acceptance, not only on that day, but on day throughout the year.

**CARRIED**

- 11.3. Correspondence from The Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce Requesting a letter from the Mayor to Each of the 4 Provincial Party Leaders

**RESOLUTION 2025-031**

Moved by: Councillor Arnold

Seconded by: Councillor Kresack

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council support the position taken by the Chamber of Commerce and complete steps one and two outlined.

**CARRIED**

Administration was directed to send the Mayor's letter to the party leaders prior to the northern debate scheduled for Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

- 11.4. Correspondence from TBDSSAB Looking for Volunteers for the Homelessness Prevention Program Advisory Table

Council reviewed the correspondence. Unfortunately, no members are able to participate at this time.

- 11.5. Correspondence from TBDSSAB Looking for Volunteers for the Child Care and Early Years' Advisory Table

Council reviewed the correspondence. Unfortunately, no members are able to participate at this time.

**RESOLUTION 2025-031**

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by: Councillor Arnold

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the correspondence listed in Section 11 of this evening's agenda.

**CARRIED**

**12. UPCOMING MEETING DATES**

The list of upcoming regular Council meeting dates was available for review. It was noted that the public school in Kakabeka Falls has reserved the hall for its graduation festivities on Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025, which is a regular council date. A resolution will be brought to the next meeting to move the Council meeting to Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, commencing at 6:30 p.m. (to accommodate the LRCA meeting earlier that evening). No other changes were proposed.

A brief recess took place at 6:55 p.m.

**13. CLOSED SESSION**

**RESOLUTION 2025-032**

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by: Councillor Kresack

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the time being 7:00 p.m., Council enter Closed Session under the authority of those paragraphs of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, for which the meetings were closed, in order to

consider Item 13.1, being the Closed Session minutes of the Council meeting held January 28, 2025; and, under the authority of paragraph 239(2)(b) of the same legislation, in order to consider Item 13.3, involving personal information about identifiable individuals, and under the authority of paragraphs 239(2)(a)(f) and (k) of the same m 13.4 being resolved in open session during the Clerk's report at Item 8.1.

**CARRIED**

During closed session, the following procedural resolution was passed:

**RESOLUTION 2025-033**

**Moved by:** Councillor Kresack

**Seconded by:** Councillor Arnold

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 7:29 p.m., Council rise from closed session and report in open session.

**CARRIED**

Open session resumed.

**14. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

**RESOLUTION 2025-034**

**Moved by:** Councillor Kresack

**Seconded by:** Councillor Maxwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Closed Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on January 28, 2025, be approved; AND, FURTHER, THAT Administration be authorized to proceed as directed in closed session.

**CARRIED**

**15. CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

1.1. By-law 2025-004

**RESOLUTION 2025-035**

**Moved by:** Councillor Maxwell

**Seconded by:** Councillor Kresack

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2025-004 be passed;

AND, FURTHER, THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized on behalf of the Township of Connée to affix their signatures to By-law No. 2025-004, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of this evening's meeting.

**CARRIED**

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to attend to, the mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Mayor Sheila Maxwell

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Acting Clerk Rosalie Evans

# Township of Conmee

## Payment Register

### Report Date

Batch: 2025-00031 to 2025-00035 2025-02-21 10:53 AM

Payment #	Vendor	Amount	
7302	Sargeant Propane	4359.83	
	- garage \$2220.42		
	- fire hall \$2139.41		
7303	Sasi Water	23.54	
7304	Mike Baker	38.41	reimbursement fire dept course
7305	Kyle Foekens/BMO RRSP	134.54	
7306	Cintas	465.70	first aid kits
7307	Receiver General for Canada	766.16	radio license renewal
7308	MicroAge	146.45	
7310	Munisoft	318.01	
7311	Ont Aggregate Resources Corp	824.00	annual license fees
7312	TBay District Municipal League	550.00	conference
7313	Valley Fire Protection & Serv	1,123.07	annual inspection/maintenacne on fire extinguishers
7314	City of Thunder Bay	17,003.00	EMS 4th quarter 2024
7315	Clow Darling Ltd	1,373.82	
7316	Kakabeka Esso	97.59	
7317	McKitricks	960.50	re flood easement
7318	MicroAge	223.26	
7319	Northern Peak HR	1,265.60	investigation services
7320	Pines Hardware Inc.	112.97	
7321	Toodaloo Pest and Wildlife	110.74	
7322	A. J. Stone Co Ltd	6,695.30	extractor for fire dept
7323	Minister of Finance	6,995.27	EHT payment for 2024
	Total Cheques	43,587.76	
123	TD Visa	66.79	
448	TBayTel	395.50	
4658342	Canada Revenue Agency	76.02	
	Total Bank Payments	538.31	
	Total	44,126.07	

**The Corporation of the Township of Conmee  
Administrative Report**

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**Date:** February 11, 2025

**To:** Mayor and Council

**Subject:** Administrative Activity Report

**Submitted by:** Karen Paisley, Clerk &  
Rosalie Evans, Acting Clerk

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

This Report is presented for information.

**BACKGROUND:**

Administration reports to Council at regular council meetings, on its activities.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Clerk was away on Vacation from February 5<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup>, as had been previously arranged. The Deputy-Clerk Treasurer resigned in her absence. The Acting Clerk was able to attend the office most days to assist; staying only part of each of those days (for the most part). As luck would have it, the office seemed busiest with walk-ins and phone calls during the times when the Acting Clerk was not there, and the Treasurer alone. That notwithstanding, the Acting Clerk was able to provide some customer service during her attendances.

Both the Clerk and Treasurer have been registered for the TBDML conference March 6 and 7. The office will be closed to the public on those days. Signage and advertising will occur shortly.

MicroAge computers called to say they had transferred the data from the older towers. Meanwhile, however, Administration had located another “dead” computer (laptop) in a filing cabinet in the safe. So, instead of picking up the transferred data, the laptop was dropped off so that any data on it can be removed and put on the same external drive as the other transferred data. The IT inventory is well underway, but still a work in progress.

Research was undertaken into the Emergency Plan CEMC and Acting CEMC roles and the amending bylaw is on this evening’s agenda.

Research was successfully undertaken into the property/legal matter discussed in Closed Session and a report should be available for the next meeting.

Work continued on the Fire Department Bylaw circulated by the Fire Chief in December. A Meeting with him will be scheduled to review “next steps” in moving forward, as all 4 Township Fire Department Chiefs will need to be involved/co-ordinated.

Overdue aggregate reports are being completed and sent as they are done. Administration discovered that, due to the staffing turnover in November, two vehicle plates were not renewed. Administration is addressing this.

Resolutions from the past several meetings were circulated.

A 2025 task list has been created and will require ongoing attention as the year progresses.

The Clerk spent the first half of her day back from vacation being debriefed by the Acting Clerk and the second half reviewing emails. Our office has several projects we are working on, and the Clerk is excited to be back working on those.

The Clerk has started filing documents that have been out for some time and is looking forward to getting the new filing cabinets which were just ordered.

### **OTHER AGENCIES' REPORTS**

The following reports and information have been received by other agencies. Copies are available upon request:

- NOMA Conference April 23 to 25 Draft Agenda
- TBDSSAB Update from the Board
- NOMA Call for Nominations
- AMCTO Advocacy Update 2025 Provincial Party Briefing Notes

# Public Works Managers 8.4

## Report FEB 25-25

### # Roads

- Plowing
- Sanding
- Scarifying
- Haul garbage to landfill
- Work at Landfill
- Plow Drifts
- Haul winter sand to the yard
- Get steamer ready

### # Equipment

- New Battiers and alternator - 9000

- posts?

**Conmee Clerk**

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**From:** admin@noma.on.ca  
**Sent:** February 11, 2025 5:32 PM  
**To:** admin@noma.on.ca  
**Subject:** NOMA Conference April 23-25th in Thunder Bay - Draft Agenda  
**Attachments:** 2025 NOMA Conference & AGM Agenda Draft.pdf

Good Afternoon CAOs, Clerks, and Elected Officials,

The NOMA Conference is fast approaching! It is scheduled to take place April 23-25<sup>th</sup> at the Superior Inn Hotel in Thunder Bay. It is my pleasure to share with you the 2025 NOMA Conference & AGM Draft Agenda (attached and subject to change). The theme this year is "Innovation". We have an exciting line-up of presenters and I am confident you will leave the conference inspired, empowered, and having learned some valuable knowledge you can take back to your communities to put into practice.

If you have yet to register for the conference, early bird rates are available until March 14, 2025 at 11:30pm (EST). Please use the following link to register: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/northwestern-ontario-municipal-association-2025-conference-agm-tickets-1108641158549?aff=oddtcreator>

There are still rooms available at the Valhalla Inn and the Superior Inn Hotel if you are in need of accommodations. Please visit the NOMA website for more details.

All conference information is available on our website: <http://www.noma.on.ca/noma-2025-conference--agm>

Thank you. Have a great evening.

**Andrea Strawson**

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## 2025 NOMA Annual Meeting & Conference Agenda

**Wednesday, April 23, 2025, Location: Superior Inn Hotel, Embassy Ballroom**

10:30 am	<b>Registration Opens</b>
12:30 pm (EST)	<b>Conference Welcome &amp; Opening Remarks</b> <i>Call to Order</i> <i>Bag Pipes</i> <i>Opening Prayer TBD</i> <i>O'Canada</i> <i>Roll Call &amp; Greetings from Mayor Wendy Landry, NOMA President</i> <i>Greeting from the City of Thunder Bay – Mayor Ken Boshcoff</i> <i>Greeting from Fort William First Nations – Chief Michele Solomon (invited)</i> <i>Greeting from ROMA – Mayor Christa Lowry, President (invited)</i> <i>Greeting from FONOM – Councillor Danny Whalen, President</i>
1:10 pm	<b>Leader Addresses</b> <i>Doug Ford, Leader of Conservative Party (invited)</i> <i>Marit Stiles, Leader of NDP (invited)</i> <i>Bonnie Crombie, Leader of Ontario Liberal Party (invited)</i> <i>Mike Schreiner, Leader of Green Party (invited)</i>
1:40 pm	<b>AMO Update</b> <i>Presented by: Robin Jones, AMO President &amp; Brian Rosborough, Executive Director</i>
2:10 pm	<b>Keynote: Your Strategy Needs a Strategy: Why Most Strategic Planning is Bad &amp; Doesn't Get You Where You Want to Go</b> <i>Presented by: Norm Gale, President, Norm Gale Strategies &amp; Dr Tim Hardie Associate Professor, Business Administration, Lakehead University</i>
2:55 pm	<b>Health Break</b>
3:30 pm	<b>TBD</b> <i>Presented by: TBD</i>
3:45 pm	<b>Opportunities for Municipal and Indigenous Innovation</b> <i>Presented by: TBD</i>
4:30 pm	<b>MPAC Update</b> <i>Presented by: Al Spacek – Board Chair, Nicole McNeill – President &amp; CAO and Carmelo Lipsi – VP &amp; COO</i>
5:00 pm	<b>NOMA Annual General Meeting (79<sup>th</sup>)</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Call to Order</li> <li>2. Approval of minutes of 78<sup>th</sup> Annual General meeting</li> <li>3. Approval to receive the Presidents Report</li> <li>4. Approval of Auditors Report &amp; 2024 Financial Statements</li> <li>5. Appointment of Auditors for 2025</li> <li>6. Approval of 2025 Operating Estimates</li> <li>7. Business Transacted</li> <li>8. New Business</li> <li>9. Resolutions Committee</li> <li>10. Adjournment</li> </ol>
5:45 pm	<b>Appetizers with Exhibitors in the Trade Show (Regency Rooms)</b> <i>Join your colleagues for networking, appetizers, and a cash bar. Be sure to visit the exhibitors!</i>
6:45 pm	<b>Doors Open for Gala Dinner followed by Dessert with Entertainment at 8pm – (Embassy Ballroom)</b>

**Thursday, April 24, 2025: Superior Inn Hotel, Embassy Ballroom****(EST) 7:45 am to 9:00am Registration & 7:45am to 7pm Expo**

7:45 am	<b>Buffet Breakfast with NWMO</b> <b>8:00am - Next Steps for the NWMO and the Northwest Region (Moderated by: Mike Borelli)</b> <i>NWMO Panelists: Jessica Perritt - Director Indigenous &amp; Municipal Relations, Joanne Jacyk - Director, Site Selection Intermediate Level Waste &amp; Ulf Stahmer - Senior Transportation Engineer</i>	
8:30 am	<b>Innovative Municipal Solutions</b> <i>Tiny Home Project – Presented by: Daryl Skworchinski, CAO for the Town of Marathon</i> <i>Micro-Transit System – Presented by: Heather Pihulak, Director of Corporate Services &amp; Clerk for the City of Kenora</i>	
9:15 am	<b>Lakehead University (Embassy Ballroom)</b> <i>Presented by: Andrew Dean, Vice President Research and Innovation, Lakehead University</i>	<b>Planning Law for Innovation and Growth (Kensington Room)</b> <i>Presented by: Chantelle Bryson, Lawyer, Potestio Law</i>
10:00 am	<b>Coffee Break with Exhibitors</b>	
10:40 am	<b>The Future of AI and How Municipalities Should Prepare</b> <i>Presented by: Jess Jaremchuk, Vice President, Risk Management Services, Intact Public Entities</i>	
11:00 am	<b>Working Together to Power Northwestern Ontario</b> <i>Moderated by: Iain Angus, Co-Chair Northwest Energy Task Force</i> <i>Panelists: Ian Dunn, President OFIA; Paul Norris, President OWA; Enbridge Inc; Hydro One</i>	
12:00 am	<b>Lunch Buffet</b>	
1:00 pm	<b>Harnessing the Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program: Strategies for Workforce Sustainability &amp; Economic Growth (Kensington Room)</b> <i>Presented by: Nathalie Wuta and Carol Michta, Ontario Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training, &amp; Skills Development</i>	<b>Confederation College &amp; The New Ontario College Landscape (Embassy Ballroom)</b> <i>Presented by: Michelle Salo, President, Confederation College</i>
1:45 pm	<b>Connecting Communities: Networking Session (Embassy Ballroom)</b> <i>Moderated by: Councillor Eric Pietsch of Greenstone</i>	<b>Northwestern Ontario Collaboration (Kensington Room)</b> <i>Presented by: TBD</i>
2:15 pm	<b>Investment Dollar Earned, Tax Dollar Saved</b> <i>Presented by: Martin Leclair, Vice President and Portfolio Manager - PH&amp;N Institutional &amp; Jason Hagan Program Manager, LAS/One Investment</i>	
2:30 pm	<b>Coffee Break with Exhibitors</b>	
3:00 pm	<b>Labour Market Trends (Embassy Ballroom)</b> <i>Presented by: Gary Christian, Executive Director, North Superior Workforce Planning Board</i>	<b>Program Updates &amp; Strategies for Procurement Efficiency (Kensington Room)</b> <i>Presented by: Sarah Hubble, Client Relations Manager, Canoe Procurement Group of Canada</i>
3:30 pm	<b>Rural and Remote Physician Services Coordination in Northern Ontario</b> <i>Presented by: Dr. Sarah Newberry</i>	
3:45 pm	<b>Keynote: Reimagine the Future</b> <i>Presented by: Shawn Kanungo</i>	
5:00 pm	<b>Prize Wheel</b> <i>Must be in attendance to win. Limited 1 win/person (if you win an exhibitor prize you will not be eligible to win at the wheel)</i>	
5:15 pm	<b>Exhibitor Reception in Tradeshow - Regency A &amp; B (cash bar &amp; Appetizers) (5:15-7pm)</b>	

**Friday, April 25, 2025, Location: Superior Inn Hotel, Embassy Ballroom**

7:45 am (EST)	<b>Buffet Breakfast</b>
8:30 am	<b>Engaging Youth in Municipal Government</b> <i>Presented by: Maddison Matos and Karson Anthony from the Town of Marathon &amp; Carleigh McKenzie-Marcellais from the Municipality of Red Lake, Student Councilors</i>
8:45 am	<b>AMCTO Municipal Innovation Internship Program</b> <i>Presented by: Jon Hall, Board Director, AMCTO &amp; CAO of Terrace Bay</i>
9:00 am	<b>Driving Innovation Through Business Retention and Expansion</b> <i>Presented by: Chloe Langlois, Economic &amp; Business Advisor, Rural Policy &amp; Economic Development Branch, Ministry of Rural Affairs</i>
9:30 am	<b>Health Break</b>
9:50 am	<b>Sol Mamakwa - Deputy Leader of NDP</b> <i>(invited - TBD)</i>
10:00 am	<b>MP Patty Hajdu – Thunder Bay-Superior North</b> <i>(invited)</i>
10:10 am	<b>MP Eric Melillo – Kenora</b> <i>(invited)</i>
10:20 am	<b>MPP Lise Vaugeois - Thunder Bay-Superior North</b> <i>(invited - TBD)</i>
10:30 am	<b>MPP Kevin Holland – Thunder Bay-Atikokan &amp; PA to Minister of Mines</b> <i>(invited - TBD)</i>
10:40am	<b>Hon. Greg Rickford, Minister of Northern Development &amp; Minister of Indigenous Affairs</b> <i>(invited - TBD)</i>
10:50 am	<b>Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs &amp; Housing</b> <i>(invited - TBD)</i>
11:00 am	<b>Minister Forum</b>
12:00pm	<b>End of conference – take home lunch</b>



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## Message from the Chair

Please find below the latest issue of Update from The Board, the monthly newsletter from the Board of Directors of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board.

**Please circulate to members of your respective Municipal Councils and Local Roads Boards.**

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep our municipal stakeholders informed about TBDSSAB activities by providing an overview of TBDSSAB Board information and reports following all monthly meetings.

Some highlights from December & January:

- The Board approved the 2025 operating and capital budgets. Details on the 2025 budget are included in the spotlight below.

- Cost apportionment letters for the 2025 budget have been circulated to all municipalities in the District of Thunder Bay.
- The annual Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) conference took place January 19-21, 2025 in Toronto. Our Board participated in delegation meetings with Ministry representatives during this conference to share our successes and advocate for needs in our community.
- TBDSSAB Chair Brian Hamilton is on temporary hiatus as he embarks on the provincial election campaign. As Vice-Chair, I will assume the role of Chair in his absence.

Thank you,

**Jim Vezina**

Vice-Chair, TBDSSAB

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This edition of Update from the Board covers TBDSSAB's regular monthly meeting in **December 2024 and January 2025**, as well as key initiatives taking place in this time span.

Our aim is to provide an overview of TBDSSAB Board information and reports in a timely manner following all monthly meetings.

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## Next Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held **Thursday, February 20, 2025 at 10:00am.**

The Board meeting is scheduled to take place in person. For more information, please visit the [Board Meetings page](#) on our website.

## Spotlight: 2025 Budget

### 2025 Budget

The TBDSSAB 2025 operating and capital budgets were approved by the Board of Directors at its December 2024 meeting. The 2025 operating budget totals \$132,680,800 and represents an increase of \$11,933,700, or 9.9%, from the 2024 approved budget of \$120,747,100. The majority of this increase is in the Child Care and Early Years budget and is 100% provincially funded. The 2025 Capital Budget totals \$3,165,000.

[Click here to read the full 2025 Budget media release.](#)



Download: [TBDSSAB – What We Fund Summary, 2025](#). (PDF)

### 2025 Cost Apportionment

The results of the 2025 Weighted Assessment calculation, used to apportion costs for The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board (TBDSSAB), were provided to the Board at its January 16, 2025, meeting. The following schedules have been circulated to municipalities:

1. 2025 Levy Calculation
2. Comparison of Levy for 2025 Budget with 2024 Budget
3. Distribution, by Program, of 2025 Budget Levy
4. 2025 Levy Payment Schedule

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Georgina Daniels, Director - Corporate Services Division, at (807) 766-4071.

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## Spotlight: Notice of Changes to Ontario Works

Starting March 1, 2025, The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board (TBDSSAB) will no longer provide direct employment supports as part of Ontario Works program delivery for the District of Thunder Bay. All employment supports required through the Ontario Works program will be provided by Employment Ontario.

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## Board Reports: December 19, 2024

### **Memo to Board: Revised Reserve and Reserve Fund Strategy Update**

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### **RPT 2024-49-CS Proposed 2025 Operating and Capital Budgets**

Download: [RPT 2024-49](#) (pdf)

### **RPT 2024-50-CEO ROMA 2025 Position Papers (Final)**

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### **Memo to Board: Nomination and Election of 2025 Board Officers & Table Members**

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### **Memo to Board: Proposed 2025 TBDSSAB Board Meeting Dates and 2026 Inaugural Meeting Date**

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### **Letter from Hon. Thanigasalam Re AMO Meeting 2024**

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## Board Reports: January 16, 2025

### **Child Care Waitlist Policy**

Download: [RPT 2025-02](#) (pdf)

**Memo to Board: Statement of Board Remuneration**

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**2025 Weighted Assessment Calculation and Levy Apportionment**

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**Memo to Board: 2025 TBDSSAB Board Meeting Dates**

Download: [Memo Re 2025 TBDSSAB Board Meeting Dates](#) (pdf)

**Memo to Board: Confirmation of 2025 Appointments**

Download: [Memo Re Confirmation of 2025 Appointments](#) (pdf)

Board reports for past meetings are available on our website:  
<https://www.tbdssab.ca/board/reports>

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## Feedback

We appreciate feedback and comments regarding the content of this newsletter.

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**Subject:** Call for Nominations: 2025-2027 NOMA Board of Directors  
**Date:** February 18, 2025 9:16:16 AM  
**Attachments:** [2025 First Call for Nominations - NOMA Board.pdf](#)

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Good Day CAOs, Clerks, and Elected Officials,

### **Call for Nominations: 2025-2027 NOMA Board of Directors**

This is an election year for the NOMA Board and the offices of President and Executive Vice President which will take place at the 2025 NOMA Conference and AGM held April 23-25th in Thunder Bay at the Superior Inn Hotel. Attached is the first call for nominations. Please see the attached memo that outlines the requirements and deadlines for nominations.

### **Eligibility**

In accordance with NOMA By-law 1, to run for a position on the NOMA Board of Directors, you must:

- Be an elected official or administrative employee of a member municipality in good standing;
- Be an individual of eighteen (18) or more years of age;
- Not have the status of bankrupt;
- Not have been found under the Substitute Decisions Act, 1992 or under the Mental Health Act, 1990 to be incapable of managing property; and
- Not have been found to be incapable by any court in Canada or elsewhere.

In addition to the above, no member municipality may be represented on the Board by more than one Director elected to the Board. As such, only one individual may be nominated by a member municipality.

Every NOMA Board member nomination must also be accompanied by submit a letter of consent from the nominee and a motion of support from the nominee's municipality.

You must file your nomination electronically with the Executive Director by sending your documents to [admin@noma.on.ca](mailto:admin@noma.on.ca).

Thank you,

**Andrea Strawson**

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## Memorandum

To: Mayors, Reeves, and Members of Council

From: Andrea Strawson, Executive Director

Date: February 18, 2025

Subject: First Call for Nominations for Offices of President & Executive Vice President

The offices of President and Executive Vice President are subject to election during the 2025 Conference and Annual General Meeting to be held at the Superior Inn Hotel in Thunder Bay April 23, 24 & 25<sup>th</sup>.

This is the first call for nominations. Those elected will hold office for a term of two (2) years commencing April 24, 2025. Nominees must be elected members of council.

Any elected member in good standing may nominate a person or persons for these positions by notifying the Executive Director of the nomination in writing. A motion of support must be submitted by the nominee's community along with a letter of consent from the nominee and filed with the Executive Director.

There will be three calls for nominations via email. **Nominations will be accepted until 9am (EST) on Thursday, April 17, 2025.** Nominations will be posted on the NOMA website as they are received.

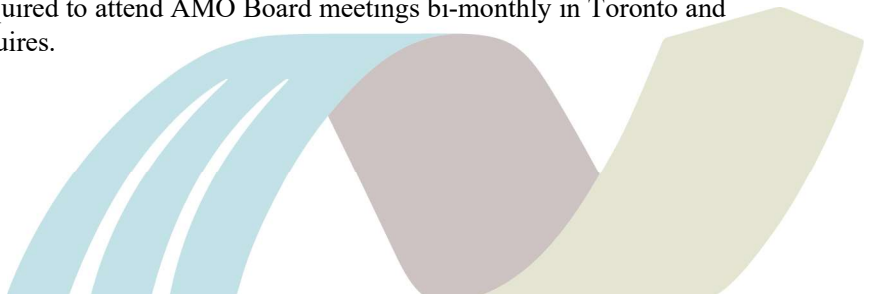
If more than one nomination is received for these offices of President or Vice President, an election will be held on Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Nominees will be provided with an opportunity to address the delegates prior to the election.

The Executive Director will prepare a list of electors according to NOMA By-law no. 1 and will identify the delegate from each municipality that has been designated to vote on behalf of each member municipality. Votes shall be cast in person – there are no provisions for proxy voting.

**All municipalities must provide their designated voting member to the Executive Director by email no later than Friday April 11<sup>th</sup>.**

At the district AGMs, the members present will determine which individuals will be nominated from your district to sit on the NOMA Board. Each district (Thunder Bay, Kenora, and Rainy River) will nominate 3 members (2 Elected and 1 administrative) and the City of Thunder Bay will nominate 2 members (1 Elected and 1 administrative). The 3 District's and the City of Thunder Bay will also nominate one Vice President each. The nominated member(s) must be in good standing, submit a motion of support by the nominee's community, and submit a letter of consent from the nominee. **All Board member nominations must be received by the Executive Director no later than March 31, 2025.** At the AGM, the designated voting members from each community will vote to approve the nominated members from each District and the City of Thunder Bay.

A full job description for the position of President is available on the NOMA website (under Organization Policies). The Executive Vice President is required to attend AMO Board meetings bi-monthly in Toronto and shall be prepared to fill-in as the President requires.



Support our *Functional Foundations* in advance of the Provincial election on February 27

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## Advocacy Update

Learn more about our work as we advocate on behalf of AMCTO members

February 18, 2025

### 2025 Provincial Election

#### Party Platform Briefing Notes

In case you missed it, we released [Functional Foundations](#) — our 2025 Provincial election priorities report and accompanying advocacy toolkit for members. Over this short campaign period and following the election, we will be advocating that the Province:

- Commits to a Social and Economic Prosperity Review
- Provides municipalities with stable, predictable funding and investment that matches the cost and value of service delivery
- Creates a modern legislative environment
- Enables a municipal culture that protects and supports staff

We encourage members to help us spread the word about these priorities in advance of the election on February 27, 2025.

After tracking party commitments over the last few weeks, we have put together the following major party platform briefing notes outlining municipal-related commitments made to date. How do our provincial election priorities align with party commitments? What can we expect from the next elected Government? Read our briefing notes below for details.

[DOWNLOAD BRIEFING NOTES](#)

We have added these briefing notes to our member toolkit and encourage you to share these resources with your team members, council, and provincial candidates in your region.

This is an opportune time for us to come together as a sector to ensure municipalities and municipal professionals have access to the tools, resources, and support needed to effectively serve residents and communities.

For more information or questions, please [contact our advocacy team](#).

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# 2025 Green Election Platform

## Key Takeaways\*

- The Green Party of Ontario is the first party to release a fully costed platform, "[Ontario Greens: Our Plan for Fairness](#)", mentions municipal 28 times in English, and contains a section called "A New Deal for Municipalities" with commitments specific to the municipal sector.
- Considers a new provincial-municipal relationship removing provincial interference in municipal services and removal of strong mayor powers.
- Proposes changes to the *Planning Act*, Provincial Policy Statement and the Growth Plan favouring an urban boundary freeze, increased density in urban areas, and environmental protections.
- Mentions new revenues tools to fund infrastructure, health, a fund to assist with climate adaptation, and the uploading of some transit, shelter and social housing costs.

*\*Items listed as key takeaways and within this note are based on what has been released by the party or announced as of February 17, 2025. This is not a complete list of commitments. For the complete list, refer to the respective party website and communications.*

## Background

On February 12, 2025, The Green Party of Ontario released *Our Plan for Fairness*; with commitments on a broad range of issues from housing to healthcare to the economy, the platform targets a range of voters.

The platform highlights 12 priorities:

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| • Housing Now                                      | • Healthcare   |
| • Building Better Communities                      | • Caring for Seniors   |
| • Our Plan for Workers and Economic Fairness       | • Caring for Kids and Students   |
| • Protecting People and Places                     | • Our Commitment to Truth and Reconciliation with Indigenous Communities |
| • Strengthening Ontario's Economy                  | • A More Equitable Ontario   |
| • Tackling the Mental Health and Addictions Crisis | • A People-First Democracy   |



## Context

In the 2022 election the Green Party retained their seat with leader Mike Schreiner in the Legislature. After a November 2023 by-election the party obtained an additional seat. With party leader and MPP Aislinn Clancy (a former city councillor) participating in the Legislative Assembly over the last couple years, and through all opposition party press releases, the party has released a platform positioning themselves as a viable alternative to parties with a broad appeal. The Ontario Greens present themselves as collaborators, ready to work with other parties to implement their ideas.

### AMCTO 2025 Provincial Election Priorities

We are pleased to see some of our [2025 provincial election priorities](#) reflected in the Green party platform:

- Some thought related to service delivery in the uploading costs of community housing, shelters, and transit.
- Funding for rural hospitals with cuts to local cost share for new hospitals; increased funding for libraries and community centres; creating a predictable, annual Infrastructure fund for safe walking, cycling and accessible mobility devices for municipalities; a predictable multi-year fund for municipalities to build climate-resilient infrastructure; and a dedicated Climate Adaptation Fund.
- The removal of strong mayor powers.

The plan supports our overarching priority for a renewed municipal-provincial relationship with increased collaboration and consultation between municipalities and the Province.

## Local Government Perspective

### Provincial-Municipal Relationship

- Increase collaboration and consultation between municipalities and the Province
- Assess the use of city charters as a mechanism to empower major Ontario cities, such as Toronto, and prevent inappropriate interference in local democracy by the Provincial government
- Allow municipalities the option to use a ranked ballot voting system for elections.
- Create limits for municipal elections whereby no person may contribute more than \$1,000 to all candidates combined
- Reinstate upper-tier regional planning authority to ensure coordinated and sustainable planning to build the housing we need while protecting agricultural and natural heritage

### Accessibility

- Ensure that new affordable housing stock is accessible, and require affordable housing retrofits to meet the same standards
- Commit to fulfilling all commitments in the Accessible Ontario Pledge by the AODA Alliance

### Animals

- Add more transparency to Ontario's Animal Welfare Services
- Ban dog train and trial areas (often referred to as penned dog hunting)
- Ensure the new Ontario puppy mill regulations include a licensing and registration system
- Ban roadside zoos in Ontario that exploit exotic animals



### Childcare

- Work with the federal government to ensure continued funding for universal access to high-quality, \$10-a-day childcare in all communities.
- Cancel the planned cut of \$85.5 million and cost-share changes imposed on municipalities

### Economy

- Immediately create a 'tariff taskforce' that works across party, jurisdictional and sectoral lines to negotiate with the United States on trade
- Develop a "Buy Ontario" strategy and implement public procurement rules that support Ontario businesses and farmers
- Provide \$2 billion per year for capital spending for municipalities to build resilient infrastructure through a dedicated Climate Adaptation Fund
- Make fossil fuel companies pay municipalities for the right to use land for their infrastructure
- Eliminate property tax penalties for farmers with small-scale, value-added production facilities on farms

### Environment

- Support municipalities, schools and institutions to create renewable energy projects through 0% loans
- Expand the Greenbelt to include a Bluebelt of protected waterways, freeze urban boundaries and reverse recent boundary expansions
- Restore and enhance the integrity of the *Endangered Species Act*
- Create mechanisms to enhance protection and restoration of natural areas and wetlands for climate control
- Amend provincial legislation to recognize and permanently protect Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas and appropriately support other Indigenous-led conservation and climate efforts
- Reduce the introduction of invasive alien species by 50% and minimize their impact by more effectively coordinating government responses
- Restore the independence and capacity of the Greenbelt Council and Niagara Escarpment Commission to enable decision-making that is consistent with the goals and objectives of those provincial plans
- Strengthen and uphold the Environmental Bill of Rights
- Ban food waste from landfills or incinerators and expand food waste collection to all municipalities across the province
- Set required minimum use of recycled aggregates in infrastructure projects as well as provide research and education funding to ensure that all reclaimed concrete material can be re-engineered and re-used as effectively as possible
- Lower costs and reduce waste with a *Circular Economy Act* to support reuse, repair and recycling jobs and businesses

### Equity

- Increase core funding for community-based mental and physical health supports in racialized, newcomer, and other communities that have traditionally been underserved
- Require a minimum proportion of women on public corporations' boards and executive level positions, with a goal to achieve gender parity
- Re-enact the *Pay Transparency Act*



- Enact the *Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic Act, 2024* into law and increase funding for sexual assault centres, emergency shelters, transitional housing, safe centre hubs, and legal supports and develop a framework to end violence against women
- Require ongoing educational training about 2SLGBTQIA+ identities, gender and sexuality, and examine prejudice, assumptions, and privilege that builds awareness of homo/bi/transphobia and racism for those providing publicly funded services
- Mandate standards to have safe, accessible, all-gender washrooms in all public spaces in Ontario
- Ensure that interpreters, translators, or multilingual written materials are available in publicly funded services and raise awareness of their availability

### **Finance**

- Grant municipalities autonomy to implement revenue tools to fund critical infrastructure needs and services
- Upload costs to the province that have been unfairly downloaded onto municipalities like community housing, shelters, and transit funding
- Provide dedicated and ongoing funding to municipalities to address the mental health and addictions crises
- Increase funding for local libraries and community centres

### **Health Services**

- Recruit 3,500 doctors in Ontario through medical school positions and increased residency opportunities for international medical graduates to ensure every person has a primary care provider within the next three to four years
- Expand and provide start-up funding for family health teams across the province with a wider variety of care available (i.e. social workers, addictions care, physio, etc.)
- Better integrate long-term care, homecare, and caregiver services within family health teams to properly provide for the complex needs of residents
- Reopen safe consumption and treatment sites and expand the number of sites
- Increase provincial funding for rural hospitals and cut local cost shares for funding new hospitals in half
- Build 48,000 non-profit long-term care spaces by 2029 to meet growing demand; prioritize and enhance capital support for the expansion of not-for-profit long-term care
- Phase out for-profit care
- Instantly create thousands of additional senior supportive housing units by adding healthcare and social services supports into existing non-profit senior housing buildings

### **Housing and Homelessness**

- Permit the building or subdividing of units, including types, sizes and qualities through increased planning and housing proposals; update the *Planning Act*, Provincial Planning Statement and other applicable laws and regulations to expand zoning permissions and reverse Provincial Planning Statement changes.
- Require municipalities to permit developments with the use of pre-approved building designs; look at prioritized and sped up development approvals for certain projects.
- Update building codes and land use planning laws, financial tools, tax powers, and funding programs to incentivize the use of faster, lower-cost, and labour-efficient construction methods and sustainable materials like mass timber, modular factory-built homes, etc.
- Remove development charges on homes, condos and apartment units built under 2,000 sq ft



within urban boundaries; implement an Affordable Community Fund to reimburse municipalities for lost revenue

- Work with municipalities to implement a province-wide vacant homes tax
- Lease all public land suitable for housing to non-profits, co-ops, and community land trusts for permanently affordable housing at no cost
- Reduce multi-residential building property taxes to bring them in line with rates for single family homes
- Renew 305,000 community housing units and create a new capital repair program
- Support rental replacement bylaws province-wide to ensure the continued supply of affordable rental stock
- Work collaboratively with municipalities on a province-wide “Yes, in My Backyard” initiative to raise awareness of the benefits of building more housing within existing neighbourhoods and explore innovative approaches to planning consultation
- Immediately support people living in encampments with their housing and support needs until permanent housing solutions are built

### **Indigenous Reconciliation**

- Implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and fast-track implementation of the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission
- Recognize First Nations’ right to self-determination and establish a co-management stewardship model for the development of provincial resources with fair revenue sharing
- Recognize and integrate Indigenous laws and legal traditions in the negotiation and implement processes involving treaties, land claims, and other constructive agreements
- Establish Indigenous-led co-governance processes for natural resources, energy projects, and land-use planning
- Make the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation a statutory holiday

### **Infrastructure**

- Implement a predictable multi-year fund for municipalities to build climate-resilient infrastructure
- Speed up reducing the repair backlog for Ontario public schools and work in consultation with school boards to adopt a standard of good repair

### **Labour**

- Increase the minimum wage to \$20.00 per hour and index to inflation each year
- Implement 10 provincially legislated paid sick days for all
- Legislate equal pay for equal work and put an end to wage theft

### **Public Safety and Well-Being**

- Create a multi-stakeholder Safety and Well-being at School Action Table mandated to develop a comprehensive plan

### **Transportation**

- Prohibit 400 series highways in the Greenbelt, starting with canceling Highway 413 and the Bradford Bypass
- Create dedicated truck lanes on Highway 407 to reduce congestion and the need for more highways; remove Highway 407 tolls for transport trucks
- Expand all-day, two-way GO service to leave every 15 minutes with at least one express service



- available during peak periods and every 30 minutes off-peak periods, including weekend service.
- Establish a clean, affordable, accessible intercity electric bus service to connect communities across the province, ensuring connections in small, rural communities and dedicated bus lanes

### **Social Assistance**

- Phase in a basic income, with the first step being to at least double the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) and Ontario Works (OW) rates, tie ODSP to future increases in inflation.

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# 2025 Liberal Election Platform **LIBERAL**

## **Key Takeaways\***

- The Ontario Liberal Party announced [six policy commitments](#) and have been focusing on addressing issues in healthcare.
- Municipalities were mentioned once with regards to housing and development charges with other promises related to transit and tariffs having several implications for municipalities.

*\*Items listed as key takeaways and within this note are based on what has been released by the party or announced as of February 17, 2025. This is not a complete list of commitments. For the complete list, refer to the respective party website and communications.*

## **Background**

The Ontario Liberal Party's 2025 election promises:

- More For You Tax Cut
- Guarantee a family doctor for everyone in Ontario
- Make housing more affordable
- Make transit safer
- Tariff relief plan to fight for you and your paycheck
- Double Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)

## **Context**

In the 2022 election the Ontario Liberal Party gained another seat for a total of eight, but with changes to the party status legislation increasing the seat requirement to 12, the Liberals did not obtain official party status in the Legislature. The party worked to rebuild, choosing Bonnie Crombie as leader in December 2023. Most recently the Mayor of the City of Mississauga, Bonnie Crombie also served as a city councillor and was a former Member of Parliament (MP).



## AMCTO 2025 Provincial Election Priorities

While we are pleased to see some commitments to municipal infrastructure in relation to our [2025 provincial election priorities](#), there has been no commitment to a Social and Economic Prosperity Review or discussion of more stable, predictable funding and investment for municipalities. The party committed to a fair, “New Deal for Municipalities” at the 2024 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference, and it was mentioned again during the Ontario Northern Leaders' Debate. Though not in the party's policy announcements, we did receive a commitment from the Liberals during delegations at the 2025 Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) conference that should they form the next government, legislative changes to the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (MFIPPA) and the *Municipal Elections Act* (MEA) would be on the table.

## Local Government Perspective

### Provincial-Municipal Relationship

- Sustainable funding for municipalities for locally provided services, and upload some health and social services currently paid for by municipal property taxes to the province; specifics have not yet been shared

### Economy

- Cut the income tax rate for middle-class Ontario families (from 9.15% to 7.15% for the \$51,446-\$75,000 income bracket)
- Eliminate sales tax (HST) on home heating and hydro bills
- Cut the small business tax rate from 3.2% to 1.6% and increase the eligible income threshold
- End the consumer carbon tax
- Create a “Fight Tariff Fund” to give Ontario businesses lower interest rates and work to eliminate interprovincial trade barriers

### Health Services

- Invest \$3.1 billion to attract 3,100 family doctors by 2029
- Educate, attract and retain thousands of new domestic and internationally trained family doctors
- Improve the Ontario Health Team network to expand access to family doctors practicing in teams close to your home within four years
- Modernize family medicine, put an end to fax machines once and for all, and make appointments available on evenings and weekends
- Stop penalizing patients and doctors if they seek care at walk-in clinics
- Create two new medical schools and expand existing ones
- Offer a \$150,000 bonus for Canadian nurses and doctors working in the U.S. to move to Ontario

### Housing and Homelessness

- End development charges for new homes under 3,000 sq ft and replace them with the Better Communities Fund
- Eliminate the provincial land transfer tax for first-time home buyers, seniors and non-profit housing developers
- Re-introduce rent control for all units, resolving Landlord-Tenant Board disputes within two months, and establish the Rental Emergency Support for Tenants (REST) Fund



**Infrastructure**

- Ensure stimulus spending on infrastructure is focused on the community projects Ontario needs most – hospitals, schools, roads and transit

**Transportation**

- Build platform edge doors at Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) subway stations to improve safety
- Hire 300 special constables for transit systems around the province
- Create a stream of funding for transit services to add safety equipment like cameras and establish the Crisis Assistance and Response Enhancement (CARE) Fund to double investment in mobile crisis intervention teams that operate on transit systems
- Deliver all-day, two-way GO train service between Kitchener and Toronto

**Social Assistance**

- Permanently double Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) benefits and index them to inflation

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# 2025 NDP Election Platform



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## Key Takeaways\*

- The New Democratic Party's focus is on affordability and commitments in the areas of healthcare, housing, schools and the economy.
- Broad range of commitments to appeal to a broad range of voters in both urban and rural electoral districts, with a heavy focus on those areas that the NDP is targeting to turn from Conservative to NDP.
- The NDP have expressed commitment to reverse provincial downloads and stabilize municipal finances with fair cost-sharing of priorities. The “New Deal for Municipalities” includes a Social and Economic Prosperity Review, uploading of affordable housing, shelter and homeless prevention program costs, investment in affordable homes, restoring 50% of provincial funding for municipal transit net operational costs, and applying a rural and northern lens to partnership initiatives.

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## Background

Over the last few months, NDP Leader Marit Stiles released several policy commitments as part of the *On Your Side* campaign:

- Defending jobs and tariff-proofing Ontario
- Ending chronic homelessness
- Protecting and supporting renters
- Fixing our schools
- Help with grocery costs
- Family doctors for all
- A people-first democracy



## Context

In 2022, the NDP maintained that the party's path to power would be built on demonstrating that they were a responsible alternative to the governing Liberal Party. They maintained their status as the Official Opposition to the Progressive Conservative majority government. The 2025 commitments are broader to appeal to a large group of voters and interests, including measures specifically targeting swing ridings with promises like auto insurance reform, investments in new hospital and transit infrastructure.

### AMCTO 2025 Provincial Election Priorities

We are pleased to see some commitments to our [2025 provincial election priorities](#) in the areas of a Social and Economic Prosperity Review, service delivery uploads and providing stable and predictable funding and investment to municipalities. Additionally, at the 2025 Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) conference, the party agreed to review legislative changes to the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (MFIPPA) and the *Municipal Elections Act* (MEA).

## Local Government Perspective

### Provincial-Municipal Relationship

- Reverse unfair provincial downloads and bring stability to municipal finances through fair cost-sharing of municipal-provincial priorities. This New Deal will include:
  - A province-wide Social and Economic Prosperity Review
  - Provincial financial responsibility for affordable housing, shelters, and homelessness prevention programs
  - Restoring 50% provincial funding for municipal transit net operational costs
  - Building affordable homes with investments in public, non-profit and co-op housing
  - Applying a rural and northern lens to partnership initiatives

### Economy

- Negotiate a joint federal-provincial income assistance program to support people whose livelihoods are impacted by tariffs
- Launch a 'Buy Ontario' campaign and direct government agencies to procure locally
- Create a Premier's Task Force on the Economy with a focus on business, labour and civil society
- Create a monthly grocery rebate for households in Ontario based on income and family size

### Equity

- Increase francophone education in French school boards and French immersion in English boards

### Health Services

- Recruit 3,500 new doctors, hiring 350 doctors for northern Ontario, including 200 family doctors and 150 specialists
- Reduce red tape for 13,000 internationally trained doctors and increase residency spots province-wide
- Increase family health teams, shorter specialist wait times, and flexible care options within the first 100 days of forming government
- Create a nurse-to-patient ratio, hiring at least 15,000 new nurses over three years



- Secure universal access to publicly funded and publicly delivered mental health care services like counseling and psychotherapy across Ontario

### **Housing and Homelessness**

- Build or acquire at least 300,000 permanently affordable rental homes in non-profit and co-op housing through the Homes Ontario plan to reach 1.5 million homes in 10 years:
  - Partner with non-profits and municipalities using public land
  - Provide grants, low-cost financing, public land and other resources to help public, non-profit and co-op housing providers
- Create 60,000 new supportive housing units and hundreds of thousands in coming years
- Address affordable rentals, unfair and outdated planning rules, cut red tape and legalize fourplexes and other affordable “missing middle” housing options; allow increased density as-of-right along transit corridors
- Limit short-term rentals like AirBnBs to primary residence
- Increase housing benefits such as the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit
- End a loophole that exempts rental units built after 2018 from rent control and crack down on renovictions and demovictions
- Build or acquire at least 300,000 affordable rental homes

### **Infrastructure**

- Accelerate infrastructure projects (i.e. transit, school repair, home building) with an extra \$830 million per year on school repairs and maintenance

### **Transportation**

- Remove tolls for trucks on provincially owned portion of Highway 407 and open negotiations to remove tolls on 407 ETR
- Update the school bus funding formula
- Upload responsibility for some municipal roadways back to the Province
- Bring snow clearance and highway maintenance under public control

### **Social Assistance**

- Double the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) and Ontario Works (OW)

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## 2025 PC Election Platform

### *Key Takeaways\**

- The Progressive Conservative Party's platform has not been released, with the party leader Premier Ford, declaring that the party's commitments were reflected in [announced promises](#) in the prior months.
- Aside from an expanded New Deal for the City of Ottawa, the party has made few municipal-related commitments such as financial relief for trade-impacted municipalities and additional funding for roads, highways, water systems and recreation infrastructure.

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### *Background*

When the Premier advised the Lieutenant Governor to call an early election, his public justification was the need for a strong mandate to manage Ontario's response to U.S. tariff threats. PC commitments have largely focused on an economic response to tariffs, and related areas such as infrastructure.

The "Plan to Protect Ontario" includes:

- Building Ontario's economy
- Protecting workers
- Keeping us competitive
- Cleaning up our streets
- Delivering better care

## **Context**

In 2022, the PC Party returned with a larger second majority. While the party has not formally released a platform, it is leveraging their “Protect Ontario” plan as a blueprint for their commitments should they win the election.

### **AMCTO 2025 Provincial Election Priorities**

While we are pleased to see some commitments to municipal infrastructure in relation to our [2025 provincial election priorities](#), there has been no commitment to a Social and Economic Prosperity Review or discussion of more stable, predictable funding and investment for municipalities.

## **Local Government Perspective**

### **Finance**

- Invest \$40 million for “trade-impacted communities,” to set money aside for municipalities particularly reliant on U.S. trade and harmed most by tariffs

### **Health Services**

- Invest over \$1 billion to connect everyone in Ontario to a family doctor and primary care by the end of the 2028-2029 fiscal years. This includes training of new doctors, creating 305 “team-based” primary care providers and Ontario health teams, and reducing paperwork for family doctors

### **Housing and Homelessness**

- Existing housing target to build 1.5 million homes by 2032
- Clear out encampments from public parks with new investments in shelters
- Remove development charges and other fees; specifics are not yet available

### **Infrastructure**

- Invest more than \$200 billion to build roads, highways, transit and other infrastructure projects, including nearly \$350 million for local Ottawa roads and highways
- Create new jobs and opportunities for Ottawa workers and upload Highway 174 to the Province
- Provide another \$5 billion for the Building Ontario Fund, for a total of \$8 billion, to invest in housing, long-term care, energy, transportation and municipal infrastructure projects
- Invest another \$2 billion in the Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program and the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund
- Increase the Community Sport and Recreation Fund by \$300 million to help build more rinks, arenas, sports centres and other community infrastructure

### **Labour**

- Add \$100 million to the Better Jobs Ontario program to boost workers’ access to training for in-demand jobs to help people retrain if there are tariffs

### **Transportation**

- Take tolls off Highway 407 East (public portions between Brock Road in Pickering and Highway 115 in Clarington)
- Introduce legislation to ban use of congestion pricing on all provincial and municipal roadways



- Build a freight rail bypass along the Highway 407 corridor in Peel region
- Build tunnel expressway under Highway 401 from Mississauga to Markham
- Permanently cut the provincial gas tax by 5.7 cents per litre and diesel by 5.3 cents
- Create multiple new GO lines for GO 2.0, including a line running through midtown Toronto, a line from Bolton to Union Station via Woodbridge and Etobicoke, as well as extensions and improvements to existing lines, including Richmond Hill.
- Expand the New Deal for Ottawa uploading the city's light-rail transit (LRT) network to the Province, subject to due diligence, and integrating its operations under Metrolinx

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## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE

### BY-LAW # 2025-005

Being a By-law to repeal two prior Bylaws, each of which amended Bylaw 1307.

#### Recitals:

Bylaw 1307 was passed by The Corporation of the Township of Conmee on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Among other things, Bylaw 1307 establishes the Township's Program Committee and Emergency Plan in accordance with the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.19, as amended.

Section 6 of Bylaw 1307 names the "Clerk" of the Township to be the Township's Community Emergency Management Co-Ordinator.

Bylaw 1337 was passed by The Corporation of the Township of Conmee on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022, to amend section 6 of Bylaw 1307 to provide for an alternate Community Emergency Co-Ordinator, and to name "Aaron Freeman" to that position.

Bylaw 1393 was passed by The Corporation of the Township of Conmee on May 23, 2023, to further amend section 6 of Bylaw 1307 to provide for an alternate Community Emergency Co-Ordinator, and to name "Sheila Maxwell" to that position.

Bylaw 1414 was passed by The Corporation of the Township of Conmee on September 26, 2023, to further amend section 6 of Bylaw 1307 to provide for an alternate Community Emergency Co-Ordinator, and to name "Deputy Clerk Treasurer – Tara Wupori" to that position.

As Aaron Freeman and Tara Wupori are no longer with the Township, the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Conmee deems it desirable to repeal the bylaws that appointed them as Alternate Community Emergency Management Co-Ordinators. (For clarity, the Clerk remains the Community Emergency Management Co-Ordinator, in accordance with Bylaw 1307, and Sheila Maxwell remains the Alternate Community Emergency Management Co-Ordinator, in accordance with Bylaw 1393.)

#### **ACCORDINGLY, THE COUNCIL FOR THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

##### **1. Repeal of Bylaw 1337**

Bylaw 1337, passed on June 28, 2022, is repealed.

##### **2. Repeal of Bylaw 1414**

Bylaw 1414, passed on September 26, 2023, is repealed.

### **3. Effective Date**

This bylaw shall come into full force and effect on the date that it is passed.

Passed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025.

THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE

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Sheila Maxwell, Mayor

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Karen Paisley, Clerk

# Thunder Bay Veterinary Services Committee

Feb 12, 2025

## Statement of Account

### **RE: Veterinary Assistance Program**

Portion of Enrollment Fee 2025: \$ 100.00

The purpose of the Veterinary Assistance Program is to help promote the viability of the livestock industry by ensuring access to large animal veterinary services in our Program area. Participating veterinarians receive funding assistance towards the costs of providing veterinary services for livestock, including travel, continuing education, conferences and locum assistance.

The Thunder Bay area has one veterinarian participating in the Veterinary Assistance Program. Dr. Dan Matyasovszky has a mobile livestock practice. The service he provides to the district is crucial since he operates the only large animal veterinary clinic in the area.

The Thunder Bay Veterinary Services Committee consists of two elected representatives from each municipality and organization who contribute towards the \$1,000 enrollment fee for a participating veterinarian. Please advise us who will be representing your municipality/organization so that they may be placed on our mailing list.

The Committee operates on the following yearly budget:

Enrollment Fee:	\$1,000.00
Secretary/Office Expenses:	\$ 350.00
Chairman's Honourarium:	\$ 300.00
Meeting Allowance:	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
Total	\$1,800.00

If you would like more information, please contact Kelly Maki, Secretary, Thunder Bay Veterinary Services Committee, (807) 707-1766.

Yours truly,  
*Peter Aalbers*

Peter Aalbers  
Chair

**Chair: Peter Aalbers, 171 Blindline Road, Rosslyn, ON P7K 0R4 807-939-1644**  
**Secretary: Kelly Maki 807-707-1766 C.O Carol Maki, 235 Falls Road, Neebing, ON P7L 0E1**

### Background Information for Correspondence Item 11.2: Thunder Bay Veterinary Services Committee

This Committee is part of a network of Veterinary Services Committees across Ontario, including: Algoma, Bruce Peninsula, Cochrane South, Cochrane/Glackmeyer, Dryden, East Parry Sound, Haliburton, Hearst, Kapuskasing, Manitoulin, Muskoka, North Hasting, North Parry Sound/East Nipissing, Rainy River, Renfrew, Temiskiming, Timmins, Thunder Bay, West Nipissing/East Sudbury, West Sudbury, and West Parry Sound. These committees are part of the “Northern Producer Animal Health Network (“NPAHN”) which is operated through the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines (“MNDM”). The NPAHN operates the “Veterinary Assistance Program”, which is funded by MNDM.

The VAP was established in 1945, supporting the livestock industry in northern and remote areas of Ontario, by encouraging veterinarians to establish their businesses to provide veterinary services to those livestock owners. A subsidy is provided to the contract veterinarian to help compensate for the distance they must travel to service farmers with livestock.

The Designated Area Contract Veterinarian in our area is Dr. Dan Matyasovszky, whose practice is based on Blake-Scoble Townline Road in Neebing.

NPAHN has created 20 local committees in their designated communities that represent the large animal owners – who are the users of the VAP. These committees are called Veterinary Service Committees (VSC’s) - they represent all large animal owners in their designated areas, advise NPAHN of local large animal health care issues, make suggestions for program improvements, name the contract vet(s) yearly that they want to provide health care services under the Veterinary Assistance Program and seek replacement veterinarians as the need arises.

The enclosed letter states that two elected representatives from each participating municipality are on the committee. Administration has confirmed that it is allowable to have a staff person rather than an elected official, and it is allowable to have only one representative, rather than 2, on the Committee.

Conmee’s participation on the committee has been sporadic over the past few years, based on records that Administration could locate. The last participation was in 2019.

## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE

### BY-LAW # 2025-006

Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting.

#### **Recitals:**

Subsection 5(3) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, as amended, requires a municipal Council to exercise its powers by by-law, except where otherwise required.

Council from time to time authorizes action to be taken which does not lend itself to an individual by-law.

The Council of The Corporation of the Township of Conmee deems it desirable to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting by by-law to achieve compliance with the Municipal Act, 2001.

#### **ACCORDINGLY, THE COUNCIL FOR THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

##### **1. Ratification and Confirmation**

The actions of this Council at its meeting held February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, with respect to each motion, resolution and other action passed and taken by this Council at the meeting, are adopted, ratified and confirmed as if such proceedings and actions had been expressly adopted and confirmed by by-law.

##### **2. Execution of all Documents**

The Mayor of the Council and the proper officers of the Township are authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the actions authorized at the meeting, and/or to obtain approvals where required, and except where otherwise provided, the Mayor and Clerk are authorized and directed to execute all necessary documents and to affix the Corporate Seal of the Township to such documents.

Passed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025.

THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE

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Sheila Maxwell, Mayor

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Karen Paisley, Clerk