

AGENDA
A meeting of the Council of the Corporation
of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands
to be held on Thursday, May 22, 2025
at 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Agenda

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof

3. Old Business

- i. Glyphosate

4. Manager Reports

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

5. New Business

- i. By-law 2011-14 amended, Load Restrictions
- ii. Tender results – Gravel, Sand and Topsoil
- iii. Tender results – Landfill Cover
- iv. Tender results – Hard Surfacing
- v. Donation request – Manitoulin Navy League
- vi. Georgian Bay Guardians

6. Correspondence

- i. OPP

7. Adjournment

Pam Myers

From: Zachary Nicholls <stillzak4amnesty@yahoo.ca>
Sent: April 28, 2025 11:53 AM
To: Mayor Al MacNevin; mreerskine@gmail.com; Bill Koehler; Al Boyd; Laurie Cook; Patti Aelick; Dawn Orr; George Williamson; Bruce Wood; Dave Williamson; Pam Myers
Subject: Glyphosate - Unwilling Hosts - NEMI

I appreciate that this request was made to the Manitoulin Municipal Association recently. I am following up at my municipal level with the belief that local concerns may be different to those of the MMA. Please consider this request at the earliest possible council meeting.

To Mayor MacNevin and the Council of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands, thank you for this opportunity to present information regarding the application of glyphosate in our municipality.

Glyphosate is a chemical that has been linked to many health concerns for humans and for other life in the natural environment. There have been numerous recent lawsuits in which people have been awarded extraordinary cash settlements for injuries tied to their exposure to glyphosate.

Glyphosate is currently being applied by the Ministry of Transportation Ontario (MTO), Hydro One, and their contractors on NEMI roadways, rights-of-way, and stations.

Gathering information from MTO and their contractors for glyphosate application is a laborious endeavor. Often the information is incomplete, inaccurate, difficult to understand, and often not provided at all. MTO often fails to properly notify the public when and where spraying has occurred, placing the public at risk. MTO has applied glyphosate in conditions that are not indicated, such as over water, before rain, during wind events, and at temperatures that are too hot or too cold.

Glyphosate application is funded by tax and rate payers. We should have a say in how our money is spent, especially when our health and the natural environment is being affected. We are already facing numerous health care crises in our community. There is also the possibility of municipalities being named in civil liability cases for those who might become ill due to glyphosate application in the community.

There have been a number of stories locally detailing the loss of bees, including one from a Tehkummah resident who tested her dead bees at the University of Guelph, finding glyphosate levels twice that which is considered "safe" for human consumption.

Also, on September 10, Temagami First Nation experienced a glyphosate spill. 600 litres of the concentrated herbicide was released from an overturned truck. As a result, a substantial cleanup effort has been undertaken. TFN has advised against harvesting plants and animals in a zone measuring 12km in diameter from the spill site.

Other measures can be taken to deal with foliage rather than the dispersal of chemicals. Manual maintenance, natural products, or livestock could be utilized.

I am proposing that NEMI pass a motion asking that NEMI be considered an unwilling host for the application of glyphosate products on all roadsides, municipal rights-of-way, and utility stations by the MTO and Hydro One and their contractors.

Thank you for your time and concern.

Zak Nicholls, Little Current

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT TO COUNCIL

APRIL 24, 2025

CALLS FOR SERVICE: (1)

May 9th,

Brush Fire Sheg. FN

ALL APARATUS AND EQUIPMENT ARE IN GOOD ORDER



Public Works Report

May 22, 2025

Roads

Staff have been busy patching

Street sweeping is underway

All roads have been graded

Half load restriction lifted on May 20th

Met with beamish construction and inspected all roads that were surface treated last year, they will be performing some warranty work

Landfill

All operations are going well

Hazardous Waste Day is Saturday July 19th from 8am -11am

Clean-up week went well and we are now open Sundays

Equipment

Ongoing maintenance is being performed daily

Repairs are being conducted as required

Report to Community Services/Public Works – May 22, 2025

Rec Centre

- Meetings/Events/Programs/Classes
- Home Cottage & Culinary Show Preparation

This Month

- Pickle Ball continues on the Curling Floor
- Youth Pickle Ball Program – Early June
- Home Cottage and Culinary Show – May 30-June 1

Marine, Parks & Outdoor Buildings

- Soccer is up and running
 - Great attendance again
- Low Island - Open
- Splash Pad - Open
- Spider Bay - Open
- Museum – Open
- Info Centre – Open
- Town Docks – moved and install started
- Port of LC Service Dock
 - Open
 - New Dispensers & piping installed

Programs & Events

- Line Dancing continues
- Gentle Fitness Continues
 - Approximately 35+ people per session
- Painter Space Continues
- Archery Continues



Building Control Report to May 20, 2025

There have been 21 permits issued, one renewal and two requests for inspections this year.
The permits are categorized as follows.

	Permits	Total
Residential – New	4	\$19,610.00
Residential – Additions & Renovations	2	\$2,760.00
Multi Residential – New	0	\$0.00
Seasonal Dwellings – New	2	\$4,320.00
Seasonal Dwellings – Additions & Renovations	0	\$0.00
Detached Garages	3	\$2,952.00
Accessory Buildings – New	4	\$4,484.00
Decks – New & Alterations	3	\$356.00
Commercial/Industrial New	0	\$0.00
Commercial/Industrial – Additions & Renovations	2	\$5,664.00
Institutional – Renovations	1	\$400.00
Demolition/Moving	0	\$0.00
Permit Renewals	1	\$100.00
Inspection Request	2	\$200.00
Total	23	\$40,846.00

One new single dwelling permit, two seasonal dwelling permits, two deck permits, one renovation permit and one accessory building permit have been issued since the last report. This report period has a construction value of **\$1,120,000.00** and a permit value of **\$14,540.00**. The total construction value to date is **\$3,240,000.00** with a total building department revenue of **\$40,846.00**.

THE TOWN OF NORTHEASTERN
MANITOULIN AND THE ISLANDS
BY-LAW NO. 2011-14

As amended June, 2025

Being a by-law to prescribe an annual
reduced load period

WHEREAS pursuant to sections 23.2 (1), (4) and (5), 27 (1) and 28 (1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, and section 122 (7) of the Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8, as amended, The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands Council may, by by-law, designate an individual to determine the date on which a reduced load period shall start or end and the roads within the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands Road System to which the designation applies;

AND WHEREAS a reduced load period is deemed necessary for the protection of certain roads in The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

A. Interpretation

1. In this by-law, "reduced load period" means a reduced load period within the meaning of section 122 of the Highway Traffic Act.

B. Reduced Load Period

1. Subject to sections 3, 4 and 6 herein, a reduced load period for all roads within the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands Road System shall commence at 12:01 a.m. on the 1st day of March and shall remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. on May 31, each and every year.
2. The designation in this by-law shall apply to all roads within the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands Road System, except the roads, or parts thereof, specified in Schedule "A" hereto.
3. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, section 2 shall only apply during such times when and where official signs advising of the reduced load period have been erected.

C. Implementation

1. The CAO and the Manager of Public Works or their designate shall be and is hereby authorized, directed and empowered to obtain, install and maintain such signage as may be necessary to implement this by-law.
2. The CAO and the Manager of Public Works or their designate shall be and is hereby authorized to extend or shorten the reduced load period as deemed necessary to protect the highway infrastructure
3. In exercising the delegation described in section 6 of this by-law, The CAO and the Manager of Public Works, or their designate, shall have regard for the following:
 - (i) whether or not the condition of the road is suitable for sustaining full loads on an ongoing basis and it is appropriate to terminate or extend the reduced load period for that road or portion of road;

- (ii) the status of flooding, ground water, spring melt and other conditions that may result in the road or portion of the road being unsuitable for sustaining full loads; and
 - (iii) Determining criteria for extending or shortening the reduced load period shall include but not be limited to the adequacy of the road base to withstand fully loaded vehicle and the adequacy and safety of the road surface to withstand fully loaded vehicles.
- 4. The delegation described in section 7 may be exercised on either a whole of a road or a portion of a road basis.

D. General

1. This by-law shall come into force and take effect on the date that it receives third and final reading.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED

THIS 22 DAY OF May , 2025

Al MacNevin, Mayor

Pam Myers, Clerk

SCHEDULE "A"
BY-LAW 2011-14
REDUCED LOAD PERIOD
PORTIONS OF THE TOWN OF NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN AND THE ISLANDS
TO WHICH REDUCED LOAD PERIOD
DESIGNATION DOES NOT APPLY

Road Name	From	To
Meredith Street East	Intersection of Sim Street	Intersection of Worthington and Meredith Street
Worthington Street	Intersection of Worthington Street to Meredith Street	Hwy 540
Manitowaning Road	Corner of Meredith Street and Manitowaning Road	Hwy 6



Box 608, Little Current, Ontario, P0P 1K0
705-353-3500

Tender Opening

Opened at The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands

Opened by Wayne Williamsen
 Dave Williamsen
 Pam Myers

Project Gravel M.B. and topsail

Date May 20, 2025

Company Name	Bid	HST	Total	Cert chq included
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<u>Mike Varney</u>			<u>76 497.50</u>	<u>No</u>
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<u>E. Corbriere</u>			<u>76 506.42</u>	<u>NO</u>
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Box 608, Little Current, Ontario, P0P 1K0
705-368-3500

Tender Opening

Opened at: The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands

Opened by: Wayne Williamson
Pam Myers
Dave Williamson

Project: Sand

Date: May 20, 2025

Company Name	Bid	HST	Total	Cert chq included	
<u>Mike Vasey</u>			<u>71 100.00</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>20.97 per</u>
<u>H. R. Noble</u>			<u>131 125.20</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>38.68 per</u>
<u>E. Corbiere</u>			<u>81 360.00</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>24.00 per</u>



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Tender Opening

Opened at: The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands

Opened by: _____

Project: Landfill Cover

Date: May 20th, 2025

Company Name	Bid	HST	Total	Cert chq included	
<u>Mike Varey</u>			<u>38058.40</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>16.84 per</u>
<u>E. Corbiere</u>			<u>26676.80</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>11.78 per</u>



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705-368-3500

Tender Opening

Opened at The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands

Opened by Wayne Williams
 Dave Williams
 Pam Hughes

Project Hard Surfacing

Date May 20, 2025

Company Name	Bid	HST	Total	Cert chq included
<u>Beamish</u>			<u>401 959.³¹</u>	<u>No</u>
<u>Miller Paying</u>			<u>451 930.⁵¹</u>	<u>No</u>



MANITOULIN NAVY LEAGUE

Box 494, Little Current, Ontario P0P 1K0

May 15, 2025

Re: Support for Sea Cadets and new Navy League Cadets programs

Dear

You may remember from previous letters from me and stories in the newspaper that the 348 Manitoulin Sea Cadets Corps celebrated 20 years as a freestanding organization a year ago.

The program, over 30 Cadets strong now, is available for young people ages 13 to 18 and that has been its sole focus for over 20 years.

This fall, though, the program will expand to include younger girls and boys, ages 9 to 12, with the addition of a Navy League Cadets organization.

Leaders have been recruited and there is real interest among Manitoulin parents in involving their younger children in this program which, similar to Sea Cadets, aims to build leadership skills and independent thinking.

This means that the sponsoring organization will be fundraising for two different, but closely related groups, each serving a distinct age cadre.

We are fortunate in that Lieutenant (N) Sylvain Boucher, who stepped down this winter after six years as commanding officer of the Sea Cadet Corps, is taking a leadership role with the new, younger group as is our most recently aged-out coxswain (lead cadet) and others as well who have previously assisted with the Navy League Cadets program in other communities.

Our fundraising goal, for just the 348 Manitoulin Sea Cadets program, has been \$20,000 and the community has been generous in supporting the young people, so that we are able to purchase equipment and resources to make the program viable.

The resources for the younger children's Cadet program will not be as costly as those required to make the Sea Cadet program the success that the community has certainly helped make it for two decades.

We have determined that, this year, our fundraising goal will need to be increased from \$20,000 to \$25,000 to successfully support both programs.

Once again, we are asking you to consider supporting this unique organization that involves young people from all across Manitoulin Island.

Cheques can be mailed to the address on the letterhead, or they may be dropped in to the offices of The Manitoulin Expositor in Little Current and Gore Bay.

If you would like to make an e-transfer you can do so. Here is the email address: nmanitoulintreasurer@gmail.com. Please take advantage of the line where you can include your mailing address so we can send you an acknowledgement of our appreciation of your support.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thanks for considering the Manitoulin Sea Cadets Corps and Navy League Cadets programs.

Yours truly,
Rick McCutcheon
Fundraising chair
705-968-1879



Al MacNevin, Mayor and David Williamson, CAO
Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and The Islands, Manitoulin Island, Ontario

May 1, 2025

Dear Mr. MacNevin and Mr. Williamson,

Congratulations on Manitoulin Island being one of the Top 10 on CBC's [Oh Canada! Destination Bucket List](#). This reaffirms Manitoulin Island as a genuine treasure. It presents a wonderful opportunity for tourism growth, as well as being a source of pride for your community.

I would like to discuss a project that could put this at risk: the project to ***designate all of Georgian Bay, including Manitoulin Island, as part of a Georgian Bay UNESCO Geopark***. While the initial impression of a UNESCO designation seems favourable, the geopark is not being executed in a manner consistent with UNESCO's mandate nor in the spirit of Manitoulin Island's best interests.

As the largest freshwater island in the world and home to the largest lake on an island in the world, and as one of Canada's top 10 destinations, Manitoulin Island is an ideal candidate to be a **stand-alone UNESCO Global Geopark**. While at present time you may not be organized to pursue this type of designation, if the Georgian Bay Geopark proceeds, Manitoulin Island will be permanently denied this opportunity.

I am requesting a delegation to Council or meeting with staff where I will provide a comprehensive overview of the Georgian Bay Aspiring Geopark – its history, its leadership and its intentions. The Geopark leadership team is planning a presentation to businesses on Manitoulin Island in July 2025. Ideally, I would appreciate the opportunity to arm you with the facts in advance of that presentation.

In no way am I trying to solicit business. I strictly want to share my expertise and research in the interests of protecting Georgian Bay and Manitoulin Island – its environment, its communities and its economy.

My background is that I am an Adjunct Professor of Strategy and Marketing at Schulich School of Business, York University. I have also worked as a consultant with Economic Development departments. I am a retired board member of the charity Georgian Bay Forever and lifelong lover of Georgian Bay. I know Manitoulin Island well: I have chartered trawlers from CYC out of Gore Bay over five different years, as well as having taken our own boat to the North Channel multiple times. My unique combination of marketing expertise, economic development and extensive knowledge of Georgian Bay has armed me with the ability to understand the true intentions of the geopark – which is essentially to leverage Georgian Bay "assets" for the benefit of one county to the south.

Here is why you should be concerned:

The geopark is not a Georgian Bay initiative; it is a [Simcoe County initiative](#) dominated by people from southern Ontario attempting to "claim" all of Georgian Bay. Tony Pigott, geopark executive director and retired advertising executive, was initially hired by the Midland Bay Landing Development Corporation to undertake a feasibility study to designate Georgian Bay as a UNESCO Geopark to attract developers to build a UNESCO discovery centre in Midland. On September 15, 2021, in a deputation to Midland Council, Mr. Pigott presented that it was a [viable and valuable opportunity](#). Below is a question posed by a member of Midland Council, Jon Main. Tony Pigott's response clearly illustrates that North Simcoe is the top priority for this project, not Manitoulin Island.



Jon Main – “If Midland is claiming, or initiating the Georgian Bay Geopark, Georgian Bay is quite large, and it goes over Collingwood, Parry Sound, Owen Sound, Killarney, Manitoulin Island, how would those municipalities come into play or collaborate or partner with this opportunity?”

Tony Pigott – “In time, other areas of Georgian Bay will engage, but North Simcoe has the opportunity to be the first mover, and to be the dominant (I won’t say dominant) the gateway to the UNESCO Geopark and the place that people go to first, being adjacent as you are to four million people.”

You can watch these exchanges and more on our [website](#). The complete history of the project, including council meetings and news articles, is available on the [timeline](#) page.

On May 3, 2021, in a second presentation to Midland Council, also on our website, Tony Pigott stated “We believe, as we did back in September of 2021 that Midland North Simcoe area is a genuine portal to deep time and a microcosm of the entire Georgian Bay Geopark.”

Outside of being a source of funding, it is implausible that at 559 square kilometers, North Simcoe can act as a microcosm of all 48,000 square kilometers that are being claimed, let alone of Manitoulin Island.

The Aspiring Georgian Bay Geopark has identified eight “Deep Time” zones. Right now, they are branding Manitoulin Island as “Deep Time Zone 4: Tropical Seas”. It is characterized as 500 million years old despite Dreamer’s Rock being identified as 2,400 million years old. There are only 4 destinations highlighted for Manitoulin Island - those are listed at the bottom of this letter. Dreamer’s Rock is not among them.

As one of eight zones, and very far away from “the launching point”, if this project proceeds Manitoulin Island will be lost in the clutter of destinations to the south. The following example illustrates that is already happening.

The first Georgian Bay Geopark tourism product, a [cycling tour](#) is scheduled for September 2025. The tour takes place at the southernmost tip of Georgian Bay, and some of it along Lake Huron. Even though the tour gets to Tobermory, guests do not cross over to Manitoulin Island. They actually spend 2 nights on the shores of Lake Huron and 2 nights near Lake Simcoe. Manitoulin Island is not a priority.

This letter lays out only a small portion of the concerns. I advise that it is in Manitoulin Island’s best interests to get ahead of this initiative. To secure UNESCO recognition, the Geopark requires letters of support from all stakeholders, which would include every municipality and every First Nations community on Manitoulin Island. However, they are not waiting for UNESCO recognition to market Georgian Bay and they are already branding Manitoulin Island. A letter to the [Canadian Geopark Network](#) expressing concern or opposition would help to have the Aspiring Geopark status revoked, which would remove this threat and open the doors to a future opportunity for Manitoulin Island.

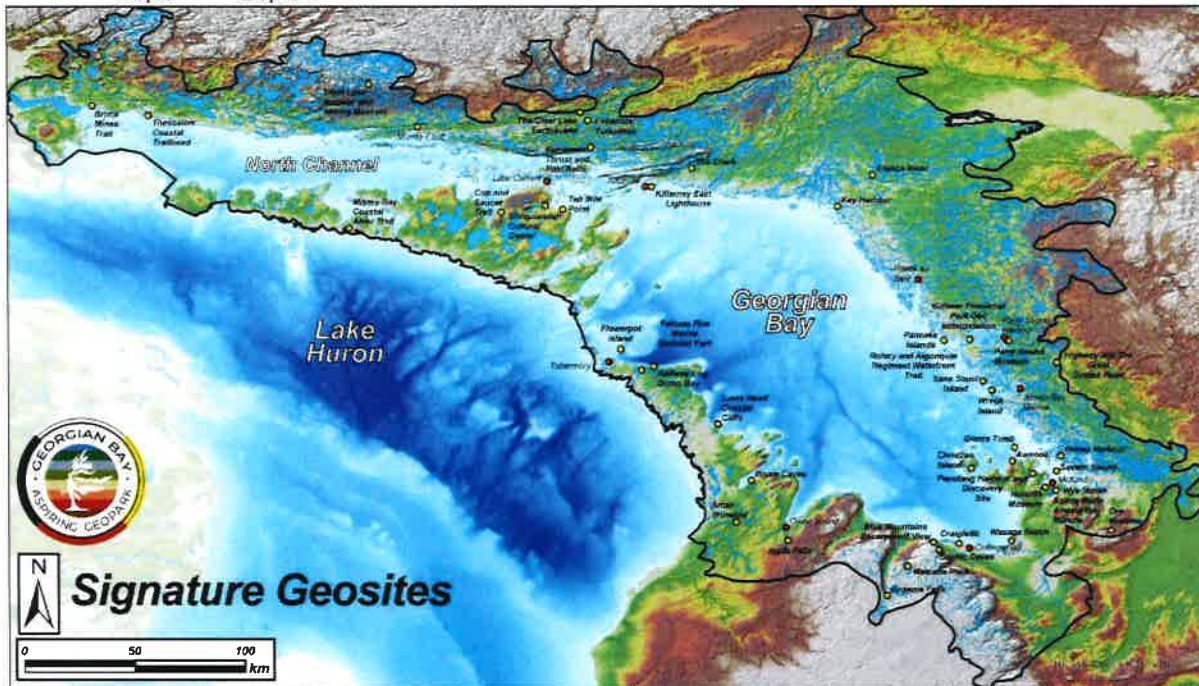
I would like the opportunity to present a delegation to council to provide you with further information and to discuss how this project is not optimal for Manitoulin Island. I am also happy to meet with you or with staff.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Margaret Hastings".

Margaret Hastings
Executive Director, Georgian Bay Guardians
Adjunct Professor, Schulich School of Business, York University
Retired Board Member, Georgian Bay Forever

Exhibit - Proposed Geopark Boundaries



The four geosites identified on Manitoulin Island are Sheguiandah Cultural Centre, Ten Mile Point, Cup and Saucer Trail and Misery Bay Coastal Alvar Trail.

DEEPTIME

THE EIGHT DEEP TIME ZONES OF GEORGIAN BAY

DEEPTIME ZONE 1: The Huronian Ocean
2.7 billion years - Sault Ste. Marie to Serpent River

DEEPTIME ZONE 3: The Ancient Himalayas
1.3 billion years - Killarney to Honey Harbour

DEEPTIME ZONE 5: The Limestone Coast
350 million years - Tobermory to Wiarton

DEEPTIME ZONE 7: The Meeting Place
100,000 to 13,000 years - Collingwood to Honey Harbour

DEEPTIME ZONE 2: Continents Collide
1.8 billion years - Serpent River to Killarney

DEEPTIME ZONE 4: Tropical Seas
500 million years - Manitoulin Island

DEEPTIME ZONE 6: Ice Ages & Early Cultures
13,000 years - Collingwood to Wiarton

DEEPTIME ZONE 8: Mnidoo Gamii - Great Spirit Lake
4,000 years to today - waters of Georgian Bay

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File Reference: GOV-1200

May 13, 2025

Mayor Reeve and Clerk CAO,

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) regularly evaluates its operations to ensure the effective use of resources while maintaining high-quality service. As part of this process, the OPP has undertaken an organizational realignment to better align with its strategic goals and priorities.

Effective immediately Municipal Policing Bureau has been dissolved. Municipal Policing Unit and Financial Service Unit have been realigned and will fall under the OPP's Crime Prevention and Community Support Bureau.

Municipal Policing Unit and Financial Services Unit will continue their regular business, including managing the cost recovery process for municipal policing services in accordance with the *Community Safety and Policing Act (CPSA) O. Reg. 413/23 Amount Payable by Municipalities for Policing from Ontario Provincial Police*, managing municipal policing agreements under the CSPA, delivering presentations, and providing clarifications on municipal inquiries.

Please continue to direct all future inquiries on municipal policing billing, requests for presentations, etc. to OPP.MunicipalPolicing@opp.ca. Please note, the general email inbox OPP.MPB.Financial.Services.Unit@opp.ca will be decommissioned and will no longer be monitored. We also encourage you to visit www.opp.ca/billingmodel where the 2025 estimate updates have been posted for your reference and planning purposes.

The OPP remains committed to working collaboratively with municipalities to ensure effective, efficient and sustainable policing services across Ontario.

Thank you for your continued cooperation. I look forward to your support during this transition and to a successful partnership.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Dumond".

J.G. (John) Dumond,
Chief Superintendent
Bureau Commander
Crime Prevention and Community Support Bureau

cc: OPP Regional and Detachment Commanders