

AGENDA
A meeting of the Council of the Corporation
of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands
to be held on Thursday, August 17, 2023
at 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Agenda

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof

3. Old Business

- i. Strategic Planning

4. Manager Reports

- i. Fire Department – Duane Deschamps, Fire Chief
- ii. Public Works – Wayne Williamson, Public Works Manager
- iii. Community Services – Reid Taylor, Manager of Community Services
- iv. Community Services – 2023/24 Recreation Center Rates
- v. Building Controls

5. Adjournment



**Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands
DRAFT 2022-2026 STRATEGIC PLANNING PRIORITIES**

Updated to August 4, 2023

BUILDING A HEALTHY AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY	
STRATEGIC GOAL	TASKS TO ACHIEVE GOAL
Improve communications with our constituents and partners.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilize appropriate media to inform and educate the public (i.e. building permit requirements) • Continue to use the municipal website, to serve as a main hub for municipal information.
Promote volunteerism in our municipality.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote and encourage volunteer involvement within our community and seek additional opportunities to recognize these valuable contributions.
Enhanced safety on our municipal roadways.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address speeding and high traffic issues on cross streets in Town and explore options for the implementation of traffic calming measures (i.e., speed bumps). • Explore increased traffic safety and parking in high-traffic areas
Explore alternative methods of waste diversion and disposal at our Landfill.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore available options for composting and recycling within our community including public education and awareness, seeking funding to purchase composters, and exploring

	initiating a composting program at the Landfill.
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STRENGTHENING OUR LOCAL ECONOMY	
Business Attraction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create an attractive business environment to retain existing business and attract new businesses.
Explore opportunities to ensure a Skilled Workforce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actively promote the community as a desirable location to work and live as a method of attracting a broader workforce.

ENHANCING COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE	
Increase internet accessibility within our community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore options and availability of fibre for Little Current and broadband to increase rural connectivity and continue to lobby government.
Continue to upgrade critical and necessary municipal buildings, infrastructure, and equipment across our community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore options and develop a long-term plan for waste treatment. • Continue to commit and maximize funding necessary to upgrade our infrastructure. • Beautification projects within our parks and trails such as elimination of poison ivy and increased signage within our community. • Construction of new Swing Bridge • Development of additional sidewalks throughout town.

Commented [HF1]: Dave, I know that we removed the public's idea on this one, but as this was a Council idea brought forward I wasn't sure if it should stay or not?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redevelopment of the Sheguiandah Government Dock Park, to accommodate both families who want to enjoy the sport and boaters who utilize the boat ramp, including providing direct access to water for families to utilize. • Installation of additional benches along the Low Island Trail. • Continue to upgrade our fire protection vehicles on an ongoing basis, as necessary. • Explore funding opportunities to complete the development of hard-surfaced bicycle trails on the sides of our municipal roadways. • Enhance our indoor facilities, to include the development of a swimming pool and expansion of the NEMI Recreation Center to include other amenities such as an indoor walking/cycling track to encourage year-round participation. • Development of additional hiking trails within our community. • Creation of an off-leash dog park within NEMI.
Affordable Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore options to work towards improved and affordable housing projects.
Expand opportunities for community members and visitors to enjoy and connect with nature.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expansion of our trails. • Planting additional trees throughout the community.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide opportunities for bird watching. • Commitment to dark skies via light pollution shields and community education and awareness.
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CREATE AN AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY	
Increased access to transportation for seniors, especially accessible transportation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore options and availability of transportation options for seniors within our community.
Emphasis on ensuring that seniors have access to and can sources services and goods locally.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of a Service Ontario Office within our municipality. • Encourage community members to utilize our website as a hub for municipal information such as events, activities, and programming. • Develop and maintain a list of volunteers that can provide services to seniors and provide this list to community members.

TOURISM PROMOTION & DEVELOPMENT	
Increased availability of EV Charging Stations within our municipality.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore options to work with local businesses to secure additional locations for EV Charging Stations across our municipality.

Ensure that we have a variety of events, activities and programming occurring on a year-round basis.

- Development of a guided, interactive walking tour of the downtown sites, businesses, churches, and arts.
- Ensuring we have programming occurring at a variety of times throughout the year.
- Creation of a year-round Recreation Guide, that states all of the activities, programs and events that occur within NEMI.
- Cross promotion of our events and activities with other Island communities and tourism providers.
- Development of a tourism rewards system to promote our amenities and attract visitors to our community.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT TO COUNCIL

August 17th, 2023

CALLS FOR SERVICE: (6)

July 22nd,	7 mc Bane Lane – Lift assist
July 16 th ,	202 Hwy 540 R.V. Fire
Aug rd,	15 Vankoughnet east, fire alarm (false, called off)
Aug 3rd,	252 North Channel Drive, Shed and Tree fire
Aug 6 th ,	Channel view Rd, Burning Complaint
Aug 13 th ,	181 A and B Harbour view Rd. Burning Complaint

(FIRE APPARATUS & EQUIPMENT IN GOOD WORKING ORDER)

Current Staffing: 14 Members consisting of 13 active and 1 on leave.

Municipal Fire restrictions remain in place For N.E.M.I., Gordon Barrie Island, Gore Bay, Central Manitoulin and Billings township as well as Burpee Mills.

Members attended the Haweater Parade. Which was well attended.

3 Fire department members attended the fireworks display 6000 Gal of water was used to pre soak the area prior to the event. Members remained at the launch area until the display was over and all areas were combed for spot fires and embers.



Public Works Report

August 17, 2023

Roads

Staff have been busy patching roads.

Roadside brushing is underway.

Staff have been changing culverts around the municipality.

Staff has been grading roads.

Landfill

All operations are going well.

Hazardous Waste Day went well has around 200 vehicles.

Equipment

Ongoing maintenance is being performed.

Repairs are being conducted as required.

Other

The sand dome is Sheguiandah is complete.

Waterline is installed at the new washroom at the Sheguiandah docks.

Had a water main valve fail in Sheguiandah and 2 water main breaks in Little Current.

We are installing a new water line to the fire hall in Little Current.

Report to Community Services/Public Works – August 17, 2023

Rec Centre

- Meetings/Events/Programs/Classes
 - Maintenance as needed.
- Off Season Building Maintenance
- Haweater Event went very well once again

This Month

- Drive Test – August 28 & September 11
- Pickle Ball continues indoors.
- Arena Ice
 - Start Plants September 5th
 - Ice available for rent September 13th

Marine

- Spider Bay & Town Docks
 - Day to Day Operations
 - Weekday business beginning to slow down
 - Weekends still busy at both locations
- All Rendezvous went very well
- Cruisers Net Dinner – August 22

Parks & Outdoor Buildings

- All Buildings, Parks, Sports Fields, Playgrounds are open.
 - Maintenance as required.
- Landscaping & Trail Maintenance
- Grass Cutting, Trimming, General Maintenance

PROPOSED

NEMF Rec. Center Rental Rates	09/01/22 - 08/31/23		2022-23		2023-24		Total
	Rate		HST	Total	HST	Total	
Ice Rentals							
Prime Ice Mon - Fri 2pm-12am Sat & Sun All Hours	(Price Per Hour)	\$ 115.04	\$ 14.96	\$ 130.00	\$ 119.47	\$ 15.53	\$ 135.00
Off Prime Ice Mon - Fri 6am - 2pm		\$ 57.52	\$ 7.48	\$ 65.00	\$ 61.95	\$ 8.05	\$ 70.00
Student / Last Minute Rate Monday to Sunday		\$ 57.52	\$ 7.48	\$ 65.00	\$ 61.95	\$ 8.05	\$ 70.00
Tournament Monday to Sunday All Hours		\$ 115.04	\$ 14.96	\$ 130.00	\$ 119.47	\$ 15.53	\$ 135.00
Minor Tournament/Event							
Hall Rentals							
(Price Per Day)							
Sunday to Friday		\$ 221.19	\$ 28.75	\$ 249.94	\$ 243.31	\$ 31.63	\$ 274.94
Saturday		\$ 304.78	\$ 39.62	\$ 344.40	\$ 335.26	\$ 43.58	\$ 378.84
Rental With Alcohol		\$ 666.40	\$ 86.63	\$ 753.03	\$ 733.04	\$ 95.30	\$ 828.34
Additional Tournament Day ONLY		\$ 115.99	\$ 15.08	\$ 131.07	\$ 127.59	\$ 16.59	\$ 144.18
All Inclusive Wedding Rate		\$ 985.96	\$ 128.17	\$ 1,114.13	\$ 1,084.56	\$ 140.99	\$ 1,225.55
Hourly User Group Rate - <i>Must be Approved Management</i>		\$ 24.46	\$ 3.18	\$ 27.64	\$ 26.91	\$ 3.50	\$ 30.40
Kitchen Rentals - Incl. Swing Room (Price Per Day)							
Regular Kitchen Use - Minimum Rate, up to 200 people		\$ 150.68	\$ 19.59	\$ 170.27	\$ 165.75	\$ 21.55	\$ 187.30
Minimal Kitchen Use - Food prepared elsewhere		\$ 75.62	\$ 9.83	\$ 85.45	\$ 83.18	\$ 10.81	\$ 94.00
Per Plate Rate - Over 200 people		\$ 0.93	\$ 0.12	\$ 1.05	\$ 1.02	\$ 0.13	\$ 1.16
Regular Kitchen Use - Additional Tournament Day		\$ 64.82	\$ 8.43	\$ 73.25	\$ 71.30	\$ 9.27	\$ 80.57
Arena Floor Rental (Price Per Day)							
Bare Floor		\$ 577.70	\$ 75.10	\$ 652.80	\$ 635.47	\$ 82.61	\$ 718.08
Floor with Tables & Chairs		\$ 734.64	\$ 95.50	\$ 830.14	\$ 808.10	\$ 105.05	\$ 913.16
Floor with Tables, Chairs & Alcohol		\$ 989.37	\$ 128.62	\$ 1,117.99	\$ 1,088.31	\$ 141.48	\$ 1,229.79
Curling Floor Rental (Price Per Day)							
Bare Floor		\$ 329.84	\$ 42.88	\$ 372.72	\$ 362.82	\$ 47.17	\$ 409.99
Floor with Tables & Chairs		\$ 495.24	\$ 64.38	\$ 559.62	\$ 544.76	\$ 70.82	\$ 615.58
Floor with Tables, Chairs & Alcohol		\$ 741.47	\$ 96.39	\$ 837.86	\$ 815.62	\$ 106.03	\$ 921.65
Lions Den and Curling Lounge (Price Per Hour)							
Per hour rental (min. 2 hours/ max. 4 hours)		\$ 36.39	\$ 4.73	\$ 41.12	\$ 40.03	\$ 5.20	\$ 45.23
Day Rental		\$ 144.99	\$ 18.85	\$ 163.84	\$ 159.49	\$ 20.73	\$ 180.22
Rental with Alcohol		\$ 179.67	\$ 23.36	\$ 203.03	\$ 197.64	\$ 25.69	\$ 223.33
Hourly User Group Rate - <i>Must be Approved Management</i>		\$ 24.46	\$ 3.18	\$ 27.64	\$ 26.91	\$ 3.50	\$ 30.40



Building Control Report to August 14, 2023

There have been 54 permits issued, two renewals and three requests for inspections this year.
The permits are categorized as follows.

	Permits	Total
Residential – New	9	\$50,096.00
Residential – Additions & Renovations	10	\$6,178.00
Multi Residential – New	0	\$0
Seasonal Dwellings – New	2	\$6,528.00
Seasonal Dwellings – Additions & Renovations	4	\$7,960.00
Detached Garages	5	\$3,717.00
Accessory Buildings – New	9	\$2,380.00
Decks – New & Alterations	8	\$1,455.00
Commercial/Industrial New	1	\$8,162.00
Commercial/Industrial – Additions & Renovations	2	\$13,700.00
Demolition/Moving	4	\$200.00
Permit Renewals	2	\$200.00
Inspection Request	3	\$300.00
Total	59	\$100,876.00

Two new single dwelling permits, one new industrial building permit, one seasonal addition permit, one accessory building permit and one request for inspection have been issued since the last report. This report period has a construction value of **\$1,510,000.00** and a permit value of **\$22,540.00**. The total value of construction value to date is **\$8,237,000.00** with a total building permit revenue of **\$100,876.00**.