

To: Mayor and Town Council; Director of Operations

Re: Tree Maintenance

I have two boundary trees fronting my property that the Town has designated to be retained rather than removed during next year's road construction on Elma St. I was quite happy to hear that the trees have received such consideration.

I believe that the Town realizes that maintenance prior to road construction, during road construction and after road construction is necessary if the trees are to grow and flourish.

With much consideration I have asked an arborist to evaluate what is necessary to ensure that the trees survive. These trees are aging, show some signs of decline and require special care. One of the trees is one of largest maples in the Town of Thornbury.

I realize that boundary trees are a shared responsibility. As such, I have enclosed the arborist's recommendations and am asking for the Town to commit to a payment of 50% as part of the Town's share for the required services.

Sincerely,

Sid & Louise McFarlane
Georgian Manor B&B





The Royal Canadian Legion

BEAVER VALLEY (ONT. NO. 281) BRANCH
P.O. BOX 268
CLARKSBURG, ONTARIO
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October 4, 2024

Dear Sir/Madam:

The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 281 would like you to accept this letter as our personal invitation to you or your business/organization to join us at our **Remembrance Day Service at the Jack Acres Memorial Cenotaph Park on November 11, 2024 at 11:00 AM or at Ravenna Cenotaph at 1:00 PM.**

In previous years, you or your business/organization has laid a wreath at the Cenotaph Service on November 11th. If you would like to have a wreath laid on Remembrance Day this year, we ask for a minimum donation of \$40.00 to cover the cost of refurbishing the wreaths. This increase, the first for many years, is necessary because the new biodegradable wreaths have a shorter life and need more frequent replacement.

Wreaths will be laid during the ceremony; if you wish to take part in the wreath laying, please supply the name and contact details of your designated representative prior to Fri 1st Nov 2024.

Please mail your donation to the address above marked Poppy Fund and if you have any questions feel free to contact me.

Yours truly

[Redacted Signature]
Steve Gorton
Poppy Chair
RCL Branch 281 Beaver Valley
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"They served till death! Why not we?"

The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board

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To: Council, Town of The Blue Mountains
Date: September 25, 2024
Re: The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board 2025 Estimates

The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board passed the following resolution at their September 11, 2024 Special Board Meeting in relation to discussion of their 2025 Board Estimates:

THAT The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board approves the 2025 Board Estimates in principle, and pending further review of Board Member Remuneration, and directs staff to provide the 2025 Board Estimates to Council for consideration through the 2025 Council Budget Process, Carried.

Section 71(2) of the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 requires that the Board submit its estimates to the municipality. Attached to this correspondence please find attached a copy of the Boards 2025 Estimates, as approved.

During the Board's discussion at the September 11, 2024 Special Meeting, members acknowledged that Council may be reviewing remuneration policies for other Committees/Boards prior to the 2025 budget approval. In addition, the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards is currently completing a survey of board member remuneration levels across all Ontario OPP Detachment Boards. Therefore, the Board's remuneration will be further discussed at a future board meeting and if any changes are requested the Board will provide that request to Council for consideration.

The Board is requesting that Council include the attached 2025 Board Estimates in their 2025 Council Budget Process for consideration and approval. If, during the Council Budget Process, there is a dispute regarding the Estimates as provided, the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 sets out an arbitration process.

We look forward to engaging with Council if any questions arise during the Council Budget Process with respect to the Boards 2025 Estimates.

Respectfully submitted,



Kyra Dunlop
Recording Secretary
The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board

TOWN OF THE BLUE MOUNTAINS
The Blue Mountains OPP Detachment Board
For the Twelve Months Ending Tuesday, December 31, 2024

		2021	2022	2023	3 Year	2024	2024	2025	2026	2027	Notes
Account		Actual	Actual	Actual	Average	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	
EXPENSES											
Accomodation	62215	0	0	\$434.80	145	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	
Conferences, Workshop,											
Convention	62225	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,850.00	\$1,850.00	\$1,850.00	
Training and Education Courses	62220	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	
Meals	62210	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	
Travel/Mileage	62230	0	0	341.69	114	\$0.00	\$0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Office Supplies	62005	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	
Meeting Expenses	62020	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,520.00	\$2,520.00	\$2,520.00	
Membership	62205	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,150.00	\$1,150.00	\$1,150.00	
Insurance	63020	0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	
Board Member Remuneration		0	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00		\$300.00	\$300.00	300	
TOTAL EXPENSES		0.00	0.00	776.49	258.83	0.00	0.00	13,620.00	13,620.00	13,620.00	
TRANSFERS											
Transfer to Reserve	74032	0	0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	\$5,000 transfer each year up to a maximum of \$25,000
Interfunctional Transfer - CAO	81200	971	1,607	0.00	860	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Interfunctional Transfer - Clerks	81210	1,887	4,277	0.00	2,055	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	
Interfunctional Transfer - CEDC	88200	214	0	0.00	71	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Interfunctional Transfer - Finance	81230	0	208	0.00	69	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL TRANSFERS		3,072	6,092	0.00	3,055	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	
TOTAL TRANSFERS & EXPENSES		3,072	6,092	776.49	3,314	0.00	0.00	28,620.00	28,620.00	28,620.00	
NET TAX LEVY											
		-3,072	-6,092	(776.49)	-3,314	0.00	0.00	(28,620.00)	(28,620.00)	(28,620.00)	

From: Scott Butler <scott@goodroads.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 12:07 PM
To: Town Clerk <townclerk@thebluemountains.ca>
Subject: Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

Good Roads

Wednesday, October 09, 2024

To: Town of The Blue Mountains Head of Council and Council Members

Sent via email to: townclerk@thebluemountains.ca

Subject: Establishment of an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

Too many Ontarians are being seriously injured or killed on our roads.

In 2023, there were 616 people killed and 36,090 people injured. The number of fatalities is up nearly 20% in the last ten years.

In 2021, the most recent year of complete data from MTO's *Ontario Road Safety Annual Report* (ORSAR), there were 561 fatalities – 426 of which occurred on municipal roads. While rural Ontario only represents 17% of the province's population, 55% of these deaths occurred on rural roads. By any measure, Ontario's rural roads are disproportionately more dangerous.

At the same time, municipal insurance premiums continue to increase. With no plausible reform being considered for joint and several liability, municipalities need to find innovative means for managing risk, particularly on their roadways,

To deal with this crisis, Good Roads has designed a multifaceted rural road safety program and have been in discussions with the Ministry of Transportation to fund it. The program would target a municipality's most dangerous roads, perform road safety audits, and install modern safety infrastructure that prevents serious injuries and save lives. This program is designed to be cost effective while also providing rural municipalities with a direct means for addressing risk associated with their roadways.

Good Roads has proposed leading a five-year \$183 million program that leverages our 131 years of municipal road expertise and our industry partnerships to quickly put in place the solutions that will address some of Ontario's most dangerous roads.

Good Roads is seeking support to address these preventable tragedies.

If the Town of The Blue Mountains would be interested in pursuing this, a Council resolution similar to the example below should be adopted and sent to the Premier and the Minister of Transportation:

WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads;

AND WHEREAS, despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads;

AND WHEREAS, rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base;

AND WHEREAS, preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural strained health care system;

AND WHEREAS, roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

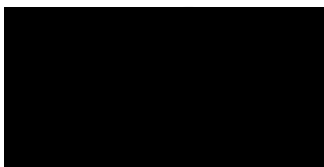
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of The Blue Mountains requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. King Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, and Good Roads; and

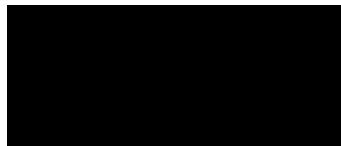
FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

If you have any questions regarding this initiative please contact Thomas Barakat, Good Roads' Manager of Public Policy & Government Relations, at thomas@goodroads.ca at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Scott R. Butler
Executive Director



Antoine Boucher
President
Good Roads Board of Directors



Clerk's Department

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October 9, 2024

Mayor and Council
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Re: Planning Efficiencies Report – Grey County

Further to the correspondence dated September 16, 2024 regarding a request for feedback about the potential centralized planning service model, please be advised that Grey County acknowledges the extension request for comments and will receive comments and feedback that is provided by November 12th. The comments and feedback provided by this date will inform the staff report that comes forward to County Council on November 28th, 2024. Further, there will be additional opportunity for feedback and discussion before a decision is made, beyond the date of November 12th.

Yours truly,

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cc. Kim Wingrove, Grey County CAO
Randy Scherzer, Grey County Deputy CAO

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

HELD
September 24th, 2024

2024-204

Moved by Councillor Champagne

Seconded by Councillor Trahan

WHEREAS on February 27th, 2024, Council for the Municipality of East Ferris supported a resolution received from the Town of Petrolia calling upon both the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) Boards to re-establish a combined OGRA and ROMA annual conference;

AND WHEREAS on May 16th, 2024, correspondence was received from ROMA Chair, Robin Jones, stating that in 2019 the ROMA Board of Directors and the OGRA Executive Committee decided not to hold a joint conference, but agreed that there are matters the organizations can work together on;

AND WHEREAS with ROMA being the rural voice of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) it makes great sense for the ROMA and AMO conferences to be a combined conference, not only financially for municipalities but also for availability for participation of members of Council and staff;

AND WHEREAS these conferences afford a vital opportunity for delegations with members of our provincial parliament, moving to a combined ROMA/AMO conference provides a better respect to their availability and participation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Municipality of East Ferris call upon both the ROMA & AMO Boards to establish a combined ROMA/AMO annual conference;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED should the conferences be combined and held during the winter months, as has been past practice for the ROMA conference, that a hybrid participation option be considered as winter weather can be unpredictable and not all persons who wish to attend can do so in person;


AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to ROMA, AMO, MPP Vic Fedeli, and all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried Mayor Rochefort



East Ferris
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CERTIFIED to be a true copy of
Resolution No. 2024-204 passed by the
Council of the Municipality of East Ferris
on the 24th day of September, 2024.



Kari Hanselman, Dipl. M.A.
Clerk