



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

Resolution # RC23265	Meeting Order: 10
Moved by: <i>Cathy Cannon</i>	Seconded by: <i>J. M. Al</i>

WHEREAS Canada has 90,000 volunteer firefighters who provide fire and all hazard emergency services to their communities; in addition, approximately 8,000 essential search and rescue volunteers respond to thousands of incidents every year; and

WHEREAS many of these individuals receive some form of pay on call, an honorarium, or are given some funding to cover expenses, but they do not draw a living wage from firefighting; and;

WHEREAS without volunteer firefighters and search and rescue volunteers, thousands of communities in Canada would have no fire and emergency response coverage; and;

WHEREAS in 2013, the federal government initiated a tax credit recognizing these individuals, and calling on the federal government to increase this tax credit from \$3,000 to \$10,000; and;

WHEREAS volunteer firefighters account for 71% of Canada's total firefighting essential first responders;

- The tax code of Canada currently allows volunteer firefighters and search and rescue volunteers to claim a \$3,000 tax credit if 200 hours of volunteer services were completed in a calendar year;
- This works out to a mere \$450 per year, which we allow these essential volunteers to keep of their own income from their regular jobs, \$2.25 an hour;
- If they volunteer more than 200 hours, which many do, this tax credit becomes even less;
- These essential volunteers not only put their lives on the line and give their time, training and efforts to Canadians, but they also allow cities and municipalities to keep property taxes lower than if paid services were required;

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- It would also help retain these volunteers in a time when volunteerism is decreasing.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa call upon the Government of Canada to support Bill C-310 and enact amendments to subsections 118.06 (2) and 118.07 (2) of the Income Tax Act in order to increase the amount of the tax credits for volunteer firefighting and search and rescue volunteer services from \$3,000 to \$10,000; and;

FURTHERMORE THAT a copy of the resolution be shared with the Association of Fire Chiefs of Ontario, Algoma Mutual Aid Association, Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CARRIED		MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/> DEFEATED		Mitch Hatfield		
<input type="checkbox"/> TABLED		Cathy Cannon		
<input type="checkbox"/> RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)		Melanie Pilon		
<input type="checkbox"/> PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED		Jim Hoffmann		
<input type="checkbox"/> WITHDRAWN		Joseph Opat		

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

- ☐ Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: _____

MAYOR - MELANIE PILON	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL

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Resolution # RC23263	Meeting Order: 8
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

WHEREAS the local newspaper company Algoma News Review has ceased the print publication of its weekly newspaper and printed its final edition on July 6, 2022; and

WHEREAS the *Legislation Act, 2006* provides a definition of "newspaper" which applies to every Ontario Act Regulation, as in a provision requiring publication, means a document that, (a) **is printed in sheet form**, published at regular intervals of a week or less and circulated to the general public, and (b) consists primarily of news of current events of general interest; ("journal"); and

WHEREAS Ontario Municipalities are required to follow publication and notice requirements for Provincial Acts and Regulations; and

WHEREAS communities such as the Municipality of Wawa cannot comply with publication requirements in Provincial Acts and Regulations as the Algoma News Review publication is no longer being printed in sheet form and there are no other local news publications fitting the definition of "newspaper"; and

WHEREAS some small rural Ontario Municipalities may not have the means to bring an application to the Court to ask for directions and approval of an alternate manner of providing notice;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa does hereby support the Township of McKellar and request the Provincial Government to make an amendment to the *Legislation Act, 2006* to include digital publications as an acceptable means of publication and notice requirements for Provincial acts and Regulations; and

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FURTHERMORE request the support of all Ontario Municipalities; and

FURTHERMORE THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Paul Calandra, Algoma Manitoulin MPP Michael Mantha, and the Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO).

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
<input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
<input type="checkbox"/>	WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato		

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Clerk: _____

MAYOR - MELANIE PILON	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL

Town of Head Clara Maria
15 Township Hall RD
Stonecliffe, ON K0J 2K0



Dear Town of Head, Clara, & Maria,

We want to personally thank you for your generous financial support of NRFS during 2023.

As you know, North Renfrew Family Services (NRFS) has served North Renfrew for over fifty years. NRFS has a large client base - about 1 in 8 people in our community have been helped by NRFS. Two NRFS counsellors are available 5 days per week, either by appointment or on a walk-in basis. We provide mental health services and emergency financial support to residents of North Renfrew.

Your belief in NRFS as a valuable community asset has allowed us to continue effectively with our services to the community this year. More people than ever need the strength of North Renfrew Family Services and the services we provide. Because of you it opens the door for more people who are going through financial hardship and challenging times.

We are extremely fortunate for supporters like yourself to have been very generous in making a significant financial contribution in 2023 of \$1250.00. It is because of this kind of generous support that in 2022 we were extremely fortunate to meet our budget last year.

NRFS annual budget is approximately \$280,000. About 70% of its revenue comes from private donors, local businesses, and local fundraisers. Although our client base has been increasing, especially after COVID-19, NRFS recognizes the challenge in keeping up with the increased demand for our services.

The counselling services provided by NRFS include crisis intervention, advocacy, and support related to:

- Relationship breakdown
- Family Violence
- Alcohol and Drug addiction
- Violence against Women
- Trauma, Grief, and Stress
- Suicide Ideation
- Personal and emotional difficulties
- Past and present sexual abuse
- Youth-Support and Crisis

We would genuinely like to thank you again for your generosity, and please make sure to follow along with North Renfrew Family Services website, & social media pages for upcoming events, and activities going on! As always, if you have any suggestions or questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you again for your generous support in 2023,



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Renfrew County United Way



Family Service Ontario

"Strengthening North Renfrew - One Family at a Time"

November 14, 2023

HCM COUNCIL AUTO EX PROPOSAL

To

Mayor Debbi Grills

Councillor Raechal Richer

Councillor Chris Dowser

Councillor Karen Leclerc

Councillor Fran Kelly-Chamberlain

Cc Crystal Fisher

I am writing you to ask that you cease your attempts to establish an auto extraction service for the King's highway 17 through the United Townships of Head Clara and Maria.

The Township has no legal obligation to provide this service. Highway 17 is a Provincial highway, not a Township road.

This Township operated a wildfire service for a number of years and eventually had to give it up and cease operations for two main reasons:

1. We were running short of volunteers.
2. The MNR changed their training requirements so that training on the S-100 training manual had to be performed by a certified trainer and we had no one willing to take on that role.

The Township subsequently sold all their fire fighting equipment and "got out of the business"

I have lived in this Community for 26 years and can find no documented evidence of anyone who has lost their life in our Municipality on highway 17 because of lack of auto extraction.

If we were to go down this road, I am concerned that we will be subjecting ourselves to never ending increases in costs for training and equipment and potential certification requirements

Another aspect to consider is the potential of a successful lawsuit because of some flaw in our equipment or training.

Our Township staff are busy enough without the added burden of applying for grants, arranging for training, securing equipment, and storing and maintaining that equipment and generally operating an

additional bureaucratic section of Township business that is subject to increased requirements that are out of our control and are not our responsibility.

Our resident vehicular traffic comprises a very small portion of the total traffic volume on highway 17.

I would suggest that we take a very close look at a cost/benefit study of establishing an auto ex service.

This Township already provides a potential lifesaving service that is the envy of any Municipality and that is our smoke detector replacement program.

If we are so concerned about potentially saving lives, we can do that by enhancing this proven service.

I close by again asking Council to cease and desist this costly auto ex endeavor.

Jim Gibson

November 13, 2023

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL REPAIR REPORT

The problems:

1. The large stone holding the commemoration plaques was slowly sinking on the North side. It was off level by 32 mm.
2. The interlocking bricks around the stone were sinking and caused a low point that filled with water and dirt.
3. The joints in the bricks were never properly filled allowing a perpetual and unsightly weed problem to recur.
4. Some retaining pins holding the brick edging steel were high enough to be a tripping hazard.
5. The flower garden was a mess.
6. The polyethylene edging was broken and bent in places.
7. Large bark pieces covering most of the topsoil thus preventing any raking.

The solutions:

1. All the weeds that could be, were removed.
2. All interlocking bricks were removed and stored for reuse.
3. All residual weeds were removed.
4. The stone was relevelled and supported by compacted gravel.
5. The subsurface for the bricks was relevelled and thoroughly compacted.
6. The original bricks were replaced.
7. The bricks around the stone were recut to ensure a better fit.
8. The brick retainer steel was repositioned for a better fit.
9. The retaining pins were repositioned and driven down further to eliminate the tripping hazards.
10. The joints between the brick were filled with polymeric sand and compacted three times to ensure the joints were full to help eliminate the weed problem.
11. The garden edging was removed.
12. The coarse bark was removed.
13. All dead vegetation was removed.

Other comments:

1. A masonry saw was rented from Al-cha rentals in Pembroke.
2. A compactor was borrowed from a local contractor.
3. It was too cold to use water in the application of the polymeric sand.
4. Generous assistance was provided by Jesse Gagnon.

The original budget for this project was \$1500. This budget amount was underspent due to the fact that it became too cold to continue and complete the work on the flower garden. Money to rent a compactor was not spent due to the fact that a local contractor donated his plate compactor to the project.

The remaining work includes the application of more topsoil, installation of a better type of edging, and more suitable perennial plants, and levelling and reseeding of the lawn area around the memorial.

Once a decision is made on the type of edging, a better idea of the budget required can be made. In the meantime, the unspent money should be retained as an initial budget amount for work completion in 2024.

Jim Gibson CET