



September 11, 2024 Council Meeting

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Addition to the Agenda Questions received from Council seeking additional information and the corresponding responses provided by staff regarding the September 11, 2024 Council agenda items.

6.5 Revised AMO Policy Update – Record-Setting AMO 2024 Conference Focuses on Core Municipal Priorities

-re “Of the \$400 million, the government is allocating another \$120 million to projects in small, rural and northern municipalities that do not have housing targets to better support the unique needs of these growing communities.”; will we be able to avail ourselves of this fund? **The Township has requested clarification on this from AMO including the following:**

- 1.) Whether the Township is eligible for this funding; and**
- 2.) Whether the funding is for supporting the construction of new homes; and**
- 3.) What types of projects are eligible; and**
- 4.) When will the application and guidelines be released.**

Please note, the Township is currently working on a grant funding application for the Community, Sport and Recreation Infrastructure fund that was recently released by the Province.

9.2 Finance Department

9.2.1 Report FIN-2024-018 - 2023 Annual Building Permit Report ≠

-re “Similar to previous practise, it is recommended that as part of the 2025 User Fees and Charges By-law review, that the fees in the building department be reviewed to ensure they continue to closely reflect the actual cost for providing the service while keeping in line with comparator municipalities.” ; is approval of this recommendation required? **No this is the Township’s typical practice for all user fees and charges for all departments.**

9.2.2 Report FIN-2024-020 - 2023 Township General Surplus ≠

-p.105 re



“Net contributions to operating discretionary reserves (excluding the Building Surplus Reserve)
-(\$393,575)”

-what is the total operating discretionary reserves (excluding Building Surplus Reserve) in 2020,
2021, 2022, and 2023 (with the additional \$393,575)

Year	Net Contributions (Withdrawals) to Operating Discretionary Reserves excluding Building Surplus Reserve
2020	\$58,913
2021	\$84,476
2022	-\$10,159
2023	\$393,575 Note A

Note A - The majority of the amount relates to contributions of \$295K of security/grading deposits greater than 10 years of age which were contributed to the outstanding deposits discretionary reserve in 2023 in accordance with Council Resolution No. 2015-061 which directed that staff establish an outstanding deposits discretionary reserve to account for security and grading deposits 10 years or older for the purpose of determining the status of these deposits.

Sunday Gun Hunting:

O Reg. 665/98 Part XI, Section 66.1 (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/980665#BK11>) states the following:

66. (1) A person shall not carry or discharge a firearm, other than a long-bow or a cross-bow, for the purpose of hunting on a Sunday, in any area lying south of the French and Mattawa rivers except those municipalities listed in Part 7 of Ontario Regulation 663/98 (Area Descriptions) made under the Act. O. Reg. 23/06, s. 2.

Part 7 of O Reg. 663/98 are the municipalities that have passed a resolution to allow Sunday gun hunting. <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/980663>

Sunday Gun Hunting is prohibited through provincial regulation by default. It is also helpful to know that Wellington North, Mapleton, Minto, and Guelph Eramosa have all passed resolutions



and are now listed under Part 7 permitting Sunday gun hunting. Staff are asking these municipalities about the public consultation they did prior to passing the resolution. The link below is to the 2024 Ontario Hunting Regulations Summary which has some helpful information as well:

https://www.ontario.ca/files/2024-03/mnrf-2024-hunting-regulations-summary-en-2024-03-26_0.pdf